

President In Message To Congress Outlines His Recommendations

Tax Reductions, Adherence to World Court, Strength For Aviation and Prohibition Mentioned.

WANTS SALE OF MUSCLE SHOALS

Also Wants More Money For Enforcement of Dry Laws.—Foreign Relations Receive Attention.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Renewing a number of recommendations he already had made to Congress, President Coolidge, in his annual message transmitted today to the House and Senate, outlined a comprehensive legislative program dealing with pressing domestic and international problems. His suggestions included: Tax reduction along lines mapped out by the House ways and means committee.

Adherence to the World Court. Continued effort to strengthen aviation without radical change in the organization of the army and navy services.

Curtailed of the shipping board's powers, with the government fleet under the control of a single executive.

Increased authority for the President and departments of commerce and labor to deal with labor disputes in the coal industry.

Encouragement of co-operative marketing as an aid to agriculture.

The President devoted a section to the prohibition question, appealing for law observance by the public and vigorous action against violators by enforcement officials.

He also renewed his advocacy of railroad consolidations and development of inland waterways, recommended retention, for the present, of property seized from aliens during the war, reiterated that reorganization of government departments should be authorized, and declared that states and local communities must co-operate more with the federal government in reclamation work.

Urging sale of Muscle Shoals to the highest bidder who will agree to produce nitrates primarily with power development incidental, he contended that the Muscle Shoals problem had "assumed a place all out of proportion with its real importance."

It probably does not represent in market value much more than a fiscal class battleship," he added, "yet it has been discussed in the Congress over a period of years and for months at a time."

Prefacing his recommendations with a statement that "the country does not appear to require radical departures from the policies already adopted so much as it needs further extension of these policies and the improvement of details and an appeal for continued vigilance against extravagant governmental expenditures, the President emphasized the need for further tax reduction and declared he approved "in principle" the bill drafted by the ways and means committee.

"Insofar as income tax exemptions are concerned," he continued, "it seems to me the committee has gone as far as it is safe to go and somewhat further than I should have gone."

In a long discussion of foreign relations Mr. Coolidge made these assertions:

"That the Locarno security agreements represent the success of the policy of having European countries settle their own political problems without involving the United States."

"That reduction of land armaments is not only of prime importance but a problem peculiarly European in its practical aspects, and that our country would look with particular gratitude upon any action which those countries might take to reduce their own military forces."

"That the general policy of our country is for disarmament, and it ought not to hesitate to adopt any practical plan that might reasonably be expected to succeed. But it would not care to attend a conference which from its location or constituency would in all probability prove futile."

"That American participation in the World Court would not mean involvement in the League of Nations but would contribute greatly to the advancement of our ideals."

"That debt settlements already negotiated impose no undue burden and are mutually beneficial, and that every reasonable effort will be made to secure agreements for liquidation with the remaining countries."

Turning to domestic issues the President advocated anew enactment of a selective service act for mobilization of materials as well as men in emergencies. The report of the air board ought to be "reassuring," he declared, adding that the departments of war, navy and commerce "should each be provided with an additional assistant secretary, not necessarily with statutory duties but who would be available under the direction of the secretary to give special attention to air navigation."

"We must have an air strength worthy of America," he said. "Provision should be made for two additional brigadier generals for the army air service. Temporary rank corresponding to their duties should be awarded to active flying officers in both army and navy."

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New Envoy



Senator Henri Berenger of France will be the next French ambassador to the United States. He will replace the present envoy, Emile Dauscher, who is blamed in Paris for the failure of the French debt funding commission to reach an agreement with American commissioners.

APPROVE BERENGER FOR AMBASSADOR

Council of Ministers of France Ready to Sponsor Senator For Post in United States.

Paris, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The appointment of Senator Victor Henry Berenger as French ambassador to the United States was approved today by the council of ministers.

Senator Berenger is expected to leave in the near future to relieve Emile Dauscher, the present ambassador in Washington. The new appointment will have his appointment renewed every six months, as is customary in the case of members of Parliament sent abroad on diplomatic missions.

Will Be With Special Debt Mission. Paris, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Senator Victor Henry Berenger, whose nomination as Ambassador to the United States was approved at a cabinet council today, is going to Washington with the special mission of settling the French war debt to America, it was declared in official circles this afternoon.

THE DOUGHTONS HAD NO PART IN ROUTING Frank Page Writes Hanes Relative to Spartan-Mount Air Route Controversy.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 7.—A. S. Hanes, highway commissioner for the seventh district, received a letter today from Chairman Frank Page concerning the fixing of the Spartan-Mount Airy road on the interstate map. He declared in the letter that Doughton, H. G. Chatham nor any one else in North Carolina had anything to do with the road; that the route was fixed by a committee of American highway officials and the bureau of public roads, acting under the secretary of agriculture, and that they took into consideration the through route rather than local service in North Carolina.

Mr. Page stated that originally he prepared a map and submitted it to the committee but that the committee refused to accept the map and curtailed the inter-state system as they saw best, looking to the interests of the states generally instead of the local interest of any one state.

Catholic Bishop Raps Dry's Appeal to Pope. Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 8.—Prohibition laws of the United States have been a failure ever since the Volstead act went into effect, Bishop Daniel J. Gercke, of the Catholic diocese of Arizona, said in a statement yesterday.

Bishop Gercke characterized the appeal of Pope Pius XI, made by Clinton N. Howard, chairman of the United Committee for Prohibition Enforcement, as the "height of impudence" because, the bishop said, the pope would no more presume to dictate the right of the American people to drink than he would presume to dictate what they should wear or eat.

The prohibition law in America, Bishop Gercke said, is purely a political question, which must be dealt with by the American people themselves.

Bell Found Guilty of Embezzlement. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 8.—(AP)—John A. Bell, banker and coal operator, was found guilty today of embezzlement and misapplication of more than \$200,000 of the funds of the closed Carnegie Trust Company of which he was president.

\$700,000 For University of Virginia. New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Donation of \$700,000 to the University of Virginia for the construction of its new medical school buildings was announced by the general education board.

Facts Concerning Bond Issue For Hospital Given By L. T. Hartsell, Sr.

County Attorney Points Out Law Governing Action to Be Taken Before Hospital Can Be Erected by Public Funds of County.

In connection with the proposed County Hospital bond issue, a statement has been prepared by County Attorney L. T. Hartsell relative to the procedure before the election, taxes and method of running the hospital.

The statement also answers questions which have been asked with regard to persons in the county receiving benefits. Charity patients are to be determined by the trustees.

Mr. Hartsell's statement is as follows: Petition presented to County Commissioners: Signed by 200 resident freeholders, 150 of whom shall not be residents of Concord, N. C., asking:

- 1. Annual tax may be levied for establishment and maintenance of public hospital.
2. At a place in the county to be named therein.
3. Specifying the maximum amount of money proposed in purchasing or building said hospital.

Election Ordered. 1. Upon presentation of such petition duly signed. 2. Order a new registration. 3. General or special election. 4. Giving ninety days' notice in one or more newspapers published in the county and posting in each township of said county the text of the petition and amount of tax to be levied.

5. Election at same places and held as all other elections. Tax to Be Levied. 1. Not exceeding 1-15 of one cent on dollar.

2. Not to run exceeding twenty years. 3. Taxes levied and collected as other taxes. 4. Commissioners shall appoint 7 trustees, 3 of whom may be women. 5. Not more than four to reside in Concord.

6. Seven trustees elected at next general election. 7. Cast lots 2 for two years, 2 for four years and 3 for six years, and at each general election trustees whose terms expired to be filled.

Method. 1. Trustees to elect a chairman and secretary. 2. County Treasurer shall be treasurer of funds. 3. No trustees shall receive any pay. 4. Trustees to make by-laws and regulations for government. 5. Select site and build hospital or purchase. 6. Appoint superintendent and assistants.

Persons Entitled to Benefits. 1. All persons of county and any person falling sick or being maimed in county. 2. Every person not a pauper must pay according to the regulations of trustees. 3. Charity patients shall be determined by trustees. 4. Equal privileges to all physicians. Patient shall have the right to employ his own physician who shall have absolute charge of his case and treatment.

13,857,000 BALES OF COTTON GINNED

The Total To December First Was Greater by Million Than For Same Time in 1924.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 1st amounted to 13,857,000 bales, counting round as half bales, and excluding linters, compared with 12,237,059 bales to that date last year, the census bureau today announced.

The ginnings prior to December 1st by states follows: Alabama, 1,301,471; Arizona, 70,944; Arkansas, 1,190,537; California, 98,263; Florida, 39,467; Georgia, 1,167,306; Louisiana, 823,589; Mississippi, 1,570,789; Missouri, 190,235; New Mexico, 50,007; North Carolina, 1,080,868; Oklahoma, 1,233,680; South Carolina, 893,408; Tennessee, 405,378; Texas, 3,661,010; Virginia, 41,000. All other states, 14,085.

Including in the ginnings were 470,671 round bales, counted as half bales; compared with 284,844 for 1924, and 229,215 for 1923.

Trust Company Increases Capital. New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Equitable Trust Company of New York today announced an increase in its capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000, giving it second place among New York City's banking institutions in matter of capitalization.

Only the National City Bank, with a capital of \$35,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of more than \$10,000,000 now ranks above the Equitable.

George S. Norfleet in Serious Condition. Winston-Salem, Dec. 7.—George S. Norfleet, prominent in business and fraternal circles, lies at his home here desperately ill, caused by a stroke of paralysis, which developed soon after he arrived home Sunday from a business trip North. Mr. Norfleet is Past Grand Master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons and Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar, and is well known throughout the State. His right side is affected as well as his speech.

Christmas at Hoover's. You will find gifts at Hoover's Store for all the men, ranging in price from 25 cents to \$75. Everything there from collar pins to overcoats. In a half page ad, today you will find a complete list of things which will make suitable presents for your men folks.

The child of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jenkins is confined to the home of his parents on account of illness.

NOW IS THE TIME

To Subscribe for Stock in the 75th Series of the Concord Perpetual Building & Loan Association

Books open at Cabarrus Savings Bank, Concord and Kannapolis, N. C.

Thirty-seven and a half years successful business. Hundreds of homes built and paid for, and many thousands of dollars saved through this old reliable association.

Take stock with us now and be ready for your check when our 75th series matures.

If you want to build or buy a home there is no better plan than the B. & L. plan. 25 cents a week carries one share which amounts to \$100.00 in 6 1-3 years. Prepaid shares at \$72.85 will grow to \$100.00 in six and one-third years. ALL TAX EXEMPT.

Senator Lee S. Overman Buying Tur Christmas Seals and B



The Senator is always ready and anxious to do whatever will benefit the people of our state, whether in congress or at home. In the picture, from left to right, are: Senator Overman; Prof. Guy B. Phillips, superintendent city schools, Salisbury, who is also interested in the seal sale and the health of his school children; Mrs. F. F. Smith, chairman Health Department Woman's club, under whose auspices the seal sale in Salisbury is conducted; Mrs. Edwin R. Overman, chairman seal sale 1925; Mrs. Chas. McCannless, chairman seal sale 1924; Dr. C. W. Armstrong, the efficient health officer of Rowan county, and the center of attraction, a modern health crusader, Edwin Overman Norvell, selling bonds and seals to the Senator.

ARMY REPLIES TO GRADY M'ALLISTER MITCHELL CHARGE DIES IN ACCIDENT

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The army's reply to Col. Wm. Mitchell's charges of incompetence, neglect and near treason in the conduct of aviation was begun today before the army court martial trying the air crusader.

Major General Hanson E. Ely, the commander of the army war college, was called by the prosecution counsel to open his counter attack, while ten other Major Generals, two Brigadiers, and a squad of lesser ranking officers were held in reserve. They will be thrown into the offensive as the court battle goes on extending probably into next week.

With Our Advertisers. Do you need money? If so investigate the weekly payment plan of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. See ad. in this issue for particulars.

The Concord Bakery has opened a retail bakery in the store room formerly occupied by the Orchard Produce Co., 85 South Union street. You can get hot rolls, buns, doughnuts, cookies, cakes, etc.

Nothing better than Parina feed. Sold here at the Cash Feed Store, Phone 122.

Richmond-Flowe Co. is showing a fine selection of Christmas gifts for both men and women. See new ad.

Install an Oriole, oven heat gas control range and your cooking worries will disappear. See new ad. of Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co. Sale ends December 23rd.

As executor or trustee of your estate the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. is ready to assume every detail and responsibility from the day your will becomes effective. Consult A. F. Goodman, trust officer.

See the birds, flowers, leaves, ghosts and goblins at the Corbin Street School Thursday night at 7:30. Admission, 25 and 15 cents.

The Aaron Overcash farm in No. 4 township will be sold at auction at Kannapolis next Saturday at 10 a. m. Only one and one-half miles from Kannapolis. See ad. in this paper for particulars.

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CROP ESTIMATE OF 15,603,000 BALES OF COTTON LATEST

This Is An Increase Over Estimate of 15,298,000 Bales Made in the Previous Report.

THIS STATE HAS OVER ONE MILLION

To December First 1,090,000 Bales Had Been Ginned in State, the Report Shows.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Cotton production this year will amount to 15,603,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, exclusive of linters, the Department of Agriculture today announced from December 1 conditions. An estimate of 15,298,000 bales was made from November 21st conditions. Last year's crop totaled 12,237,059 bales.

The abandonment of acreage is estimated at 4.6 per cent. of the estimated acreage of cotton in cultivation June 25 compared with abandonment of 3.0 per cent. in 1924, and 3.3 per cent. the 10 years average.

The December revised estimate of cotton for harvest this year is 45,045,000 acres compared with 41,360,000 acres in 1924, and 35,581,000 acres the five year average.

The total yield of lint cotton per acre on the area for harvest is estimated at 102.3 pounds, compared with 157.4 pounds in 1924, and 148.4 pounds the five-year average.

The percentage of area abandoned since June 25, and the Dec 1 estimate of production by states include: North Carolina—1.0 per cent., and 1,090,000.

South Carolina—2.0 per cent., and 857,000.

Department of agriculture officials explained that the number of bales of cotton ginned in South Carolina and Georgia prior to December 1st as reported by the census bureau was larger than the estimated production because the census report was in running bales, while the department of agriculture estimate was in equivalent 500-pound bales, counting 47.1 pounds of line and 21.9 pounds of linter and ties. Average gross weight of lint cotton is 49.5 pounds, as half in some states some years run much less than 500 pounds including bagging and ties.

Western Federal Judge Also Delivers Vigorous Attack on Militarism. Greensboro, Dec. 7.—Charging the grand jury at the opening of a term of federal district court for trial of criminal cases here, Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, praised the prohibition law; declared that the people will not have it overturned, and delivered a strong argument against war and militarism.

Look at the growth in savings banks deposits, in building and loan associations, the construction of good roads at good schools, the increase in home owners—all since prohibition became effective, and judge said. The bootlegger and manufacturer of liquor might as well make up their minds that the good people, the best in all classes have turned thumbs down on liquor, he said.

All the good roads in the state would be useless if the state would be at every crossroads, he said and he, for one, would not ride on them; they would not be safe. Now the average man gets his money for his work, goes to the bank and deposits some of it, goes and buys a dress for his wife and something for his children and they wait for him joyfully instead of weeping and wailing and fleeing from him, as was the case often in the liquor days.

In North Carolina the prohibition law, all things considered, is better enforced than any law, he said. People have had appetite for liquor a long time; the supply was suddenly shut off. But the time is coming, almost here now, when a drunken man is almost as scarce as a snowstorm in July. That is what the case in New York, he said, with its millions of people.

Hydro-Plane on Second Leg of Journey. Keyport, N. J., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The all-metal hydro aeroplane, Miss Key Largo, City on a trip from New York to Florida, started today on the second leg of its journey. C. J. Zimmerman, pilot of the plane, said the next scheduled stop was at some point in North Carolina. The boat capable of a speed of 110 miles an hour, hopped off at the airport at 9 a. m.

SAT'S BEAR SATS: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly warmer in extreme west portion tonight, colder in west portion Wednesday afternoon, colder Wednesday night. Moderate to fresh south-west shifting to northwest winds.