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## Roosevelt Orders Payment Of Bonus Early As Possible

Both Houses Override Veto By Big Majorities; Doughton Leads Bonus In House

F.D.R. ASKS VETS TO SAVE

President Roosevelt on Monday sent orders to the various offices involved to pay off as quickly as possible the \$2,491,000,000 in bonus money that this session of Congress has voted to the veterans of the World War. President Roosevelt vetoed the measure after it was sent to him at the White House with an overwhelming majority in both the House and the Senate. His veto was promptly overridden with a vote of 324 to 61 in the House and 76-19 in the Senate. The President expressed neither pleasure nor displeasure at the action taken by Congress in overriding his veto, but accepted their vote without comment and set machinery in action that will soon put the bonus question in the background.

Congressman Doughton, from this district, was an active leader of the forces in the House who advocated paying the soliders. A loyal follower of President Roosevelt, Mr. Doughton deserted him on this issue.

The bonus, which will be paid in Baby Bonds, may be cashed at once or saved as an investment. Due to the severe strain the payment will add to an already strained treasury, President Roosevelt has issued a statement urging all veterans who do not need the money to save their bonds as "nest eggs".

"Permanent advantage as opposed to wholly temporary pleasure should be the criterion," said the statement, urging again, that the bonds not be cashed except for a "useful purpose," and apparently taking cognizance of the spending spurge indulged in by some veterans after they were permitted to borrow up to 50 per cent on their certificates in 1931.

Administration leaders have estimated that not more than one billion dollars will be needed to meet the first rush of demands for cashing the bonds, and the President apparently intended to keep the figure below this if possible.

**Urges Veterans To Be Patient**  
Within a little more than two hours after the senate voted, Mr. Roosevelt said in his first statement that the treasury and veterans administration had been directed to pay as soon as possible. He warned of the "magnitude" of the task—requiring "between 2,500 and 3,000 additional personnel working for approximately six months to do this job." He urged "patience" upon veterans. Refrain from writing follow-up letters after filing an application, he advised.

**May Call For New Taxes**  
All these swift actions were taken in the face of previous treasury warnings that it would "not help

## Extreme Cold In Nation Accounts For 250 Lives

NOVA TURNS PRO



Louis Nova, twenty-one, six feet two, weighing 200 pounds, world's amateur heavyweight boxing champion, who, after two years as a simon-pure, has turned to professional boxing. As an amateur he rolled up six knockouts in sixteen fights.

the bond market" and would increase next year's deficit possibly to \$5,500,000,000.

The President's warning in his Patman bonus veto last year that new taxes must be levied to meet all appropriations outside the budget also was ignored. The warning was repeated by inference, in last week's veto. Democratic leaders, whether or not conscious that this is an election year, paid little heed to suggestions that taxes be enacted now.

**Treasury Has Difficult Task**  
As matters now stand, congress simply has handed to the treasury the job of raising the money. An appropriation bill probably will come along later.

**Ready To Pay By June 15**  
Shortly after the President spoke, Secretary Morgenthau told newspapermen the treasury would be ready to pay off by next June 15—the date when the bonds are cashable. He estimated a total of 38,000,000 separate bonds will be needed.

Application blanks have been received in the county and are available to all veterans by applying to E. D. Barr, West Jefferson, or L. P. Colvard, Jefferson.

**EVANGELISTIC CLUB MEETING POSTPONED**

Due to extremely cold weather the Evangelistic Club did not hold its regular semi-annual meeting last Sunday as was scheduled. It was postponed until a later date which will be announced when settled.

## Raleigh Merchant Wants To Stop Execution Scheduled Friday In State's Gas Chamber

Governor Ehringhaus Says There Is Nothing He Can Do About Act Passed By Legislature Recently

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Fred J. Ammons, prominent Raleigh merchant, said tonight that if there were any legal steps possible such as an injunction to stop the execution at State's prison next Friday of Ed Jenkins of Bessemer City in the prison's now celebrated lethal gas chamber, he would take them.

"I just want to know if I can get out an injunction and stop the barbarous business," said Ammons. "And if I can, I will."

Meanwhile, Governor Ehringhaus took lightly the suggestion of The Raleigh News and Observer that he call a special session of the Legislature to repeal the act setting up the lethal gas method of execution that caused such a furore after the execution of Allen Foster, young negro, yesterday.

The Governor reiterated he did not ask for the law providing a

lethal gas chamber, nor was his opinion asked by the Legislature which voted unanimously to shelve the electric chair and substitute a lethal gas chamber, nor is the Governor, he intimated strongly, going to court possible impeachment proceedings by any wholesale commutations for condemned men now on the prison's death row.

"There is nothing I can do about it, and, after all, do you think the Legislature would vote unanimously to undo something for which it voted for unanimously?" he asked.

**Episcopal Church Services**

There will be Service at St. Mary's Church, Beaver Creek, on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Sill will be at Jefferson from Jan. 31st until Feb. 5th. He will be at Glendale Springs for service, Feb. 2nd at 3:00 p. m.

Local Man Recalls Jan. 26, 1918 When Thermometer Went To 28 Below Zero

FARM LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Reports from Washington show that 250 deaths had been attributed to the current cold wave which has been called the most persistent in the past hundred years and the coldest throughout the entire country since 1912. Heavy farm losses have been reported in the peach section while mid-west farmers have welcomed the snow as an aid to their 1936 crops.

The thermometer in Ashe county has dropped below zero during the past month on more occasions than it had before in many years and B. B. Graybeal, of the Ashe Motor Company, recalled, Monday, that January 26th, 1918, the thermometer in West Jefferson registered 28 below while the government thermometer registered 21. Mr. Graybeal says that the thermometer stayed below zero all that day.

During the past week in Jefferson, Mr. Joe Worth, who keeps government records of temperatures, reports that one below was the lowest point he recorded. Five below was reported in one or two places in the county.

Losses from fire have been great according to Associated Press reports, and are continuing to be heavy.

## State's Farm Income Increased Under AAA

Ashe County Farmers Get Over \$14,731.21 During Past Two Years

During the two and a half years of the AAA, the total increase in North Carolina farm income was more than \$416,785,000.

This figure is the sum of the AAA benefit payments plus the increased valuation of farm crops since 1932.

In 1932, before the AAA, the value of farm crops in this State was \$104,362,000, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who had charge of the AAA programs in North Carolina.

With the inauguration of the AAA in 1933, the valuation of farm crops rose to \$194,390,000. The following year it climbed up to \$262,973,000, and in 1935 it was \$246,348,000.

The total increase over 1932 during the next three years amounted to \$390,625,000. In addition, the farmers cooperating in the crop control programs received more than \$26,160,000 in benefit payments.

Up to September 30, 1935, the benefit payments had reached a total of \$26,159,193. Since that time other payments have been made, and yet others are now due, the dean pointed out.

The benefit payments, classified by commodities, were distributed to North Carolina farmers thus: tobacco \$14,515,189, cotton \$10,689,546, corn-hogs \$848,005, and wheat \$97,451.

From the summer of 1933 up to September 30, 1935, farmers in Ashe county received a total of \$14,731.21 in AAA rental and benefit payments.

Payments to growers in near-by counties were: Watauga county, \$9,635.75; Wilkes, \$26,657.67; and Alleghany, \$16,305.25.

A new method for recording and reproducing sound which displaces the old phonograph record and needle with black-lined paper and an electric eye has been devised.

ADJUTANT GENERAL



Brig. Gen. Edgar T. Conley, who was appointed adjutant general of the United States army with the rank of major general. He succeeds Maj. Gen. James F. McKinley, retired.

## LATE NEWS BULLETINS

ETHIOPIANS SUFFER SEVERE DEFEAT

An Ethiopian force estimated to number 40,000 was repelled by Italian troops Thursday in what eye witnesses said was the fiercest fighting on the northern front since the war began.

Ethiopians repeatedly charged a Blackshirt division but were thrown back each time until the Italians, strengthened by reinforcements, forced the Ethiopians to retire from the battlefield.

Military observers expressed the opinion that the warriors of Ras Kassa and Ras Seyoum, in their wild assault on the Fascist soldiers, were attempting to offset the reported victories by Gen. Rudolfo Graziani on the southern front.

The Ethiopians, constantly strengthened by fresh troops from the rear, charged recklessly into a barrage of Fascist machine-gun fire, paying little heed to casualties despite the terrific losses they suffered.

The Italians likewise fought valiantly in defending their position.

FIVE NATIONS BAND AGAINST ITALY

Five nations with interests in and around the Mediterranean have agreed to fight Italy if she attacks any one of them, it was officially announced in Geneva Wednesday.

Great Britain, France, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia have decided to strike together if Italy should attack the British fleet in the Mediterranean because of the Ethiopian war situation.

This document was published by the league shortly after its sanctions committee of 18 decided to have experts investigate the practicability of a proposed oil sanction against Italy.

An Italian spokesman warned Italy would protest to the league against the Mediterranean defensive pact.

In Reply To Address Smith Is Called Turncoat By Robinson

Senator Joseph T. Robinson, candidate for the vice-presidency in 1928 when Alfred E. Smith headed the Democratic national ticket, replied Tuesday night to his former team-mate's address before the Liberty League Saturday.

The Senator portrayed Smith as a turncoat "warring against his own people and against the men and women with whom he fought shoulder to shoulder in the past". For the text of the address, Mr. Robinson used Genesis, 27:22: The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

Since the beginning of the 19th century this country has produced more than one billion ounces of gold, 12 billion ounces of silver, 40 billion pounds of zinc, 100 billion pounds of copper and 136 billion pounds of lead.

Immigration laws have excluded an estimated 1,000,000 aliens from the United States since late 1930.

## Rep. R. L. Doughton Introduces Bill To Consolidate State Tax Unit With Secret Service Dept.

\$200,000 ERA Funds To Go Toward New State Welfare Setup

Each County To Participate In Important Development In Social Work

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—First copy of the public welfare news letter released tonight by the state board of charities and public welfare, rates the recent integration of the federal and state agencies the most important development of the department since the reorganization under Gov. Thomas W. Bickett.

The federal government in turning over the ERA organization to the state agency earmarked approximately \$200,000 for this purpose and the money was made ready the first of the year. The news letter today says the state board through an additional trained staff will be able to do a much more constructive service than it has done hitherto and there is being set up a division of field social work with a director in charge and five or six field representatives.

Miss Anna Cassatt will direct the new division of field social work of the department of public welfare, Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare, announced today.

Besides Miss Cassatt, formerly director of social service for the NCERA, Mrs. Bost has appointed five field representatives who have been assigned groups of counties in the state. With their general territory, they are: Miss Victoria Bell, of Hickory, western North Carolina; Miss Lessie Toler and T. L. Grier, both of Raleigh, piedmont and central North Carolina; James T. Barnes, of Wilson, northeastern counties, and S. J. Hawkins, of Fayetteville, southeastern counties.

Mrs. Bost said they would have no definite district headquarters, but would work under direction of the state office.

Three-fourths of the \$200,000, Mrs. Bost said, will be used in building up and strengthening the county welfare departments.

This means that there will be active welfare units in the 100 counties, "at least through June and probably longer. Inadequately staffed, many of the county welfare departments have found it practically impossible to meet the excessive demands of recent months in the matter of servicing clients," Mrs. Bost said.

There has been an immense interest in this program which happens to affect every county in the state. It took quite some weeks to work it out. The governor wrought this integration and it preserves the state character that he wished it to have.

Natives of New Guinea use nets spun by large spiders to catch fish.

## King George V Of England Buried In Vault Of Thousand-Year-Old Castle At Windsor

Rites For Beloved Ruler Simple; Norman Davis Represents The President And People Of United States

George V, of England, was buried beside the bodies of his father and mother Tuesday in the vaults under the chapel of his 1,000-year-old castle. He was laid to rest after a simple service—in contrast to the pageantry of a great funeral procession which brought his body to Windsor from Westminster Hall, London.

The mighty of Europe walked behind his coffin, borne through massed hundreds of thousands. The great empire was stilled in final tribute. Two minutes of silence was observed and millions followed the broadcasts of the services.

Before they answered him into the vault they removed the symbols of his kingship—the crown, scepter and orb.

The Archbishop of Canterbury committed George's soul to God, h

Present Set-Up Of 8 Divisions Doing U. S. Work Would Be Reduced To One

Washington, Jan. 25.—The North Carolina alcohol tax unit located in Charlotte with Edgar Patten as director, would be consolidated with the new division of the Treasury department known as the Secret Service division, under an administration bill which has been introduced in the House by Representative Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the ways and means committee. Under the provisions of the bill, the offices of the assistant deputy commissioner of internal revenue in charge of the enforcement division of the alcohol tax unit, the intelligence unit of the bureau of internal revenue, commissioner of customs, commissioner of narcotics and all other law enforcement and investigation branches of the Treasury department would be unified and put under a chief of secret service with a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Under the present setup of the Treasury department, eight divisions are doing investigation work in running down violators of the liquor laws such as distillers in North Carolina, counterfeiters, violators of the custom laws and other infractions of Federal statutes. For some time Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau has been conducting a survey of the various law enforcement agencies with a view of unifying their activities so that there may be brought about closer co-ordination.

Under the present arrangements, when a revenue raider encounters an alleged counterfeiter, he fails to pass the information to the secret service section of the Treasury department as now exists. Representative Doughton said today that he would have early hearings on the bill as it was thought that under the plan evolved, a co-ordinated system of law enforcement in the Treasury department would be effected. The proposed law would take effect 60 days from passage.

**Shirley Temple In "Curley Top" At Local Theatre Next Monday and Tuesday, 3-4**  
The favorite child actress of the United States, Shirley Temple, will again appear at the Jeffersonian Theatre on Monday and Tuesday of next week. This time she will appear in "Curley Top," which has been called one of her outstanding pictures.

Those who can't see little Miss Temple in the evening may come to the afternoon shows which start on both days at one-forty-five o'clock. It is believed a method for increasing the percentage of rubber obtainable from golden rod has been discovered at the Edison Botanical Research Laboratories.

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