

## Steps In Presidency In Own Right Wednesday

### Calvin Coolidge of All People at the National Capital Is Least Concerned About Inauguration With Accompanying Crowds and Confusion

Washington, March 3.—The four-hour ceremony which Calvin Coolidge will step into the Presidency of the United States in the evening of Wednesday, March 4, will be the least of his worries. The President-elect, who will be inaugurated at the White House in the presence of a throng of thousands of people, is not at all concerned about the ceremony. He is, however, very much interested in the inauguration. He will be in the White House at 12:45 p. m. on Wednesday, March 4, and will remain there until 10:30 p. m. He will then go to the White House for the inauguration ceremony. He will be in the White House at 12:45 p. m. on Wednesday, March 4, and will remain there until 10:30 p. m. He will then go to the White House for the inauguration ceremony.

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## CITY TO VOTE ON ISSUE OF BONDS

### Commander Property Will be Owned by City if People Ratify Bond Issue in May

The question of whether the city is to issue bonds to pay for the Commander property, fronting the river on Front street will probably be voted on in the May election.

At least the city attorney Monday night was authorized to wire Senator Williams requesting that he introduce a bill authorizing the purchase by the city of this property and providing that the question of issuing bonds to pay for the property be submitted to a vote of the people.

The Commander property is now owned by L. R. Foreman. Mr. Foreman was among the Councilmen who were very anxious that the city own the Commander property and when it became apparent that the city could not make satisfactory arrangement with the owners of this property, Mr. Foreman purchased it. If the bond issue is ratified by the people at the polls in May the old Commander property will, upon the issue of these bonds, become city property.

## DAWES PAYS VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT

Washington, March 3.—Charles W. Dawes, Vice President elect, here to take the oath tomorrow, called upon President Coolidge today for a pre-inauguration conference, which is customary between leaders of the incoming administration.

## NEW ORLEANS HAS SEGREGATION LAW

New Orleans, March 3.—The Supreme Court of Louisiana today put the stamp of its approval on the segregation law passed by the city council here which prohibits negroes from establishing residences in white residential neighborhoods and whites from residing in negro sections.

## RAIN PREDICTED FOR INAUGURATION

Washington, March 3.—In a setting which reflected but dimly the showy splendor that has shone upon inaugural history for a century or more the American government today brought to completion plans to install a new National administration tomorrow. It was the quietest March the third Washington has seen in many decades.

## HAVE FILED PROTEST AGAINST ELECTION OF SENATOR BROOKHART

Washington, March 3.—Contest of the election of Senator Brookhart was filed in the Senate today by the Iowa Republican central committee.

## CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE DECIDED THIS EVENING

Atlanta, March 3.—With little to choose between the contestants, North Carolina and Tulane, the championship of the Southern Conference will be decided here tonight.

## SEVEN DEATHS IN QUEBEC QUAKES

Quebec, Ont., March 3.—Reports from all sections of the province show that in addition to property loss and numerous injuries to residents seven deaths resulted from earthquakes on Sunday and Monday.

## WOMAN WHO REMEMBERED PAYETTE IS DEAD

Savannah, Ga., March 3.—Mrs. George Mathans, aged 105, whose memory carried her back to the visit of Lafayette here during the nineteenth century, will be buried here today.

## GARDNER RESIGNS AS COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS

Washington, March 3.—Gardner has resigned as Commissioner of Pensions, effective tomorrow. His successor has not been selected.

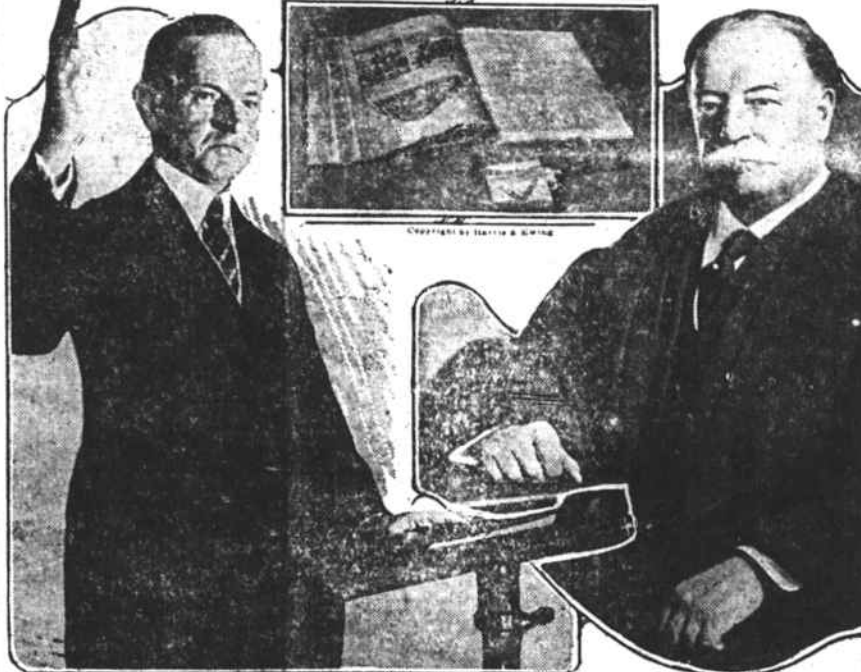
## FUTURE SECURITY FRANCE DISCUSSED

Paris, March 3.—Diplomatic negotiations arising from disarmament clauses in the Treaty of Versailles bringing sharply to the front the question of the future security of the France and Belgium entered an active phase here today.

## LECTURE AT WEEKSVILLE ABOUT THE DAIRY COW

A. C. Kinney, extension dairy specialist, will lecture at Weeksville High School Wednesday night 7:30 on the subject, "The Value of Milk and Dairy Cow." The meeting is for men, women and children, and the officers of Weeksville Farmers Club.

## They Should Look Like This



This is how President Coolidge and ex-President Taft will probably look when the former is sworn into office, March 4. Taft, as chief justice, will be the only ex-president who has ever delivered the oath of office. Between them is shown the Bible which has been used at nearly every inauguration.

## Will Say "I Told You So" At Inaugural Ceremonies

### Frank W. Stearns, Friend, Counselor, and Supporter of President, Was First to Predict That Some Day Calvin Coolidge Would Sit in White House

Washington, March 3.—When President Coolidge takes the oath of office tomorrow, near at hand will be a man, a little under medium height, rather portly, and slightly gray, who will be thinking even though not saying: "I told you so."

That man is Frank W. Stearns, friend, counsellor and ardent supporter of Mr. Coolidge. He sometimes is described as the one who "discovered" Mr. Coolidge, but he himself makes no such claim, holding that Mr. Coolidge needed no discovering.

Mr. Stearns is a Boston merchant and makes no pretense of being a politician. Yet he was the first to predict that some day Calvin Coolidge would sit in the White House and tomorrow will be the day of days for the Boston man because he will see not only a prediction but a dream come true when Mr. Coolidge becomes President by vote of the American people.

Calvin Coolidge as President of the Massachusetts senate in 1915 first came under the notice of Mr. Stearns. He represented the Northampton district and Amherst College, of which Mr. Stearns then was and still is a trustee. He was constructing a sewerage system and the trustees wanted a connection with the city system of Northampton. An act of the legislature was necessary, and Mr. Stearns sent a representative to see Senator Coolidge. It was just three weeks before the close of the session, and the legislative calendar was jammed.

The representative of the trustees made his plea for the legislative act, hoping for favorable response despite the early ending of the session. Mr. Coolidge said little and promised nothing. The representative was bitterly disappointed; and when the report of the interview was made to Mr. Stearns, he was as he himself admitted "glad mad."

When the legislature convened again the next winter, however, Senator Coolidge without any prompting took up the legislation and put it through. The quiet and efficient way in which the bill was handled attracted the attention of Mr. Stearns, and from that beginning developed a warm friendship that has had much to do with bringing Mr. Coolidge to the point he will reach tomorrow.

## Great Is Rejoicing Over Dismal Swamp Canal Bill

### Members of Chamber of Commerce Cheer by Their Renewed for Months of Unceasing Effort—Senator Simmons Wins Victory

The following telegram from Senator Simmons was received by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce late Monday afternoon, following a similar message from Congressman H. S. Ward: "Am glad to advise that House has just passed the Rivers and Harbors bill, including all the Senate amendments, and the bill now goes to the President whose signature is assured."

Chamber of Commerce members are much vengeful by the good news, and will press forward with renewed energy for other progressive measures. "Scarcely a day has passed in many months that we have not reminded our representatives at Washington of our earnestness about the Dismal Swamp Canal," says President M. Leigh Sheep of the Chamber of Commerce. The organization began working for the Dismal Swamp Canal and the Chowan River bridge long before these matters actually came up in the legislative hall.

Edward Elms Britton, special Washington correspondent of the News and Observer, tells of the passage of the bill Monday as follows: "Victory Monday afternoon crowned the efforts that have been made to have enacted into law the rivers and harbors bill for the House followed the lead of the Senate and passed the measure in the same form it was passed by the Senate on Saturday night, all the Senate amendments accepted. The bill now goes to President Coolidge or his approval or disapproval. That he will give his approval to the bill and sign it is declared by Senator Simmons who in a telegram to R. C. Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City chamber of commerce, after telling of the passage of the bill, says that: 'The bill now goes to the President whose signature is already assured.'"

"The North Carolina items in the bills, listed in this correspondence a few days ago, are all retained. Among these items is the purchase by the government of the Dismal Swamp Canal for \$500,000, the matter one that has been pending for several decades. The measure also carries an appropriation for the breakwater in Beaufort harbor, and many projects that are of considerable importance in the different sections and water ways of North Carolina on the Atlantic coast. The Dismal Swamp Canal which the government secures for half a million dollars cost two millions dollars to construct, a part of the inland waterway in convenient connection with the western end of Albemarle Sound and the country lying along the navigable water of the streams flowing into that sound.

"The final passage of the rivers and harbors bill has brought the most earnest congratulations to Senator Simmons, for it was his diplomacy and strategy that on Saturday night pulled the measure out of the parliamentary water that threatened to engulf it for by stopping a filibuster and in limiting motions to table the two amendments that were causing the filibuster.

"Saturday afternoon it looked as if the rivers and harbors bill had very little chance to reach a vote. Senator Fernald was pressing his amendment, providing for the purchase of the Cape Cod Canal; Senator Gooding was pressing his amendment, affecting railroad long haul water transportation and a filibuster of parts was in motion against those two amendments. There appeared to be no chance of bringing the amendments to a vote as a number of Senators had expressed themselves as wishing to speak on them and had intimated that they could speak on these amendments until the close of the session.

"The senator from North Carolina Senator was on his feet practically the entire day Saturday, personally conferring with Senators, stopping incipient movements that would have diverted the Senate from the bill and endeavoring to arrange to get the two amendments out of the way so that the bill might come to a vote. With only two and one-half days of the session remaining it was absolutely necessary to do that in order for the bill to have any chance at all of final enactment, inasmuch as the approval of the House was yet to be obtained for the Senate amendments.

"Congressman Abernethy has just secured the passage through the House of an amendment of importance to North Carolina by which the Secretary of War is authorized to modify certain contracts entered into for the sale of boats, barges, tugs and other transportation facilities intended for operation upon the New York State Barge Canal. By the Abernethy amendment that New York Canal and Great Lakes Corporation must re-establish the boat line formerly known as the Intra-Coastal Section, inland and coastwise waterway service, operating between Baltimore and New Bern, Beaufort and Morehead City, and shall operate this line by not less than two self-propelled barges."

REVENUE BILL BEFORE SENATE  
Appropriation Bill Presented to the Full Committee Recognized the State Deficit.  
Raleigh, March 3.—Hope for the passage of the bill to increase the highway commission membership was virtually lost today when the Senate committee chairman Page of the highway commission had intimated that he would resign if the measure passed.

CARRYING A TOTAL ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL WAS PRESENTED TODAY OF THE FULL COMMITTEE BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN HANDLING THE MEASURE. A SHARP CUT MADE IN THE TENTATIVE BILL BRINGS IT SLIGHTLY BELOW THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$12,000,000 AVAILABLE.

According to the tentative bill \$400,000 annually is recommended for payment of the deficit which the committee has recognized to exist in the State finances. The sum of \$860,000 is named for the University, \$700,000 for State College and North Carolina College for Women respectively; \$1,000,000 is provided for Confederate pensions, and \$2,000,000 for the State Board of Education.

SAYS ACCUSERS FAILED TO PROVE ALLEGATIONS  
Washington, March 3.—In a letter to the President today Secretary Mellon declared that the Treasury's accusers charging irregularities in the handling of Federal securities had failed to prove their allegations.

TWO SMALL FIRES  
An alarm from Box 73 Tuesday morning at 8:45 called the fire company to the home of Alice Copeland colored, on Yost street Beaufort. There was a chimney fire.

HAS FACE SCALDED  
Curtis Alexander, about 19 years of age, of Gum Neck is at the Elizabeth City Hospital for treatment having had his arms, legs and face scalded by steam in an accident while at work with the dredging machine on the New Inlet Canal near Fairfield.

HATCHETS SHOULD BE SENT IN IMMEDIATELY  
Mrs. J. W. Modlin asks that hatchets sent out for the Colonial Tea which have not been returned should be sent to her by Wednesday night, as she must report on the tea room at the meeting of the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon at 3:00 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

PROVIDES EXPENDITURES HARBOR AT BEAUFORT  
Washington, March 3.—Senate amendments in the Rivers and Harbors bill, which were approved yesterday without debate and sent to the White House, provide for expenditures including \$5,500 for Beaufort, North Carolina, harbor.

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