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Hoover Sends Special Message to Congress

Requests Immediate Alteration of the Law to Facilitate Relief of Debtors

Washington, Jan. 11.—In a second special message to Congress in as many days, President Hoover today made a plea for emergency action in revision of bankruptcy laws in order to avoid present day wholesale forced foreclosures.

The President asked specifically for immediate alteration of the existing law to facilitate relief of debtors who seek protection of the courts for the purpose of readjusting their affairs with their creditors.

"Present processes of forced liquidation," he said, "are proving utterly destructive to the interests of the debtors and creditors alike.

"If allowed to continue," he said, "misery will be suffered by thousands without substantial gains to their creditors insisting upon foreclosure in the hope of collecting part of the money owed them.

"Under the existing law," he said, "either where majorities of creditors desire to arrange their equitable readjustment with debtors, their plans may be consummated without prohibitive delay and expense usually attended by obstruction of a minority of creditors who oppose such settlement in the hope that the fear of ruinous liquidation will induce immediate settlement of their claims."

The President made specific reference to railroads, saying the corporate re-organization provisions should be applicable to the carriers and in such cases the plan for re-organization should not become effective until such has been approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Dr. Tayloe Dies At Washington

Washington, N. C., Jan. 12.—Dr. David T. Tayloe, Sr., 63 years of age, died at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night in the Tayloe hospital here. He was taken to the hospital on Saturday and a blood transfusion given him in an effort to prolong his life. He had been in a coma since Monday night. He was a widely known and greatly beloved physician.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at St. Peter's Episcopal church by Rev. Stephen Gardner.

Roosevelt Ends Cabinet Rumors

Declares That Not One Invitation Has Been Issued So Far

New York, Jan. 12.—The popular game of cabinet guessing suffered a setback tonight when President-elect Roosevelt declared emphatically that not a single invitation had yet been issued.

"What what's more," he added, "there is no telling when it will be done."

Roosevelt opened up on the cabinet discussion by taking cognizance of a Washington report which said Miss Frances Perkins was selected for the commerce portfolio instead of the labor secretaryship.

"That's all wrong," he laughingly remarked.

The President-elect indicated he might follow the precedent set by Woodrow Wilson, who waited until the day before his inauguration to formally announce the official family.

"Nothing has been done, however," he explained.

Close friends were of the opinion that the selections would be announced singly sometime after Roosevelt's departure from Warm Springs, Ga., early in February.

"Have you talked to all the persons who will pick for the cabinet?" Roosevelt was asked.

He discussed that question with a wave of the hand.

In spite of the firm declaration, the belief persisted that Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, was slated for the Attorney Generalship, and that the labor place would be awarded Miss Perkins.

Roosevelt spent several hours today discussing aspects of the party bill for agricultural relief with representatives of the American Association of Creamery Manufacturers, headed by W. F. Jensen, of Chicago.

The group asked him to use his influence to grant protection to the American farmer by having a sales tax placed on oils and fats imported into this country for use in food products. Jensen declared such a tax would affect principally imports from the Philippines Islands.

He also went over the general

The Farmville Rotary Club Met Tuesday Night

Local Club Now In Contest with The Ayden Rotarians

The Farmville Rotary Club met on Tuesday night at 6:15 in regular session; after a very delightful chicken dinner there was a business session at which time a motion was made requiring all members to attend every meeting of this quarter to the end that the Farmville Club would be the winner of an attendance contest now going on between Ayden and Farmville. Those failing to attend are to be taxed with the costs which may fall on their Club by such failure.

Bill Smith was in charge of the program and presented Miss Alice Coggins, who in turn presented "Miss Efficiency," alias Charles Rountree.

"Miss Efficiency" proceeded to show the members of the Farmville Rotary Club how one simple frock could be very appropriate for the street; and with one or two simple additions converted into a reception gown, and then, if the lady returned home in a hurry, she could untie and retie one or two strings and make an appropriate house cleaning outfit; and then on a moment's notice switch the blooming thing into an evening dress for the dance.

Irvin Morgan, Jr., then made a short talk on "looking ahead" and stated that the best thing that we could do for the year 1933 would be to put forth individual efforts to utilize our time so that we could handle the general conditions facing us today to the mutual advantages of all persons.

Bill Smith announced that the President of Rotary International would be in Raleigh on January 30th and urged that the Club attend the meeting in Raleigh 100 per cent; he also announced that the intercity meeting for this group district would be held in Farmville on the second Tuesday of February.

Son Born To Libby Holman

Heir To \$18,000,000 Tobacco Fortune Arrives At Hospital

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 11.—A son, potential heir to the \$18,000,000 tobacco fortune left by his late father, Smith Reynolds, was born to Libby Holman Reynolds, one-time "Torch Singer" of Broadway, at the Pennsylvania Hospital last night.

Both the baby and Mrs. Reynolds, who went through the ordeal of indictment following her husband's death by shooting early last July, were reported to be in "satisfactory" condition.

According to earlier reports, the birth was not expected last night. Mrs. Reynolds was at the hospital, according to staff physicians, for a routine examination, and it had been indicated that the child would be born in February.

Announcement of the arrival of the Reynolds' heir was made by Dr. Norris W. Vaux, Libby Holman's personal physician, who said only that "Mrs. Reynolds had a baby boy, born at 6:48 p. m., and her condition and that of the baby are satisfactory."

agricultural situation with former Governor Harry H. Woodring of Kansas, regarded as an expert on the subject.

The nice thing about being a man is you don't have to stay home after you wash your head.

Reported in Jungle



Paul Rodgers of Georgia, believed from whom he stepped off in an attempt to fly to Africa in 1927, has been reported alive in the interior of Borneo. An expedition plans to search for him in the jungle.

Turns Now To National Problems



Relieved of his duties as governor of the state of New York at the beginning of the new year, President-elect Roosevelt is now giving his full time to national problems, to the selection of men for his cabinet and in conference with Democratic leaders mapping out a definite program to be put into effect when he takes office, March 4. According to plans, Mr. Roosevelt will go again to Warm Springs, Ga., for a short vacation during February.

Senate Orders Scrutiny Of Federal Tax Refunds

Refunds Of More Than \$5,000 Must Be Passed Upon

Washington, Jan. 12.—Democrats and independent Republicans united in the Senate today to suspend its rules and stimulate that all tax refunds of \$5,000 or more hereafter must be passed on by a joint Congressional committee before being paid. The proposal must receive House approval to become effective.

Before writing this provision into the first deficiency bill at the suggestion of Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, the Senators heard a lengthy discussion on the floor of a recent abatement of \$5,869,951 to the estate of the father of Secretary Mills, of the Treasury.

Senators McKellar and Norris, Republican, Nebraska, assailed this rebate as indicating a necessity for a change in the tax refund law. Norris emphasized he was not charging there was anything "wrong with this transaction," but added:

"If we have a law which permits such a procedure (in the case of tax refunds) then it certainly will lead to corruption and ought to be changed."

Both he and McKellar contended the law should be so changed that a Secretary of the Treasury could not pass upon a case in which he had a personal interest, the Nebraska asserting Mills must have applied for the refund or abatement to himself as executor of his father's estate.

Senator Hale, Republican, Maine, read from a memorandum submitted to him by James H. Douglas, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, explaining the abatement. The memorandum was prepared by Adelbert Christy, acting deputy commissioner of internal revenue.

In substance, it said a large part of the over-assessment was for failure to credit State tax payments and claims and also involved Federal claims upon more than \$1,000,000 transferred within two years of the senior Mills' death, which the Supreme Court recently held was not subject to the levy.

Norris contended this was "no explanation," but a memorandum "signed by the acting deputy commissioner, one of the under-officials of the Department—an appointee of the man who has a personal interest in the case investigated it."

McKellar's first effort to add his amendment to the bill, with its requirements that the joint Congressional Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation pass on the refunds, was balked by a point of order raised by Hale, and he then moved to suspend the rules.

Barely the necessary two-thirds, 52 to 26, voted the suspension, with only two of the Democrats voting against it. The roll call on the amendment itself showed 36 Democrats—all those in the chamber except Broussard, of Louisiana—for it, along with 11 of the independent Republicans and four Republican regulars: Capper, of Kansas; Howell, of Nebraska; Robinson, of Indiana, and Vandenberg, of Michigan.

The deficiency bill, carrying a total of \$31,761,585, of which \$28,000,000 is for tax refunds, now goes to the House for consideration of this and other Senate changes.

3 Important Bills Are Introduced in Legislature

Hold Short Session; Two Houses Meet Less Than Half an Hour Each

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Proposals for a state wide automobile drivers license law, for reducing license fees, to prohibit "hitch hiking" and to ease the burden of tax payers now in arrears were introduced in the General Assembly today.

The two houses of the legislature met less than half an hour each, but members almost immediately began attending committee meetings as many of the group swung into action for the first time.

Regulation of lobbyists was given a favorable committee report when the Ewing bill was approved by the committee on propositions and grievances. It would bar lobbyists from the floor of either house and would require them to register on a legislative docket in the secretary of state's office.

Senator Corey of Pitt introduced the bill prohibiting hitch hiking and that calling for a drivers license law with a fee of 75 cents for individual licenses.

Civil Court Opens Monday

Judge Grady to Preside At Two-Weeks' Mixed Term

Greenville, Jan. 12.—A two weeks' term of Superior court will convene here next Monday morning with Judge Henry A. Grady of Clinton, presiding. The first week will be devoted to hearing civil cases and the next to criminal.

Fifty or more cases are on the calendar for next week's term but the majority are expected to be disposed of.

The criminal docket as usual after the holidays is comparatively heavy; but the major part of the cases are of a minor nature and were expected to be disposed of in rapid order.

The civil calendar, recently completed by the local bar, follows:

Monday, January 16th:
Floye Myrtle Thigpen vs. Jefferson Standard Life Ins. Co.; Smith Douglas Co., Inc. vs. F. F. Cox and W. H. Webb; Smith Douglas Co., Inc. vs. N. C. Cotton Growers Co-operative Asso.; Albion Dunn, Admr. vs. Gladys Ethel Hudson et al.; W. K. Whitehurst vs. Pitt County Drainage Dist. No. 2 (1st case on Tuesday); W. S. Whitehurst vs. Pitt County Drainage Dist. No. 2 (2nd case on Tuesday); Blount-Harvey Co. vs. T. C. Sutton and others; Dink Moore and others vs. Industrial Bank of Richmond; Wright Jones vs. T. M. Moore; L. E. Jones vs. Edmond Letchworth.

Tuesday, January 17th:
C. F. Harvey, Sr. vs. Robert Stokes and wife; Martha Washington vs. C. N. Nobles; Mrs. Lizzie Willoughby vs. R. F. Butts; Town of Greenville vs. J. F. Davenport and wife; R. S. Moye et al vs. Town of Greenville; Mary E. Andrews vs. Coca Cola Bottling Works; Greenville Oil & Fertilizer Co. vs. J. B. Worthington and others; Hood System Industrial Bank vs. J. P. Davenport; Tripp Brothers Garage vs. Maggie Stokes; Kingan and Co. Inc. vs. J. L. Williams.

Wednesday, January 18th:
Wealthy Owens, Admr. vs. E. F. Edwards and others; Jobie Williams vs. Forest and Knott; J. O. Pollard vs. W. D. Smith and others; General Motors Acceptance Corp. vs. A. L. and M. H. Sumrell; Charles Hines vs. East Carolina Railroad Co.; First National Bank of Ayden vs. Jimmie Hardee and others; Greenville Banking & Trust Co. vs. A. L. Garris et al.; Mary Brooks Price and others vs. J. C. Rasberry and others; Turnage Bros. Co. Inc. vs. J. B. Patrick; Chas. W. Priddy and Co. Inc. vs. S. A. Congleton and Co.

Thursday, January 19th:
Paul McKeel vs. John Worell; Mrs. Anna P. Shebrook and husband vs. Pitt Chevrolet Co. et al.; F. S. Royster Guano Co. vs. C. R. Cobb, Admr.; V. C. Fleming and others vs. G. C. Garris and others; Farmville Oil & Fertilizer Co. vs. J. R. Worthington; Virginia Carolina Chemical Co. vs. H. H. Craft; Farmville Oil & Fertilizer Co. vs. H. J. Jolly; Standard Oil Co. of N. J. vs. Ola Tucker and others; State Bank & Trust Co. vs. W. L. Nobles; Mrs. Pennie Flake vs. Blount-Harvey Co. Inc.; Turnage Bros. Co. vs. H. F. Worthington.

Friday, January 20th:
Dr. William Drewey vs. Mrs. Bettie Cox; P. R. Taylor and Co. vs. Mrs. C. V. Cannon; Pilot Shoe Co. vs. Oglia Saieed; State Bank & Trust Co. vs. John F. Crawford; State Bank & Trust Co. vs. John F. Crawford; John Mitchell and others Trustees vs. John B. Oakley and others; State Bank & Trust Co. vs. B. S. Sumrell and others; John Mitchell and others Trustees vs. J. B. Oakley and others.

House Receives 14 New Measures In Short Session

Measure To Reduce Auto License Fees and Others of Interest

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The lower house of the General Assembly held another very short session this morning to receive fourteen new bills.

Measures to reduce the fees of automobile license, to allow home owners a tax exemption of \$1,000, to allow the local government commission to try and arrange settlement for defaulting municipalities and counties and to amend laws relating to foreclosure action on tax sales were put in the hopper.

Representative Johnson of Cratham introduced the bill which would make the minimum license fee for automobiles \$5.00 instead of the present \$12.00, and the graduated increase would be at the rate of 20 cents per hundred instead of 50 cents.

County farm agents in tobacco growing counties are now cleaning and treating tobacco seed in preparation for planting the beds.

Farmers of Clay County began a well building program this year by planting 5,300 acres to legumes.

Henry Gaston, 4-H club boy of Gaston County, made a net profit of \$83.88 on one-fourth of an acre of snap beans and tomatoes which he grew as a club project this past season.

During a four-month period ending December 1, Madison Farmers, a cooperative in Madison County, paid to its farmer members \$1,027.53 for poultry and eggs alone in addition to handling other surplus products.

Introduce Bill to Tax All Manufacturers in State

Seek Change Marriage Law In This State

Legislative Bills Would Do Away with Medical Examination and Notice

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—Dan Cupid may be given a freer hand in North Carolina.

Two new bills now are before the State General Assembly would loosen the strong bands about marriage in Tar Heelia, and their proponents claim, produce more "home-made" weddings and thereby increase revenue.

The measures, proposed by Representative Wilson, of Caswell, and Thompson, of Columbia, both representing border counties, would repeal the physical examination requirement and the statute requiring five days' notice of intention from minors in lieu of parental consent.

Representatives Thompson and Wilson claim the State's present strict marriage laws are driving anxious couples into border States.

The Tax Commission, in its biennial report, bore out their contention.

It pointed out that in 1920 the number of marriage licenses issued in the State was 29,754, but in 1921, when a total revision of the matrimony laws was made, the number dropped to 20,737.

After another revision in 1929, the number of licenses continued to drop, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, the total number of licenses was only 12,212.

In the period covered the population of the State increased by more than 20 per cent.

"We all know that the explanation is that, as a consequence of our restrictive laws many North Carolinians who marry cross State lines into South Carolina, Tennessee or Virginia, for that purpose," said the State's Tax Commission in its report. The Commission estimated this resulted in great loss of revenue from licenses.

"A much more important consideration is that our restrictive marriage laws place no restriction whatever upon marriages—any point in the State is within three hours of auto travel to the State line—and that under these laws it has become the rule rather than the exception that the legal record of marriages of our own people is being made in other States," the report declared.

"The next generation of North Carolinians will have to go to Virginia, Tennessee or South Carolina to find any legal record of marriage of their parents.

Bill Important to Property Owners

Measure Is Important To All Property and Home Owners

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—A bill of decided importance to all property and home owners was that introduced in the house Wednesday to abolish deficiency judgments upon the foreclosure of mortgages. It was introduced by Representatives Crews of Forsyth, Watson of Nash, Moore of Guilford, and Rouse of Lenoir.

Though decidedly technical sounding in its phraseology, the bill in substance would make it impossible for the holder of a mortgage on any property to obtain more than the actual piece of property involved under the mortgage under foreclosure. According to the present law, a mortgage holder may not only recover the piece of property involved but may also get a deficiency judgment against the mortgagee for the unpaid balance due.

Burial Association Formed Here

The Farmville Mutual Burial Association has been formed here, with A. C. Monk as president, John T. Thorne, vice president and T. E. Joyner, secretary and treasurer, with offices in the store of the Farmville Furniture Company.

The association, which anticipates a membership of several thousand, renders service in times of bereavement for a small fee placed in a central fund upon the death of a member. The Farmville Furniture Company is the official undertaking establishment of the organization.

A few Harnett County farmers report an income of \$200 an acre from their tobacco crop this past season.

Measure Also Provides Gross Receipts, Tax for Banks, Etc.

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—A "Production Tax Act" which will tax every manufacturer of anything as well as all public utilities, including insurance salesmen, commercial banks, newspapers, mines and storage warehouses operated in North Carolina was introduced in the State Senate today. Senator Hayden Clement, of Rowan, chairman of the Appropriations Committee and one of the leaders of the anti-sales tax fight in the 1931 Senate, started his colleagues when he sent forward the measure which would levy one-half of the one per cent on gross incomes and receipts. The bill's provisions does not apply to retail businesses of any kind.

"We must collect the revenue at its sources, that of production," Senator Clement asserted. "A production tax is a tax on activity, the creation of wealth, the circulating dollar. The best illustrations are to be found in the income tax levying on production from personal activity, like the production tax on cigarettes levied at the source of production. Commodities so taxed must go into all the world and collect the tribute from all the people."

The measure lists thirty different types of manufacturing carried on in the State, and further specifies each and every other kind of manufactured product whether set forth or not in the bill is likewise included. Mr. Clement said that 3,790 manufacturing plants in this State turn out 140 different products that would be affected. The bill further lists mining, quarries, production of lumber, the manufacture of all bottle drinks and beverages, operation of packing houses, newspapers, book binderies, maintaining outdoor advertising, marble yards, operating water, electric or gas plants, telephones, airplanes, truck lines, steamship lines operated for profit, insurance, commercial banks operated for profit, operation of storage warehouses for profit or handling goods for distribution to chain stores or sub-stations, and several thousand other items.

The tax of one-half of one per cent would apply to the gross incomes of all the businesses covered by the bill. An exemption of \$1,800 on gross incomes or receipts is provided.

Make Deep Cut Passenger Rates

Norfolk Southern Railroad Reduces Fares Approximately 60 Per Cent

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 11.—Reductions in passenger fares amounting to approximately 60 per cent were announced today by the Norfolk Southern railroad between Norfolk and North Carolina points and by the Greyhound bus lines between Norfolk and points outside the state to the west and north.

The new tariff announced by the Norfolk Southern, effective January 15 for an experimental period expiring February 28, reduces the passenger fare from 3.6 cents per mile to 1.5 cents. Should the new rate prove effective in building up the revenue and passenger traffic of the railroad Traffic Manager J. A. Dalton said, it will be continued indefinitely after the proposed expiration date.

The drastic reduction is designed principally to meet bus competition, Dalton said. It will apply on one-way travel between Norfolk and Beaufort and Goldsboro, N. C., and intermediate points, a total mileage of approximately 350 miles.

For example, the present bus fare from Norfolk to Elizabeth City is \$1.50, the present railroad fare \$1.97, the new rail fare 85 cents. Other cuts are in proportion.

Fare reductions on the Grayhound bus lines run up to 25 per cent. These reductions apply exclusively on interstate travel, westward to Chicago and the west coast and northward to New York, New England, and the Great Lakes region. The cut does not apply, however, from Norfolk to southern points.

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