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## ROOSEVELT ESCAPES ASSASSIN'S BULLETS; SIX OTHERS INJURED

### Mayor Cermak, Chicago, and Mrs. Gill of Florida, Both Seriously Wounded

**Shooting Occurs at Conclusion of President-Elect's Speech at Reception; Delays Trip to North and Accompanies Mayor Cermak to Hospital; Eye Witnesses Say Shooter Did Not Aim at Roosevelt; Secret Service Agent Also Injured When Assassin Opens Fire**

Miami, Fla., Feb. 15.—An unidentified man, who later was captured, fired six shots at President-elect Roosevelt and others of his party in the Bay Front park here tonight.

The President-elect was not injured but six persons, including Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, were struck by bullets.

Mayor Cermak was shot in the head. Mrs. Joe Gill, wife of the President of the Florida Power and Light company, was injured.

Marguerite Kreyes, Robert Clay Hotel Miami, was shot through the back of the head. Her condition is serious.

William Sennott, Meridian Hotel, Miami Beach was shot in the forehead.

Russell Caldwell, Coconut Grove, Fla., was slightly injured. George Brodnaux, a secret service operative from Atlanta, was shot in the head and his condition is serious.

Some witnesses believed that Brodnaux saved Mr. Roosevelt from injury. They said he leaped in front of the President-elect when the firing began.

The list of injured was given out by R. N. Sullivan, investigator for the city of Miami.

It was reported that the condition of Mayor Cermak was such that it was feared he might die.

The President-elect was standing in the rear compartment of his open touring car addressing the welcome.

"I thank you," he had just said as five quick shots rang out.

Cermak staggered back. So did Mrs. Gill and the secret service operative.

The President-elect dropped into the seat of the car. The chauffeur threw the car into gear and shot through the crowd which parted and made way.

gangster, but this could not be confirmed.

David Whichard, a Western Union messenger boy who was standing next to the Roosevelt car, described the shooting as follows:

"I saw the man crouch down and then sort or leap up at the President-elect. He looked to me as if he climbed up on the shoulders of another person."

"I saw him with the gun in his hand but before I could shout a warning he had fired five times in quick succession."

"Mr. Roosevelt had just said 'I thank you' to the crowd and was prepared to seat himself in the rear of his automobile when the shots came."

"Mayor Cermak was standing on the running board of the Roosevelt car, close to the President-elect."

Mrs. Gill was over near the bandstands about 50 feet from the man who was shooting. The secret service man was on the ground next to the Roosevelt car.

"I heard the President-elect say: 'I am all right.' He then waved his hand and the car was driven swiftly away."

The assailant was grabbed by another secret service man in the Roosevelt party.

The man was reported to have cried, "I got Cermak."

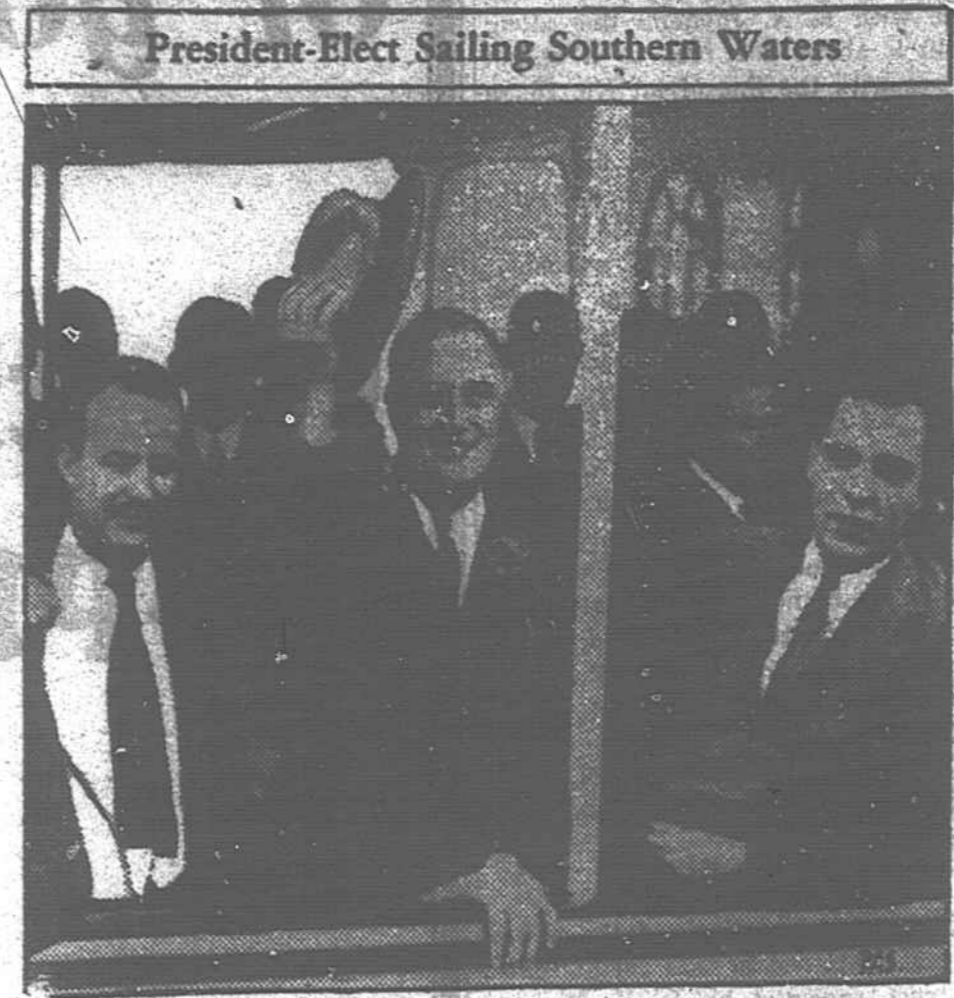
This led to the belief the man was out for Cermak and not Roosevelt.

Other eye witnesses who gave accounts of the shooting were Robert H. Gore, of Chicago, and Representative Wilcox, whose home is in the Miami District. Both of them were a few feet from the Roosevelt car which was surrounded by thousands of cheering citizens.

"He did his shooting at Cermak, not at the President-elect," Wilcox exclaimed. "I think this case because he waited for a second until Mr. Roosevelt got ready to sit down."

Deputy Sheriff Hardy, of Miami, grappled with the killer. Other persons then made a lunge for him and he was hustled away, gun and all, to the Miami county jail where he was questioned.

It took only the five shots to transform the scene, a gala one into a mad scramble. Women ran for cover screaming, while other persons, more courageous, made an attempt to take the killer from the police.



President-Elect Sailing Southern Waters. Waving farewell as he set sail on an eleven day cruise, his last vacation before taking over the Presidency, Franklin D. Roosevelt looked forward to a real rest and relaxation from care. Aboard with him was his cousin, Kermit Roosevelt, son of former President, Theodore Roosevelt. Photo shows Kermit Roosevelt, President-elect Roosevelt and Vincent Astor, host, and upon whose yacht, The Nourmahal, the cruise is being made. The start was made from Jacksonville, Fla.

## Farmville Rotary Club Host To Inter-City Meet

Rotary Clubs of Goldsboro, Mt. Olive, Rocky Mount, Wilson and Zebulon, comprising group 4, of the 57 Districts, held their Inter-City meeting in Farmville on Tuesday evening.

Including 4 representatives from Greenville, in the District, there were 79 Rotarians present, the number being so great that the Rotary rooms were not sufficiently large to contain them, necessitating the loan of the American Legion Hall, which was attractively decorated with the Valentine motif prevailing.

The program, which pursued its way through the course dinner, was both entertaining and inspiring, maintaining a perfect balance between frivolity and seriousness.

Next on the program appeared John and Elbert Holmes scheduled for a duet. There is no comment needed. They are asked on every occasion and our only wish is that we had more occasions at which we could request them to sing.

John then induced Mrs. Cliff Hodges of Goldsboro to recite for us. Again her talent needs no praise. She rendered, "I ain't Gonna Cry No More." Elbert concluded this part of the program with a solo.

Address Featured Program. Bob Boyd introduced the speaker of the evening, Bob Wright of the Greenville Club and the feature of the program was before us. Naturally he spoke on Education, with unusual clarity he brought out the absolute necessity of maintaining our existing school status.

## Would-Be Assassin of Roosevelt Defiant As He Faces Justice Bar

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His arraignment was set for 11 a. m. tomorrow. The judge directed the arraignment be postponed until he could consider appointments of the "best counsel" in order to guard against any accusation that Zangars "had been railroaded."

Zangars, under Florida law, faces imprisonment under the maximum penalty of 20 years in each of the four charges, or a total of 80 years.

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the program and the delicious dinner planned and supervised by ladies of the Christian church, and served most graciously by some of the many charming young ladies of Farmville, but now they could give their undivided attention to the good things yet in store for them.

The Woman's Club rendered a highly entertaining and original program, under the direction of Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, the theme of which was "Billboards" and the thesis, "They are awful." The theme was introduced in a solo by Mrs. J. W. Joyner and the combination of art, fun, and sense, as always will when properly blended, made a distinct impression.

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Zangars, his bulging eyes dilating as he talked with severe interrogators high up in the Dade county jail, today said he had no regrets for his attack on President-elect Roosevelt.

## A GENERAL SALES TAX ADOPTED

**Bill Understood To Be Predicted Upon Eight Months School Term And To Call For Some Contribution From Highway Fund to General Fund**

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The sub-committee of ten members of the joint finance, pointed two weeks ago to rewrite the revenue bill has agreed upon a general sales tax, along with numerous other changes in the existing revenue law and will not meet again until tomorrow morning, when it hopes to report a complete bill, the report to be submitted to the full committee tomorrow afternoon.

The sub-committee is still keeping its deliberations a closely guarded secret and no definite confirmation could be obtained last night except as to the adoption of the general sales tax.

Even the rate of tax could not be ascertained. In some well informed quarters it was said by others to be less than three per cent, but it was generally believed that the rate will not be determined until tomorrow morning, when it can be fixed in the light of the estimates now being made by the committee's experts.

Among the proposed taxes the experts are now estimating will be several that have a pronounced commodity tax complexion. It is understood, however, that the committee's tentative plan is to make these levies under the license and franchise sections.

A stamp tax on cigarettes is not included among the tentative agreements though some members of the committee are still urging that the tobacco companies might pay more money. Among the suggestions that have been made within the committee is a tobacco manufacturer's franchise tax based on the number of cigarettes made.

The committee is said to have come to the decision that it must have \$10,000,000 of "new money" to balance the budget and afford additional property relief through the eight months State-supported term and keep business taxes at a "reasonable level." At least one member of the committee suggested to Senator John Hinsdale, author of the commodity tax, that he should add to his bill items sufficient to increase its estimated revenue from \$5,233,000 to \$10,000,000.

If the sub-committee insists on the general sales tax, Senator Hinsdale will offer his tax as a substitute to be considered by the joint committee.

A 3 per cent sales tax would raise just about \$10,000,000. However, if certain franchise and license taxes are increased above the 1931 level, this amount would not be necessary from the sales tax alone.

Went to a party the other night where each guest was given a card table and a jig saw puzzle. All puzzles were alike. The man first finishing a puzzle won. The rest then counted their unplaced pieces and paid the winner a nickel for each piece.

"I no care to kill police," he replied. "They work for leaving. As a man I like Webster Roosevelt. As a President I want to keep him. I want to keep all presidents. In Italy ten years ago, I want to keep the King, but I cannot get to them."

"Are you an anarchist?" "I do not belong to any society. I am not an anarchist. Sometimes I get bee pain in the stomach, too, and then I want to keep these presidents who oppress the working men."

There is a deep tear on the abdomen of the assassin. He speaks to the officers without apparent realization of what he did. Occasionally he grows bitter.

He said he came to Miami about two months ago, "because they tell me it will help these pains in my stomach."

He is armed in a little steel-barred cell 21 floors above the ground in the Dade county jail.

## U. S. SENATE APPROVES REPEAL 18 AMENDMENT BY DECISIVE MAJORITY

### Emergency Farm Relief Approved

**Bill To Help Farmers And Home Owners Facing Foreclosures To Senate**

Washington, Feb. 15.—Emergency aid for the farmer and small home owner facing foreclosure reached the Senate calendar today while a renewed clamor for farm relief this session was heard in committee and on the floor.

With bi-partisan support, the Hull-Walcott bill to use \$600,000,000 of federal credit to seek postponement of foreclosures for two years and to reduce interest rates was reported favorably by the Senate banking committee.

On the floor of the Senate, Borah of Idaho demanded action on legislation to scale down the farmer's debts, asserting it deserved attention ahead of prohibition repeal.

He told the Senate that the spirit of revolution is abroad in the rural regions and pointed to "the American farmer, backbone of law and order in the United States, now defending his title with a shotgun."

The Senate speedily adopted a resolution offered by Senator Shipstead (F. L. Minn.) calling upon the various federal farm credit agencies to report by March 15 the total number of their employes, total payrolls and salaries of those receiving more than \$2,000 a year.

The information is expected to be useful in carrying out plans which the Roosevelt administration has been reported considering for groupings these agencies. Senator Shipstead also has introduced a bill which would consolidate them.

His resolution referred to the federal and joint stock land banks, intermediate and agricultural credit corporations, farm board and its stabilization department and its seed loan and crop production loan offices.

The House banking committee, meanwhile, virtually reached an agreement on legislation authorizing the federal land banks to grant loan extension to farmer borrowers.

Under the measure which the committee has been working on for several weeks, banks would be authorized to grant extensions up to five years. Direct loans to farmers also would be authorized, eliminating the requirement that money be advanced through farm loan associations.

Before the Senate agriculture committee, the domestic allotment bill passed by the House was discussed for two more hours today but no decisions were reached.

The discussion centered around an amendment proposed by Senator Bankhead (D., Ala.) which would remove cotton from the allotment features and substitute a plan which would restrict production by imposing a prohibitive tax on all cotton marketed above a certain fixed percentage each year.

### Loan Managers For Pitt County Chosen

Greenville, Feb. 14.—Harry M. Brown and J. C. Lanier of this city have been designated as attorneys for Pitt County whose certificates of titles for loans, chattels and mortgages will be accepted by the Regional Credit Corporation at Raleigh for loans to be made to the people of this county.

Miss Olive Jones of Bethel and D. E. Oglesby of Farmville, have agreed to aid those of this county seeking to borrow money from the corporation in making out their applications in proper form, thus facilitating the preliminary work and helping to save time and eliminate "red tape" in getting the loans through.

### Dividend Is Paid By Farm Exchange

Greenville, Feb. 14.—A six per cent dividend was paid to stockholders of the Pitt county Farmers' Mutual Exchange at the annual meeting last week, reports County Agent E. F. Arnold.

### Vote 63 to 23; House To Take Prompt Action

**Garner Declares Issue Will Be Presented To House Again Monday and That He Confident of Approval; However, Will Take Long Time For States To Act**

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Senate today voted decisively for repeal of the 18th Amendment, and thus started a Congressional tide that appeared likely to sweep the prohibition question to the states within a few days.

After the Senate voted, 63 to 23, to submit a repeal amendment to the states, Speaker John N. Garner promptly announced the House would take up the resolution Monday. He reported to his extensive powers and called a party caucus for tomorrow to bind Democrats to support the measure.

This move virtually assured House approval. Republican House Leader Bertrand H. Snell tonight also forecast success of the resolution.

If passed by the House, the amendment will go direct to the states. It does not have to go to the President. He has no authority over constitutional amendments. Before the citizen who has been clamoring for a legal drink of hard liquor gets it, it appears likely he will wait a long time—if he ever gets it.

The amendment must be ratified by conventions in three-fourths of the states. Legal experts of the Senate say this process alone will take four years or more. No method is provided for calling these conventions. Congress many have to set up machinery. Action by state legislatures, many of which now are in session, also will be necessary.

The repeal resolution was swept to victory today in a tense Senate. It was exactly 15 years, six months and 15 days from that sweltering August 1, 1917, when it approved the 18th Amendment sponsored by Senator Morris Sheppard, Democrat, Texas.

Today the Texas Senator sat dismayed as he watched his handiwork scrapped.

The galleries were packed by many who believed today's action was the beginning of the end of prohibition. Members of the House lined the walls. The vote proceeded in absolute silence. At its conclusion, Vice-President Curtis calmly announced:

"The ayes are 63, the nays 23, and the resolution has received the necessary two-thirds."

There was no demonstration. The galleries emptied slowly. Some Senators strolled out. Others sat silently.

Thirty-three Democrats and 29 Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite voted for the resolution, while nine Democrats and 14 Republicans voted "No."

### Farmers' Pleas Sent To Solons

Kinston, Feb. 14.—Requests of farmers in this section for relief from tax and mortgage burdens are being sent to members of the Legislature from the section. They ask a two-year moratorium among other things.

The requests were drafted by a committee named at a meeting here Friday night, F. Brock of Trenton, Palmer Mewborne of Lenoir county, Dr. Anderson L. Hyatt of Kinston, Richard W. Fowler of Kinston, and Thomas V. Moseley of Kinston. Fowler, a candy manufacturer, proposed the moratorium. The other members of the committee are "dirt farmers."

The requests follow:  
1. Revaluation of property, "with a tax rate that the people can pay."  
2. Taxing of foreign stocks and bonds.  
3. Salaries for public officials "in line with farm commodity prices."  
4. A moratorium on tax sales and mortgage foreclosures for two years from March 15, 1936.  
5. An election to allow the people to vote on reduction of constitutional officers' salaries.  
6. Abolition of all penalties on tax sales and foreclosures.  
At farmers' meetings in the courthouse here Friday and Saturday nights, attended by representatives of four counties, there were threats of "rebellion" and resisting "consolidation."

### Circulate Petition Against Sales Tax

Greenville, Feb. 15.—Opposition to a sale tax was expressed today in a petition being circulated by prominent business men of the city. The petition will be sent to members of the State Legislature.

The petition declared that merchants were finding it difficult to keep their doors open at this time, and that a general sales tax would be a heavy burden.