

SUPREME COURT SURPRISES

The 8-to-1 decision of the Supreme Court in the "hot oil" case came as a surprise to administration circles, and as a welcome token to those who have strenuously objected to what they call Congressional abdication. The court passed on Section 9 (C) of the NRA which "authorized" the President to prohibit the interstate shipment of oil in excess of state restrictions. Congress did not "direct" the President to do this nor establish any basis for state restrictive laws. Therefore, with no criterion to govern the President's course the court held that Congress had transferred too much of its responsibility and that it must determine policies, leaving to the executive arm to act only within the limits so established.

During the early hectic days of the administration emergency laws went through the legislative hopper speedily, although there were those who questioned their constitutionality. That most of them will be given a serious study in the light of the Supreme Court decision may be taken for granted. Meanwhile, the AAA and other new deal agencies maintained confidence that the statutes governing their activities contain sufficient declaration of policy and adequate boundaries within the court opinion. Just what effect it will have, other than to serve as a warning in regard to future legislation, is not clear because the presumption is that the present Congress will immediately provide new laws to meet the court's decision.

THE NRA AND AAA STUDIED

Sometime ago Secretary Wallace had his economic advisor on finance, Gardiner C. Means, to make a study of the NRA and the AAA with a view to clearly understanding the conflicting policies of these emergency agencies. Although intended for private study the report will become a public document in pursuance to a Senate resolution introduced by Senator Borah. The expert points out that they are "contradictory and confused" undertakings, and suggests that the remedy is to eliminate monopolies or else bring them under the control of an industrial policy board on which the government as well as economic interests will be represented.

The study points out that modern industrial organization has destroyed the free market and disrupted the operation of supply and demand in many industries. It cites instances where prices went down least where the demand decreased most. Agricultural implements, for example, fell 6 per cent when production was reduced 80 per cent. The conclusion is set forth that unless there is a return to free competition to prevent individuals from affecting market prices, there must be some governmental control of existing industrial combinations.

FARLEY TELLS OF MAIL

Postmaster General Farley expresses the hope that his next annual report will describe transpacific air transport service, and calls attention to the fact that plans for a transatlantic air service have further advanced. He says that reduction of the air mail postage rate has produced an increasing volume of air mail, that the service now includes more mileage and cities than ever before and that as a result of cancelling the former contracts the average rate of pay per mile is 26:80c compared with an average of 43c a mile prior to annulling the contracts.

He insists that the 3c letter mail rate must be continued to prevent a loss of 75 million dollars per year in revenue. Referring to the debated postal surplus of \$12,161,015 for 1934, Mr. Farley says that this compares with deficits ranging from 48 million to 153 million for the previous four years, and that these amounts were arrived at after adjustments for non-postal items authorized by law. These include the air mail subsidy, the ocean mail subsidy, franked and penalty mail.

ARGUE GOLD CLAUSE

Attorney General Cummings last week appeared before the Supreme Court for the first time since he took office to argue the validity of the present monetary program, and to contend that Congress was within its powers in forbidding payments in gold regardless of contracts previously signed. As our readers know almost all bonds, mortgage con-

Roosevelt To Enter World Court Fight

Chief Executive Is Described As Anxious For Show-Down On This Controversial Issue

Washington, Jan. 15.—President Roosevelt will enter the World Court fight in the Senate tomorrow through a special message urging American adherence to the famous international tribunal, it was learned at the White House tonight.

The Chief Executive was said to be anxious for a show-down on the controversial issue which has been pending for 12 years. The message, it was reported, will be brief. It is expected to follow largely the line of argument advanced today by Majority Leader Joseph T. Robinson in presenting the administration's side of the case.

In an hour and a half speech, Robinson declared adherence to the court would substitute "right and justice" for "force and terror" in settlement of international disputes. He denied that participation with the tribunal would involve entangling alliances or that American principles or policy would be abandoned thereby.

Instead, he said, it would demonstrate "co-operation in an effort to substitute law for anarchy in international affairs."

Simultaneously, Robinson disclosed for the first time what was interpreted as part of the strategy of senatorial opponents of the court. He said he expected them to make an effort to create and substitute another court for the world body.

"When that is done," he shouted, "you will be surprised and rejoice at the thoughtfulness, the tolerance, the impartiality which underlies the statute of the permanent court of international justice."

Pausing for a moment to glare at Senators Hiram Johnson (R), Calif., and William E. Borah (R), Idaho, vigorous leaders of the opposition, Robinson continued: "You will be equally surprised that great minds glorified here have demonstrated their incapacity to devise any plan comparable in its possible advantages and benefits to those of the permanent court of international justice."

Prices At Galax Livestock Sale Monday Best Yet

Farmers received for their livestock which they had at Galax Monday for the regular weekly auction conducted by the Grayson-Carroll market, the best prices received since the market was inaugurated last June. According to market officials, these good prices were paid in all classes by the best of buyers.

Top veal calves brought \$7.95 per hundred pounds. Top steers brought \$6.50 per hundred; heifers, \$5.80, and top fat cows, \$5.40. Top hogs sold for \$7 per hundred.

Two carloads of mules, mares and colts will be sold at the Galax market, located at Felts park (fair grounds), on next Monday, January 21, at which time selling will begin promptly at noon, one hour earlier than usual. These horses are the property of Otto Emrick, of Nebraska, who has been selling exceptionally good gentle horses at the Galax market every first Monday for some time.

Next Monday the cattle will be sold first and, in view of this fact, farmers are urged to take in their stock early in the day.

LOCAL PERSONS HAVE AUTO ACCIDENT SUN.

David Higgins, local barber, and Page Higgins, also of Sparta, and two young lady passengers miraculously escaped death or major injuries Sunday afternoon when the coupe in which they were riding, belonging to David Higgins, was completely wrecked beyond repair when struck by a car driven by Dr. Arthur Edwards, of Bristol.

The accident occurred on the highway between Hillsville and Mount Airy. Dr. Edwards' car, also a coupe, was also completely demolished. Dr. Edwards escaped severe injuries.

Using Women Soldiers



AFRICA . . . Abyssinia calls the attention of the League of Nations that the Italian Somaliland is using women soldiers in the warfare now being conducted against Ethiopia.

Children Injured When Bus Leaves Road In Surry

School Bus Strikes Wagon And Goes Over Steep Bank When 16-Year Old Driver Loses Control

Mount Airy, Jan. 15.—Thirty-two Pilot Mountain public school children were injured, one critically, and several others seriously, late on Thursday afternoon, January 10, when a school bus, enroute from Pilot Mountain into the Shoals section where most of the children lived, struck a farm wagon and plunged over a culvert and embankment one mile west of Pilot Mountain on Highway No. 268.

The bus they had been traveling on broke down a few days ago and another bus driven by Archie Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, of Mount Airy route one, was called to carry them to their home in Shoals on this trip. After crossing the railroad over-head bridge at Pilot Mountain the bus made its way up the incline and started down the McKinney hill, a long dip into a creek bottom at that place. The road is straight and travels directly west.

As the truck gained speed in its coasting down this grade and with its heavy load of about 45 children the driver saw a wagon standing on one side of the highway and a man standing on the opposite side. It was here the wreck took place. The young 16-year-old driver at the same time became blinded by the sun from the west and in his effort to dodge both the man and the

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Mack Lundy New Chief Of Police At Cambria, Va.

Mack Lundy, former member of the Galax, Va., police force, has accepted an appointment as Chief of Police of the town of Cambria, Va. He has resigned his position with the Higgins Oil company, Galax, with whom he had been employed since early last spring, and entered upon his new duties at Cambria Tuesday. Chief Lundy is a brother of Mrs. Isom Wagoner, Sparta.

SMALL CHILD INJURED SATURDAY BY WAGON

Sue, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Edwards, was injured Saturday when one wheel of a wagon loaded with approximately a ton of rock, passed over the child's hip.

The little girl was riding on the wagon and fell beneath the wheel. The child was taken to the hospital where examination disclosed a dislocation but no fractures.

It will be necessary for her to wear a plaster cast for several weeks.

Wilkes School Children Hurt In Bus Mishap

School Bus Collides With Automobile And Turns Completely Over. To Hold Hearing Mon.

North Wilkesboro, Jan. 15.—Eight children were slightly injured this morning when a school bus, carrying 42 children to Wilkesboro High and Elementary School, collided with an automobile and turned completely over on the street.

The injured are Pearl and Ullala Warren, James McClain, William Bouchelle Jr., Everett Bouchelle, Addie Lee Reid, Viola and Noah James.

The bus was driven by King Prevette, 26. The accident occurred when the automobile, driven by A. L. Prevette, entered the highway from a side road near the intersection of highways 60, 16 and 18.

The driver of the bus and a child sitting beside him were thrown through the windshield to the roadside but were not injured. The automobile remained upright.

The driver of the bus charges that the driver of the automobile was responsible for the wreck, stating that the car dashed before his bus so quickly that it was impossible to stop or dodge with his heavenly laden vehicle. He says he was not driving faster than 15 or 20 miles per hour and that he was going down grade in second gear.

The automobile driver says the school bus was traveling rapidly and that his automobile had gained the roadway when the crash occurred. He alleges that there would have been no collision had the school bus not been going so fast.

A highway patrolman, aided by local officers and school officials, investigated the wreck and a hearing on the matter will be held on Monday at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

IS NEW KEYSTONE GOV.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—George H. Earle today was inaugurated Pennsylvania's first Democratic governor in more than four decades.

Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

GOOD STROKE

Governor Ehringhaus made a hit with the Legislature in his biennial message. If the Governor listens to the urgent pleas of friends from all over the State and runs for the Senate against Senator Josiah Bailey, his recommendations for better salaries for teachers and State employees will not hurt his chances.

HOLDS 'EM

Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham is one presiding officer that holds the reins tight on the State Senators. Last session some of the boys didn't like this but it expedited business and the personnel of the present Senate is business like if it is anything.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Former State Senator W. O. Burgin, of Davidson, is confident he will live to see his 1933 bill for a State unemployment plan become law before this session of the General Assembly adjourns. Conditions were such in 1933 that the measure had little chance and was withdrawn but the commission, headed by Mr. Burgin, made a study of the situation and Governor Ehringhaus endorsed the plan in his address to the General Assembly.

PRIZES

Perhaps you have wondered why there is always such a scramble among Legislators to get on important committees. The reason is simplicity itself in many instances. The big committees receive delegations from all over the State and members of the groups have many chances to turn a few political tricks. That in future campaigns, especially of a State-wide nature.

DOUGHTON-HOY

Lines have formed in the General Assembly on the prospective candidates for Governor with the sharpest divisions between the back-

Relatives Of Fisch Secretly Arrive In U. S.

Expected To Testify For Prosecution In Hauptmann's Trial For Lindbergh Baby Murder

Flemington, N. J., Jan. 15.—Three German relatives and the nurse of Isador Fisch, Bruno Hauptmann's dead alibi man, were hidden as secret state witnesses tonight as the carpenter's murder trial prosecutors announced themselves ready to explode "the Fisch myth." The mysterious manner of their landing from the liner Ile de France in New York harbor stole considerable interest from the little old Hunterdon county courtroom where the state of New Jersey seeks to send Hauptmann to the electric chair for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

It was Fisch, says Hauptmann, who went to Germany to die and left with him a shoebox containing more than \$14,000 in ransom bills—the bills with which the carpenter was trapped last September.

Two more handwriting experts—the third and fourth—today testified that Hauptmann wrote the fourteen letters that led to payment of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's \$50,000 ransom for a baby already dead.

In Monday's court session a pretty blond pajama model accused Hauptmann of shadowing Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon, ransom negotiator.

The model, chic and stately Hildegrade Olga Alexander, enlivened the trial session otherwise devoted to expert testimony about the writing of the ransom notes.

A friend of Dr. Condon for twelve years, she took the stand to say she saw "Jafsie" in a Bronx telegraph office in March of 1932, nearly a month before Dr. Condon paid the \$50,000 ransom, and that another man was watching him "very significantly."

"I say the man was Bruno Richard Hauptmann," she declared firmly. A faint shudder (continued on back back)

Girl Flying Mails



WASHINGTON . . . Miss Helen Richey, 25, (above), is flying the mail on the Washington to Detroit run. She is the first woman to win the right to wear Uncle Sam's Airmail Wings over her left coat pocket. Helen has 1,000 flying hours to her credit.

General Assembly Ready To Settle Down To Its Task

Thomas, Of Harnett, Would Outlaw Gambling Devices. Beer Bill Introduced By Palmer

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Finally organized and equipped with the appropriation and revenue bills for the coming biennium, the North Carolina General Assembly today was prepared to take off its coat and settle down to work.

The House, however, displayed little disposition in a brief session this morning to do anything of the sort. It met at 11 o'clock, heard the standing committee assignments of Speaker R. Grady Johnson, received nine bills, and adjourned at 1:30 without waiting to hear the Governor's budget message.

Delivered in the Senate, the budget message called for a 15 per cent. pay hike, an increase of \$2,500,000 annually for schools, and a sales tax extended to cover all commodities. The House will receive the message when it convenes at noon tomorrow. It already has the appropriation and revenue bills, introduced by Representative Bryant of Durham.

The House was also pulled in to the limelight by introduction, by Representative Palmer of Cabarrus, of the first beer bill of this session. Palmer's bill provides for an increase in the legal kick of beer from 3.2 per cent. to 4.5 per cent. It was referred

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Ehringhaus To Name Brummitt's Successor Soon

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Although he declined to announce his appointee for the post of attorney general to succeed the late Dennis G. Brummitt, Governor Ehringhaus promised Monday night, after the deceased official's funeral had been held that day in Oxford, that he "would not delay very long in naming the man."

Several names figured prominently in the discussion. Included among these are A. A. F. Seawell, 71-year old assistant attorney-general; Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham; J. Wallace Winborne, of Marion, state Democratic chairman; Major L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro, chairman of the state board of elections, and Charles Whedbee, former state senator from Hertford.

PARKWAY FORCE SWELLS SPARTA'S POPULATION

The population of Sparta has been swelled considerably during the past week with the incoming of more than twenty persons connected with the Skyline drive parkway force.

Attorney General Brummitt Dies In Raleigh Saturday

Many State Officials Pack Oxford Baptist Church Monday For Funeral Services

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general of North Carolina, died here Saturday of a heart attack caused by pneumonia. The deceased state officer was 53 years of age and was the state's 37th attorney general, having served in that capacity since 1924. The illness which took his life started two weeks previous with an attack of influenza.

One among many expressions of praise for his long tenure in the state governmental service is that of Assistant Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell, who praised Brummitt as "an able, courageous and conscientious officer, and a citizen whose influence in public affairs has been of inestimable value."

"Mr. Brummitt," he continued, "filled the office of attorney general longer than any other man in the history of the state, and none of his predecessors surpassed him in ability or quality of service."

In Washington, Representative Doughton, of Alleghany county said: "Dennis Brummitt was really one of the great men of North Carolina. I have never known in my lifetime a more capable man and one of higher character. The state can ill afford to lose such a public servant. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family."

Governor Ehringhaus and State Auditor Baxter Durham visited Brummitt's residence less than two hours before the attorney general died, but were not allowed to see him. He was pronounced dead at 12:10 p. m.

State officials and other friends of the deceased official packed the First Baptist church of Oxford Monday afternoon for the funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. Roy McCulloch, pastor of that church; Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the Raleigh First Baptist church, and Dr. Herman T. Stevens, pastor of the Asheboro Baptist church.

Governor Ehringhaus led the scores of state officials in attendance.

The long list of honorary pall bearers contained names for many years prominent in the political and business activities of the state.

State departments at Raleigh were closed Monday in respect to Brummitt, and flags were at half mast over all state buildings, as they had been since his death.

Interment was in Elmwood cemetery, Oxford.

GETS UNADDRESSED CARD

Nellie, the Flemington dog whose fan mail exceeds 20 letters and post cards a day, Monday received a card from Nevada which bore, in place of an address, a picture of Nellie, a black and white mongrel.

ALMANAC

who join hands with me receives a goodly share of the sweets
Favors!

"Industry is fortune's right hand and frugality is her left."

JANUARY

16—The Territory of Vermont is established, 1777.

16—Russia ends her suzerainty, Treaty, to enable, 1922.

17—United States buys the Virgin Islands from Denmark, 1917.

16—55 meteor falls near Grand Forks, N. D., 1910.

19—Capital Building at Washington burns, 1851.

20—John Marshall becomes Supreme Court Chief Justice, 1801.

22—Shoulder writes the first book on arithmetic, B. C. 200.