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SENATE SURPRISES

The Senate surprised Washington and the nation by rejecting American adherence to the World Court, and speculation immediately sprang up as to the effect this defeat will have upon the prestige of the President. Up until the vote itself, it was generally conceded that the World Court would win by one or two votes more than the necessary two-thirds. However, the final muster showed 48 Democrats and 9 Republicans voting for adherence, with 20 Democrats, 14 Republicans, 1 Progressive and 1 Farmer-Laborite opposed. The count was 52-36, but a change of seven votes would have adopted the protocols.

WORLD COURT BEATEN

This is the second major congressional defeat for the President since he took office nearly two years ago. The other was the passage over his veto of the Independent Offices bill by the last Congress. While the St. Lawrence Treaty was defeated in spite of the President's advocacy, it was not made a paramount issue by the White House. It is generally agreed by friends and foes of the Court that the long fight has been ended for the present at least, although continuation of activity by some advocates is expected.

It was originally intended that the World Court issue would be before the Senate for some time, but Administration leaders forced the issue in the face of bitter attacks on the part of Father Coughlin, the Catholic priest, and the Hearst newspapers. In addition, the situation in Europe, with many autocratic forms of government, the repudiation of war debts, and the ingenuity and determination of senatorial opponents, were given major credit for defeating the proposal.

RELIEF FUNDS NEAR END

Some fear is expressed by relief officials that long debate in the Senate on the huge Works Relief bill will mean that funds for the needy will be exhausted before final action on the measure is taken. Meanwhile, observers point out that it will take many months to spend the five billions requested. They point to the record of present spending agencies to show that PWA, in eighteen months, disbursed only two billion dollars, and that FERA in nineteen months spent or approved the expenditure of about \$1,700,000,000.

NOT SO MUCH SPENT

In other words, the two chief spending divisions have failed to spend four billion dollars in about nineteen months. During this period industry suffered a relapse and recovery apparently stalled. At present, the upward trend seems to be more pronounced, as shown by the latest Federal Reserve Board Statistics, but it is expected by some that the new year will see a lessened need for such huge governmental expenditures.

The troublesome soldier bonus question opened up on a new front last week when champions of the bill sponsored by the Legion and those of the Patman bill, already twice approved by the House, opened hostilities. Representative Patman declared that the Legion itself had thrown a "monkey wrench" into the machinery by introducing a rival measure which placed all bonus legislation in jeopardy. He insisted that the Legion measure is a "bankers' bonus bill."

BONUS COMPROMISE

The other measure, introduced by Representative Vinson, seems to have the right-of-way. Its advocates declare that they will not allow the inflationists to use the bonus issue as a "cloak" for "flat money." From a legislative standpoint the enactment of some bonus legislation is considered a certainty, although the best judgment is that a compromise plan will be worked out. This may restrict payments to needy veterans.

Considerable political strife is certain before this comes about, but undoubtedly the President will veto full payment of the entire bonus obligation at this time. The general idea is that the bonus will pass the House by an overwhelming majority, sufficient to offset a veto. The Senate, will likewise pass the bill, but, probably, sustain the veto. After this the compromise will come about. Talk will be heard and much discussion of strategy will result before all this happens, but

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Doughton Is Not Convinced About Townsend Plan

Alleghany Congressman Calls Plan Of California Doctor "Fallacious." Witte Lambasts Program

Washington, Feb. 5.—Another severe administration pummeling for the Townsend old-age pension proposal today saw the gaunt author of the \$200-a-month for all over 60 plan reply that his plan was not "financially unsound" and that it would not bring "wholesale inflation."

Although Dr. F. E. Townsend, 68-year-old Long Beach, Calif., physician, stood his ground under severe house ways and means committee cross-examination, he failed to convince Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina.

Doughton termed the physician's testimony "fallacious" and said it was on a "specious basis."

The executive director of the President's committee on economic security, Dr. Edwin E. Witte sent a six-page statement, lambasting the Townsend program, to the house committee, before which the administration's security bill is pending.

Dr. Witte's statement attacked the basic financial idea behind the Townsend plan—a 2 per cent tax on all business transactions—and concluded that it would "mean a rapid increase in the national debt and in effect pronounced inflation."

That statement was handed to the press just as Townsend appeared for cross-examination on testimony he gave last week.

He conceded in answer to questions by Chairman Doughton that there might be dispute over the amount of money that could be raised by a 2 per cent on all business transactions, but insisted that it would be "plenty."

Asked about the cost of administering his plan, he replied: "I'm not interested in the least in the cost of the plan."

"I'm sure of that," Doughton retorted. "I just wanted to get an admission of that kind in the record."

Doughton pressed for information as to the number of salaried employees working on the Townsend plan. The physician replied that at one time he had "seven agents in the field, some receiving \$50 a week and expenses."

The money to meet these expenses, Townsend added, was raised "by contributions from one cent up."

If he wanted to "John D. Rockefeller, Henry Ford and J. P. Morgan" could get a \$200 pension under his plan, Townsend said.

The distribution of \$200 a month to 8,000,000 persons over 60 would stimulate business enough to end the depression promptly, he argued.

Dr. Witte estimated that 10,000,000 persons over 60 would get pensions under the Townsend plan and that to start such a system would obligate the government to an expenditure of \$245,000,000,000.

Doughton said he hoped the committee would be able to bring the administration's security bill before the house next week.

Corn-Hog Meet To Be Held In Sparta Feb. 13

A Corn-Hog meeting is to be held in the court house in Sparta on Wednesday, February 13, for the purpose of instructing the farmers of Alleghany county in regard to the 1935 Corn-Hog contracts.

W. B. Collins, county agent, has announced that Robert W. Chambers, of the Raleigh office, will be present at this meeting to explain the contract and answer any questions the farmers may wish to ask in regard to it.

According to Mr. Collins, it is important that all farmers in the county who expect to sign the Corn-Hog contract for 1935 attend this meeting, in order that they may get a thorough explanation of the contract.

Hoovers To Come East This Week

Palo Alto, Calif., Feb. 4.—Instead of holding a family reunion here as they had tentatively planned, former President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover will celebrate the 36th anniversary of their wedding, February 10, in a quiet way in New York City.

The arrangement is typical of the marriage career of the two former geological students who fixed the date of the event earlier than contemplated so they could start off together for China where Hoover was to take his first big job.

To Hold Run-off Oration-Essay Contest March 26

Preliminaries Of State-Wide Contest To Be Staged In N. Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro high school has been selected as the place for the preliminary run-off for high schools of Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes and Yadkin counties, in the state-wide oration-essay contest to be staged by High Point college in March.

This run-off will take place at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday, March 26 in the auditorium of the North Wilkesboro high school. One contestant will be selected to compete with the representatives of the other seventeen districts of the state in the finals, which will be held at High Point college March 29.

The successful contestants in each of the districts will be given a \$50 scholarship to the High Point institution. The one winning first place in the finals will be awarded an additional \$350 to be added to the \$50 district win to make a total scholarship of \$400. The second prize will be an additional \$150, which, with the district award, makes a total of \$200 scholarship for this place. The third best contestant will receive a total scholarship of \$100. Those not winning a place in the finals will be given the \$50 district scholarship.

Only two contestants from a high school may participate, and they must be seniors, and must register for the contest on or before February 20. All contestants must be recommended by the principal or a member of the school faculty.

The subject for the oration or essay is: "Do I Expect My College Training To Make Me More Useful To My Community, or To Increase My Earning Capacity?" It is to be confined within eight hundred words, and must be in the hands of the contest directors on or before March 1.

Irwin Urges An Increase In School Fund

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Before the joint appropriations committee this afternoon, State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin led the first assault on the \$18,500,000 allotment of the budget advisory commission for the eight-month school term, and when the head of the department of public instruction finished he had a double score of statesmen standing on their own.

Taking the appropriation proposed, Mr. Erwin presented a scale of fixed charges for the schools which carry the needs to \$17,000,000 plus, thus making the 15 per cent increase in teachers' salaries impossible. The best that possibly could be done for them, he said, with the full \$18,500,000 appropriated would be 7.4 per cent. As the teachers haven't a notion to accept the 15 proposed, they are in less mood to take the smaller figure.

Mr. Erwin made his appeal for \$22,000,000, a \$3,000,000 cut from the earlier figures made by the Parent-Teacher association. In the revenue bill soon to come out for action there is a provision for the sales tax. Opponents of that plan declare that their substitute measure is good for \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 more revenue than the tax provides.

A. S. Carson, Native Of Alleghany And Prominent In Affairs Of State, Passes Away Monday In Capital City

Funeral Services Held In Sparta Methodist Church Yesterday By Rev. Cecil Hefner, Pastor

The death of A. S. Carson, 69, which occurred in Raleigh on Monday, February 4, removed a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Alleghany county. Mr. Carson was a native of this county and lived here in Sparta until several years ago.

The deceased was the founder of The Alleghany Star, the first newspaper to be published in the county, and which is at present The Alleghany Times. He remained in Sparta as editor of The Star until he went to Statesville some years ago upon his appointment as a cashier in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, which position he held for a number of years.

After the State Department of Revenue was created, Mr. Carson went to Raleigh, where he served for many years as Accountant and Collector in that department, and was regarded as an expert accountant. Large sums of money passed through his hands, and so correctly did he discharge his duties, it has been said of him, that at no time was any complaint made as to his honesty or complete fidelity to duty.

For the past several years Mr. Carson had made his home in Raleigh, the state's capital city.

He was the son of Andrew J. Carson and Mrs. Emma Carson. His paternal ancestors were Scotch-Irish.

His early years were spent on his father's farm in this county, and he was educated in Sparta high school.

Mr. Carson, on September 4, 1901, married Miss Zolzie Edwards, who survives him. To this union were born five children, two of whom survive their father. These are Miss Jean Carson and Paul Carson, both of Raleigh.

Early in life the deceased became a member of the Methodist church and found a consolation in the teachings of religion. It has been said of him since his death that he was democratic in his habits, and was of a kindly and friendly disposition, which has

made, and held for him, friends in all classes and occupations. He took a lively interest in all public matters, and was loyal and true to his state, county and people. His family relations, according to one who knew him well, were tender and he measured up to the best standards of citizenship.

For many years he had been a Sunday school teacher in one of the Methodist churches in Raleigh.

In speaking of him, this friend, who knew him in business, as well as personal relationships, quoted the following lines as fitting the life of the deceased:

"He was a man, take him all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again."

The deceased had been ill since last September and had spent the greater part of the intervening time in a Statesville hospital.

He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Parks, Sparta, and Mrs. Henry Spough, Winston-Salem, and two brothers.

The body was returned to Sparta and tender and impressive funeral services were held here in the Methodist church yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 11 o'clock, in the presence of a huge congregation. The services were in charge of the Rev. Cecil Hefner, pastor of the church.

Floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Active pall bearers were: R. A. Doughton, T. J. Carson, Dr. J. L. Doughton, John M. Cheek, A. F. Reeves, D. C. Duncan, J. R. Hawthorne and R. F. Crouse.

Honorary pall bearers were: Dr. J. F. Duncan, Rev. C. W. Ervin, Jay Hardin, Marvin Doughton, Dr. H. T. Smith, Dr. B. O. Choate, Walter Irwin, R. E. Hawthorne, Sam Brown, T. R. Burgess, J. M. Wagoner, Dr. C. A. Thompson, Dr. C. A. Reeves, J. B. Doughton, C. R. Roe, Amos Wagoner, Sidney Gambill, Hugh

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Hauptmann Trial Boosts Trade

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 4.—Prosperity—temporary but of considerable scope—has come to many citizens of Flemington because of the Hauptmann trial.

The crowd has spent approximately \$47,500 for room and board since the trial began. This figure does not include incidental expenses.

Union hotel bar has served 36,272 drinks, including 16,128 glasses of beer, 12,600 of rye.

Farley To Keep Both Positions He Now Holds

Decision To Handle 1936 Presidential Campaign Puts End To Uncertainty

Washington, Feb. 4.—Postmaster General Farley, frequently criticized for holding governmental and political jobs simultaneously, proposes to continue, under plans revealed today, as chairman of the Democratic national committee through the 1936 presidential campaign.

This development followed quickly upon the institution of another move in Congress aimed at removing him from one post or the other. Senator Norris (R., Neb.), a 1932 supporter of President Roosevelt, introduced a bill to place the entire postal system under the strictest of civil service regulations.

It also closed a period of uncertainty as to Farley's plans after many months in which his resignation from the party post had been expected and then postponed. President Roosevelt himself condemned the practice of high party officials also holding offices in the government.

Almost exactly a year ago, Mr. Roosevelt began an effort to remove from the national committee all members who maintained law offices in Washington and practiced before governmental agencies. There were numerous resignations. Secretary Morgenthau issued orders that any employee of the treasury who also held a political post must abandon one or the other. Several dropped their political posts.

Farley was represented for weeks as anxious to quit his party office. It was said definitely at the White House in March that Mr. Roosevelt would relieve him as committee chairman as quickly as a successor could be found.

Then came word that he would continue for a few months. Later, the understanding was that he would go on until the last party primary had been held in September. It was stretched later to cover the whole campaign of 1934, and now is to include President Roosevelt's campaign for reelection next year.

Silos In County To Be Visited During Next Week

W. B. Collins, Alleghany county agricultural agent, has made it known that F. E. Farnham, Trench silo specialist from North Carolina State college, will be in Alleghany from February 11 to 14 to hold meetings at farms on which Trench silos have been built.

These meetings are to be held at the Trench silos on farms in the county as follows:

Monday, February 11—1 p. m., at R. E. Hawthorne's, and at 3 p. m., at the farm of C. L. Hash, Piney Creek. On Monday afternoon the silos on the farms of Lon Mac Reeves, Fred Osborne and F. A. Mitchell will be visited.

Tuesday, February 12—9 a. m., at J. F. Cox's, Scottville, and at Charlie Crouse's, near Stratford, at 1 p. m. During the day visits will also be made at the silos of John Maines, Ray Hampton and L. C. Hampton.

Wednesday, February 13—9 a. m., at Dillon Edwards' farm, and at the farm of Floyd Crouse at 1:30 p. m. The farms of Everett Truitt and T. L. Crouse

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Man Says He Saw Fisch Jump Wall At Cemetery

Testifies He Was In Parked Car With Girl Near St. Raymond's When Ransom Was Paid

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 5.—The trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann continued to progress toward a climax today as a Brooklyn restaurant cashier and former cabaret "host" told the jury hearing the evidence on the charge against the German carpenter of kidnapping and murdering the Lindbergh baby that while keeping a tryst in a darkened automobile April 2, 1932, he saw Isador Fisch, Hauptmann's furrier friend, jump from the wall of St. Raymond's cemetery in the Bronx.

That is where Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon paid the \$50,000 Lindbergh ransom money.

Vague later on identifications of the surroundings and unwilling to name the girl in the tryst, now dead, Benjamin Hefer clung to his story that he flicked his automobile lights on and off and that in their glare he saw for about five or six seconds the man the evidence says got the ransom cash.

Earlier in the day Edward J. Reilly, chief of defense counsel, attempted to show through a woman witness, that Fisch attempted to peddle bundles which may have held ransom notes.

State objections halted the testimony but gave Reilly a chance to announce:

"I am prepared to prove that the man who jumped over the cemetery wall was Isador Fisch, that the money was handed to Isador Fisch, that Isador Fisch from that date on not only approached one but many persons in New York, trying to dispose of this money."

"I am going to trace everything I can to show that Isador Fisch and not this defendant received the money from Dr. Condon, tried to dispose of it, tried to leave it not only with this woman (Mrs. Bertha Hoff), finally left it with Hauptmann, and the development of the innocence of this defendant."

Again court was adjourned early today as five defense witnesses failed to answer Reilly's loud voice.

Justice Thomas W. Trenchard rebuked Reilly with the admonition he must have his witnesses in court.

During the day more friends of Hauptmann came to the stand to present testimony contradicting that of a Greenwich village theatre cashier, who said the man who passed a ransom bill at her cage on the night of November 26, 1933, was Hauptmann. That was the night, the defense claims, that a birthday party was held at the Hauptmann home for the defendant.

Monday's session of court featured the testimony of Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the New Jersey police, who was put on the stand by the defense, in which the colonel said all clues in the case point to "nobody else but Hauptmann."

The state police head said the

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"He who judges between two friends loses one of them."

FEBRUARY
5—Sweden recognizes United States' independence, 1783.

6—LaSalle starts exploration of Illinois River, 1682.

7—Millard Fillmore, 13th president, born 1800.

8—Boy Scouts of America incorporated at Washington, 1910.

8—Mississippi Valley tornado kills 200, 1884.

10—Crane patents the first fire extinguisher, 1853.

11—First of Canada's troops reach France, 1915.