

TODAY'S THOUGHT
"The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none."—Carlyle.

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CONGRESS CONVENES
The Seventy-fourth Congress is now assembled for its final session...

THE SESSION'S LENGTH
The Congress came together with the President and the New Deal suffering some loss of prestige...

One of the grave decisions that Congress must make relates to the formulation of a permanent neutrality policy...

ELECTION FIREWORKS
Overshadowing other considerations is the looming election next Fall...

ROOSEVELT'S CAMPAIGN
President Roosevelt will undoubtedly make an intensive campaign for re-election...

Mr. Roosevelt will make full use of the radio and his appeals are counted upon to have an effect upon the great mass of voters...

THE BORAH CAMPAIGN
Cleaning not less than 208 first choice votes out of a total of 997 delegates to the Republican national convention...

HIS OPPONENTS ACTIVE
Standing squarely before the senator's parade is the ponderous (continued on page 6)

Roosevelt Hits Big Business Foes In Annual Message

Brands Them "Cowards" And Challenges Them To Propose That Congress Repeal New Deal Laws

SPEAKS FRIDAY NIGHT

Appears Before Joint Assemblage Of Senate And House For Occasion. Is Given Big Ovation

Washington, Jan. 7.—Big business foes of President Roosevelt were branded Friday night by the chief executive as "cowards" and were accused of spreading false and poisonous fears...

Under the new deal the country is headed toward a balanced budget, Mr. Roosevelt continued, but he didn't indicate when it could be expected...

The international situation, the President said, is gloomy. Power seeking minorities are menacing a world tired of war...

Attempts to reduce world armaments have broken down, Mr. Roosevelt continued, and peace and good will toward men have faded in Europe and Asia...

It was one of the most sharply worded messages ever delivered to Congress by a President. He advocated only one specific piece of legislation—the permanent neutrality act...

He walked to a place below the speaker's chair as congressmen, senators and the packed galleries rose and gave him a three-minute ovation...

Whitehead Farmer Found Dead Jan. 1 In Field Near Home

J. S. Wagoner, 65, highly respected citizen of the Whitehead community, was found dead in a field near his home on the afternoon of January 1 by his wife...

Mr. Wagoner, who had been in poor health for a few weeks, had gone out to feed some cattle and in perhaps half an hour his wife, noticing unusual actions of the dog, went to investigate and found the lifeless body of her husband...

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 12 o'clock at the Whitehead Union church by Elders C. B. Kilby and Johnny Williams...

Putting on the Soldier Bonus Pressure



WASHINGTON... Above are the three men who are in command in putting the soldier bonus pressure on congress. Left to right, John Thomas Taylor, director of the American Legion Legislative Committee; Ray Murphy, National Commander of the American Legion; and, Wm. C. Barnes, executive secretary of the Legislative Committee.

Escaped Convict Is Slain Dec. 31 In Virginia Town

Was Wanted For Robbery Of Belk's Dept. Store In Sparta Several Weeks Ago. Buried In Virginia

Leo Wyatt, 35, bandit and escaped convict, wanted for half a dozen hold-ups and robberies, including the robbery of Belk's Department store in Sparta several months ago, was shot and killed early in the morning of Tuesday, December 31, in Martinsville, Va.

A Danville undertaker saved Wyatt's body from the medical dissecting table by burying it free of cost, in view of the fact that the slain man's mother, who lives on the River road, near Danville, Va., was found without funds and on relief.

The bandit's body was taken to Danville from Martinsville after it had been identified. His mother, Mrs. Nornie Wyatt, could not pay for a funeral. The only alternative was what is done in similar cases—to send the bullet-ridden body to a medical college...

Wyatt is believed by officers not to have been shot by Jim Turner, his confederate, by mistake but by bullets from the rifle of a Virginia state traffic officer. The damage done by the bullet, one of which ranged from the shoulder through the abdomen, indicated he was shot while lying (continued on page 6)

Expect House To Vote Friday On Bonus Measure

Washington, Jan. 7.—A veterans organization bonus bill, slightly amended as to its financing features, tonight was steered toward a House vote on Friday which Democratic leaders conceded would approve it by "an overwhelming majority."

Speaker Byrns said there was no disposition among the leadership to postpone action on the bonus until next week unless its backers wanted that. Members of the appropriations committee said they had no objection to laying aside the independent offices appropriation bill, which is to come up tomorrow for general debate.

That opened the door for the ways and means committee to ask for a rule on the bonus tomorrow, bring it up for House discussions Thursday and a vote Friday.

The bill would authorize immediate cash payment of the bonus, but offer a 3 per cent interest inducement to veterans not to cash their adjusted service certificates until 1945, the maturity date under existing law. It would provide no specific method of payment.

Hauptmann Given A Few More Days Before Execution

Prison Officials Will Not Electrocute German Until Late Next Week. Board To Hear Plea Sat.

LATEST NEWS
State Prison, Trenton, N. J., Jan. 7.—The execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted murderer of the Lindbergh baby, has been set for around eight o'clock on the night of Friday, January 17. Hauptmann was sitting in Cell No. 9, a towel around his neck and his face smothered in lather, when through the bars came a voice telling him of the fixing of the time. Hauptmann merely turned his head toward the corridor of the death house.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 7.—Officials of Trenton state prison decided yesterday that they would not execute Bruno Richard Hauptmann on the night of Tuesday, January 14, but would postpone the execution until later in the week. Thus, the condemned man—convicted of the Lindbergh baby kidnap-murder—was given a few more days of life.

It is customary in New Jersey to execute prisoners on Tuesday night, but January 14 coincides with the opening of the legislature, and for that reason Principal Keeper Mark Kimberling decided on a postponement. Kimberling declined to reveal the new date set for the execution, but most persons believe it will be Friday, January 17.

It was announced last night that the New Jersey court of pardons would meet at 10:30 a. m., Saturday to hear Hauptmann's appeal for commutation of sentence.

At that session of the eight men, including Governor Harold G. Hoffman, Hauptmann's lawyers will present the mysterious "new evidence" about which they have been talking for a fortnight.

The power of the pardons court is unlimited. They can, if they choose, free Hauptmann of the charge of murder, or they can commute his death sentence to life imprisonment.

Should the pardons court reject Hauptmann's plea, he will have only two chances to prolong his life. One will be a plea to the trial judge, Justice Thomas W. Trenchard, to grant a new trial. The other will be to obtain three reprieves of 30 days (continued on page 6)

Stockholders And Directors Of Local Bank Hold Meeting

The stockholders and directors of the Bank of Sparta held their regular annual meeting at the office of the bank on January 1.

A dividend of six per cent was declared in favor of the stockholders of record.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. A. Doughton, president; M. A. Higgins, vice president; Edwin Duncan, cashier, and M. A. Higgins, M. E. Reeves, D. C. Duncan, C. W. Edwards and R. A. Doughton, directors.

Annual Message Of Roosevelt Is Hit By Hoover

Says Powers Vested In Administration Should Not Be Possessed By Anybody In The U. S.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 7.—Vigorously attacking President Roosevelt's Friday night message to Congress, former President Herbert Hoover Sunday night said new powers that have been vested in the administration "never could be possessed by anybody in these United States."

In a statement bristling with sarcasm, Mr. Hoover, termed his successor's message on the state of the nation "a good example of the political method of accusing everyone as being terribly wicked and corrupt who objects to the many departures of the New Deal," from "proper national objectives and ideals."

Mr. Hoover, who recently departed from a policy of silence on public matters and began a series of speeches highly critical of the New Deal, passed through here en route to New York to attend a directors' meeting of the New York Life Insurance company.

"The most ominous note" of the message, he said in a prepared statement, "was the president's warning that the power he has assumed would be dangerous in other hands."

"It just happens that the ideal upon which our government was founded and hitherto conducted, is that it is dangerous to the people to have any man possess such powers or to allow any man to thus aspire to personal government instead of a government of laws. The question is, not that these powers, having been created and now in the hands of the good, might be transferred to the hands of the wicked, if the New Deal is not continued. It is that they never should be possessed by anybody in these United States."

After attending the board meeting in New York, Mr. Hoover will go to Lincoln, Neb., to deliver an address on January 16 on "agriculture." He declined to indicate its nature but said, "that's the fourth, you know." He has previously made three speeches criticizing the Democratic administration.

Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, boarded Mr. Hoover's train here Sunday enroute to Washington from California, and invited the former president to have dinner with him. The former president said he had accepted the invitation.

U. S. Leaders View Present Conditions With Much Optimism

Washington, Jan. 7.—Spokesmen for government, business and organized labor—speaking generally in optimistic terms—recently welcomed the New Year with suggestions for carrying forward in 1936 the recovery gains in 1935.

The expressions of optimism, however, were not unqualified. One business leader saw obstacles should government impose "burdens" on employers.

Secretary Roper summarized the government outlook as follows: "On the basis of the broad gains recorded in the economic and social life of the nation in 1935 and in view of the cumulative strength of the recovery forces, business and industry should now move forward courageously in the New Year with long term programs, looking forward to sound and stable progress."

PAYROLL ROBBERY SUSPECTS CAPTURED IN McDOWELL CO.

Marion, Jan. 7.—Three young men, suspected of being implicated in the hold-up of the Leward Cotton Mills office at Worthville, near Asheboro, this morning, were captured after a wild automobile chase in the Nebo section of McDowell county this afternoon about 3 o'clock.

Sheriff Adkins is holding the young men in jail here pending the arrival of officers from Asheboro.

United States Supreme Court Rules AAA Unconstitutional; Substitute Program Is Sought

Decision Of Nine Black-Robed Members Of High Court Is Read On Monday By Justice Roberts

VOTE OF JUSTICES ON QUESTION IS 6-3

Other New Deal Laws Are Left In Doubt As To Their Constitutionality. Roosevelt "Smiles"

Washington, Jan. 7.—So completely did the United States Supreme court splinter the administration's AAA program yesterday that previously planned patchwork was all but forgotten. An uncompromising 6-3 opinion not only wiped out President Roosevelt's cherished farm-aid program, but threw a shadow of doubt over other recent major legislation.

The opinion of the majority of the court, read by Justice Roberts, was called a "political stump speech" by irate Senator Bankhead (D), of Alabama, whose cotton control act awaits a ruling by the nine black-robed justices on its validity.

Justice Roberts held that AAA—as the agricultural adjustment act was called—invaded the "reserved rights of states" and was "beyond the powers delegated to the federal government."

The administration, obviously taken aback by the sweeping character of the Supreme Court's invalidation of the AAA, last night sought grimly but without immediate answer for some substitute farm plan.

From a hurriedly-summoned White House conference came a report that President Roosevelt hopes to pay farmers complying with existing crop control contracts up to today. But even the method for doing this was not clear.

So sweeping was the court's decision in knocking down all existing parts of the AAA that in one informed official quarter, it was said such payments, if made, might have to be direct grants without any obligation on the part of the farmer attacked. That is, it was explained, the payment might have to be made without reference to what it was paid for.

While hurriedly seeking some substitute, the administration last night moved to halt virtually all AAA operations. The Treasury announced formally, long after midnight, that no further processing taxes would be collected, and that "for the present" no checks would be issued either for benefit payments or for AAA administrative expenses.

Informed AAA sources indicated an order would go out tomorrow halting all activities in the field.

Far into the night, AAA leaders gathered in conference to canvas what might be done.

Three possibilities—and they were tentative possibilities only—were reported under consideration at the AAA. They were: 1. Organization of 48 state AAA's, financed by federal grants.

2. Payment of subsidies to farmers for "proper use" of land and not for crop reduction.

3. Adoption of some form of the old domestic allotment plan as a temporary measure.

There was a strong indication that some of the nation's leading farmers and farm organization officials would be called to Washington for conferences within a few days. This would be done before any proposed program would be announced.

In a vehement dissent, Justices Stone, Brandeis and Cardozo declared that "courts are not the (continued on page 6)

Brown Killed In Winston-Salem; Was Wanted Here

Is Second Man To Be Killed Last Week For Whom Sheriff Irwin Had Issued Warrants

A second man for whom Sheriff Walter M. Irwin had recently issued an arrest warrant was killed last week in Winston-Salem. Both men have been shot since January 1. The first man killed was Leo Wyatt, of Martinsville, Va., who, in company with "Frank Stone" (real name not known) broke into and robbed Belk's store in Sparta a few weeks ago. Sheriff Irwin had sent the warrants to Virginia and, in an attempt to take Wyatt, officers shot and killed him. Both Wyatt and Stone were escaped convicts and the latter has been apprehended and is now being held in Martinsville, Va., for the murder of a filling station operator near Martinsville. It is said that Stone has confessed the (continued on page six)

Bailey's Senate Seat Is Sought By Durham Man

Durham, Jan. 7.—David L. Strain, of Durham, made his formal announcement today as a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate in opposition to Josiah W. Bailey, incumbent.

"For two months I have been urged to oppose Mr. Bailey. Friends everywhere in the state have promised their support. It is patent that a change is desired, and I intend to wage an aggressive campaign for the nomination," said Mr. Strain, who is 47 years of age and a war veteran widely known in North Carolina.

"It is clearly apparent," he added, "that the people in the common walks of life in this state want representation in the Senate by a man whose interests rest with their own, a man with whom they can maintain the contact to which they are justly entitled."

Mr. Strain announced that campaign headquarters will be opened in the near future in Durham, where friends and supporters have volunteered to carry on while the candidate himself makes a personal tour of the state in a sound truck.

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" Luck is always against a man who depends too much on it."
JANUARY
8—Congress authorizes issuance of one cent post cards. 1872
9—The great blizzard in Minnesota. Seventy die. 1873
10—First U. S. Aviation meet held in Los Angeles. 1910
11—Glenn Curtiss sets airplane speed record of 55 miles per hour. 1919
12—Jack London, famed novelist, born 1876
13—The high price of "boom" causes serious riots in New York City. 1929
14—Congress ratifies the Peace Treaty with England. 1794