

House Passes Big Revenue Bill in Second Reading

3rd Reading To Be Given To Measure Tomorrow

Proposal Then Goes To Senate RALEIGH (AP)—A record-breaking \$355,000,000 appropriation bill, including permanent improvements, was reported to the House today upon the \$111,000,000 revenue bill passed second reading.

North Carolina has a continuing revenue bill adopted in 1939, and each subsequent Legislature amends it. Senate Finance and Public Accounts committee, which usually precedes final passage, usually precedes final passage.

Rep. Mull of Cleveland set up an amendment to the revenue reform recommendations providing that no further sale of state lands should be made in Cleveland County after next July 1, and that the County Board should be prohibited the sale of beer after that date. He said that he introduced it to draw effect from this legislative session opened and that it had been in committee 63 days.

The House previously had defeated a resolution of Rep. Hatch of Wake to strike out a section of the act to reduce franchise tax on business from \$125 to \$150 on each \$1,000 valuation. The bill amendment finally passed, 83-62.

Admiral James H. Doolittle, chief of the committee, committee directed a sub-committee to study a proposed inspection fee for the operation of plants, wholesale and retail, fish and other products.

Named to the sub-committee See REVENUE BILL on page 11-A

Union Foe Slain In Illinois Strike-Bound Railroad's President Assassinated

PEORIA, Ill.—George P. McNear Jr., Central Union in a 1946 strike on his little railroad, was assassinated last night and investigators attempted today to determine whether the shotgun blast was a fulfillment of old threats.

In another phase of the investigation, State's Attorney Roy Hill said he would question officials of the striking Railroad Brotherhoods and anyone else who might throw light on the killing of the 55-year-old president of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad as he took a walk near his fashionable home.

A close friend of the McNear family, Mrs. Robert Clark, related that as long as two years ago McNear had received threats by telephone from an anonymous caller. One of these calls, she said, carried a threat to "blow up your house" another that McNear's car would be blown up, Mrs. Clark said.

Dr. Robert Sutton, who resided nearby, and two Brainerd University students who reside with him, said they were speeding automobile south after they had heard the shot "several groans" Cornelius O'Brien, a private watchman, had just spoken to McNear and was more than a block away. He said he heard the shot but saw no automobile.

The 23-mile feeder railroad across Illinois from Effner, Ind. to Keokuk, Ia., has been crippled continuously for the last fifteen months by a strike. The company-union dispute has been marked by litigation, shootings, fires, and ob-

struction of trains. Two pickets were killed and three were wounded in a Gridley, Pa. 6-1946. Four railroad guards later were acquitted of manslaughter in that shooting.

The T. P. & W. was organized in 1926 at a receiver's auction by McNear, a mechanical engineering graduate of Cornell who moved from railroad construction work into Wall Street investment circles.

He improved the line steadily and turned red ink into black. After claiming to have lost in 1929 the first strike ever led by the Railroad Brotherhoods, McNear was outspoken and active in defying their threats.

He rode on trains through picket lines and vigorously denounced the strikers. Federal seizure by President Roosevelt in 1942, followed three months of violent incidents. After the road was returned to McNear the strike was resumed and there was more violence.

The current dispute began Dec. 28, 1941, when 104 engineers and trainmen among 600 employees quit. They asked for an eight-hour day and new working rules. During Government wartime management after March, 1942, operations resumed but negotiations failed and the strike was renewed Oct. 1, 1945, when the road was returned to McNear's management.

U. S. Policy Bound Up In Greek Issue

Truman To Talk Tomorrow

WASHINGTON (AP)—An assertion by Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, that the United States may shoulder worldwide obligations by helping Greece strengthened Congressional attention today on President Truman's promised report on the Mediterranean diplomatic crisis.

The President says before a joint session of the House and Senate tomorrow for a policy statement which members seem certain to weigh word by word before they give any decision to pump American dollars and prestige into Greece and Turkey.

There were strong indications that the form in which Mr. Truman has worded his proposal to help the two countries may tip the scales for or against American intervention at the strategic backdoor of Europe.

From what they learned at White House conferences, legislative leaders have concluded the President will recommend a loan of \$250,000,000 for Greece and a credit of \$150,000,000 for Turkey to bolster those two nations' economy in help meet the cost of maintaining their armed forces and pay for military equipment they need.

Vandenberg, who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has served as a State Department adviser at world diplomatic conferences, pointed up present Congressional opposition.

Route Would Follow New Line First Chosen By Engineers

Work Would Begin Without Delay

By DICK YOUNG Charlotte News Staff Writer Contract for the construction of the much-discussed cross-town boulevard along Westmoreland Ave. and the rest of the original route was scheduled to be presented for approval at this afternoon's session of the City Council.

The contract further provides that the right-of-way its only right-of-way will approximate 110 feet, the width between the City Hall late yesterday by Ben E. Douglas, Highway Commissioner, and L. B. Beck, of Alabama, the State highway engineer of the State Highway Commission.

It stated that the Council, which has already by majority vote approved the boulevard along Westmoreland Ave. and the rest of the original route, will initiate the program by construction of the boulevard between Long St. and E. Morehead St. by Fox St. and Stonehill St.

Since the highway contract is not an act of the Council, Mr. Yancy said he would recommend a unanimous consent for consideration of the proposal in order that final action might be taken today and the mayor authorized to sign the contract.

Under present Federal regulations, contract for construction of the highway must be officially awarded by the State Highway Commission. A movement under way to obtain Federal approval of the limitation for Federal grants.

Plastic Bubble Breaks Navigator Thrown From Plane 4 Miles Above Sea

NEW YORK (AP)—A navigator sighting on the stars from his plastic bubble atop a Conqallone was thrown from the plane four miles above the Atlantic Ocean last night apparently by the suction of the air outside and the pressure from inside the cabin when the bubble broke.

The freak accident occurred while the Trans World Airlines plane was 500 miles off of Gander, Newfoundland, en route to Geneva, Switzerland. The victim was George Hart of Sag Harbor, Long Island, N. Y. The plane immediately returned to Gander with its 21 passengers unharmed.

Woman Clad In Gown Strangled Second Within Few Hours

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The body of a woman, clad only in a nightgown and strangled with an electric cord, was found today on a river bed in suburban Norwalk a few hours after a one-time film studio legal expert was found bloodied to death near the Los Angeles City Hall.

The sheriff's office, which flashed first details of new killing—fourth in a series—in a short span of time, and near Los Angeles—said the victim had not been identified.

Anti-Freeze Kills GI

TOKYO (AP)—The Army announced today a second GI died from a heart attack after drinking antifreeze stocked. Two others of the three who imbibed the poisonous cocktail are in a critical condition. All names were withheld.

Cease Talking To Firemen

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One Samuel Stevenson Is Listed In Records

FRANKFORT, Germany (AP)—Sgt. Samuel Stevenson, Negro military policeman accused of killing a German soldier in the last week and after being wounded another MP who was shot by a German soldier.

The Charlotte Scene

By Tom Fesperman

The long freight came around the wide curve, crossed the trestle bridge and headed north. On the trestle bridge a passenger train whizzed along smoothly.

The moon, looking like a well-lit orange, glowed brightly on the hillside in the distance. A faint passenger engine over to the right, and faded up the short spur.

And the freight kept coming. The trains were sure to meet, in a reasonable time. A man standing by the tracks saw it all. His eyes opened widely, and he gasped.

He waved frantically. Signals were given. Power switches were thrown. The train stopped. The locomotive was checked about.

"Who's in there, except one?" "I'm sure," said Mr. Ritch. "All the cars are made here. Some are made from steel, some from old cheese boxes and cardboard and stuff like that."

On China Issue

MOSCOW (AP)—France and Britain sided with the United States today in the four-power Foreign Ministers meeting to block a Soviet attempt to place a discussion of China on the conference agenda.

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Earthquake In Honshu

TOKYO (AP)—A moderate earthquake was recorded in central Honshu today but no damage was reported. The tremor was felt from Mito, 100 miles north of Tokyo, to Gifu, 70 miles to the south. The epicenter was near Iwata, 25 miles northwest of Shikoku.

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OPA Liquidation Measure Passed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Compromise legislation liquidating the Office of Price Administration next June 30 passed the House today by a vote of 341 to 49.

WATER

Partly cloudy with little change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. Temperature at 7:30 today: High 65, low 48, breeze 4-11. Sunrise today 6:59. Sunset tomorrow 6:59.