

### Constitution Put In S. C. Limelight

#### Eighth Week of Assembly Is Over After Arguments On Liquor and Supreme Court.

Columbia, March 6.—Arguments for a more liberal constitution and a stricter liquor law took the limelight in the South Carolina general assembly during the eighth week.

The house of representatives heard the cry of its members that the United States supreme court stood in the way of a liberal interpretation of the constitution and passed by a 78 to 24 vote a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's proposal to change the judiciary.

House action threw the proposition back into the lap of the senate which had previously approved a lukewarm endorsement of the president's "courageous attitude in placing the question before the nation." Next week the senators will have an opportunity to pass on the house amendments.

Led by such staunch drys as Senators Lide, of Marion, and Lamey, of Chesterfield, a stubborn bloc of senators worked for adoption of a local option provision for the state liquor law. Debate was fiery but inconclusive and the senate agreed to take the matter up again Tuesday night.

An unusual action came Thursday when the senate returned Magistrate R. D. Hicks, of Inman, Spartanburg county, to the office from which Governor Olin D. Johnston had suspended him by disapproving the executive order.

The move took place in executive session and under the rules senators were not allowed to reveal what happened behind the closed doors. Johnston put the magistrate out of his job after lengthy hearings at which labor leaders charged that Hicks had been unfair to Startex mill workers in ousting them from company-owned houses.

Attacks on the workmen's compensation act, which Governor Johnston said in his annual message should be either amended or "re-pealed outright," continued through the week.

Thursday, at the insistence of several members who charged the commerce and manufactures committee with unnecessary delay, the house recalled a bill to repeal the compensation law from the committee. It faces third reading.

During the week members introduced bills to exempt textile mill and railway express employees from the act and the house passed a bill to exempt employees of state and county fairs.

The senate broke a precedent of long standing by killing a house-approved bill to extend the time for payment of 1936 taxes without a penalty of more than 1 per cent until May 1.

Governor Johnston appealed to the house in a special message to pass a senate bill extending the life of the temporary board of public welfare but the week's end found the measure still hanging fire. The social legislation committee reported a majority on the measure and action was expected in the house the first of next week.

The houses marked time on other Social Security proposals. The senate postponed debate on a bill before it to inaugurate a \$2,000,000 program, and the house social legislation committee altered the bill it sponsored so as to bring the counties in for 10 per cent of the cost.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW ASKED BY POPE

Columbia, March 9.—State Superintendent of Education James H. Hope, in his annual report to the legislature today, pleaded for a compulsory school attendance law and estimated the state's monetary loss for absentee pupils at \$3,000,000 annually. Such a bill is now before the house education committee.

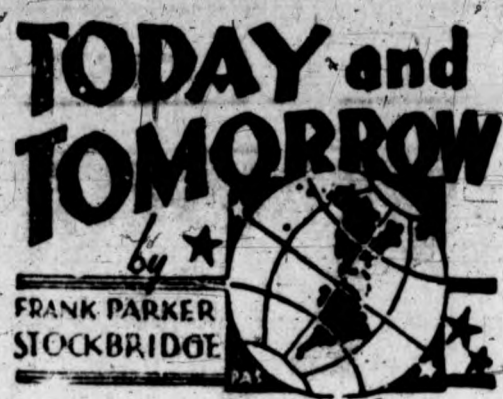
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A few days after my 21st birthday I drew a little more than \$550 from the bank. My grandfather's \$100 gift had multiplied itself more than five times! That was my first practical lesson in the breeding power of money.

### SAVINGS — Safe

The safest investment for the ordinary citizen is a savings bank account, especially in a "mutual" bank, such as those of New England, New York, Pennsylvania and some other states. No depositor in a mutual bank has lost a cent, I believe, in fifty years or more. And nobody makes a cent profit out of mutual savings bank deposits except the depositors.

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### TAXES — You Pay

You and I and each of our children and grandchildren are paying \$100 a year in taxes. The Twentieth Century Fund reports that is what the levy of federal, state and local governments upon every man, woman and child would come to if the tax burden were evenly distributed. The federal government takes 44 cents of each tax dollar, the states 20 cents and local governments 36 cents.

"But I don't pay any such amount of tax," you may say. Lots of folks think that taxes are paid only by the rich and the big corporations. But ask yourself where the people whose names are on the tax lists got the money to pay their taxes.

You and I pay them. The taxpayers can get their money for taxes only by selling things to you and me and all the rest. Every time you spend a nickel, the storekeeper or whoever takes your money, is an unofficial tax-collector. Your money pays his taxes, the taxes of the people who make whatever you buy, and the taxes of your landlord and all the other property owners. Think that over.

### WORDS — Meanings

In my work I have to be careful about the use of words. Like everyone else in the writing trade, it is important for me to be sure, not so much to use words which everybody understands as that the reader will understand the word to mean just what I intend it to mean. It's no literary crime to send readers to the dictionary; that's good for their intelligence. But when I write a word which in all my experience and by all the dictionaries means one thing, and find that its meaning has been changed in the public mind to mean something quite different, that's serious.

I'm thinking now of the word "Liberal" in its political sense. It used to mean in politics what it means in other relations—generous, tolerant, reasonable.

That old meaning seems to have been thrown away, and men call themselves Liberals today who are narrow-minded, intolerant and certainly not respectful of minorities and their rights.

### DEVILS

It is human nature to believe that an evil spirit actuates everyone who does not agree with one. From that it is but a step to regarding such persons as devils, and the next step is to personify groups and classes of people as devils.

I have heard about the "Money Devil" ever since boyhood. The money devil was a collective term for all bankers and others who tried to collect their interest on their loans to farmers. The railroads were the pet devil for years of those who blamed them for their personal misfortunes. It is an easy way to shift responsibility, to blame everything that goes wrong on an imaginary devil.

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### State Police Probe Urged

#### Greenville Grand Jury Calls For Inquiry. Several Presented for Indictment.

Greenville, March 8.—The Greenville county grand jury called today for a sweeping legislative investigation of the state constabulary, covering the last three years, in a special presentation handed down as general sessions court opened.

In the presentation, the following were presented for indictment: Lewis G. Prince, member of the Greenville county legislative delegation; J. Francis Drake, operator of a recreation center here; George W. Clapp, business man, and C. M. Whisnant, state constable.

The presentation follows:

"Because of the numerous rumors being circulated with respect to activities of the Greenville county grand jury in investigating public affairs of Greenville county, the grand jury begs, leave, in fairness to all concerned, to make the following special presentation:

"We present to the court for indictment the following persons:

"Lewis G. Prince, member of the Greenville county legislative delegation, for unlawful conspiracy to provide protection for illegal gambling devices, for bribery and obstructing justice.

"J. Francis Drake, for unlawful conspiracy to provide protection for illegal gambling devices, for bribery and obstructing justice.

"George W. Clapp, for unlawful conspiracy to provide protection for illegal gambling devices, for bribery and obstructing justice.

"C. M. Whisnant, for accepting

bribes while a state constable of South Carolina.

"The grand jury has considerable evidence in affidavit form to substantiate these charges and will turn same over to the solicitor for his use in drawing indictments and conducting prosecutions.

"Furthermore, as a considerable portion of the evidence secured by the grand jury relative to these cases involves also transactions outside Greenville county and concerns various officials and private citizens in a number of other counties, the grand jury begs leave to submit the following recommendation:

"That the Greenville county legislative delegation sponsor in the general assembly of South Carolina a joint resolution providing for a legislative investigation of the state constabulary, both as to appointments and law enforcement activities, over the last three years, said investiga-

tion to be conducted by a committee composed of three members of the house of representatives and three members of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, respectively, with an appropriation of not less than \$10,000 to cover costs of said undertaking."

### FLOODS KILL 32

Memphis, Tenn., March 9.—George Myer, Red Cross regional director of disaster relief, announced today his office had recorded 329 deaths attributable to recent flood waters in Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. He pointed out the total included scores who died of exposure and pneumonia following exposure.

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