

SENATE PASSES FARM MEASURE

Crop Control Bill Wins By Big Majority and Goes To President. Senator Smith Steers Plan Through With Borah and Others Opposing.

Washington, Feb. 14.—A crop control bill, praised as "the best farm bill ever enacted" and denounced as "regimentation" and "more harness" for the farmer, received final congressional approval today.

The measure, establishing a system under which the secretary of agriculture, in cooperation with farmer committees, may prescribe limitations upon the quantity of wheat, corn, cotton, rice and tobacco grown or marketed, now goes to the White House for the expected signature of President Roosevelt.

The last step in its tortuous journey through congress, which began in mid-November, was taken when the senate adopted a compromise measure, 56 to 31. The compromise is based upon the conflicting bills passed originally by house and senate.

While the bill establishes varying approaches for each of the crops affected, in general it directs the secretary of agriculture to make an estimate of the expected supply set this figure against expected demand and adjust production accordingly.

This would be done by paying benefits to farmers who planted no more than a specified acreage. In addition, in years of bumper crops, the secretary of agriculture would be empowered to fix marketing quotas, limiting the quantities that could be sold and thereby protecting the price. Such quotas would be dependent on a two-thirds vote of farmers taking part in special referendums.

Because of the big crops of the last year, the administration began agitating for farm legislation last spring, to replace the old agriculture adjustment act invalidated by the supreme court. Congress agreed to make the legislation the first order of business upon reconvening, and President Roosevelt called a special session last fall to deal with this, among other problems.

Before Christmas, divergent bills were approved by both house and senate after much stormy debate. Upon reconvening after the holidays a conference committee representing both houses took up the task of working the provisions of the two measures into one bill.

In so doing they incurred the wrath of dairy and cattle interests by eliminating provisions, contained in both bills, preventing farmers from going into the dairying or cattle raising business on land withdrawn from crop production. There were also complaints that matter included in neither bill was added by the conferences. "We have created a third house wholly independent of the senate and house to formulate our legislation," Senator McNary, Republican, of Oregon, the minority leader, complained today.

McNary was one of several who discussed the measure today. He said the bill provided no new benefits to the farmers, except an extension of loans upon the 1937 crop. This, he said, involved an immense expense to the government in insurance and storage costs. The bill as a whole, he added, makes the farmers "vassals" of the secretary of agriculture.

"It was parity the farmers were seeking, not compulsion, parity—it is not provided for in this bill nor one cent of additional benefits," McNary said.

"Is the senator willing to appropriate additional money for parity payments?" asked Senator Pope, Democrat, of Idaho.

"Yes, indeed," replied the Republican leader.

"I'm very glad to hear that," Pope said.

(Parity prices are those which would give a unit of farm products the same purchasing power it had in pre-war years).

Senator Barkley, the Democratic leader, said all were agreed that agriculture was a national problem, one that could not be solved by the states. "This is the best farm bill that has ever been enacted by the congress to deal with a great problem of American life," he said.

Gist of Measure

The measure provides:

- Authority to the Commodity Credit corporation to make loans on farm crops when huge surpluses deflate prices. The commodities would be stored under an "ever normal" granary plan during the bumper years for use during lean periods to assure a plentiful supply and reasonable prices to the consumer.
- For a \$100,000,000 federal insurance corporation to underwrite wheat crops against damage or destruction by natural causes and authority to buy them when necessary to stabilize prices and supply.

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Japanese Menace Big Enemy Army

Nippon Troops Threaten To Bottle Up 400,000 Men On Central Front.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—A Japanese army of 60,000 men, buttressed by hundreds of tanks and planes, has surged down across the plains of North China and is threatening to bottle up 400,000 Chinese on the Central front.

In modern war style but over the same rolling terrain, the Japanese were emulating the thirteenth century conquest by the Mongol emperor, Kubla Khan. Instead of the great Khan's yak tail banner the conquerors carried the rising sun flag.

The spearhead of this swiftly mobile column was less than twenty miles, including the broad Yellow river, between it and Kaifeng, Honan provincial capital near the western end of China's vital central front corridor.

Capture of Kaifeng would choke off the vital Lunghai railway, practically the only means of exit for the legions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek now deployed along the railway for 300 miles eastward to the Yellow sea.

Reports today from the northern Honan sector told of the 60,000 Japanese slogging knee-deep through mud and snow in the overland thrust toward the Yellow river.

Japanese said this and other offensives from both the north and south against the Lunghai railway were continuing with terrific losses to the Chinese, despite rain and snow which fought on the side of the defenders.

The column of 60,000 might become the cork for the bottle-neck still open on the western end of the Lunghai corridor.

The far-flung conflict had developed over the week-end into one of the greatest battles of the world.

This, in part, was a re-enactment with modern tools of war of the empire building conquest of the Grand Khan of the Mongols whose waves of shaggy cavalry about the middle of the 13th century over-powered the Chinese war chariots and foot soldiers armed with spears and bows.

Kubla Khan completed Genghis Khan's conquest of North China and like the twentieth century Japanese made Peiping capital of the north.

Kaifeng has a population of 200,000 and is situated on a broad plain frequently flooded by "China's Sorrow"—the Yellow river.

The provincial capital's protection against floods that have taken thousands of Chinese lives promised to become, in part, its protection against the Japanese drive—a series of embankments between the river and the city about ten miles to the south.

A dozen American men and women, Catholic and Protestant missionaries who declined to leave their posts, were among the city's foreign population.

There is also a Canadian Episcopal mission established in a synagogue raised 2,000 years ago by a tribe of Jews which settled there. Legend calls these Jews one of the "lost tribes of Israel."

High Court Upholds Truck Measure

Washington, Feb. 14.—The supreme court held today that provisions of a South Carolina law limiting the gross weight of trucks to 20,000 pounds and the width of 90 inches can be applied to vehicles operating in interstate commerce on standard concrete or asphalt highways.

Justice Stone delivered the decision on another of the many controversies over the boundaries of federal and state power.

The 1933 state statute was intended to preserve the highways and promote safety. Illinois, Kentucky and Texas had filed briefs contending states had the right to regulate use of their highways. Florida attacked the South Carolina regulations.

"The regulatory measures taken by South Carolina," Stone said, "are within its legislative power. They do not infringe the 14th amendment and the resulting burden on interstate commerce is not forbidden."

Stone announced no dissent. Justices Cardozo and Reed did not participate in the decision.

The tribunal reversed a ruling by a three-judge federal district court in South Carolina that the law can not be enforced against a group of interstate truck operators and shippers.

TO SPEAK SUNDAY

The Rev. J. McDowell Richards, D.D., president of Columbia Theological seminary, Decatur, Ga., will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Sunday, at both morning and evening hours of service. Dr. Richards on Monday morning will address the college student body at a special chapel program.

Gibraltar by A. B. CHAPIN

NEW RELIEF SET-UP URGED

Senator Bailey Proposes Remove Politics From Relief Jobs. Non-Partisan Board of Five Would Handle Problem.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Senator Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina, introduced a joint resolution today for a "nonpartisan administration" of relief funds by a new federal board of five members.

The board would take over all relief activities except those of the Civilian Conservation corps and the Public Works administration. It would elect its own administrator, to be paid \$12,000 a year.

The preamble to Bailey's resolution declared there is a "grave danger" that relief funds may be used for political purposes. The senator would make it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$500 or a year's imprisonment, or both, to solicit the votes of persons receiving relief or to use any relief office for political purposes.

The resolution also called for an investigation, state by state, of past relief expenditures.

Care of "normally unemployable" persons would be left to the states and their subdivisions. Relief projects would be designed to avoid competition with private enterprise. Wages and hours would be fixed with a view to ending federal relief as rapidly as possible.

The resolution declared unemployment is primarily the concern of state and local governments. It would fix funds, available to the new board up to January 15, 1939, at not more than one-third of the expense of administering the WPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938.

A request that congress appropriate \$250,000,000 immediately to meet increasing demands for relief today from the house appropriations committee.

The committee said there had been a "drastic" decrease in private employment since September. There is no indication, it added, of a business improvement sufficient to "justify a lesser amount."

President Roosevelt proposed the appropriation last week, saying in a letter to Speaker Bankhead that available funds were insufficient. The \$250,000,000 would be in addition to \$1,500,000,000 appropriated last June for the present fiscal year.

Aubrey Williams, acting administrator of the Works Progress administration, told the committee that 1,000,000 persons lost their jobs last month and 3,000,000 had been thrown out of work since September.

House leaders, arranging to begin consideration of the appropriation on the floor tomorrow, predicted that it would be approved speedily. Then it would go to the senate where, some members said, it might encounter more formidable opposition.

Williams said the appropriation would be used to provide employment for 2,000,000 persons this month and 2,500,000 in March, compared with 1,548,000 in September. He predicted that by June the relief load would have decreased to about 2,200,000.

Elliott To Lead College Services

Announcement was made this week from Presbyterian college that the Rev. W. N. Elliott, D.D., pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian church, Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker during the annual week of religious services for the students which will be held three days of next week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Two services will be held each day, at 11:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., in the college chapel.

Dr. Elliott is one of the outstanding ministers of the Southern Presbyterian church and his messages always make a strong appeal to young people. Preparatory to his coming the student body will hold special prayer meetings in all the dormitories every night at 10 o'clock to continue through next Monday night.

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Business To Talk About Assembly

State Commerce Leaders Meet In Columbia Today To Discuss Activity of Legislature.

Columbia, Feb. 12.—Activity of the general assembly as it effects business will get an airing here Thursday at a conference of business men sponsored by the South Carolina Federation of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry.

The federation has called a conference of business men to speak the thought of business on various matters before the legislature and congress, J. K. Breedin, managing director, said.

The call for the parley was issued by Breedin, A. L. M. Wiggins of Hartsville, president of the federation, and C. G. Timberlake, of Florence and Myrtle Beach, chairman of the legislative committee.

"Business men all over the country are becoming concerned because of the trend of legislation, both state and national," Breedin said.

"They say that taxes are going up constantly and that it is becoming more difficult every year to make profits."

"South Carolina business men have been unusually alert during the last six months. For the first time they cooperated in a very efficient fight on the national wages and hours bill and then promoted an organization to work for business and agriculture."

"The South Carolina Federation of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry came into being to work for the development of the state and to oppose measures militating against the industrial development of the state."

Directors of the federation are: J. B. Britton, Sumter; E. A. Gilfillin, Greenville; J. Wade Drake, Anderson; H. H. Morgan, Columbia; E. T. H. Sheaffer, Walterboro; L. M. Lawson, Darlington; J. B. Mahoney, Charleston; W. P. Jacobs, Clinton; J. Roy Pennell, Spartanburg; Alester G. Furman, Jr., Greenville; A. W. Huckle, Rock Hill; Robert H. Jennings, Jr., Orangeburg; J. R. Fahey, Fort Motte; J. F. Bland, Mayesville; Edwin G. Seibels, Columbia; J. L. Coker, Hartsville; Robert Gage, Chester; P. W. Johnson, Marion.

Federal Debt Hit Record Last Week

Washington, Feb. 14.—Treasury figures showed today the federal debt reached a record total of \$37,576,727,713 last week.

The debt had been considerably below this figure since December 15 when it rose temporarily because of financing. It is expected to reach \$37,853,000,000 by June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

FEDERAL TAX MAN COMING

A deputy collector from the office of collector of internal revenue will be in Clinton on March 2nd for the purpose of assisting taxpayers with the preparation of their 1937 income tax returns. The official will have his office at the post office building.

State Cinder Circus In May

The Presbyterian college track team will meet six state teams on its 1938 schedule, which opens in Clinton March 26th with the University of South Carolina. The colorful season will come to a close on May 6-7 when the annual state meet will be held here on Johnson field.

The schedule follows:

March 26—University of South Carolina at Clinton—varsity and frosh.

April 2—University of Georgia at Clinton—varsity.

April 9—Clemson at Clemson—varsity and frosh.

April 14—Furman at Greenville—varsity and frosh.

April 23—Wofford at Clinton—varsity and frosh.

April 30—Florida at Clinton—varsity.

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Noted Columnist Taken By Death

O. O. McIntyre, Small Town Boy Who Made Good, Was Ill Only Few Days.

New York, Feb. 14.—O. O. McIntyre, famous New York newspaperman—whose daily syndicated column, "New York Day by Day," made his name a household word to millions of readers—died at 2 a.m. Monday in his Park avenue apartment. He was fifty-three years old.

Pending a medical examiner's report, the exact cause of death was not known. He had been ill only a few days.

The jaunty, trim-figured writer jotted down his last column in bed on Saturday, read the Sunday papers and made notes for his next column, and then retired with the mild complaint that he felt "a little rocky."

"At the last, he seemed to become exhausted and just drifted off to sleep," said Charles B. Driscoll, long-time friend of McIntyre and editor of McNaught's Syndicate, which released the columnist's daily 800-word vignettes on the passing scene of New York to 508 newspapers from coast to coast and in Canada and Mexico.

Only his wife, the former Maybelle Hope Small, was at his bedside when he died. He had refused a doctor, saying he would soon be up and "feeling chirpy" again. Mrs. McIntyre, his devoted companion since their marriage in 1908, said his last words were:

"Turn your face toward me so I can see you."

They would have celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary, also his fifty-fourth birthday, on Friday.

Funeral services will be held at Gallipolis, Ohio, probably on Thursday.

Thus the lantern-jawed cosmopolitan—the "small town boy," as he frequently described himself, who rose to fame and riches as the epitome of the nation's idea of a "typical New Yorker"—will return at last in death to the never-forgotten Ohio river town of his boyhood.

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STANDS HIGH AT WINTHROP

The Men-of-the-Church of the First Presbyterian church will hold their regular February meeting in the dining department of the church tonight at 7:30. Following the serving of supper by one of the circles, an interesting program will be presented on the subject of "Our Religion In Our Business." All Presbyterian men in the city are cordially invited.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!

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ONE LEGAL SALE

Clerk of Court John D. Davis made one legal sale on February salesday in the cause of the Federal Farm Mortgage corporation vs Mrs. M. J. Kennedy, 83 acres of land in Laurens township being bid in by R. E. Babb, attorney, for \$500. Sheriff Wier conducted a number of sales for tax items.

TO MAKE INSPECTION

Major Charles C. Loughlin, commandant at Wofford college, has been designated by the U. S. war department to serve as inspector during the annual government military inspection of the Presbyterian college R. O. T. C. unit on April 21, according to an announcement from the military department.