

STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WAGE DESPERATE BATTLE TO ESCAPE FINANCIAL RUIN

Slash Wasteful Expenditures, Consolidate Departments, Curtail Building in New 'War for Freedom.'

CONFRONTED BY HUGE DEFICITS

Roosevelt Cuts Sixteen Millions Off New York's Budget; Pinchot Weeds Out Bureaus, Fights Lower Pay.

The nation is at war against the high cost of local and state governments. Officials and taxpayers are demanding decreases. New means of obtaining revenue are being sought.

Through the boom years of 1928 and 1929, public work proceeded with great strides. Millions were spent. Today, with the decrease in national business, officials are seeking means of curtailing expenditures to drive away deficits. Consolidations of government departments are being made. Vast works are being eliminated and postponed.

The United Press presents herewith the first of a series dealing with state government attempts at retrenchment. This article covers the east and daily, for the remainder of the week, articles will be presented covering every section and state in the Union.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A new war for freedom—this time against increasingly heavy costs of state and local government—has spread through the east as officials have striven to eliminate expenses threatening financial ruin.

From the locale where the first Pilgrims sought freedom in the new world and through the great money centers of the nations, there circulated the unanimous demand that economies in keeping with the times be effected. Village and hamlet, city and town were affected.

The millions of dollars voted in prosperous yester-years were forgotten as budgetary chiefs sought means to save a few dollars here and several thousand there, in an attempt to prevent enormous deficits which almost every commonwealth foresees.

Departments Consolidated

The United Press reviewed conditions in the eastern tier of states—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. In only one, Delaware, was there found to be a situation of relative economic ease.

Many measures for economy are suggested. Work on the great strips of modern highways must cease at many places. Municipality salaries are being cut—some voluntarily.

Overlapping state departments are being consolidated and eliminated—some by as much as 200 and 300 per cent. New construction is being eliminated.

The state by state survey by the United Press:

New York—The new budget recommended by Governor Roosevelt calls for \$201,291,114 or \$16,624,932 reduction from that of the previous year. Expenses of eleven departments cut, including \$8,000,000 road building. The budget recommended 100 per cent increase in 1932 income taxes, doubling of the 2 cents a gallon gasoline tax and levying of an emergency tax of 2 cents on every share of stock traded (thus doubling the old tax).

New York Doubles Gas Tax

Governor Roosevelt has recommended a moratorium on statutory increases in school teachers' salaries to save between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. Mayor Marvin of Syracuse literally has forced salary reductions of all city employees.

New Jersey—Governor A. Harry Moore recommended more than 100 departments be consolidated into twelve departments; abolition of thirty-five commissions; two-year recess in road building; return of \$16,500,000 to the municipalities from the road building fund; temporary postponement of institutional construction.

May Cut Salaries in Maine

Connecticut—Governor Cross announced projects not regarded as immediately necessary must be postponed, including the \$10,000,000 Merritt highway program.

Maine—Governor William Tudor Gardner said state employees might have salary reductions on a sliding scale of 5 to 15 per cent and the Code bill, recently endorsed by voters, will consolidate many departments at a saving of \$300,000 annually.

Massachusetts—Governor Joseph B. Ely recommended salaries of all employees earning more than \$2,000 annually be reduced 10 per cent; that administrative expenses be cut; that state departments reduce their expenses 5 per cent.

The proposed unemployment appropriation this year is \$400,000 against \$2,000,000 last year—last year's covering a two-year period. Mayor Curley of Boston is expected to cut city expense by \$5,000,000.

New Hampshire—Economical

New Hampshire—Budget estimates for 1931-1932 cut from \$4,113,301 to \$3,618,151 and the budget estimates for 1932-1933 cut from \$4,297,778 to \$3,795,523. The legislature meets only every two years.

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Suit Follows Tragedy

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 25.—Suit for \$10,000 has been filed by Avenal M. Potter, administrator of the estate of Charles W. Miles, against Raymond Stevens, Richmond, whose automobile struck Miles more than a year ago, causing death.

ARREST SEVEN, SEIZE CIGARETS IN POLICE RAID

Robbery of Warehouse Is Believed Solved by Detectives.

With purported confessions from five members of a gang of alleged thieves, detectives today said they had cleared up the \$17,000 cigarette robbery from a warehouse of the Hamilton-Harris Company two weeks ago.

Held under bonds of \$10,000 each, on vagrancy charges, the alleged thieves are said to have told detectives how they "spotted" the warehouse several days and then cut their way into the cigarette storage department and fled with the loot.

Those held are:

John Baxter, 50, and William Brown, 23, both of Twenty-first street and the Post road; Herbert Skaggs, 28, of 2020 West McCarty street; Alfred Cross, 35, and James Cross, 30, of 2526 Adams street; Fred Harker, 38, of 3324 East Vermont street, and Frank Bernard, operator of a grocery at 2134 North-western avenue.

Cases against the suspects were continued to Jan. 29 in Municipal

Judge William H. Sheaffer's court. All but the Cross brothers were made to stand and the Cross brothers were made to sit.

The Cross brothers, Skaggs, Baxter and Brown, were nabbed in Baxter's home on the Post road early Saturday night by armed police and detective squads who surrounded the residence shortly after dark. Police said they confiscated 210 of the 252 cases of stolen cigarettes, a 50-gallon whisky still and a quantity of booze.

Skaggs is said to have admitted organizing the gang after the Cross brothers are alleged to have made him a disposal proposition on stolen cigarettes.

According to detectives, Skaggs said the warehouse was watched several nights and they obtained trucks to haul away the loot by breaking into the Diamond Trucking Company, adjoining the warehouse.

From their first hiding place in Mars Hill, the stolen goods were hauled to Baxter's home several days later and were being removed from there Saturday night when officers arrived.

Baxter is said to have told police he had taken no part in the robbery, but had agreed to "hold the hot stuff" for the alleged thieves for several days.

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Barker is said to have admitted receiving \$15 for driving the truck in which the cigarettes are said to have been hauled from the Mars Hill plant to Baxter's home.

Bernard, according to officers, confessed he bought seven cases of the cigarettes and was to have received three more for \$340. He claimed he did not know the cigarettes were stolen, authorities said.

'HUMAN MISERY' FIGHT IMPENDS BEFORE SENATE

Poor Appropriation Bill Is Likely Center for Bitter Battle.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Another bitter battle over the suffering of the destitute, similar to that which caused President Hoover a year ago to accuse senators of "playing politics at the expense of human misery," impends in the Senate.

Last year the fight centered largely around drought relief, but unemployment figured in the dispute.

The jobless now dominate the problem. Senators Costigan (Dem., Colo.) and La Follette (Rep., Wis.) have sent to the Senate with a favorable committee report, a bill to appropriate \$375,000,000 for the destitute.

The Senate plans to devote today to discussion of silver and the possibility of fixing its value in relation to gold. There is scheduled for Tuesday a bill dealing with deportation of alien seamen. With those two matters out of the way, the un-

employment relief battle should begin.

President Hoover has fixed for the administration the policy of making the states and communities responsible for feeding, clothing, sheltering and providing medical attention for persons unable to provide for themselves.

Witnesses before the Costigan-La

Follette committee have testified that families in some areas are trying to subsist on as little as \$5 a month. There were stories of six families finding shelter in a six-room house. Witnesses have estimated that some seriously affected centers may experience disorders in February and March, unless additional relief sources are discovered.

Administration leaders are not confident they can beat the relief bill in the Senate. There is a disposition to look to the Democrats in the house to block it. The issue raises a nice question of politics in a presidential year.

Observers believe the Democrats will find a way out of the difficulty by a free vote in which the party leaders will not express any preference, and the individual representatives will make their own choice.

The Democrats have announced they will reduce Mr. Hoover's budget recommendations by \$300,000,000 this year.

The relief appropriation would wipe out the aggregate treasury must supply. Under those circumstances administration leaders expect the house either to defeat the relief bill or drastically reduce the appropriation.

Costigan and La Follette would

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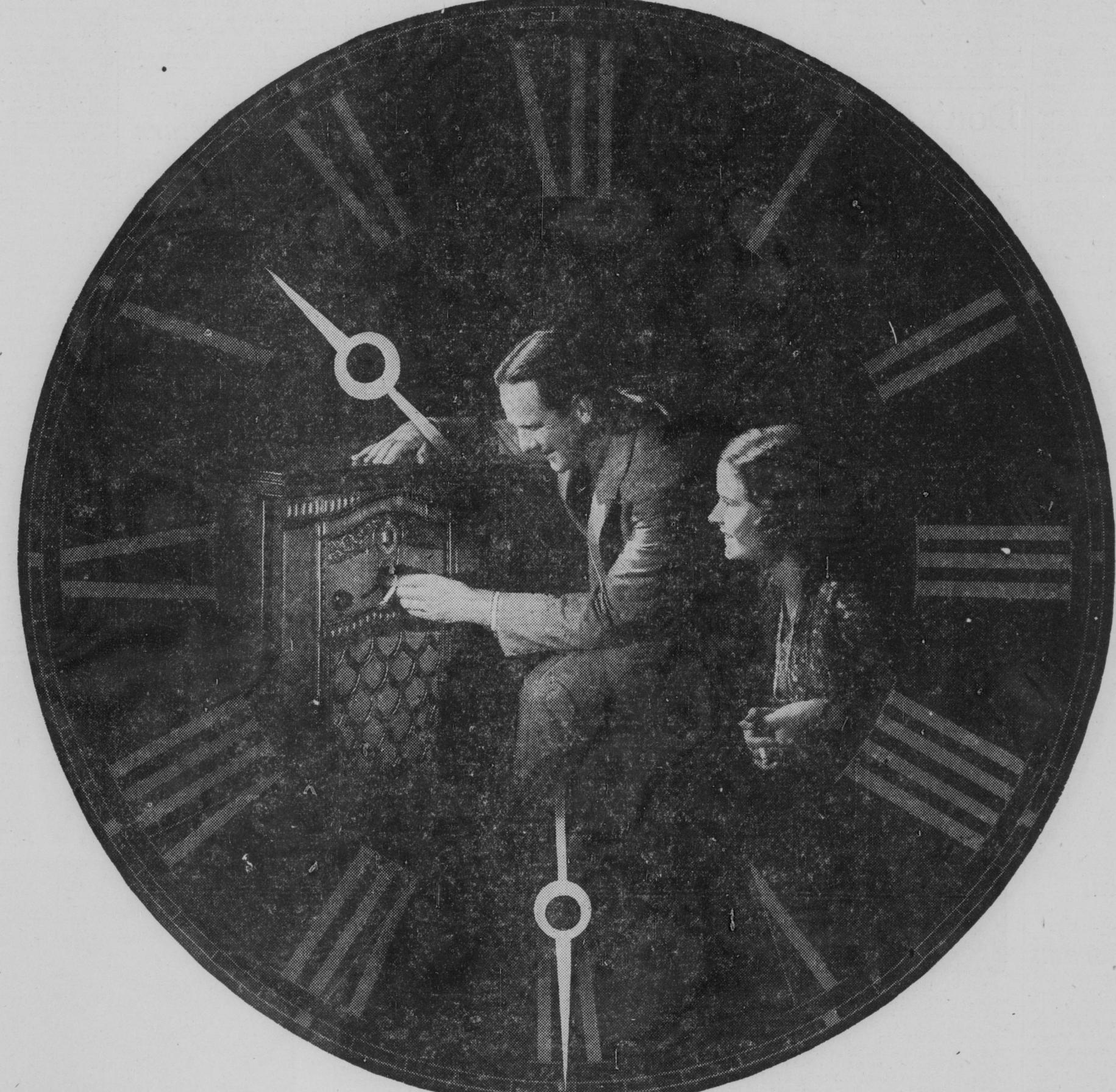
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