THE WEATHER
ASHEVILLE AND VICINITY: Wednesday cloudy and colder; showers.

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CITY EDITION

NEW CHARTER AND NON-PARTISAN VOTING PLAN FOR CITY APPROVED BY BIG MAJORITIES IN REFERENDUM

Conspiracy Count Cites $4,000,000 In Public Funds

Five True Bills With 15 Defendants Are Included In List

LUKE LEA GROUP FACES NEW CASE

Redraft Of Old Bills To Conform To New Information Made

Two new names, those of Charles N. Malone, former bond attorney for Asheville and Buncombe county, attorney for the county board of education and legal advisor of the defunct Central Bank and Trust company, and J. E. Gibbs,

C. N. MALONE SAYS HE IS NOT GUILTY UNDER INDICTMENT

CHARLES N. MALONE, bond attorney, in a brief statement last night denied that he is criminally involved in loss of city money on deposit in the Central Bank and Trust company as charged in a bill of indictment yesterday.

Mr. Malone said:

"I am not guilty of the charges preferred in the indictment. When the facts are presented I will be fully vindicated."

J. E. Gibbs, former city secretary-treasurer, is absent from the city and the state. He and Mr. Malone were the only two figures brought yesterday into the grand jury investigation.

SUPPORTERS OF LUXURY TAXES ARE CONFIDENT

Claim Enough Senate Votes To Instruct Committee

MEMBERS ADJOURN FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Next Meeting Scheduled Not Earlier Than Thursday

RALEIGH, April 21. (AP)—The conference committee on the revenue bill broke up this afternoon with the Senate conferees unable to agree either among themselves or with the House conferees.

The Senate conferees will ask for instructions as to their attitude on the sales tax issue, both general and luxury, and the committee will

Vote By Precincts In Charter Referendum

PRECINCT	NEW CITY CHARTER FOR	NEW CITY CHARTER AGAINST	NON-PARTISAN VOTING FOR	NON-PARTISAN VOTING AGAINST
No. 1	360	75	319	106
No. 2	211	162	202	153
No. 3	210	55	200	56
No. 4	478	68	423	96
No. 5	429	125	359	169
No. 6	318	145	306	149
No. 7	315	97	291	110
No. 8	310	61	290	75
No. 9	251	49	203	98
No. 10	154	64	138	29
No. 11	74	321	75	315
No. 12	184	94	167	100
No. 13	111	74	96	79
No. 14	142	142	140	129
No. 15	122	100	119	96
No. 16	82	59	74	67
No. 17	131	54	146	59
No. 18	281	130	256	130
No. 19	220	307	233	282
No. 20	215	357	238	323
No. 21	139	138	138	126
No. 22	238	178	230	163
No. 23	225	191	230	173
TOTALS	5220	3046	4873	3092

CITY RELIEVED AND DELIGHTED WITH OUTCOME

Victory Of Charter Is Greeted With Great Joy, Enthusiasm

MEANS RECOVERY LEADERS DECLARE

Citizens Say Big Step Taken Is Solution Of Problems

The over-whelming victory of the council-manager city charter and the non-partisan plan of elections was greeted by the Asheville community last night—for the most part—by enthusiastic expression of approval and joy, great relief and satisfaction.

The Citizen was deluged with

COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT WINS BY VOTE OF 5,220 TO 3,046

Non-Partisan Voting Plan In City Elections Is Approved By Vote Of 4,873 To 3,092 With Majority Of 1,781 Votes

VICTORY CLIMAXES HARD WORK

Referendum Election Result Is Achievement For Supporters Of Modern System Of Municipal Government For City

Riding to victory on a tidal wave of popular approval, the new city charter, providing for a council of nine members and a city manager, was adopted by the people of Asheville at the polls yesterday in a special referendum election, by a vote of 5,220 to 3,046.

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Partly cloudy Tuesday.

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AN OLD FRIEND
One of The Citizen's most popular features is THE OLD HOME TOWN. Turn to Page 2 this morning and enjoy a slice of wholesome life.

HOUSE VOTES TO REPEAL BUNCOMBE ABSENTEE LAW

Senate Coalition Prepared For All-Summer Fight On Relief

HOUSE G. O. P. LEADERS ARE DENOUNCED

Bitterness Of Debate Is Unparalleled In Senate History

CARAWAY SCORES HOOVER POLICY

Borah Draws Forth Roar Of Applause When He States Position

AUSTRALIAN CITY RAZED BY QUAKE; FEAR MANY DEAD

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb. 3, (Tuesday)—(AP)—A terrific earthquake which rocked Napier, a city of 14,346 population on the west coast of North Island, at 8:31 o'clock this morning caused reports of a great loss of life.

Messages broadcast by his majesty's sloop Veronica said that a great toll was feared and that some deaths were certain, although it gave no figures.

The ship's messages added that nearly every stone building in the town was destroyed and that fires were raging in the center of the city.

Bluejackets landed immediately from the Veronica to aid in relief work, while the warships Dromede and Dunedin left Auckland with doctors, nurses and medical supplies.

CONGRESS SPEEDS

COURT-MARTIAL OF GEN. BUTLER SLATED FEB. 16

Marine General Will Be Tried By Navy Court At Philadelphia

EXACT CHARGES NOT YET DRAWN

Possibility Of Public Sessions Indicated By Authorities

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2, (AP)—Philadelphia, which has seen Smedley D. Butler leading its drive on crime

World Wires

MADRID, Feb. 2, (AP)—The giant German seaplane DO-X lay anchored in Gando Bay near Las Palmas, Canary Islands, tonight preparing to hop off for the Cape Verde Islands early Tuesday morning should weather and ocean conditions be favorable.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 2, (AP)—Mrs. Mamie Bell tonight was found guilty in general sessions court as an accessory after the fact to manslaughter. The jury, out one hour and 45 minutes, recommended mercy. Sentence of five years in the State penitentiary was passed immediately.

HAVANA, Feb. 2, (AP)—The presidential decree limiting the output of sugar and assigning quotas to the mills went into effect today with the publication of the order in the official gazette at noon. The decree provides for a production of 3,122,000 long tons.

FINANCIERS TO BE QUESTIONED ON BONUS PLAN

Hawley Calls Industrial Leaders To Testify At Hearings

GARNER CHARGES DELAY IS SOUGHT

Bank Failures Predicted If Bonds Are Floated To Pay Bonus

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2, (AP) Owen D. Young and half a dozen other industrialists were called to-

Cannon To Be Tried Here



UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IS GIVEN LOCAL BALLOT BILL

Measure Is Sent To Senate By Special Messenger

EXPECT APPROVAL IN UPPER HOUSE

Application Is Only To Local Elections In This County

February 2, 1931



BILL TO REPEAL
ABSENTEE LAW
PASSES SENATE

Buncombe Measure Will
Be Verified Today;
Is Then Law

SIX-YEAR FIGHT
COMES TO CLOSE

Prohibits Voting By
Absentee In Local
Elections

February 6, 1931 Howell-Reed Bill is ratified by the General Assembly

(By Staff Correspondent)

RALEIGH, Feb. 5.—The Senate this afternoon passed the Howell-Reed bill to repeal the absentee ballot law for local elections in Buncombe county on the second and third readings despite opposition that grew to formidable proportions near the end of the 20-minute debate.

The vote on the final reading stood 25 to 19, and, if Senator Bernard had delayed five seconds in demanding a standing vote, the bill would have been killed.

Narrow Escape

On the ayes and noes, the Senate's presiding officer, Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Fountain, ruled "the noes seem to have it." Before he said the clinching words "the noes have it" Senator Bernard jumped to his feet, demanding a division.

On the standing vote, Senator Bernard's friends rallied to his aid, 25 senators standing in favor of the measure. It was a tribute to the senator's personal popularity, because many of the Senate leaders were inclined to junk it.

Will Be Ratified



e bill will be ratified tomorrow a which it becomes law.

Mrs. E. L. McKee, senator from Jackson county, voted for the measure, and Senator K. E. Bennett, of Bryson City, was absent from the floor. The Republican minority leader voted against it.

Before passing the Buncombe bill, the senate voted down amendments that would also exempt the entire state and several individual counties, including Sampson and Polk, from provisions of the absentee ballot law.

Criticizes Senate

In his speech in support of the amendment for Polk county, Senator MacLean criticized the senate for its action in extending privileges to Buncombe county that it denied to other counties of the state.

"Buncombe county doesn't need it any more than Polk, or any other county in the state," he declared. "The only difference between Polk and Buncombe is that a Women's League in Buncombe county is able to holler louder, and they have money to send telegrams to us. The same condition exists in Polk county, and I demand the same privileges."

The senator paid his respects to the group of Buncombe county persons who had sent him telegrams, declaring they were "anti-ring Democrats" and had deserted their party.

Falling in his amendments, Senator MacLean sought to have the bill labeled "special privilege to Buncombe county," but was ruled out of order by the presiding officer.