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## General Johnson Offers New Plan To Broaden NRA

### Beats Critics to the Gun With 12-Point Program At Conference Opening In Capital

#### WIDE REVISION OF CODES SUGGESTED

#### Hearings Will Be Followed By Bigger and Better Blue Eagle Compliance Campaign To Make the Emblem Indispensable to Business, He Says

Washington, Feb. 27 (AP)—Hugh S. Johnson beat NRA's assembled critics to the gun today by suddenly unfolding a 12-point program for revising codes.

Before the hundreds invited to complain could voice a single criticism, the NRA administrator announced a wide code revision would be effected, if possible, by sweeping presidential mandates.

Individual industries, Johnson told the opening session of his "field day for criticism" will be allowed modification only if justification can be shown in public hearings.

Code hearings, he added, will be followed by a bigger and better Blue Eagle compliance campaign—call it what you will, he said—to make the emblem indispensable to all business.

"We are going on as we have begun," he said in a paragraph aimed at NRA's enemies. "These meetings are the first move in a closing up of our ranks for a new forward movement by NRA."

"Change of circumstance may stop it, but you are not going to stop it, or even make it falter."

The twelve corrections which he said already gathered data has shown to be necessary were:

1. A more uniform and equitable rule of price stabilization, where necessary to prevent throat-cutting competition, with further insurance against price outstripping purchasing power.
2. A more effective rule to prevent sales below cost of production.
3. Uniformity in wages and hours in industries which are competitive.
4. Uniform classification of areas for the prevailing southern wage differential.
5. Further reduction in work hours and further increase in hourly wages.
6. Protection against monopoly, oppression of small enterprise and inclusion in codes of buying regulations to protect the small fellows.
7. An improved method to secure compliance.
8. A method for financing code administration.

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## RALPH CAPONE OUT AFTER TERM ENDS

Long Branch, Wash., Feb. 27.—(AP) Ralph Capone, elder brother of Scarface Al Capone, left McNeil Island penitentiary today a free man after serving two years and five months for income tax evasions. He said he would enter legitimate business in Chicago.

## Negro Woman and Four Children Are Killed on Trestle

Fayetteville, Feb. 27 (AP)—A Negro woman and four children were killed at one o'clock this afternoon by an Atlantic Coast Line train as they were crossing a trestle near Hope Mills. The bodies were badly mangled.

## Friendship Figured In Mail Fund

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Charles that political influence and personal friendship were generally used by air mail operators in obtaining contracts during the Hoover administration were laid before Senate investigators today by Karl Crowley, department solicitor.

## Hurt in Plane Leap



Lieut. Norman Burnett

Lieutenant Norman Burnett, 28-year-old army aviator pilot, is shown on his cot at Memorial hospital, Fremont, O., where he is being treated for injuries received when he "bailed out" of his mail plane before it crashed during a snowstorm near Fremont. His left leg was fractured in the leap.

## GOVERNMENT PLANS LOAN OF MILLIONS TO BE GIVEN CUBA

### Would Be Utilized for Purchase of Silver in Markets in the United States

#### WILL BE MADE BY BANK JUST FORMED

#### Imports and Exports Bank Announced Following Conference at White House Last Night, and Will Be One of Three To Boost U. S. Foreign Trade

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A government loan of several millions of dollars to Cuba for purchase of silver in this country was described today as probable.

The loan it was said, would be made through the Imports and Exports Bank for Trade with Cuba, the organization of which was announced only last night after a conference at the White House between President Roosevelt and his chief trade advisors.

Later the bank may engage in other credit facilities concerning Cuba.

## 85 Catastrophe Deaths In Four Days Over U. S.

(By the Associated Press.)

Four days of catastrophe, aloft and aground, have brought sudden death to at least 85 people in the United States.

A train wreck, plane crashes, bus smash-ups, lethal carbon monoxide and above all the fury of winter storms—have swelled the grisly roll.

In that span—Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday—these major tragedies have shocked the country. Air liner crashed near Salt Lake City late Friday, eight dead.

## Named to Radio Post



Rep. Anning S. Prall

There is Representative Anning S. Prall of New York, who has been nominated by President Roosevelt as a member of the Federal Radio commission, succeeding William D. L. Starbuck, whose term has expired.

## COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BILL PUT BEFORE CONGRESS

### Administration Proposal for Regulating Services Is Introduced in Both Houses

#### QUICK RESPONSE TO ROOSEVELT'S WISH

#### Hearings Are To Start Before House Committee Soon as Stock Exchange Regulation Measure Is Completed; Senate To Get To It Soon As Possible

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The administration bill to create a Federal communications commission of seven members to regulate foreign and interstate telegraphs, telephone, cable and radio service was introduced today in both houses of Congress.

Quickly responding to a request received only yesterday from President Roosevelt, Senator Dill, Washington, and Representative Reyburn, Democrat, Texas, chairman, respectively, of the Senate and House committees on interstate commerce, offered the legislation.

Hearings are to start before the House committee as soon as the stock exchange regulation bill is out of the way. The Senate committee will get to it as soon as possible.

While applying to "common carriers" the same provisions of the interstate commerce act, the measure re-enacts and broadens the radio act to give the commission widest powers over the newest of the communication services.

## Hands-Off Policy Will Be Played by Roosevelt Groups

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Roosevelt Democrats declared a hands-off policy today in regard to Democratic candidates in the coming primary elections.

James A. Farley, as chairman, in a statement said the national committee would take no part for or against any Democratic candidate.

The statement, however, was understood not to apply to Progressive Republicans known to have the approval of the administration, such as Senator Johnson, of California.

## HOUSE TO PROVIDE ARMY AIR INQUIRY TO START SHORTLY

### Rules Committee Endorses McSwain Measure For Thorough Investigation of Problem

#### GOES TO THE HOUSE WITH OUTLOOK GOOD

#### To Be Directed With View To Formulating Legislation To Prevent Army Air Officials From "Evading the Law" in Purchases Made By Them

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The McSwain resolution for a thorough investigation by the House Military Committee into army aircraft equipment was approved today by the House Rules Committee.

The resolution now goes to the House, with indications that the inquiry will be authorized.

It is to be directed with a view, McSwain said, to formulating legislation to prevent army officials from "evading the law" in the purchase of airplanes, motor trucks, refrigerators, the disposal of surplus war equipment and all other phases dealing with the expenditure of funds by the department.

## Night Watchman At Waxhaw Killed With Iron Club

Waxhaw, Feb. 27.—(AP)—J. E. Williams, 52-year-old night watchman at the Rodman-Heath cotton mills here, was found clubbed to death at the mills early today.

Beside him lay a heavy blood-smeared sledge hammer which his slayer apparently had taken from the mill furnace room.

The body was found in a passageway between the main section of the mill and the engine room by R. D. Simms, town watchman and another watchman at the mill, who became suspicious when Williams failed to report to the engine room on schedule.

## NAVY DEPARTMENT OPPOSES PROFITS

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Navy Department opposition to a flat ten percent limit on profits and to governmental building of aircraft and engines was placed before a House naval sub-committee today as it prepared to wind up its study of the profits that have been made on navy contracts.

## START WRITING OF NEW AIR MAIL LAW

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The House Post Office Committee today completed preliminary revision of a new permanent air mail bill approving general provisions under which carriers whose contracts have been cancelled may obtain new contracts.

## Tennessee Man Explains Placing Missing \$100,000

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Testifying in his own defense, J. L. Reece, accused of stealing \$100,000 in bonds from the State Insurance Department, said today he delivered \$22,000 in cash for use in the 1932 gubernatorial campaign of Governor McAlister.

All of this was from the unadjusted back tax account, except \$500 which Reece said he put up personally. He said all the funds were delivered personally to A. V. Louthan, Nashville attorney, in a hotel room here.

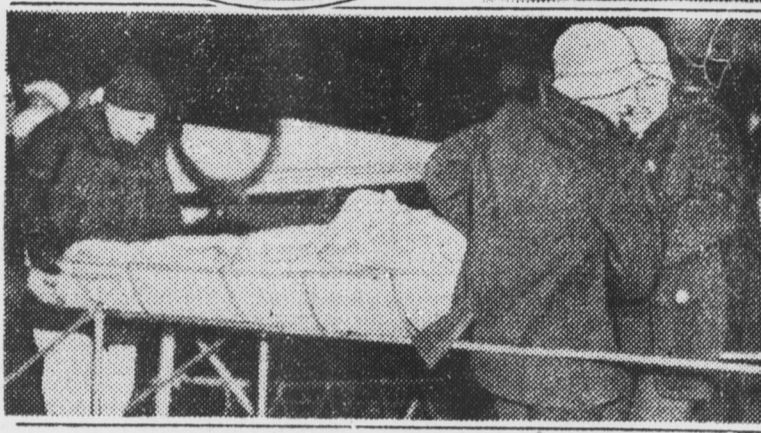
## Cleveland Mills Are Shut Down

Shelby, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Cleveland cloth mills were ordered closed at noon today as picketing strikers continued their activities against non-union employees persisted in working since a large number of employees walked out last Friday.

O. M. Mull, co-owner of the mill with former Governor O. Max Gardner, announced the close-down and said he believed it the wisest course for the protection of the mill property and the loyal workers.

## Senate Votes Back Another \$55,000,000 In Benefits To Veterans Of World War

### Saved from Army Plane at Sea



Suffering from exposure after five-hour ordeal clinging to crippled Army plane in sea off Rockaway Point, L. I., Lieutenant William Pascek is carried ashore at Brooklyn, N. Y. Top left, Frank Harris, New York police flier, who narrowly escaped death while trying to aid army men. Right, Lieutenant J. H. Rothrock, who also was rescued. Third member of crew, Lieutenant George McDermott, was washed away and drowned. (Central Press)

## Low Temperature Follows In Wake Of Sleet Storms

(By the Associated Press.) Lowering temperatures today rocked in ice the litter and wreckage left in Piedmont Carolinas Sunday by a sleet storm which swept away houses, indirectly caused three deaths, isolated towns and cities, forced down a passenger transport plane and caused property damage estimated in the millions.

Squads of workmen everywhere were busy clearing streets and highways of fallen trees. Telephone poles and snarls of broken power lines. Other small armies were stringing telephone and electric wires snapped in the storm completely cutting off some of the largest cities in the States.

Lowering skies and generally "dirty weather," which lingered Monday as an aftermath of the storm forced down an Eastern Air Transport plane carrying eight passengers in a field near Levy, S. C. Part of the plane's propeller came off, tore a hole through the cabin and caused the ship to zigzag crazily. The pilot made a safe landing with only minor damage to the plane and the passengers were picked up by another plane.

Perhaps the heaviest suffers from the shrieking wind and hail were High Point, N. C., and Winston-Salem. In High Point alone, according to officials of the telephone company, damage amounted to one million dollars. In Winston-Salem all industry was at a standstill.

The weather was cold today snow being reported at several points, but official forecasters gave promise of relief Wednesday, when temperatures are expected to rise generally over both states, with clear weather prevailing.

But what these two ministers have declaimed from their pulpits is not new to newspaper men, not new to the police nor to the rank and file of the public who really know what is going on. Raleigh newshawks know on "information and belief," although very few could prove it with witness, es willing to testify under oath, that there are from 10 to 15 "speakeasies" within a few blocks of the Capitol and

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## MEASURE ADOPTED WITHOUT OPPOSING VOICE AGAINST IT

### 29,000 Veterans Whose Disabilities Are Presumed To Be of Service Origin Restored

#### WERE TAKEN OFF BY 1933 ECONOMY ACTS

#### Proposal Also Restored Full Former Rate for Service-Connected Disabilities With \$100 Per Month For Total Permanent Disabilities Provided

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—With administration forces apparently submitting the Senate today added another estimated annual \$55,000,000 for World War veterans to the independent offices bill.

Without opposition or a record vote, it adopted the Steiwer-McCarran amendment restoring to the rolls 29,000 veterans whose disabilities were presumed to be of service origin, but who were taken off by the economy law of a year ago.

The amendment gives the veterans the full former rate and puts the burden of proof on the government to show the disabilities were not of service origin.

The proposal also restores the full former rate for service-connected disabilities, with \$100 a month for total permanent disabilities.

A short while later the administration forces also gave without a fight and let an amendment go through by Senator Goldsborough, Republican, Maryland, restoring the former rates of \$150 a month for World War veterans who lost both eyes in the war and \$50 a month for their dependents. These rates were cut \$25 by the economy act.

## Former Machado Henchman in Cuba Commits Suicide

Havana, Feb. 27 (AP)—Former Senator Winfredo Fernandez, once editor of the newspaper El Comercio and a supporter of former President Gerardo, was reported today to have committed suicide with a pistol in Cuban fortress, where he was a prisoner.

Fernandez, who had been a prisoner since a few days after Machado fell, shot himself in a cell in the presence of another prisoner.

Fulgencio Batista, commander-in-chief of the army, ordered an investigation of how the former senator got the pistol, meantime suspending prison officials.

When Machado fell, Fernandez and other leaders hid and finally attempted to escape aboard a Portuguese boat from which revolutionaries summarily removed them.

## VIRGINIA DEFEATS CHILD LABOR BILL

Richmond, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Virginia Senate today rejected a resolution ratification of the Federal child labor amendment by a vote of 30 to 9.

## Bankhead Bill Given New Boost

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Chairman Jones of the House Agriculture Committee, today said after an executive session of his group of the Bankhead cotton bill that "only minor changes were made in the measure."

Jones said the changes did not affect fundamental provision, but were of a clarifying nature. The chairman said the committee would continue its work of "plugging up loopholes," and that another session was scheduled for Thursday. The measure may be sent to the House then.

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