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PRESIDENT HAS PLAN TO AVERT AUTO STRIKE

Railroad Labor Agrees To Arbitrate Dispute

U. S. And Japan In Mutual Pledges Of Peace In Messages

Two Great Nations "Shake Hands Across the Pacific" In Exchange of Notes

BOTH DENY PLANS TO STIR TROUBLES

Japan States She "Has No Intention Whatever to Provoke and Make Trouble" With Anybody, and Hull Reciprocates; Is First Such Exchange

Airmail Victim No. 11



Lieutenant Richardson
Here is Lieut. R. G. Richardson, army reserve corps pilot recently recalled to active service to carry the airmail, who was killed when his plane crashed near Cheyenne, Wyo. Richardson, who was making a test flight and had no mail aboard, is the eleventh fatality since the army began flying the mail.

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The United States and Japan today "shook hands across the Pacific" in a significant exchange of notes mutually pledging peace.

Koko Hirota, foreign minister of Japan, in a formal note to the Roosevelt administration's diplomatic chief here, asserted the Nippon government "has no intention whatever to provoke and make trouble with any other power."

Secretary Hull, evidently scanning reported war clouds in the Far East, based on strained relations between Japan and Soviet Russia, replied: "I receive this statement with special gratification. I am going to take this opportunity to state categorically that the United States on its part has no desire to create any issues and no intention to initiate any conflict in its relations with other countries."

The Hirota-Hull exchange was the first such passage of good will notes since President Roosevelt took office more than a year ago.

The notes were released simultaneously to the press at the State Department here and in Tokyo.

Federal Taxes Up But State Revenue Is Far Under 1933

Raleigh, March 21.—(AP)—Federal income tax collection in North Carolina this fiscal year are nearly \$2,000,000 ahead of last year, but State collections continue to lag, it was revealed today.

Up to March 20 the United States had collected \$10,901,739.40 in income levies in North Carolina \$1,957,694.91 more than in 1932-33.

Up to March 19, State collections were \$4,896,624, or a drop of \$48,339 under the 1932-33 figure of \$5,314,963.

Says South Calling For Big Strike

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—The Senate Labor Committee was told today that southern textile workers were clamoring for a strike to end "exploitation by employers."

Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America, told the committee unless the Wagner labor bill were enacted, officers of the unions would have to sanction the strike.

Only today, he said, a petition was received at union headquarters from southern textile workers "clamoring for calling of a general strike as a method of protesting against exploitation against employees."

Gorman said the NRA code had brought the minimum wage in the South from \$8 to \$12 a week, but that the wages of skilled workers had been cut to the minimum rather generally.

"Seventy-five percent of the employes in the South accepted the labor action in the recovery act with their fingers crossed," he said.

ADMIT TEACHERS NEED HIGHER PAY

Treasurer Johnson's Words In Wilmington Fit In With Others

Raleigh, March 21.—Schoolteachers will get some sort of satisfaction from the speech of State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson in Wilmington today, in which the man who cashes the vouchers of those teachers confesses something of chagrin that the pay is so small.

That seems to make it unanimous in official circles. Everybody is talking about better pay, even Tam Bowie of Ashe, has found a way to make the

Bishop Grace Is Given a Year on Immoral Charges

Brooklyn, N. R., March 21.—(AP)—Bishop Charles Manuel Grace, Negro head of the House of Prayer for All People, a sect claiming a membership of 200,000, was sentenced to a year and a day in prison by Federal Judge Marcus B. Campbell today on conviction of violating the Mann act.

Trial of the bishop was held last week and Grace was escorted to and from the court sessions by eight Negroes, resplendent in military uniform decorated with gold braid.

Minnie Lee Campbell, 20, a Negro, a Harlem church pianist, was the government's principal witness, and she carried into the court room an infant she had named Charles Manuel Grace, Jr. She testified that Grace took her to Baltimore in 1932, with prolonged stop-overs in Washington, D. C. and Philadelphia.

Grace testified in his own behalf and denied the charge. He gave his residence as Charlotte, N. C.; said he came from Portugal in 1900, and founded his organization in 1921.

REJECT PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE WAGE CUT AS REQUESTED

Joseph B. Eastman, Railroad Coordinator, Named by President As Arbitrator

HEADS OF RAILWAYS AGREE TO EXTENSION

Willing To Continue Present Wage Scale Another Six Months; Labor, However, Holds Out for 20 Percent Increase Over Present Pay Scales

Washington, March 21. (AP)—Railroad labor today rejected President Roosevelt's proposal to continue the existing wage agreement, but accepted his offer for Joseph B. Eastman, railroad coordinator, to arbitrate the dispute.

They took this action shortly before automobile manufacturers were scheduled to confer with President Roosevelt at the White House in an effort to avert a strike of motor car employees.

The President will confer tomorrow with the automobile laborers, who have agreed to hold off the strike pending further negotiations.

The decision of the railroad labor men was presented to Mr. Roosevelt in a letter from A. F. Whitney, chairman of the railway labor executives association.

Railway executives already have agreed to continue the present ten percent wage cut for another six months.

The laborers held out for a 20 percent increase over what they are now getting.

Roosevelt Restricted Stock Plan

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Testimony that President Roosevelt restricted the Treasury Department study of the stock exchange regulation bill was given today before the House Interstate Commerce Committee by Tom K. Smith, assistant to Secretary Morgenthau.

The witness, called to present the Treasury Department's views on the revised measure, also said the department did not wish to express approval or disapproval of the legislation.

The other phases of the bill which the President directed the Treasury to study, Smith testified, were those relating to banking, government financing and the financial structure of the country.

The Treasury had nothing to do with the margin rate requirements inserted into the measure, Smith said.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; colder in afternoon in north and west portions.

Senate Committee Gives Approval To Capital Tax

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee today unanimously approved a capital stock tax of one-tenth of one percent to take effect July 1, 1935, and estimated it would bring in \$95,000,000 in revenues.

The committee also approved a five percent penalty tax on corporations if earnings exceed 12 1-2 per cent as a guard against under-valuation in determining their own capital stock valuation. Both propositions were advanced by Chairman Harris, Democrat, Mississippi.

As a partial offset for these new taxes, the committee eliminated the

ANTI-SALOON RULE IS NOW DISPLACED

United Dry Forces Takes Up Cudgel for Temperance In State

IT HAS GOOD RECORD

Management of Repeal Campaign Last Fall Was Splendid Job; More Democrats, but Politics not Paramount.

Raleigh, March 21.—North Carolina's old Anti-Saloon League, which conducted a Thirty Years War, seems to have passed out as a fighting force and with the organization of the United Dry Forces here yesterday there does not appear to be any room for both armies.

It is significant that the new organization which ran the anti-repeal campaign so splendidly in 1933, has many of the charter members of the first group which began its work in

Roosevelt Favors Politics Ban Idea

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today served notice on Congress that he favored the Norris amendment to bar politics from appointments to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

BANK VS. McCOIN CASE IS AFFIRMED

Raleigh, March 21.—(AP)—In the civil action entitled Bank vs. McCain, appealed from Vance Superior Court in Henderson, the Supreme Court today handed down a decision affirming the ruling of the lower court.

Seven Die In Fire In Tenement

New York, March 21 (AP)—Seven persons perished today in a tenement house fire on the upper east side, bringing to 25 the number of deaths from similar fires in the last six weeks.

The fire swept through the three upper stories of an "old law" tenement at 1909 Second avenue, and trapped a mother and her daughter, a father and his son and three others in the building.

A greater loss of life was prevented by the presence of balcony fire escapes leading to adjoining tenements. Sixteen families lived in the building.

Borah Says Steel Code Undermining The Recovery Act

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—Senator Borah in the Senate today said the steel code was "undermining the NIRA," and urged its complete re-drafting, as well as restoration of the anti-trust laws to protect the small business man, labor and consumers against "economic feudalism."

NEW AUTOPSY UPON STAVISKY ORDERED

Paris, March 21.—(AP)—The government today ordered a new autopsy performed on the body of Serge Stavisky to determine whether he committed suicide or was killed January 9.

Insull's Ship Is Lost To Radio Communication

Port Said for Second Afternoon Looks In Vain for Little Greek Ship Bearing Fugitive American Utilities King to Unknown Destination

Port Said, Egypt, March 21 (AP)—Long range telescopes were trained patiently on the horizon and radio feelers were sent out intermittently today in Port Said's second afternoon vigil for the appearance of Samuel Insull.

A glass capable of citing his ancient little craft of the seas, the Maotios, two and one-half hours out, was mounted upon one roof. This, however, like other angles of the search, proved fruitless.

Meanwhile, numerous individuals and concerns continued unceasingly their efforts to get in touch with the former American utilities operator by wireless.

All messages flashed from here went unanswered. So far as Port Said was concerned, the apparatus on the Maotios was silent.

Late today, it was the consensus that the Maotios need be expected no longer at Port Said if this vessel, in which Insull is seeking a new haven from extradition to the United States failed to put in tonight.

MEEKINS MAY WIN VOTE OF THE WEST

Raleigh, March 21.—Meekins men who have been reading the stories of the campaign for Republican executive committee State chairman, retail with delight the latest from Mitchell county in which an effort to instruct for Chairman Duncan was beaten by four to one.

The news as it came to Raleigh was that former Congressman George M. Pritchard addressed the Republican meeting, that Representative Greene, of Mitchell, was present and encouraging the Duncan instruction, that Mr. Pritchard spoke very powerfully and even more plausibly, but when the motion of Mr. Greene to instruct for Mr. Duncan was made it failed

Four Ex-Guards Deny Beating of Convict To Death

Greenville, S. C., March 21.—(AP)—Four former convict guards charged with slaying Roy Hudson, Negro convict, last October, took the witness stand in general sessions court here today and denied there was anything unusual or inhuman in the whipping given Hudson after an escape.

Their statements today that the beating was not brutal were corroborated by other witnesses, and the defense closed its case.

Arguments of counsel were begun and the case was expected to reach the jury before nightfall.

ROOSEVELT TO SEE MANUFACTURERS IN EFFORT FOR PEACE

Will Wait Their Decision Before Offering His Plan To End the Labor Dispute

WILL CONFER WITH WORKERS THURSDAY

Executives Asked To Remain in City Until Then; Johnson Joins in White House Meeting; President Waiting Word from Railroad Labor on Wages

Washington, March 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will confer late today with representatives of automobile manufacturers in a move to end the labor dispute which threatens strike action.

Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, said today after conferring with President Roosevelt, that the chief executive had a proposal ready to offer in an effort to end the dispute. He would not say what it was.

The administration also awaited word from railway labor as to whether it would accede to the President's request to continue the present wage agreement for another six months.

President Roosevelt will confer separately tomorrow with the representatives of auto labor who have threatened a strike.

Pending tomorrow's conference, the President will ask the manufacturers to remain in the city.

Before today's session, Mr. Roosevelt said he was first going to listen to what was proposed.

Whatever ideas he has in mind for settlement of the dispute, he said, would be reserved until he had heard the facts in the case.

Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator, who has been conferring in New York with the manufacturers, will go with them to the White House.

Mr. Roosevelt sent word today to William Collins, American Federation of Labor representative in Detroit, that he would be willing to have the 13 separate unions represented at tomorrow's conference.

Prussian Premier Escapes Grenades From an Assassin

Berlin, March 21.—(AP)—An attempt to assassinate Premier Herman Wilhelm Goerring of Prussia was rumored today when a hand grenade exploded in the fashionable boulevard Unter den Linden shortly after Goerring's automobile was said to have passed.

A taxi driver was injured in the explosion.

The grenade shook windows throughout the district.

With Goering in the car, it was said, was Karl Ernst, a Nazi group leader.

TEN LOW BIDDERS GIVEN CONTRACTS

Raleigh, March 21 (AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission today approved awards of contracts for highway construction to ten low bidders announced yesterday.

Spinning Is Away Ahead Of Year Ago

101.5 Percent Capacity in February; Against 95 Percent February, 1933

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported today by the Census Bureau to have operated during February at 101.5 percent of capacity on a single shift basis, as compared with 95.0 for February, 1933.

Active spindle hours in North Carolina totaled 1,863,624,866, or an average of 222 hours per spindle in place.