

"TOKEN PAYMENT" NATIONS NOT IN DEFAULT

COMPROMISE OVER SILVER PROGRAM IS MORE LIKELY NOW

Proponents of Legislation More Optimistic After Talk With President Roosevelt

CONFERENCE HELD ON SPECIAL TRAIN

President on Way to Wood- in Funeral in New York; Expect Agreement for Gov- ernment To Take Over Much of Nation's Silver As It Did the Gold

Washington, May 5. (AP)—Optimism among silver proponents in Congress after a train talk with President Roosevelt, colored this otherwise lackluster week-end in Washington.

With the Senate in recess, various of its members accompanied the executive as far as Baltimore on his trip to the New York funeral of William H. Woodin.

Once back at the Capitol, they indicated expectation of an agreement to the government to take over much of the nation's silver as it did gold, to be accompanied by permissive Federal purchases of the metal until three-tenths of the currency has silver backing as against seven-tenths gold.

Before that goal could be attained, however, protracted international negotiations would be involved. The big immediate point was that the silverites apparently were willing to forego present pressure for mandatory legislation pending more conferences with the President.

With so little doing in Congress, talk in corridors veered to inevitable politics. One highly-placed Republican, who did not want his name used, hinted of attempts to postpone election of a chairman when the national party committee meets in Chicago in June.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, told interviewers the G. O. P. should be reorganized all the way through to eliminate what he considered handicapping influences.

Bids Called For On Air Mail Line Across the South

Washington, May 5. (AP)—The Post Office Department today called for bids on a southern air mail line stretching from Charleston, S. C., to Fort Worth, Texas.

Contracts already have been let to the Eastern Air Lines, Inc., a reorganization of Eastern Air Transport, for the two lines which previously served the Carolinas.

One of these, the New York-Miami route, will make stops at Raleigh, N. C. and Florence and Charleston, S. C. The other, running from Newark to New Orleans, touches Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C.

Methodists Alter Plan For Budget

Arbitrary Assessment Policy Modified; Two Boards Abolished

Jackson, Miss., May 5. (AP)—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today abolished the general hospital board and the general board of temperance and social service and placed their work under other boards.

The delegates also ruled that pronouncements of the church on great social questions of national and international importance must be issued by the college of bishops rather than by any general board.

MILITIA GUARDS MISSOURI MINES



These photos show scenes at Minden Mines, Mo., where Missouri national guardsmen have been mobilized to prevent interference from deep shaft miners who are protesting against the use of steam shovels in the strip pit mining area of southwestern Missouri—top, militiamen standing by with tear gas guns while one of the steam shovels operates; below, guardsmen with a machine gun and tear gas guns at the scene of the threatened disturbance.

Forest Fires Dying Out Over Northwest Carolina

300,000 Acres of Forest and Farm Lands Burned Over in Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin Counties; Homeless Plan To Rebuild As Quickly As They Can

Kepp's Mill, May 5. (AP)—The most extensive and disastrous fire Northwest North Carolina has ever known was smoldering sullenly this morning, apparently burning itself out after spreading over 300,000 acres of wood and farm lands. Fire fighters are continuing their watchfulness, but in the absence of another stiff breeze further spread of the fire is not anticipated, as it is believed to have used all its fuel in the affected area.

A survey today showed that the Stone Mountain-Roaring Gap elevation fire covered a distance of about 15 miles and cut a path roughly a mile in width. The Mitchell River valley fire was also about 15 miles long, and more than a mile wide. Both these major fires are believed to have finished their destructive work though still burning in spots today.

The fire which broke out on top of Roaring Gap yesterday morning about one and a half miles from Greystone Inn, is also burning out this morning. A group of 40 men were sent to this area from the Chatham Manufacturing Company in Elkin and fought the flames all day.

The fires reached into Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties, spreading according to witnesses faster than a man could ride a horse. But today the countryside was taking up its duties again. Farmers returned to their fields and the homeless planned to rebuild their homes. Most of the fields have been bridged by the flames, and little damage to crops was reported.

RECORD SHATTERED IN PRISON ESCAPES

114 In April, Against Previous High of 83; Dillinger Is Blamed

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, May 5.—More prisoners escaped during April from the various prison units of the prison division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission than in any previous month since the highway commission took over the operation of all prisons. It was announced today by J. B. Roach, director of the prison division, that the number of escapes in April was 114, while the largest number in any previous month was in September 1933, when 81 prisoners made their getaway. Of these 114 prisoners who escaped in April, 77 were recaptured before the end of the month, leaving only 37 still to be recaptured, it was pointed out. Director Roach is confident that most, if not all, of those still uncaught will be captured eventually.

An increase in the number of escapes and attempted escapes is always expected in the spring of every year, according to both Director Roach and Deputy Warden L. G. Whitley. But Director Roach said he thought the increase in the number of escapes in April was undoubtedly due to Dillinger's various sensational escapes escapes.

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SPECULATION RIFE ON PERSONNEL FOR NEXT LEGISLATURE

Something of Tenor of Representatives Will Be Known As Filing Ends Today

SALES TAX WILL BE ONE OF BIG ISSUES

Matter of Automobile Licenses Also Will Be Prom- lem, Along With Diversion of Highway Surplus to Other State Purposes Needing Money

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, May 5.—Today is the last day on which candidates for the 1935 General Assembly can formally file in their respective counties. So when the lists close tonight no additional candidates can announce. This means that the 1935 legislature will be made up from among the several hundred candidates for the House and Senate on these lists. But no one will know just who there will be until after the Democratic primary on June 2. It will probably be a week or more before the names of the various candidates for the legislature become known here since the law does not require these candidates to file with the State Board of Elections. It is known however that the 120 representatives who are elected to the House and the 50 who are elected senators for the 1935 session are going to have to wrestle with some real

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Britain and Italy Ask Explanations Of Arabian King

London, May 5. (AP)—Great Britain and Italy have demanded that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, state his ultimate objectives and expectations in his war against the fleeing Yemeni, it was learned authoritatively today. At the same time, it was learned in official quarters that the British government ridiculed reports Italy has a treaty of a defensive sort with the Yemeni, and, therefore, is alarmed "because she backed the wrong horse."

It was emphatically stated, as reports piled up telling of Ibn Saud's conquering forces' relentless drive toward Sana, capital of Yemen, that the British view Italian interests in the situation as entirely similar to Britain's protection of her nationals.

Developments In Robles Kidnaping Expected Shortly

Tucson, Ariz., May 5. (AP)—A sinister shadow cast over the June Robles kidnaping case by discovery of a child's blood stained clothing was dispelled today with the announcement by officers that the clothing was not that worn by the six-year-old girl when she was abducted April 25.

While a feeling grew here that an important development was pending in negotiations to release the girl, members of the family said no news had been received from the kidnapers.

Dillinger Search Is Increased

Chicago, May 5. (AP)—A triple-arm line flung out its combined manhandling power today in a fresh foray designed to end the criminal career of John Dillinger. Three powerful arms of the law—government agents, a special "flying squad" of picked city police and secret detectives from the State's attorney's office—joined in the newly-organized hunt for the elusive gunman.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Increasing cloudiness tonight, followed by showers Sunday; little change in temperature.

Insull on Last Lap Home



Apparently resigned to his fate, Samuel Insull, homeward bound to the United States, suns himself and chats with Captain Wenzel Habel on the deck of the S. S. Exilona as the craft left Sicily on the last lap to America. The Exilona is scheduled to dock at Jersey City on May 7. (Central Press)

Japs Decline To Modify Their Defiant Attitude

World Must Make Its Own Interpretation of Yesterday's "Hands-Off-China" Statement, Tokyo Foreign Office Spokesman Says, Answering Question

(Copyright by The Associated Press) Tokyo, May 5. (AP)—A foreign office spokesman, refusing to clarify Koki Hirota's sensational new declaration of Japan's "hands-off China" policy asserted today that "the world must make its own interpretation." The spokesman did say, however, that the speech was not intended as a reply to Secretary of State Cordell Hull's strong statement of America's position in the Orient.

The interpretation placed upon the foreign minister's speech by foreign

diplomats was that Hirota served notice that Japan will not participate in consultations with other signatories of the nine-power treaty in the event Article VII is invoked.

This article, calls for a full and frank communication between the contracting powers concerned, whenever a situation arises which involves the application of the present treaty and renders desirable discussion of such application.

The treaty, among other things, guarantees the open door in China.

Disorders Menace In Mine Area

Deputies Hurried to Ala. Area Where 8,000 Miners Quit Work Friday

Birmingham, Ala., May 5. (AP)—Disorders developed today at two of the iron ore mines from which 8,000 miners walked out yesterday, and deputies were hurriedly dispatched to the scene.

Sheriff J. F. Hawkins sent deputy sheriffs to the Ishkooda mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, where pickets had blocked the road and refused to permit milk and bread trucks to reach the commissary.

Dwight Beard, 25, Young White Man, Sentenced To Die

Morganton May 5 (AP)—Dwight Beard, 25-year-old convicted murderer of Augusta Bounos, Valdeese grocer, was sentenced by Judge Wilson Warlick in superior court here today to die in the electric chair on July 6. Beard appeared unmoved as he stood to receive the death sentence, made mandatory by the jury's verdict of first degree murder, returned last night.

W. C. Newland, chief of defense counsel, gave notice of intention to appeal to the State Supreme court, and the defense was allowed 90 days to perfect its appeal, with the State being given 30 days thereafter to file a counter case.

CUMMINGS RULES IMMUNITY UNDER THE JOHNSON ACT

American Credit Markets Thus Reopened To Five Nations Named In Favored Class

SOVIET RUSSIA IS HELD IN DEFAULT

That Country Won't Even Acknowledge Debt Owed Here; Political Sub-Divisions of Defaulting Nations Not In Default Unless By Individual Act

Washington May 5. (AP)—Attorney General Cummings held today that Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Latvia and Lithuania—all of whom have made "token" payments on their debts to the United States—are not at present "in default" and so do not come within the Johnson act which closes American credit markets to defaulting nations.

The Soviet was held in default because of its failure to recognize obligations incurred by prior Russian governments.

The official interpretation was requested by the State Department and made public by Secretary Hull. Cummings also held that political sub-divisions of nations in default were not themselves in default unless they had failed to make payments on their own debts.

In addition to citing numerous legal precedents the attorney general declared he was guided largely in his opinion by the "authorized intent of Congress" and by President Roosevelt's attitude.

The President, he pointed out, stated on two occasions that he did not consider Great Britain, which had made token payments in one and December, 1933, as in default.

ORDNANCE OFFICER HAS FATAL INJURY

Fayetteville May 5. (AP)—Captain Clarence O'Leary, 39, ordnance officer in charge of ammunition, died at the post hospital at Fort Bragg today at noon from injuries sustained Tuesday when a shell detonator exploded in his hands.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

I. C. C. To Reject NRA Plea Backing Bus Fare Appeal

Washington, May 5. (AP)—Railroad circles heard unofficially today that the Interstate Commerce Commission would turn down the NRA request that it refuse to permit the Southern Railway to continue charging one and one-half cents a mile passenger fares in the South.

There was no confirmation for the commission. The NRA through a deputy administrator for the motor bus industry, urged the commission to require a minimum fare of two cents a mile.

Anglo-Jap Trade War Beginning

Tokyo Has Plans Mapped and Is Ready to Take Care of Itself in Fight

Tokyo, May 5. (AP)—Japan is gearing for the threatened trade war with Great Britain, it was indicated officially today, confident she possesses the most formidable weapon for such a conflict.

Instead of manifesting concern at the British threat to take action to protest the empire's textile export interests against increasing Japanese competition, officials said, in effect, that Japan can take care of herself. The British trade warning given Japanese Ambassador Matsudaira by Walter Runciman president of the British Board of Trade, is being studied by the foreign office's commercial bureau.