

WANTS U. S. AIR FORCES BIGGEST IN WORLD

Families On Relief Drop As Work-Relief Bill Strikes New Snag

BEHIND-THE-SCENE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEASURE PRESSED

Compromise on "Direct" Work Amendment Opposed by Administration Seems Likely

FEBRUARY RELIEF DOWN FIRST TIME

Usually Is More Than January, But Not This Year; Only Modified Gag Rule To Regulate House Vote on Administration Security Bill Next Week

Washington, April 3.—(AP)—An encouraging drop in the number of families on relief was reported by Harry L. Hopkins today as congressional leaders sought to break the newest deadlock on the \$4,850,000,000 work-relief bill program.

Though outwardly at a standstill, the big relief fund bill was the subject of behind-the-scenes talk. One informed leader forecast a compromise on the administration-opposed amendment requiring that one-third of the \$900,000,000 allotted for loans and grants to states be spent on "direct" work.

Hopkins, reviewing work of his relief administration, said 13 percent fewer families were on relief in February than in January. He said it was the first time in recent years February had not shown an increase over the first month of the year.

As the Senate continued consideration of the Copeland pure food and drug bill, the House began debate of the McSwain bill to take the profits out of war.

Democratic leaders indicated that only a "modified gag rule," if any, would be sought to put the social security bill through the House next week.

Clean Bill On Hospital Is Expected

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 3.—A clean bill of health is expected to be given Dr. John McCampbell, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane in Morganton and his administration of the hospital by the special legislative investigating committee, it was learned here today from an authoritative source, although the committee is not expected to present its complete report for many days yet, due to the extensive record of the testimony heard by the committee and which is yet to be transcribed and studied.

The committee did find some conditions at the hospital which were not what they should be, some of the members admit. But the opinion of most of the committee members is that whatever unfavorable conditions have existed or still exist are due more to a lack of adequate funds for the operation of the hospital than because of any willful or deliberate neglect on the part of any of the hospital officials.

The committee made a thorough

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IS THIS MOTORMAN SEEING THINGS?



It's time to quit when a motorman sees his track all cluttered up with elephants. That's what happened in Los Angeles when a pair of pachyderms from a circus, being

Anglo-Polish Accord Made At Meetings

Close Contact To Be Maintained on European Situation, It Is Agreed

Warsaw, April 3.—(AP)—Great Britain and Poland today agreed to "the desirability of maintaining close contact" on the European situation, with authoritative quarters indicating a European security system as a likely result.

The agreement was reached with Polish statesmen by Captain Anthony Eden, British lord privy seal, as he concluded two days of conversations concerned with the general peace of Europe and prepared to depart for Praha and more conferences.

As the conferees parted, they gave each other mutual assurances described officially as concerning "the desirability of maintaining close contacts in regard to future developments in the European situation."

The following communique was issued: "During his stay in Warsaw, Captain Anthony Eden, British lord privy seal, was received by the president of the Polish republic and by Marshal Pilsudski, Captain Eden had, in addition, several conversations with Joseph Beck, minister of foreign affairs."

"He gave Beck an account of the

DEPARTMENT STORE MESSENGER ROBBED

Birmingham, Ala., April 3.—(AP)—Three men today boldly held up a messenger from the Loveman, Joseph and Loeb department store in the downtown section and escaped with an undetermined amount of cash and endorsed checks.

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Three Lose Lives In Tenement Fire

New York, April 3.—(AP)—Three persons lost their lives and two were seriously burned in a fire which swept a Bronx tenement early today.

The victims were members of the family of William Dopplo, who lived on the third floor of the building. Members of seven other families escaped.

Chain Tax Ballot Due By Senate

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 3.—The chain filling station tax, aimed at the major oil companies, was the first item on the Senate Finance Committee's calendar as it resumed deliberations here this afternoon after a full day's rest. Boarding house taxes, which have proved exceedingly troublesome, are also on the docket.

If the committee follows the course it started Monday, it will rip from the revenue bill the Barker amendment which doubled the committee's levy on chain filling stations. It is freely predicted that the committee will go back to the schedule it adopted in the beginning. The Barker amendment would impose a graduated tax ranging from \$4 to \$200 on such chains, while the committee plan would assess a graduated tax beginning at \$25 and stopping at \$100. The amounts are a per-unit tax and impose heaviest levies on the larger chains which are in turn, owned by the major oil companies. The Barker

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HARRY HOPKINS IS PREMIER FAVORITE

As Big Relief Boss He Is FDR's Chief Pet, And Is Ickes Angry?

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer, Washington, April 3.—Harry L. Hopkins is regarded by practically all politically experienced folk in Washington as the national administration's premier favorite.

To be sure, it's considered a precarious rating. Individual after individual, in succession, has been so classified under the current regime in the capital; each has enjoyed his brief period of at least supposed No. 1 influence at the White House, only to be supplanted by a new incumbent. President Roosevelt, in short has a reputation for fickleness in favoritisms. Nevertheless, while one of them lasts it makes its beneficiary a

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LETHAL GAS DEATH PASSES THE HOUSE ON FINAL READINGS

Proposal To Move Chamber to Various Counties for Execution Is Easily Beaten

COMMITTEE DROPS CHAIN GAS TAXES

Filling Station Levy Deleted From House Revenue Bill In Senate Group; New Highway Diversion Is Approved in Washington; Anonymous Letter Sent

Raleigh, April 3.—(AP)—Substitution of lethal gas in the place of electricity for legal executions in North Carolina was approved by the House today as the Senate again worked on a long list of minor Statewide bills.

The House passed the Peterson bill to replace the electric chair with a lethal gas chamber and sent it to the Senate. It refused to amend the measure to provide that the gas chamber should be movable so that executions might be performed in the counties in which capital felonies are committed.

The receipt by Senator Frink, of Brunswick, of an anonymous letter warning him to desist from opposing legislation introduced in the House by Representative Page, of Bladen, caused comment in the Senate. Frink showed the letter to newspaper men. Bladen is in his senatorial district, and he has successfully fought several Page bills.

The Senate Finance Committee voted at a morning session to eliminate the chain filling station tax schedule from the biennial revenue bill passed by the House, and substituted the joint finance committee's recommendation. The House levy was estimated to raise \$600,000 yearly, while the committee's proposal is figured to get \$300,000 annually.

The senior division finance group also changed an number of other House amendments to the joint committee's bill and decided to hold another meeting this afternoon. Senator Newman, New Hanover, Senate finance chairman, will report on his efforts to get Federal approval of an additional \$630,000 yearly diversion of gasoline taxes to the general fund. He says Federal road officials agreed. An effort may be made to eliminate a new provision to tax dividends from stocks as normal income.

McDonald Is Proposed As School Head

Talk Becomes Serious After His Break With Erwin on Fund Increases

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 3.—Dr. Ralph McDonald, representative from Forsyth county, who led the fight for an appropriation of \$22,000,000 a year for public schools, is being urged to become a candidate for State superintendent of public instruction in the Democratic primary next June. It was learned from a reliable source here today. Many of the school forces, especially those who are interested in bettering the conditions of the teachers, feel that State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin and the North Carolina Education Association did not give Dr. McDonald the support they could and should have given him in his effort to get the school appropriations increased to \$22,000,000 a year. Some are even charging that Superintendent Erwin and Secretary Jule B. Warren of the education association actually

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy, somewhat colder, probably rain in east portion tonight; Thursday fair; slightly warmer in north central portions.

EAST-WEST MEET IN FAIRY LAND



East meets west under the cherry blossoms which now are blooming in all their glory in Washington, D. C. Two daughters of the Occident, Marilyn and Patricia

Ethiopians Put Troops On Frontier For Defense Only, Officials Say; Italians Prepared For Emergencies

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 3.—(AP)—Ethiopia is moving troops up to her frontiers, authoritative sources revealed today, to meet what her government regards as a threat from Italy's East African forces.

The Ethiopians were said to be moving in large numbers to the Eritrean and Italian Somaliland borders. Government sources were quick to explain the activities were solely for defensive purposes.

Described as being organized on a more efficient basis than Ethiopian wild tribesmen ever have before, the troops were under strict orders from Emperor Haile Selassie to avoid contact with Italian border garrisons.

Ethiopia has no intention of undertaking an offensive, it was authoritatively explained, but the entire country was said to be rallying obediently behind the emperor.

ITALY HAS BEEN AWARE OF ETHIOPIAN MOBILIZATIONS

Rome, April 3.—(AP)—Italian military authorities said today Italy has

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BELGIUM'S FLIGHT OFF GOLD SERIOUS

Just Another Link in Chain That Is Strangling World's Trade

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer, New York, April 3.—The belga is in the news these days.

It is no disgrace to express ignorance as to what the belga is. After all, Belgium isn't such a large country.

The belga is to Belgium what the dollar is to the United States. You will recall that Belgium was forced off the gold standard recently. Whereupon, a few days later, the belga was devalued, amid a crisis in Belgium.

That particular day happened to be springlike in the United States, and the buds began to crackle. Why,

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SWANSON TO FAVOR INCLUDING GERMANY

Navy Head Says That Nation Should Be In Future Arms Meet

Washington, April 3.—(AP)—Inclusion of Germany in a future naval conference was advocated today by Secretary Swanson.

He recalled at a press conference that while he was a delegate to the 1932 disarmament conference at Geneva, "we tried to include Germany."

Swanson said Germany's proposal of a 450,000-ton navy should not affect the 5-5-3 treaty ratios, "as far as Great Britain and Japan are concerned," nor the United States, "if we get a treaty navy and continue it."

The naval secretary emphasized he spoke as an individual and has received no German proposal. Asked if he favored specifically 450,000-ton navy for Germany, Swanson said it "was a State Department matter."

Simultaneously, Swanson announced that Frank B. Upham, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet would visit Yokohama aboard his flagship, the cruiser Augusta, on May 3. On this day the main fleet is scheduled to begin its Pacific maneuvers.

Swanson described the visit as a "good will tour," and expressed hope that it would dispel "any bad feeling" in Japan over the maneuvers.

Aged Pair Slain; Put Into Well

Fredericksburg, Va., April 3 (AP)—The bodies of an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Coleman, were found stuffed in a well on their farm near here today.

The two were evidently the victims of robbers, who ransacked their farm home. The body of the woman, showing wounds inflicted about the head, was first discovered in the well. After the removal of her body, officers found that of her husband. He had been shot in the face and head.

The woman was clad in underclothing. Mr. Coleman was 75 years of age, his wife about 65.

A farm hand found the house vacant when he reported for work this morning. He notified officers and a search revealed the bodies hidden in the well. The home had been ransacked and robber of valuables.

The Colemans' automobile was missing from the home.

HOUSE COMMITTEE STARTS HEARINGS ON NEW PROPOSAL

Chairman McSwain of Military Committee Wants All Air Corps To Be Consolidated

GERMAN AIR FORCE EQUAL TO BRITAIN'S

House of Commons Is Advised Hitler Told Sir John Simon That During Berlin Conferences Last Week; Britain Said To Be Fifth In Air Strength

Washington, April 3 (AP)—Declaring he wants the American air force to be the "strongest in the world," chairman McSwain, Democrat, South Carolina, of the House Military Committee, today called aviation notables to a hearing tomorrow on all legislation touching the army air corps thus far submitted to the House.

Foremost among the measures was a bill by McSwain himself that would merge the air corps and the Commerce Department bureau of air commerce into a new Federal "Department of air."

It has provisions that would more than double the number of army planes authorized, and about treble the authorized man power of the air corps. Eddie Rickenbacker and James H. Doolittle, renowned fliers, were among those expected to testify.

GERMAN AIR FORCE IS NOW ON PAR WITH THE BRITISH. London, April 3 (AP)—Sir John Simon, foreign minister, revealed to the house of Commons today that Reichsheer Hitler told him in Berlin

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Fish Hits Roosevelt Blunders

Chapel Hill, April 3.—(AP)—Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican, New York, lashed what he termed "the economic blunders" of the present administration, and called for a re-affirmation of American principles of government in an address here today.

The New York Republican, representative from the Hyde Park district where President Roosevelt has a home, spoke before the Human Relations Institute as the University of North Carolina.

Attacking the National Recovery Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, which he said had failed to achieve their purpose, he referred to the "blue eagle" as a "Soviet culture" and asserted there were now a million and a half more unemployed in this country than a year ago.

Fish singled out the cotton textile

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Liberals Get Heavy Gains In Elections

Wisconsin and California Scene of Major Triumphs For Third Party Men

(By the Associated Press.) Progressives strengthened their position in Wisconsin and Upton Sinclair's EPIC party achieved partial success in California to high light elections yesterday in various parts of the nation.

Two more progressives were elected to the Wisconsin State Senate yesterday, bringing the La Follette-led

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