

Britain Is Seeking Closer Relationships With Hitler But Reason Is Not Stated

MANEUVER COMES AFTER SIX MONTHS OF AFRICAN FIGHT

General Discussion of Anglo-German Affairs Had By British Ambassador In Berlin.

4-POWER AVIATION PACT MAY BE AIM

Meanwhile, Flame of Resentment Against British Government for its Peace Proposal is Fanned by Revelation It Had Been Pressed on Selassie.

London, Dec. 14 (AP)—A well-informed source disclosed today that Great Britain has suddenly moved to re-estimate closer relationships with Reichsfuehrer Hitler of Germany.

The move was not explained in official quarters, although it came obviously after six months of European turmoil over the Italian-Ethiopian hostilities.

Sir Eric Phipps, the British ambassador to Germany, was assigned to take the initiative in Berlin, conferring with Hitler in a general discussion of all Anglo-German problems.

The news gave rise to various conjectures, including reports that Great Britain was taking the initiative to negotiate a four-power aviation pact.

There were indications that Sir Eric's visit was linked to direct references made by Sir Samuel Hoare, British foreign secretary, to Anglo-German problems in his speech of December 5 in the House of Commons.

Sir Samuel stated that the British government would be ready to seize any opportunity, which offered itself for an aviation pact and the reduction of air armaments, which he claimed were more urgently needed than ever.

The flame of resentment against the government for its Italo-Ethiopian peace formula was fanned by the publication of a "White Paper" showing that the foreign secretary instructed the British minister to Ethiopia, Sir Sidney Barton, to press Emperor Haile Selassie urgently for a favorable consideration of the "Plan" and "on no account" to reject it.

Make Rigid Probe Over Hauptmann

Gov. Hoffman Defends Action in Re-opening Case; New Death Date Fixed.

New York, Dec. 14 (AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey declared today that a searching inquiry into the case of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, sentenced to die in the electric chair for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh baby, "is warranted, if only to remove all question of doubt as to his guilt."

Interviewed at the National Republican Club, where he addressed a luncheon meeting, the New Jersey governor said "in the minds of a great many people there is some doubt whether this case has been completely solved."

"I am not interested in establishment of Hauptmann's innocence, but in seeing that New Jersey can render justice without any suspicion of error."

The governor defended his action in opening reconsideration of Hauptmann's case, when he visited the convicted Bronx carpenter at the prison at Trenton, N. J. He would not, however, disclose the nature of his conversation with Hauptmann, and re-

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday, followed by rain Sunday night and in extreme wet portion in afternoon; slightly cooler on south coast tonight.

U. S. Medical Missionary Killed In Ethiopia When Inspecting Italian Bomb

Sen. Lewis Is Home



Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, returns to New York from Russia after recovering from serious illness during which his life hung by a thread for several weeks. (Central Press)

Dr. Robert Hockman, United Presbyterian Worker, Was Handling Unexploded Missile.

ITALY SEEKING TO PREJUDICE LEAGUE

Ethiopia's Denunciation of Peace Proposal Used As Fulcrum For Propaganda; Cabinet Crisis Develops in London Over Proposal Made For Peace.

(By The Associated Press)

The death of an American medical missionary in Ethiopia punctuated today the fretful aftermath of the attempt by Great Britain and France to formulate terms for peace between Italy and the empire of Haile Selassie. Dr. Robert W. Hockman was killed while handling an unexploded Italian bomb at Dazgeh Bar on the southern front.

Dr. Hockman, who was a United Presbyterian missionary to Ethiopia, had removed the detonator and supervised the digging out of the unexploded projectile recently. He had made a hobby of studying bombs. The Franco-British peace proposal, meanwhile, appeared to have precipitated only a protracted wrangle over the plan between its advocates and those nations aligned solidly against it on the ground that it threatened the foundations of collective security.

Britain was in the midst of a political crisis incident to the formulation of the scheme.

Advices from Rome indicated the Fascists intended trying to turn the League of Nations against Ethiopia, using Ethiopia's denunciation of the peace plan as a fulcrum.

Various Italian newspapers asserted Ethiopia's "stubbornness" in appealing to the League against the proposals for an exchange of his territory with Italy marked it as blame-worthy for the East African conflict. The British government crisis was not expected to result in the cabinet's falling, but the nation wondered how Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin would be able to support his government's action before the critical Laborites and Liberals.

Public dissatisfaction with the peace terms extended even to Anthony Eden, the "White Knight of the League," but the preponderance of speculation centered on the future of Sir Samuel Hoare, the British foreign secretary. Some sources suggested he had no alternative except to resign.

Thos. G. Masaryk; Of Czechoslovakia, Quits Presidency

Praha, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Thomas G. Masaryk, 85 years old, first president of Czechoslovakia, resigned today.

Dr. Masaryk was elected first president of Czechoslovakia in 1918 when the nation was granted independence after the World War and the republic was proclaimed.

In 1920 the national assembly voted him the privilege of remaining president as long as he desired in recognition of the lifelong works for which he was called the "liberator."

SOCIAL ACT MIGHT BE ALL REDRAFTED

Money to Finance it Lacking and Economy Wave Is Surging High Now.

BOTH SIDES ANXIOUS

Employers and Employees Heding To Know What Their Respective Tax Loads Will Be Under the New Set-Up

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Dec. 14.—Both employers and employees, I understand, are anxious to know what their respective tax loads will be when the social security law, enacted at the last session of Congress, begins to take effect.

The answer is that the law seems likely to be redrafted at the coming session and never to take effect, in its present form, at all.

Money to finance it as to have come out of the \$93,000,000 "third deficiency bill," filibustered to death by the late Senator Huey P. Long, just before Congress adjourned the last time.

Until recently it was assumed that the 93 millions would be voted upon by the legislators' reassembling in January, 1936.

It doesn't look so probable now. A Democratic wave of economy has set in. President Roosevelt apparently still wants the 93 millions, but the lawmakers, with election day dead ahead, are unwilling, in considerable numbers, to go on record as piling up taxation.

A CONGRESSMAN'S REASONING

Notably, Congressman James P. Buchanan of Texas speaks for a slash in the 93 millions down to 53 or 63.

Such a cut cannot but raise heck with the social security board, which by no means will get all of the 53 or 63 millions, but must split the total with various other emergency setups.

Yes, but, says Congressman Buchanan:

"The board has operated, since the social security law was enacted, for three months on little or no funds."

Why can't it keep up this economical record?

MAKESHIFT SYSTEM

The board has, indeed, "operated on little or no funds" since it was created.

However, it has borrowed its personnel from other New Deal outfits, which had more workers than they needed. It has borrowed office room from the labor department. It has borrowed desks and chairs and filing cabinets and typewriters here and there, as it could get them.

Defending Himself



Gov. Olin Johnston of South Carolina faces the general assembly in special session to defend himself against charges upon which his impeachment is threatened. (Central Press)

OVER ONE-FOURTH OF FOUR BILLIONS FUND IS RELEASED

\$1,068,344,936 Will Be Spent by State Officials Largely in Their Discretion.

APPROVAL GIVEN BY U. S. COMPTROLLER

State Administrators To Have Considerable Latitude in Expenditure of Allotment Made for Them; North Carolina's Share Is Sum of \$8,226,457.

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Leaders of the relief drive announced today that Comptroller General J. R. McCarll has released \$1,068,344,963 of the \$4,000,000,000 jobs fund for expenditure by State officials of the Works Progress Administration.

McCarll, is the arbiter of government spending. His approval is necessary before any of the \$4,000,000,000 is released. Besides giving the "go ahead" sign on the \$1,068,344,963, which is to be expended by states, he also has approved funds for some nationwide projects under the \$4,000,000,000 program, including \$40,000,000 for the National Youth Administration.

State WPA administrators will have latitude in using projects to prosecute with the \$1,068,000,000. McCarll has already approved projects totalling four times that figure, so the administrators may have leeway in adjusting WPA work to employment opportunities created by other agencies.

The report of McCarll's releases showed that New York City had received more than any state, with a quota of about 220,000 jobs. It has been allotted \$121,426,872, compared with \$50,875,779 for the remainder of New York State, Pennsylvania, with \$110,024,164, received the next largest allotment, and the smallest went to Nevada, which received \$1,296,416.

Other allotments include, North Carolina, \$8,226,457.

Business Races Ahead With Greatest Speed Since 1930, Records For Week Indicate

WPA Workers Will Get Pay Increase In Towns Of 5,000 People And Up

Ten Percent Boost in Wages To Become Effective Jan. 2, State WPA Head Says.

IT MEANS \$100,000 TO 30,000 WORKERS

Work Time to Be Cut From 140 to 130 Hours Per Month Next Week; One or More Additional Pay Offices in State Also Being Sought by George Coan.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Workers on WPA projects in cities and towns over 5,000 population in North Carolina, who were residents of such communities December 14, will receive a ten percent increase in pay effective January 2.

George W. Coan, Jr., State works progress administrator, estimated the increase would apply to 30,000 of the more than 40,000 now on WPA jobs, and will increase the monthly payroll by about \$100,000.

There has recently been much complaint over the State about slowness of WPA payrolls and the low wages paid some workers.

The increase was not applied for rural workers, Coan said, "for the simple reason that the security wage rate is satisfactory in those rural sections, and any increase would be some what competitive with private employment and with agriculture."

Workers living outside municipalities with population over 5,000 but working in the towns or cities, and those working within one mile of the limits of such municipalities, will get the increase.

Work time for all WPA workers is to be reduced from 140 to 130 hours per month, on December 18, Coan announced. He said the policy of paying employees for time lost on account of weather, he believed the WPA wages will "compare favorably with prevailing wages now being paid" to various classes of workers according to their skill.

The pay increase was ordered by authority of an executive order of President Roosevelt, allowing State administrators latitude in fixing wage schedules.

COAN ASKING ADDITIONAL PAY OFFICES FOR STATE

Coan today requested Federal authorities to permit him to establish one or more additional pay offices in North Carolina and to authorize immediate distribution of food commodities now stored in ERA warehouses in the State.

The request followed many complaints from all parts of the State that workers on WPA projects were going hungry, due to slowness of dis-

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Write Your Letter And Outline Why It Profits To Trade In Henderson

Valuable Prizes Will be Given for Best Letters; Simple Rules of the Contest Are Outlined in Double Page Advertisement in This Issue.

The Henderson Daily Dispatch today announces a letter-writing contest which is open to every person who is a reader of the paper. To persons writing the best letters about our advertisers will be awarded \$40.25 in valuable prizes.

There is no entrance fee and no red tape of any kind. It is simply an effort on the part of the Dispatch to get expressions from its readers as to just what they think of the different firms who are using advertising space in the next few issues.

Get your pencil and paper and write a letter of not over 100 words telling why it pays to trade with the firms whose ads appear on pages four five and six of this issue. You may write as many letters as you desire, but

they must be written about individual firms and not collectively.

You should have little trouble writing a nice letter about the business houses who have made this contest possible. They are the leaders in their respective lines and handle only the best. The only requirement is that you must answer the questions asked at the head of each advertisement.

These ads will appear again next Wednesday and you will be given until Saturday, December 21, to get your letters to the Dispatch office. The winners, together with the best letter about each advertiser will be published in a later issue.

Get busy today and win one of the

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Asleep 3 Months



In case paralleling long sleep of Patricia Maguire, Oak Park, Ill., "sleeping beauty," Lucille Hartless (above) of Lynchburg, Va., is entering the fourth month of coma into which she fell after infantile paralysis attack. (Central Press)

STATE WILL MISS OLD AGE PENSIONS

Only Extra Session of General Assembly Can Put State in Line.

OVER 12,000 ELIGIBLES

Federal Government Has \$49,000,000 Ready After First of Year, But North Carolina Act Is Insufficient

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Although a fund of \$49,000,000 will be available January 1 from which the Federal government will grant old age assistance to all persons over 65 years old not to exceed \$15 a month each if the states in which they reside will match whatever the government puts up, those oldest in North Carolina—between 12,000 and 15,000 of them—who could qualify for this assistance, are not likely to get any of it, in the opinion of Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher. For the Federal old age assistance law specifies that this \$49,000,000 will be distributed only to those states which pass co-operating State laws and which will match the Federal funds dollar for dollar.

"The Federal act does specify that the money used to match the funds which the government will give may be appropriated by counties, cities or towns instead of by the State," Commissioner Fletcher said. "But it also specifies that this money provided by the counties, cities and towns must be raised under a uniform State law, applying alike to all the subdivisions. But at the present time, every county or city raises whatever funds it provides for poor relief according to a different plan and according to its own needs. So it would seem that despite the fact that the various subdivisions are raising hundreds of thousands of dollars by various methods for the relief of the poor and aged that none of this money can be used to match allotments from the old age assistance fund."

Accordingly, indications are that unless a special session of the general assembly is called, the 12,000 to 15,000 old people in the state who are more than 65 years old and without any income or means of support, will have to go without this money which the Government has placed almost within their reach. This in turn means that the counties, cities and towns in which they live will either have to assume the full cost of caring for them, since the Government has stopped direct relief for unemployables, or else let them become dependent upon volunteer charity, as is pointed out

INDEX OF ACTIVITY TOPS WEEK BEFORE WITH HEAVY GAINS

Records Crowded Off Associated Press Board To Make Room For New Ones This Week.

HISTORY IS WRITTEN BY POWER INDUSTRY

Grinds Out Greatest Quantity of Electricity Ever Generated in One Week; Steel Mills Hit Best Mid-December Activity Since December, 1930.

New York, Dec. 14 (AP)—Business jammed a heavy foot on the recovery accelerator this week and raced ahead at the speediest clip since June, 1930.

In reaching the highest levels in five years, The Associated Press adjusted index of industrial activity topped its peak of 86.0 last week to finish at 86.7, compared with 65.0 in the like 1934 week. Records were crowded off the board to make place for new ones; the automobile production index, which soared to the pinnacle last week reached in November, 1929, and by the carloadings index which jumped to the highest mark since November, 1931.

The power industry made history by grinding out the highest amount of electricity ever generated in one week—1,969,862,000 kilowatt hours, 13 percent ahead of the corresponding week a year ago.

Steel mills struck their best mid-December activity since 1929, although some slackening occurred, in line with the usual slowing down of operations at the end of the year.

Cotton manufacturing, which last week tilted ahead to a new 1935 high, held its pace steadfastly.

Construction—one of the steel industry's pillars of hope—reported the sharpest advance over last year yet

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NEW AUTO PLATES ARE PUT ON SALE

At State Office in Raleigh And 50 Branch Offices Over State.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The new 1936 automobile license plates went on sale this morning at the motor vehicle bureau of the State Department of Revenue here, likewise at the more than 50 branch offices scattered over the State. The demand for new license plates here was not heavy, but a good many car owners evidently decided to buy their new plates before the rush starts.

Every preparation has been made by Director R. R. McLaughlin, of the

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N. C. To Get \$53,000 for Child Work

Raleigh, Dec. 14 (AP)—Estimating that North Carolina may get \$53,000 for child welfare work from the Federal government under the social security program, representatives of various State welfare agencies, with State welfare officials, today had started to work out the comprehensive program for expansion of the work in the State.

The funds are to be allotted to the various states on the basis of plans developed jointly by the State agency and the children's Bureau, with the ratio of the rural population of each to the total rural population of the United States having a definite bearing upon the amount each State will receive.

The Children's Bureau has placed this State's figures at \$53,000, third highest grant in the nation.