

FRANCE PLANS ULTIMATUM TO HER ALLIES

Mayors Ask \$2,340,000,000 Relief Fund For Year

MAYOR LAGUARDIA PRESENTS FIGURES TO THE PRESIDENT

Heads of 100 Largest Cities In America Are Unit in Opposing Plans for Dole

PROJECTS NEARLY ALL USEFUL WORK

City Officials Will Never Consent to Abandonment of Work Principle in Giving Relief Assistance, New York Mayor Says After Seeing Mr. Roosevelt

Washington, March 12 (AP)—An additional \$2,340,000,000 to continue work relief during the next financial year was proposed to President Roosevelt today by the United States Conference of Mayors.

The mayor's conference, embracing the heads of the 100 largest cities of the country, said it was unanimous in endorsing the policy of work relief as opposed to the dole and likewise unanimous on the necessity for continuing WPA.

Presented by Laguardia The exhaustive survey and report of the mayor's conference was submitted to President Roosevelt today by Mayor Fiorella H. Laguardia of New York City, as chairman of the conference. He told newsmen that

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DR. WILLIAM WILMER, SPECIALIST, IS DEAD

Noted Eye Expert, Founder of Institute at Johns Hopkins, Had Treated Notables

Baltimore, Md., March 12.—(AP)—Associates here were informed today of the death of Dr. William H. Wilmer, internationally famous eye specialist, about 9:38 a. m., at his home in Washington of coronary thrombosis, a heart ailment.

Dr. Wilmer founded the noted eye institute at the Johns Hopkins hospital bearing his name, but sometime ago retired as head of the institute. Since then the elderly scientist had lived in Washington.

His fame was worldwide, and frequently he was called upon to examine and treat distinguished diplomats and even rulers of other countries. Among the latter was the king of Siam, who consulted with the specialist here.

HEARST WANTS HIS TELEGRAM HELD UP

Asks Court Injunction To Prevent Senate Committee Getting It

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—William Randolph Hearst filed in the District of Columbia Supreme Court today a petition to prevent the Western Union Telegraph Company from delivering a copy of a telegram to the Senate Lobby Committee.

Chief Justice Alfred A. Wheat, who yesterday enjoined the telegraph company from turning over the commit-

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Hoffman Plans No Aid To Hauptmann

Trenton, N. J., March 12.—(AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman announced today—the last day on which he can legally relieve Bruno Richard Hauptmann—that he has no intention now or again staying execution, which is set for the week of March 30.

Through his press agent, William S. Conklin, the governor said his statement of January 17, in which he said there would be no further reprieve, still stands, and "I have never indicated any

GOVERNOR WORKING ON TOBACCO PLANS, VANCE GROUP TOLD

Promises Aid if Legal Restrictions for Crop Control Cannot Be Made Effective

CALL LEGISLATURE IF IT WOULD HELP

But Wants To Be Sure Something Can Be Accomplished First; Says South Carolina Bill Not As Strong As Virginia; Sees Control Without Law

Raleigh, March 12.—(AP)—Governor Ehringhaus today told a committee from Vance county that he was working on plans to aid tobacco farmers if it develops that legal restrictions for crop control will not be effective this year, but was not ready to reveal them.

The governor said he was "ready to call a special session of the legislature to consider compact legislation as soon as it is manifest something can be done about this year's crop."

"I am ready to go as far as anybody in cooperative attitude," Governor Ehringhaus said, "but I want to be sure we can accomplish something. Under the Virginia law, Congress must consent to State compacts before even that law can become effective, and Georgia must set up some system of control satisfactory to the governor of Virginia."

Demand Georgia Aid. "The South Carolina leaders behind compact legislation told me yesterday they wanted to go as far as Virginia did, but frankly said they expected the legislature there to amend the law to demand Georgia legislation. That would mean no compacts this year under Virginia's law, as the Georgia legislature will not meet."

"I think we could go ahead without Georgia, but not without South Carolina here."

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Seed Loans Pledged By Roosevelt

Washington, March 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt assured the Senate Agriculture Committee today he would make \$13,000,000 of emergency funds available for crop production loans effective March 20, and more money up to \$30,000,000 as needed.

In a letter sent to the committee, and read to its members by Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, the President said it was not

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Change.

"I have no intention at the present time," he said, "of granting another reprieve."

Hauptmann's counsel clung to the idea he still has a fighting chance if the governor will question Dr. John F. Condon.

Defense hopes, it was indicated, are largely dependent upon the possibility that the planned questioning of Condon, now returning from a vacation cruise to Panama may develop some important new evidence in the case.

Allied Armies Circle Germany Waiting London Decision



With most of the nations of Europe on record as backing France in her demands that Germany withdraw troops from the demilitarized Rhineland zone or face threat of war, Europe waits the outcome of conferences of League powers at London. France has stationed 300,000 troops within striking distance of her border. Map shows the line-up of powers today, shaded countries being those who have announced themselves as behind France. Photo shows French troops moving toward the border in recent maneuvers. (Central Press)

BRITAIN WILL ASK MIDDLE COURSE IN EUROPEAN TURMOIL

London Will Seek To Avert Anything Like Ultimatum To Be Handed to the Germans

GERMANY THREATENS TO RESCIND OFFERS

If Effort Is Made to Abridge Sovereignty of Her People, Peace Proposal Will Be Withdrawn, Berlin Says; Britain Is Turning to The French View

London, March 12 (AP)—A high source disclosed today that France has drawn up a virtual ultimatum to other Locarno treaty signatories, hinting that single-handed action against Germany might be necessary if no agreement is reached in diplomatic discussions here.

This disclosure followed within two hours a German government announcement issued in Berlin that Reichfuhrer Hitler would withdraw his recently proffered peace proposals if other powers tried to force Germany to cede any of her sovereign rights. Such rights, it was understood, included Germany's thesis that she could move troops wherever she chose in Germany.

Desperately Grave An authoritative source described this German pronouncement as an absolute bombshell, which made the situation now "desperately grave."

It was indicated that the British position of mediator between France and Germany had become almost impossible without some "gesture of conciliation on the part of Reichfuhrer Hitler."

London, March 12 (AP)—The French announced today that, unmoved by a German threat to seek isolation, they would insist absolutely on the removal of German troops from the Rhineland.

This announcement came as delegates from the Locarno treaty signatories met to discuss a British plan, which informed sources said they believed sought a middle course of action in the present crisis.

France Stands Firm. There was no immediate official hint as to what the British plan contained, but it was believed that it

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France Ratifies Mutual Aid Pact With the Soviet

Paris, March 12.—(AP)—The French Senate ratified the Franco-Soviet pact of mutual assistance by an overwhelming majority tonight.

The treaty already had been ratified by the Chamber of Deputies. The vote in the Senate was 233 to 55.

It was upon this treaty that Reichfuhrer Hitler based his denunciation of the Locarno pact, saying that by negotiating it France had already violated the provisions of the pact.

GRAHAM PROPOSALS ARE CALCULATED TO EMBARRASS RIVALS

Rumor Is He Will Advocate Repeal of Food Sales Tax First of July This Year

SEES NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL 1937

Going to Pull Out All the Stops in His Organ in Demanding Extra Session of Legislature; Governor Ehringhaus Fears Upsetting of His Budget.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 12.—Considerable heat will be applied tonight to both Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, two of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, in the course of the speech to be delivered by radio from 8:30 to 9 o'clock by Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham over a Statewide network, according to predictions heard here today. Not that Graham is likely to refer to either of these other opponents for the Democratic nomination for governor by name—candidates for political office do not do that. But he is expected to have several things to say and especially to advocate certain courses of action which may prove quite embarrassing to both McDonald and Hoey.

Put Rivals on Spot. It is being rumored about in some

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Roosevelt Wins Again In Georgia

Hamilton, Ga., March 12.—(AP)—In a "surprise primary," voters of Harris county today had written a forty to one endorsement of President Roosevelt into Georgia's strange 1936 political record.

An unpublicized presidential vote was held in this rural Georgia area yesterday in connection with a regular county Democratic primary, and returns from 12 of the county's 14

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Family Settlement Plan For Big Reynolds Estate Is Confirmed By Courts

North Carolina's Claim to \$2,000,000 Inheritance Tax from \$25,000,000 Fortune Ratified by Judge Frank in Baltimore; Smith Reynolds' Heirs Benefit

Baltimore, Md., March 12 (AP)—Circuit Court Judge Eli Frank "ratified and confirmed" today the "family settlement" dividing the estate of the late Zachary Smith Reynolds among his heirs without litigation.

A decree handed down by Judge Frank approved a compromise the North Carolina courts had agreed upon to dispose of the \$25,000,000 estate of the deceased, youngest son of the late R. J. Reynolds, who accumulated a fortune in tobacco.

Will Held Void. The decree also held that a will executed by Smith Reynolds was ineffective and void. North Carolina attorneys had contended at a hearing before Judge Frank that Reynolds, who died before he was 21, was incapable of making a will.

The compromise ratified by Judge Frank calls for the following division of Smith Reynolds' estate:

To Christopher Smith Reynolds, the child of his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Holman Reynolds, former Broadway "torch" singer, 25 percent.

To Anne Cannon Reynolds II, daughter of his second wife, 37 1/2 percent.

To his brother and two sisters for the purpose of creating charitable trusts, 37 1/2 percent.

The settlement also provides that Libby Holman Reynolds shall receive \$750,000.

State Awarded \$2,000,000. Judge Frank also ratified the State of North Carolina's claim for \$2,000,000 in inheritance taxes.

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Record Big Funds Voted To the Army

\$600,000,000 Fund Passes Senate For Full Peace Strength of 165,000 Men

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—The Senate Appropriations Committee today voted the largest peace-time fund in history for the War Department—\$600,000,000, including money to maintain the army at the full authorized strength of 165,000.

As the army bill passed the House, funds were provided to maintain an army of 150,000 men.

The Senate committee boosted the House total of \$545,226,000 for both military and civilian activities of the army by adding \$50,000,000 to the House's \$165,360,000 for rivers and harbors and flood control work.

While not earmarked, the added \$50,000,000 will go for projects all over the country.

IMPEACHMENT CASE IS SET FOR APRIL 6

Washington, March 12 (AP)—The Senate today fixed April 6 as the date for the trial of Halstead L. Ritter, Federal judge for the southern district of Florida, on House impeachment charges that he granted excessive receivership fees of a former law partner, A. L. Rankin.

No Agreement Yet On Corporate Tax

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—Two hours discussion today brought a House Ways and Means subcommittee to no definite conclusions for taxing undistributed corporation incomes which still would allow corporations to build up adequate reserves.

Chairman Samuel B. Hill, Democrat, Washington, told reporters: "We discussed the question of some of these tables we have had before us as to how we could arrange the brackets and the rate in the lower percentages of income, which would enable the corporations to build up necessary reserves without too much burden on the reserves so withheld from distribution."

"We didn't come to any conclusion," He added that exemption of banks

OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Friday; colder in east and central portions tonight.

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