

PLAN PROCESSING TAX ON FARM PRODUCTS

PEACE PROGRAM IS FACING FAILURE ON ANSWER OF HITLER

If German Counter Proposals Are Considered, France Will Decline To Participate

EDEN MANEUVERED IN AWKWARD SPOT

Mussolini Is Delaying His Acceptance of Four-Power Accord, and That Is Also Causing Concern; Duce May State Minimum Terms In African War

London, March 24 (AP)—A breach appeared to threaten the Anglo-French sector of the Locarno front today as Joachim von Ribbentrop was expected back from Berlin bringing Adolf Hitler's reply to the four-power proposals for a Rhine-land settlement.

Paris advices that Foreign Minister Pierre Etienne-Flandin would refuse to return to London if German counter proposals were considered, informed sources said, placed British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in an awkward position.

More Anxiety
Anxiety also arose in the British, French and Belgian delegations over Premier Mussolini's delay in ratifying the four-power accord, although it was initiated by Dino Grandi, Italian ambassador to London and delegate to the conference.

Hitler's answer to the Locarno proposal was associated closely by League sources with an anticipated message from Mussolini setting forth his minimum terms for halting the Fascist warfare in Ethiopia.

Der Fuehrer's reply was expected to be a rejection of the Locarno program, framed to leave a means for new negotiations after Sunday's Reichstag elections, called by Hitler to approve his foreign policy.

INVESTIGATORS ARE ALWAYS UNPOPULAR

Senator Black in Years to Come May Be Looked Upon Differently

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, March 24.—Investigators never are popular with the folk they are engaged in investigating. Senator Hugo L. Black of Alabama seems now to be even more unpopular than the average, but probably that is because he is of the present. His predecessors' respective unpopularity are more or less forgotten.

In post-war years the first of the really great investigators was the late Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana. Walsh's masterpiece was the Teapot Dome inquiry. Teapot Dome, as a matter of fact, was only one detail of the affair, but the "Teapot Dome probe" was the name it generally was known by.

Walsh was a fearfully harsh investigator but, legally, extremely punctilious. He had a high respect for the

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Americans Win in Irish Sweepstake

Dublin, Irish Free State, March 24 (AP)—American ticket holders in the Irish Free State hospitals sweepstakes had drawn 45 percent of the chances on horses running in the Grand National March 27, when the draw in the town hall was adjourned for lunch today.

Every one of these tickets held by Americans was certain to pay at least \$3,600, for that is the prize to be given to each ticket drawn against a horse regardless of whether the horse runs. Holders of tickets drawn on the horse that wins will get about \$150,000.

MEEKINS IS GIVEN PRESIDENT VOTE BY THE STATE G. O. P.

Action Taken by State Convention Over Protest, but Binds Only Delegates-at-Large

STEIWER ATTACKS DEMOCRATIC ACTS

Whether New Deal Is Good for America or Not Is Paramount Issue, Oregon Senator, Keynotes, Declares; Criticizes Failure of Democratic Farm Program

Raleigh, March 24.—(AP)—The State Republican convention this afternoon adopted a resolution endorsing Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, and Raleigh, for the Republican presidential nomination.

It was explained the action bound only the electors at large, elected by the State Convention, to vote for Meekins for President.

Opposition Develops.
Opposition developed to the action, Harry Williams, of Charlotte, saying it was known "Isaac Meekins cannot be the next President," even though "we know he is honest and sincere in his life."

The motion to endorse Meekins carried over a scattering of "Nos" from the convention. Previously, the convention was urged by Senator Frederick Steiwer, Republican, Oregon, to fight for a G. O. P. victory this year "to save America from the New Deal," as he played the record of the Democratic national administration.

More than 1,000 party members from every county in the State vigorously applauded the senator's attack on Democratic policies as he sounded the keynote.

Paramount Issue.
"The paramount issue may be stated in one question," Steiwer said, "is

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TUCKER EXPECTED TO BE NOMINATED FOR REPUBLICANS

Indications Are He Will Get On Ticket for Governor Instead of Gilliam Grissom

J. J. BRITT SLATED FOR SENATE TOGA

Charles A. Jonas Not Expected to Meet With Opposition for Republican National Committee Office; Bonedry Prohibition Expected to Be Endorsed

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

Raleigh, March 24.—Several buckets of dope are expected to be upset before the State Republican Convention, in session here today, adjourns this afternoon or tonight. Indications at noon today were that the skids had been greased and placed under Gilliam Grissom, of Raleigh, former United States Collector of Internal Revenue in North Carolina, and for the past three years an active candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in 1936, and that Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, former United States district attorney, will be selected as the party's nominee. The opinion in most circles last night and this morning was that Grissom had virtually been eliminated and that Tucker would be given the nomination. In fact, it was currently reported around the lobbies here this morning that Grissom had about given up all hope of getting the nomination. Tucker is chairman of the platform committee.

May Be Dark Horse

If some of the cogs in the Republican convention machine should slip or get stuck and a hitch develop in the nominating of Tucker as its candidate for governor, John L. Morehead is regarded as a possible "dark horse," and a quiet, but none-the-less vigorous campaign was being conducted in his behalf here last night and this morning, in spite of the indications that Tucker will eventually get the nomination. Morehead, from Charlotte, is a Republican stalwart in the tenth congressional district and has been active in the affairs of

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MOUNT AIRY LABOR HOAX INVESTIGATED

Anonymous Post Cards Mailed About "Cheap Labor" Conditions There

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

Raleigh, March 24.—An investigation is now being conducted by Commissioner of Labor A. L. Fletcher in an effort to discover the origin of the flood of postal cards, anonymous and unsigned, broadcast over the country calling attention to the "cheap labor" in Mt. Airy, N. C. Though telling "Mount Airy, N. C., has a very low there, these cards were mailed from Greensboro, Commissioner Fletcher has already determined, and were sent very largely to members of Congress rather than to employers and industrialists. The fact that the typewriter or mimeograph on which they were addressed is very similar to the type

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FLOOD SURVEY NOW ORDERED BY ICKES

New Funds by Congress for Rehabilitation of Stricken Area Talked

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes today ordered Public Works directors in 20 states to survey flood damage to PWA projects and other public property. The PWA administrator explained at a press conference that PWA had practically no money for additional allotments, but said he had "talked with two representatives who planned to introduce a bill appropriating funds." Asked whether he would favor such legislation, Ickes said if Congress decided to give PWA the money, it will very cheerfully administer this fund. "I certainly think," Ickes added, "we ought to make it possible if we can—to complete projects under way."

Only Church Steeples Above Water in Hartford, Conn.



Churches in this section of Hartford Conn., were "drowned", but the steeples escaped. Note mass of debris caught in triangle of buildings in foreground.

With Virginia Out, Voluntary Tobacco Sign-Up May Fail

Columbia, S. C., March 24 (AP)

—Following complicated parliamentary procedure, the South Carolina Senate today recalled a tobacco crop control bill from its agriculture committee, and sent it back to the committee for a hearing of growers tomorrow.

Raleigh, March 24.—(AP)—Governor Ehringhaus said today he had not heard from Governor George Peery of Virginia relative of a decision there on a proposed voluntary tobacco sign-up campaign to reduce acreage planted in the leaf by 30 percent this season.

"Bone Dry" Plank Gets G. O. P. Nod

Raleigh, March 24.—(AP)—The Republican party today wrote a bonedry prohibition plank in its 1936 State platform, demanded removal of the public educational system "absolutely" from politics, expressed opposition to "use of the public highways for "excessive loads of commercial products transported x x x to the profit of private individuals," and called for a State old age pension law.

Reduction of governmental expenses, both State and Federal, was called for in the hope the sales tax will be abolished through savings. A reduction in State automobile license costs to a maximum of \$4 yearly for light cars was called for, and a State civil service system was

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, showers tonight and on coast Wednesday morning; somewhat colder in west and central portions Wednesday and in extreme southwest portion tonight.



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'Doc' Condon Will Talk To Gov. Hoffman

Trenton, N. J., March 24.—(AP)—Dr. John F. Condon, the Lindbergh ransom intermediary, agreed today to talk to Governor Harold G. Hoffman at his Bronx home, but questioned the executive's "sincerity, good taste and impartiality."

A long telegram to the governor after receipt of the executive's request for an interview, Dr. Condon, silent since he returned Tuesday from Panama, said he would see the governor and Attorney General David T. Wilentz "at such time as may suit your joint convenience."

Defending his activities in the Lindbergh case, Condon referred to "statements derogatory to me, allegedly given out through your press representatives, or by your agents," questioned the governor's legal authority for his present activities, and said:

To "Permit You."
"Although you have apparently usurped the functions of the court and the duly constituted investigating officials and despite your unfairness, I have decided to permit you to confer with me at my home."

As another condition of the conference, Dr. Condon suggested "in the

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Roosevelt At Sea On Fishing Cruise; To Restore Hagood

Miami, Fla. March 24 (AP)—Aboard one of Uncle Sam's new destroyers, the U. S. S. Monaghan, President Roosevelt cut across the Gulf Stream today bound for the far eastern side of the Bahama Islands to begin a two weeks fishing cruise. The happy, sea-going President showed off last evening from Port Everglades after taking action in the unhappy incident of the disciplining of Major General Johnson Hagood. The veteran army officer, who was relieved of command of the eighth corps area by his superiors for referring to WPA funds as "stage money," left silent from a two-hour interview with the commander-in-chief.

COMMITTEE GIVES LEVY BIG PLACE IN PROPOSED NEW ACT

Asked Why That Was Included, Chairman Hill Says Plainly "We Wanted Money"

MEMBERS ANXIOUS TO AVOID THAT TAX

Afraid of It in Election Year, and Its Inclusion In New Measure Will Depend on How Much Money Can Be Obtained from Other Sources To Be Tapped

Washington, March 24 (AP)—A House Ways and Means sub-committee decided today to include processing taxes on agricultural and competing products in a report to the full committee, which will form the basis for the start of open hearings Monday on the \$792,000,000 tax program.

Merely For Consideration

Chairman Samuel B. Hill, Democrat, Washington, declined to say processing taxes would be recommended, explaining to reporters that they would be included merely for consideration during the hearings. "The sub-committee decided," he said, "to include in its report as a basis for hearings, the so-called processing taxes submitted by the Department of Agriculture."

These contemplate a yield of about \$221,000,000, and cover more than 30 products or classes of products. The sub-committee agreed to eliminate from the list of products all starches except corn and rice, which Hill said would have produced \$840,000 in taxes.

"That would have been an imports duty really," the chairman explained.

Wants Some Money
Asked why the sub-committee had agreed to inclusion of the processing levies, Hill replied:

"We wanted some money." Many sub-committee men have been seeking to avoid processing taxes, a ticklish item in an election year, in the projected revenue bill. Hill said their final inclusion in the bill would depend on what the full committee agreed could be obtained in Federal income from other tax sources.

DROUTH THIS YEAR ENTIRELY POSSIBLE

That Economic Scarcity Idea Is All Wrong Coming To Be Believed

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer

Suppose there is a drouth this year? Yes, in spite of the floods east of the Mississippi river.

The Midwest breadbox is not certain that sufficient moisture will occur between now and harvest time. There is a considerable deficiency in some regions so far.

If American crops are short this year, the general result will be had no matter how much money the farmer may obtain.

Indeed, a crop shortage this year might send the economic theories of the New Deal crashing—with world-

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Rebuilding Tasks Started As Flood In Ohio Passes On

(By The Associated Press.)

Residents of a vast flood belt extending from Maine to Ohio and Kentucky, in which 168 lives were lost during a terrifying week, scraped muck and debris from their silt-laden cities and towns today, while residents of Cincinnati watched the crest of the swollen Ohio river sweep onward to new territory.

Between 20,000 and 25,000 persons fled from their homes in Cincinnati and the nearby area in advance of the muddy tide that had brought catastrophe to Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Wheeling and other communities in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Better in New England.

In New England, where scores of streams overflowed their banks and

wrought havoc second in severity only to the sweep of the Ohio river, conditions were definitely on the mend.

In almost every stricken area, anxious eyes were cast toward the Federal aid which would be forthcoming financial aid would be forthcoming for the work of rehabilitation. The American Red Cross long since had thrown its entire force into the field to relieve suffering and ward off pestilence.

New England, with damage estimated at more than \$270,000,000, and with approximately 80,000 refugees prevented from returning to their homes benefited from returning to their homes, fore sanitation measures were spread of concentrated on preventing spread of disease and lawlessness as it pushed the herculean task of rebuilding.