

MUSSOLINI IS BOLDER AS VICTORY NEARS

Unprecedented Vote Given Roosevelt As Knox Defeats Borah In Illinois Primary

KNOX GIVEN HEAVY LEAD OVER BORAH IN FIRST VOTINGS

Idahoan Stronger in Down-State Returns, However, Than Knox In His Home City

GOVERNOR HORNER APPARENTLY WINS

Opposed in Democratic Primary by Chicago Organization, Backing Dr. Herman Bundesen, Chicago Health Head; Democratic Vote Is Sensational

Chicago, April 15 (AP)—Colonel Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, contesting with Senator William E. Borah of Idaho for the Republican presidential preference vote in Illinois, and Governor Henry Horner, seeking to return to office, stood apparently victorious today on the mountain of ballots cast yesterday in one of the State's most dramatic primaries.

Piling up an early lead in Chicago, Colonel Knox led Borah by about 77,000 votes in the first test of strength between the two G. O. P. presidential aspirants. Borah was stronger than the Chicagoan in the 101 down-State counties.

Vote Merely "Advisory" In the 1,437 of the State's 7,426 precincts that were in, Knox had 281,022 votes to 204,860 for Borah. The vote was advisory only to the 50 delegates elected yesterday, who with seven others to be named later, will represent Illinois at the June national G. O. P. convention.

Overturning an early Cook county lead by Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, Chicago health commissioner, supported by Mayor Edward J. Kelly, and National Committeeman Patrick Nash, of Chicago, Governor Horner rolled up a tremendous vote down-State in

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Holdings Of State Bonds May Unload

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

Raleigh, April 15.—Some of the larger holders of North Carolina bonds are planning to sell them in the near future, especially if the likelihood grows that Dr. Ralph W. McDonald will be the Democratic nominee for governor, it was learned here today from a reliable source. There are two reasons for this, as follows:

1. North Carolina bonds are now selling at the highest prices in many years, due to the fact that the State now has a balanced budget, has no unfunded debt and has been operating on a cash basis for the past three years or more.

2. If McDonald should be nominated for governor, the State bonds are expected to decline sharply, in which case the present owners could repurchase them at much lower prices and thus take a large profit.

There is no doubt that the prices of North Carolina bonds will drop materially if McDonald should be nominated, since there is a decided lack of confidence in financial circles in McDonald's proposed taxation program, one holder of a good sized block of State bonds said here today. "This means that if McDonald continues to gain as some now think he will, that a great many people will start selling their bonds even before the primary in order to get the benefit of present prices. They also know that if McDonald should be nominated the prices will go still lower, so that they could buy these bonds back if they

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Roosevelts at Easter Services



President and Mrs. Roosevelt

Looking the picture of health following his recent fishing trip in Florida waters, President Franklin D. Roosevelt is shown with Mrs. Roosevelt leaving St. Thomas Episcopal church in Washington after attending Easter services. Mrs. Roosevelt greeted other worshippers in her new sky-blue homespun Easter suit and dark blue hat with saucy pom-pom of purple and red flowers.

Fear Seven Dead In Italian Plane

Rome, April 15.—(AP)—Seven persons were believed dead in the crash today of a passenger airplane operating between Milan and Turin.

The crash occurred near the town of Casassi, a short distance from Turin. Reports said the passenger list was made entirely of Italians and the dead included the vice mayor of Turin.

13TH DISTRICT IS BEHIND McDONALD

Promises To Remove Sales Tax Captures Popular Idea, Judge Says

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Raleigh, April 15.—One of the State's most populous sections—the thirteenth judicial district—would probably go in a big way for Dr. Ralph W. McDonald for the Democratic nomination for governor at the present time, according to Superior Court Judge F. Don Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding judge of that district who was through here Monday. Judge Phillips agrees that this sentiment may change between now and June 6, the date of the primary, but is convinced that the Winston-Salem college professor seems to have the edge on the other three candidates at the present time.

The thirteenth judicial district is composed of Richmond, Stanly, Union, Moore, Anson and Scotland counties, and is one of the most thickly populated in the State. Virtually the only reason the people in this district seem to be for McDonald is because of his opposition to the sales tax, Judge Phillips said.

"At present, I have no doubt but that Dr. McDonald is considerably in the lead of the other candidates for the gubernatorial nomination in the thirteenth district," Judge Phillips said. "The reason for this is that a

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Senate Will Set Hearing On Tax Bill

Will Begin as Measure Reaches House; Roosevelt Watching the Procedure

Washington, April 15 (AP)—Closely watching progress of the tax program, President Roosevelt said today he understood the Senate Finance Committee would begin hearings as soon as the measure gets before the House in order to expedite action.

The President said he planned no particular conferences on the tax bill, adding that he is discussing its progress with congressional leaders. He said he understood Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, chairman of the finance committee, planned to call his committee for consideration to the legislation as quickly as the bill is drafted finally by the House Ways and Means Committee.

MAN WITH LITTLE MONEY WORRYING

One Such Says "We Are In Another Fool's Age" as Back in 1929

By LESLIE RICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer IT IS NOT the wealthy man who has real trouble finding a place to invest his money—it is the man with the small sum of money.

Here is what one such man says: "If one has from three to twenty thousand dollars these days—and is in middle age—he is harassed with fear. He has suffered on depression. He has surmounted it. He could not

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Off to Japan—On a Mission of Peace



A group of Veterans of Foreign Wars, headed by James E. Van Zandt of Altoona, Pa., are on the Pacific, carrying friendly greetings to the fighting men of the Imperial Reservists' Association, whose guests they will be in the Land of the Rising Sun. Left to right they are Harry F. Stengel, Walter L. Daniels, Van Zandt, C. Bettencourt, Dr. R. E. Conway, Dr. O. R. Austin, Col. J. J. Skilman, Fred S. Alward, and Capt. Charles Brown. Stengel and Daniels accompanied the group on the President Jefferson only as far as Victoria. In the inset is Van Zandt, waving a greeting to Seattle, the port from which the party sailed. (Central Press)

PRESIDENT'S WIFE SHOWN IN PICTURE

Revealed Entering Meeting With Two Negro Escorts Witness Says

ANTI-NEW DEAL GROUP

Vance Muse, of Houston, Says Raskob and Pierre DuPont Gave \$5,000 Each To Macon Meeting Last Winter

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—The Senate Lobby Committee was told today that John J. Raskob and Pierre S. DuPont contributed \$5,000 each for the anti-New Deal mid-winter convention of Southern Democrats at Macon, Ga.

Vance Muse, of Houston, Texas, general manager of the Southern Committee To Uphold the Constitution—a group which collaborated with Governor Eugene Talmadge, of Georgia, in holding the convention—was the witness.

He testified also that he had circulated in the South pictures of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in the company of two Negro escorts.

Raskob is a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee. DuPont is a prominent contributor to the American Liberty League.

"We were interested in the Macon meeting and asked those two men to

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AUTO THEFTS ARE INCREASING HERE

Lack of Radio Patrol Control Blamed for Much of Growing Crime

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Raleigh, April 15.—The number of thefts of automobiles in North Carolina is increasing again, in spite of the excellent work being done by the enlarged State highway patrol, according to W. A. Coble, representative of Automobile Underwriters, of Atlanta, Ga., who devotes his entire time in North Carolina and Virginia in tracing

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, slightly warmer in east and central portions tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, possibly light showers and cooler in mountains; cooler Thursday night.

FDR Says Congress Put Stop To Two Works Jobs

Georgia Will Get Primary Election

Atlanta, Ga., April 15 (AP)—The State Democratic Executive Committee today ordered a State presidential preference primary in Georgia June 3, after defeating a move by supporters of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to set the date for May 5.

The resolution calling for the primary was offered by Will Mann, close personal and political friend of Governor Eugene Talmadge, New Deal critic.

It set the entrance fee for each candidate at \$10,000, and May 16 at noon as the closing day for qualifications.

It provided that if only one candidate qualifies there shall be no primary, and that such candidate shall name the delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Drys Might Oppose Wet Candidates

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Raleigh, April 15.—The United Dry Forces of North Carolina are going to get into politics deeper than ever and are sharpening their axes to cut off the political heads of all candidates within the State for either county or State offices who are in sympathy with the legal sale of liquor or liquor control, it was indicated at the meeting of the board of trustees of the dry forces here Tuesday. Only about 50 trustees were present out of the 170 members of the board, to

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BLUE MOLD IS NOT SERIOUS IN GEORGIA

Some Sections Badly Affected But State as Whole Is Not, Extension Head Says

Athens, Ga., April 15.—(AP)—Blue mold, tobacco plant disease, reported threatening a reduction in the year's production in North and South Carolina, has not become a serious problem in Georgia so far this year, Harry Brown, director of the State agricultural extension service, said today.

Brown said the disease had appeared in limited areas in South Georgia, but it is not general.

The county agricultural agent at Valdosta said today blue mold was serious in restricted areas of Lowndes county, but that no shortage of plants has occurred, and that most plants already have been transplanted to fields from the beds.

Disapproved Project in Maine to Wrest Power From Tides, Also Florida Canal

HOPES FOR MONEY IN OTHER SOURCES

President Says There Is Lot of Loose Thinking And Writing About Works Program as Whole; Says Per Capita Cost of Outlays Will Be Close to \$2,000

Washington, April 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that congressional disapproval had closed the door for further funds for the Passamaquoddy power project in Maine and the Florida ship canal, but he intimated modified plans for both may be submitted to Capitol Hill.

At the same time the President explained to his press conference that flood control work is proposed to be included in the regular annual public works program of \$500,000,000, included in his January budget estimates.

He said flood control and navigation was a very definite part of what he hoped would be a regular orderly annual public works program.

Discussing the works program as a whole, the President remarked there was a lot of loose thinking and writing

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GOVERNMENT MUST PAY FLOOD COSTS

Senate Committee Votes Land Values into Bill Authorizing Funds

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—The Senate Commerce Committee voted today to four today to have the Federal government absorb all land and damage outlays in flood control projects involved in the \$400,000,000 omnibus bill, and gave indications the measure would be reported to the Senate tomorrow.

The committee vote added between \$85,000,000 and \$100,000,000 to the size of the bill. Chairman Copeland, Democrat, New York, said it "gave wings" to the measure by eliminating opposition of a number who had protested that the provision of the bill that states and local communities bear land damage costs made the project impossible of completion.

Today's action followed by only a day submission by the army engineers of a new list of about \$85,000,000 worth of projects. They tentatively were included in the bill. Copeland predicted final committee action tomorrow. This would put it before the Senate for an expected battle with many senators whose projects were not included.

ITALY TO SUPPORT FRANCE ONLY WITH SANCTIONS LIFTED

Il Duce Refuses to "Be Frustrated" Now That He Is Within Sight Of Addis Ababa

NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEGUN AT LONDON

General Staffs of Britain, France and Belgium Plan Emergency if Germany Takes Aggressive; Meanwhile, Rome Hears About Fresh Victory at Front

Paris, April 15.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources said today that Pierre Etienne-Flandin, France's foreign minister, had been warned by Italy that remier Mussolini "refuses to be frustrated," now that his forces are nearing Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

They asserted this statement was made to Flandin directly by Ambassador Cerruti of Italy.

At the same time, the Italian ambassador was reported as saying that Italy was willing to fulfill her obligations to aid France against Germany under the Locarno treaty only if the League of Nations sanctions against Italy were lifted.

At a meeting of government leaders French officials decided to give Great Britain and Italy time to settle their differences over the Ethiopian war before taking a stand on further sanctions.

CONFERENCE IN LONDON PLANS MUTUAL DEFENSE (By The Associated Press.)

The conference of the British, French and Belgian army general staffs was begun today in London simultaneously with the start of negotiations for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war to decide on measures to insure against any unprovoked aggression.

Although the conversations between the general staff were to be conducted in secret, the British government has constantly assured the public no new political affiliations would arise from their decisions.

The peace talk of the League of Nations at Geneva presented a greater uncertainty as to the future course of European peace than did the problem of settlement of the Locarno crisis.

Mussolini Question Mark The uncertainty as to what Premier Mussolini's stand as liberator of Ethiopian slaves would do to the peace efforts of the League conciliation committee left Geneva circles wondering what the next move would be—peace or further sanctions against Italy.

Having received approval by the Ethiopian delegates to the League of Nations for an immediate armistice, Salvatore de Madariaga, chairman of the conciliation committee, turned to receive the answer of Italy's delegates due from Rome.

New Victory at Front The Italian high command reported a new important victory from the East African front, Marshal Pietro Badoglio telegraphed to Rome the capture of Dessye, former field head

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This Year's Cotton Crop Is Delayed

Drought In Western Belt and Rains In East Hindering Planting Season

New Orleans, La., April 15.—(AP)—Drought in the west and excessive rain in the east were today hampering planting and threatening to become major factors in the Federal government's efforts to curtail the 1936 cotton crop.

Reports from ten chief cotton growing states showed planting running from one to four weeks behind schedule in six of them.

Production May Be Less. Data from official and trade sources indicated clearly that bad weather was playing an important part in the early development of the crop. Most observers, however, found it too early

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