

FARM BILL PASSES SENATE BY 56-31 VOTE

EUROPE EXCITEDLY AWAITS STATEMENT OF HITLER SUNDAY

Fuehrer Expected To Have Surprise for German Nation in Reichstag Address

COLONIES' RETURN IS BEING HINTED

Deal With Britain May Bring That Coveted Prize to Reich, and Britain May Also Recognize Mussolini's Conquest of Ethiopia, Rumors Have It

Berlin, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Jittery Europe is facing its third consecutive "Hitler week-end." The German Fuehrer, weighing events of a feverish fortnight, maintained strict secrecy today on the message he will have for the nation and the world in his speech to the Reichstag next Sunday. Speculation as to just what Hitler will say agitated diplomatic quarters, but secrecy, as usual, was his watchword. Official silence, likewise, surrounded results of Hitler's talk Saturday with Austria's Chancellor Schuschnigg at Hitler's Bavarian retreat. There were reports in diplomatic circles that his big surprise for the German people Sunday would be return of Germany's lost war colonies. It was said Britain and Germany were negotiating on an important colonial concession for the Reich, but that certain conditions would be required. One of these conditions, it was said, would be a clarification of Germany's relations with Austria, assuring it against any sudden aggression in that sector. Premier Mussolini of Italy, who was said to have urged the Schuschnigg-Hitler meeting, was described as favorable to a settlement by which Hitler would get colonies and Italy would get British recognition of the conquest of Ethiopia.

Dean Noe Seeks New Treatment

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Rev. Israel Harding Noe, the former fasting dean of St. Mary's Episcopal cathedral, made ready to leave his hospital bed today. After a brief stay at his home, the deanery, he will leave for Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for further treatment, with the consent and approval of the Rt. Rev. James Maxon, bishop of Tennessee. The 47-year-old clergyman had tried to prove the immortality of man with the help of God. He entered the hospital January 22 in a near state of collapse after going 22 days without food or water. His food, he said, was "creative strength," transmuted "from the Father's life." He said he neither needed nor desired material food. The absolute fast was a program of progressive abstinence. He lived in 1936 on raw cashew nuts and oranges. He lived all of 1937, he said, on oranges alone, giving up water in February of that year.

NO WOMAN LIKELY IN 1939 ASSEMBLY

Mrs. McKee Barred From Senate by Alternating of Office Elsewhere

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Unless a newcomer turns up from somewhere, the 1939 State Senate will be without a "Lady from Anywhere." Mrs. Gertrude Dills McKee, who was highly ornamental as well as useful in the 1937 session, writes your correspondent that a "gentleman's agreement" gives her district's senatorship to Haywood county this time, though why she should be bound by a pact between "gentlemen" only, we don't know. Anyhow, the only feminine member of the 1937 group will stay home in a visitor or come to the legislature as a visitor only. Incidentally, Mrs. Charles Hutchins, Yancey's bid for beauty and legislative fame, has not yet said whether

Bill Payne Refuses To See Press

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Bill Payne under sentence to die March 4 for the killing of Highway Patrolman George Penn, has asked that newspaper men not be allowed to see him, Warden H. H. Wilson, of State Prison, said today. Yesterday Payne's mother visited him. The warden said much mail was coming to the prison for Payne, but most of it was from religious fanatics, and little of it was being given to the prisoner. Payne and Wash Turner were convicted together. Their lawyers gave notice they would appeal the death sentences, but Wilson said he had received no notice which would stay the execution.

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DICTATOR-KING CAROL, PREMIER



King Carol... a dictator-king. Miron Cristea... heads cabinet. World attention now is focused on Rumania where King Carol II sets himself up as dictator-king, declaring a state of siege and placing the country's civil administration under the army. Carol's action followed the resignation of Octavian Goga, anti-Semitic, Fascist premier who had held office since December. King Carol "abolished" parties and set up a new government under Patriarch Miron Cristea, 68, president of the Holy Synod of the National Orthodox Church of Rumania. Carol is accounted as pro-Nazi, while the majority of Rumanians are believed to favor France and democracy. An election which was to occur and which King Carol now has "avoided" was expected to overwhelm Goga and the Fascist groups.

Sino-Japanese Struggle In Middle China One Of World's Biggest Battles

Battlefield Is Same Used by Genghis Khan's Horsemen Over 700 Years Long Gone. Advance Guard Now Reported on Northern Banks of Stream, Which Divides North and South China; Resistance of 15,000 Chinese Is Shattered. Shanghai, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Japan's rising sun warriors, following the trail blazed by the Mongol hordes of Genghis Khan 700 years ago, fought one of the world's greatest battles today in the conquest of central China. The same battlefields in Honan province, where the great Khan's horsemen struck terror into the heart of Asia, reverberated with the din of modern conflict as the Japanese invaders drove desperately, fighting Chinese troops southward toward the Lunghai railroad. The Japanese already have captured the lower stretches of the Yellow river and have reached the middle section of that great waterway, the division of north and south China. Swift drives southward put the Mikado's armies astraddle the Ping-

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UNITY OF WORKERS OF WORLD GOAL OF STALIN, HE WRITES

Necessary To Assure Final Victory of Socialism, Soviet Dictator Declares

LETTER, HOWEVER, IS NOT VERY SPECIFIC

Reference to Communist Collaboration With Foreign Labor Parties and Non-Communists, Not Made Clear; Proletariat Aid Feat Essential

Moscow, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Joseph Stalin, in a letter published today, called for strengthening the ties between Soviet workers and the working classes of other countries in order to assure the "final victory of socialism" by guaranteeing the Soviet union against attack. Whether the secretary-general and leader of the communist party had in mind a collaboration with the foreign labor parties, non-communists as well as communists, was not specified in the letter, published in Pravda, the party organ. He failed to mention communism, however, or advocate the overthrow of capitalism in other countries. He declared: "The aid of the international proletariat appears to be a force without which the final victory of socialism in one country is not to be decided." Such aid, Stalin wrote, "should be joined with our work of increasing

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Brantley Thornton, Middle-Aged Filling Station Man, Convicted of Manslaughter. Smithfield, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Brantley Thornton, middle-aged farmer and filling station attendant, will go on trial here a second time this week probably Wednesday, charged with the slaying of John D. Webb in August, 1935. Solicitor C. C. Cannady said today he would seek a second conviction. At his first trial Thornton was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to ten to twelve years. An appeal to the Supreme Court gained him a new trial.

COTTON HIGHER ON FARM BILL OUTLOOK

Expectations of Passage of Crop Control Measure Influence Prices Upward. New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened two to eight points higher today on expectations the Senate will pass the farm bill, possibly today. May reacted to 8.87 shortly after the first hour, when the list was six to eight points net higher. May at midday was 8.89, and the list was seven, nine points net higher.

Senate Race Beclouded In Other Fights

Congressional, Judicial and Local Contests to Sap the 1938 Spotlight

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy and colder to night and Tuesday, with scattered showers tonight, probably ending in extreme south portion Tuesday morning.

Europe's Powder Barrel



This map, showing the trouble spots on the European war horizon, is self-explanatory. Rumors trickling through the chancelleries indicate that war-scarred countries bordering on Germany are tightening their frontiers.

Flood Loss Grows Over The Week-End In Michigan Areas

Detroit, Feb. 14.—(AP)—New Michigan floods over the week-end drove families from their homes, blocked highways and caused damage far more serious than last week's floods. The property loss at Mt. Clemmons alone was more than \$100,000, Mayor Donald Westendorf said. The Clinton river at that point went on the worst rampage in 35 years, inundating more than 700 acres in the city. Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint, Pontiac, Utica, Rochester and Ionia were suffering from overflowing streams,

RUSSIA MAY HOLD BALANCE OF POWER

Soviets Likely Would Line Up With Democracies Against Despotisms

By CHARLES P. STEWART. Central Press Columnist. Washington, Feb. 14.—Lined up threateningly against one another, we read every day or oftener, are the world's big democracies versus the world's big despotisms.

Not Emphasized. All this is common newspaper talk. It is not so frequently emphasized, however, what a perfectly enormous casting vote is outstanding between democracy and despotism.

JOHN BEASLEY QUILTS CONGRESS CAMPAIGN

Publisher of Moore County News Retires in Favor of Roland Beasley, His Uncle. Carthage, Feb. 14 (AP)—John Beasley, publisher of the Moore County News here, withdrew today from the race for representative in Congress in the eighth district in favor of his uncle, Roland F. Beasley, who announced his candidacy last week after representative Walter Lambeth had publicly said he would not seek reelection, said his Monroe kinsman would make a better congressman any how.

SAMPSON RAPE CASE HAS BEEN PUT OFF

Illness of Judge Frazzelle's Wife Delays Court in Clinton for Day at Least. Clinton, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Because of the illness of Judge J. Paul Frizzelle's wife, there will be no session tomorrow of superior court, which has been underway here since last Monday, it was announced today. Court attaches said Judge Frizzelle hoped to be able to resume his duties Wednesday. Waddell Hedley, a Negro, was scheduled to go on trial tomorrow on a charge of raping a white woman.

BULKY MEASURE IS SENT WHITE HOUSE FOR LAST SIGNING

Speedy Approval by President Foreseen To Put Crop Control in Force At Once

McADOO PREDICTS BILL WON'T LAST

Says Dissatisfaction Will Be So Great Next Session of Congress Will Have To Repeal It; Fish Would Give Japan Naval Equality With U. S.

Washington, Feb. 14 (AP)—The administration's new farm program received Senate approval today after weeks of congressional controversy. The bulky measure now goes to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature. The President's approval will make effective the huge effort at production and marketing controls for five major crops on which Congress began work last fall.

McAdoo Predicts Repeal. Senator McAdoo, Democrat, California, describing the administration's crop control bill as "revolutionary," said today its enforcement would create "such a hubbub" that the legislation would be repealed at the next congress session. McAdoo spoke as opponents of the

PEANUT LAW URGED FROM FARM BUREAU

Arnold Says in Washington Meeting for Two States Set for Friday in Raleigh. Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—E. F. Arnold, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, today urged immediate enactment of peanut control legislation based on the principle of marketing quotas. Arnold, here to confer with Assistant Farm Administrator J. B. Hutson, said North Carolina peanut growers feared over-production of that commodity when control programs for tobacco and cotton went into effect.

New Storm For Pacific Coast Area

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 14 (AP)—The Pacific coast, weary by a prolonged siege of rain, snow and high winds that have caused nearly a score of deaths, disrupted communications, and halted rail and highway traffic, had in prospect today more rain, snow and high winds. In northern California, where the storm entered its nineteenth day, floods threatened to spread.

REV. A. A. BUTLER, 69, PASSES IN NORFOLK

Had Been Baptist Pastor in Durham, Raleigh and Hertford; Was Ill Ten Days. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Rev. A. A. Butler, 69, of Hertford, N. C., died today at Lee hospital here of double pneumonia. He had served Baptist churches in Durham, Raleigh and Hertford in North Carolina. Rev. Mr. Butler became ill after preaching his fiftieth anniversary sermon at Temple Baptist church at Durham, of which he was formerly pastor. He was brought here February 4.

CANADIAN TOBACCO MART ABOUT LOST

Southern Growers Have Taught Farmers in North Country to Grow Weed. Raleigh, Feb. 14.—North Carolina growers "have virtually lost" Canada as an export market for flue-cured tobacco, W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, said today. "During the past 10 years, Canadian growers have increased their tobacco production from six million to 53 million pounds," he said, adding that

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