

CONGRESS MAY ADJOURN EARLY IN MAY

JAPAN IS SPEEDING REINFORCEMENTS TO CHINESE WAR AREA

New Commanding General Takes Over Effort To Stem New Chinese Counter Attacks

SAVAGE FIGHTING ALONG RAIL LINE

Both Sides Claim Indecisive Victories; Tokyo Dissatisfied With Loss of Prestige in Failure of Army in China to Make Rapid Progress

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Japan ordered a new commanding general and troop reinforcements to the central China war zone today "to meet the new situation" precipitated by violent Chinese counter offensive operations. Savage fighting continued along the far-flung fronts paralleling the strategic Langhsai railway, with both sides winning indecisive victories.

It was reported that General Hata, inspector general of military education in Japan, had arrived to take over command of the Japanese troops which for months have been struggling to conquer the rich central China agricultural region and railroad network.

General Hata was said to have sent been sent to replace General Matsui because of dissatisfaction in Tokyo over the progress of the central China campaign.

Tokyo was represented as dissatisfied with the loss of prestige suffered by the Japanese army because of breaches of discipline in central China.

Dispatches from the front indicated the Chinese counter offensive was meeting with success in the Hwai river sector, north of Pengpu.

Patrolmen Kill Thief At Kinston

Kinston, Feb. 19 (AP)—A man identified by Lieutenant Arthur Moore of the State Highway Patrol as Eugene Lea, 35, of Fayetteville, charged with highway robberies in Cumberland and Bladen counties, was shot to death last night in a brush with nine State and city officers in the business district here.

Moore said he had arranged a trap after learning a stolen automobile had

COTTON FLUCTUATES ON TODAY'S MARKET

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Rows for May, July, October, December, January, March.

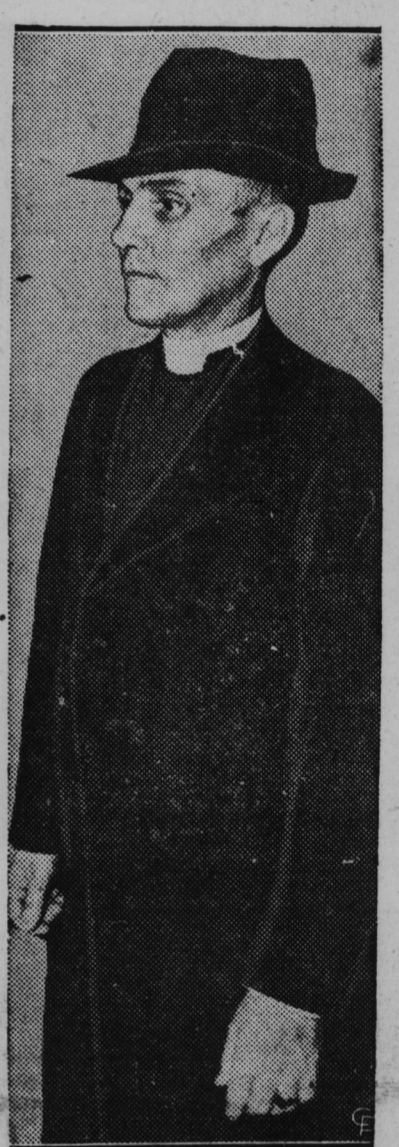
Austrians Meet Last Of Pledges

Vienna Awaits Hitler Statement Sunday That Germany Will Do Her Part

Vienna, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Austrian government announced today it had fulfilled all Chancellor Schuschnigg's pledges to Germany's Fuehrer Hitler by opening to Austrian Nazis membership in the fatherland front, the nation's only legal party. Austria waits now for Hitler to declare in his Reichstag speech Sunday that he will re-

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Dean Noe Goes Home



The Rev. Israel Noe ... recovering from fast. Weighing more than 140 pounds, the Rev. Israel Noe, former dean of St. Mary's Episcopal cathedral in Memphis, Tenn., departs from the hospital where he was taken when his condition became serious following his 22-day fast. The former dean's object had been "to prove man's immortality with the help of God". He weighed less than 98 pounds when taken to the hospital

Insurgents Say Teruel Fall Near

Franco's Men Report Government Garrison Is Ready To Surrender City

Hendaye, France, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Spanish insurgents officially announced today they had encircled Teruel in their new South Aragon offensive. Two thousand government troops garrisoning the provincial capital city were fighting to defend it. The insurgents said they had "intimations" from the garrison, however, they would like to discuss terms for surrender of Teruel.

General Francisco Franco's official statement

Candidates Paying Fee Total Of 20

Raleigh, Feb. 19—Twenty candidates have paid the State Election Board \$1,360 as their formal and official "earnest" money, indicating their irrevocable intention to seek posts of power and perquisites in the approaching primaries.

While this is a small group, as compared with the aggregate total expected to enter before time limit for filing comes round, it is considerably larger than usual for this time of the year. The primary is still more than

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BRITAIN SEEKING CLOSER TIES WITH MUSSOLINI REGIME

London's Move Leaves France Alone in Effort To Check German Drive in Austria

CABINET DISCUSSES CONCRETE PROPOSAL

Prime Minister Chamberlain Has Definite Plan After Two Weeks Conferences. With Italian Ambassador; Resent Italian Radio Propaganda in Balkans

London, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The British cabinet recessed temporarily tonight after a three hour and 29 minute session, which was understood to have failed to solve critical break between Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Eden over a deal with Italy.

London, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Britain took a step toward friendship with Fascist Italy today, apparently leaving France alone to take the lead in any effort to check the expansion of German influence in Austria.

Both Italian-British friendship and the Austria-German situation were on the agenda of today's unusual cabinet session—the first full session on Saturday since November 5, 1936, before the abdication of Edward VIII. It was understood Prime Minister Chamberlain, after two weeks talks with the Italian ambassador, Count Grandi, had reached the point where he could present to the cabinet a concrete plan for renewing Italian friendship ties.

This plan involved concessions by both sides on foreign intervention in the Spanish civil war, and the Anglo-Italian radio propaganda war for Arabic goodwill.

Britain has tried since the Spanish

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Increases In Births Continue

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—The January report of the State Board of Health's vital statistics division, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the director, shows that the upward trend in the number of births in North Carolina, which was maintained throughout 1937, was holding its own the first month of 1938. The number of deaths, however, was also greater than in January last year.

The first month of 1938 was marked by the birth of 6,395 little Tar Heels as compared with 6,103 a year ago, while deaths numbered 3,098 against 2,796 reported the first month of 1937.

There was a slight decrease in the number of deaths among babies under

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TAKE RUSSIANS OFF DRIFTING ICE FLOE

Four North Pole Scientist Rescued After Drifting in Arctic Eight Months

Moscow, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Four Russian scientist, who had been marooned for more than eight months on drifting Arctic ice were taken to safety today on the ice breakers Taimyr and Murman.

The four men and all the equipment which they had been using for meteorological observations cooking to the establishment of a Russian air line across the North Pole to the United States were loaded on the rescue craft.

The four scientists had been planted near the North Pole by an aerial Expedition last May 21.

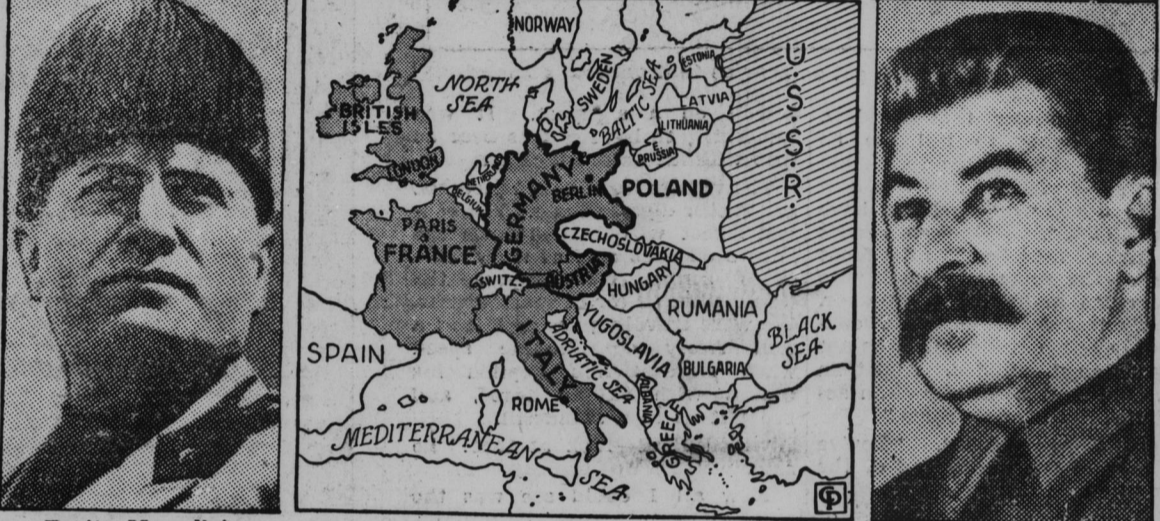
A terse radio message from the eastern coast of Greenland more than 1,000 miles from where camp was first located said: "Papanin, Edderoff, Shirshoff and Krenkel, with all equipment, removed from ice floe by Taimyr and Murman, which are proceeding to Murmansk."

Thus they were rescued from the sea-going floe, a 100x160 foot fragment of their original camping place, after a long and hazardous isolation. For days the ice breakers had fought crushing ice in their effort to gain the position three miles from the ship.

Germany's Moves Cause Tension in All Europe



Camille Chautemps, Adolf Hitler, Neville Chamberlain



Benito Mussolini, Josef Stalin, Benito Mussolini, Josef Stalin

Great Britain and France, gravely worried over Germany's drastic moves to force Nazi domination on Austria decided to ask Chancellor Adolf Hitler's government to declare his future intentions regarding the country. Europe, meantime, has been in a tense state. Although Berlin has hailed its triumph, Austria resents the coup. And the Soviet Union is nervous over rumors of a new Nazi-Fascist pact in which Germany would give Italy raw materials and privileges in return for a free hand in Austria.

The cards in the European deck are being dealt swiftly by the heads of the dominant nations—Adolf Hitler, Germany; Benito Mussolini, Italy; Neville Chamberlain, Great Britain; Camille Chautemps, France, and Josef Stalin, Soviet Union.

Motor Vehicles Kill 60 In State During January

Predicts Duce's Fall. Less Than January, 1937, Though Injuries Last Month Were in Great Number

HIGH SPEED GIVEN AS CHIEF CAUSES

Pedestrians in Cities and Towns Bear Brunt of Urban Fatalities Toll; 7 to 8 P. M. Worst Hour for Accidents; Children at Play Killed

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—There were more automobile accidents in North Carolina this January than there were last, but when the casualty list had been carefully compiled it was found that fewer persons died as a result of the January, 1938, accidents than perished in the corresponding month of 1937.

According to statistics released by the Motor Vehicle Division today sixty persons died and 634 were injured in 670 accidents last month, while in January, 1937, the dead totalled 86 and the injured reached 575 as a result of 575 accidents.

From the report it is quite logical to draw the conclusion that high speed on the open road and the presence of many pedestrians on city streets were

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ANOTHER SUSPECT TAKEN IN SLAYING

Two Young Men Held for Brutal Slaying of Filling Station Operator

Carthage, Feb. 19 (AP)—Officers were enroute to Montreal, Canada, to return a man arrested there in connection with the slaying last August of J. E. Carraway, who operated a filling station near Southern Pines.

Sheriff J. McDonald said the suspect arrested by Canadian police was booked under the name of Jean Baptiste Caron. A youth booked as Robert Svensen, 19, arrested a few weeks ago in Canada, is held in jail here awaiting trial.

The sheriff said Svensen had confessed and implicated Caron. Carraway's body beaten and hacked, was found near Southern Pines last summer a few days after two men had engaged him to take them to Pinehurst.

ARKANSAS FACING FLOOD THREAT BY 3 RAGING RIVERS

Hundreds of Persons Flee Lowland Homes as Streams Go On Rampage Over State

TORNADO CITY IS STARTING REPAIRS

Rodessa, La., Counts 25 Dead from Twister Friday; Property Damage Estimated Up to \$500,000; Arkansas Flood Problem May Exceed That of 1935

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Three rivers and their numerous tributaries roared an ominous flood threat to Arkansas today while other sections of the South were recovering from the effects of storms that claimed at least 27 lives.

Hundreds of persons fled their lowland homes as the Ouachita, Arkansas and White rivers, swollen by a week's torrefactual downpour, spilled their excess burden over thousands of acres of farm lands. Army engineers here said the predicted crests probably would bring greater flood problems than in 1935.

Relief workers at Rodessa, La., started rehabilitation work in the little oil field community, where a tornado ripped through the residential section Thursday night, leaving 25

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LAWMAKERS WANT TO GO HOME FOR POLITICAL FIGHTS

Election-Year Political Activities Will Claim Attention of Solons Very Soon

BOOST FOR RELIEF FUND IS SOUGHT

Compliance With New Farm Program to Put Many Millions in Cotton Farmers Pocket; Vinson Asks Funds for Investigation of New "Aerial Bomb"

Washington, Feb. 19 (AP)—Congressional leaders, determine to make this a short productive session, concentrated on hastening action of President Roosevelt legislative program.

Leaders and most members were hopeful of adjournment early in May, many of the law makers were anxious to get back home and look after their election-year political interests. Faster tempo of congress the last week heartened leaders.

Other developments: Senator Bone, Democrat, Washington said he would ask the senate to increase the \$250,000,000 supplementary relief appropriation, possibly to \$400,000,000.

Bone said he was studying all the available data on relief needs. Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the House naval committee, suggested using a part of a \$15,000,000 experimental fund to test a mysterious new "aerial bomb" which the inventor said would revolutionize this country's defenses.

Vinson referred to a device which Lester Barlow, Stamford, Conn., inventor said yesterday would force

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MOREHEAD PORT TO SHOW BIG VOLUME

Shipment of Scrap Iron Expected to Swell Traffic Over 1936 Levels

Washington, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Water traffic handled by North Carolina newest port, Morehead City, N. C., is expected to show a greater volume than the 62,500 tons in 1936.

Last year, the port developed with public works funds, was used as a shipping port for scrap iron to foreign nations.

In 1936, the army engineers records showed there were no exports from there. Army engineers said the 1937 figures would be available early in April. They are compiled by Maj. Ralph Willis, district engineer at Wilmington, N. C. The value of Morehead City's traffic was \$940,984, chiefly from coast-wide and internal water traffic.

Imports that year include 1870 tons of salt. Internal traffic accounted for the greatest volume, and included 14,229 tons of fuel oil, 27,000 tons of gasoline, 1,600 tons of fresh fish, 1,800 tons of steel piling and 1,000 tons of fish scrap.

\$40,000 SHORTAGE AT FREMONT BANK

President Found Shot to Death in Home; Bank Is Consolidated

Fremont, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Gurney P. Hood, State Banking Commissioner reported today a shortage of more than \$40,000 in the accounts of the Bank of Fremont, whose President Cutler Lee was found shot to death in the bath room of his home here late yesterday.

The Bank of Fremont was taken over about three weeks ago by the Branch Banking and Trust Company. Hood said the shortage was not discovered until after the banks consolidation.

Funeral for Lee was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the graveside at Wilmington. Hood said at Raleigh the Branch Banking and Trust Company at Wilson would not be responsible for liability created by the alleged shortage of the Bank of Fremont. Instead, he said, the Bank of Fremont would have claim against the shortage with the FDIC, the bonding company, which bonded the bank's president and his estate.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Mostly cloudy and colder tonight and Sunday, with showers this afternoon and tonight, possibly ending on northeast coast Sunday morning. WEERLY WEATHER South Atlantic States: Fair and cool Monday, rising temperature Tuesday, with some rain in northern section; more general rain period after middle of week, with a change to colder.