

JAPAN FEARFUL OF NEW CHINESE AIR RAIDS

SENATE VOTES BACK HUGE SUM STRICKEN FROM LABOR BOARD

\$385,000 Deleted, Glass Says, Because Board Could Not Justify Larger Personnel

TOWNSEND WILL NOT DO JAIL SENTENCE

Old Age Pension Leader Decides To Fight to Supreme Court His Contempt Sentence; AAA Announces Fund for Loans on Fire-Cured, Air-Cured Tobacco

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Senate restored today \$385,000 cut from a \$2,955,000 appropriations for the National Labor Relations Board in the independent offices bill.

Chairman Glass, Democrat, Virginia, had told the Senate the appropriations committee cut the board's funds because it "had not been able to justify" the proposed employment of additional personnel.

Chairman Thomas, Democrat, Utah, and Senators Neely, Democrat, West Virginia, and Wagner, Democrat, New York, defended the increase, asserting that more attorneys and examiners were needed because of its expanding work.

A demand for an increase in the NLRB's appropriation drew from Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, a declaration of the board's administration of the labor act had been a "national disgrace."

The proposed labor board appropriation is one of the items in the \$1,400,000,000 independent offices bill coming before the Senate for consideration today.

Another appropriation measure, the \$250,000,000 emergency relief bill, was

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Hancock Is Caller Upon Gov'r Hoey

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Congressman Frank W. Hancock, Jr., of Oxford, seeking the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate, visited Governor Hoey today.

"He was just in town and came by to pay his respects," said Hoey after Hancock left.

"I just talked to the best balanced governor of the best balanced state in the union about the best balanced state and other things," Hancock said when asked about the purpose of his visit. "I do want to say that if I were a farmer I would walk a country mile to support the farm surplus control program in the vote March 12."

"Though it may not be perfect, it will certainly help stabilize farm prices at a profitable level and at the same time tend to insure protection to the consumer."

"I am sick and tired of seeing our farmers make a little money one year and lose it all and perhaps some more the next."

Tomorrow night Hancock speaks in Tarboro.

Chautemps Not Allowed To Step Out

Paris, Feb. 24.—(AP)—French political parties today rejected a proposal that Premier Chautemps' regime be replaced by a national union government to cope with the nation's serious internal and external problems.

The radical socialist premier, who had offered to step down if he could be assured of an all-party participation in a national union government, resolved at once to carry on with his present radical socialist cabinet.

Socialist and communist leaders, as well as chiefs of the extreme right

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McNutt Rebuke?



Col. Davenport Johnson transferred

Has the early presidential boom and Philippine-to-Washington parade of Paul V. McNutt, high commissioner of the Philippines and former governor of Indiana, irked the Roosevelt administration? Some saw in the transfer of Col. Davenport Johnson, above, who flew McNutt from San Francisco to Denver without war department authorization, a rebuke to McNutt. Colonel Johnson is commanding the army bombing base at San Francisco. The war department denied Colonel Johnson's transfer to a secondary post at Rantoul, Ill., was anything other than routine. Indiana Democrats planned a royal reception for McNutt in Washington.

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FULTON, ARK., PINS HOPES ON LEVELS

Few More Hours Will Seal Fate of City on Banks Of Red River

Fulton, Ark., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Fulton's fate rested today in the sturdiness of an eight-foot sandbag barrier and the whims of the turbulent Red river, which registered an all-time high stage of more than 36 feet.

Some 50 river miles downstream the restless torrent blew out a levee opposite Garland City to inundate 100,000 acres of rich farm land inhabited by hundreds of families.

Skiffs were sent across the stream to aid those in the immediate vicinity of the break.

The sandbag dykes here, thrown up by volunteer and WPA workers, was patrolled by guards, who alternately watched the river gauge and looked for weak spots. The bags took a terrific beating from the angry stream, which stretched to a width of five miles in front of the town. Normally its width is 250 yards.

Most long-time residents agreed if the river rose any higher, the community, which hasn't been flooded in thirty years, would be inundated.

The Shreveport weather bureau predicted a stage of 38 to 40 feet by tonight, but Captain Griffiths, of the United States Army engineers, said at Little Rock observations along the stream led him to believe the predicted stage would not be reached.

Refugee congestion added to the tension.

PERSHING FAMILY MORE ENCOURAGED

General Expected To Recover from Heart Attack Unless Unforeseen Turn Comes.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Relatives and friends of General John J. Pershing were heartened today by physicians' reports that the 77-year-old campaigner would recover from his illness, barring some unforeseen setback. The general's only son, Warren, arrived here by plane from Palm Beach, Fla., and went immediately to his father's bedside.

General Pershing was awake early and inquired about his son. They last saw each other at the Gridiron dinner in Washington more than two months ago.

Just Before the Crisis



Anthony Eden, who has resigned as Foreign Minister in England, is pictured as he left Eustis for Birmingham, England, where he spoke before the Junior Imperial League. A few days later, on the heels of Hitler's speech to the Reichstag, Eden quit. He is pictured hiding his face from the cameraman.

Freedom Of Austria Is Invoked By Schuschnigg In Address To Country

Chancellor Explains His Visit With Hitler and Declares "Our Existence Is Involved"; Supporters and Nazis Outside Parliament Parade

Vienna, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Austrian government "is directing all its efforts toward Austria's freedom and independence," Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg declared tonight in a speech explaining the republic's new relations with the German Reich.

"The question of our existence is involved, and we are banded together seeking a solution of this special task," declared the scholarly chancellor.

"The constitution recognizes no parties. It is based on the profession and guild principle of the people. Therefore, there are no coalitions either in political life or in the administration."

Schuschnigg began his tensely awaited speech on his Berchtesgaden conference with Germany's Reichsfuehrer Hitler, using Austria's 59-member Federal diet as a sounding board.

The session took place in the huge hall of the Parliament building, packed by 1,200 members of the cabinet, officials, and members of the fatherland front. The chancellor entered the building shortly after 7 p. m. The speech was expected to be both a reply to Hitler's Reichstag speech of last Sunday and his version of the Berchtesgaden accord by which he was compelled to admit Nazi influence into the Austrian government.

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German Acceptance Of British Program Will Further Peace

Both Germany and Italy May Withdraw Their Troops From Spanish Civil War Front

CONCILIATION SEEMS TO BE NEARER NOW

Soviet Russia Remains Silent on British Formula of Getting Out of Spain; Further Negotiations By Germany May Clarify Situation More

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain's "realistic" program for bargaining with the fascist powers for the peace of Europe today was reported advanced by German acceptance of the British plan for withdrawal of foreign "volunteers" from the Spanish civil war.

Italy's acceptance, in principle, already has been indicated, paving the way for Italian-English friendship talks to open shortly in Rome.

Dr. E. Woermann, German charge d'affaires, visited the Earl of Plymouth, British under secretary for foreign affairs, and informed sources said he would agree to the British "volunteers" proposals.

This would indicate Reichsfuehrer Hitler was only one step behind Premier Chamberlain in conciliatory gestures toward the British government, from which Anthony Eden, whom both disliked, has withdrawn as foreign secretary.

Further Anglo-German negotiations are expected when Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's new foreign minister, and retiring ambassador to London, returns here to take his former leave of King George.

Soviet Russia still has not approved the British formula on "volunteers" but it was confidently believed Germany and Italy were falling in line.

STOCKS LOSE PART OF PREVIOUS GAINS

Profit Selling Appears, But Is Not Urgent; Volume Below That of Previous Session

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Stocks took time out for a breathing spell in today's market, and leading issues relinquished part of the ground gained Wednesday. Profit selling appeared at the opening, but it was not urgent in any department. Optimistic analysts stressed the fact volume was substantially below that of the preceding session. Declines running to a point or more were plentiful near the fourth hour. Bonds and commodities were uneven.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes American Radiator, American Telephone, Anaconda, Atlantic Coast Line, etc.

Nazi Party Celebrates A Birthday

Berlin, Feb. 24 (AP)—Today is the Nazi movement's 18th birthday, and an important one for the millions of Adolf Hitler's followers in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

It was on February 24, 1920, that Hitler, in the now-famed Hof Brau House in Munich, formally announced creation of the National Socialist German Workers Party, and proclaimed to an audience of 2,000 the party program of 25 points.

The first of those points was: "We demand union of all Germans in any great Germany on the basis of the right of self-determination of the peoples."

So it was with keen interest that Nazis of the three countries waited for tonight's speech by the Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg to hear his story of the Berchtesgaden meeting with Hitler, which gave the Nazis first important concessions in Austria.

Post in Danger?



Yvon Delbos may be forced out

As France suffered her European friends on changes in diplomacy forced by the resignation of Anthony Eden, Britain's foreign secretary, the position of France's foreign minister, Yvon Delbos, friend of Eden, was in danger. Unless French diplomacy is re-adjusted at once, it was said, Delbos would be forced out, too.

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INSURGENTS STRIKE AT MOUNTAIN PASS

Lay Siege to Strong Government Barricades Barring Way To Sea

Hendaye, France, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Spanish insurgents, fighting their way down a highway southeast of Teruel today laid siege to the mountain pass of Escandou, where strong government barricades barred the route to the Mediterranean sea coast.

The Iron insurgent command declared Castrillo defenses were broken by the continuing insurgent offensive. A second column reported consolidating certain positions where advance units moved ahead a mile and a half.

A headquarters bulletin said 16,290

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HOEY SPARES LIFE CHARLOTTE NEGRO

Commutes to Life Term Death Sentence on Hudson Robinson, Convicted of Murder

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Governor Hoey commuted to life imprisonment today the death sentence imposed in Mecklenburg county on Hudson Robinson, Negro convicted of the murder of Albert Dowling, another Negro. Robinson was to be executed tomorrow.

Hoey issued a lengthy statement discussing a careful study of "certain phases of the record and newly-discovered evidence," and noting "the evidence of the State and the defense was completely contradictory."

The State, Hoey said, contended the killing was without provocation, while the defense contended Dowling struck Robinson with a scuffling and a general fight ensued.

Says 1939 House Already Lost By Liquor Advocates

So-Called Dry Counties Expected To Send Enough New Strength to Legislature To Carry Lower Body; Only Hope of Wets Said To Be In Senate

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The North Carolina House of 1939 is already lost to the advocates of county liquor stores, and the only hope of continuing the present plan of ABC control lies in the Senate to be elected this year, one of the State's best-known lobbyists has told your correspondent.

This chap doesn't lobby for or against liquor—he's connected with an entirely different interest—and he is personally in favor of the present system. His duties take him into every county of North Carolina and he is

constantly on the go. For obvious reasons, he insisted that his name be not used in connection with any story about liquor.

Of course, his is just a personal opinion, but it is based on observation—the observation of a "trained reader of public thought, too. His conclusion is that the dries have worked quietly, but very effectively, ever since their defeat in the 1937 legislature, and that they are sure to put one of the most sizzling battles ever staged in

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NIPPON TREMBLES AS MORE BOMBERS REPORTED COMING

Eight Dead and 29 Injured Counted as Result of Raids on Formosa on Wednesday

JAPS SEEK BASES OF RAIDING CRAFT

Airdromes on Chinese Mainland Attacked; Japanese Army Forces Drive Southward Toward Chinese Defenses on Lunghai Railroad Front

Tokyo, Feb. 24.—(AP)—One of Japan's main islands was under air raid warnings for several hours today on reports that Chinese bombers were roaring over the China Sea to carry the Far East warfare to Japan.

The warnings were sounded on the island of Kyushu, southwesternmost main island, less than 24 hours after a Chinese squadron had bombarded the Japanese island of Formosa in the first air attack Japan ever has suffered.

Domei (Japanese) News Agency said defense headquarters on Kyushu gave word of the approach of the planes. The air raid warnings were lifted at 4:25 p. m. (2:25 a. m. eastern standard time.)

A navy spokesman declared it was "within the realm of possibility" that Chinese planes could bombard Kyushu.

Formosa counted eight dead and 29 injured as a result of yesterday's attacks. The whole island was on the alert for a possible second raid by Chinese bombers from somewhere on China's east coast.

Shanghai reports said, meanwhile, Japanese war planes raided Chinese airdromes on the southeast China coast in search for the base from which Chinese yesterday bombarded Formosa.

The Japanese struck for the first time at the Chinese airfield at Fochow, opposite the northern tip of Formosa. They also raided the air field at Lishui.

On the widespread central China war front northwest of Nanking, Japanese columns drove to the south against the Lunghai railway corridor.

TO HEAR PLEA FOR YOUNGEST CONVICT

McDowell Negro Sentenced to Die for Crime Done at Age of 15

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Feb. 24.—North Carolina's Supreme Court will next week hear the appeal of the youngest person ever sentenced to death in this State.

The case of Mann (alias Hiawath) Smith, Negro youth who was 15 years and 30 days old at the time of the offense for which he was condemned, is among a dozen set for oral argument next Tuesday.

He was convicted in McDowell county of raping a 13-year-old white girl, after a previous trial had been halted by an assault upon the defendant in open court by a relative of the prosecutrix.

Counsel for the condemned by contented in their brief that the superior courts of North Carolina have no authority to pass a sentence of death upon any person under 16 years old. They point to Section 7322 of the code which provides that judges of

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, somewhat unsettled on the coast; colder in central and east portions tonight; Friday general fair.