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ROOSEVELT DETERMINED UPON OBJECTIVES

Search For Dead Is Pushed In Los Angeles Flood Area As Nearly 100 Are Counted

PROPERTY DAMAGE OVER \$10,000,000 IN FOUR-DAY RAIN

Fears of Disease Grow As Waters Recede Almost As Rapidly as They Descended

TOTAL DEAD CAN'T BE FIXED AS YET

Panorama of Mud-Covered and Wrecked Houses, Bridges and Farms Revealed by Falling Streams; \$3,028,000 Damage In Los Angeles City Alone

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4 (AP)—A grim search through silt and debris for the bodies of flood victims began today in storm-ravaged southern California, where 95 persons were known to be dead or missing.

The steadily mounting list of dead from the \$10,000,000 five-day rainstorm rose to 70. Twenty-five were known to be missing. Between 25 and 50 others were feared lost.

Officials said it would be days before the exact casualties and damage would be known. Unofficial estimates of damage soared well above \$10,000,000. Damage to Los Angeles city property alone—a relatively small part of the five-county area swept by the floods—was estimated at \$3,028,000.

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Levine Begg Kidnapers To Restore Son

New Rochelle, N. Y., March 4.—(AP)—Murray Levine, father of kidnaped Peter Levine, said today the "last note" he had received from the abductors had demanded \$30,000 and that the money was ready.

But, said Levine, "the go-between directed by that note tried very hard to deliver the money, but failed."

The father added this intermediary, whose identity was not disclosed, still was ready to act.

The 12-year-old victim has been missing since a week ago Thursday. Meantime, a theory came from police that, unless the kidnapers of young Peter take advantage of the assurance that "the way is open" within a day or two, the father would urge officers, now on the sidelines, to pursue the abductors.

Levine, a New York attorney, went (Continued on Page Three.)

WINBORNE SCORES ON POWER FRONTS

Rate Reductions Affecting All Classes Should Help In Election

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 4.—Without intimating in the least that the moves were made or timed with politics in mind, it certainly may be said that Stanley Winborne's chances of re-election without serious opposition have not been hurt by the fact that within the short span of one month he has announced power rate reductions by each of the three major companies on each of the three main classes of electrical energy.

The utility commissioner's latest announcement was of a reduction in the (Continued on Page Two.)

Chautemps Finally Wins Passage Of Labor Codes With French Parliament

Kerensky in U. S.



Alexander Kerensky, leader of the Russian revolt against the Czar, who in turn was driven out by the Bolsheviks, is pictured aboard ship as he arrived in New York from England. Kerensky is here for a series of lectures on democracy. (Central Press)

JOHNSON DEFENDS BIG EXPENDITURES

Government Money Put To Good Use in State and Value Received

By Staff Correspondent. High Point, March 4.—State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson today told the Kiwanis club that North Carolina's tax money is spent for absolutely necessary purposes and that every expenditure is closely checked, "even down to the smaller items."

He termed "calamity howlers" those who adopt the premise that "all governmental expenditure is an unmitigated evil."

"It must always be remembered that tax money is not irreparably lost," he said. "It is used to buy valuable goods and services, quite like any (Continued on Page Four.)

ROBERT P. SCRIPPS, PUBLISHER, IS DEAD

Main Stockholder in Great Newspaper Chain, Dies on Yacht off Lower California

San Francisco, Cal., March 4.—(AP)—Robert P. Scripps, 42, main stockholder in the Scripps-Howard national newspaper chain, died aboard his yacht off Lower California, it was learned here early today.

The publishing executive, who began his newspaper career at the age of 16, died while the yacht was anchored off Santa Margarita island, Lower California.

Coast Guard headquarters here was informed Scripps' body was transferred Wednesday evening to the Panama Pacific liner Pennsylvania, due in Los Angeles Saturday. The time of his death was not contained in a message from the liner.

Scripps was stricken seriously ill while on a trip to Hawaii last summer. Death resulted from an internal hemorrhage. Confirmation of the death was given in New York City by William Hawkins, chairman of the board of Scripps-Howard.

Scripps was the son of the late E. W. Scripps, founder of the newspaper chain, which is represented by dailies in many large cities of the country.

Senate Accepts Remaining Slight Differences Imposed by Chamber of Deputies

PREMIER THREATENS QUICK RESIGNATION

Uses That As Club Over Recalcitrant Houses To Carry His Point; Tells Deputies "There Are Limits to Human Endurance" and Warns of Refusals

Paris, March 4.—(AP)—Premier Chautemps, putting the question of confidence in his government, obtained final passage of his labor code bill today with a Senate vote of 181 to 71.

The Senate accepted remaining slight differences between the measure as passed by the Chamber of Deputies last night and its own version, and brought an end to the six-day parliamentary deadlock.

Chautemps had whipped the rebellious chamber into line with threats of resignation. Taking his last stand to end the deadlock, Chautemps had ruled that the chamber accept the Senate's article exempting farmers from the code and the Senate accept the chamber's provision that compulsory arbitration extend to all industrial disputes.

"There are limits to human endurance," Chautemps warned the chamber early in the day's session, when the deputies tried again to extend the code to agriculture. "I tell you distinctly the government will not survive an unfavorable vote."

After the victory in the chamber, the premier took the bill back to the Senate, successfully ending the six-day wrangle over his code to replace expired collective contracts.

WILSON MAN QUILTS COMMISSIONER JOB

Thomas Woodard Resigns and Is Succeeded by Walter Hargrove, of Edgecombe County

Wilson, March 4.—(AP)—Walter Hargrove, of Tarboro, was elected president of the Eastern North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at a meeting here today. Thomas Woodard, of Wilson, association president, called the meeting to order, and then tendered his resignation for "personal reasons."

Several commissioners expressed the ABC liquor stores still favored a liquor control system because, they said it had helped to abolish bootlegging.

Protestant Nazi Enemy Imprisoned

Berlin, March 4.—(AP)—Rev. Martin Niemöller, Protestant opponent of the Nazi regime, has been placed in a concentration camp by the Gestapo, the German secret police.

The wife of the World War submarine commander collapsed when she was told today that the militant Niemöller had been sent to the Sachsenhausen, Saxony camp, despite his previous release.

Niemöller, outspoken foe of Nazi efforts to dominate the church, had been sentenced to seven months in jail on charges of attacking Nazi leadership and using the pulpit improperly, but the court held that his sentence already had been served while awaiting trial.

After Niemöller had been freed by the court Wednesday, he was immediately re-arrested by the secret police. Except for a brief interview with his (Continued on Page Two.)

Schuschnigg Addresses His Pro-Nazi Cabinet



Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, of Austria, is shown at the Government palace in Vienna as he addressed, for the first time, his new cabinet, which contained five Nazis. The picture was taken soon after Schuschnigg capitulated to the demands of Hitler, who had massed troops at the Austrian frontier. (Central Press)

Hirota Says Japan Wants U.S. Goodwill

"Sorry for America" If She Is Arming Against Japan, Minister Asserts

Shanghai, March 4.—(AP)—Japanese troops in northwestern Shansi province, their commanders announced today, crushed an army of 8,000 Chinese communists in a night attack at Paoteh.

The Chinese forces were said to be fleeing across the ice-choked Yellow river into Shensi province long a Chinese red army stronghold. The Japanese report said scores of Chinese were drowned and 600 were left dead on the Paoteh battlefield.

Up the Yangtze river valley however, Chinese told of beating back Japanese.

The Chinese said Japanese tried to land troops from two warships 64 miles up-stream from Wuhu, only to (Continued on Page Five.)

GEORGE F. PEABODY, BANKER, 85, PASSES

Warm Springs, Ga., March 4.—(AP)—George F. Peabody, 85, banker and philanthropist, died at his winter home here today.

CAROLINA CO. BUYS MIDDLESEX PHONES

Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—Utilities Commission officials said today final arrangements were being made for the purchase by the Carolina Telephone Company of the Middlesex Telephone Company. The price and the date on which the transaction is slated to be completed have not been announced.

TEN PERSONS HURT IN BREWERY BLAST

Fire Follows Explosion in Plant in Upper Section of New York

New York, March 4.—(AP)—The Horton Brewery, in upper Manhattan, was wrecked today by a great blast and fire in which at least ten were known to have been injured.

Some 35 minutes after the explosion which occurred in a section of the gaunt old building, devoted to boiler space, it had not been ascertained whether there were fatalities.

Ambulances screamed from the roof (Continued on Page Two.)

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy, with rising temperature tonight and Saturday; some light rain or mist in extreme north portion tonight.

Britain Will Spend Over \$600 Millions On Navy This Year

Nation Preparing for War Fast as She Can While Dickering With Europe's Dictators; Figure in Addition to Huge Sums for Army and Air Force

London, March 4.—(AP)—Mighty Britain, arming at top speed the while she dickers for peace with Europe's dictators, will spend more than \$600,000,000 on her navy this year, not counting a vast construction program, which will likely include battleships of more than 35,000 tons.

Details of the building program hinged on current informal discussions with American and French naval experts on what to do about Japan's refusal to disclose her naval building.

Japan refused to say whether she was building battleships above 35,000 tons, and the indicated result of the present discussions is that Britain will decide to exceed the limit fixed in the 1936 London naval treaty.

Today's naval estimates were announced by Alford Cooper, first lord of the admiralty, even as Prime Minister Chamberlain laid the groundwork for peace talks with Germany's Fuehrer Hitler to parallel those of Italy's Il Duce Mussolini.

The estimates did not include a "new construction program for 1938, details of which will be contained in another white paper," Cooper said. He set regular estimates at \$618,535,000, or \$92,210,000 more than the previous year.

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Babson Believes America Is Automobile-Saturated

Economist Says Motor Outlook Is Cloudy for Year or More; Auto Prices One Factor in Present Stagnated Situation; Rental Cars Suggested

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Babson Park, Fla., March 4.—Five years ago at this time every bank in the United States was shut up tight. The panic, starting in Detroit and the motor industry, spread like wild-fire across the country. In the half-decade since then, Detroit and the motor industry have been the trail-blazers. They led us out of the morass of 1932; they gave us a year of relative prosperity; then they helped to pitch us into the current "recession."

With the motor industry such a powerful influence on American business, these two questions arise: (1) Has the motor industry reached the saturation point? (2) Can we have prosperity again without a new boom in automobile sales? To answer these questions, we must analyze the factors behind the automobile's success and see if they are still operating today.

1. MODEL IMPROVEMENTS: First among these is the engineering genius of the industry. For years the American public has been given a better car each season. Styles have been constantly improved up to this year; but note that the average 1938 automobile is very similar to last year's model in appearance. Thus, a big stimulus for new sales is now lacking. This may be one reason why 1938 sales are running about 50 per cent below a year ago. Rumor has it that as a result of current experience motor companies will radically change their 1939 models.

2. HIGHWAY SYSTEMS: The constant development of our highway systems has resulted in increased motor demand. As the roads grew better and better, they created a big demand for cars. These highway in (Continued on Page Two.)

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SPECIAL EMPHASIS PLACED UPON NEED OF BUYING POWER

"Old Ship of State Is Still on Its Same Course," President Says on Anniversary

ENDS FIVE YEARS AT HIS HIGH POST

Says One of Principal Accomplishments of Period Has Been More Serious Thinking by People Generally on Government; TVA Split Wide Open Now

Washington, March 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt re-affirmed today the objectives of his administration, emphasizing especially the need for increasing purchasing power.

Discussing at his press conference the five years of his administration, which ended today, the President authorized one direct quotation.

"The old ship of state is still on its same course," he said.

He declared he hoped for wage and hour legislation at this session, but said it might not be possible to achieve before adjournment.

He declared the administration was not relenting in its fight to end special privilege, a fight which he declared the country, by and large, favors.

He said one of the principal accomplishments of his five years had been to bring about thinking on the part of people generally in terms of the rounded problems of government, rather than in terms of their limited particular problems.

Other developments: The House Merchant Marine Committee approved legislation designed to rehabilitate the merchant marine and provide government subsidies for trans-oceanic aviation. The committee approved a series of charges in the so-called ship subsidy act.

The President made public an of (Continued on Page Two)

Bare Plot To Murder Jos. Stalin

Moscow, March 4 (AP)—A plot to seize the Kremlin and kill Josef Stalin and other Soviet leaders in May, 1937, with Marshal M. N. Tukhachevsky as leader, was described today by one of 21 defendants in Moscow's greatest blood purge trial.

The marshal was one of eight leaders of the red army court-martialed and executed as traitors on June 13, shortly after the alleged plot was to have been carried out.

A. P. Rosengoltz, former commissar of foreign trade, and another of the defendants, accused of treason and murder, told of the intrigue during the trial's third day. Rosengoltz declared the exiled Leon Trotzky, described in this and other trials as (Continued on Page Three.)

HELD FOR MURDER THIRTY YEARS AGO

Rev. L. W. Fisk, Evangelist, Taken in Oklahoma for Stokes Officers

Shansee, Okla., March 4.—(AP)—Sheriff E. Evans said today an itinerant preacher held here identified himself as L. W. Fisk, wanted in Stokes county, N. C., for questioning in a 30-year-old murder case.

Arrested at Seminole, where he was conducting a meeting, the man admitted he was the one sought, but denied knowledge of the slaying. Fisk's home is at Maud, Okla., but he moved there only recently, Evans said.

Evans said the arrest was made at the request of Sheriff J. J. Taylor, of Danbury, N. C., and he expected to obtain further word there later.

WANTED FOR KILLING MAN IN A FIGHT, SHERIFF SAYS Danbury, March 4.—(AP)—Sheriff J. J. Taylor of Stokes county, said to (Continued on Page Four.)