

EUROPE AVOIDS WAR AS LITHUANIA BOWS

U. S. OIL CONCERNS WAIT FACTS ABOUT MEXICAN SEIZURES

Over \$400,000,000 Worth of Properties Are Expropriated by Order of President

BOLD STROKE FOR BENEFIT OF LABOR

Effort by Cardenas to End Two-Year Conflict Between Workers and Foreign Capital; Government to Operate Properties and Workers Return

New York, March 19.—(AP)—American oil companies, taken by surprise by the action of the Mexican government in appropriating foreign oil properties, awaited word today from their agents before announcing a plan of action.

Spokesmen for several companies said they expected the government would place intervenors—virtual receivers—in the companies to supervise receipts and expenditures, but had not foreseen the drastic move by which President Cardenas declared the holdings were the property of the republic.

The 14 American-owned companies and three British, with Mexican properties valued at \$400,000,000, accounted for three-fourths of the country's petroleum production.

PROPERTY SEIZED IS OF VALUE OF \$400 MILLIONS

Mexico City, March 19.—(AP)—President Larazo Cardenas expropriated American and British oil properties valued at more than \$400,000,000 today in a bold stroke designed to end a two-year conflict between labor and foreign capital.

Simultaneously, the Central Bank of Mexico suspended dealings in foreign currency and the president indicated devaluation of the peso was under official consideration.

Operations were suspended in the oil industry at one minute after midnight last night as union oil workers, going ahead with a threatened "folded arm" strike, forced a shutdown.

It was believed, however, union headquarters would order the syndicate's 18,000 members back to work promptly in an effort to help Cardenas while he tussles with the admittedly difficult situation.

A bulletin from the press bureau early today said the Mexican cabinet had decided upon "means to prevent damage to the financial activities of the country."

SIX MEN FILE FOR PRIMARY CAMPAIGN

Oscar Barker Pays Fee for Congress in Fifth; Would Be Judges, Solicitors File

Raleigh, March 19.—(AP)—Six men today added their names to the growing list of candidates filing with the State Board of Elections to seek solicitations, judgeships and congressional seats.

Oscar Barker, of Durham, filed to seek Democratic nomination to Congress from the sixth district. H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, a Republican, became the first to file for a seat on the State Supreme Court.

Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, formally entered the race for solicitorship in the sixth district, and Solicitor John Carpenter, of Gastonia, filed to succeed himself in the fourteenth.

Two candidates filed for judgeships, James L. DeLaney from the four-

Japan Army Leader



General Shunroku Hata . . . Japanese commander General Shunroku Hata is the new commander of the Japanese forces in central China.

Seadlund Is Sentenced To Die April 19

Minnesota Mechanic Gets Stay for Appeal in Kidnaping of Charles Ross

Chicago, March 19 (AP)—John Henry Seadlund, 27, Minnesota mechanic, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair April 19 for the kidnaping of Charles R. Ross, 72-year-old retired greeting card manufacturer.

Federal Judge John Barnes passed sentence after denying motions of Defense Attorney F. Burnham and F. Thompson for a new trial and arrest of judgment.

Seadlund, manacled to two deputy marshals, was led before the bench at the direction of the court.

"Have you anything to say before sentence is pronounced?" the judge asked.

"No," Seadlund said, shaking his head.

Judge Barnes then read the formal sentence directing that Seadlund be held in the custody of the United States marshal, and on April 19 the defendant shall be put to death by electrocution.

Execution of the sentence was stayed automatically, however, to May 19, at the earliest, after the judge granted defense attorney 60 days in which to effect an appeal.

Apparently unmoved by his fate, Seadlund, still wearing the blue suit he wore throughout the trial, chatted with his counsel several minutes after the court's pronouncement.

teenth district, and Clifton L. Moore, of Burgaw, in the eighth.

His Home Searched



Baron Eugene de Rothschild . . . his Vienna palace searched The relentless Nazi campaign against Austrian Jews included the search of the Vienna palace of the Baron Eugene de Rothschild, of the most famous Jewish financial family in Europe.

HOEY PLEADS FOR NEEDFUL TRAINING IN STATE SCHOOLS

Unless Practical Courses Offered, Students Will Continue to Be Unprepared

GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO EDUCATION BODY

Learning How to Make Living Still One of Most Essential Parts of Education, Executive Declares; B. L. Smith, of Greensboro, New President

Raleigh, March 19 (AP)—North Carolina teachers today expressed strong disapproval of "any attempt to subsidize the militarization of boys too young to be drafted for military service."

In a resolution unanimously adopted at the closing session of the 54th annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association, the teachers said they believed "any effort of offering free uniforms to boys in high school will introduce unwholesome social elements into the life of the secondary school."

Raleigh, March 19.—(AP)—Unless schools "serve more practical purposes," students will continue to leave high school and college "with little preparation for doing any kind of work by which they can earn a livelihood," Governor Hoey said today.

Speaking at the closing session of the 54th annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association, Hoey appealed for practical education, and asserted "a vast amount of unemployment" was due to "lack of preparation for work."

"Learning how to make a living is still a most essential part of education," he said. "The cultural training should not be minimized, but the practical should be emphasized, and given the same high rank in credits as is accorded the purely scholastic work."

A twelfth grade, he said, "would go far toward bridging the present gap between high school and college."

Delegates to the convention considered amendments to their constitution to effect changes in methods of electing district and state officers.

The new association president, B. L. Smith, of Greensboro, and Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State director of instructional service, were presented.

Governor Hoey told the teachers he hoped several commissions authorized by the 1937 General Assembly would make studies from which would come "feasible" suggestions for making the schools serve more practical purposes in training youth for the line of work they contemplate pursuing.

Departmental Officers. Raleigh, March 19.—(AP)—Departmental officers in the North Carolina Education Association elected here in convention this week included: District Principals, M. T. Lambeth of Clayton, secretary, M. G. Ada Valentine, of Spring Hope, vice-president.

VIEWS SITES FOR VETERAN HOSPITAL

Raleigh, March 19 (AP)—C. H. Stratton, veteran administration engineer, arrived here today to inspect possible sites for the proposed Eastern North Carolina veterans hospital.

He said he would go from here to Wilson or Rocky Mount.

Reorganization Foes To Ask That 16 Agencies Be Exempt

Separate Amendment For Each Offered by Senator Clark To Garner Wide Support

SITDOWN STRIKE OF CAPITAL IS NEARER

New York Investment Banker Says Unless Tax Laws Are Changed; Commodity Corporation To Purchase Surplus To Be Used For Experiment Purposes

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Opponents of the government reorganization bill, defeated in their effort to eliminate sweeping authority for the President to shift bureaus around, proposed today the exemption of 16 agencies from any change.

Senator Clark, Democrat, Missouri, offered 16 separate amendments, on the theory that each agency he listed had enough senatorial friends to assure its retention in present form.

House and Senate were in recess. Maurice Wertheim, New York investment banker, told the Senate Finance Committee, meantime, a "sit-down strike" of capital "certainly will be here very shortly unless our tax laws are changed."

The witness testified at hearings on the House-approved tax revision bill. The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation announced elsewhere in the capital it would purchase surplus power-cured and dark air-cured tobacco for diversion into by-product uses.

Under the new program, supplementing last November plans, tobacco purchased by the corporation will be donated to Federal, State and other governmental agencies, colleges, universities and non-profit organizations for research purposes.

The uses to which these tobaccos will be put will include development of methods of recovery of constituents of tobacco, and determination of their insecticidal value; and development of weed killers with less after-effect on desirable plant life.

AUSTRIA IS STILL RECOGNIZED BY U. S.

Sudden Evaporation of Nation Leaves Washington Puzzled, However

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 19.—Washington is not altogether accustomed to seeing a member of its foreign diplomatic corps officially eliminated by a revolution in his home country.

In past cases of this sort, however, the obliterated plenipotentiary's embassy or legation has not evaporated, too. The incoming overseas government always has been prompt to send a new emissary to take over the duties of his kicked-out predecessor without much of a break in relations, if any.

The German absorption of Austria presents a problem of a new kind. Evaporates!

One afternoon recently Austria had in our capital a regularly recognized legation, presided over by Minister Edgar L. G. Prochnik.

Next morning it transpired that Austria no longer existed as an independent country, entitled to representation in the United States—to a minister, consul or anything else, any more than the state of Arizona, for example, is entitled to diplomatic representation abroad.

Prochnik was still here, but no longer in a position even to bid an official farewell to the State Department. His legation had ceased to be a legation. Its consulates had ceased to be consulates, with no certainty that there was any authority back of them to be depended on for so much as to pay their office rent.

In the Air. Minister (or ex-Minister) Prochnik and his satellites, of course, are left out on a limb.

But the United States State Department was puzzled.

Some quite important commercial negotiations were pending between Washington and Vienna when Vienna, as a government, vanished into thin atmosphere.

President Roosevelt decided that, legally speaking, the United States did not know yet of any change in Austro-German relations. The State Department thereupon treated Austria as an independent nation, granting her certain trade benefits and withholding them from Germany.

Babies for Il Duce's Money



Since Mussolini's clamor call for more babies, hospital facilities in Italy have been taxed to the utmost to care for the new arrivals. The Duce offered the equivalent of \$150 to all families with four babies before 1940. This picture, from News of the Day Newsreel, is a scene in the nursery of a hospital in Roma.

Woman Burned To Death In Wreck

Fayetteville, March 19 (AP)—Authorities said today a woman burned to death in an automobile accident near here last night had been identified by a brother as Mrs. Adelle M. Woody, of Rockingham.

They also said a man critically injured in the wreck had been identified as A. J. Bovey, of Bensenville, S. C. He was being treated at a hospital for serious head and chest injuries.

The automobile crashed into a service station, knocking down two gasolene pumps, and burst into flames. H. M. Waters, station proprietor, and his son pulled the victims from the wreckage.

The driver's license, found at the time bore the name of Mrs. E. J. Woody of Rockingham.

Youth Taken In Kidnaping Levine Child

G-Men Say He Merely Tried To Chisel In on Ransom and Is Minor Arrest

Newark, N. J., March 19 (AP)—A youth described as Stanley Thomas Jasosky, 19, of Newark, was held in \$25,000 bail today by United States Commissioner Holland on a charge of attempted extortion in connection with the kidnaping of 12-year-old Peter Levine, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

After the arraignment, Jasosky, who was arrested by Newark detectives and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was removed to the Hudson county jail in Jersey City.

The complaint charges Jasosky with demanding \$30,000 from Peter Levine's father, Murray Levine, for the return of his son. Young Levine vanished from New Rochelle February 24.

All but one of the letters, dated March 2, 3, 7, 9, 13 and 17, were addressed to the elder Levine's home in New Rochelle. The March 3 missive was addressed to the attorney in care of "The Hotel Belmont, New Jersey."

Justice Department officials at Washington said the arrest of Jasosky in Newark was a minor one and not a solution of the Levine case. The officials said that Jasosky had

SLAYER OF AGENT NOW IN CUSTODY

Man Who Killed Alchol Raider in Tennessee Is Under Arrest

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The Treasury announced today its agents and local posse had captured George W. Tatum, 31, of Marion county, Tennessee, who, the department said, shot and killed William F. Berry, an alcohol tax investigator. Berry was killed in a raid on a still yesterday.

Tatum was arrested near his farm home near Chattanooga, a Treasury field report said.

SLAIN OFFICER HAD BRIEF, BRIGHT CAREER

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 19.—(AP)—The brief career of William F. Berry as a Federal alcohol tax unit investigator, ended in death.

The young native of Arkansas, who less than two years ago gave up the practice of law to enter government service, was slain in a isolated mountain cabin near here late yesterday.

Berry was killed by a shotgun charge at close range as he walked into the cabin. T. L. Jones, another Treasury Department agent who was a raid said Jones, who was wounded slightly, said the assailant fired from the doorway of an adjoining room.

Berry's companion said that when the man advanced toward him he took cover behind a tree, shooting as he went.

POLAND'S DEMAND ACCEPTED ON PLEA OF GREAT POWERS

Diplomatic Relations Ended Years Ago to Be Resumed by Two Small Baltic Nations

POLAND'S SOLDIERS READY FOR ACTION

100,000 Troops Poised on Border to March if Ultimatum Were Rejected; Poland to do Nothing to Humiliate Lithuania in Face of Submission

Kaunas, Lithuania, March 19.—(AP)—The Lithuanian government and parliament bowed grimly today to an ultimatum backed by the might of Poland's army and navy and saved herself from invasion and Europe from another war.

The Lithuanian minister at Tallinn, Estonia, delivered to Poland's minister there a note fully accepting Poland's demand for re-establishment of diplomatic relations, broken since Poland seized the ancient Lithuanian capital, Wilno, in 1920.

The Polish minister, in reply, confirmed the resumption of such relations.

Lithuania's parliament accepted the government's decision to yield it was announced, in the face of the threat of Polish invasion and the general international situation.

J. Stansauskis, minister of communications, thanked envoys of the great powers for their help and advice in the crisis.

At the time Lithuania capitulated, it was estimated 100,000 Polish troops were massed along her border, five times as many as the whole Lithuanian army.

WARSAW PLANS NOTHING TO HUMILIATE NEIGHBOR

Warsaw, March 19.—(AP)—War apparently was averted between Poland and Lithuania today through the unconditional acceptance by Lithuanian of all Poland's demands. News that there would be no war between the two Baltic neighbors caused great satisfaction in Warsaw.

The Polish government determined to do nothing that would humiliate Lithuania.

Elizabeth City Man Is Fatally Hurt In Smash

Elizabeth City, March 19 (AP)—Three hours after his car smashed up on the Windsor-Eden ton highway last night, injuries proved fatal to W. B. Newbern, 46, of this city. He suffered a broken pelvis bone, ruptured bladder and numerous contusions.

His Negro chauffeur, Julius Betts, and Elton Holly, Edenton Negro driver of a truck, were injured seriously but were expected to live.

Corporal C. I. Dail, of the State Highway Patrol, said the sedan in which Newbern was riding, was backing up on the pavement 150 feet north of the Calera route junction, when the Edenton truck rammed through the rear. Both car and truck were headed north.

written extortion notes to the youth's parents in an effort to "chisel in" the case.

Plans Being Completed For State's Better Homes Week

Teachers, Ministers, Mayors, County Commissioners and Others Called on to Assist in Statewide Event Miss Pauline Smith Is State Chairman

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 19.—Better Homes Week to be observed nationally April 24-30, will seek to concentrate public attention on improving homes and raising standards of living.

Miss Pauline Smith, State chairman of the campaign in North Carolina, pointed out that extensive plans have been developed to push the drive in this State.

Teachers, ministers, mayors, county commissioners, and other closely connected with the citizenry have been contacted and asked to add their bit to the educational campaign.

"The primary purpose of Better Homes and America, a national non-profit organization devoted to the development of better appreciation of home and family life, is education."

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Highway Fund Diversions Unlikely As Income Lifts

State Revenues Believed Sufficient Without It; Second Year of Biennium Is Feared, However; Amendment Forbidding Diversion Being Sought

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, March 19.—Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell's statement that the State's receipts for the current fiscal year will equal or exceed estimates made during the General Assembly session of 1937 indicates that there will be no necessity for diversion of highway funds to other purposes during the first year of the fiscal biennium, at least, for which the last legislative session made provision.

To that extent opponents of the practice of spending highway money for general purposes are well pleased but they view the continuing business "recession" (as it is courteously called, with more than a little alarm

over prospects for the next fiscal year, when they fear the outcome will not be so fortunate.

Meanwhile, they are pressing their campaign for a constitutional amendment forbidding diversion; and they have high hopes that there will be the necessary two-thirds majority in both houses of the 1939 General Assembly to submit such an amendment.

They fear, however, that if revenue necessity would look more to the necessity of raising revenues for schools and other functions than to the principle of the diversion problem.

When Commissioner Maxwell first said that the revenue from intang-

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