

BLUM'S DEFEAT AND RESIGNATION LIKELY IN FRENCH TURMOIL

Premier Battles for Dictatorial Powers Over Economic, Financial Life of France

RIGHTISTS CHARGE REVOLUTION PLOT

Political Experts Predict Premier Will Win Bare Majority in Deputies and Overwhelming Defeat In Senate, Followed Then by His Resignation

Paris, April 5.—(AP)—Socialist Premier Leon Blum battled with Parliament today for dictatorial powers over the economic and financial life of France, predicting bankruptcy and civil strife unless radical measures were taken.

Blum demanded that the lukewarm Chamber of Deputies and the hostile Senate vote him full decree powers. Rightists reacted at once with the charge that his program was "a plan for a Marxist (Socialist) dictatorship and revolution."

The general political opinion before the struggle began in the chamber was that the bill would be passed by the chamber and voted down by the Senate.

Political experts accorded the premier only a slight chamber majority, however, and predicted a heavy adverse vote in the conservative senate bringing his automatic resignation.

The premier's bill, by which he hoped to attain sweeping authority, contained only 80 words. It gave him the right to decree all measures "judged indispensable to meet the necessities of the national defense, protect the holdings of the Bank of France, and rehabilitate the nation's finances and economies."

In a preamble of several thousand words, Blum set forth what he proposed to do. His plans ranged from virtual foreign exchange control to a levy on capital and a two-year moratorium on public debt payments.

DECLINES RECORDED IN COTTON TRADING

New York, April 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened down six to eleven points, with weak cables and foreign selling partly offset by trade buying. By midday July had recovered from 8.51 to 8.54, and the list was nine to ten points net lower.

PILOT REPAIRS HIS PLANE IN MID-AIR

Salt Lake City, April 5 (AP)—An ambulance, fire truck and ground crew held a "death watch" at Municipal airport early today when a transport plane radioed it had a crippled landing gear and was in danger of crashing. But Pilot Henry Hollenbeck repaired the wheel in mid-air and landed safely.

BRITISH BOMBER AT SINGAPORE MISSING

Singapore, April 5 (AP)—Thirty-six planes searched today for a Royal Air Force bomber which disappeared with its crew of three in a squall over the China Sea.

Find Cause Thrombosis In Workers Comes from Too Much Chemical Substance in Nerves Doctors Are Told

FIND CAUSE . . . emf/wy New York, April 5.—(AP)—Discovery of the cause of coronary thrombosis, the heart trouble of high pressure workers, was reported to the American College of Physicians today. It comes from too much acetyl choline, a chemical which the nerves produce to make muscles move when the "motor center" of the brain transmits an impulse for movement.

Dogs at the department of medical research, University of Toronto, were given coronary thrombosis by the simple expedient of injecting into their blood daily small quantities of acetyl choline. These experiments were performed by George Edward Hall, M. D., and witnessed by a group of physicians who gave insulin to the world.

Dogs' nerves use acetyl choline the same as humans, and the excess of the chemical made them nervous. They apparently were under the same sort of strain as those executives,

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High-Priced Debut



Arleen Whelan . . . she cost \$900,000

Creating a movie star is costly if we are to judge from the figures released by the company elevating newcomer Arleen Whelan to the brighter film lights. For this company asserts its cost \$900,000 to introduce Miss Whelan, once a Hollywood manicurist. Various items in this total include \$50,000 for screen tests; \$50,000 for seven months training; \$250,000 for extra days of shooting on a picture to build up a Whelan part; \$400,000 for an advertising campaign, and \$150,000 for screen tests of other players. (Unsuccessful screen tests are charged up against the successful ones.)

JAPANESE DEMAND DENIAL OF SOVIET HELP TO CHINESE

Sending of Army Units and Officers to China Is Alleged in Protest to Moscow

SUPPLIED LEGALLY, LITVINOFF ASSERTS

Planes and Munitions Furnished Under International Rules, Foreign Commissar Declares; Says Efforts Being Made To Strain Relationships

Moscow, April 5 (AP)—The Japanese foreign minister asked Soviet Russia's official denial of rumors that she is sending army units and officers to China.

Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff also asserted that planes and munitions are supplied to China in accordance with international rules relating to such sales. Litvinoff declared yesterday as a rejection of the protest by Japanese Ambassador Shigemitsu who warned that Russia must "assume responsibility for the consequences if aid to China continued."

"Any declaration contradicting this fact, and incapable of verification could have been laid only by circles which already are well known for their systematic fabrications of all kinds of false reports with the object of sharpening relations between Japan and the Soviet Union," Litvinoff said.

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CHINESE TURN TO FIGHT BACK UPON JAPANESE ARMIES

Patchwork Defenses Dug Along Grand Canal After Fall of Strategic Taierchwang

HARD FIGHTING AT CITY IN PROGRESS

Japanese Claim Advance Into Tiangsu Province from Shantung for First Time; Claim Destruction of Ten Grounded Chinese Planes by Raids

Shanghai, April 5 (AP)—Turning stubbornly in their tracks, Chinese retreating from the ruined city of Taierchwang again slowed up the Japanese drive today toward the Lunghai railway.

Taking advantage of night time relief from Japanese artillery and aviation, Chinese dug patchwork defenses along the Grand Canal, and Japanese admitted severe fighting still was going on near Taierchwang, center of a 17-day battle.

Chinese still did not admit Japanese had occupied all of the city, and asserted that attacks on three points provided a constant rear guard threat to the Japanese. Japanese pressed an eastward flanking movement toward two points east where the Grand Canal bends southward and crosses the Lunghai line. Their objective appeared to be to cut the Lunghai at a point where the canal and railway intersect.

In the vicinity of Pih sien, Japanese claimed their shaft-like penetration from Shantung province had advanced in Tiangsu province from the north for the first time.

Japanese aviators claimed destruction of ten grounded Chinese planes in attacks on airdromes 120 miles south of Chengchow.

LOVE TRIANGLE GIRL SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

One of Her Suitors Killed Other and Then Drowned Himself at Clinton Saturday

Fayetteville, April 5.—(AP)—Grace Carter, 17-year-old Clinton girl, gained strength today in a Fayetteville hospital, where she has been in a critical condition since she was shot and her admirer fatally wounded Saturday night by another suitor whose body was later found in a nearby stream.

Physicians said the girl's condition remained serious, but added "the chances now are all in her favor." Meantime, the body of Rudolph Smolka, 22-year-old Elmira, N. Y., musician, who died several hours after he and Miss Carter had been shot in the midst of a small party at her home, was prepared by a Clinton undertaker for forwarding to his former home.

Cameron Tow, 21-year-old commercial student named by a coroner's jury as the slayer of Smolka, was found drowned in Six Run creek Sunday morning. In his pocket was a marriage license taken out the day before for himself and Miss Carter.

NAVY FLIER KILLED IN NORFOLK CRASH

Plane Falls from Height of 1,000 Feet; Victim, Unidentified, Found in Machine

Norfolk, Va., April 5 (AP)—An unidentified navy flier was killed today near here when the United States fleet air detachment plane he was flying crashed from a height of more than 1,000 feet.

Lieutenants Robert Butliff, communications officer, carrier division two, U. S. S. Yorktown, said the navy did not have immediate information as to the flier's identity.

First persons to reach the plane found the dead aviator hanging head down, supported by a safety belt.

MUNICIPAL BODY TO PLAN COURSE

Legislative Program to Be Discussed at Several Regional Meetings

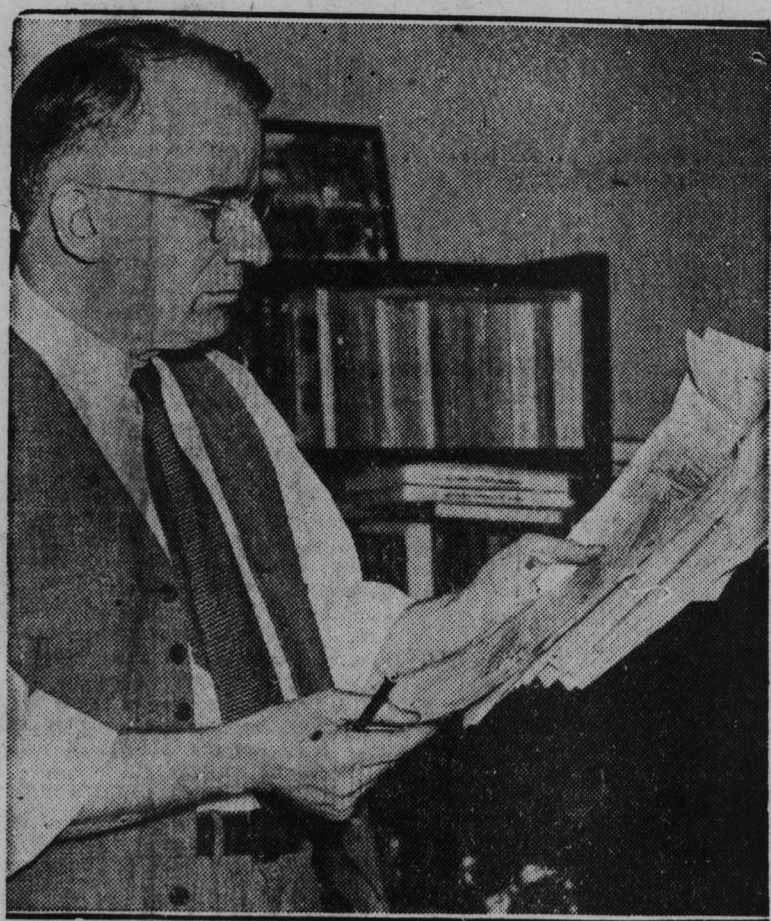
Raleigh, April 5.—North Carolina League of Municipalities, one of the many "pressure" groups on legislative matters, will plot the course it will follow in the 1939 General Assembly at five regional meetings to be held in the State from April 11 through April 16.

The five meetings will be held at Greenville, April 11; Fayetteville, April 12; Greensboro, April 13; Statesville, April 14; and Hendersonville, April 15, according to a letter sent out by Patrick Healy, Jr., executive secretary, to all municipalities which are members of the organization.

These meetings are for the purpose

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The Reorganization Blues



Representative Samuel B. Pettengill, of Indiana, is shown in his office in Washington, wading through papers on the administration's reorganization bill, subject of heated debate in the House. Several compromise proposals were approved by President Roosevelt before he left Warm Springs, Ga., for his White House office. (Central Press)

Rebels Are Pressing On Toward Barcelona To Get Loyal Capital Of Spain

Secondary Advance Moving Toward Valencia After Communications Between Two Government Cities Are Cut; Madrid May Shortly Be Cut Off

Hendaye, France, April 5.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent armies, driving to win the civil war this spring, cut Catalonia from the rest of government Spain to accomplish their first great objective, and swept on today toward Barcelona, their enemy's provisional capital.

A secondary advance was moving toward Valencia. Communications between these two major coastal cities remaining to the government were severed yesterday when insurgents reached Tortosa, looking down on the Mediterranean.

Machine guns and field artillery raked the road from Tortosa, making

ing useless the last highway link between Catalonia and the rest of government Spain, which includes Madrid and Valencia.

General Franco's troops were prepared to occupy Tortosa itself.

An insurgent communique announced their troops had pushed six miles to the north, east and south of Lerida on the central sector of the Catalan front.

With troops moving north and east from Tortosa and east from Lerida, their two columns could join for what might be decisive battles at these government defenses, about ten miles from Barcelona.

Dawson Put Back In Old Bank Office

Raleigh, April 5.—(AP)—Judge N. A. Sinclair said today he had vacated orders he issued last year discharging James G. Dawson, of Winston, as receiver of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company of LaGrange, on petition of Commissioner of Banks Gurney Hood, who alleged Dawson is short more than \$45,000 in his accounts.

Judge Sinclair, residing over superior court here, said the order was mailed to the Lenior clerk of court at Winston yesterday.

The LaGrange bank closed in 1929 and Dawson became receiver in 1921. There were 23 findings in the order made by Judge Sinclair. The judge said that "the interests of every one concerned requires a full and impartial examination of the contentions raised by the exceptions herein, and the commissioner of banks, contending that the counsel fees and other allowances are excessive, and the receiver, contending that counsel conducted about 100 or more lawsuits for the receivership and also rendered much other valuable legal services, and in the judgment of the court, it is a proper case for a reference so that sufficient time and pains can be directed to the examination."

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN PUSHES ITS CLAIM

Elimination of Passenger Service From Bridgeton to Oriental Is Not Opposed

Raleigh, April 5.—(AP)—The Norfolk Southern railroad asked the Utilities Commission today for permission to stop passenger operations between Bridgeton and Oriental on the grounds \$12,227 was lost on the run in 1937.

No opposition was presented and the commission indicated it would approve the petition, though it withheld action until a series of hearings of petitions to stop passenger service on all except one of the company's lines had been held.

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FIVE MEN DEAD IN BRITISH AIR CRASH

London, April 5 (AP)—Five men were killed today in a Royal Air Corps bomber at Tibthorpe, Yorkshire. The bomber had been on a night flight.

It was the 32nd Royal Air Force crash since January 1, with a total of 52 deaths.

Intensive training under the re-armorment speed-up was generally ascribed as the reason for the large number of accidents.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, possibly rain in north central portion tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler in west; warmer in extreme southwest portions tonight; cooler in central portion Wednesday.

The afternoon the petition on the Edenton to Suffolk run was heard.

REPUBLICANS SHUN PLACES UPON BOARD INVESTIGATING TVA

To Play Rail Lead



Joseph B. Eastman . . . plans to aid rails

Former railroad co-ordinator Joseph B. Eastman, member of the interstate commerce commission, shown as he appeared in Washington at a hearing of the senate interstate commerce committee, is likely to play the most important part in the government's plan of rehabilitating the railroads.

Senator Borah criticized the size of the ten-man committee in declining to serve, and said he did not believe in conducting investigations by the "town meeting method."

Other developments: Admiral William Leahy told the Senate Naval Committee it would be impossible to protect America's large cities from bombing unless ample air bases were provided.

The navy's chief of operations testified that army and navy officials were giving joint consideration to establishment of more such land bases on the Pacific coast.

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He declined to comment on the President's dismissal of Dr. Arthur Morgan, former chairman of the TVA, whose charges against his colleagues resulted in the projected investigation.

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The battle between the two unions started over the right to unload a cargo of building materials from a German ship. Federal troops intervened and patrolled the streets after the town had been terrorized by the outbreaks, one of a number of such clashes in the last two years.

Labor has been a chief support of President Cardenas, who expropriated the oil properties of 17 British and American oil companies March 19. The companies appealed yesterday to the courts, challenging the constitutional validity of the expropriation decree. Both sides were expected to pursue the case to the supreme court.

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Borah and McNary Decline Appointments by Vice-President Garner on Commission

BORAH CRITICIZES COMMITTEE'S SIZE

Says He Is Opposed To "Town Hall Method" of Inquiry; McNary Pleads Lack of Time; Admiral Leahy Says Nation Needs Additional Air Bases

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—Two Republican senators appointed to a ten-man congressional committee to investigate the TVA today declined the appointment shortly after their names were announced. They were Senators Borah, Republican, Idaho, and McNary, Oregon, the Republican leader.

The two were named by Vice-President Garner to serve with Senators Donahay, Democrat, Ohio; Brown, Democrat, New Hampshire, and Schwartz, Democrat, Wyoming.

The other five members, selected by Senator Bankhead, included Mead, Democrat, New York; Driver, Democrat, Arkansas; Thomason, Democrat, Texas; Jenkins, Republican, Ohio, and Wolverton, Republican, New Jersey.

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