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MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BY BRITAIN, FRANCE FRAMED IN LONDON

Mighty Entente Forged To Keep Peace of Europe By Virtue of Its Own Strength

SWEEPING PROGRAM PLANS COOPERATION

Germany's Drive for Expansion As Protector of German Minorities Everywhere Is Basis for Accord Reached; Crisis in Czechoslovakia

London, April 29.—(AP)—The premiers of Britain and France today concluded a vital two-day conference in which they forged a mighty entente designated to keep the peace of Europe by virtue of its own strength. In the two days of talks, the British and French premiers and foreign ministers devised the sweeping program of cooperation to prepare now adequate defenses against the day when war may come.

Mindful of Nazi disturbance in Czechoslovakia, Germany's drive for expansion as the protector of German minorities everywhere, and aware of the might of the German war machine, the two leading democracies of Europe shaped an agreement which was everything but named a formal mutual assistance pact.

Today's sessions were concerned primarily with the German minority agitation in Czechoslovakia and how to guard against its dangers to European tranquility. There was further discussion, also, of the Italian and German influence in Spain, withdrawal of foreign volunteers from the civil war, and when and how and under what circumstances to open talks with Germany on a general European peace accord.

The Anglo-French military cooperation would concern itself mainly with air and naval forces. Prime Minister Chamberlain and his foreign minister, Viscount Halifax, covered the entire ground with French Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Bonnet.

Tension In Mid-Europe Increasing

Berlin, April 29.—(AP)—Tension in German-Czechoslovak relations was increased today by publication in Der Angriff, organ of propaganda Minister Paul Goebbels, of a charge that Czechoslovak army officers had plotted a monstrous attempt on the peace of Europe.

Over a dispatch from Libereck, Czechoslovakia, Der Angriff printed these headlines: "Frisivolous Officers Plot in Praha; German Putsch Planned for May 1; Criminal Attempt on European Peace."

The newspaper asserted that a group of officers of the Czechoslovak army belonging to the so-called war party, had been preparing a plot which failed to materialize at the last minute only because of the watch-

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Arranged Talks



Here is a photo of John W. Hanes, SEC chief, who drew a pledge of co-operation from sixteen titans of business and finance, and a promise to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Administration against the depression. A series of talks will take place. (Central Press)

Drys Claim Statute Can Be Enforced

Mitchell County Cited; Referendum Barrage Laid Down Over State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 29.—Under cover of a "referendum" barrage, the United Dry Forces of North Carolina are making a sustained "grass-roots" attack on the liquor traffic—an offensive which they believe will show that prohibition—really effective and workable—is not a dream, but a goal which can be realized.

They have already gained a foothold by drying up completely—beer and wine being taboo along with hard liquor—two small western counties, Mitchell and Yancey, by legislative enactment which followed local action laying the ground work. They have driven every beer selling place but one from Avery county and the county commissioners are seriously considering refusal to issue a license to that one place.

A campaign of education, organization and cooperation resulted in these prohibitive advances, and the United Drys show every indication of carrying just that kind of a campaign into every section of the State. Public attention has been centered

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Ford Arrives for Luncheon



Henry Ford (right), Big Industry's No. 1 holdout against the New Deal, is accompanied through the Washington depot by Stationmaster W. H. Marks as Ford arrived for a luncheon and a private confab with President Roosevelt. (Central Press)

CHINESE GETTING UPPER HAND AGAIN IN SHANTUNG AREA

While Japan Celebrates Emperor's Birthday, His Soldiers Fight Indecisively

JAPS ARE MEETING GREAT RESISTANCE

Great Manpower of Chinese Army Again Most Important Factor as Fresh Regiments Are Constantly Sent Against Tired, Weary Japanese

Shanghai, April 29.—(AP)—While Japan celebrated Emperor Hirohito's 27th birthday, his weary soldiers in south Shantung province continued an indecisive battle today which was boosting Chinese hopes of achieving a stalemate or repeating the Taichang victory.

Neutral observers said Japanese were encountering stubborn resistance near Fihshien, Taierchwang and Tancheng, on a 30-mile front flung across the Yi river. The great man-power of the Chinese army again was the most important factor in the warfare as fresh regiments constantly were being sent against the tired Japanese, who had been fighting steadily nine days since the capture of Lin.

Japanese were making progress only by yards in their advance toward the Lunghai railway, east-west nerve center of the front in central China. They still had about ten miles to go to reach their objective. The advance was at such cost of men and munitions that foreign military observers expressed doubt whether

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RAILROAD JAM BIG FACTOR IN SLUMP

Rail Labor Expert Gives Trouble As Overloading of Obligations

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 29.—Budd L. McKillips of the staff of the standard railroad labor organizations' news organ, Labor, undoubtedly knows at least as much as America's transportation problem as any individual in the country. Maybe he knows more than any other single individual.

According to Budd, "while all of the railroads are now a little anemic from undernourishment due to the business decline, it is generally conceded that they would be able to pull through nicely if they were not carrying around such a load of bond interest obligations." He adds that some of them are sufferers from watered stock also.

In other words, they are trying to

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POSTMASTER NAMES ARE GIVEN SENATE

Washington, April 29 (AP)—President Roosevelt sent to the Senate today for confirmation the following postmaster nominations:

North Carolina: Gatesville, Harry L. Ward; Greenville, Thomas T. Hollingsworth; Plymouth, George W. Hardison; Swan Quarter, Louella Swindell; Williamston, Leslie T. Fowden.

Club Women Officers Of Year Named

Wilmington, April 29 (AP)—Election of officers to the three posts open this year, a luncheon conference on the American home, and an education and an open forum on "Adult Education in Action," marked today's sessions here of the 36th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. D. B. Carroll, of Chapel Hill, was elected first vice-president; Mrs. P. R. Rankin, of Mount Gilead, was re-named treasurer, and Mrs. T. E. Browne, of Raleigh, was elected recording secretary. Delegates chosen to represent the State Federation at the Kansas City convention next month of the General Federation include: Mrs. J. N. Britt, Lumberton; Mrs. John D. Robinson, Wallace; Miss Ethel Parker, Gatesville. Alternates include: Mrs. J. O. McLelland, of Maxton.

The convention received an invitation from Raleigh to meet there next year. It was the only invitation received, and, as is customary, selection of the convention site was left to the executive committee.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Saturday; cooler in north portion tonight and northeast portion Saturday.

Roosevelt Seeking To Obtain Changes In Social Security

Wants Old Age Benefit System Liberalized and Extended Early As Possible

BOARD IS ADVISED TO CONDUCT STUDY

Report Is Asked by Time Next Congress Meets So Action May Be Taken at That Time; Says Operation of Act Shows It Is "Soundly Conceived"

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked the Social Security Board today to study methods of improving the social security act, including liberalization and extension of the old age benefit system.

The President told a press conference he had written A. J. Altmeyer, of the board, asking that the revised program be put in shape for action at the next session of Congress.

Mr. Roosevelt said he requested the board to consider the question of commencing old age benefit payments earlier than January 1, 1942, as now provided. The President also asked larger benefits for those retiring in the next few days under the pension system, also larger benefits for widows and children.

The President said successful operation of the act showed it was "soundly conceived." He also told reporters what he said on previous occasions, namely, that England for 25 years had been regularly amending its social security law without any fuss, and was improving it almost annually in the light of experience.

Rail Lines Ask 15 Pct. Wage Cuts

Chicago, April 29.—(AP)—The Association of American Railroads adopted today the resolution under the railway labor act to serve notice of a 15 percent wage reduction, effective July 1 for all classes.

The cut would represent a saving of \$250,000,000 annually to member roads, the association said. In a memorandum, the association stated the wage cut was necessary because of loss of revenue and increases in operating costs.

Revenue losses the association laid to a decline in traffic, diversion of traffic to competing forms of transportation, and inadequacy of the recent freight rate raise allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Operating costs were higher, the memorandum said, because of advances in payrolls caused by the 1937 wage increases and adjustments, costly and restrictive interpretation placed on working rules by a judgment board, particularly for employees in the transportation group; legislative expenses accrued in opposing regulatory measures; tax expenses and the increase in materials and supplies costs.

The memorandum said that in determining the amount of the wage re-

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Two Negroes Executed At Penitentiary

Both Convicted Of Crime of Criminal Assault; One Makes Confession

Raleigh, April 29.—(AP)—The State executed two Negroes, Waddell Hadley, 22, and Sylvester Outlaw, 32, today for criminally attacking white women. Hadley, prison officials said, confessed this morning that he raped Miss Mittie Sessoms in Sampson county, last year. Plans were changed at the last minute and Hadley was executed first be-

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Comptroller General?



Rep. Lindsay C. Warren (above), ardent New Dealer, of North Carolina, is reported the administration's choice as Comptroller General of the United States, a 15-year-term position. Warren was a co-leader in the ill-fated fight for the reorganization bill. (Central Press)

THIRD PARTY MOVE MIGHT MEAN THIRD ROOSEVELT TERM

Action of John Lewis' CIO Unions Also Speculated on in New Turn of Events

GOV. LAFOLLETTE, OF WISCONSIN, LEADER

Madison, Wis., April 29 (AP)—A new party pledged to the goals of insuring freedom and security for the people stood forth today upon the national political scene. The National Progressive Party of America, dedicated to those ideals, was offered to the nation last night by Philip LaFollette, governor of Wisconsin, who widened a breach with President Roosevelt, junked political theories of other parties and set a

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RULES COMMITTEE DECLINES TO GIVE PREFERRED STATUS

House Says Action Virtually Means Death of Measure or the Present Congress

MEASURE SUPPORTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Three South Carolina Utilities Companies Appeal to Supreme Court To Stop Construction Work On Santee-Cooper Water Power Project

Washington, April 29 (AP)—The House Rules Committee, ignoring President Roosevelt's insistence on enactment of wage-hour legislation at this session, refused today to grant the revised wage-hour bill right of way to the House floor.

This action, which house leaders said virtually meant the death of the measure for this session, came at the close of two days of hearings, during which the committee heard the bill defended as necessary to halt a "vicious spiral of deflation," and denounced as "arbitrary and capricious."

The bill would have fixed minimum wages at 25 cents an hour for the first year, scaling up to 40 cents at the end of three years. Hours would start at 44 per week, and drop to 40 in two years.

Chairman O'Connor, Democrat, New York, said the vote was eight to six against letting the bill reach the floor.

Before the committee acted, Representative Wood, Democrat, Missouri, told the committee the initial wage of 25 cents an hour would put 2,000,000 persons to work.

Other developments: Three South Carolina utilities companies appealed to the Supreme Court in their effort to halt construction of the Santee-Cooper hydro-electric and

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Methodists Requested To Drop Unity

Birmingham, Ala., April 29 (AP)—Opponents of union between three major branches of American Methodism today urged the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to shelve the proposal, "to prevent destruction" of the Southern Church.

E. W. Crouch, of Saluda, S. C., presented a memorial he said was signed by 18,000 Carolina Methodists opposing the merger, and said the petition "represented the real sentiment of a majority of Southern Methodists. He asked that the question be referred to the annual conferences, all but one of which have approved the plan.

Miller Bell, Millidgeville, Ga., banker, said the church was split in 1844 because the northern majority tried to force its racial views on the South, and warned that under the merger plan the South would have only 30 percent of the voting power.

Bishop John Moore, chairman of the committee on church union, sub-

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Good Increase This Year In Bank Assets Of State

State Banks Off Little, But National Banks Much More Than Offset This; Individual Deposits Show Striking Increase in Report Issued

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 29.—North Carolina's bank assets, as of March 7, 1938, showed a substantial increase over assets of the same banks on March 31, 1937, according to the "Abstract of Report of Condition of All Banks," just released by Gurney P. Hood, commissioner of banks.

State commercial banks (there are 265 of them) showed a decrease in assets of approximately three and a half million dollars, but the 43 national banks in the State increased their resources more than five million dollars, giving a net increase for commercial banks of approximately a million and a half. Meanwhile industrial banks continued their unchecked increase in resources, with a gain of nearly two and a half million dollars.

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Insurgent Offensive Is Slowed

Hendaye, France, April 29 (AP)—The government commanders on all sectors of eastern Spain declared today the insurgents had abandoned their six-weeks-old offensive, but military observers were skeptical of the sweeping nature of their claims.

From Teruel, east of the Mediterranean and from Tortosa north to the Pyrenees, insurgents were inactive. Neutral observers attributed the delay, however, to rainstorms that swept insurgent aviation from the sky and bogged down motorized equipment, as much as to the strength of government lines.

The government said from the Pyrenees to the Ebro river at Tortosa its militarymen made slight advances

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