

HOUSE MAY FORCE WAGE-HOUR BILL VOTE

Changing the Guard—for the Fuehrer



A scene such as this was prepared especially for Adolf Hitler, German Fuehrer, on his visit to Mussolini in Rome. Members of the Balilla, armed with toy rifles, are pictured changing the guard outside the Palazzo Venezia. But behind these make-believe soldiers silent sentry stands at his post—and his gun is very real. (Central Press)

FRANC IS DEVALUED BY FRANCE IN MOVE WITH U. S., BRITAIN

Currency Stabilized at Lower Levels in Agreement Reached by Three Powers

EMERGENCY MEET HELD BY CABINET

Declaration of New Monetary Policy by Three Nations To Be Accompanied by Flotation of France's National Defense Loan of \$450,000,000

Paris, May 4.—(AP)—Premier Daladier today announced devaluation and stabilization of the franc in full accord with the governments of the United States and Great Britain.

Officials said that conversations had been started among the United States, France and Great Britain looking toward amendment of their accord of October, 1936, for monetary stabilization.

Bankers said they believed the talks were designed to facilitate a new readjustment downward of the value of the franc. They said the stabilization of the franc at about 35 to the dollar, or 2.86 cents to the franc, and 175 to the English pound, was under consideration.

The conversations, which were originated by France, had a prelude in last week's visit to London by Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Bonnet.

This, officials declared, was followed by talks at the Treasury in Washington among Secretary Morgenthau, French Ambassador St. Quentin and British Ambassador Lindsay.

If the conversations succeed, officials said, there will be a declaration

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Over Harvard!



Harvard tower ... decorated with Nazi flag. Harvard authorities investigate latest prank—a swastika on Memorial hall tower on the campus at Cambridge, Mass. (Central Press)

Jail High Point Hosiery Striker

High Point, May 4.—(AP)—One striker was jailed and charged with assault this morning as the Silver-Knit Hosiery Company opened with a cordon of pickets about the mill.

The fourth conference between M. Silver, owner, and W. N. Aicher, National Labor Relations Board representative, will be held today in an effort to settle the strike, affecting about 250 workers in the seamless hosiery mill. The men met yesterday afternoon, last night and early this morning, but no settlement has yet been reached.

The strikers are protesting against a "docking" system, which they allege is equivalent to wage cuts.

PREPARE PETITION TO FREE MEASURE COMMITTEE HOLDS

Speaker Bankhead Says He Believes Majority of Members Will Sign New Request

SENATE MAY BLOCK ENACTMENT THERE

Strategy To Halt Measure in Upper House Is Being Laid; Senate Agriculture Committee Pushes Investigation of American Cotton Co-Ops

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Speaker Bankhead predicted today a majority of the House members would sign a petition to force floor consideration of the administration-supported wage-hour bill.

"On the basis of the information I have received, I think that there will be a majority of the members to sign the petition," Bankhead told newsmen.

Chairman Norton, Democrat, New Jersey, of the House Labor Committee, will file the petition Friday. She said she believed 218 members, a majority, would sign it in time for the controversial legislation to be called up for debate, May 28.

The House Rules Committee refused last week to grant legislative right of way to the measure, and Mrs. Norton said she "reluctantly" would be compelled to resort to the petition to obtain action this session.

A similar bill, was brought before the House by petition in December, but was re-committed to the labor committee.

While developments pointed to possible House action on the measure, its Senate foes discussed precautionary strategy for the blocking of the bill should it win House approval.

Other developments: The Senate Agriculture Committee,

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Chinese Offensive Blasts On Through Lines Of Japanese

Advance of 12 Miles at Tai erchwang Reported; Chinese Commanders Declare Tide of War Is Turning in Their Favor; Epoch of Jap Defeat Hoped

Shanghai, May 4.—(AP)—A general Chinese offensive all along the south Shantung front was declared by the Chinese command to have smashed through the center of the Japanese lines at Tai erchwang today, and to have advanced 12 miles.

Chinese advance guards fought forward five miles in a night battle, adding these gains to the seven miles they rolled back and buckled up the Japanese lines in the first assault yesterday.

The field commanders of General

Chiang Kai-Shek declared the tide of war was turning in their favor.

His high command, hopefully awaiting bulletins from the front, said they expected an epochal Japanese defeat similar to that which crumbled the divisions of Nippon at Tai erchwang a month ago.

The second great Japanese offensive through Shantung province, this time greatly reinforced, to wipe out the previous defeat, was definitely

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METHODIST VOTES ON MERGER UPHELD BY JUDICIAL BODY

General Conference "Supreme Court" Defies "Secessionist" Threats Being Heard

FINAL BARRIER OF CHURCH CUT AWAY

Whether Objectors Will Go Into Civil Courts, or Secede, or Both, Not Yet Clear; All New Bishops Named Tuesday Favor Unification Plan

Birmingham, Ala., May 4.—(AP)—In the face of "secession" threats, the judicial council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, ruled valid today a conference-approved plan to unify American Methodism.

The nine-member "supreme court" of the southern denomination ruled the quadrennial conference, now in session, was within its rights in voting the southern church into a tripartite union to create a new church of some 8,000,000 members.

The council's decision removed the last ecclesiastical barrier to unification, and leaders of the opposition did not say immediately whether they would follow a previously indicated plan to carry the fight to civil courts.

Anti-unificationists, who raised again the Negro question that split the church in 1844, contended the merger violates their laws of religion. What effect the judicial ruling will have on the broadening "secession" movement was not immediately apparent, as the general conference of the Southern Methodist Church, which voted 434 to 26 for the merger last Friday, today was moving swiftly toward adjournment.

The conference elected seven new bishops yesterday. All said they favored unification.

Bootlegger Admits Pay To Officer

Raleigh, May 4.—(AP)—W. A. Harris, of Elizabeth City, an admitted bootlegger and ex-convict, testified in United States District Court today that he had paid money to J. C. Dempsey, of Wilson, Federal alcoholic tax unit investigator, in return for a promise of "protection."

Harris said he worked with special agents of the intelligence division of the alcoholic tax unit during his negotiations with Dempsey. Dempsey, a former State senator, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on charges that he took bribes of \$25, \$50 and \$75.

Harris testified he had had a series of transactions with Dempsey between August, 1937, and April, 1938. He said the final transaction took

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Warren Man Held Accused of Rape Of Cousin of 13

Warrenton, May 4 (AP)—Sheriff W. J. Pinnell said today Herbert Acree, charged with attempted rape of his 13-year-old cousin, Irene Acree, was shot in the knee this morning when he resisted arrest by a posse headed by the sheriff.

The sheriff said Acree was rushed to a Rocky Mount hospital for treatment. He said Acree probably would face trial here at the May term of Warren Superior Court.

The alleged crime took place in Roanoke township.

Pope Sorry Swastika Is Given Place

Vatican City, May 4 (AP)—Pope Pius was quoted by L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper as saying at Castel Gandolfo today that it was a "sad thing" that the insignia of another cross that is not the cross of Christ "was hoisted in Rome on Holy Cross day."

Yesterday was Holy Cross day. It coincided with the arrival in Rome of Adolf Hitler, in whose honor the city was blanketed with the swastika. The Vatican organ said the pope beseeched a group of newlyweds to be faithful to Christian life and prayer, "since sad things are happening, very sad things, far and near."

"And among these sad things," he continued, "is this: That it is not considered exceedingly out of place and untimely to hoist in Rome, on Holy Cross day, the insignia of another cross that is not the cross of Christ. All this is enough to make

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair tonight, Thursday partly cloudy, local showers and thunderstorms in afternoon in central portion.

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Cigarette Paper Plant Near Brevard Launched

Brevard, May 4.—(AP)—The Ecusta Paper Corporation, of Delaware and New York, announced here today it planned to erect a \$2,000,000 plant for the manufacture of fine French cigarette paper on Davidson river, near Brevard.

Needs to 225 acres of land will be recorded in the Transylvania county court house tomorrow.

Engineers are at the proposed plant site making surveys for 13 buildings to be used in manufacturing the cigarette paper.

Plans for construction work and the approximate date for starting manufacture were not announced, but it was understood work on the buildings would begin within the year.

The plant, when in operation, the announcement said, will employ 300 to 400 persons. Construction engineers will use 200 to 300 men when the project gets under way, and they said, whenever possible, will employ local labor.

OLDEST ATTORNEY IN SUPREME COURT

John D. Bellamy Argues Case on Appeal from New Hanover County

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 4.—Attorney John D. Bellamy, of Wilmington, argued two cases before the Supreme Court yesterday morning.

There would be nothing out of the ordinary in this item, except for the fact that Mr. Bellamy was arguing cases in North Carolina's Supreme Court before, four of the seven sitting members were born, and made his bow to the august tribunal at a time when Justice Heriot Clarkson, senior court member, was a callow youth of 12.

As he delivered himself of a typical John D. Bellamy argument—marked always by vigor and belligerence—the dean of North Carolina's bar took occasion to point out that he argued his first case before the Supreme Court in 1875, when Chief Justice Peasoun was presiding. Since then the gentleman from New Han-

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TO PRESS WORK ON 10 PARKWAY LINKS

Blue Ridge Route To Be Carried Nearer Completion This Summer

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 4.—Work on ten new links of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be continued this season, Federal road engineers announce, bringing nearer realization of the once vague dream of connecting Shenandoah and Smoky National Parks with a super smoky highway.

At the same time, plans for five "recreational areas" along the parkway were revealed. These recreational areas will be miniature parks in themselves, and will afford a vacationists stopping, resting, and playing facilities on the 500-mile drive from park to park.

At present, about 135 miles of the parkway is graded 55 miles in Virginia and 80 miles in North Carolina, which is open to traffic, though not yet hard surfaced. The ten new links will add 106 miles to the systems, 47 miles in Virginia and 59 miles in

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FLORIDA SENATOR PEPPER NOMINATED AS FDR'S VICTORY

Roosevelt Administration Adherent Wins in First 1938 Primary Test of Support

PEPPER CALLS UPON PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT

Asks Them To Unite Behind Roosevelt for Return of Prosperity; Senator Hill Unopposed in Alabama; Democratic Senator Loses in Dakota

(By The Associated Press.) Renomination of Senator Claude Pepper, of Florida, gave the Roosevelt administration a victory today in the first 1938 primary test of the President's popular support.

Shortly after he defeated four other candidates in the Democratic contest, Pepper issued a statement calling on the people of his State to join forces with Mr. Roosevelt in restoring a "genuine prosperity."

The 37-year-old attorney, first chosen in 1936 to succeed the late Senator Fletcher, had been endorsed by James Roosevelt, son of and secretary to the President.

The vote in 1,027 of 1,376 precincts: Pepper, 173,700; Wilcox, 87,190; former Governor Dave Scholtz, 36,846. Two other candidates polled scattering votes.

The Florida Democratic contest was the only one in four state primaries yesterday which had any national

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NATION PESTERED WITH NEW PARTIES

System Entirely New To United States; Europe Accustomed to It

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, May 4.—Independent political party movements are multiplying at a rate which is becoming downright difficult to keep track of. To begin with, each of the two old-line parties is split at least two ways. A Democrat like Senator Harry F. Byrd has little in common with a Democrat like President Franklin D. Roosevelt. A Republican such as Senator Gerald P. Nye is the antithesis of such a Republican as Senator Frederick Hale.

However, Senator Byrd and Nye are not a bit similar, nor is Senator

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KNUDSEN ASSERTS WAGNER ACT BARS INDUSTRY ACCORDS

Greatest Drawback To Good Relations, General Motors Head Tells U. S. Chamber

EMPLOYER'S SIDE ENTIRELY IGNORED

Employer Knows When Summoned to Hearings That Cards Are Stacked Against Him, Knudsen Says; Senator Burke Says Labor Board Ought To Resign

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—William Knudsen, president of General Motors Corporation, told the United States Chamber of Commerce today the Wagner labor act is "the largest drawback to good industrial relations."

Discussing the strikes that have tied up his company's plants at various times in recent months, Knudsen said in a prepared address:

"The National Labor Relations Board, set up to administer the act, makes no pretense even of paying any attention to the employer's side of the case. He can only be heard when he is summoned, and he knows before he goes that there is no record of a single decision where he had a ghost of a show, so what."

The automobile manufacturer's speech renewed an attack on the labor board that started yesterday when Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska,

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PAYNE AND TURNER DECISION EXPECTED

State Supreme Court Likely To Rule On Appeal From Death Sentence in Slaying

Raleigh, May 4 (AP)—The Superior Court heard more appeal arguments today on cases from the eighth and thirteenth districts.

Late this afternoon opinions were to be announced. The court never gives a hint as to what cases are coming out, but it was believed the appeal of Bill Payne and Wash Turner from death sentences imposed in Buncombe county in the killing of George Penn, a highway patrolman, would be among those decided.

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Mrs. Anna Hahn Is First Woman Dying In Chair In Ohio

By RUSSELL FULLER Central Press Correspondent

Columbus, O., May 4.—If Anna Marie Hahn dies in Ohio penitentiary's electric chair tonight, she will not only be the first woman to be electrocuted in the prison's history but the first person to die in the recently completed death chamber just off the modern death row.

It was only Saturday that convict workmen finished the job of hauling the chair from its former site in a dingy, red brick building and installing it in the neatly painted 21 by 24-foot chamber.

The old death chamber was stuffy, without benefit of windows and its walls were covered with photographs of the 206 men who have shuffled into the room, sat in the chair and put

to death.

Victim in Glare of Lights The new chamber, the one in which the blond poison slayer of 78-year-old Jacob Wagner and other Cincinnati men will die, has white walls. Four powerful lights are placed at strategic points in the room and their rays focus almost directly on the chair.

The person to die will suffer the added last-minute torture of being in the glare of spotlights before an "audience" of men.

The chair itself sets on a platform against the south wall. Directly opposite, on the north wall, are three windows, each above another. But they afford no view, except the dirty brick of a cell block in which men on

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