

THREE ESCAPE "DEATH ROW" IN COLUMBIA

Shake-Up Pressed In War Machinery Of Great Britain

Lord Weir, Unofficial Advisor of Government on Aircraft Expansion, Resigns

FOLLOWS ACTION OF VISCOUNT SWINTON

Dual Retirements Fore-shadow Stringent Steps Toward Coordination of Supplies and Production; Labor Agreement for New Speed Is Sought

London, May 17.—(AP)—The shake-up of Britain's war plane-making machine widened today with the resignation of Lord Weir, unofficial advisor to the government on aircraft expansion since 1935.

Lord Weir announced he was following the action of Viscount Swinton, who resigned yesterday as air secretary, but declined further statements.

As ex-officio member of the air council, Lord Weir had worked in close collaboration with Viscount Swinton, who was president of the council.

He was managing director of an engineering firm and director of a chemical industry and International Nickel Company of Canada, and of two banks. He was air minister in 1918.

The coupled resignations seemed to foreshadow stringent steps toward coordination of supplies and production aimed at a goal of 3,500 firstline planes by 1940.

Up to now, critics of the air program have leveled much of their fire at alleged lack of coordination of "shadow factory" production. These factories are additions to existing plants, built at government expense to make various plane parts.

At the same time, the union of engineering and shipbuilding workers arranged to meet with employers May 25 to talk of ways of meeting labor demands for an arms speed-up.

Testimony Favorable To Sheriff

Greenville, May 17.—(AP)—Auditor L. R. Ausbon testified in the cross-examination today in ouster proceedings against Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst that errors had been found in the records which would reduce the amount of the shortage charged against him.

Ausbon also testified that the accounts did not include certain items which attorneys for Whitehurst contended would show that the officer had failed to collect full amounts due him for some prisoners.

Only one other witness was examined after Ausbon had completed near-

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7 LONDONERS DEAD IN SUBWAY CRASH

Scores of Others Injured In Wild Panic Underground After Wreck

London, May 17.—(AP)—At least seven persons were killed and scores were injured today in a rear-end crash between two crowded subway trains in a wild panic in the underground tunnel under Victoria embankment.

The wreck was the worst in the history of London subways, the "underground." Some of the victims were trapped for hours in the wreckage after an eastbound train smashed into the rear of another between the busy Temple and Charing Cross stations.

Forty firemen and policemen worked two and a half hours to extricate the passengers from the big red first and third class coaches.

Passengers told of the jarring impact of the crash, followed by blinding showers of sparks in the pitch-black tunnel. Screaming women and blood-spattered victims jostled in the darkness in a mad fight to escape through the splintered windows.

Charing Cross station, in the heart of London, was turned into an emergency hospital. The noted Norman Bartlett, who was the then Wallis Warfield Simpson's divorce lawyer, struggled out of one coach.

Conscience Makes Man Admit Crime

Lumberton, May 17.—(AP)—Rural policeman D. M. Barker said today a man he picked up here for investigation told him he was wanted in Pittsburgh, Pa., for the slaying of George O'Brien there about five years ago. The man gave his name as Arthur Harris, 27, of Montgomery county, North Carolina, and his occupation as a saw-mill worker, Barker said.

The officer quoted his prisoner as saying also he participated with Bill Payne and others in the robbery of the Bank of Candor at Candor last year. Payne and Wash Turner are now in State Prison at Raleigh under death sentences for killing a highway patrolman.

Barker said Harris told him he killed O'Brien when the latter reached for a pistol after they had quarrelled over some whisky.

"It's been worrying me. I've been seeing him every night when I go to bed," the prisoner was quoted by the rural policeman.

Harris said Barker related that a \$650 reward was outstanding for the arrest of O'Brien's slayer.

BOMBARDMENT OF SUCHOW BEGUN BY ARTILLERY OF JAPS

Central China Railway Junction Has Been Objective of Long Bloody Fighting

INVADERS WITHIN FIRING DISTANCE

Japs Claim Chinese Soldiers and Civilians in Wild Retreat; Chinese, However, Deny Enemy's Claims and Foreigners Doubt Success of Move

Shanghai, May 17.—(AP)—Japanese artillery has begun bombardment of Suchow, the central China railway junction that has been the objective of five months of bloody fighting, a Japanese communique said tonight.

Big Japanese guns, brought up by a column approaching from the south-west, began pounding the Suchow's defenses from the mountains a few miles away.

Two other Japanese columns were reported within firing distance of Suchow, nerve center of China's desperate defense of the Lunghai railway corridor running east-west through

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More Dead Sought In Hotel Fire

Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—(AP)—Weary firemen searched charred ruins of the five-story Terminal hotel for additional dead here today while others sought the cause of the "dead-heat fire" in Atlanta's history.

Twenty-seven were known dead, several still unidentified, while firemen removed, piece by piece, blackened wooden girders which crashed to the basement of the 30-year-old brick veneer building shortly before 4:30 a. m. yesterday.

Ambulances remained lined up in the plaza of Terminal Railway station directly in front of the structure, with caution necessary in removing the debris to prevent collapse of the gaunt brick walls of the hotel, which alone remain intact.

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The fire, described by Fire Chief O. J. Parker, as "the deadliest in the history of Atlanta," was discovered shortly after 3 a. m. yesterday. Within half an hour the flames raged from top to bottom of the structure, and guests, estimated by hotel authorities at from 60 to 75, had little chance to escape. The hotel register was burned.

27 PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE IN ATLANTA MONDAY



Three great streams of water are shown being poured into fire that brought death to at least 27. It was believed that more bodies would be found when all the debris is removed.

\$1,000,000 Road Bids Opened Up

Raleigh, May 17.—(AP)—Nello T. Teer, of Durham, and Kiker & Yount of Reidsville, bid low at \$215,356.55 today for roadway work and structures on the new 16.28 mile stretch of highway from just north of Concord to near Charlotte. The Highway and Public Works Commission opened bids on 13 projects estimated to cost around \$1,000,000.

Tomorrow commission members will canvass the bids, and if low proposals are approved will send them to Washington for Federal okay.

Projects, locations, descriptions and low bids, included: 1011, Beaufort county, grading and structures on 13.58 miles of Route 99 from Route 264 to 5.3 miles east of Route 97, roadway, Rodway S. McGuire, Washington, \$51,290.60; structures, O. L. Shackelford, of Kinston, \$14,660.24.

1477, Hertford, overhead crossing just south of Ahoskie, Roadway Construction Company, Florence, S. C., \$27,491.40; structures, W. L. Cobb Construction Company, Decatur, Ga., \$15,514.54.

BRAZIL'S UPRISING WAS RATHER EARLY

Washington Expected It but Not so Soon After Vargas' Coup

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, May 17.—President Getulio Vargas of Brazil had an attempted revolution on his hands sooner than even our state department's Latin American experts had anticipated.

The government at Rio De Janeiro squelched the uprising. Nevertheless it appears to have been a formidable affair. It is described as having been of Fascist inspiration. Italian residents of the republic probably had a good bit to do with it, but it is not implied that overseas Italy was responsible for the outbreak. And employees of a German bank have been arrested.

The Washington administration regards such manifestations in the southern New World with considerable apprehension.

Possible Complications. An "anti" versus a "pro" Fascist or Nazi struggle in this hemisphere, if at all prolonged, in itself would be a serious worry to Uncle Sam.

Besides, the tendency would be for the Integralists (as Latin American

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Vandenberg Offers Plan To Put Relief In Hand Of States

Michigan Republican Senator Wants Congress To Strike Out All "Pump-Priming" from Lending-Spending Bill; States Would Match 25 Percent

Washington, May 17.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, proposed legislation today to return administration of all relief activities to the states under a system of Federal grants-in-aid.

The Michigan senator introduced his program as a substitute for the section of the administration's lending-spending bill which deals with direct appropriations for work relief. He said he would propose also that Congress strike all "pump-priming" from the bill.

The result of his proposal, Vandenberg said, would be to "take the Federal government out of the relief business, except on the basis of "grants-in-aid" and restore "home

rule responsibility."

Under Vandenberg's substitute, a "non-partisan" Federal board would allocate government funds to state boards for expenditure under individual systems chosen by the states.

The states would be required to match Federal funds by at least 25 percent.

Instead of appropriating \$1,250,000,000 for seven months operation of WPA, Vandenberg would provide \$2,160,000,000 for allocation to the states over the entire fiscal year, starting July 1.

Senate backers of the \$3,000,000 re-

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Maryland Firm Ships Liquor In

Raleigh, May 17.—(AP)—Chairman Cutler Moore, of the State liquor board, released a report today showing that one Maryland concern shipped 8,262 cases of whisky into dry North Carolina counties during April after sending more than 6,000 cases into the area in March.

The figures were supplied by William McMechen, investigator of the Federal Alcohol Administration. Yesterday the attorney general ruled the State board had no authority to enforce prohibition laws in dry counties. Moore said he had turned over names and addresses given for the purchases of the whisky to law enforcement officers of the several counties with the request that they do what they can.

McMechen wrote Moore, that he had visited the sheriff of Cabarrus county at Concord, and the chief of police at Charlotte since the March report was released, and commented: "I believe you'll get some action from both."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy; Wednesday cloudy, occasional light rain in central portion.

LABOR WILL SEEK CONVENTION PLANK

State Federation Gets Set for Democratic Meeting Thursday

Raleigh, May 17.—Labor, through the State organization of the American Federation of Labor, is going to ask insertion of a plank in the State Democratic Convention, though just what that plank will demand is the secret of C. A. Fink of Salisbury, president of the State Federation.

Decision to ask for a Labor plank was reached after consultation and conference between federation officials and friendly advisers in official circles. From this it can safely be inferred that the plank to be offered will not be extreme or radical, but will be more of a "middle of the road" affair.

At the last session of the General Assembly, labor sought ratification of the Child Labor amendment; a shorter work week for all employees, and, in particular for women; and a statute with teeth raising the child labor age in the State.

The Amendment was turned down and apparently has about faded from the picture at the present time. The hour bill enacted was so shot full of

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Huge Plane Lost In Fog In Far West

Los Angeles Air Officials Fear Crash of \$80,000 Ship In Mountains

Los Angeles, Cal., May 17.—(AP)—Aerial search today for a new \$80,000 Lockheed transport feared crashed with nine persons on a fog-shrouded peak of the Sierra Madre mountain range near Los Angeles.

The transport, flying to St. Paul for delivery to Northwest Air Lines, took off from Union Air Terminal at 1:40 p. m. (4:40 p. m. eastern standard time) yesterday, and was last heard from a few minutes later above rugged Mint Canyon.

Among those aboard were Fred Whittemore, St. Paul, Northwest Air Lines vice-president and co-pilot; Henry Sayisbury, St. Paul, Northwest Air Lines official, his wife and two children.

Nearly two dozen planes were mobilized by the sheriff's aero squadron, and commercial air lines promised additional aid for an intensive hunt.

Weather reports of ceilings as low as 2,000 feet in the mountain area minimized hopes for early discovery

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TRIO WAITING FOR ELECTROCUTION FOR KILLING OF GUARD

Were Part of Six Prisoners In Penitentiary Who Slew Attendant in December

OFFICERS EXPECT RECAPTURE OF MEN

Make Key With Spoon and Wrap It With Thread To Turn Lock and Gain Freedom from Richland County Jail; Tar Heel Patrolmen on Lookout

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—(AP)—Three of the six prisoners under death sentence for the fatal stabbing of Olin Sanders, penitentiary guard captain on December 12, escaped from the Richland county jail early today.

The escaped prisoners were: George Wingard, 22, of Columbia; Herbert Moorman, 41, of Detroit; and C. Crans, 28, of Rochester, N. Y. The other three prisoners are incarcerated at the penitentiary.

Richland County Jailor H. W. Desportes said: "As near as I can figure, the escape occurred about 4:15 a. m."

He explained the location of their cells and their escape as follows: The men were in the second story tier of cells and to escape they broke the locks of their individual cells and a heavy chain that reinforced the cell block, forced their way through a second locked door that led into the block and bent the heavy metal bar that guarded a window.

To get through the second door, the men fashioned a key from a spoon wrapped with heavy thread, and strips of zinc from a tooth paste tube. The "key" was found in the opened door.

The jailor said the break was the first in twenty years. Asked how it could have happened, he explained that the plumbing fixtures were constantly turned on throughout the

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REAPPORTIONMENT DEAD UNTIL 1940

Constitution To Be Ignored Still Further as New Census Nears

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, May 17.—Despite runnings in Guilford county, one of the issues which has become a "hardy perennial" in North Carolina will not figure this year either in the legislative campaign or in the 1939 General Assembly.

The old standby which has been ridden into office by many westerners and which has been viewed with alarm enough in the east to start worldwide panic several times over is reapportionment—an issue which raised its head when the 1931 legislature tossed its constitutional obligations into the gutter like a very short cigarette butt, and declined to re-allot legislative representation among the 100 counties as the Constitution commanded it should.

Since then each successive General Assembly has flouted the organic law

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Intolerance Spirit Of New Dealers Is Assailed By Landon

Chicago, May 17.—(AP)—Alf Landon, Republican presidential candidate in 1936, asserted in a prepared speech today that "none of us of this generation has seen a group so intolerant of the views and beliefs of others as are the so-called New Deal liberals."

"Only a few weeks ago," he told the Inland Daily Press Association, "Senator Minton, Democrat, Indiana, introduced a measure which is a dire threat to the press. Mr. Minton, it seems, would set up a censorship of newspapers and other publications. A great many people are apt to be misled by the apparent fairness of the proposal. The senator has pointed his bill at those who knowingly publish

as fact anything which they know to be false. It would, nevertheless, provide a censorship.

"A press operating under such a law would cease to be free. Certainly, it could not fairly give both sides of the question if one side happened to represent the views of the Federal government or government officials." "I cannot believe," he averred, "that Congress will even take the Minton bill seriously. The dangerous thing about the measure is that it reflects an attitude now prevalent. Apparently it reflects the New Deal attitude toward the press of the country, and I am afraid it may reflect the President's attitude. The President's views have no doubt, encouraged Senator Minton and others."