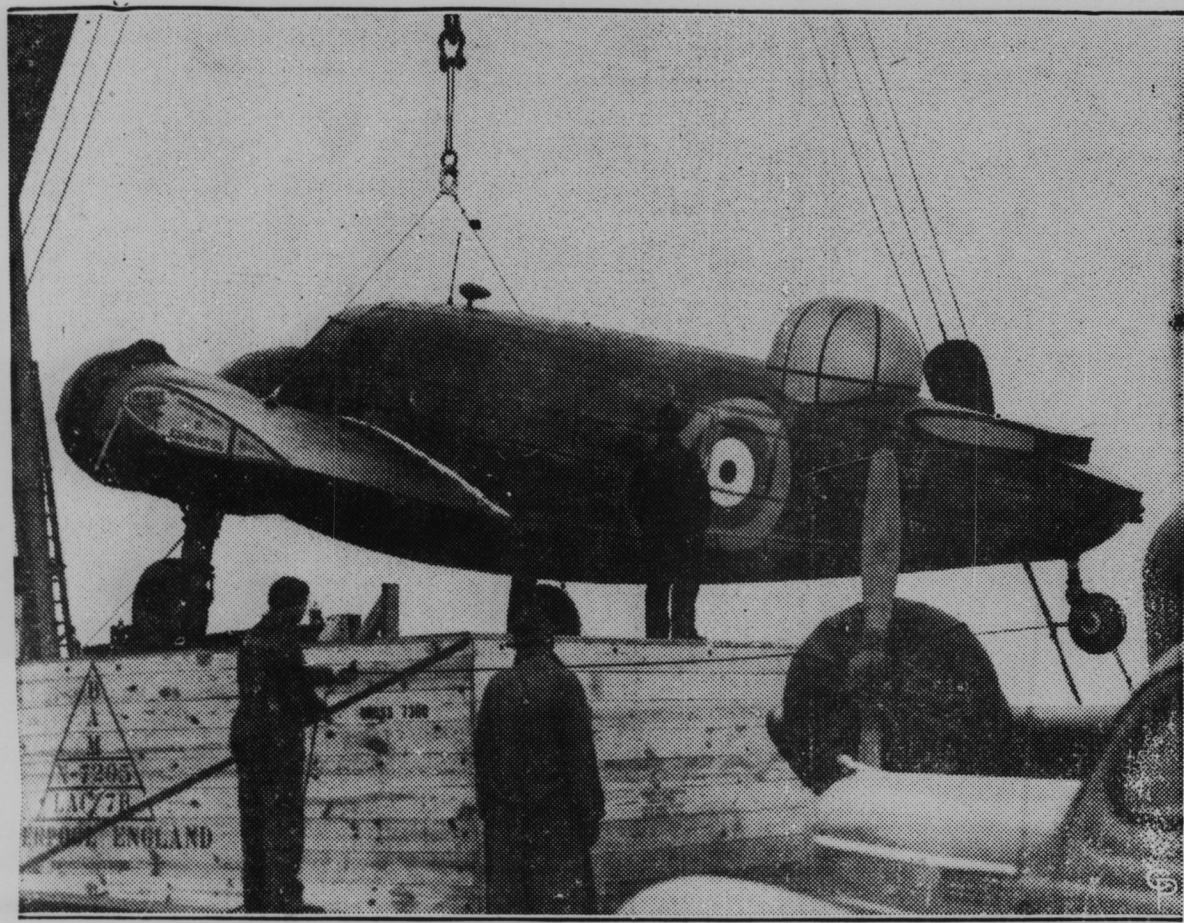


BRITAIN BUYING 650 WAR PLANES IN U. S.

American Planes for Great Britain



The first of 250 Lockheed bombers scheduled for British air service is loaded on barge at Floyd Bennett Field seaplane base, New York, for transfer to the steamer Andania, and shipment to England.

250 Ordered In Addition To First 400

50 of New Ones To Be Reconnaissance Machines, Other 200 Trainers; First 400 Costing \$35,000,000, Delivery in Year or Two

London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The air ministry announced today that Great Britain would purchase 250 war planes in the United States in addition to 400 already on order.

Fifty of the new planes, the air minister said, will be Lockheed general reconnaissance machines, and the other 200 will be North American Aviation Company trainers.

"In view of the improved deliveries in prospect under orders for aircraft placed by the air ministry the United States last year," the announcement said, "it has been possible to negotiate an increase in contracts for delivery within the period originally contemplated."

The air ministry announcement came amid a stir in several capitals, particularly Washington, over sale of American-made planes to France.

Delivery of the original British order of 400 planes at an estimated cost of \$35,000,000 was expected from within one to two years. The air ministry announced this order last June.

Democratic Split Widens As Factions Fight For Control

The Topic is Cotton



Sen. Smith Sen. Bankhead Sec'y Wallace Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace holds a light for Senator Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee, as they discuss the cotton program for 1939. Aiding in the discussion is Senator John Hollis Bankhead, of Alabama

Roosevelt And Garner Rift Grows

President Battles for Liberalism and Garner Leads Conservatives; Latter Seem To Hold Balance; Foreign Policy Row Intense

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Congress began the second month of its session today with indications that Democratic factionalism was developing rapidly into a fight for party control.

Some politicians predicted events of the next few weeks would sharpen the lines of this struggle, with President Roosevelt carrying on his battle for New Deal "liberalism," Vice-President Garner working quietly as "chieftain of conservative" forces and both sides thinking of the presidential nomination in 1940, as the prize to be captured.

There were some signs the Democratic split had placed the balance of power in both Senate and House in the hands of the "conservatives," a situation made possible chiefly by Republican gains in the November elections.

Republican members, keenly aware of their own possibilities in 1940, have become more active than in any other Congress of the Roosevelt administration.

Senators Want To Talk.

President Roosevelt's denial, meanwhile, that he looks upon the Rhine as America's frontier, brought a Republican demand that he let senators tell their version of what he said at a secret conference on foreign affairs Tuesday. Senator Bridges, Republican, New Hampshire, one of the military committee members who attended the conference and pledged secrecy, made the demand after the President had disputed some accounts of the meeting and had accused some legislators and some newspaper owner agitators

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Murphy Rebukes Solons For Week-End Holidays

Tornado Strikes Town of Woodville

Elizabeth City, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A tornado suddenly swooped down on the little community of Woodville, eight miles from here, last night, and virtually destroyed the solid two-story home of Wallace Wood, Wood, his wife and a 15-months old granddaughter miraculously escaped with minor cuts and bruises and some burns from a stove which overturned when the winds struck.

The house was flat on the ground this morning with pieces of debris scattered in every direction.

The wind, maintaining its intense force over a quarter of a mile, and lasting two minutes or less, first struck the home of E. E. Bateman, 200 yards from the Wood home, tearing down a henhouse and lifting the Bateman home from its foundations, moving it a yard or more and breaking two chimneys and three windows.

Loss to the Wood home was estimated at \$2,500. Wood rescued his wife and child before any one arrived.

Rowan Legislator Speaks to Empty Seats in House as Members Contact Constituents Back Home

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Members of the legislature were rebuked today by Representative Murphy, of Rowan for their week-end exodus from Raleigh. He said it was a "reproach on this General Assembly when I look over this House and see every God-blessed seat empty."

"I don't blame them for going home," he declared, "but after all they were elected to represent the people of the State."

Saturday sessions of the Assembly are usually attended by only a handful of members, as most of them go home to "commune with the boys" over the week-end. Not only that, but the Highway Users Conference, in its anti-diversion campaign this week, has been urging radio listeners to talk to their representatives this week-end about an anti-diversion resolution unfavorably reported by the Senate Finance Committee.

The House received, passed under suspension of the rules and sent to

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2 Admit Robbing Lady In Robeson

Lumberton, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Sheriff Clyde Wade announced today he had arrested two men who he said gave their names as Ed. Ward Stephens and Iron Thompson, the latter an Indian, in connection with the robbery yesterday of Mrs. Mary E. Barnes, 82-year-old widow. The sheriff said the men confessed.

County Officers Fleming Brisson and E. L. Crump found the elderly Mrs. Barnes last night when she had practically freed herself from a post to which she had been tied six hours earlier by two robbers. She was not injured. Part of the stolen property was recovered.

Ward Calls Signals And Judges Win

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The varsity was being challenged by the scrubs, and Quarterback Ward called a huddle—and the special judges won. The issue was Representative Mull's bill to continue for two more years the four special judges which have been authorized every legislature since 1933. No additional judges were provided, but some members thought there were. Mr. Mull was explaining his bill when questions began popping all over the House.

Speaker Libby Ward motioned for one of his chief lieutenants, John Caffey, and whispered to him: "Get out there on the floor and tell the boys to pass this bill." Then the speaker put Pat Kimzey into action, too, and Pat is definitely not "one of the boys" in the Ward set-up. Mr. Mull continued explaining and questioners kept on asking. Another wink from the speaker's desk and Bill Hatch and Claude Abernathy began to circulate. For a few minutes the sedate legislative hall had all the appearance of a political convention with floor managers on the job. Mr. Mull finished his explanation, the question was put, and the vote was unanimous for the bill.

The main question now is: Did the speaker really fear for the fate of the special judgeship bill, or was this just a team work-out against the time

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Ohio River Threatening Fresh Flood

Territory from Pittsburgh to Carrollton Is Endangered by Rising Waters

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The mighty Ohio river rose slowly toward flood stage today from Pittsburgh to Carrollton, Ky., half way between Cincinnati and Louisville, but the danger of a serious inundation apparently was lessened by freezing weather, which stemmed tributary run-offs.

The temperature, however, added to the hardship of hundreds of families forced to evacuate lowland homes as high waters poured into some Ohio cities. Red Cross and other relief agencies immediately went to work to care for the refugees.

Two were dead in West Virginia and four others were reported to have been drowned by swift rising mountain streams. The high waters resulted from heavy rains and snows of the past three days over the mountainous Ohio valley watershed regions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, and over hilly southern

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PASQUOTANK SHERIFF DIES AT HIS HOME

Succumbs to Kidney Ailment After Fight of Several Years Against the Disease

Elizabeth City, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Death came to Sheriff Charles Carr-me early this morning, striking him down just as he was starting his eighth term as sheriff of Pasquotank county. He died at his home at 1104 Jones street at 2:26 o'clock this morning, succumbing to a kidney ailment that has sent him from hospital to hospital for the past several years.

He was 58 years old. Surviving are his second wife, three sons by his first marriage, a daughter, a sister and a brother. Funeral services have been tentatively set for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They will be held from the First Baptist church.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly colder in east tonight.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Rain over northern and southern portions first part of week and rain in latter half; warmer Monday; colder Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Thursday and colder at end of week.

Floods, Winds, Cold And Snow Rage Across South

Slayers Of Prison Guard Lose Appeal

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 4.—(AP)—The six men convicted of murdering Prison Captain Olin Sanders in abortive attempt to escape from the State penitentiary more than a year ago lost their Supreme Court appeal today. A new execution date probably will be fixed for some time in March.

Attitude Of Britain Riles Washington

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Feb. 4.—Inasmuch as (from all official accounts) Uncle Sam is 100 per cent determined to keep out of the next overseas war, what the heck does he care as to the various other countries respective abilities to stand the wear and tear of the certainly threatening impending major foreign conflict, in the spring or thereabouts?

Well, he does care, anyway. One hears plenty of speculation on the subject in state and navy departmental circles. It is not mere academic curiosity, either. It is based on the supposition that Uncle Samuel will not be able to stay on the sidelines in the event of a fresh big clash in the old world—not if the rumpus is very long continued.

This coming war, if it eventuates, manifestly will start between the totalitarians (Germany, Italy and maybe Japan) and the European democracies (Britain and France). Unprepared, vacillating? Now, it is common talk that Britain and France are militarily, navally and aerially unprepared in comparison with Germany and Italy. It likewise is

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Election Law Committee Is Much Divided

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—There are as many shades of opinion in the subcommittee of the elections law committee of the elections law committee just named by House Chairman George W. Phillips, of Onslow, as there were colors in the coat of Joseph, famed controller of Egyptian supplies and fugitive from the embraces of Potiphar's wife.

The sub-group has seven members, and it represents seven known or unknown degrees of thought regarding North Carolina's election laws, in general, and the absentee ballot, in particular.

From its chairman, Joe Carruthers of Guilford, right on down the list a differing view is met with each succeeding name—John Kerr, Jr., of Warren; William F. Marshall of Stokes; Lacy McBryde, of Cumberland; Frank Taylor, of Wayne; J. B. Vogler, of Mecklenburg, and Odus Mull, of Cleveland.

Taking a general and brief view of each, here's how he lines up: Carruthers: Apparently hasn't said anything to anybody about his opinions. Was named by Mr. Phillips very largely for this reason. Kerr: Wants to retain the absentee ballot both for primaries and general elections. Can see no virtue in proposal to abolish for Democratic family fights and leave available for use against the Republicans. McBryde: Strong, a most fanatical, for complete, total abolition of the absentee ballot and all its work.

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3 Candidates For Governor Get Publicity

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Considerable publicity has been given to the veiled reference made before the finance committee by J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, to his probable candidacy for governor. The acts of two other men are taken by capital observers to be a so bids for a share of the gubernatorial limelight reflected from the highway funds diversion scrap.

Mayor Tom Cooper, of Wilmington, had been all along listed as an ardent

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Estates Bill Re-Writes Wills And Property Laws

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Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Senator Thos. J. Gold's Committee on Judiciary No. 1 may or may not spend much time studying the longest bill yet presented to the legislature, but it is a safe bet that there will be a favorable report. The bill is officially titled "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Estates of Deceased Persons, to Conveyance by Husband and Wife, to the Transmission of Property by Wills

to the Administration of Estates, to Guardianships, and the Repeal of Statutes in Conflict Therewith," is popularly known as "The Estates Bill." Not a single member of the legislature has been found to admit that he has read it, and only one promises to read it. The bill, with title and binding takes 142 pages, 136 of them filled with words that will materially change existing laws. Representative Clegg, of Moore, says he reads every

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Franco Takes Last Big Catalan Stronghold

Perpignan, France, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Insurgent dispatches reported today General Franco's Navarrese army corps entered Gerona, last major government stronghold in northeastern Spain, at 10:30 a. m. today.

The government's newest defense line was said to have been shattered

and an advance to the frontier apparently was only a question of days. Insurgent air squadrons heavily bombed the refugee-choked region along the border. (Insurgent military leaders in Barcelona predicted last night they would capture Gerona within the next 24 hours, and said they were hopeful of completing the conquest of Catalonia within a week.) The two columns had advanced about 50 miles since the capture of Barcelona January 26. Both at Gerona and Figueras insurgent air attacks were taking a heavy toll.