

ATTEMPT REPORTED ON MUSSOLINI'S LIFE

Extension Of RFC Likely To Receive Congress Approval

Ambassador's Son In Madrid Siege

London, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Joseph Kennedy, wife of the United States Ambassador to the court of St. James, anxiously awaited word today from her son, Joseph, Jr., who is in besieged Madrid.

Vote Reform Threatened By Delaying

Committees Unable To Agree on Exact Measure To Eliminate Absentee Abuses

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Leisurely progress to date of the House Committee on Elections and Election Laws is beginning to be a serious menace to final enactment of any worthwhile legislation on election reform at this session.

Rift Developing Among Money Committee Groups

Finance and Appropriations Members Accusing Each Other of Balking Quick Agreement, While Some of Both Are Sore at the Governor

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Legislative tempers are getting just a bit frayed at the edges as time passes and the goal of a balanced budget seems to get farther and farther away instead of nearer and nearer.

Right of Way for Consideration Next Monday Given by House Rules Body; Envoy to Germany Talks At Tight Committee Session

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The House Rules Committee cleared the way today for the House to begin consideration Monday of legislation to extend the life of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its affiliated agencies.

Republicans on the banking committee served notice they would offer amendments to change the proposed expiration date of the RFC and its affiliate on January 15, 1941, to June 15, of that year.

House Debate On Damages In School Crash

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Representatives Taylor, of Wayne, and Pickens, of Guilford, today vigorously assailed a bill to provide payment to W. S. Williams, of Nash county, of \$347.25 for damages suffered from a school bus accident.

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Prefers America to Fortune



"I'd rather be a mill worker here than King of Italy," said Frank Rusoti, mill worker, of Kalamazoo, Mich., as he clasped flag to his breast. He renounced an Italian fortune rather than forfeit citizenship. To inherit father's estate he would have to live in Castel Mona, Italy.

Spanish Government Is Evacuating All Children

Rebels Ousted At Spanish Consulate

Brussels, Belgium, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Belgian police and firemen today stormed the Spanish government consulate building and ejected insurgent sympathizers who had seized it in an early morning coup.

Claim Liquor Bill Merely Money Grab

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY G. LYNN NISBET. Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Although they very definitely were not pleased with the bill, every speaker against the Umstead liquor warehouse proposal was glad that Senator Umstead had presented figures and photostatic copies of original orders for liquor to be shipped into dry territory in North Carolina.

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Bailey Asks Huge Tar Heel Damages From Government

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, introduced a bill today for payment of \$44,000 to Julian S. Mann, of Middletown, N. C., for damages from a forest fire in 1931 allegedly caused by the Bureau of Biological Survey in Hyde county, N. C.

Being Taken from Ancient Capital of Madrid Under Heavy Insurgent Shellfire; Government President Azana Winning Battle for Peace

Perpignan, France, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Spanish government started the evacuation of children from Madrid today under a rain of shells from insurgent guns. Government reports said six persons were killed and 20 wounded yesterday in bombardments inflicted daily on the city since Premier Negrin installed his cabinet there February 12.

Trucker Cremated Near Fayetteville; One Badly Burned

Fayetteville, Feb. 17.—(AP)—W. G. Gordy, of Laurel, Del., was burned to death and Charles Larimore, of Bethel, Del., was burned critically today when their truck overturned at a bridge on the Fayetteville-Raeform highway earlier in the day. Larimore was brought to a Fayetteville hospital, where attaches described his condition as serious.

Split Among Democrats Is Now Alarming

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist. Washington, Feb. 17.—Democratic managers are just getting fairly at the task of assessing the damage resulting from the recent controversy between President Roosevelt and Senators Glass and Byrd over the Virginia federal court appointment.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, light showers Saturday and possibly on the coast late tonight or Saturday; warmer tonight and in east Saturday.

Jap Occupation Of Hainan Protested; Objection Refused

Tokyo Foreign Minister Tells Ambassador Grew It Is Merely for Military Purposes, But Japanese Activities Refute That Contention

Tokyo, Feb. 17.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Joseph Grew today asked the Japanese government for an explanation of the Japanese navy occupation of Hainan, Chinese island, 200 miles west of the Philippine islands.

The request was made orally in an interview with Foreign Minister Arita and followed by a few days similar requests by the French and British ambassadors to Tokyo.

(Fifteen other Americans were in Kachek and Nodou which a Shanghai dispatch said the Japanese still had occupied.)

New York Man Is Held In Franklin For Fatal Crash

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Captain Charles Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, said today that a man listed as A. O. Rubin, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., so far as he knew, still is being held in the Franklin county jail at Louisburg on a charge of manslaughter.

The patrol officer said Rubin had admitted his car was on the wrong side of the highway when it crashed with another machine resulting in fatal injuries to E. E. Ulser, of Lewistown, Pa. The case, Captain Farmer said, will be heard in Franklin county Superior Court.

Best Guarantee of Peace Is Treasury of U. S.

By ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1939, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 17.—Since 1933, nearly every economist, including myself, has predicted that we would have money dollars in the United States. Yet, after six years of the wildest spending spree on record, the American dollar is today the strongest currency on earth.

Crazed Man Shoots One Villa Guard

Officials First Deny Then Refuse To Affirm or Deny Rumors in Rome; Shooting Occurs Shortly After Fascist Grand Council Meeting

Rome, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Rumors that a demented man had shot a guard at Premier Mussolini's home, the Villa Torlonia, in an apparent attempt on Il Duce's life last Wednesday spread in Rome tonight.

The rumor said that the man was arrested immediately by other guards on duty outside the grounds in the villa, and that he was found to be a recently released inmate of an asylum.

Mussolini And King Pay Homage

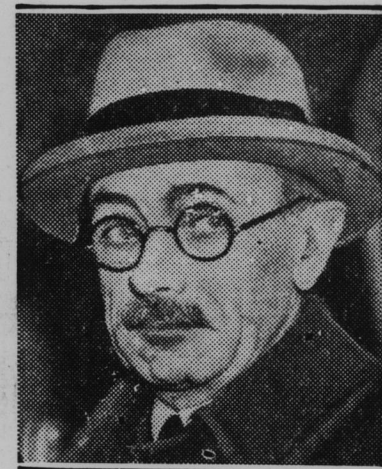
Rome, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini and his ministers, and King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena attended a special funeral mass for Pope Pius XI today, the first such tribute by the Italian state.

The day was one of official mourning for all Italy. The mass, attended by less than 2,000 persons, was celebrated in a 340-year-old church. The king, clad in gray green army uniform, and carrying a sword, and the queen in black, with a long lace veil, sat on a dais draped with gold-trimmed crimson tapestries.

Dollar Soundest Investment in World if Wild Spending Is Stopped Now, Babson Says; Total Debt in U. S. No Greater Than in 1929

from eventual trouble. Here, however, are eight reasons why our dollar is still good despite our mammoth spending programs: 1. Debt No Greater Than In 1929: Total debt in the United States is no greater today than in 1929. There has been a \$30,000,000,000 gain in Federal debt, but private debt has been cut an almost equal amount.

Hungarian Premier



Count Paul Teleki

Following resignation of Bela Imredy as premier of Hungary because he discovered his grandmother was Jewish, Count Paul Teleki was requested to form a new cabinet. He is former minister of agriculture. (Central Press)

Says Larger Cotton Use Very Urgent

Oscar Johnston, Mississippi Grower, Tells Charlotte Group World Must Take More of American Crop

Charlotte, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Oscar Johnston, of Scott, Miss., asserted in an address here today that the cotton industry must make a united drive to increase the world consumption of American cotton and cotton products.

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DATA ASSEMBLED ON STATE'S AIR ROUTE

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—(AP)—L. H. Duncan, secretary of an association of cities seeking an air mail line from Norfolk, Va., to Knoxville, Tenn., said today the brief setting forth the need of the service had been completed and would be sent to air lines probably next week, and then would be laid before the Post Office Department and Civil Aeronautics Authority.

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