

BRITAIN, FRANCE DENOUNCE GERMAN ACTION

Brief Sessions Are Held By Assembly; Local Bills Passed

House Gets Two New Bills and Passes Five As Senate Approves Eleven; Haywood Liquor Act Repealed as Both Houses Concur

Raleigh, March 18.—(AP)—In brief routine sessions today, the House received two new bills and passed five and the Senate approved eleven measures.

The Senate passed and ordered enacted into law a House bill to repeal a 1937 act which permitted Haywood county townships to establish liquor stores if approved by the voters of the townships, whether or not the rest of the county remained dry.

Senator Cogburn, of Haywood, said no liquor dispensaries had been established under the act.

Reported favorably by Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1 was a substitute for Senate bill 19 to clarify the bastardy laws.

Today's legislative calendar included: Passed by the Senate and ordered enacted into law:

House bill 579, relating to fees of the Hertford county sheriff.

House bill 601 to repeal a law providing the establishment of liquor stores in Haywood county.

House bill 661 to incorporate the fund in the general fund.

House bill 754, relating to the draw of juries in Wayne county.

Vote Reform Bill Being Re-Written

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

Raleigh, March 18.—Avoiding a vote on the Gardner motion to keep the absentee ballot in primaries by the ancient device of promising to help him get the same subject matter in a new bill, the Senate Elections Committee yesterday approved the work of its sub-committee in re-writing the House bill. Liaison officers with the House suggested that the Senate amendments would probably be acceptable.

Most important of the changes made are: Requiring identification of absentee ballots by name of voters instead of by number, requiring that probate of affidavits in connection with absentee ballots must be under seal; and some liberalization in the penal section.

Senators Prince, Austin and Lumpkin, who rewrote the bill, believe that the Senate changes really strengthen the law. W. A. Lucas, State elections board chairman, was present at the committee and agreed that the Senate bill was better than the House bill. But he very adroitly evaded expressing an opinion as to what he actually thought about either.

Senator George Ward, of Duplin, doesn't like even a little bit the requirement of an official seal on absentee affidavits. He said that if a justice of the peace without a seal could probate a deed that transferred ownership of your home, it looked like going too far to say that he couldn't swear to an election affidavit. Mr. Lucas explained that the reason he liked that provision is that a seal is hard to forge. He cited

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Cotton Prices Down Sharply

New York, March 18.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened seven to eleven points off under easy cables and heavy Bombay selling in all deliveries. Commission houses offered contracts and there was some hedge selling. Prices were eight to 13 points net lower at the end of the first hour. May was 8.14, off 13, while December was off eight at 7.59.

Table with columns: Open, Close, May, July, October, December, January. Values: 8.16, 8.14, 7.95, 7.96, 7.66, 7.65, 7.60, 7.60, 7.60, 7.58

Heads Teachers



DR. J. HENRY HIGHSMITH

11 Percent Hike In N. C. Leaf Crops

Flue-Cured Growers Intend To Plant More in 1939; Weather and Supply of Plants To Determine Result

Raleigh, March 18.—(AP)—Growers of flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina have indicated they intend to increase their acreage this year seven percent above 1938. The Department of Agriculture reported today in its State-Federal intentions to plant survey.

"Ability of Tar Heel farmers to carry out their intentions will depend upon weather conditions in April and May, and an adequate supply of plants," W. H. Rhodes, chief of the department's statistics division, said. "Prices of tobacco have been conducive to larger plantings and the withdrawal of control measures will permit growers to plant whatever acreage they may desire. The effect of low prices in practically all other money crops will also have its influence."

The report stated North Carolina farmers intended to plant 663,000 acres in flue-cured tobacco, six percent above the State's past ten-year average. The department listed anticipated increases of ten percent in Virginia, ten percent in South Carolina, eight percent in Georgia, and 15 percent in Florida.

The intended acreage were listed by North Carolina belts as follows: Eastern New Bright Belt, 328,000 acres, 14 percent above last year.

Old Bright Belt, 267,000 acres, nine percent above last year.

Border, or South Carolina, Belt, 68,000 acres, 12 percent above last year.

Governor For Local Control Over Relief

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

Raleigh, March 18.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey concurs in a "general opinion" that relief could be more economically and efficiently administered through State and local agencies, he told your correspondent in connection with a national survey of the governors of the 48 states.

He steered clear of expressing any definite opinion on the merits or demerits of the Woodrum and Byrnes plans now pending in Congress under which relief would be placed under an entirely new set-up.

Discussing the whole subject in a general way, the governor said: "The question of reorganizing the relief administration is essentially the responsibility of Congress. However, there is a general feeling that relief could be more economically and ef-

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Hoey Tells Teachers Of State's Aid

Willing To Go To Reasonable Limit of Its Resources, Governor Tells Meeting; Highsmith Becomes President of Group

Raleigh, March 18.—(AP)—Governor Hoey told North Carolina teachers today that the General Assembly "is determined to do all for schools and for teachers that can be done within the reasonable limits of the State's resources."

The chief executive spoke at the concluding session of the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association.

"I cannot subscribe to the doctrine that a State can do anything it wishes for education or anything else," he said. "The State must live within its income, must keep a balanced budget. It cannot print currency, neither can it mint money and its credit is not unlimited."

The purpose of balancing the budget is not merely to protect its bonds, but the prime purpose is to enable it to properly function and meet its obligations, including paying its teachers, and providing for other necessities of government.

"There has never been in Raleigh a General Assembly, according to my judgment, more favorably inclined to provide every effort possible to promote the interests of the public schools than the one now in session in Raleigh," Hoey said at another point. "It is only due to a limitation of our tax resources that we are held to the present program. As our per capita wealth and our per capita income increase, the State and local communities will be able to do more and more for the benefit of all the social agencies of the State, to the end that the common good of all may be served."

New officers were presented to the association. J. Henry Highsmith of Raleigh, was elevated to the presidency to succeed Ben L. Smith, of Greensboro, and S. G. Hawfield, superintendent of Cabarrus county schools, was elected vice-president.

The association voted into its "hall of fame" Alexander Graham, "the father of our graded school system, and Robert Herring Wright, founder and one-time president of Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville.

Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, is a son of Alexander Graham.

The following officers were named today by divisions of the North Carolina Education Association:

Association of Class Room Teachers: Mrs. E. J. Bullock, Goldsboro, vice-president and George Willard, Wilson, treasurer.

Special class association: Miss Ada Valentine, Spring Hope, vice-president.

Mathematics teachers: secretary, Miss Claudia Hunter, Henderson.

Primary teachers: Miss Doty Jane Hadley, Greenville, vice-president.

War Scares Slice Stocks

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Roosevelt Accepts Team Work Proposal From New Senators

President Supposed, Under Agreement, To Advise Senators of His Proposals Before Sending Them Up; Tobacco Acreage Is Increased

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—Democratic senators reported today that President Roosevelt had agreed to a "team work" proposal by administration supporters in the Senate. Under it, the chief executive is supposed, they said, to apprise senators of his party of legislative proposals he has in mind, and to give them an opportunity of making protests or suggestions before action is taken.

The Democratic peace proposal was agreed to, it was said, when four first-term senators visited the White House last week-end. The four, Schwartz, Democrat, Wyoming; Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana; Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, and Meade, Democrat, New York, came out announcing they were supporting the President's request for an additional \$150,000,000 of additional WPA funds, which Congress refused recently, but now is considering again.

Other developments: There will be 68,200 more acres planted in tobacco this year than last if an estimate of the Federal Crop Reporting Board is correct.

The board estimated 1,694,000 acres would be grown in 1939. Under the board's figures, North Carolina's production would jump from 693,000 to 672,000. South Carolina would plant 112,000, an increase of 10,000 acres.

James Roosevelt, son of the President, apparently was unperturbed at being named defendant in a Justice Department anti-trust suit against the motion picture industry. At Hollywood, where "Jimmy" is a board member of United Artists, his only comment was:

"I believe I have been named in the place of James Mulvey, whose place I took on the United Artists board."

Administration supporters in the Senate backed up the State Department's condemnation of Germany's march into Czechoslovakia with proposals that the President be given greater freedom to deal with the dictator nations.

They gave unqualified approval to the statement made yesterday by Under Secretary of State Welles that "wanton lawlessness" and "arbitrary force" were "threatening world peace and the very structure of modern civilization."

PEANUT WAREHOUSE IS CONTRACTED FOR

Raleigh, March 18.—(AP)—Contract for construction of a peanut warehouse on Roanoke farms in Halifax county was awarded to A. M. Atkinson, of Enfield, Leo Stock, Farm Security Administration district engineer, said today. Atkinson bid \$3,345.

McBryde Now Going After Insurance

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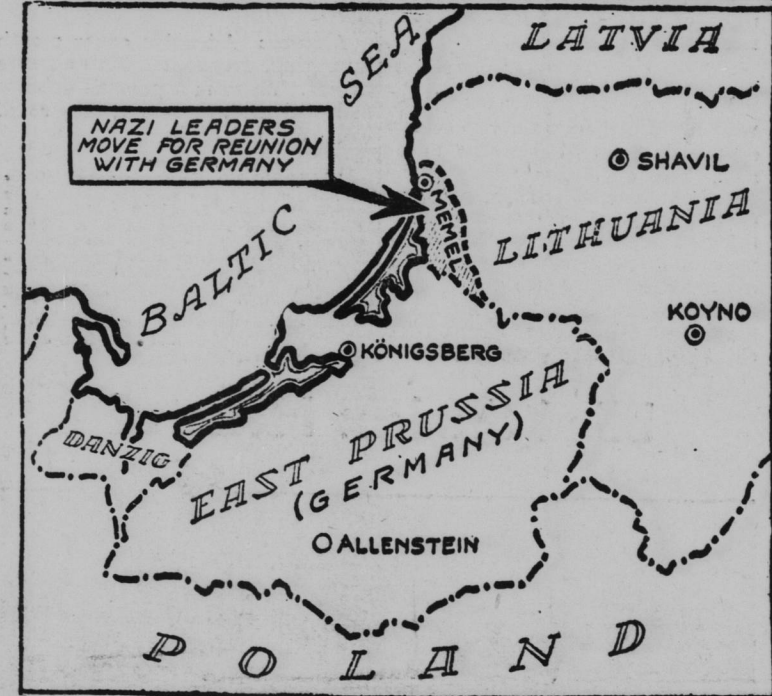
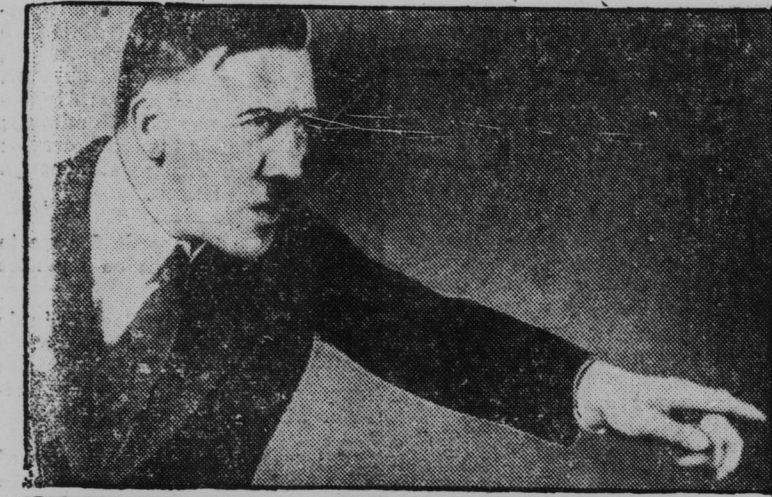
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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, slightly colder in east portion; light frost in extreme east portion tonight; Sunday fair, slowly rising temperature in central portion.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Some rain Monday or Tuesday and again toward end of week; end of present cold spell Monday, with temperatures about or above normal rest of week.

The Finger Points!



After Czecho-Slovakia, what next? The world will have to wait Hitler's own answer, but observers point significantly to Europe's map. With Czech nation safely under his domination, and Russia ready to fight for the Ukraine, Hitler is said to be casting eyes on Memel where Nazi agitation has already started.

Increased Duties Added On German Imports Here

United States Skeptical Of New Accords

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 18.—Sir Samuel Hoare's scheme for a quintuple international conference to make world peace a permanent

manency has evoked no wild cheers in Washington official circles. Par-

enthetically, for the benefit of anyone who doesn't happen to know who Sir Sam is, he's the British minister of home

affairs, roughly corresponding to our Secretary of the Interior. Just how the head of a

strictly domestic cabinet department chances to be butting into the foreign situation isn't quite apparent. However, that's immaterial; Sir Sam is a thoroughly responsible functionary, anyway. Whatever he suggests unquestionably has Premier Chamberlain's wholehearted indorsement. It isn't because of any suspicion of going off at half-cook that Washington doesn't consider his proposal very seriously.

True, he didn't include the United States among the countries to be represented at the gabfest he advocates. He spoke specifically of Premiers Chamberlain and Daladier of Britain and France, Dictators Hitler and Mussolini of Germany and Italy, and Boss Stalin of Russia; those were the five he designated. But that was because he was urging, especially, a European get-together. Still, he recognized that it's hard to consider European interests independently of this republic's, and emphasized his notion that we Yankees would be welcome to a voice in the discussion, giving the thing a sex-tuple aspect. In fact, I believe he was outright bidding for American participation. I don't imagine that he'd

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Treasury Department Declines To Comment on Relation to German Seizure of Czechoslovak Region

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—The Treasury Department announced today the imposition of countervailing duties on dutiable German imports.

This action, a Treasury Department official said, was taken with the knowledge of the State Department. The Treasury official refused to comment when asked whether the action related to Germany's seizure of Czechoslovakian provinces.

The immediate effect the action, it was stated, is to impose a 25 percent countervailing duty, in addition to regular duties. The Treasury official said that "the action speaks for itself."

The Treasury's decision, it was stated, affects hundreds of products. Leading German imports to this country have been chemicals, toys, medicine, paper and china. Imports from Germany totaled \$64,537,000 in 1938; \$92,468,000 in 1937.

The Treasury official said the department could not immediately state the amount of dutiable goods which would be effected.

MRS. ROBERSON, OF CHAPEL HILL DIES

Heart Attack Fatal To University Town's Grand Old Lady At Age of 92

Chapel Hill, March 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Cornelia Adeline Roberson, 92, died here today of a heart attack after a week's illness. She was known as Chapel Hill's "grand old lady." The funeral will be held here tomorrow at 4 p. m. at the Baptist church. She was active in church and civic affairs. Mrs. Roberson had lived here 80 years.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Foy Roberson, of Durham; three daughters, Mrs. Roy Mason, New York; Mrs. Charles T. Woolen and Miss Nellie Roberson, both of Chapel Hill; several grandchildren and a great grandson, Charles Roberts, of Washington.

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France Also Calls Envoy Back Home

Munich Agreement Is Repudiated by Czech Invasion, Notes Sent to Berlin Say; Daladier Wins Vote of Confidence by Big Vote in Chamber

London, March 18.—(AP)—The British government, acting in concert with France, directed its ambassador in Berlin to deliver a formal note to the German government saying the invasion of Czechoslovakia represented "a complete repudiation of the Munich agreement."

The British foreign office announced also that the note, which Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson was instructed to present, would state that "His Majesty's government regard as without legal basis the changes effected by German military action in Czechoslovakia."

The French government announced in Paris that a similar note would be presented by the French ambassador in Berlin. The British announcement outlining the nature of the note to be presented said "recent events in central Europe represent a complete repudiation of the Munich agreement and the undertakings of peaceful cooperation exchanged at that time by the parties to it."

The announcement added that "the British government further regards as without legal basis the changes effected by German military action in Czechoslovakia."

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax consulted the American, French and Soviet Russian ambassadors. German Ambassador von Dirksen also called, giving rise to speculation that he might have been ordered to return to Berlin in retaliation for Britain's calling home of Ambassador Henderson "to report."

Indicating the urgency with which Britain considered the situation,

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Germany Will Reply Hotly To Protests

Berlin, March 18.—(AP)—The German Foreign office spokesman declared today that Germany would meet with "sharpest repudiation" British and French notes denouncing the absorption of Czechoslovakia as illegit.

With Adolph Hitler on his way home from Vienna and the pace of his "march to the east" quickening at the threshold of Roumanian oil and wheat fields, Berlin officialdom stood its ground and declared that erasure of the Czechoslovakian republic was "done legally."

Meanwhile, Hitler put Germany's authority over her new Bohemian-Moravian protectorate in the skilled diplomatic hands of Baron von Neu-

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Hitler Tries Intimidation Of Roumania

Demands Economic Cooperation as Price for Guarantees of Territorial Security; Flatly Rejected

London, March 18.—(AP)—A spokesman of the Roumanian legation said today that his government had received and rejected sweeping demands by Germany for complete economic cooperation as the price of guarantees of Roumanian territorial security.

Diplomats here understood, although no confirmation could be obtained in Bucharest, that Dr. Wohlthat made demands while on a trade mission to the Roumanian capital. These proposals were said to be that

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