

Maxwell Estimates On State Revenues To Be "Good News"

Maybank to Allow Six Men to Die

Columbia, S. C., March 20.—(AP)—Governor Burnett R. Maybank refused today to extend clemency to the six men condemned to die for the December 12, 1937, slaying of Captain J. Olin Sanders at the State penitentiary.

Little Real Progress In Past Week

Half Step Toward Election Reform Outstanding Legislative Achievement; Revenue Bill Speeded.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. (BY LYNN NISBET) Raleigh, March 20.—Although the Senate and House both passed on final readings the revenue bill for 1939, together with a whole flock of local measures, the only real progress in legislation was a short step toward election reform.

The apparent speed on the revenue bill was entirely offset by action on appropriations. Amendments to the finance bill cut several hundred thousand dollars off of prospective revenue, on the basis of accepted estimates, and amendments to the appropriations bill added something more than half a million to the proposed expenditures.

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Robeson Asks King, Queen

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

Raleigh, March 20.—Robeson county, boasting the highest percentage of Scotch descendants outside Scotland itself, wants a glimpse of that bonnie lassie, Queen Elizabeth of England, herself a native of the land of Robert Bruce, Bonnie Prince Charlie and Whitehorse Scotch.

To that end, Senator Robert Allen McIntyre, of Lumberton, will tonight introduce in the upper branch of the North Carolina General Assembly a joint resolution inviting King George and Queen Elizabeth to visit the county of Robeson during their stay in the United States.

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Appropriations Bill To Get Approval This Week

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

Raleigh, March 20.—The General Assembly should determine this week the final form of North Carolina's spending bill for the next biennium. With that done and out of the way, there will be no great or insurmountable obstacles to a sine die adjournment in the not too distant future, say around April 10, or thereabouts.

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Figures on Income Tax Receipts To Be Furnished Appropriations Committee Before Spending Bill Is Acted on; Exact Figure Uncertain

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell said today "it wouldn't be bad news" that he will present to the State Senate Appropriations Committee this afternoon on income tax receipts.

The commissioner this morning was figuring what estimates should be for receipts for the coming biennium, in view of unexpectedly large receipts last week.

Record income payments of \$11,296,381 last year had led to estimates of \$10,700,000 for 1939-40, and \$11,000,000 for 1940-41, but for this year the estimate had been \$8,775,000, due to last year's recession.

Maxwell will present the figures before the committee resumes consideration of the administration compromise appropriations bill, passed by the House last week.

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Two Slayers Get Paroles at Hands Of Governor Hoey

Raleigh, March 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoey gave paroles today to two convicted slayers. Richard Crockett, given 12 to 18 years in Wayne county in August, 1936, for second degree murder, and Walter Dennis, sentenced to six to nine years in Stanley county in April, 1937, for manslaughter and hit-and-run, both were freed on the basis of excellent records and many clemency petitions.

Legation Of U. S. Closed At Prague

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The United States closed its legation in Prague today and ordered its minister to Czechoslovakia to return to this country. The minister, Wilbur J. Carr, was directed to turn the legation over to American consular officials in Prague, capital of the latest country absorbed by Germany's "march to the east."

The order went from Washington in the midst of a renewal of congressional debate over American foreign policy.

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To Supreme Court



LEWIS O. DOUGLAS

Douglas Is Chosen For High Court

Securities Head Given Post by Roosevelt; President Drops Lifting of Legal Debt Limit; Senators Want Business Aid Despite FDR

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt nominated William O. Douglas, his No. 1 stock market regulator, to be a member of the Supreme Court today.

Mr. Roosevelt also transmitted to Congress a report by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that there was no need to lift the present \$45,000,000,000 legal limit on the public debt.

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Columbia Lumber Blaze Damage Put At About \$60,000

Columbia, N. C., March 20.—(AP)—A fire which did damage estimated at between \$60,000 and \$75,000 was discovered at the Tyrrell County Lumber Company Sunday afternoon.

Two box cars on a siding, one empty and the other filled with pine lumber, were also destroyed.

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Uzzell And Caffey Want Speakership

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

Raleigh, March 20.—Unlike the two past legislatures, the present session has failed to develop any one or two outstanding candidates for the next House of Representatives.

George Uzzell, of Rowan, has cherished speakership ambitions for some time and has quietly and discreetly let the world out that he would like very much to have the No. 3 license plate on his automobile in 1941 and 1942.

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Roumania To Make Concessions; Hitler To Take Memel This Week

King Carol Reviews His Troops



King Carol of Rumania (right) is pictured with his son, Crown Prince Michael, reviewing troops in Bucharest. The Rumanian Monarch is reported keeping his troops in readiness for any eventuality, following reported rejection of Nazi ultimatum which would give Berlin control of Rumania's industries.

British Program For Defense To Be Revised Upward Again

Congress Is Aroused On Neutrality

Pittman Plan To Relax Rigid Law Banning Arms Shipments Draws Fire of Foes

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—Sweeping proposals to revise the neutrality act, coming in the midst of Germany's eastward march, reopened today the fiery congressional controversy over American foreign policy.

Administration officials were silent pending disclosure of a formal protest to Germany over its absorption of Czechoslovakia.

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Moscow Very Calm, Despite German Dash

Moscow, March 20.—(AP)—Although the Nazi steamroller advanced last week to within several hundred miles of the Soviet Russian border, Moscow has remained, as usual, one of the calmest capitals in the world.

Soviet citizens learned that their government had refused to recognize Adolf Hitler's absorption of Czechoslovakia and had condemned it as "arbitrary, violent and aggressive," there was no hint of panic at the near approach of German troops.

It is against this background of calm confidence in Moscow that the chances of Soviet cooperation with the western democracies must be considered.

Vice Defense Commissar L. V. Mekhli's prediction was recalled as especially significant today. In a recent speech he said any attempt to invade Soviet Russia would result in "multiplying the number of Soviet republics."

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1938 Cotton Crop 11,941,702 Bales

Washington, March 20.—(AP)—The Census Bureau, in its final cotton ginning report of the season, said today that 11,941,702 equivalent 500-pound bales of cotton, exclusive of linters, had been ginned from the 1938 crop.

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Drys Again Are Gaining In Congress

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 20.—Senator Lynn J. Frazier of North Dakota and Representative U. S. Guyer of Kansas have a bill apiece in Congress seeking to re-prohibit the District of Columbia.

This is the same old camel, trying again to get his snout under the tent flap. The camel won't succeed this time, but he's a persistent animal.

The national big top. With the critter's nose once entrenched in Washington, the whole critter is in a fair way to shoulder himself, hump and all, into the whole country.

No individual wet state previously had considered itself bound previously to pay any attention to the dry rule in Kansas for instance.

But the District of Columbia, traditionally, has been looked at as the entire republic's proving ground for all sorts of experiments in legislation, regulation and taxation.

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One of Three Steps in Answer to Hitler's March Eastward; Russia, Poland and Balkans Invited Into Bloc To Stop Germany

London, March 20.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Britain's colossal defense program would again be reviewed as one of the three British steps in answer to Germany's eastward drive in Europe.

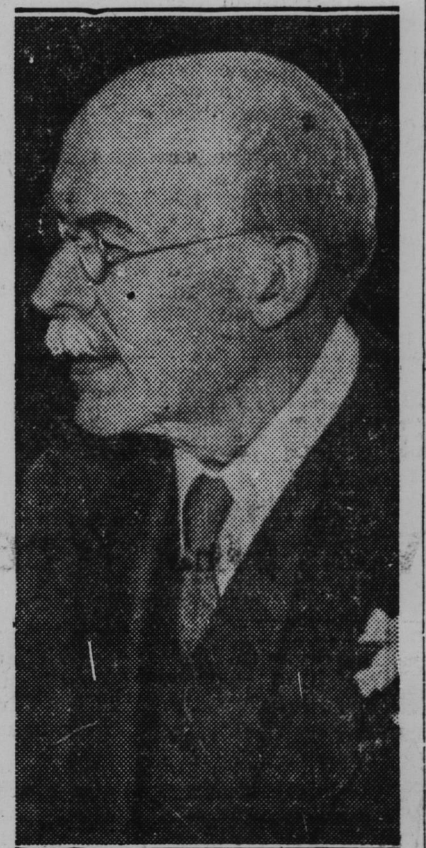
The British cabinet, meanwhile, was reported by informed quarters to have decided to communicate immediately with Soviet Russian, Polish and southeastern European governments on formation of a united front against aggression in Europe.

Labor and liberal opposition leaders were understood to have pledged support for the government's new policy of resistance to any further Nazi move toward European domination.

In addition to communicating with Moscow and Warsaw, the cabinet was said to have decided on approaches to Roumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Bulgaria in its attempt to weld "anti-aggressor" nations into a bloc.

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Michigan Governor



Pictured above is Luren D. Dickinson, 79, governor of Michigan following death of Frank Dwight Fitzgerald, who died in office. Dickinson, too, is reported ill. (Central Press)

Roumania To Keep Rights Politically

Return of Baltic Area To Germany Question Only of Days; Meeting of Diet Friday Expected as Signal of Transfer

Berlin, March 20.—(AP)—Germany and Lithuania were reported today to have come to an understanding on Germany's possible annexation of Memel.

1. Germany will receive Memel with open arms if and when Memelanders make known their desire to get "home into the Reich."

2. Lithuania will consider herself rid of unnecessary ballast. The ostensible cause for Memel's reunion with Germany, however, will be Memel itself and not Germany or Lithuania.

The Memel Landtag, meeting March 25, is expected to raise the cry of self-determination with a demand to "get home to the Reich." Then Hitler's marching columns would enter Memel as liberators.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 20.—(AP)—Roumania appeared ready today to make economic concessions to Germany, but stood firmly against surrender of any political rights.

But it was also asserted that no political problems or German-Roumanian relations were being discussed. Roumanians admitted that their trade with Germany would be increased to a marked degree, but they said that the complete German demands were not being met.

There was to be no yielding of any political points, they insisted. It was revealed that the German absorption of Bohemia-Moravia considerably affected the Roumanian military position.

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Britain Asks Firm Stand Toward Foes

Anti-Aggression Declaration Proposed as Stall Toward Hitler; Halifax Bitter

London, March 20.—(AP)—Authoritative diplomatic quarters said today Britain had proposed an anti-aggression declaration by herself, France, Soviet Russia and any other nation willing to join a common "Stop Hitler" front.

These quarters said the anti-aggression measure was offered as a counter proposal to a Russian suggestion for a joint conference of democratic nations to consider means of resisting possible German aggression.

It was not clear whether the Russian proposal envisaged participation of the United States in such a conference. The view in London, however, was that American participation would be welcomed if it could be obtained.

Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, accused Germany of "deliberately provoking incidents to create an excuse for an invasion of Czechoslovakia." In a speech packed with angry words, he virtually accused Germany of fomenting the secession of Slovakia from the Czechoslovak federation.

"I find it impossible to believe that the sudden decision of certain Slovak leaders to break off from Prague, which was followed so closely by their appeal for protection to the German Reich was reached independently of outside influence."