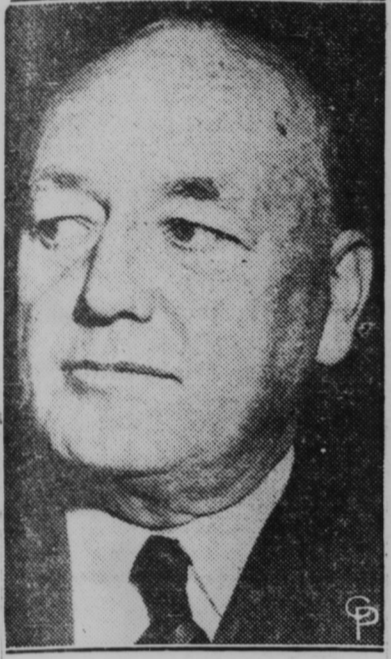


BRITAIN, FRANCE TO HELP SMALL NATIONS

Dictators Blamed For Blocking U. S. World Trade Pacts

Slated for Senate



James M. Slattery (above) asked by Governor Horner, of Illinois, to fill Senate post made vacant by death of J. Hamilton Lewis, is chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission. Appointee will sit in Lewis' seat during next 18 months until next regular election in 1940.

Wallace Brings Charge Before Senate Committee in Asking Government Subsidies for Wheat and Cotton; Roosevelt Signs Employee Tax Bill

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—Asserting that "dictator nations" had blocked success of the administration's trade pact program, Secretary Wallace urged Congress today to back government subsidies of wheat and cotton exports. Wallace testified at a closed session of the Senate Appropriations sub-committee considering demands for a \$400,000,000 increase in funds to bolster the administration farm program.

In a 24-page prepared statement, Wallace praised the administration crop control and benefit payments for farmers and also the reciprocal trade program—during normal times. "But actions of the dictators have kept that policy from meeting full success," Wallace said.

President Roosevelt has signed the bill wiping out immunity of Federal and State employees from income taxation. The measure, which a secretary said the President signed last night, permits the Federal government to tax the salaries of State officials and employees, and State governments to tax the salaries of Federal officials and employees.

Membership Of P.-T.A.s Record Peak

State Organization Now Has 69,382 Enrolled; Erwin Praises "Power" of State P.-T.A.

Raleigh, April 13.—(AP)—A record membership of 69,382 for the parent-teacher movement in North Carolina was reported today by Mrs. J. C. Parker, of Fountain, c. chairman of the State membership committee.

Numerous conferences on education were held. Dr. Clyde Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction, told the conference on parent-teacher association is one of the most powerful influences in the development of the child.

N. C. STATE ALUMNI IN PITT TO MEET

Raleigh, April 13.—(AP)—Pitt county alumni of N. C. State College will meet in Greenville next Monday night. Coach Williams Newton, Alumni Secretary Dan Paul and Wade Mason, athletics publicity man, will attend the gathering.

Marker Bill Has Teeth, Attorney General Says

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, April 13.—Attorney General Harry McMullan has found that the newly-enacted marker bill relating to primary elections has really stringent provisions and he has ruled that under its provisions nobody can claim to be an "illiterate" for the purpose of getting help in marking his ballot unless he was registered under North Carolina's notorious "grandfather clause."

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CHILDREN HURT IN SCHOOL BUS CRASH

Roanoke Rapids, April 13.—(AP)—Several children were injured early today when a school bus enroute from the South Rosemary section to Roanoke Rapids high school was in collision with a fertilizer truck. The children received hospital treatment. None of the injuries was considered serious.

U. S. Employees In State Subject To State Levies

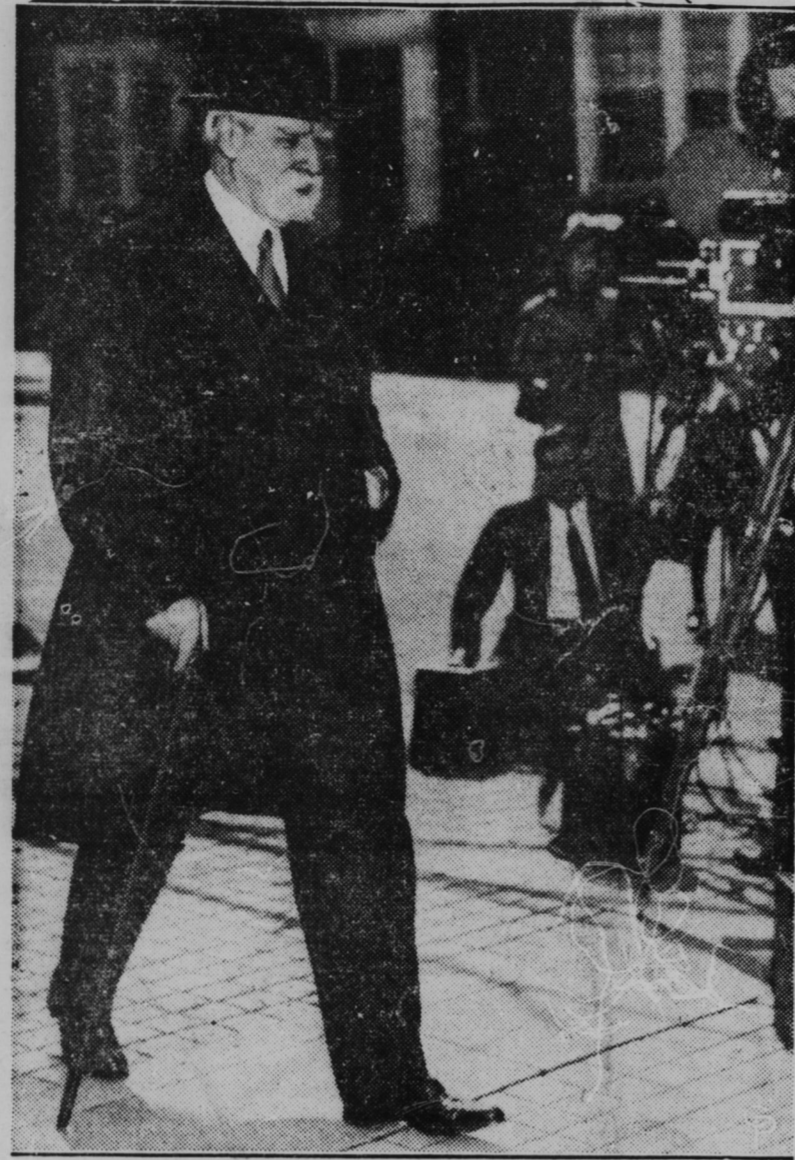
Raleigh, April 13.—(AP)—All Federal employees in North Carolina became subject to State income tax laws today when President Roosevelt signed a bill permitting federal income tax levies on State employees.

The 1939 legislature included a provision in the continuing revenue law that the State should tax income from Federal employees if the government taxed the income of State employees.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Max-well said that a broad guess was that \$100,000 would be received yearly from persons previously exempted.

are entitled to claim the right to employ a marker by reason of illiteracy." He made the ruling in response to a request from the Wake County Board of Elections regarding the Raleigh municipal election to be held soon.

Hughes, 77, Goes for Stroll



Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes observes his 77th birthday in Washington by taking a stroll. As he stepped from the door he faced a battery of cameramen, for whom he obligingly posed. He said he has no intention of quitting the High Court.

Snow And Freezing Weather Overspread Big Part Of Nation

Chicago, April 13.—(AP)—Snow and freezing weather gave a mid-winter aspect to a large section of the nation today. The United States Weather Bureau reported that the worst of the cold snap was over, but that no real balmy weather was in sight.

Extensive damage to budding fruit and some grain crops was reported in agricultural areas. Smudge fires burned through the night in the Vincennes, Ind., fruit belt. Orchardists said the apricot, plum and pear crops in Pike county were almost a total loss.

Northwest Arkansas fruit growers feared apples, grapes and berries, already in bloom, had been injured by the unseasonably low temperatures. Big lettuce and onion crops in Long Island, N. Y., were similarly threatened.

More than a score of states shivered in freezing temperatures. Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas, with readings near zero, were the coldest spots. Snow fell in several states, notably Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont and up-State New York.

Brief blizzards swept Pennsylvania Winsted, Conn., reported a three-inch snowfall, while there were eight inches in up-State New York. Fresh snow brought the total depth in the mountain areas of Vermont to four feet and in northern New Hampshire to 30 inches.

There were slight snow flurries in New York City last night, while the temperature skidded almost 30 degrees in ten hours.

Party Lines Collapse On World Policy

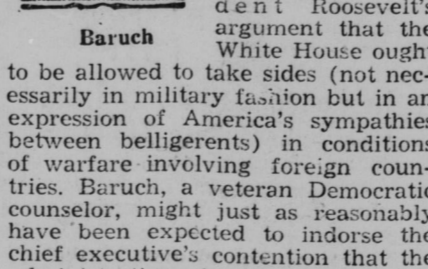
Oxford, April 13.—(AP)—John Grissom, truck driver, testified in superior court here today that the automobile in which Miss Ray Ogden Francis, was riding when she was injured came over a hill crest in the center of the highway just before it collided with his truck.

Miss Francis, 21-year-old Richmond dancer and model, is suing the Creed Supply Company, owner of the truck and John Long, driver of the car, for \$50,000, alleging she was paralyzed from the waist down as the result of her injuries.

Grissom was sent to the stand as the first defense witness after Judge Leo Carr had overruled a motion for a non-suit.

Coach Wallace Wade, of Duke University, appeared as a character witness for Long and his companion at the time, Herbert Hudgins, former football star.

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By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, April 13.—Ex-Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson and Bernard M. Baruch, as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's initial witnesses at its neutrality investigation, disagreed in a very peculiar way. Stimson, as everyone knows, is a lifelong Republican, who might reasonably have been expected to deprecate President Roosevelt's argument that the White House ought to be allowed to take sides (not necessarily in military fashion but in an expression of America's sympathies between belligerents) in conditions of warfare involving foreign countries.

Chamberlain Tells House Of Promises

Negotiations for Russian Alignment in Anti-Aggression Bloc Continuing, Commons Is Advised; Italian Accord Not Denounced

London, April 13.—(AP)—Great Britain and France pledged "all the support in their power" today to Greece and Roumania if their independence were threatened. The action, announced to the House of Commons in emergency session by Prime Minister Chamberlain, widened the anti-aggression front started by the two powers with a similar pledge to Poland after Germany absorbed Memel. Chamberlain made it clear the extension was the sequel to Italy's Good Friday seizure of Albania.

The prime minister made it plain that Turkey was included indirectly in the new guarantees, stating that the assurances to Greece and Roumania were being communicated "especially to Turkey, whose close relations with the Greek government are well known."

Chamberlain declared anti-aggression consultations with Soviet Russia were continuing when members of the House shouted: "What about Russia?" The prime minister, who spoke for

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Hydrogen Balloon At Zeppelin Works Lost In Explosion

Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 13.—(AP)—A weather observation balloon filled with hydrogen exploded today at the Zeppelin works, destroying a small wooden hangar which housed it. No one was injured.

France Joins Pledge Made For Britain

Paris, April 13.—(AP)—Premier Daladier announced today France was ready militarily for emergencies and, with Britain, had promised her aid in case of need to Greece and Roumania, as well as Poland. His declaration, made in a bluntly-worded statement, came only a few minutes after British Prime Minister Chamberlain announced similar commitments to Greece and Roumania in London. It was accepted here as designed to serve two major purposes: One, to tell Germany and Italy that any act of aggression would bring a serious risk of war.

32 Are Killed In Wreck of Train In Mexican Province

Mexico City, April 13.—Mexican railroad officers here said they had reports of 32 persons killed and 42 injured in a passenger train collision near Queretaro early today. The first reports were that one train crashed into the rear of the second on the Guadalajara-Larido line.

First reports said all the deaths occurred in the Guadalajara train. The collision took place at 4:10 a. m. It was the latest of a series of wrecks on the worker-operated national railways, the management of which recently charged there were efforts at sabotage to discredit the railway and the government.

British Guarantees To Little Nations Surprise To Berlin

Bows to Hitler



Grigore Gafencu (above), Rumanian foreign minister, is reported to have bowed to ceaseless pressure and consented to obey a German summons to Berlin. Britain fears the pilgrimage, like those of Austrian and Czech statesmen, will end in subjugation of the country before she can negotiate an Anglo-Rumanian mutual defense pact. (Central Press)

Inclusion of Turkey Taken To Mean Protection of Dardanelles; Guarantees Unnecessary, Is Reaction In Rome

Berlin, April 13.—(AP)—Indications were given in official German circles today that Nazi leaders were unprepared for the inclusion of Roumania as well as Greece in the Anglo-French pledges of protection announced by Prime Minister Chamberlain in London.

Chamberlain's reference to Turkey, indicating the prospect that the pledges might be extended to the guardian of the Dardanelles also caused surprise.

The declaration will be taken apart, phrase by phrase, and closely analyzed before our position can be stated," one official said.

Foreign office officials began study of the speech as soon as its text was available here.

Danzig City In Protest To Poland

Danzig, April 13.—(AP)—The Danzig free city government handed a note today to the Polish envoy here protesting against "Polish provocation."

The cooling of diplomatic relations between the free state, at the head of the Polish corridor, and Poland has been noticeable in the last few days.

The official press announcement of the note said that in the last few days anti-Danzig leaflets had been thrown from Polish trains passing through the Danzig territory. The leaflets were said to have contained a Polish song demanding incorporation of the free state into Poland.

Germany To Deny Blame If War Come

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Poles Will Return Home From Reich

Warsaw, April 15.—(AP)—The Polish foreign office was reported today to have instructed officials of the Polish Embassy and consular officers in Germany to send their families home. The report was heard as Poland apparently ignored German pressure to keep her out of the "anti-aggression" bloc of Britain and France, and the entire Warsaw press published editorials supporting Poland's recently announced defense alliance with England.

Officials took no public notice of a Nazi newspaper campaign, which informed quarters here said was intended to "intimidate" Poland and prevent her from signing the pact.

But the pro-government newspaper Kurier Poranny declared that "regarding encirclement, Poland has much more to say than Germany, because German troops are concentrated all along the Polish frontier from Slovakia to Memel."

Two Counties Ask School Districts

Raleigh, April 13.—(AP)—Delegations from Bertie and Davie counties today asked the State School Commission to set up additional school districts in their areas.

State Senator W. C. Spruill headed the Bertie group, which asked separate districts for Mars Hill, Powellsville and Colerain, which are now in one district, though a high school is maintained at each place. No action had been taken this afternoon.

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Fault Will Lie With Democracies, Berlin Says; Fuehrer Pictured as "Pleading" for Peace

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The United States was presented as an example of a nation which fosters the "war psychosis." Commenting on the decision of American insurance companies to cancel war risk insurance for German and Italian ships, a government spokesman said, "If a people is being urged into war the way the American people are, nobody need be surprised if business gets jittery. This is a typical example of panic politics. Six to eight times a day news is given out in the United States of America of the kind that only can be called war correspondents reporting. We con-

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FAYETTEVILLE LAD DEAD IN MILL POND

Fayetteville, April 13.—(AP)—The body of 10-year-old Gene James was found in a mill pond here today by searchers who had hunted him all night. Coroner W. C. Davis was undecided whether to order an inquest.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, scattered frost; Friday increasing cloudiness, slightly warmer in interior.