

ROOSEVELT PLEDGES AID TO PAN-AMERICA

FDR Pays Tribute To Geo. Washington As First President

James M. Slattery Illinois Senator

Springfield, Ill., April 14.—(AP)—Governor Henry Horner today appointed Chairman James M. Slattery, of the Illinois Commerce Commission, to the United States Senate, to succeed the late James Hamilton Lewis.

Voices Gratitude of Tens of Millions of Americans to Colonial Leader; Roosevelt Signs \$100,000,000 Relief Bill; Ship Canal Favored

Mount Vernon, Va., April 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stood on the porch of historic Mount Vernon today and voiced the gratitude of "tens of millions of Americans" that 150 years ago George Washington bowed to the demands that he became the first President.

P.-T. A. Has Speaker On Recreation

District Award Goes To This Area Under Mrs. Wall; Other Prizes Awarded at Convention in Raleigh

Raleigh, April 14.—(AP)—Arthur H. Jones, of Charlotte, field representative of the National Recreation Commission, told the annual State Congress of Parents and Teachers today that public schools should be the basis for public recreation programs "to achieve happiness."

Washington developments included: President Roosevelt signed the measure making available an additional \$100,000,000 for relief. The amount, recently approved by Congress after long controversy, was \$50,000,000 less than the President originally had asked.

The House Rivers and Harbors Committee approved a bill by Representative Mansfield, Democrat, Tex., to authorize completion of the \$200,000,000 Florida ship canal. It was said the vote was 10 to 6. The action was in closed session.

The National Labor Relations Board, storm center of a congressional drive to modify the Wagner act, renewed its stand against amending the law, and termed most proposed changes "definitely objectionable."

Slight Drop For Cotton

New York, April 14.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to two points higher on buying by local, trade and spot houses. The bulk of selling was in the form of hedging against Brazilian cotton. Around mid morning, losses ranged from one to three points. At the noon hour, prices were unchanged to three lower.

South Today Is Solving Its Problem, Babson Says

Is Nation's "Possibility No. 1," Not "Economic Problem No. 1"; If Freight Rate Discriminations Were Removed, It Would Lead Nation

By ROGER W. BABSON Copyright 1939, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Savannah, Ga., April 14.—After a winter spent in the South, it is hard to be pessimistic in this section even though cotton is selling for only eight cents a pound! Far from being economic Problem Number One, I think the South is possibly number one of the United States. Eliminate freight rate differentials, speed up the diversification of the farms, utilize the water-power developments, and Dixie can life the United States into a pride of business prosperity.

Has One-Quarter of Industry The story of the South's industrial growth is even more sensational. More than half the new factory development of the entire country in

Europe's Inland Sea—Caldron of a New War



Mediterranean war bases established by Britain, France and Italy, and reasons why the democracies are ready to go to war to prevent further Fascist grabs, are illustrated in this map. The island of Corfu, off Greece, and commanding entrance to the Adriatic, is center of the dispute. Control of Gibraltar and Suez, both threatened by Italy, is essential to Britain because they command her chief route to India and the Orient. France and Britain, furthermore, are jealous of their Mediterranean power because of colonial empires in Africa. Italy, on the other hand, grabbed the Dodecanese Archipelago from Turkey in 1912, fortified the islands and won control of the Aegean Sea. With the island of Rhodes and bases on Libya's coast, Italy matches British bases around Suez. Sicily, Sardinia and Pantellaria balance Malta and give Italy a hold on the central Mediterranean area. A base in the Balearics threatens Gibraltar, Algiers and Tunisia. Should Italy defy Britain and seize Corfu, it would give her the balance of power in the Mediterranean, which Mussolini calls "Mare Nostrum," or "Our Sea."

Three Fatal Wrecks Over State Occur

Sailor Killed at Manteo, Lawyer Near Wilmington and Printer at Newton

Manteo, April 14.—(AP)—George Weston Cothran, about 21, fireman second class aboard the U. S. S. Nashville, was killed and C. L. Scarborough, a shipmate, injured, when their automobile overturned near Wanchese at 9:30 a. m. today. Naval authorities made arrangements to take Cothran's body to Norfolk, Va.

Salisbury Attorney Is Killed Near Wilmington

Wilmington, April 14.—(AP) John L. Randleman, Jr., an attorney of Salisbury, was almost instantly killed near Maceo early this morning when a car driven by a man of officers identified as G. L. Long, 19, left the highway and overturned in a ditch.

Newton Printer Killed in Tragedy Near There

Newton, April 14.—(AP)—Opie Travis, 23-year-old Newton printer, was fatally injured and two companions were painfully hurt in a truck-automobile collision early today on the Newton-Conover highway. Travis died about two hours after the accident.

Desperadoes Who Escaped Re-Captured

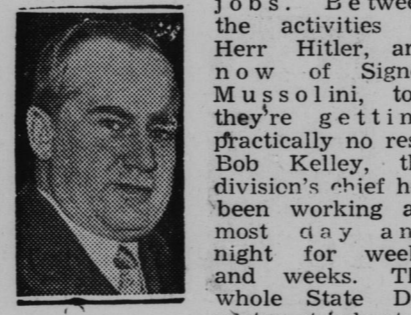
Raleigh, April 14.—(AP)—Oscar Pitts, superintendent of prisons, said this morning that four prisoners who escaped earlier this week, including Sam Lineberry, who wrecked Pitts' State-owned car, had been caught. Officers from Leaksville-Spray, Pitts and Warden H. H. Wilson of Central Prison here, caught Lineberry near Leaksville-Spray early this morning and brought him here. There was no trouble taking the escapee, Pitts said.

25 German Warships To Hold Maneuvers Off Spanish Coast

Berlin, April 14.—(AP)—An official communique disclosed today that 25 German ships, exclusive of auxiliaries, would leave their Kiel and Wilhelmshaven bases Tuesday. The maneuvers, the communique said, would revive an "old tradition of the German navy," interrupted by the Spanish civil war. Reports that some vessels already had left Kiel, and were enroute today for a rendezvous off Spain's Atlantic coast, were said to have resulted from "confusion" over the status of the maneuvers.

Albania Grab Puzzling In Washington

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, April 14.—Officials of the State Department's division of eastern European affairs are getting pretty sick of their jobs.



Kelley naturally is particularly everlasting on the qui vive. Office hours mean nothing. Even in his own home Chief Kelley's telephone is jingling nearly all the time. They're not merely local calls, either. They're from overseas and everywhere. In its way Signor Mussolini's Albanian operations are more puzzling than were Herr Hitler's Austrian and Czechoslovakian grabs.

Der Fuehrer moved suddenly, to be sure, but it Duce jumped on Albania still more abruptly. The former, moreover, wasn't quite so obviously violent. The latter started off with out-and-out fighting. True, the Italians fought in Ethiopia and have

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Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair, warmer tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness, warmer in east and central portions.

Britain Now Seeks Quick Staff Talks

Joint Military Plans Urged by War Experts of Anti-Aggression Bloc in Europe

London, April 14.—(AP)—British efforts to bring Russia into a grand alliance against Nazi-Fascist expansion were reliably reported to have made good progress today after a long conference between Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and Soviet Ambassador Maisky.

Hoey Opposes Yielding To Power Bureau

Raleigh, April 14.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he "very definitely" opposed yielding to any contentions that the Federal Power Commission has control of the Yadkin river.

The government made it clear in discussing pending litigation over a pending hydro-electric development for High Point that if the State tried to become a party to pending suits, "it would not be in connection with the merits of the controversy, but only to protect the State's rights as to the Yadkin."

\$10,000 Reward For Matson's Kidnaper Is Now Withdrawn

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—A Justice Department official said today that J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, withdrew several months ago the \$10,000 reward for the apprehension of the Matson kidnaper.

Ten-year-old Charles Matson, son of a Tacoma, Wash., physician, was kidnapped from his home on the night of December 27, 1936, by an abductor who dropped a note demanding \$28,000 ransom. Fifteen days later the boy's beaten body was found in a thicket.

Aggression Once Again Condemned

American Interests Worldwide FDR Says, Envisioning Planes Crossing Atlantic and Pacific Freely in Few Years

Washington, April 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt pledged the nation's economic strength today to any Pan-American country whose economic structure is threatened by pressure from abroad. Condemning aggression as "ridiculous" and "criminal," Mr. Roosevelt extended this government's promise of protection for the Western Hemisphere, already given for military attacks, to inroads on business and commerce.

On annual Pan-American day, the President gave the Old World a "living message" from the New World of a "will to peace," which "will have a voice in determining the order of world affairs." Mr. Roosevelt spoke to the governing board of the Pan-American Union in the Pan-American building. Without naming the aggressor nations or their dictators, but referring to statements recently made by Hitler and Mussolini, the chief executive stressed the ties binding Europe and the Americas.

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IMPERIAL TOBACCO EXECUTIVE IS DEAD

Charles W. Shuff, 47, of Greenville, Had Been Ill for Several Months

Greenville, April 14.—(AP)—Charles W. Shuff, 47, manager for the last 17 years of the local branch of the Imperial Tobacco Company, died in a hospital here today after several months of failing health. His funeral will be held here tomorrow morning.

Germans Say Roosevelt Is Pulling Wires

Berlin, April 14.—(AP)—German government circles said President Roosevelt's address today before the Pan-American Union clearly reveals him as the "master wire-puller" behind the anti-German encirclement policy. They said official Nazi reaction to the President's Pan-American Day speech in Washington indicated that sharp rejoinders probably would be made.

"To assert that the encirclement of a peaceful nation was impossible," they said, "was a negation of history. Before 1914 Germany was encircled through a Franco-Russian alliance behind her back while she was pursuing peaceful aims."

Eastern Air Lines Keep Service, Despite Strike

Newark, N. J., April 14.—(AP)—Eastern Air Line officials today said company operations and flight schedules had not been affected by a strike of an undetermined number of line service employees of the mechanical department, who walked out at four "key" bases in Newark, Washington, Atlanta, Ga., and Miami Fla.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, president and general manager of the air lines, estimated 52 out of a total of approximately 250 maintenance men throughout the system had walked out at 12:01 a. m. and said strikers, all members of the Air Line Mechanics Association International, an independent union, had been re-

placed by mechanics from company overhaul shops at Miami. Meanwhile, at Chicago, Robert H. Stoy, editor of Air Line Mechanic, monthly publication of the association, said a canvas of Eastern Air Line airports disclosed a 100 percent walkout at Newark, 90 percent at Miami, 100 percent at Atlanta, and an indicated 100 percent at Washington and Chicago. David Bechnick, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, said at Chicago the members of his organization were "watching very closely" the developments in the strike, but added it was too early to predict what action the pilots association, an A. F. of L. affiliate, might take.