

SOVIETS ASK REVIVAL OF TRIPLE ENTENTE

House Votes Powers To FDR For Further Dollar Devaluation

Route 1 Traffic Shown Stationary

James Burch, in charge of highway statistics and planning, reported today that motor traffic on U. S. Route 117 near Goldsboro had increased 20 percent for March as compared with March, 1938.

Treasury's \$2 Billion Stabilization Fund and Silver Purchase Also Continued In Measure Sent Senate; Perkins Orders Bridges Hearing

Washington, April 21.—(AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today a bill extending for two years the President's authority to devalue the dollar again, the Treasury's \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, and its right to pay subsidies on newly-mined domestic silver.

Reports on Oil



Donald Richberg, former NRA administrator, recently returned from Mexico where he represented oil companies in negotiations with President Cardenas, on expropriation of American oil wells, is shown at White House where he informed President Roosevelt of the outcome of the negotiations.

Hitler And Mussolini Pledge Anew Their Fast Friendships

Hitler's Birthday Celebration Brings Exchanges Further Cementing "Indestructible Friendly Ties"; Hitler Drafts FDR Reply

Berlin, April 21.—(AP)—Messages published today showed that Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini exchanged assurances on the Reichsfuehrer's 50th birthday yesterday that the friendship between their two countries could not be disturbed by enemies of their Rome-Berlin axis.

They were disclosed while Hitler turned from his first day festivities to drafting of the Reichstag speech with which he will reply one week from today to President Roosevelt's non-aggression proposals.

In a long telegram, Premier Mussolini told his axis partner that the friendship between Rome and Berlin, "which has withstood many tests cannot be disturbed by the recurring ridiculous attempts of our enemies.

Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop and his staff had gone to work on material for the reply immediately after Hitler was acquainted with the contents of the President's message in conferences at Munich last Saturday and Sunday.

While foreign office experts weigh every detail and scrutinized every word of the Roosevelt message, Hitler made a troop inspection tour of German Austria, returning to Berlin in time for the two-day birthday inspection, which reached its peak yesterday with a gigantic parade of German military power.

Asserts War Rages Under The Surface

Ambassador Kennedy in Speech in Scotland, Glad General War Thus Far Been Averted; Hecklers in His Audience

Edinburgh, Scotland, April 21.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Joseph Kennedy said today that, despite the fact that "covert warfare burns fitfully beneath the surface of international relationships throughout the world," there was consolation in that general war thus far had been avoided.

The envoy spoke in Usher Hall, where he received the freedom of the City of Edinburgh after Edinburgh University conferred on him an honorary degree of doctor of laws. He had traveled overnight from London.

The Usher Hall ceremony was interrupted by several men and women who jumped up and started shouting immediately before Kennedy received the "Burgess ticket," which is a symbol of the freedom of the city.

One of the demonstrators was John Cornack, leader of the Protestant Action party, anti-Catholic organization in the Edinburgh town council, who shouted: "My lord provost, I protest."

Cornack and the other interrupters were taken from the hall by officials.

DELEGATES TO 4-H MEETINGS SELECTED

Raleigh, April 21.—(AP)—L. R. Harrill, State 4-H club leader, announced today that North Carolina delegates to the national 4-H club camp would be Margaret Elen Wagner, of Guilford county, and Walton Thompson, of Wilson county, and two other delegates.

Burlington Case Nears Jury Stage

George Smith Allowed Second Degree Plea in Return for Becoming State's Witness; Lawyers Start Their Arguments

Graham, April 21.—(AP)—With George Smith's turning of State's evidence against his three fellow defendants on trial here for first degree murder in the fatal shooting of two officers last December 7 in Burlington—hailed by the State as its coup d'etat, attorneys on both sides in the case of Smith, Roy Kelly, Wade and Ralph Hanford began addresses to the jury today.

The State permitted Smith to change his plea to second degree murder before becoming a State's witness. Smith's statement yesterday involved the two Hanfords as the two men actually in the filling station with Roy Huffman, escaped convict, during the robbery which resulted in the death by gunfire of Huffman, Sheriff Robertson and Burlington Police Officer S. W. Vaughan. Smith testified he and Kelly waited outside in separate cars and had no part in the killings.

Wade Hanford, Smith related, shot three times from the floor as a fusillade of shots, purportedly from Huffman's pistol, felled Robertson and Vaughan before Huffman himself fell, mortally wounded by a bullet from the gun of Officer F. E. Baillif, lone survivor among the officers of the gun duel. Previously all evidence had indicated Huffman was the only one of the bandits to fire on the officers.

Half Dozen Congress Races Loom

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 21.—Auxiliary thrills to North Carolina's 1940 governor's primary will be given by no more than half a dozen really serious and formidable congressional contests, according to the present outlook.

Only some drastic development or political upheaval could upset this prospect, though, of course, the possibility is not excluded.

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Says Roosevelt Can Win Again Only If War Comes

Babson Hints That May Explain Much of War Propaganda in U. S. Today; Says New Deal Is Out for 1940; Discusses Leading Candidates

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Washington, April 21.—Two recent trends have helped President Roosevelt politically. These are: One, the fear of a war involving Great Britain and France; and two, the possibility that the Republicans may be unable to get together on a strong candidate. A war in Europe would put F. D. R. in line for another four-year term, if he wishes it. Without a war and with a strong G. O. P. candidate, he is licked. Remember, business conditions make politics; politics do not make business conditions.

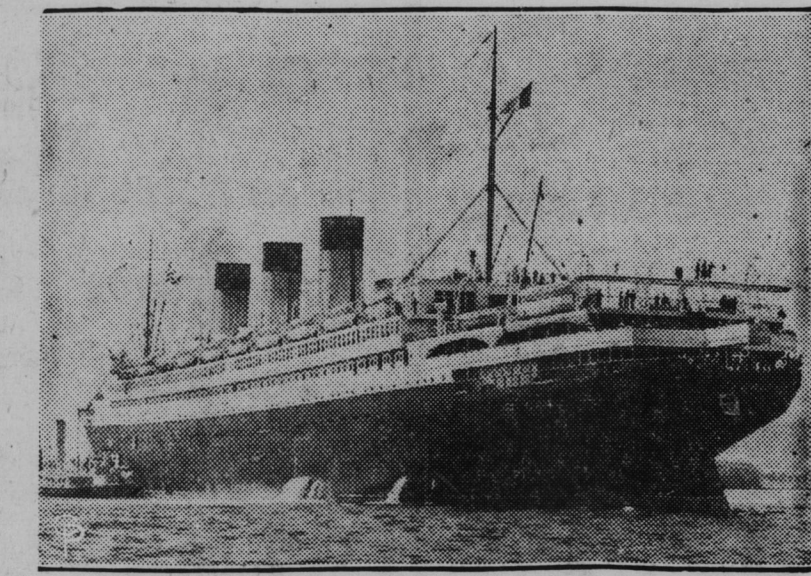
Business conditions are fairly good today as far as retail trade and other statistical indicators are concerned. Measured by the number of people out of work, however, conditions are not much better than when Franklin

Roosevelt took office six years ago. Millions of Americans voted for Roosevelt in 1932 because they believed a change in administration would solve unemployment. Millions more voted for him in 1936 because more people had jobs than in 1932. Since then unemployment has become bad again. What the voters did last fall is a preview of what will happen in 1940 unless jobs greatly increase.

Democrats Badly Split Will a possible business boom and a big gain in employment help President Roosevelt if he runs in 1940? The answer is: "Yes, but it will not heal the split in the Democratic party." The New Dealers and the "old line" Democrats are at swords' points. The gap between them is far wider than the average voter realizes.

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Liner Paris Swept by Flames



Pictured above is the French liner Paris, swept by flames as it prepared to leave Le Havre, France, for the United States. Aboard the 34,000-ton ship were valuable art exhibits destined for the New York World's Fair. Authorities investigated rumors of sabotage.

Admits He's a Red



David Lasser (left), president of the Workers Alliance, and Herbert Benjamin, general secretary, appear in Washington before the House appropriations sub-committee which is investigating the WPA. Benjamin admitted membership in the Communist party. (Central Press)

Hungary Reports Fresh Slovakian Bombardment

Latter Nation Is Under German Protection; Hungarian Commander Demands Explanation of Outbreak

Budapest, Hungary, April 21.—(AP)—Hungarian military authorities reported that Slovak artillery bombarded the Hungarian village of Sarosmit last night and this morning. The authorities said Hungarian artillerymen and infantry returned the fire, but apparently neither side crossed the newly-established border between Hungary and Slovakia.

Slovakia, nominally independent following the final dismemberment of the Czechoslovak republic March 15 is under German protection. Hungarians said they were completely surprised by the revival of border fighting, such as followed the collapse of Czechoslovakia after Hungary occupied Carpatho-Ukraine.

(In the occupation of Carpatho-Ukraine, the Hungarians pressed against the Slovak frontier for a further adjustment of the border, and fighting, including aerial operations, ensued. March 21 a Slovak-Hungarian commission agreed on delimitation of the border.)

The Hungarian military commander of the region was authorized to demand of Slovakia an explanation of the renewal of the "vest pocket" warfare. The Budapest foreign office charged that two days ago two Hungarian soldiers were wounded and captured on the border. Unverified reports reaching here said that they died in Slovak hospitals.

Seek Relief Rather Than Pick Berries

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 21.—The annual picnic is on among Eastern North Carolina Negroes who are eligible for unemployment benefits but who are being sought for and besought to work picking strawberries. They would far rather remain idle and draw their weekly checks from Charlie Powell's office than get down to the back-breaking and none too remunerative business of picking the pretty red berries off the nice green bushes or vines or whatever it is that

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer in southeast portion tonight, and slightly cooler in north central portion Saturday.

Russia Now Is Ready To Aid Defense

Britain Had Expected More Vague and Less Binding Agreement; Britain Willing But Fears Objection of Poland and Roumania

London, April 21.—(AP)—Soviet Russia has proposed resurrection of the Anglo-French Russian triple entente of the World War, a highly authoritative source said today, as a bulwark against possible future aggression by Germany, Italy or Japan. Such a recommendation of a flat reciprocal military alliance was said to have been made by Foreign Commissioner Litvinoff to Sir William Seeds, British ambassador in Moscow.

Both Britain and France, this informant said, have the proposal under serious consideration. No official indication was given of the Anglo-French reply, but Britain, although favoring a less binding agreement, was believed to be ready to accept such a military alliance rather than lose Russia's support.

London, April 21.—(AP)—An unimpeachable source said today that Soviet Russia had demanded the full military support of Britain and France in return for her cooperation in the Anglo-French front.

This Soviet counter-proposal to Britain's suggestion for cooperation against the Rome-Berlin axis was communicated to London by the British ambassador in Moscow Sir William Seeds, and is now being studied by the British Foreign Office, informed British quarters said.

This source said Britain expected a much more vague and less binding agreement by which Russia would merely "support" the coalition being formed by London and Paris. Although British officials were reported willing to accept Russian co-

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New French Decrees To Aid Defense

Paris, April 21.—(AP)—Minister of Finance Reynaud announced tonight the French government had established a flat 45-hour work week and a new one percent sales tax in an effort to strengthen national defense. Reynaud said the government expected to realize 15,000,000,000 francs (\$396,000,000) from the new series of decree laws.

NEW DECREES ACCOMPLISH FOUR MORE OBJECTIVES

Paris, April 21.—(AP)—The cabinet, meeting tonight with President Lebrun, approved a series of new decree laws which it was estimated would increase France's financial resources 17,000,000,000 francs (\$448,800,000) for strengthening national defense.

The decrees did four things: 1. Created a new "armament tax" of one percent on all cash payments

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Restraints Upon Rates Dissolved

Fayetteville, April 21.—(AP)—Superior Court Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., dissolved today an order temporarily restraining the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company and receivers for the Seaboard Air Line Railway from reducing rates on kerosene and gasoline shipments out of Wilmington to other North Carolina points.

The restraining order was issued some time ago upon petition of the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland county officials, who alleged the proposed reduced rates would be discriminatory because no such reductions were proposed for shipments out of Fayetteville, a terminal of the Cape Fear waterway.

Judge Nimocks sustained a contention of the railway attorneys in arguments yesterday that the plaintiffs should seek relief through the State Utilities Commission and should exhaust this relief before bringing an action in a court of equity.

Rails Want Control For All Carriers

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Washington, April 21.—Water carriers of interstate freight between this country's two oceans, the Canada line and the Rio Grande or the Gulf of Mexico are not one bit enthusiastic over the scheme to put regulation of all our forms of transportation under the jurisdiction of a single federal body—the Interstate Commerce Commission, or some similar group, to be created in place of the commission.

Neither do the auto-truck operators like the idea—not unless they're subsidaries of some one of our big railroad systems. In fact, these independents are violently opposed to the whole notion. The railroads, however, warmly favor it. It looks good likewise to holders of railroad securities—notably our great insurance concerns. They're a potent influence, too, with rail investments running away up into the billions. And look at the number of their policy holders! Incidentally the general public is vitally concerned, since it ultimately pays the bill for freight carriage—passenger fares also. I don't think the general public understands the subject very well, though—it's extremely complicated.

Chairman Burton K. Wheeler's senate committee on interstate com-

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Edwards Is To Take Over A. & N. C. Soon

Raleigh, April 21.—(AP)—H. P. Edwards, of Sanford, will confer here Monday, Attorney General Harry McMullan said today, in connection with details of his leasing of the State-controlled Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

McMullan said he expected Matt H. Allen, general counsel for the railroad, and John G. Dawson, of Kinston, lawyer of Edwards, to attend the conference. The lease of the line must be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the State Utilities Commission.