

Clipper Off Upon First Ocean Trip

Leaves Port Washington for Europe; With 100,000 Letters; Passenger Service To Start Shortly

New York, May 20.—(AP)—The Yankee Clipper, carrying 100,000 letters, took off from Port Washington, L. I., at 12:07 p. m. today, inaugurating regular transport service between the United States and Europe.

Arthur Laporte, skipper of the plane, which carried a crew of 14, and two company officials, smiled apologetically to newspaper men just before the take-off.

"Well," he said, "this is pretty much of a routine thing. Naturally, the crew is pleased to be participating in this first scheduled flight. We expect to reach Horta, in the Azores, in about 14 hours."

There will be four other mail flights before passenger service is started. The 42-ton flying boat can carry a maximum of 35 passengers.

The take-off from the bay required 55 seconds. Just before the engines were turned over, Harrell Branch, a member of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, presented Juan Trippe, president of Pan-American Airways, owner of the ship, with a certificate authorizing the flight.

Inauguration of the service came on the 12th anniversary of the flight of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh from New York to Paris.

Three Drown In Lake Near Lexington

Lexington, May 20.—(AP)—The bodies of three Kannapolis textile workers, Fletcher Shinn, 26; Ralph Jameson, 24; and Horace Purvis, 20, were recovered today from High Rock lake near Linwood, where they drowned when their small boat capsized shortly before midnight.

The three, with Bruce Haney, of Kannapolis, were rowing across the neck of the lake to set a trot line when a gust of wind caused the boat to capsize, Sheriff Raymond Bowers said. Haney swam ashore. One of the others, unable to swim, sank quickly, the sheriff said, while the other two swam away from the near bank into the darkness. Shinn and Jameson lived near Mooresville; Purvis at Landis. Shinn leaves a widow and child. The others were unmarried.

Agriculture Committee Is Capable Body

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the St. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 20.—Viewed a day or so after its appointment and after time for some modicum of reflection, the Co-ordinating committee named simultaneously by the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture seems, in the eyes of most Raleigh observers, to be a group capable of doing much to smooth out the ancient and perennial Department of Agriculture-State College quarrel.

Perhaps the most obvious and frequent comment was on the fact that of the six members appointed only one is primarily a politician—Robert Grady Johnson, head of the prison division of the State Highway Commission.

None of the other five can be entirely and completely divorced from the political picture, but only Johnson is a politician first, last and all the time.

There seems a general impression that the Department certainly got none the worst of it in the committee selections; though there is a general disposition to credit all the appointees with sincerity, impartiality and a willingness to give both sides of the controversial issue a full hearing and just verdict.

The gubernatorial appointees are all prominent and well known figures in state government. Dudley, of Mayock, is director of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, but he is also a farmer on a large scale and is a leader in the farmer's cooperative movement. He is reputed to have been a strong supporter of Commissioner Kerr Scott in 1936 but is generally regarded as likely to be one of the real "balance wheels" on the committee.

George R. Ward of Wallace, is a State Senator and a lawyer by profession, but he has farm interests and is closely identified with a wholly rural county. During the bitter fighting of the recent session he

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Powers Force Jap Troops Out of Amoy



A gun crew of Japanese artillery is shown in action during an attack on the Chinese island port of Amoy, opposite Formosa. Boasting one of the best harbors in the Pacific, it was recently invaded by Japanese troops despite protests by world powers. But when the United States, Great Britain and France landed an equal force of bluejackets and marines and posted seven warships in the harbor, Japan hastily withdrew. (Central Press)

British Opinion Favors Tie-Up With The Soviet

On Way to New Post



Laurence A. Steinhardt, newly-appointed United States ambassador to Russia, is pictured with his daughter, Dulcie Ann, arriving in New York from South America, where he was envoy to Peru. He immediately made preparations for departure to new post.

One Killed, Three Hurt In Car Crash

Washington, May 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Willis C. Wollaver, 35, of Washington, D. C., was killed instantly and three persons were injured seriously today when their automobile overturned one mile east of Blount's Creek station.

Mrs. Wollaver's husband, 53, who was the driver of the machine, was brought to a hospital here in a critical condition. J. S. Rowe, 26, and his wife, 18, also of Washington, D. C., received fractured skulls and were unconscious at the hospital. Rowe also was believed to have suffered a broken back. Thompson said the party was enroute to Aurora to visit Rowe's father.

Mrs. Wollaver was an expectant mother. The Wollavers lived at 2248 Shannon Place, in the capital.

Nine Negroes All Escape In Tarboro Jail; Re-Captured

Tarboro, May 20.—(AP)—Nine Negroes, using hand files, sawed their way out of the Edgecombe county jail here at 3 a. m. today. By 7 a. m., Jailor G. M. Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Tom Bardin announced the capture of the last of the prisoners.

Willie Sutton, Taylor said, was the only one of the group to escape from the barred wire fence around the jail. He was caught with bloodhounds at Ham's island, in Tar river, four miles from Tarboro.

Popular Reaction To Negotiations Is One of Impatience for Results; Dealings Shift to Paris, Where France Seeks an Accord

London, May 20.—(AP)—Reliable signs today indicated unusual unanimity of British opinion favoring a tie-up with Soviet Russia as negotiations designed to bring Moscow into the French-British front shifted to Paris.

Significantly, only one newspaper, the Daily Press, was cool to quickest possible action, and it conceded that "the public want an alliance."

"Why don't they get on with it?" appeared to be the popular reaction to the negotiations, which now are more than two months old. In buses, in shops and on street corners, conversations showed that Londoners were anxious for an agreement with red Russia, whose communism no longer seemed to cause misgivings.

"The government would be believed to be interpreting the general desire of the country if they rounded off their other signal successes in forming a peace front by coming to an agreement with Russia with as little further delay as possible," said the Daily Telegraph.

Agriculture Body Appointments Are Made by Governor

Raleigh, May 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoey today appointed Claude T. Hall, of Wooddale, to the State Board of Agriculture, and re-appointed J. H. Poole, of West End, and D. Reeves Noland, of Clyde.

Their terms expire May 22, 1945. Hall succeeds T. G. Curran, of Oxford.

The governor also announced the appointment of Dr. Zen Royall of Morehead City, to the board of directors of the State Hospital for the Negro Insane at Goldsboro to complete the unexpired term of Dr. John G. Robinson, of Wallace, who resigned.

New Inquiry In Goldsboro Floggings

Raleigh, May 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he would order a further investigation of the flogging of two Wayne county Negroes February 9.

"I think the case needs some further study along some lines that haven't been developed," the governor said. A preliminary report in the case had been submitted to Governor Hoey by Frederick C. Handy, director of the State Bureau of Investigation and Identification, whose organization has been investigating the floggings. The two Negroes, Floyd Edwards and Kirby Baldwin, were taken from the Goldsboro city jail and flogged by a group they described as "several men." The two were awaiting trial on charges of striking white men, one of them J. H. Hill, Goldsboro mayor.

Dr. Charles Mayo Ill of Pneumonia

Chicago, May 20.—(AP)—The condition of Dr. Charles H. Mayo, famous Rochester surgeon and physician, was reported as favorable today by attendants at Mercy hospital, where he is being treated for pneumonia. Attendants said Dr. Mayo, who is 73, spent a comfortable night, although he is not out of danger.

Army Orders Best Bombers In The World

Washington, May 20.—(AP)—The Army placed a \$15,000,000 order today for new model attack bombers, described as the world's best. The order went to the Douglas Aircraft Company at Santa Monica, Cal. The number was not disclosed, but more than 150 were understood to be involved.

Major General Henry H. Arnold, air corps chief, said this plane had a "better performance than any airplane in production or in service anywhere in the world today."

The craft, an all-metal plane, was described as an improvement of the attack planes ordered by the French government from the Douglas company last January. The speed of the ships was kept confidential, but was reported to exceed 350 miles an hour.

Argentine's Beef Cheaper, Not Better

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, May 20.—It was to have been expected that President Roosevelt's approval of a big order of Argentine canned beef for the United States navy would evoke an immediate howl from our own livestock growers. But what seems to have hurt even worse than the actual approval of the Argentine order was the supplementary presidential remark to the effect that the southern republic's meat is "cheaper and infinitely better" than ours.

Well, it is cheaper. That is to say, the Argentinos considerably undersold our domestic packers on this particular order. We have a stiff tariff on the South American product, but, tariff and all, they offered to undersell us. Our cattlemen resent that the Argentine government subsidizes its meat exports. Possibly it does. Yet the fact remains that our navy saves money by taking that canned stuff. Being personally a free trader, like State Secretary Hull, who is said to have inspired the Argentine purchase, in connection with his reciprocal commercial policy, I haven't much sympathy with the protective argument against buying from our Latin American neighbors.

But is Argentine canned meat better? (Continued on Page Five)

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably occasional light rain in extreme west portion.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Rain is indicated at beginning and near end of week, with fair middle of period; temperatures near normal.

SENATE GROUP IS BENT ON ANOTHER PROGRAM OF RECKLESS SPENDING

King George Celebrates On Birthday

Traditional Trooping of Colors Carried Out by Two Regiments of Canadian Guards; Queen Looks on from Parliament Building

Ottawa, Canada, May 20.—(AP)—Two regiments of Canadian guards performed the time-honored ceremony of trooping the colors today as Canada joined King George VI in celebrating his 44th birthday. The king was born December 14, 1895, but adopted May 20 for the celebration of his birth.

A bright sun brought out colorful crowds that thronged the Dominion's capital for the most brilliant pageantry the king and his Scottish queen will see on their month's tour of Canada and the United States.

The king was driven in an automobile from the governor general's residence to Parliament Hill with an escort of mounted Royal Canadian dragoons. He was alone. Queen Elizabeth preceded him to the vast square in an automobile with Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the governor-general, and watched from a window of his chamber in the Parliament building.

Trooping the colors, a ceremony whose origins lie deeply in English antiquity, was carried out by the governor general's footguards of Ottawa and the Canadian Grenadier Guards of Montreal.

There were at least 60,000 persons in the milling crowds, the largest ever to assemble on the hill. Queen Elizabeth, whose friends have said she made the king propose three times before she married him, does the talking at today's ceremonies of the royal tour. Her Majesty's part in the story book pageantry, for Ottawa at least, although red-coated dragoons, shining helmets and state coaches are quite the thing in London, was laying in the cornerstone for the new Supreme Court building.

Little Island Not Sinking

Manila, P. I., May 20.—(AP)—Governor Caedo, of Batangas, province, tonight denied reports that Verde island, some 100 miles south of Manila, was sinking into the sea. The governor said he visited the island today and its inhabitants panic-stricken and abandoning their homes. The governor found no evidence the island was sinking and urged the residents not to leave.

Earthquakes have terrorized the island's 4,000 inhabitants for two weeks, but the governor reported there were no new tremors today. The only evidence of past earthquakes was several landslides. Representatives of the Red Cross were enroute to the island. The governor sent a constabulary patrol.

Several hundred of Verde's inhabitants already have crossed the channel to the Batangas province coast. They reported more of the island's population was preparing to evacuate

Nazi Plot On Benes, Now In United States, Found

Paris, May 20.—(AP)—The French cabinet approved today nine new decree laws tightening national defense preparations as French diplomatic efforts were bent toward bringing Britain and Soviet Russia nearer a triple entrance.

Foreign Minister Bonnet gave particular emphasis to France's position in working for the success of the British-Soviet negotiations during a review of the international situation by the ministers. The meeting prepared for conversations between Bonnet and Premier Daladier will have later in the day with Viscount Halifax, British foreign secretary, who is to stop in Paris on his way to a League of Nations Council session in Geneva.

The new decree laws authorize the government to requisition any building in France for military use, set aside colonial raw material for manufacture of motor oils and gasoline for national defense agencies,

He's in Trouble



Fritz Kuhn, New York District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey was reported ready to undertake criminal prosecution of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, and his associates on charges of relief tax law violations, at the request of Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia. Kuhn's lawyer said the Bund fuehrer was ready to surrender. (Central Press)

80 Highway Deaths For Past Month

Raleigh, May 20.—(AP)—Highway accidents killed 80 persons in this State in April the highest monthly total so far this year, the highway safety division said today. In April, 1938, 69 persons died from accidents.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the division, said 546 persons suffered injuries last month, 65 less than in April, 1938.

Deaths from such accidents in 1939 totaled 257, compared with 248 for the first four months of last year. Motor vehicle accidents last month totaled 575, or 103 less than April of last year, while highway accidents were 273, slightly less than last year, and city and town street accidents were 302, compared with 390 a year ago.

38 MEN ARRESTED IN HARLAN COAL AREAS

Harlan, Ky., May 20.—(AP)—Arrest of 38 men a short time after a brisk exchange of gunshots between State troopers and a mountaineer ambulance was reported today by national guardsmen patrolling Harlan county's troubled soft coal area.

Duce Warns All Hands To Lay Off

Cuneo, Italy, May 20.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini, addressing a cheering mass meeting close to the French frontier, tonight declared the Italian-German military alliance would give Europe a bloc of 150,000,000 men, "against which it will be impossible to do anything."

"This bloc, formidable in men and arms, wants peace," he declared, but he warned the great democracies against any attempt to stop our irresistible march."

The mention of "the great democracies" brought prolonged booing from the crowd. There were cries of "Tunisia, Nice, Savoy," (all belong now to France), and "we will march."

Il Duce spoke in Cuneo's main square after a week's tour of Piedmont, the northwestern part of Italy which has borders with France and Switzerland. Yells of acclamation went up as Il Duce appeared in the square and marched to the rostrum. Speaking of his observations on his tour during the week, Mussolini declared, "Piedmont is strong," and "Piedmont is 100 per cent fascist."

"I say this to refute certain ridiculous insinuations."

Pepper Will Father Bill If FDR Fails

Burke, of Nebraska, Says Government Spending as Aid To Recovery Has Failed; Lindsay Warren Won't Attend Party for Sovereigns

Washington, May 20.—(AP)—Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, served notice today that he and other administration supporters would take the initiative in starting a new lending-spending program through Congress, if President Roosevelt did not come forward soon with concrete proposals of his own.

"If the President doesn't start it, we will," said the senator, who has been active in efforts to work out a new program for submission to Mr. Roosevelt. Pepper said he thought a plan calling for PWA expenditures in the field of self-liquidating projects, expanded old-age pensions, and federal grants for education, public health and handicapped children would win approval of the country.

Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, an economy advocate, was quick to disagree. "Government spending as an aid to recovery has failed," he declared.

Other developments: Not even an invitation to a British Embassy garden party for the king and queen of England can make Representative Lindsay Warren, of North Carolina, break a longstanding rule of avoiding Washington social activities.

Warren, as chairman of the House Accounts Committee, received the invitation about ten days ago, but said he did not intend to go. Mrs. Warren, however, will be among the guests. The party will be June 8 during the Washington visit of the king and queen.

Deficit Is Smaller. Treasury officials estimated the federal deficit this year would fall \$50,000,000 short of the \$4,000,000,000 once expected. Expenditures have been somewhat smaller and income slightly larger than they expected when they mapped out the \$9,500,000,000 spending program about a year ago.

Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh, N. C., farm editor, endorsed the bill of Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, to authorize an annual \$5,000,000 appropriation for the development of farm marketing.

A compromise plan of revising corporate taxes, which advocates said (Continued on Page Eight)