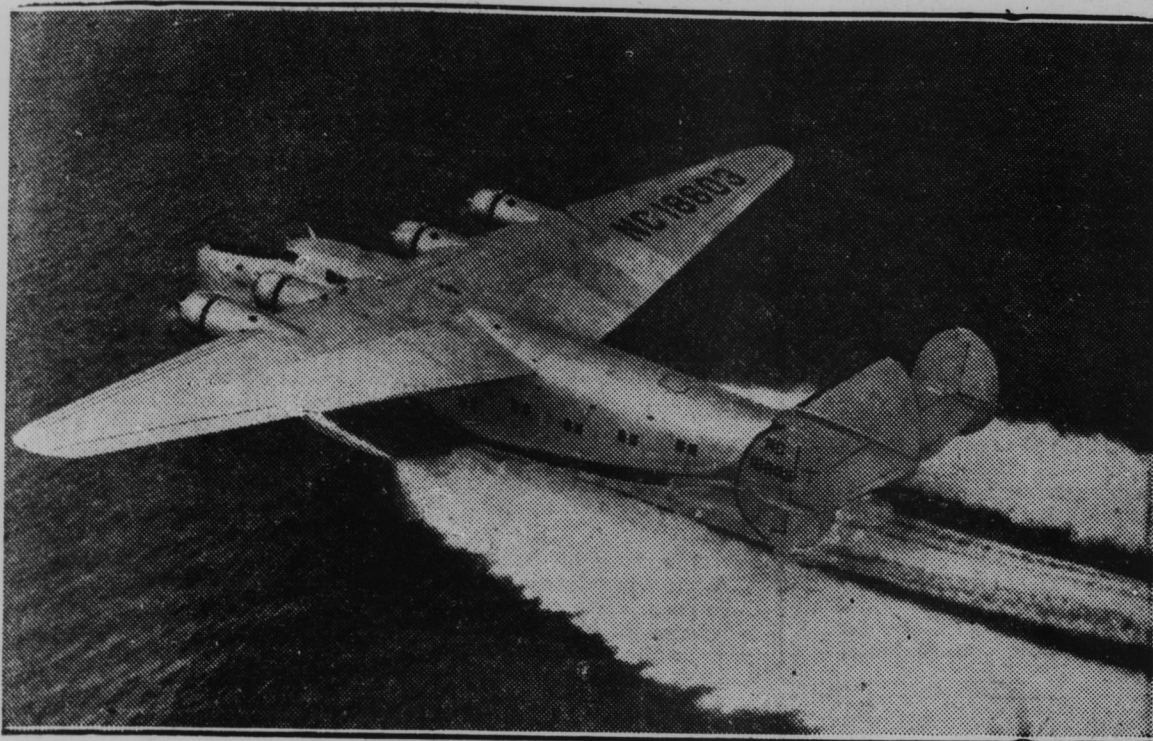


BRITAIN URGED TO JOIN RUSSIA SPEEDILY

On First Transatlantic Mail Hop



Here is a dream come true, as the four-motor Yankee Clipper inaugurates regular transatlantic air-mail service to Europe. This airview shows the forty-two ton ship speeding away from Port Washington, N. Y., bound for Southampton, England, with 150,000 letters, a crew of fourteen and two Pan-American Airways executives. It departed Saturday and reached Marseilles, France, Monday.

Harrington Says Upturn In Business Will Lower Burden of WPA Rolls

Relief Director Urges
Spending Committee
To Approve Roosevelt
Request for \$1,500,-
000 WPA Fund for
1940; Protest to Bri-
tain.

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA administrator, predicted today that further improvement in private business would enable the WPA to reduce its rolls from an average of 3,000,000 persons in the current fiscal year to an average of two next year. He made this forecast to reporters after appearing before a House appropriations sub-committee, which is considering President Roosevelt's request for \$1,500,000,000 to operate federal work relief in the next twelve-month period starting July 1.

Harrington said the sum asked by Mr. Roosevelt was one-third less than the \$2,250,000,000 received by WPA during the current year.

Other developments:

Acting Chairman Bloom, Democrat, New York, and Representative Fish, Republican, New York, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, joined in a request that the State Department protest to Great Britain any change in the status of the Jewish national home in Palestine.

Chairman Warren Madden, of the labor relations board, told the House Labor Committee that A. F. of L.,

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Cooper Sure As Candidate

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 23.—At least one highly-probable candidate for governor in next year's Democratic primary is in complete harmony and accord with Governor Clyde Hoey's ideas regarding deferred announcements and a short campaign.

Tom Cooper, Wilmington's colorful mayor, came to Raleigh from the Cape Fear section, went into a huddle with the Governor and almost immediately thereafter told all who would listen to him that he agrees with the idea of putting off formal announcements until around the end of this year.

Tom just barely stopped short of making the flat, unequivocal statement that he is going to run, and on occasion seemed to realize that he was all but violating the principle at the same time that he advocated it.

He did catch himself every now and then and added "if I run" to some flat statement he had just made about what "I'm going to do during the campaign."

Mayor Cooper refused to appear serious about the subject for longer than a minute or so at a time as he talked to your correspondent; but underneath the surface there was clear

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Two Trusties Kill 2 Negro Fugitives

Little Rock, Ark., May 23.—(AP)—Two Negro convicts who escaped with eight or ten others when wind demolished their stockade were shot to death by trusty guards in a hand-to-hand fight near the Cummins State Prison farm today. The casualties came in the wake of a spring storm which killed four persons, injured scores and caused property damage of more than \$1,000,000 elsewhere in the State yesterday.

Prison officers said the two men were killed by two Negro trusties when they sprang upon one who was beating through the dense woods between Cummins and Gould, Ark.

FDR Claims Nation Ready To Advance

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt left with the American Retail Federation today assurance that America "is in an excellent position to move forward" impelled by "the principles and objectives for which we have struggled the last six years."

In a broad re-statement of his business and financial policies, the chief executive last night told a banquet audience of 1,000 small town and big city merchants:

"Today, with no danger of a surplus of goods overhanging the markets, just because we have tried to keep consumer purchasing power up to production, the nation is in an excellent position to move forward into a period of greater production and greater employment."

CUTTER MODOC FAST IN MUD, AT BEAUFORT

Beaufort, May 23.—(AP)—The Coast Guard cutter Modoc, out of Wilmington, was aground today on a shoal just west of the channel leading to Beaufort Inlet. She was in no immediate danger.

Captain Fred Gillikin, of Fort Macon, said the vessel came in to transfer a crew member to a patrol boat at Morehead City, when she ran aground about 11 p. m. last night.

APPOINT FOUR NEW DRIVER EXAMINERS

Raleigh, May 23.—(AP)—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell announced today that four new auto mobile drivers' examiners had been named, to make 16 persons serving as examiners. The four included: John P. Hollis, of Wayne county, Maxwell said he did not know at once where Hollis will be placed.

Royal Pair Travel Over Frigid Area

George and Elizabeth
Enroute to Winnipeg
Through Desolate Re-
gion, With No House
or Road in Sight

Aboard the Royal Pilot Train, Enroute to Winnipeg, May 23.—(AP)—The temperature was at the freezing point today when the royal train carrying King George and Queen Elizabeth to the west sped past Ontario's famous cold spot, White River.

As the special rolled through the rugged country between Toronto and White River, there was a nip in the air and still some snow on the ground.

White River, gaily decorated with flags and bunting, welcomed the royal pair with a cheering demonstration at the station. A 25-piece band was sent from Chapleau, 130 miles away, and every settlement near the railroad line was decorated for the occasion.

For miles today the king and queen saw no houses or other signs of habitation as the "ain sped through the plains country.

At one point where no houses showed on the skyline and there were no roads, a man and woman stood by the tracks waving at the king and queen. Evidently they had walked some distance.

Abernathy Is UNC Prospect

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 23.—When University of North Carolina trustees convene early in June to elect a comptroller they will have one certain nomination before them—that of Leroy F. Abernathy.

The Asheville oil distributor will be placed before the trustees for consideration by Representative and U. N. C. Trustee Marvin L. Ritch. This isn't guess work, it's the unequivocal quotable announcement of the stormy petrel of politics from Mecklenburg who surprised most people by keeping exceptionally quiet during this year's General Assembly session, and who amazed even more by getting himself elected a trustee.

Mr. Ritch, vigorous and even violent in all his actions and announcements, minced no words about the thing.

"I don't care who the committee

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NASH YOUTH KILLED IN CRASH ON CURVE

Wilson, May 23.—(AP)—Stephen J. Edwards, 22, of Nash county, was killed early today when an automobile turned over on a curve near here and was smashed up. D. A. Poythress, said by Coroner M. C. Guley of Nash to have been driving the car, escaped serious injury.

Guley, after an investigation, decided Poythress was not blamable for the wreck.

Poland Will Drop Fight Upon Accord

Halifax To Insist London
Cabinet Accept
Mutual Aid Pacts
Quickly as Possible;
France Pressing for
Action; Poland Ac-
quiesces

Geneva, May 23.—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax was reliably reported today to have decided to champion, in tomorrow's British cabinet meeting, a closer form of mutual aid pacts among Britain, France and Soviet Russia than Britain has hitherto found acceptable.

Lord Halifax's decision was said by informed observers to have been reached after last-minute round-robin talks among delegates of the three great powers here for the League Council session.

These informants said he had been influenced by Russia's refusal to consider any essential deviation from its insistence on comprehensive mutual assistance guarantees, and by strong French pressure.

The influence of the French general staff, and especially of its chief, General Maurice Gamelin, probable generalissimo of French and British land forces in any major war, was said to have been thrown in favor of early conclusion of a pact.

Lord Halifax's talks in Geneva with the Russian delegate, Ambassador to London Maisky, French Foreign Minister Bonnet and the Polish, Turkish and Roumanian delegates were understood to have convinced him that the projected three-power combination might be concluded as quickly as possible.

(Prime Minister Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, has insisted that Britain always has advocated "reciprocity" in the mutual aid negotiations, but that "misunderstanding" had kept "a sort of veil or wall" between them.)

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Negro Sought In Alamance

Burlington, May 23.—(AP)—Alamance county officers, aided by Guy Scott, a special investigator from the State Bureau of Identification and Investigation, were on the lookout today for a Negro allegedly guilty of criminal assault on Mrs. J. C. May, of Brookwood extension, this city.

Sheriff W. V. Copeland refused to divulge the name of the suspect, but said all clues so far investigated point "to the man we are now hunting."

The alleged assault took place just after midnight Sunday, Mrs. May told police. She said she was asleep in bed when a Negro entered through the bedroom window, woke her up and threatened to kill her with a knife if she made an outcry. Then, she said, he accomplished the assault. Her husband was not in the house at the time, she said, having been unable to sleep and having gone uptown for a "bite to eat."

Siam Raises Tariffs On U. S. Tobacco

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department reported today increased tobacco duties in Siam combined with an imposition of an excise tax on cigarettes and the establishment of a monopoly for the sale of leaf tobacco probably would have unfavorable repercussions on consumption of American flue-cured leaf in that country.

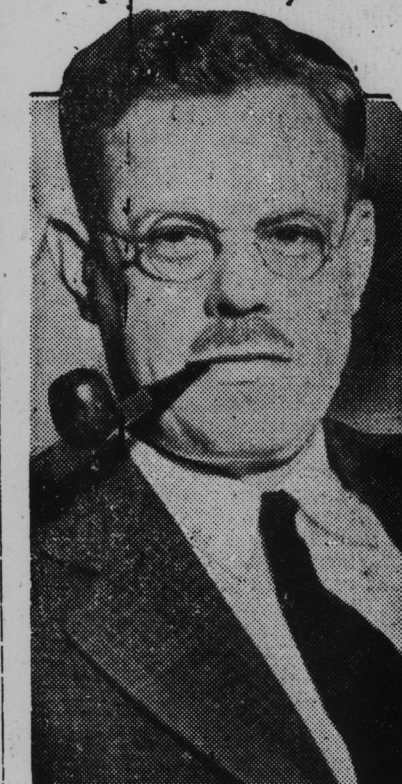
Siamese consumption of flue-cured leaf, largely of American origin, increased from 5,000,000 pounds in 1933-34, to approximately 8,500,000 pounds in 1937-38, with actual imports of American leaf of that type jumping from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 pounds.

The department said the import duty on leaf tobacco was increased in February from 37 to 45 cents a pound, and in the following month the Siam government placed an excise tax on both domestic and manufactured and imported cigarettes.

These developments, it is expected, will not only increase the price of leaf tobacco and of cigarettes, but will tend to encourage the domestic production of flue-cured leaf and its substitution for American, the department said in a statement.

U. S. SUBMARINE AT BOTTOM AND 62 MEN ABOARD

Subpoenaed by Dies



George Deatherage

George Deatherage, of St. Albans, Vt., head of "The Knights of the White Camellia," an alleged anti-Semitic and fascist organization, has been subpoenaed to appear before the Dies Committee in Washington, probing sensational reports of a nation-wide anti-Semitic plot.

(Central Press)

Tax Revision May Prolong This Session

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, May 23.—It's an odd situation when as dyed-in-the-wood a Democrat as Senator Pat Harrison is placed in the position of having to be thankful for a promise of Republican support to jam through Congress a tax revision program that Pat has his heart set on.

The Mississippi senator not only is a Democrat. He's a corksucking chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a key group in the congressional organization. And it was by only one vote that he missed being chosen as his party's floor leader in the lawmakers' upper chamber at the beginning of the current session on Capitol Hill. Furthermore, the Democrats have approximately a two to one majority in the Senate. It would seem as if any bit of legislation which he recommends should go through a-kinning.

Nevertheless, all the indications were that he couldn't get away with his tax revision plan before Congress' adjournment, some time during the summer. That is to say, such were the signs until the other day, when Republican Senate Leader Charles L. McNary agreed to help him. It isn't a cinch that even the two of them can do it, but Pat's chances are improved materially. Probably the pair can swing the Senate. They can't be so sure as to the House of Representatives.

Anyway, it's a weird partnership. "Deterrent" Taxation.

What Pat, and his anti-New Deal Democratic following, plus Charles McNary and most of the Republicans, are trying to accomplish is the elimination of so-called "deterrent" taxation.

This taxation is levied principally upon big business—corporations. Theoretically, taxes are supposed to be imposed exclusively to raise money to support the government. However, they also can be so prescribed as to prevent certain big businessmen from doing various things that the government doesn't want them to do—by making these things taxably unprofitable for them.

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy tonight and
Wednesday; thundershowers this
afternoon.

Queen Mary Hurt In Car, Is Report

London, May 23.—(AP)—Queen Mother Mary was officially announced to be suffering from "considerable bruising" from effects of an automobile accident this afternoon, and to have been ordered "some days complete rest."

The queen, mother of King George VI, was authoritatively reported "bruised and badly shaken," but otherwise unhurt. After a brief time in a doctor's house, she was driven from Putney, the west London suburb, where the accident occurred, to her Marlborough House residence.

London, May 23.—(AP)—The British press association circulated an "unconfirmed report" that Queen Mother Mary was injured in an automobile crash in Putney, a London suburb this afternoon. The agency added: "The report, at present unconfirmed, states that Queen Mary received treatment at a local doctor's surgery."

Little Steel Sues CIO In \$7 Millions

Republic Names John
Lewis and Other Lead-
ers in Action Growing
Out of 1937 Strike;
700 Ohioans Named in
Litigation

Cleveland, May 23.—(AP)—The Republic Steel Corporation, principal target of the industrial organization in its 1937 strike against "little steel," struck back today with a \$7,500,000 damage suit.

Republic, the nation's third largest steel producer, in a Federal court action, named John Lewis, CIO chief; Philip Murray, CIO vice-president, and other officers of the CIO and its constituent steel workers organizing committee and Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America. These organizations also were named defendants, as were approximately 700 Ohioans whom Republic identified in a statement to the press as "individual strikers and

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Fort Bragg Balloon Is Recaptured

Raleigh, May 23.—(AP)—Raleigh airport officials reported about 11 o'clock today that a sausage type captive balloon, which broke from its moorings at Fort Bragg earlier in the day, had been sighted over Dunn, headed north.

(Later Fayetteville reports said it landed near Dunn.)

BALLOON OVER MILE HIGH WITH NO ONE ON BOARD

Fort Bragg, May 23.—(AP)—A Sausage type captive balloon used for observing firing on the Fort Bragg range broke from its moorings at 10 o'clock this morning, and was reported drifting toward Lillington and Raleigh at a speed estimated at about five miles an hour. Its altitude was reported about 7,000 feet, and it was trailing about 200 feet of wire cable. There were no occupants in the basket. A ground crew was trailing it by auto.

65,000 Motor Workers Idle Result Of Strike

Detroit, Mich., May 23.—(AP)—Approximately 65,000 auto workers were thrown into idleness today as a strike in seven plants of the Briggs Manufacturing Company caused widespread lay-offs in the highly integrated motor industry.

Chrysler Corporation announced it would shut down ten plants in Detroit, New Castle, Ind., and Kokomo, Ind., and would be unable to operate any of its units here except Dodge trucks.

The spread of idleness resulted from the cutting off of automobile

bodies, which the Briggs Company supplies to a large part of the motor industry.

Only 15,000 men were directly affected by the Briggs strike, which was called Monday by the CIO-United Auto Workers Union. The Chrysler shutdown, however, affected about 43,800 in Detroit and 2,400 in Indiana. In addition, the Lincoln division of the Ford Motor Company, which employs 5,000 curtail operations. James Dewey, federal labor conciliator, arrived here today and made immediate arrangements for attempting a settlement.