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## Hull Acts In Tobacco Embargo

### Britain Would Avoid Friction With Neutrals

### Says Matter Taken Up With Britain

### Chamberlain Assures U. S. And Japan

Prime Minister Expresses Regret at Forced Curtailment Of Purchases From The United States; Says Sub Sunk.

London, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain assured the United States and Japan today that he was anxious to avoid friction in her trade and relations with them and with neutrals in the war against Germany.

Following a luncheon of the House of Commons, the prime minister expressed regret at the curtailment of dollar purchases from America and of munitions supplies that forced curtailment of purchases of other goods from Britain's foremost trading partners.

### Mailbags Full Of Dimes Arrive To Fight Paralysis

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The mailbags full piled up in the White House today boosting the million dollar mark funds raised in celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday to combat paralysis.

White House reported that \$2,000,000 already had been deposited in the fund. Mailbags filled with a dime affixed, arranged in the Executive Mansion by the 60 other bags similarly arranged, were turned in to George E. Brown, chairman of the collection drive.

It is estimated that contributions will total three to four times as much as last year when \$217,692 was raised.

Contributions amounted to \$1,000,000 including the dimes and \$1,000,000 in birthday bills and \$192,000 in other benefits and donations.

### A. J. Maxwell Campaign Is Under Way

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In The Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Jan. 31.—Telegraph messages in all North Carolina today have big bundles of campaign leaflets to distribute in the rural sections, and to make their loads.

The first definite gubernatorial campaign to arouse widespread interest and it is being organized by the organization boosting the name of the late Governor R. H. Hoke.

The number 1 man for the year is to be distributed in the "balanced program of North Carolina," just as the platform when released in some weeks.

The platform will come a

### Nazi Planes Westward



This map shows the routes Nazi planes are following from their base at Sylt to various objectives in Britain. Opening new air offensive, the German bombing planes roar across the sea, blasting at small Allied and neutral craft off the coast areas.

### Willis Smith Delays His Announcement

Announcement of Possible Seventh Entry in Gubernatorial Race Is Ready For Mailing But Is Withheld Today.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Willis Smith of Raleigh, planning to seek the Democratic gubernatorial nomination as the seventh entry in a record-breaking field, delayed his formal announcement today.

Smith, it was learned, is giving "very, very serious consideration to the business sacrifice involved" if he gives up his law practice, but he still is of a notion to run.

Smith's announcement, with newspaper mats accompanying it, was made ready for mailing late yesterday and was due for release tomorrow but now it may be a day, two days or a week before it goes out—if it does.

The Associated Press asked D. L. Ward of New Bern, speaker of the 1939 House of Representatives, for a flat answer on whether he would be a gubernatorial candidate and he replied he could "not make a definite statement today." Ward's friends quote him as saying he plans to run if six or seven got in the race.

The campaign lines are beginning to be definitely drawn.

It is known that Dr. Polah W. McDonald, who opposed Governor Hoke four years ago in a bitter fight, is backing J. M. Broughton of Raleigh for the nomination and expects the majority of his supporters to back Broughton.

### Scant Chance For Harmony At Convention

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Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Governor Clyde R. Hoke wants an early State convention of the Democrats—and by "early" he means before the May primary—in order to promote "party harmony."

"He'll get the early convention, there's little chance of his missing on that—but he is quite likely to miss getting the "harmony" by several city blocks, if not a paragon or so.

What not-so-friendly observers think he means is that he wants no interest whatever to be taken in the national situation in order that the

### Army To Concentrate On Equipment Rather Than On Manpower

### UMW Fail To Indorse Third Term

### Resolution Adopted Referring Controversial Matter to Its Powerful International Executive Committee; Vote Is Close.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers of America convention sidetracked today resolutions indorsing a third term for President Roosevelt. It agreed to refer the matter to its powerful international executive committee for action.

The vote appeared to be close but President John L. Lewis, who six days ago predicted renomination of Roosevelt would result in his defeat, said the majority was "overwhelming."

There was one and one-half hours of hot floor discussion over a resolution which the resolutions committee substituted for 47 resolutions backing a third term for President Roosevelt.

The substitute resolution recommended that any action of the executive committee be "predicated on the basis of the (Democratic) party being united on liberal candidates, on liberal principles, on a liberal platform for the consummation of the New Deal legislative program."

Considerable opposition to the substitute resolution developed. Several delegates declared their locals were not in sympathy with Lewis' attitude toward the President.

### Arrests Made In WPA Conspiracy

Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Arthur V. Brown, president of two Indianapolis banks, and four other persons were indicted today by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government through diversion of WPA labor.

Among the others indicted was Karl F. Kortepeter, former Marion county (Indianapolis) WPA director.

### Madden Makes Defense Of Labor Board

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—J. Warren Madden, chairman of the National Labor Board, told Congress today that the Wagner act might have been administered smoothly and effectively from the start had not the National Association of Manufacturers put employers in a "rebellious" mood.

The former law professor made the statement in defending the law and the board before a House investigating committee which for weeks has been hearing criticism of them both.

On the very day that the Wagner labor act was signed, July 5, 1935, Madden told the investigators, the law department of the Manufacturers Association issued a bulletin saying that an industry would not be affected unless it was proved to be in interstate commerce.

Later, the law department issued a bulletin saying that the law was inapplicable to manufacturers and that its provisions for majority rule among workers was unconstitutional.

"Of course," Madden told the committee, "when the principal organization of manufacturers in the country announced to its members the unconstitutionality and invalidity of the act it created an enormous problem for the board."

### Would Complete Seacoast Defenses, Establish National Air Raid Warning System And Secure Modern Fighting Equipment.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The army, sidetracking proposals for increasing its manpower, is going to concentrate on completing seacoast defenses, establishing a national air raid warning system, and getting additional modern equipment for its troops.

Members of the House military committee said that General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, told them yesterday a \$40,000,000 item chiefly for creation of an air raid warning system was of the "first priority" among army needs.

Details of the system were withheld, but members said that it would include a radio setup and sirens.

Testifying behind closed doors, Marshall told the committee, members said, that the Army wanted \$300,000,000 for construction and completion of seacoast defenses and \$240,000,000 for so-called critical equipment needs.

One committee man said that all of these funds would be sought in the forthcoming war department appropriation bill.

Committee members said that Marshall was opposed to increasing the army and national guard beyond 430,000, although there has been talk of recruiting both sources to the authorized limit of 600,000.

### Radio Priest Investigated

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Justice Department said today that it had received "over a period of months" many complaints concerning the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, and that all were being investigated.

Each complaint, said a department statement, was acknowledged by a "form" reply customarily made to complainants bringing to the attention of the department alleged violations of federal law of this particular kind.

"It appears," the statement added, "that one of the organizations receiving such form of response has for reasons best known to itself made the reply public and given erroneous impression that this department has taken action in special response to the complaint of this particular organization."

(The Jewish Peoples committee announced in New York last week that it had complained to the department.)

### Former Salisbury Police Chief Dies

Salisbury, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Robert Lee Rankin, 60, chief of police in Salisbury for eleven years, until his retirement in 1938, died this morning at his home here of pneumonia.

He is survived by his widow and six children, including Mrs. Carl Pridden of Lumberton.

Rankin and a fellow officer, the late J. W. Kesler, killed Otto Wood, the State's notorious one-armed criminal, in a street battle here on December 31, 1930.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, was summoned by the Senate foreign relations committee to testify today on legislation to increase the capital of the Export-Import bank by \$100,000,000 in order to facilitate a \$20,000,000 loan to Finland.

Chairman Pittman said representatives of the State Department would be asked to appear before the committee.

### First of Uncle Sam's Eagles



The first cadet in the northwest and one of the first in the nation to make a solo flight under the federal civil aeronautics program is Maxine Glad, shown in her plane, at Eugene, Oregon, after a successful solo flight. Honor student at the University of Oregon, she was one of four co-eds and 46 men taking the course at the university.

### Russian Assaults Smashed By Finns

Finns Claim Destruction of Nine Russian Tanks And Downing Of Five Planes; Pitkaranta Recaptured By Finnish Troops.

Helsinki, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The smashing of renewed Russian assaults northeast of Lake Ladoga with the destruction of nine Russian tanks was reported today by the Finnish communique.

Five Russian planes were said to have been downed in fighting yesterday.

About twenty Russians were said to have been killed yesterday as Soviet thrusts along the Karelian Isthmus front were turned back.

The communique reported little other action but official reports said the Finns had recaptured Pitkaranta, an important city north of Lake Ladoga.

Air activity was confined largely to the battle zones, the communique said, remarking that Soviet aerial forays consisted of only a few raids against Finnish territory.

Pitkaranta was occupied by the Red army early in the invasion of Finland. Its recapture was described as an effective gain in the encircling move against the Russian divisions trapped in the Kiteles sector.

An observer from the Lake Ladoga front reported two of the Soviet divisions there had been without food more than a week although they still had ammunition.

According to this source, the Finnish strategy now is one of waiting until the Russians run out of bullets, at the same time keeping up punishing thrusts against the Russian position.

### Dies Witness Admits Forgeries

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—A Dies committee witness has testified, the committee announced after a secret session, that he forged letters purporting to link Chairman Dies with William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirts leader.

Excerpts from the letters were placed in the Congressional Record of January 22 by Representative Hovey, Democrat, Michigan, who said they were signed "Pelley." The latter's organization has been termed a "fascist" group by the Dies committee.

The witness was said to have given

### Secretary of State Says "Every Effort Will Be Made to Obtain Modification" of British Policies Affecting Tobacco Growers.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today "every effort will be made to obtain a modification of the British policies" prohibiting imports of American tobacco.

The secretary of state gave his assurance to Representative Burch, Democrat, Virginia, in a letter replying to resolutions of the Danville, Va., Chamber of Commerce protesting the British embargo.

"Import control in the United Kingdom over the importation of American leaf tobacco," Hull wrote, "has been exercised since September 11, 1939, by means of control over foreign exchange transactions. On that date the British treasury discontinued the authorization of foreign exchange for further purchases of United States tobacco."

"The British authorities state that this action is part of their general policy of regulating the allocation of exchange in accordance with their wartime needs. At that time about one-third of the British requirement from the 1939 American flue-cured tobacco crop had already been purchased, leaving about 175,000,000 pounds with a value of about \$50,000,000 unpurchased. Stocks of American tobacco in the United Kingdom amounted to roughly two years supply."

"The problems confronting our tobacco growers as the result of action of the British government are naturally a matter of serious concern to the department and have been receiving very serious consideration for some time," Hull continued. "The subject has been taken up with the British authorities and I may assure you that every effort will be made to obtain a modification of the British policies as reflected in the measures mentioned above."

### Pittman Bill Seen By Japan As "Affront"

Tokyo, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Passage of the Pittman proposal to give the President of the United States discretionary power to apply an embargo against Japan would be "a serious affront," the foreign office spokesman declared today.

"Termination of the trade treaty itself is regarded in many sections of this country as an unpleasant and regrettable incident," said the spokesman of the treaty which expired January 26.

"Should Congress follow with an embargo bill—even though it only partially authorized an embargo—I am frank to say that it would be regarded by the Japanese people as a serious affront."

"Fortunately I understand three influential senators on the foreign relations committee are opposed to Pittman's bill on the ground it is rash and unnecessary at this juncture."

### Navy Budget Tentatively Approved

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**Weather**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
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slightly colder tonight; slowly  
rising temperature Thursday.

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