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Senate Survey Shows Support For Extending Reciprocal Agreements

Sentiment For Senate Ratification

Canvass of Senators Carried on While Congress Marks Time For Meeting of Democratic National Committee.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A preliminary canvass by administration officials reported today to indicate Senate approval of extending reciprocal trade program.

Although the survey was incomplete, the senators who have been making it said there was every reason to believe that not more than a dozen Democrats would join the 73 Republicans in opposing the legislation.

Administration strategists said they apparently would be stronger in the Senate for Senate ratification for each trade pact, but they expressed confidence they had the votes to defeat an amendment of the bill.

The canvass of senators' views has been proceeding quietly under the direction of Senator Byrdes, Democrat, South Carolina, and Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, while the House ways and means committee has been busy with hearings on the program.

House action is expected soon after these hearings end and administration followers have been confident of victory in that chamber. The State Department authority to administer trade pacts will expire June 12 unless renewed.

Congress marked time today to attend to many of its members to attend either as spectators or participants in meetings of the Democrat national committee to make arrangements for the party convention.

The Senate, however, will have a busy program of its economy adjustments. It will debate the \$1,138,000,000 appropriation bill for independent federal agencies.

Two Escape At Goldsboro

Although Feb. 5.—(AP)—The penalty was reported today the escape of two felons from the Goldsboro state hospital over the weekend.

Officials believed the men sawed their way through window bars with tools smuggled into their quarters in the centrally insane building. They were last seen late Saturday.

The two men were Dudley Bingham and Gordon, sentenced in Cleveland in March, 1927, to eight years and John Gore, of Cleveland, sentenced in New Hanover County in November 1938, to 20 to 25 years for second degree burglary.

NOTED PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER SUCCUMBS

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Rev. Mr. Matthews, 72, noted Presbyterian pastor and vice crusader, died of pneumonia today. He was one of the largest Presbyterian congregations in the nation.

Wright Bridge May Be Saved

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—It was feared that ice leaving against the Wright Memorial bridge does not pose a threat to the span, highway engineers today said.

The bridge was damaged this morning on repairs the damage done on the bridge.

But he hoped a tide would lift the ice up the sound and across the bridge.

L. T. Davis, public welfare commissioner of the county, said he hoped the department to take

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Missing in South America



Pilot James W. Allen, Frieda Zylstra (top) and Mrs. Doris Wallace (below), were among three women and two men reported missing on an airplane hop from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Rio de Janeiro (see map). Party originally started from Chicago on an air tour of South America. (Central Press)

At Least Nine Died In Weekend Wrecks

Jones Demands Probe In Louisiana

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Sam H. Jones, anti-administration candidate for governor of Louisiana, today asked a federal investigation of alleged misuse of social security funds by the state department of public welfare.

His campaign headquarters made public a letter mailed to Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the federal security administration, at Washington in which Jones asked McNutt to investigate reports that the state department is instructing field workers and social security recipients to vote for Governor Earl K. Long in the February 20 primary.

The department of public welfare administers the federal welfare social security funds.

GERMAN ATTACK ON WEST FRONT FAILS

Paris, Feb. 5.—(AP)—French military advisers reported today a German attack on French advance units east of the Elyse river had been repulsed.

These sources said the Germans were forced to retreat so quickly the French captured two prisoners.

German scouting parties were active but fog and rain grounded all air activity.

Air Honeymoon Ends In Death

Hammon, La., Feb. 5.—(AP)—An airplane honeymoon trip ended in death last night for a newly-married couple and three other persons flying from Denver to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras celebration.

Their bodies, burned and mangled, lay in a funeral home here today. The five-passenger cabin biplane crashed in wooded swampy country in a thick fog six miles east of here after the pilot had tried desperately to "talk" his way into the New Orleans airport 50 miles away.

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British Ship Victim Of Nazi Raiders

Mine Sweeper Sphinx Capsizes And Sinks While Being Towed Into Port After Being Damaged in Saturday Air Raid.

London, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The British mine sweeper Sphinx, badly damaged by German air raiders Saturday, sank today as she was being towed toward a port in heavy weather. Four officers and 45 men were missing and believed lost.

One officer and four men were known dead, additionally.

The towline broke and the ship capsized as she entered port.

The Sphinx was one of at least eleven vessels attacked by Nazi raiders Saturday in a damaging sweep along the British coast from Scotland to the Humber Estuary.

One other vessel, the 629-ton Norwegian steamer Tempo, was sunk and several others were damaged badly but were able to make port.

The 875-ton Sphinx was completed in December, 1938, at a cost of about \$500,000. Normally she carries a complement of 80 men but more were aboard for war duty.

Wage Tax Is Upheld

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A one and one-half percent tax on all wages and earned income in Philadelphia, vigorously attacked by various labor groups, was declared constitutional today by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The tribunal upheld a previous lower court ruling which dismissed a CIO-supported suit brought by Mrs. Jennie Gould, widowed \$10-a-week shirt factory worker who contended the levy was "unjust and discriminatory".

ONE MAN KILLED IN CAR-TRAIN CRASH

Pembroke, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Lofton McMillan, 36, was killed and Lawrence Locklear, 25, was injured in a collision today between their automobile and an east bound Seaboard Air Line passenger train at Bates crossing near here.

Hope Seen For Processing Tax Support

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Administration farm leaders expressed the belief today that President Roosevelt could be induced to support processing taxes to raise farm aid funds if the major agriculture organizations would unite behind such a program.

This expression was linked with efforts of Secretary Wallace to win the endorsement of the American Farm Bureau Federation, for the so-called "income certificate" plan of processing taxes advocated by the Farmers Union.

Some leaders said that House action last week in cutting Agriculture Department appropriations \$66,928,435 below what President Roosevelt had asked might go a long way toward bringing the farm organizations together.

The powerful Farm Bureau Federation has asked Congress to appropriate \$607,000,000 for parity payments in addition to the \$500,000,000 for soil conservation payments.

With congressional economy sentiment running high farm bloc leaders saw little hope for obtaining parity payments.

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Farley Says Democrats' Biggest Job Is To Win Independent Voters

Injured Flier Rescued by Scouts



Central Press Phonephoto

Lieutenant William Hindson (inset), U. S. army flier, owes his life to two heroic boy scouts who brought him and Private James P. Brennan to safety after their army plane had crashed into the Pacific 400 yards off Luualalei Beach, Honolulu. The boys, Raymond Kane (left), 16, and Hyei Ching, 14, (right), plunged into the ocean after the fliers when they saw no rescue craft was available.

Britain Contracts For Turkish Tobacco

New Trade Treaty Calls For Ten Times Amount of Turkish Tobacco Normally Used; France May Increase Buying.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department received word from London that the recently-concluded British-Turkish trade treaty provides for importation of about 20,000,000 pounds annually of Turkish tobacco into the United Kingdom for the next 20 years.

Signing of the agreement followed action of the British government in imposing an embargo on American tobacco in a move to conserve foreign exchange for purchase of war materials in this country. Heretofore the United Kingdom has been the largest foreign outlet for American tobacco.

The volume of Turkish tobacco to be taken by Britain in the future, the department said, is more than ten times the amount used by that country in any year.

Heretofore the United Kingdom has been used in the United Kingdom in the manufacture of a quantity of pure Turkish cigarettes.

Great Britain normally imports about 215,000,000 pounds of American tobacco a year. American officials hope to regain the British market after the war with Germany is over.

The department also reported that information indicated France may increase purchases of Turkish tobacco.

No Agreement On Indian Independence

New Delhi, India, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi and India's viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, failed today to reach an agreement on Indian demands for independence.

The Hindu leader left the conference hating he would leave New Delhi tomorrow without waiting for the results of the viceroy's talks with the Moslem faction.

A communique indicated Britain has only offered an oft repeated assurance to consider India's demands for independence "when the time came" this time being presumably after the European war.

Gandhi, the communique said, made it plain that the British proposal did not meet the demands of the congress (nationalist) party.

"He (Gandhi) suggested and the viceroy agreed that in the circumstances it would be preferable to defer for the present further discussions with the object of solution of difficulties which have arisen", the communique reported.

Finns Are Victorious In Lake Area

Helsinki, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Finnish forces northeast of Lake Ladoga killed more than 500 Russian soldiers and captured much booty in repulsing three new Russian attacks, the Finnish army declared in today's communique.

Two of the Russian attacks were against island positions. The third was against shore positions on the lake, the communique said.

"Our troops captured another enemy stronghold, killing the majority of the defenders," the communique said. "Seven tanks, four guns, large quantities of other arms, more than 30 automobiles of various types and other war materials fell into our hands."

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Cloudy, occasional rains, warmer tonight.

Convention City May Be Philadelphia

Pennsylvania City Delegation Prepared To Offer \$125,000 For Convention; Party Deficit Wiped Out By Dinners.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Chairman James A. Farley told the Democrat national committee today that the party's biggest job was to win over some 10,000,000 independent voters who "will cast their ballots for the best candidate and best program that is offered."

The committee was gathered for an all-day session to pick a convention city.

Farley, predicting "a very active pre-convention campaign" noted that there were many who would like to have the "Democrat presidential nomination. He mentioned by name only, however, Vice-President Garner.

Garner's name came up in the chairman's expression of thanks for the assistance given him by members of the committee "including sturdy, stalwart John Nance Garner."

Garner himself had some kind words for Farley when he introduced him as "one of the most efficient, kindest and most agreeable fellows to work with I know".

As Farley spoke, there were growing indications that Philadelphia might obtain the 1940 convention. The Democrats met there in 1936 and a Philadelphia delegation was prepared to offer a certified check for \$125,000 to obtain this year's meeting.

Earlier in the all-day session the committee cheered the news that a \$250,000 party deficit had been more than wiped out by more than \$400,000 from the recent Jackson Day dinners.

Reds Try To Break Morale

Helsinki, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A new Russian practice, night air raids on Finland's black-out cities, was described defiantly today by Finns as a doomed effort to break their morale.

The air attacks continued today and official advisers said a Swedish ambulance was struck.

The night forays, a phase of intensifying Soviet air warfare, have developed during an unrelenting Red army land offensive which so far has found the Mannerheim line impregnable.

In another futile attempt to break through Karelian isthmus defenses at Summa, Finns said yesterday, the Russians lost more than 1,000 men. "Heavy" Soviet losses also were reported at Muolajarvi on the same front.

1,100 Planes Delivered To Allies

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Busy American aircraft plants have delivered more than 1,100 warplanes to the British and French fighting forces an authoritative compilation showed today.

The two governments together have placed order for approximately 4,000 planes since they first turned to the United States for help 18 months ago.

Current negotiations for upward of 4,000 additional bombers and planes of other types are under way, which Secretary Morgenthau is watching to protect this government's interest.

These and existing unfilled orders, coupled with the pressure for speed from purchasing missions promised to step up materially the recent delivery rate of more than 100 craft a month.

More than 300 planes have been loaded on merchant ships or tugged across the Canadian border since the European war started. Most of the other planes were delivered last spring and summer.

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