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German Ship Captured By British

Freighter Wahehe, Attempting to Run Blockade From Spain To Home Port, Is 25th German Vessel to be Captured.

(AP)—The German freighter Wahehe, 4,707 tons, was captured by the British off the coast of Spain, to her home port, on the 25th day of the year. She was the 25th German vessel captured during the year. The ship was captured by a British warship while attempting to run the blockade from Spain to her home port. She was carrying a cargo of coal and other supplies. The ship was captured on the 25th day of the year.

"STAY OUT OF WAR"



Joseph P. Kennedy (facing camera), U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, talks to reporters aboard the liner Manhattan as he sails from New York for Europe, returning to his post after conferring with President Roosevelt. "Without question," he said, "the United States should stay out of war."

House Denies Fund For Canal Locks

Economy Axe Falls On President Roosevelt's Request For Appropriation; Reject Channel Dredging at Wake Island.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The House appropriations committee, whacking away with its economy axe, turned thumbs down today on President Roosevelt's request for immediate appropriation of \$15,000,000 to start a third set of Panama Canal locks.

Instead, the committee recommended an \$850,000 fund for preparing plans for the locks, asserting that "in the absence of such plans and specifications the ultimate cost must largely be conjectural."

The committee also followed up the House's recent action in refusing to appropriate \$1,000,000 for a harbor project at Guam in the mid-Pacific by rejecting a \$700,000 request for dredging the channel at Wake Island, on the route from Hawaii to Guam.

"It feels constrained," the committee said, "to view the proposed Wake harbor improvement as part of a projected naval seaplane base there, estimates for which have been passed over twice by the House."

Both the Panama Canal and Wake items were part of a \$203,472,567 appropriation bill for the War department's civil functions. The committee reported the measure to the House for action tomorrow.

Fish Opposes Bank Increase

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Although favoring a \$20,000,000 loan to Finland, Representative Fish, Republican, New York, objected in the House today to providing a \$100,000,000 increase in Export-Import bank capital in order to make it possible.

He argued that the \$80,000,000 difference between the increase and the proposed Finnish loan would permit the bank to lend to nations other than Finland and thus give it a voice in foreign policy despite its position as a "subordinate" agency of the government.

"I'm not sure," he told the House "that the American people want Congress to surrender its powers and delegate a subordinate agency the authority to make indiscriminate loans to foreign governments and possibly involve us in war."

Administration leaders predicted a bill to give the bank the increase—already approved by the Senate—would win House passage by the end of the day's session.

New York G. O. P. Legislators Slip "Fast" Measure

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Republicans of President Roosevelt's state gleefully rail-roaded through the legislature today a Democratic resolution memorializing Congress to forbid a third term for any President.

Assembly action completed a coup begun last night when Democratic Senate leaders were caught sleeping and permitted the resolution to pass without protest on a voice vote.

Republicans controlling the assembly 85 to 65 approved the action today, 82 to 47, amid cheers from the majority and boos from the minority.

"It is the hope and prayer of Republicans throughout the nation that Mr. Roosevelt will not run again," shouted Democratic minority leader Irwin Steingut, pleading for dismissal of the resolution. "They know he can't be defeated."

ESCAPED CONVICT IS RE-CAPTURED

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The penal division said today that Dudley Bingley, prisoner who escaped from the Goldsboro state hospital February 3, had been arrested in Greensboro. Bingley was given eight to ten years for breaking, entering, receiving and larceny.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy with rain in east this afternoon and tonight and ending Wednesday morning. Warmer tonight. Somewhat colder Wednesday night, and in interior Wednesday afternoon.

They Form Scandinavian Neutrality Bloc



A solid bloc to defend their neutrality, keep out of both European wars and obtain compensation for war losses was formed by the Scandinavian nations under leadership of these three foreign ministers, meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. Left to right, Dr. Peter Munch, of Denmark; Halvdan Koht, of Norway; and Christian Gunther, of Sweden.

Russians Drive Finns Back In North As Well As On Isthmus

Munitions To Rumania

Secret Agreements With France Are Reported as Italian Negotiations Begin.

Britain Has Not Resumed Buying Of U. S. Tobacco

Requisition For Pelley

Governor Hoey Asks Return to North Carolina of Silver Shirts Chieftain.

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London, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Sir Andrew Roe Duman, president of the board of trade, told the House of Commons today that there had been no resumption of American tobacco purchases by Britain.

The government, he said in reply to a question, had not agreed to any such resumption because Britain was still buying from her non-belligerent ally, Turkey.

Last week London trade circles reported that due to increased consumption the government might have to re-enter the American leaf market which she abandoned shortly after the outbreak of the war, in order to conserve foreign exchange.

Britain already has flown 60 war planes to this country.

The French and British action was described as following upon receipt of assurances that Germany would not be favored in exports of Rumanian oil.

Meanwhile, Italian negotiators began conferences which observers believed might develop into a Balkan economic contest with Germany.

Most informed circles held the belief that Italy was seeking to nudge out Germany and wrest Rumanian goods in world circles for itself.

At the same time French and British quarters declared that Rumania must remain "on her good behavior" or there may be a repetition of their action of January when they stopped all raw material exports to this country because Rumania appeared to be favoring the Nazis.

Feb. 26, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Governor Hoey sent requisition papers to the District of Columbia today asking for the surrender of William Dudley Pelley to Buncombe county officers.

The papers said Pelley was in custody in Washington and that a hearing on his extradition would be held March 12.

Surrender to Buncombe county authorities was asked on a "charge of judgment on conviction for felony and imposition of suspended sentence."

Pelley, convicted of selling securities in violation of State statute, was given a one-to-two year prison term, suspended for five years, on a charge of false pretense in connection with sale of securities judgment was suspended for five years.

The requisition said Pelley had violated the terms of the suspended sentence in several ways, including "contempt of court," "conduct inducing and encouraging the use of force against the constituted authorities in the United States; acts and conduct constituting un-American activities and propaganda and accepting pay and doing other acts and things constituting him an agent of foreign government and foreign propaganda."

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Finnish High Command Admits Reverses In Petsamo Sector As Soviets Start Drive to Encircle Viipuri on Karelian Front.

Helsinki, Feb. 27.—The Finnish high command today announced Russian attacks from the Arctic to the Gulf of Finland and acknowledged that Finnish forces had withdrawn to new defense positions after an all-day Russian attack in the Petsamo region in the north.

In the North, the Finns said, they withdrew to new positions at Nautsi, on the Norwegian border 65 miles south of Petsamo.

In the South, the Russians were driving across the Bay of Viipuri, attacking islands in the southwestern part of the bay after having occupied the strategic fortifications on the islands of Koivisto.

The communique indicated that the Russians were aiming at some sort of encirclement of Viipuri, once Finland's third largest city—now deserted—and the immediate goal of the great Russian offensive on the Karelian isthmus.

It was assumed that the Russians no longer are blocked by Koivisto's heavy guns which anchored the western end of the Mannerheim line, and that they were preparing to swing wide to the west, perhaps attempting to cross the ice on the Bay of Viipuri in order to effect a pincer move against Viipuri itself.

The communique indicated also that the Finnish air force now is in a position to conduct long range bombing flights as well as to engage in defensive activity. It was stated that an enemy air base "far behind the enemy lines" was among the objectives.

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Hitler Will Present No Peace Plans

Informed German Sources Say Fuehrer Will Tell Welles That Nazis Demand Hegemony and Return of World War Colonies.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Informed German circles expressed the belief today that Adolf Hitler would tell Summer Welles in no uncertain terms that the Reich demands hegemony

Rome, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Summer Welles, President Roosevelt's investigator in Europe, today began a series of talks with representatives of belligerent nations by conferring for half an hour with Sir Percy Loraine, Britain's envoy to Italy.

on the European continent and return of her World War colonies.

The Fuehrer, it was generally believed, would propose no peace plan to President Roosevelt's envoy, who is on a fact-finding tour of Europe.

From the instance of recently inspired press articles that non-belligerents maintain complete neutrality rather than official neutrality, the opinion was advanced that Hitler and the American undersecretary of state would discuss the preservation of "more complete neutrality" by the United States.

The view was expressed in informed quarters that Germany would insist upon such "more complete neutrality" before there could be any improvement in relations between the two nations.

WRIGHT MEMORIAL BRIDGE RE-OPENED

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Wright Memorial bridge, connecting link between Roanoke Island and the mainland, was reopened to traffic at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The structure was damaged Sunday night when a barge moored nearby broke loose in a gale and blew into the bridge.

Taylor At Vatican City

Special Envoy From President Roosevelt Presents Credentials To Pope Pius.

Vatican City, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Myron C. Taylor, special envoy from President Roosevelt, today handed Pope Pius XII a letter expressing the President's hope for re-establishment of a more permanent peace on the foundations of freedom and justice of the life and integrity of all nations under God.

The letter presented Taylor to the American President's "old and good friend" who as Cardinal Pacelli greeted him in the United States in 1936.

The President told the Pope he hoped "the common ideals of religion and humanity itself can have a unified expression for the re-establishment of a more permanent peace."

The Vatican released the President's letter to the Pope together with one from Mr. Roosevelt to Taylor naming him his special ambassador to the Pope.

Both messages spoke of Taylor's job as to serve as "a channel of communication" between the President and the head of the Roman Catholic church.

House Members For Cuts, But With Reservations

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—House members learned anew today that some of their colleagues are all for general cuts in federal expenditures but are not eager for the economy axe to fall on appropriations affecting their own localities.

Publication of an appropriations sub-committee's hearing on flood control and rivers and harbors proposals disclosed widespread opposition to indiscriminate reductions.

There were, for instance, these identical statements from Representatives Thomson and Thomas, Texas Democrats, about "penny wise and pound foolish politics":

"The appropriations committee has done a magnificent job in whittling down expenses. x x x However, I know of no finer place to add a small portion of these whittlings than to the appropriation for rivers and harbors and flood control work."

Representative Edwin Arthur Hall, Republican, New York, told the committee:

"I commend the principle of large reductions in the budget but at the same time I am a little bit afraid that such extensive reduction would affect my particular locality."

Two British Ships Damaged

Feb. 27.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty, today said that the British battleship Bismarck had been damaged by a mine and the battleship Tirpitz hit by a torpedo. He predicted that they would be soon to rejoin the fleet.

Churchill predicted intensification of the battle and declared that Britain's navy was to be reinforced with new battleships.

He said, "The Bismarck, which was damaged early in September and did not reach port under her own power, is now ready to rejoin the fleet."

Churchill told the House today that the German battleship Tirpitz, which was almost certainly had sunk within the last two days, had been damaged by a mine and the battleship Tirpitz hit by a torpedo.

Speakership Race Confused With Three Contenders And Other Possible Candidates

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In The Sir Walter Hotel. Feb. 27.—No certain pronouncement was made until at least after 11 o'clock, but present indications are that the race for the 1941 House is a very muddy and confusing one.

There are three avowed contenders for the Speakership: the right to bang a gavel in the next House, and there are three "dark horses" being mentioned in the halls of the state capitol.

There may come a cropper in the race for the Speakership, and may not get a seat on the dais—but all eyes are on the gods.

The announced and presumed active candidates are: James B. Vogler of Greensboro, and Victor S. Bryant of Salisbury and Stoneville.

By their friends, but not by their enemies, the race is expected to be a close one. Odus Shelby, James B. Vogler and Victor S. Bryant of Salisbury and Stoneville.

There's a tremendous effort being made in Guilford to beat Carruthers this time and reports from that bailiwick indicate he will be extremely lucky to pull through.

Should he fall and the race narrow down to Stone and Uzzell, the latter would be sure to fly.

Reapportionment, for instance, is sure to be a burning, bitter issue next year; and Stone comes from Rockingham, a county which will lose a seat if the reapportionment is ever put through. Uzzell could be depended on to favor reapportionment, though his home county will hardly be affected one way or the other.