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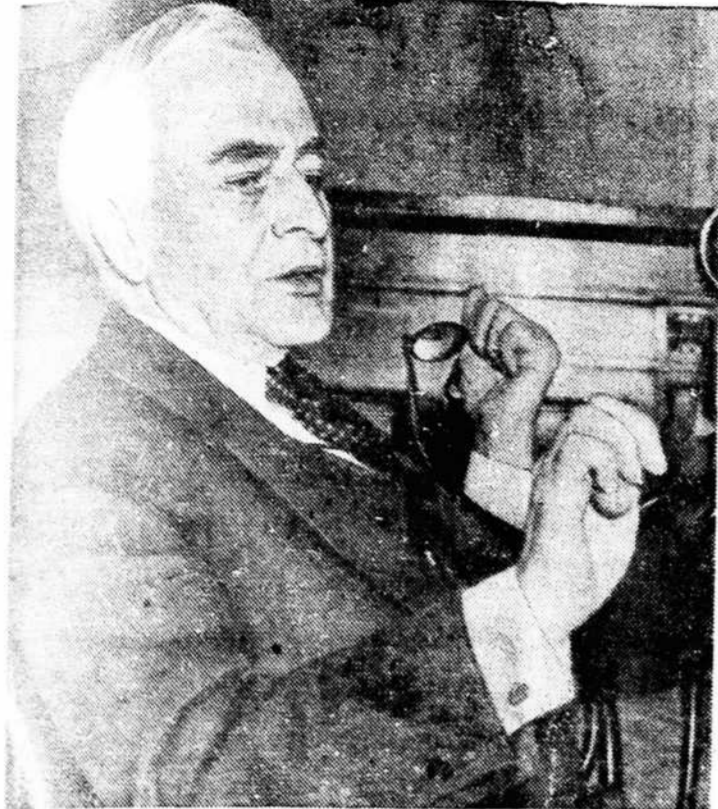
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Fighting for His Treaties



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Supporting the administration's drive for authority to conclude more reciprocal trade treaties during the next three years, Secretary of State Cordell Hull testified before the Senate Finance Committee. He declared continuance of "liberal" trade policies offers the best hope for economic recovery when Europe's wars end.

Loans To Defaulters Would Be Prohibited

House Tentatively Agrees to Proposal to Limit Future Loans by Export-Import Bank To Defaulting Nations.

Talks Look To War's End

Secretary Hull Says American Diplomats Discussing Plans In Europe.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today that conversations are under way between American diplomats and foreign governments all over the world in the interest of preventing the forces of autocracy, regimentation and totalitarianism from gaining control after the end of the war.

Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning compacts made with neutrals with a view of establishing a better world order after peace have been sent to all American representatives abroad so that these diplomats could call them to the attention of the governments to which they are accredited.

Asked at his press conference whether this referred solely to capitals of neutral nations, Hull said it meant all capitals.

The action was taken, he said, with a view to making preparations for post-war adjustments, economic and military. He emphasized the conversations had nothing to do with conditions during the war.

If the forces of peace and stability are to be maintained, he said, it is necessary to have a world order which will be based on the principles of democracy and justice.

Representative Graham Bardeen already has announced his candidacy for re-election.

Two Candidates File Formally

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMillan and Representative J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville of the 7th congressional district filed with the state elections board today to seek renomination in the Democratic primary May 25. Neither has announced opposition so far.

Reprieve Granted To Pender Negro

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Governor Hoy said today he had granted a reprieve of 60 days to Jim Moore, Pender county Negro, who had been scheduled to die in the gas chamber Friday for murder.

Finn Airmen Strike At Red Forces

No Definite Reports Of Results In Finnish Communique; Russian Forces Repelled on Karelian Isthmus, Finns Claim.

Helsinki, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Finnish bombing planes continue to strike at Russian communications and troop concentrations while land forces have repelled continued Red Army attempts to follow up its advances on the Karelian isthmus, the Finnish communique said today.

The communique, however, gave but little indication of the effect of the isthmus fighting, which was believed to be raging undiminished in intensity.

The Finnish high command, in only a brief reference to Russia's drive on Viipuri on the Karelian isthmus, said the "enemy suffered heavily" in fighting in which the Finnish troops "fought defensive actions."

In this fighting, which occurred yesterday, several Russian tanks were destroyed, the Finns said, and "artillery action was lively on both sides."

The Finns said they repulsed Russian attempts to advance northeast of Lake Ladoga and that "operations against surrounded enemy positions continued" at Kuhmo, further north.

The Finns said their own air force "bombed enemy troop columns, munitions dumps, communications and certain military objectives on the Gulf of Finland and its coast."

Finnish sources announced that 521 Russian planes have been shot down since the start of the war and that 1,310 Russian tanks have been destroyed or captured.

Swiss Applaud Sumner Welles

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 28.—(AP)—More than 1,000 Swiss turned out tonight to applaud Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's special investigator, as he passed through Zurich on his way from Rome to Berlin.

Nazis Repulse Assault On Western Front

Berlin, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The German high command reported today a strong infantry assault supported by artillery was repulsed by forces east of the Moselle river last night.

"A strong enemy infantry assault supported by artillery east of the Moselle last night was successfully resisted," the communique said.

"The German air force on the night of February 26 and 27 undertook extensive flights over France in the course of which numerous machines for a considerable time hovered over Paris."

"On February 27 the air force made reconnaissance flights over the British isles, the North Sea and parts of France."

"Two German machines failed to return from the flight to England. One English machine was shot down."

Ramsey Is New Deal Foe

His Naming As Key-note Precludes Possibility of Stampede Of Convention.

Ramsey as keynote speaker for the State Democratic convention here in May is obvious insurance against the proceedings' taking any slant favorable to the New Deal at the opening of the convention.

It is regarded as another step in the Hoyey program to make gathering of the party clans as near a good old-fashioned regular "machine" convention as possible.

It is also taken to indicate that the Governor is doing a bit of paying off for the tremendously powerful support that the two Asheville papers, of which Ramsey is an executive, gave him in the slant-bang primary of 1936. There can be found plenty of people who will tell you that without the support of the two papers in Buncombe's capital, Hoyey would not have been elected.

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Berkeley, Cal., Cloudburst Does \$100,000 Damage In Ten Minutes; Other Places Suffer

Radiophoto Of Welles And Ciano In Rome



Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano chats with Sumner Welles (center), President Roosevelt's special envoy to Europe, and William Phillips (right), U. S. Ambassador to Italy, during Welles' flying trip to Rome, first stop on his tour of Europe in the interests of peace. Welles termed his 90-minute conference with Ciano "gratifying and helpful". Ciano also appeared pleased with the party, which preceded a visit by Welles with Premier Mussolini. This picture was flown to London from Rome, then flashed by radio from London to New York.

Roosevelt On British Volunteers Return Trip On Way To Finland

President Says Panama Canal Defenses Must Be Doubled For Full Protection.

Aboard the U. S. S. Lang at Sea, Feb. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt headed for home today aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa after telling newsmen that the Panama canal defense must be doubled.

He said that doubling the present number of planes and guns defending the canal is necessary for long range defense of the vital link between the Atlantic and Pacific.

Such a program, he said, contemplates defense operations extending if necessary throughout Central America and as far south as Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela.

The third item subject popped up against the press conference when a reporter asked whether he had any statement about March 3, the seventh anniversary of his first inauguration.

The President smiled and replied in the negative.

Mr. Roosevelt said more guns and planes are needed at the Panama Canal to permit better opportunity to discover any attacking force—by air or by sea—at a much longer distance from the canal than ever had been provided heretofore.

Beal Attorney Makes Inquiry

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Lewis Waldman, New York attorney who sought a pardon or parole last year for Fred Erwin Beal, former communist now in prison for conspiracy to murder a Gastonia police chief in a 1929 strike disorder, inquired today the status of the Beal case.

Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill said he had a short letter from Waldman and would reply that under regular procedure Beal's case would be reviewed in May for possible clemency.

Beal became this week an "A" grade prisoner. Normally clemency is not extended to a prisoner until he is in "A" grade.

Weather

MOSTLY NORTH CAROLINA. For North Carolina and somewhat unsettled tonight and Thursday. Possibly light rain or snow in the mountains. Likely colder tonight.

British Volunteers On Way To Finland

Hosiery Mill For Henderson Gets Charter

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Seven business firms got charters today. They included Vance Hosiery Mills, Inc., of Henderson.

Lloyd George Warns Britain Of Dangers

London, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Germany has learned the lesson of the last war and kept her doors open to Russia, Italy and Rumania for supplies, David Lloyd George, World War prime minister, declared today, while "frankly in respect of food we are not so well off as we were last time for a long war."

Addressing the national defense and public interest committee, he urged the government to "make it clear" that any attacks on civilians would bring retaliation.

"Don't run any more risks," the veteran said, "concerning the chance of war with Russia."

"I would not allow any reckless or inconsiderate steering on icy roads to lead us into war with Russia. It is a big job we have undertaken. It will need all our strength to get through."

"Of peace he said: 'When the peace comes it must no longer be a sham pact that will not stand the first shower that falls upon it.'"

Two German Planes Downed

Paris, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The downing of two German planes which took part in massed German flights over France during the past 48 hours was announced today by the French high command.

These were in addition to two other German planes which the British announced yesterday they had shot down on their eastern coast after the fliers had crossed France and the English channel.

Floods Drive 3,000 From Their Homes

Torrential Rains In Northern California Flush Snow From Mountains; 80,000 Acres Flooded At Sacramento.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A cloudburst sent three raging streams down on Berkeley, Cal., and caused damage estimated at \$100,000 within ten minutes today.

Harry Goodrich, city engineer of Berkeley who estimated the damage, said the most severely struck sections look "like they had been struck by an earthquake."

Already through many parts of northern California floods had forced over 3,000 persons from their homes.

At Berkeley, Strawberry creek which runs through the University of California campus, swept into the business section. It tore stacks from shelves, overturned showcases. The flood swept Herest Avenue to Berkeley's main business district, leaving a foot of mud in its wake.

Torrential rains of unreasonable warmth poured down on the mountain snow, flushing it into the already flooded valleys.

At Sacramento, the millions of gallons of water was divided through a by pass and flooded 80,000 acres of garden crops.

At Gerber, midway between Sacramento and the Oregon line, 500 persons became alarmed when a river levee weakened. Crews removed refugees. Dekhama, near Gerber, was isolated. The business and residential district of the town was awash.

Ice Association Holds Convention

Rocky Mount, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The two-day 31st annual convention of the North Carolina Ice Association opened here today.

Edmund H. Harding, secretary of the Washington, N. C., Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet tonight.

Johnson Urges Pension Plan

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The school people of the state are almost unanimously in favor of some retirement plan for teachers and state employees, Treasurer Charles M. Johnson said today, and they should interest themselves in getting appropriated for a plan funds which are not counted in the regular school fund.

Johnson is chairman of a commission studying the retirement matter. He added:

"If I am not mistaken all the candidates for governor have stated that they are in favor of a retirement plan and I do not think that there is any question of passage of a plan by the next legislature."

Nazi Guarantees To Rumania Offered

Bucharest, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Authoritative quarters said today Germany has offered to guarantee Rumania's borders in return for huge increases in oil, wheat and other raw material shipments to the Reich.

These sources said the plan was submitted while the Rumanian cabinet considered issuing a royal decree for virtual civil mobilization to accompany military mobilization already under way.

Acceptance of the German plan, it was said, would oblige Rumania to abandon her plan for civil mobilization and send at least 1,000,000 of her 1,400,000 men back to their jobs in fields and factories.

The German plan also was said to include a promise to prevail upon Hungary, Bulgaria and Russia to abandon their territorial claims upon Rumania.

Germany was reported ready to sponsor a railway agreement between Rumania and Hungary to make it easier to transport vital supplies to the Reich.

Authoritative quarters said it was extremely doubtful whether Rumania would accept the plan because the price—a virtual Nazi monopoly of her exports—was considered far too high.

The presence of allied and Turkish armies within reach of Rumania's border was said by diplomats to be making the Balkan country cautious about accepting German guarantees.

Dutch Fire At Foreign Planes

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A fire today brought anti-aircraft fire without apparent result.

The Amsterdam air force said ten planes were destroyed, five of which were small.

The fire broke out during the war conditions of neutral nations in protests to Germany.

It was reported that the Netherlands gateway for British shipping to Germany.

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