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State's Record 1939 Tobacco Crop Sold For \$121,254,038

Average of \$15.66 Was 32 Percent Under 1938 Average; Production Up 54 Percent Over 1938, Cash 5 Percent More.

North Carolina growers got \$121,254,038 for their record 1939 crop of 1,750,000,000 pounds of tobacco. The average price for the crop was 15.66 cents per pound, 32 percent under the 1938 average of 23.50 cents. The 1939 crop was 54 percent over the 1938 crop of 1,136,000,000 pounds, and the average price was 5 percent more than the 1938 average of 15.00 cents.

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Speed Champion



Gale Swanson, 13 months old, of Forest Hills, N. Y., poses with his cup after winning the first round of the General Diaper Derby in New York, first of a series to be climaxed by a "world championships finals." Tots up to 14 months are eligible. Contestants who stand up instead of crawling are disqualified.

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Wagner Act Amendments Proposed

Special House Committee Suggests Changes Which Would Throw Present Labor Board Out of Office at This Session.

Washington, March 7.—(AP)—Prompt creation of a new three-man labor board to act "merely as judge" in collective bargaining disputes was included in a list of 17 amendments to the Wagner act recommended to Congress today by a special house committee.

Freedom also for an employer "to discuss" labor situations with his workers within limitations was included in the changes proposed by Chairman Smith, Democrat, Virginia, of an investigating committee. The committee majority advocated that the present board headed by J. Warren Madden be tossed out of office at this session.

Smith said his amendment represented "imperative things that need immediate attention." Aligned with him were Representatives Halleck, Republican, Indiana, and Rutzohn, Republican, Ohio.

The minority, Representatives Healey, Democrat, Massachusetts, Murdock, Democrat, Utah, protested against the amendment as "emasculatory" and "threatening to the principles and objectives of the act."

Healey and Murdock said the changes "propose to sacrifice vital rights of labor." Chairman Norton, Democrat, New Jersey, of the House labor committee to which Smith's amendments were referred predicted that the House would not accept them.

She said she would call a committee meeting next week, probably Wednesday, to discuss what action might be taken. Mrs. Norton also reiterated the contention that her committee should take no action until the final report of the Smith committee is presented. It recently got another \$50,000 appropriation to continue its work.

Rayless Store President Dies

Durham, March 7.—(AP)—Isador Raiff, 45, of New York City, president of the chain of 25 Rayless stores, suffered a heart attack early this morning at a hotel here and died about an hour later at Watts hospital.

The body will be sent this afternoon to New York City for funeral services in Riverside Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at New York.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, three brothers and two sisters.

Gravely Is Fifth To File Formally

Raleigh, March 7.—(AP)—L. Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount assured the state today of an unprecedented Democratic primary by becoming the fifth man to file for the gubernatorial nomination. Four more have announced.

Never before had more than four men filed in a North Carolina Democratic gubernatorial primary.

First Photos of Russians in Action



Among the first photos to come from the Russian side of the Soviet-Finnish war, these were released by the Moscow censors. Left, an airplane is loaded with newspapers and mail in Leningrad for flight to the front. Right, a light field gun crew is shown in action.

British Liner Sweden Seeks End Of Russian War

Queen Elizabeth Eludes Enemies to Reach Safety In Neutral Harbor.

New York, March 7.—(AP)—Britain's new 85,000-ton liner Queen Elizabeth, completing one of the strangest maiden voyages in maritime history after running the U-boat gauntlet, dropped anchor in New York harbor without visible guns on board but with a mysterious new mine cable guarding her.

Observers were at a loss to understand how the cable operated, since it surrounded the ship high above the water—with no apparent drop net into the water for a sweep effect. A member of the crew added to the mystery. When asked if he had been afraid of submarines, he shouted back with a laugh to news men in a tugboat alongside: "No, they keep away from us."

The British tar, who acted as a long distance spokesman for the dozen odd crew members visible on deck or at open portholes, said it had been a "very nice trip—lovely."

New York, March 7.—(AP)—With the Union Jack proudly flying at her mast Britain's new \$28,750,000 liner Queen Elizabeth—the largest, fastest ship afloat—arrived within the safety of New York harbor today at the end of her bold dash 3,000 miles across the Atlantic.

Painted a drab grey, the 85,000-ton liner passed Ambrose lightship shortly after 9 a. m. (e.s.t.) with the skyline of New York 20 miles distant.

A wartime fugitive fleeing the dangers of German bombing assaults at her berth in Scotland, the Queen Elizabeth successfully evaded the threat of German undersea attacks and triumphed in the risk of a mortal blow at Britain's claim of sea supremacy.

Paris, March 7.—(AP)—The French navy has sunk 12 German submarines, captured 18,000 tons of German shipping, and with the British navy has broken the back of Germany's threat to block the sea lanes, France's navy minister declared today.

In a survey of the first six months of the war, the navy minister asserted "the allied navy supremacy is better than ever and Germany's main fleet does not move far from its bases."

Plans Approved For Proposed Hospital

Rocky Mount, March 7.—(AP)—The building committee of the eastern Carolina tuberculosis sanatorium, which it is planned to erect at Wilson, met with Chairman Lee Gravely yesterday and approved plans for the structure.

Efforts are being made to secure federal aid for the project. The 1939 legislature stipulated that a state bond issue of \$250,000 for the hospital could not be sold unless 45 percent of the cost of the construction and equipment of the hospital was financed by a federal grant.

Finns Call More Men To The Colors

Russians Suffer Heavy Losses In Attempt to Tighten Ring of Steel About Viipuri After Week of Little Gains.

Helsinki, March 7.—(AP)—Soviet Russian troops, seeking to drive across the ice of the Bay of Viipuri to tighten a ring of steel on the seaport of Viipuri, suffered heavy losses under the fire of the Finns, the high command said today.

Meanwhile, the Finnish government called up the military class of 1929—mostly youths of 19—and all men of other classes scheduled for re-examination this year or in succeeding years.

Most of the second group previously had been rejected for reasons of health.

The new call to the colors came while the vanguard of the Russian besiegers of Viipuri still were in virtually the same positions they occupied almost a week ago outside the key Karelian isthmus city.

Military observers expressed belief that the final Red army assault was being delayed by failures of Soviet attacks on Finnish lines east and southwest of Viipuri.

Unless the Russians can break through these lines and flank the defenders, observers said, invading troops entering the city would be in a pocket with Finns on the east, west and north.

Finland sources denied reports abroad that Baron Field Marshal Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, Finland's commander-in-chief was ill.

Rumania To Keep Neutral

King Carol, Opening Parliament, Says Independence Will Be Preserved.

Bucharest, March 7.—(AP)—King Carol II opened parliament today with a declaration that all the resources of Rumania would be thrown behind her army as a "supreme guarantee of our independence and of the integrity of our borders."

Disclosing that taxes would be materially increased to bear the cost of keeping 1,600,000 men under arms, the monarch said: "I am sure my people will accept such a sacrifice for the sake of the country and peace."

Strict neutrality, he declared, will be continued even in the field of foreign commerce "in order to assure the flow of essential supplies to our army and our people."

Carol's statement was approved in a long session of the crown council last night amid signs of an even sharper struggle between Germany and the allies for Rumania's favor in exports of raw materials.

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Such a maneuver, if successful, would tie up the legislation in committee for the rest of the session.

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Dr. John H. Finley

New York, March 7.—(AP)—Dr. John H. Finley, educator and editor emeritus of the New York Times, died in his sleep early today.

Dr. Finley was born October 19, 1863, in Grand Ridge, Ill. He formerly was commissioner of education of New York State, and president of the College of the City of New York. He had either taught or lectured at Princeton, The Sorbonne, Paris, North Carolina, Virginia, and Edinburgh universities.

British Report Air Activity Over Germany

London, March 7.—(AP)—Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood told the House of Commons today that the Royal Air Force carried out more than a thousand sorties in German territory by day and night since the outbreak of the war.

Sir Kingsley spoke in presenting secret air force estimates which he said involved "the greatest expenditure" of this kind in Great Britain's history.

In surveying the air war to date, he said 44 German aircraft had been brought down around the British

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Wang Ching-Wei Describes Japanese-Sponsored Regime He Would Head In China

Shanghai, March 7.—(AP)—Wang Ching-Wei, speaking softly in the inner reaches of his home in Shanghai's ballroom section, predicted today the piecemeal pacification of China under the government he expects to head for Japan.

The slender Chinese who was premier of the Chinese nationalist government before breaking with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek said that his Japanese-sponsored regime would be inaugurated probably late this month or early in April.

My admission to his home, which is guarded like a fortress by Chinese and Japanese, to prevent assassination attempts, followed six weeks of negotiations through Wang's assistants and a promise not to "argue"

Negotiations Carried On Through Russian Minister to Sweden, Finnish Minister And Swedish Foreign Office.

Stockholm, March 7.—(AP)—Sweden is seeking to arrange an armistice in the Russian-Finnish war, usually reliable sources said today, adding that Russian peace terms recently had been presented to Finland.

The exact nature of the terms is still the subject of speculation, but there was unconfirmed reports that Russia demanded surrender of the Karelian Isthmus, Viipuri, Lake Ladoga and part of the far-northern territory in the Petsamo district. It was said the negotiations would be followed by further efforts to arrange a peace settlement.

Official Swedish circles said they could neither deny nor confirm reports that Sweden had submitted peace terms from Josef Stalin to the Helsinki government.

One theory was that negotiations thus far had proceeded through the Russian minister to Sweden, the Finnish minister here and the Swedish foreign office.

Manton Begins Prison Term

New York, March 7.—(AP)—Martin T. Manton, former presiding judge of the United States circuit court of appeals, surrendered today to the United States marshal to begin a two-year prison term for selling justice.

Manton, his face cast in its usual glow, went to the United States courthouse at 9:25 a. m. and walked directly to the office of the marshal.

He is to serve his sentence in the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, where numerous men on whom he once passed judgment have been prisoners.

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Sentences Commuted

Governor Hoey Gives Life Imprisonment to Three Convicted In Alamance Killings.

Raleigh, March 7.—(AP)—Governor James M. Hoey commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences imposed in Alamance county on Roy Kelly, George Hanford and Ralph Hanford. The three were convicted in Alamance county of the killing during a station robbery December 1, 1939. Sheriff M. P. Robertson and Foreman S. W. Vaughn of Alamance county were slain.

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U. S. Must Choose Between State Capitalism And Free Enterprise, Babson Says

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St. Petersburg, Fla., March 7.—Eight million idle workers and sixteen billion idle dollars is 1940's strange paradox. It's the result of a ten year battle between those who want government control of all credit (state capitalism) and those who want a free hand for private employers and capital. Captains of industry can afford to fight. So can the princes of politics. But you and I and our unemployed neighbors can't. We have reached the crossroads and we must choose either "the high road or the low."

Eight million unemployed must be put back to work. Understate capitalism they could have army or other compulsory jobs within several years. Under free enterprise they could have voluntary jobs in a similar length of time. But under today's half-way system, the best hope is that only a million or two will be absorbed in public or private hands within the next few years. Meanwhile, sixteen billion dollars, the greatest hoard of cash ever assembled, strains the nation's bank vaults.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy; rain Friday. Probably beginning as sleet or snow in west portion late tonight; slightly warmer tonight.

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DIVORCED Los Angeles, March 7.—(AP) Betsey Cushing Roosevelt was granted a divorce today from James Roosevelt, son of the President.