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## Increase In Size Of Labor Board Asked

### House Labor Committee Recommends Board be Increased From Three to Five Members; "Absolutely Necessary" Change

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—The House labor committee voted 14 to 10 today to recommend to Congress that the National Labor Relations board be increased from three to five members.

Representative Norton, Democrat, New York, announced the decision at the end of a two-hour closed committee hearing. She said it was decided to "re-vote" to reject proposals to abolish the present board and to create a new one.

Committee members studying the new labor act section by section are against any changes in the composition of policy which had been provided by the special House committee investigating the act and its administration.

Increasing the increase in the membership, Mrs. Norton said, is a step which seems absolutely necessary.

Many people take the view that if two more members are added to the board a lot of the complaints would go out of the system. That seems to be where they are.

Apparently there has been more of a deadlock in the board and adding two members would certainly destroy the effect of it if there is such a thing.

## Nine Ships Nazi Victims

London, March 19.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced today that nine British and neutral ships were lost in enemy action in the week ending March 17. Tonnage totaled 23,992.

Most of the casualties were listed as "illegals" mines with only one sunk by German submarines, the *Wendland*, on February 24.

The week's losses were described as three British ships, two French and four neutral.

A authoritative British naval source refused to amplify the admiralty's statement that one British ship was slightly damaged by a U-boat in Saturday's air raids at the Flow.

The source said the admiralty's list of allied and neutral shipping losses "is the British answer to the untruthful and untrue statements of the enemy very often in order to obtain information."

## MRS. ROOSEVELT, JR. HURT IN ACCIDENT

Charlottesville, Va., March 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, daughter of the president's son, suffered a fractured pelvis and brain concussion in a fall from a horse while riding with the Farmington Hunt club today.

Attending physician at University hospital, where Mrs. Roosevelt is being treated, said her condition was satisfactory.

## PRESIDENT RESUMES WORK AT HIS OFFICE

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt still had a good touch of fever today but he resumed work at his office in a limited schedule including a brief discussion of budgetary and appropriation problems with Budget Director Harold Smith.

White House officials said the president, suffering with a fever of a week, had a temperature of 102.2 a little more than half a degree above normal.

## Hatch Suggests U. S. Finance Campaigns

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Senator Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, announced over Senate approval of the bill extending the present anti-trust law, recommended today that a national government finance political campaigns.

Such an innovation, Hatch said, would probably cost less than the present method of raising party funds from individual contributions.

"It's not a new thought," he added, "in a 1907 message to Congress President Theodore Roosevelt advocated such legislation. Several states

## At Base in Antarctica



Official Photograph U. S. Antarctic Service  
Left on the ice at Admiral Richard Byrd's United States Antarctic Expedition's West Base, the explorers who will man the base wave farewell to the ship *North Star* as she sails further south. In background are some of the planes being used by the expedition.

## Funds For Parity Payments Is Urged

### French Chamber In Secret Meet

Paris, March 19.—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today voted an immediate secret session to discuss the government's general conduct of the European war and repression of the Finnish-Russian peace.

The chamber had its last secret session in February and the senate ended such a session last Friday with unanimous vote of confidence in Premier Daladier.

The chamber debate was expected to continue without interruption until a vote is taken on the question of confidence in the Daladier government.

## Farmers Find AAA Program Safest Course

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Most American farmers apparently prefer to go along with the crop program, federal officials said today, than to gamble on expanding production for a possibly enlarged European market.

An Agriculture department report on farmers' planting intentions indicated today that the 1940 corn acreage would be the smallest in more than 40 years, that tobacco plantings would be 21 percent smaller than last year, and that the wheat acreage would be no larger than a year ago despite a sharp advance in prices.

The report did not include cotton but unofficial surveys have indicated that the area to be planted for this year's crop would be well within the AAA program.

Looming large in the farmers' thoughts, officials said, were reports showing that the war had retarded exports of American farm products and the AAA statement that there was nothing to indicate foreign markets would improve this season.

## Judge Scores Jury Verdict

Media, Pa., March 19.—(AP)—William J. Larkin, 26-year-old shipyard worker, was convicted of voluntary manslaughter today and sentenced to six to twelve years imprisonment for strangling his 20-months old son. He also was fined \$6,000 and prosecution costs. The sentence was the limit allowed under the law.

Police had quoted Larkin as saying he killed his son February 23 "in spite" of his estranged wife and prevented her from taking the child away.

Judge Albert Dutton McDade was so dissatisfied with the verdict that he turned to the jurors and said: "I don't know what we're going to do with a verdict like this when the defendant confesses a first degree murder. God save the commonwealth if all jurors are like you. I don't see how a jury can render a verdict like this when a child's life has been snuffed out by a father who should have protected it."

Welles' Farewell Lunch With Ciano

Rome, March 19.—(AP)—Sumner Welles had a farewell luncheon today with Foreign Minister Count Ciano and diplomats believed impossible that Ciano gave the American an idea of what occurred in the Brenner Pass meeting of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini yesterday.

Later at a press conference Welles disclosed that he had a talk during his Rome visit with Frederick P. Hibbard, first secretary of the United States legation in Rumania, who filed out the European picture for him with Balkan background.

# Britain Will Fight Until She Secures A Moral Peace, Prime Minister Chamberlain Declares

## Rivers Must Face Court

### Georgia Governor Denied Direct Appeal to Circuit Court of Appeals

Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—(AP)—Federal district Judge Bascom Deaver stood pat today on his decision to deny a direct appeal to the circuit court of appeals by Governor Eugene D. Rivers.

The governor sought yesterday to take his case directly to the circuit court of appeals at New Orleans, petitioning Judge Deaver here for a supersedeas order.

Judge Deaver denied last night.

The jurist held that W. L. Miller, ousted highway chairman, was entitled to the office from which the governor had him removed bodily last December and that use of troops at the state highway building to prevent Miller's reinstatement.

"When the state and national courts break down and can be prevented from enforcing their orders then no citizen has any rights because rights are nothing if there is no machinery to enforce them," Deaver said.

## Rift In NLB Opinion Aired

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—William L. Leiserson accused his two colleagues on the National Labor Board today of upsetting rather than encouraging collective bargaining relationships by one of their decisions.

Leiserson dissented from a majority opinion ordering the McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis to incorporate in a signed agreement with United Auto Workers (CIO) a clause giving the union exclusive recognition as bargaining agent.

The board majority—Chairman J. Warren Madden and Edwin S. Smith—held that the company had failed to engage in collective bargaining as contemplated by the Wagner act.

The board members said the company agreed in 1938 to a contract clause recognizing the union as sole bargaining agent for its members and promising to deal with no other agent except individual or groups of employees.

## Peace Reports Discounted By FDR Secretary

Washington, March 19.—(AP)—Stephen Early, the presidential secretary, said today that on the basis of authoritative reports received by the American government "peace headlines would appear to be very empty."

The White House aide asserted that no information had been transmitted to this government to support published stories that eleven points had been suggested as a basis for European peace at yesterday's conference between Hitler and Mussolini.

Asked whether he could say anything about reports from Rome, Early replied: "Nothing more than that I think you can say on the basis of all authorized reports received by this government which have been made available to the President and have been carefully read and analyzed by him, there seems to be no basis in fact for reports published in Rome, Paris, Berlin or other capitals that give an authoritative basis for peace; that the publication of those reports should not change the opinions of newspaper readers of this country or others by giving them hope for peace or cause for despair for peace."

"In other words," Early continued, "on the basis of authoritative reports this government has received from representatives throughout the world, peace headlines would appear to be very empty."

## Weather For North Carolina

Generally fair, somewhat cooler tonight, light scattered frost in interior; Wednesday fair slightly warmer in extreme west portion.

## Held in Counterfeit Raid



Plaster casts and other equipment for counterfeiting 25 and 50-cent pieces are examined by a reporter at U. S. Secret Service office in New York, following raid on an East Side apartment. Agents reported finding \$200 in fake coins at the plant. Six persons were arrested including Mary Mannaro (inset), 25, and Nancy Mannaro (right), 20.

## Effort To Align Balkans Probable

### Mine Explosion Death Toll Now Is Fifteen Men

St. Clairsville, Ohio, March 19.—(AP)—Rescue crews removed seven more bodies from the Willow Grove coal mine before dawn today, bringing to 15 the known dead from Saturday's explosion.

Rescue crews removed six bodies at 1:33 a. m. (EST) and the seventh a few hours later. Previously six others were brought to the surface and two men died from gas fumes when they rushed into the mine without masks.

## Soldier Sent Up For Murder

Fayetteville, March 19.—(AP)—Federal Judge J. M. Meekins sentenced Pvt. E. M. McEwen of Fort Bragg today to 25 years in the government prison at Atlanta for the fatal shooting last September of Technical Sgt. Harold F. Carlow.

McEwen pleaded guilty to a second degree murder charge. Carlow was killed, Mrs. Carlow testified, when he refused to let McEwen come into the Carlow home in pursuit of Mrs. Leona Flowers.

McEwen said that he remembered drinking the night of the shooting but that his mind was a blank until he came to in a hospital where he was carried for treatment of a leg wound inflicted by Sgt. J. P. Garrett of the military police while arresting McEwen.

## North Carolina's Gains In Rural Electrification Are Greatest In United States

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 19.—North Carolina's gains in rural electrification since 1935 have been the greatest, from a percentage viewpoint, in the entire United States, according to figures of the Federal Rural Electrification Administration.

These figures give 516 per cent as the proportionate growth, the actual number of farms receiving central station service jumping from 9,672 on December 31, 1934, to 59,589 on June 30, 1939.

In percentage of farms electrified the state rose from 2.2 per cent in

## Account Of Aid To Finns Given House

London, March 19.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today that Britain had taken up arms to obtain a moral peace as defined Saturday by President Roosevelt and added that "we intend to fight until it has been secured."

The prime minister told a packed and frequently cheering House of Commons that Summer Welles, the President's emissary, had been able "to see for himself the unity of purpose with which we all are inspired."

Whatever the outcome of yesterday's meeting of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, Chamberlain said Britain is prepared to meet it.

He gave a graphic account of Britain's help to Finland and preparations to send a British-French expeditionary force of about 100,000 men.

"We are not likely to be diverted from the purpose for which we entered this war," Chamberlain said.

Then, in a sarcastic tone, he added of the Hitler-Mussolini meeting: "For all I know these gentlemen may have spent their time discussing the conditions under which an Italian ship was destroyed yesterday by a German mine."

The prime minister said the Finnish expedition had been approved by the allied supreme war council on February 5 and was ready to leave at the beginning of March — two months before Field Marshal Baron Mannerheim, the Finnish commander, had asked for it to arrive.

Chamberlain said that Mannerheim in mid-January informed the British he did not require men, as his resources were sufficient to last until the spring thaw.

## New Order In Europe Seen

Berlin, March 19.—(AP)—Germans look forward to "a new European order" to come from the forging of a Rome-Berlin-Moscow axis.

After Reichfuhrer Hitler returned to Berlin today from his historic meeting with Mussolini, authorized German sources commented to this effect:

"We are determined to end this war victoriously and thereafter to make sure that Germany's essential life and interests are secured for all time and never again threatened by plutocratic democracies."

The neither confirmed nor denied previous intimations that a Russian-Italian accord, extending the Rome-Berlin axis, was impending but in response to one question the sources left no doubt that they believed peace would be preserved in the Balkans.

## Murder Case Is Reopened

New York, March 19.—(AP)—District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer said today he was reopening the murder case of Frankie Yale, Brooklyn gangster and friend of "Scarface" Al Capone who was blamed by Chicago police for the slaying of "Big Jim" Colosimo in 1920 and the killing of Dion O'Banion in 1924.

O'Dwyer's unamplified announcement came as the Brooklyn prosecutor spurred his investigation of at least 30 gangland assassinations attributed to a "murder for cash" syndicate uncovered in Brooklyn.

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