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Chamberlain Sure Of Victory

Dewey And Roosevelt Lead For Nomination

Wisconsin Vote Debated

Republicans Have Picked 168 of 1,000 Delegates; Democrats 168 of 1,004.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, Wisconsin's primary ballot, was seriously interpreted by political observers today, the fact remained that Roosevelt convention votes Thomas Dewey and President Roosevelt would start over all other candidates.

Seventeen more Republican delegates were to be chosen in state convention today—four at large in Kansas and 13 in Maine.

Of the 1,000 delegates who will make up the Republican national convention, 168 have been selected. The Democrats have picked 134 of the 1,004.

Dewey's acquisition of most—and possibly all—of Wisconsin's 24 Republican delegates in his race with Senator Arthur Vandenberg gave him a lead pledged support.

The New York district attorney, however, is expected to have the backing of the large majority of New York's 92 uncommitted delegates already selected.

Other Republican delegates who have been chosen include: Eight in North Carolina, eight in New Hampshire, twelve in Florida, four in South Carolina, 14 in Kansas, one in Louisiana and one in Virginia.

With the exception of one North Carolina delegate, who managers of Senator Robert Taft of Ohio say, was expected to join all this group in uncommitted, Taft claims the favor of the other seven North Carolina delegates.

The Democrats have chosen 134 delegates so far. Unless Vice-President Garner obtains one or two of the 24 from Wisconsin, all are either pledged or favorable to the President if he seeks another nomination.

The editorial, signed by Publisher Joseph Pulitzer, was the newspaper's only to Circuit Judge Thomas J. Brann who fined the Post-Dispatch \$500 yesterday.

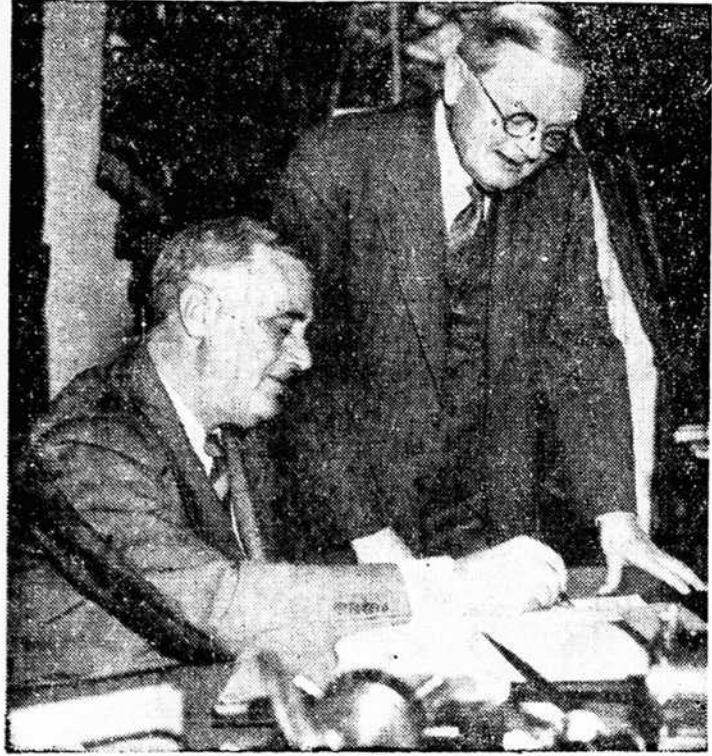
Pulitzer asserted the bill of rights was "the real issue in this case" and added:

"If a newspaper is to be gagged by being haled into court to answer a charge of contempt whenever a judge has felt the sting of editorial criticism, that means the end of the power of the press to tell the people about the failures and evils of their rulers. That means the end of the freedom of the press.

"We do not believe that American courts or the American people will accept such a revolutionary departure from American principles. On behalf of American newspapers in general, we accept this challenge."

Contempt citations against the paper—made for its fight for progress and reform—were based on criticism in editorials and a cartoon of Judge Rowe's action in the extortion trial of State Representative Edward Brady and a deposed labor union boss.

1940's No. 1 Census Victim



Director of the Census William Austin looks on as President Roosevelt, in Washington, fills in questionnaire No. 1 for the sixteenth decennial census. The President answered, without comment, the questions which Senator Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire fought to have eliminated from the questionnaire.

Nazis Claim Heavy Damage To Shipping

Reynaud Must Show Strength

Paris, April 4.—(AP)—Parliamentary circles reported tonight that the radical socialist group in the chamber of deputies had decided to ask for Premier Paul Reynaud's resignation unless he could show that his government held a substantial increase in support over the one-vote majority it received in its first test on March 22.

While Reynaud received only a one-vote majority then, his margin was increased to 17 within two days as some deputies switched their stand.

The reported radical socialist decision was asserted by some sources to mean that the new government must face another chamber of deputies vote of confidence soon after the senate debate on April 9.

Halifax Deputy Is Murdered; Suspect in Case Arrested

Weldon, April 4.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Jack Whitehead reported today he had arrested E. L. Keeter, a watchman wanted in connection with the slaying of Deputy William Pope, 24, at a lumbermill. Whitehead said he arrested Keeter at Enfield.

Sheriff J. L. Riddick said that Keeter, convicted Tuesday in Halifax county recorder's court on a minor charge, left the courtroom without paying a fine. Pope, sent out last night to arrest him, was shot to death at the mill where Keeter was a watchman.

Mother Kills 3 Children And Herself

Los Angeles, April 4.—(AP)—A mother beat her three small children to death today with a small hammer and then died in a flaming mattress after setting fire to her own hair.

The dead, officers reported, are Mrs. Lolita Davis, 43; Daphne Davis, 10; Deborah Davis, 7; Marquis Davis, 3. A fourth child, Chloe, 11, was beaten almost unconscious, but officers said she probably would recover.

Trade Pacts Win Another Senate Test

Senate Defeats Amendment Which Would Require Ratification of Future Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The administration's reciprocal trade program survived another major Senate test today when the chamber defeated, 44 to 33, an amendment to require Congressional approval of future trade agreements.

The amendment, sponsored by Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, would have subjected agreements to approval by a majority of both houses. O'Mahoney sought to write it into pending legislation to continue for three years the administration's power to readjust tariffs by agreement with other nations.

The Senate last week rejected, 41 to 41, a proposal to require ratification of agreements by two-thirds of the Senate.

Today's vote helped clear a way for final action on the trade legislation. Several other amendments remained to be disposed of, however, and it was problematical whether a final vote could be reached by tonight.

Opponents of the reciprocal trade program sought to put a one-year limit on the system.

In a series of informal conversations, opponents decided that a one-year extension would be preferable to the legislation as it now is drafted.

The House worked meanwhile on the war department appropriation bill.

Senator Vandenberg said in a statement that German publication of reported Polish documents illustrated the need for a propaganda investigation by Congress. The Nazi "white book" linked American diplomats to war-sponsoring activities.

Cotton Market Again Higher

New York, April 4.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 2 higher.

Early advances of 2 to 4 points were sustained around noon. May (old) traded at 10.67, October 9.91, December 9.74.

Half-Dozen Congressional Races In State Attracting Little Publicity At Present

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 4.—While half a dozen gubernatorial candidates are finding it hard enough to stir up public interest and break onto the front pages of Tar Heel newspapers, half a dozen red-hot Congressional races are in progress almost completely ignored and unsung by the public press.

In Districts One, Two, Five, Seven and Ten incumbents Lindsay Warren, John Kerr, Lon Folger, Bayard Clark and Ben Doughton can sit back and enjoy this fine spring weather, with nothing more serious than Republican opposition in November to worry about—and that's nothing to lose weight over in North Carolina.

But in the other six districts it's very different and the half dozen sitting Congressmen must more than occasionally worry about the fact they are more or less tied down in Washington while their opposition has the run of the land and can do all the handshaking and baby-kissing without competition.

In practically every one of these contests the present job holder appears to have the inside track, though more than one is regarded as more or less of a toss-up; but it's a motto of good politics never to overlook or underestimate the opposition and so the sitting six are probably not at all comfortable.

Here are a few sidelights and indications on the various and sundry races:

Third: Young Charles Abernethy, son of a former Congressman, is making his third effort to beat Grammam (Hap) Burden, while a third entry is Zeno B. Spence of Goldsboro. Abernethy, using the Townsend plan as his main plank, couldn't win when he was the only Burden opponent. Now he shares that plank with Spence and there seems little reason to believe that Burden is in any more danger than he was two years ago.

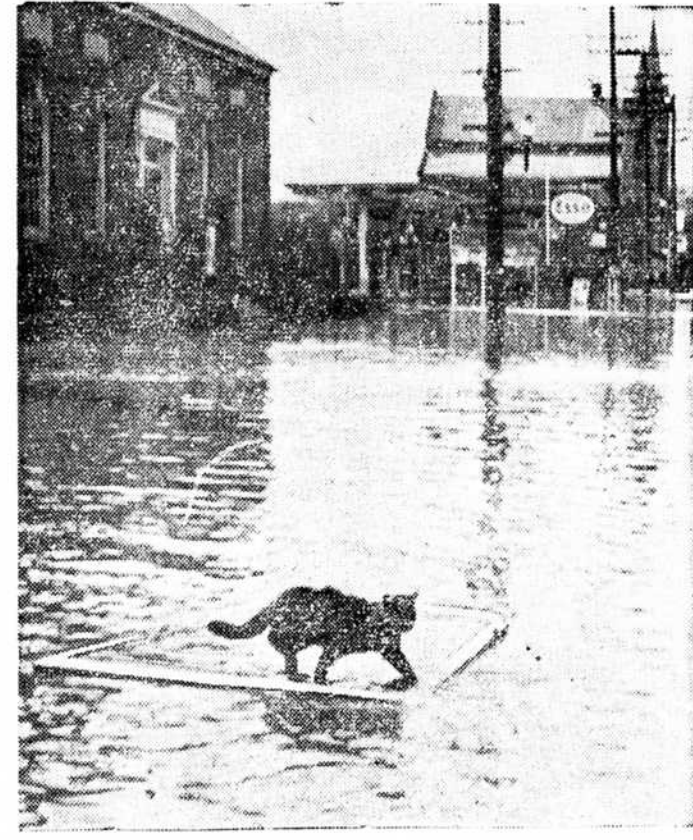
Fourth: Willie Lee Lumpkin of Franklin county was expected to oppose Congressman Harold Cooley, but at the last minute Edward F. Griffin, also of Franklin, turned out to be the normal Cooley competition.

Griffin denies there are any unusual political angles to his candidacy when he says it is not based on any deal or the result of any machinations. Still and all, it has not become quite clear how and why Griffin did get in, though there is a strong suspicion in many quarters that Griffin's entry was engineered in order to keep Cooley so busy about his own affairs that he will not have the time or the inclination to "put out" in behalf of Raleigh's Joseph Melville Eroughton, listed among the top-flight contenders for the governorship.

So far there has been almost no open interest or loud talk about the race and on the basis of the old saying "them as has, keeps", the incumbent is a logical betting favorite.

Sixth: Here, perhaps, is the widest open race in the state. A forty-county district with one entry from each and every county. Inasmuch as Con-

Nine Lives Safe in Flood



Kitty rides to safety on a miniature raft after being marooned by the flood waters of the Susquehanna River in Plymouth, Pa. (Central Press)

Spokesman For Wang Attacks U. S. Stand

Landon Wants No Superman

Wichita, Kans., April 4.—(AP)—All in Landon, candidate that 1940 "is our year" cautioned the nation's Republican today against seeking a "superman" for president and counseled "we make generals from colonels who have shown outstanding ability."

The 1936 Republican presidential nominee urged that the rank and file have the final word at the Philadelphia national convention.

"Our Republican convention must not be the off-ridden kind that the Democratic convention will be," Landon said.

"We must not permit one man or any group of money raisers to pick our nominee."

Sharply attacking the administration of the man who defeated him in 1936, Landon said:

"I don't view a sound social program as incompatible with a sound financial program but I do view the un-mindful fiscal policies of the national administration as incompatible with a durable, successful social policy."

Tang Leang-Li Says Hull's Refusal To Recognize New Government Is Based On America's "Selfish Interest In China."

Nanking, April 4.—(AP)—Tang Leang-Li, so-called ambassador on special assignment of the Japanese-dominated Nanking government and regarded as spokesman for its head, Wang Ching-Wei, today denounced the United States policy of non-recognition for Wang's regime.

He declared that Secretary of State Hull's statement last week in connection with establishment of the Nanking government—that the United States would continue to recognize the Chungking government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek—was based on America's "selfish interest in China."

Tang's statement in part asserted that Hull's declaration "with its derogatory implications is based on the situation in which public pronouncements and official positions of both leaders of Japan and President Wang Ching-Wei are ignored in utter disregard of all tenets of international courtesy and good will."

Tang also suggested an "open door" policy in the United States toward China, asking if the United States would "abandon her international policy against China who wish to enter her dominions."

Wayne county, grading, structures and surfacing of 6.83 miles of route 53 near White Lake, roadway, F. J. McGuire, \$74,633.88, structures, F. J. McGuire, \$10,674.25.

GERMAN PLANE SHOT DOWN BY BRITISH AS SECOND IS GROUNDED

London, April 4.—(AP)—A British plane on patrol over the North sea encountered six German Junkers planes, the air ministry announced today, and shot down one of them.

The British plane returned with part of its controls shot away. Two officers were slightly wounded.

The account of the battle said another German plane was damaged so badly that it landed in Norway, where the crew was interned.

(An Oslo dispatch said a German plane, which appeared to have been damaged in a battle, landed at Stavanger and was burned by the crew.)

Says Hitler Failed At War's Start

Prime Minister Says Britain Building Up Her Strength, While Germany Is Close To Limit of Her Strength

London, April 4.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today he was "far from confident" of victory now as he was when the war began because Adolf Hitler "missed the bus" by failing to use the arms opportunity Germany had at the start.

The prime minister addressed his conservative party council proudly today after shaking up his government to put it into a tighter organization and to put chief responsibility for war strategy on the shoulders of Winston Churchill, energetic first lord of the admiralty.

Chamberlain also announced that a secret session of the house of commons would be arranged for next Thursday to debate the government's economic warfare policies.

Britain still is building up her strength, Chamberlain declared, while Germany is close to the limits of her strength.

Chamberlain hinted at impending new measures to make the allies' blockade of Germany escape proof.

"You can take it from me," he said, "that one by one leaks and loopholes are being stopped and that as the war goes on that strangling effect will more and more drain the life-blood of our enemy."

On the other hand, the prime minister declared, there is no shortage of food in Britain.

He said consideration for neutrals had hampered the allies' blockade but wanted that "it cannot be expected that we should allow Germany indefinitely to profit by our scrupulousness and to draw aid and comfort from neutrals who are not free agents and who know in their hearts, whatever they may say, that our victory spells freedom for them whereas our defeat would doom them to slavery."

King's Uncle Is Named As Canada Governor-General

London, April 4.—(AP)—The Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mother Mary and a former governor-general of the Union of South Africa, last night was appointed governor-general of Canada to succeed the late Lord Tweedsmuir.

The tall, soldierly earl, who will be 66 on April 14, is expected to leave for Canada in two or three weeks, accompanied by his countess, Princess Alice, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

A Buckingham palace announcement said that King George VI was "greatly pleased" to approve the appointment of his uncle, a football enthusiast and big game hunter and veteran of military service in India and in the first world war.

The earl actually was appointed to the Ottawa post once before, in 1931, just before the world war broke out, when war came, however, the appointment was canceled to enable him to serve in the army.

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Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy and somewhat cooler preceded by scattered showers this afternoon or early tonight.