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First Lady at Migrant Camp



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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, is accompanied by Robert Hardie, manager, as she inspects the federal migratory camp at Visalia, Cal. She said the plight of the "Okies" was not exaggerated in the controversial book and film, "Grapes of Wrath." Speaking of a third term for the President, she said, "Except in extraordinary circumstances we should stick to our tradition."

FR Opposes Short Term For Treaties

President Believes It Would Be Very Harmful If Extension of Reciprocal Trade Pacts Were Limited To One Year.

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—The idea Roosevelt said today he believed it would be very harmful to the nation if the bill to extend the reciprocal trade treaty act were limited to one year.

The Chief Executive spoke at a press conference shortly after it was reported on excellent authority that Vice-President Garner was supporting an amendment to limit extension of the administration's trade agreements program to one year.

Legislation near final Senate action, already approved by the House, would extend the program for three years from June 12.

Mr. Roosevelt said it was not good for the country to have a scrap of legislation coming up every year. Such a system, he said, is essentially what is involved in discussions in Congress of the trade treaty act.

When a tariff is up for consideration, he said, agriculture and industry are in a state of confusion, because they do not know what is going to be done, and economic activity of the country feels the effect.

Garner, it was said, held a series of conversations with senators to urge support of the one-year amendment offered by opponents of the trade legislation in a last ditch effort to impose at least one restriction on administration trade powers.

Democratic Leader Barkley predicted that the amendment would be defeated, however.

Governor General



The Earl of Athlone, new Governor General of Canada, is shown as an officer of the Guards. Announcement of his appointment to the post left vacant by death of Lord Tweedsmuir came as a surprise to London.

British And French May Cap Unity With A Joint Parliament

Ship Bombed Eight Times By Germans

Norwegian Passenger Ship Arrives at Oslo With Two Passengers Slightly Injured After Sailing From England

Oslo, Norway, April 5.—(AP)—Bombed eight times by German planes, the Norwegian passenger ship Myra, with two of its 107 passengers injured arrived today from England.

The two passengers were injured by bomb splinters, other passengers reported. The Myra, 1,152-ton ship, sailed in a British convoy.

Passengers said the first bombing occurred shortly after the trip started.

"The following day we were attacked anew, about 11:50 a. m. A violent battle followed and another plane seemed to fall. That same day about 1:55 p. m. we were attacked again.

"The Germans had several planes in this attack and came at us in pairs. About 4 p. m. Wednesday there was a new attack and three bombs were thrown at the ship. Nobody was hurt.

"Exactly 35 minutes later five bombs were showered on us. All the passengers were standing on the deck ready to go into life-boats and had no protection against the attack.

"The bombs rained on all sides of the ship and several of them exploded close to us.

"At 4:50 p. m., two passengers were hit by splinters from the bombs. We could see that a British destroyer hit one of the planes."

Red Diplomat Ill



Maxim Litvinoff

Former Soviet Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff is gravely ill in Kremlin Hospital, Moscow, according to a London newspaper dispatch. He is reported to be suffering from heart disease.

(Central Press)

Alliance To Extend After End Of War

Objective of Permanent Partnership Stated To "Make The Two Great Empires So Powerful" No Aggressor Would Challenge It.

London, April 5.—(AP)—The possibility of a joint parliament to cap growing British-French unity was mentioned today as the allies drove forward with their plans to buy up German markets they cannot bottle up by blockade.

A front page story in the Daily Mail said the idea of a British-French parliament to deal with broad questions of common concern already had been taken up but that it still was in a visionary stage.

The newspaper, however, said discussions were understood to have taken place here and in Paris to attain the most intimate cooperation between the allies, to fuse them "into one military and economic force," not only during the war but also when peace comes.

The objective, it said, is a permanent partnership "which would make the two great empires so powerful a force for peace that no aggressor would dare challenge it."

Georges Monnet, France's new minister of blockade, was due here today to confer with Ronald H. Cross, British minister of economic warfare, as the two nations united themselves even more closely in economics and culture.

The board of trade disclosed they had reciprocated on increased facilities for importing the products of each other's empires.

Girl, 11, Confesses Los Angeles Murders

Child Described By Psychiatrist as "The Cruellest-Blooded, Coolest Individual I Ever Met"; Two Murders Denied.

Los Angeles, April 5.—(AP)—An 11-year-old girl, described by a child psychiatrist as "the cruellest-blooded and coolest individual I ever met," told police today with a sense of slang that she beat to death her mother and baby brother, confessed the fatal bludgeoning of her younger sisters was done previously by the mother.

Interupting only to demand bottles of beer and lemon pie, the 80-pound girl led questioning officers through conflicting versions during which she referred to her grocery-store father as "nuts" and her mother as a "nutcase."

Police Captain Edgar Edwards expressed belief that the girl, an avid reader with the mind of a 16-year-old, alone was responsible for the death of Mrs. Lolita Davis, 35; Marjorie, 10; Deborah, 7; and Marjorie, 2, in the blood-spotted Davis home in southwest Los Angeles yesterday.

The girl's latest story was that her mother killed the little girls then tried to burn herself on a mattress.

"I killed and Choo then 'conked' the woman with a claw hammer at her mother's request. After that she said she beat her brother to death."

The girl was held on a suspicion of murder during the questioning her brother, Edgar Davis, 51, who showed and sobbed "oh, my poor baby" in which Choo replied: "Buck up, don't let it get you down."

Gravely Is Optimistic

Rocky Mount Man Says He Will Be In Second Primary — And Will Win There.

Daily Dispatch Bureau In the "Watts" Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, April 5.—Rocky Mount's campaign man "Watts" candidate for Governor, Lett Gravely, isn't at all discouraged or disheartened by the fact that in the current campaign practically all observers have selected J. M. Broughton, Lieutenant Governor, Williams P. Horton and Commissioner of Revenue Allen J. Maxwell as the "Big Three" in the race.

"Henry, I'm absolutely confident I'm going to be in the second primary," he told your Raleigh reporter today.

"And I don't care who else gets into it. I can beat him in the runoff." Which, according to all the rules of logic ought to make Mr. Gravely the next governor of North Carolina. He is, however, a bit of a pessimist. "In those distant days of 21 years ago," he said today, "North Carolina was regarded by the play-

Morrison Girl Being Tried On Murder Charge

Wilmington, April 5.—(AP)—The state began an attempt in New Hanover juvenile court today to show that Zeida Deloris Morrison, 13, shot and killed her father, William H. Morrison, wealthy 64-year-old Canadian last January 21 while he was sitting in a chair in the bedroom of his rural home near here.

The defense contends the slim, curly haired girl shot her father while he and her mother, Mrs. Grace A. Morrison, were struggling after a quarrel.

The prosecution swore in 20 witnesses at the beginning of the trial.

Outsider Is Race Winner

Bogskar, 25-To-1 Shot, Wins Grand National; Americans Lose In Sweepstakes.

Aintree, England, April 5.—(AP)—Bogskar, a tank outsider, came from nowhere to win the 192nd Grand National steeplechase today.

Mac Moffat was second and Gold Arrow third.

Bogskar was a 25-to-1 shot in the betting. Mac Moffat was held at 3-to-1 by the crowd, estimated at more than 100,000, while Gold Arrow was considered to have no better than a 59-to-1 chance.

American Luck Fails In Steeplechase Wins

Dublin, April 5.—(AP)—American luck suffered a complete blackout today in the running of the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree. Not a single American ticket in the Irish hospital's sweepstakes was held on Bogskar, Mac Moffat or Gold Arrow, and therefore none of the big prizes of 30,000 pounds, 15,000 pounds and 10,000 pounds went to the United States.

Twenty Americans who had tickets on horses which failed to show or did not run will receive 625 pounds, about \$2,234 each.

Carolina Playmakers Are Celebrating Anniversary

Chapel Hill, April 5.—(AP)—The drama of the "small things of life" is being demonstrated before an audience from all the nation in Chapel Hill this week. The occasion is the 21st anniversary of the Carolina Playmakers, Frederick H. Koch's famous organization at the University of North Carolina.

"In those distant days of 21 years ago," he said today, "North Carolina was regarded by the play-

Arbitration Of Mexican Dispute Asked

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today the United States had proposed arbitration to Mexico to settle the two-year old dispute over Mexico's expropriation of American oil properties.

Hull said a note had been delivered by the state department to this effect to Mexico.

The state department head said he could not say whether any observations had been received from Mexico on the subject.

It is understood that the arbitration proposed was under the 1929 inter-American treaty of conciliation and arbitration.

The United States proposed the same method in 1938 to Mexico to settle the controversy over the expropriation of American agrarian properties. Mexico replied then by suggesting that a joint commission evaluate the claims and fix the compensation. The state department agreed to this.

British Raid Jade Estuary Successfully

London, April 5.—(AP)—British aircraft bombed a German formation in the Jade estuary Thursday afternoon, the air ministry announced today, with damage to four destroyers believed caused.

The Jade estuary is at the entrance to the strategic North sea German base of Wilhelmshaven, which the British also scouted.

The air ministry communique said: "During yesterday afternoon a formation of British aircraft of the bomber command penetrated the enemy defenses in the Jade estuary and successfully reconnoitered the base of Wilhelmshaven."

"An enemy warship was observed and attacked with bombs. Further south four enemy destroyers were also attacked and damage was believed to have been done."

Pelley Loses Court Tilt

Federal Judge Denies Right To Question Chairman Dies About "Conspiracy".

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—A federal district judge ruled today that William Dudley Pelley must return to Asheville, N. C., to face possible revocation of his probation granted after his conviction about six years ago of violating North Carolina blue sky laws.

The ruling was made by Justice Jesse C. Adkins after he had barred admission of testimony which T. Edward O'Connell, defense counsel, said would show existence of a plot to "railroad" Pelley to jail.

Immediately after Adkins' decision O'Connell sent notice that he would carry the case to the court of appeals here.

Justice Adkins continued Pelley's \$5,000 bond pending the appeal.

O'Connell referred repeatedly in his argument to what he called a conspiracy inspired by "mysterious forces" to send Pelley to prison.

"They want to bring him back to the chain gang which was designed for Negroes and Yankees," O'Connell said. "That's a matter of common knowledge."

T. Edward O'Connell, attorney for Pelley, contended that with testimony from Dies, chairman of the house un-Americanism investigation; Robert B. Barker, a Dies committee investigator; Representative Dickstein, Democrat, New York, chairman of a former inquiry; and some others he could show that a plot designed to "railroad" Pelley existed.

Justice Adkins, however, ruled that

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Buchalter Lets 30 Years-Life

New York, April 5.—(AP)—Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, notorious racketeer, today was sentenced to 30 years to life in state prison for extortion in the bakery and trucking racket.

General Sessions Judge John French directed that the sentence should begin after Buchalter had served a 14-year sentence recently imposed in federal court for conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws.

Negro Executed At State Prison

Raleigh, April 5.—(AP)—The State executed Zep Page, 29-year-old Negro, today for the rape of a white woman in Johnston county last year.

The Negro had admitted his guilt. He entered the death chamber at 9:59, the gas was started two minutes later, and after it was administered eleven minutes and 57 seconds he was pronounced dead.

Sheriff K. L. Rose and Deputy N. M. Narron, who arrested Page a couple of hours after he had attacked Mrs. Elizabeth Stancill, mother of three children, witnessed the execution.

Chaplain L. A. Watts quoted Page as saying he "acknowledged that he committed the crime. He says he is sorry for all of his sins."

2 Communists Arrested

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—The Dies committee announced today the arrest of two Boston communist party leaders, Philip Frankfield and Thomas F. P. O'Dea, who had been cited for contempt because of their refusal to answer committee questions.

The two were taken into custody outside committee rooms in the House office building.

Democracy Must Be Revised, Babson Says

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Washington, April 5.—Democracy is being a purging of some kind. For democracy to succeed, it must, in some way, be revised. Otherwise, with those of relief propagating portents more rapidly than the employed, with dependent wage workers increasing in percentage more rapidly than those willing to employ others, democracy—as now set up—is headed for the rocks. Some character and intelligence tests must be discovered and applied to separate the "fit" from the "unfit" when it comes to voting.

My mail is crammed with letters suggesting that people on relief should not be allowed to vote while on relief. Some good citizens believe on relief. Others even go so far as to say that only those who work either as wage workers or employees should vote. They point out that the Constitution prohibits the residents of the District of Columbia from voting. As I travel about the country, I find a strong and growing feeling on this franchise question. More and more people believe that unemployment will be solved only as it becomes a disgrace not to work in some capacity.

One Vote Per City.

I can't go so far as to believe we should disfranchise anyone. But, I do believe that we must adopt the unit voting system on state and national matters. Each citizen should directly vote for the officials of his own town or city as he does now. In state and national elections, however, a city or town should have only one vote. As a man has only one vote irrespective of his wealth, as a con-

Western Front Skirmish Is Reported

Berlin, April 5.—(AP)—Some 15 French soldiers were killed in a skirmish with German shock troops which raided an enemy position near Saarlautern on the western front, the German high command reported today.

The communique said: "In the west our shock troops raided an enemy position in the border region southwest of Saarlautern. The enemy sustained losses of about 15 dead. Otherwise no special events."

DNB, official news agency, described the fighting as "very bloody," but said the Nazi casualties were limited to one dead and several wounded. In addition to the 15 dead, the French left on the field, it said, one wounded Frenchman who was taken captive but died later in the German lines.

(French military sources reported repulse of attacks by German patrols on French outposts. The dispatches made no mention of casualties in infantry skirmishes.)

'Hard' Stand Is Maxwell's

Candidate Is Not Promising Reduction in Taxes, Because of School Needs.

Daily Dispatch Bureau In the "Watts" Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, April 5.—Commissioner of Revenue Allen J. Maxwell is the first candidate for Governor to admit frankly that he is not promising any reduction in taxes, nor the immediate repeal of any part of the State's tax schedules.

Rather, he boasts, he has chosen the "hard position" as a candidate; and explains he has been led to this view by his deep interest in the public schools.

"I am the only candidate who is unambiguously pledged to maintain our tax structure until its increasing yields have provided adequate support for this great cause, and other causes that reach every home in the State," says Mr. Maxwell in an article entitled "We Must Go Forward," which will soon be printed in the April issue of "North Carolina Education."

"In my judgment these are of vastly more importance to the people than any nibbling reduction in taxes that can but weaken our capacity to support them. The cause of public education requires maintaining a tax structure to support it, and the man who appeals to the populace by promises of tax reductions is not pursuing the course of a friend of public education."

"You cannot maintain a progressive school program on reduced taxes. We must remember the fact that Aycock's zeal for public education was not limited to glorified generalities, but that he constantly appealed to the people to pay taxes to sustain it."

Copies of the Maxwell article were

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; cooler tonight and in east and south central portions Saturday; possibly light frost in mountains tonight.

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