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British Open Fire On Narvik

Annenberg Pleads Guilty In Largest Federal Income Tax Case For Evasion In 1936

Philadelphia Publisher and an Associate Enter Pleas in Criminal Prosecution Involving Over Five Million Dollars.

April 23.—(AP)—M. L. Annenberg, publisher of the Philadelphia Record, and an associate entered pleas today to evade income taxes for 1936. The wealthy Philadelphia publisher and former head of the nation's largest news empire was charged with the count of an income tax evasion of \$3,200,000 for the years 1932-1936. The government claimed against Annenberg a total of \$5,448,000 in back taxes, penalties and 6 per cent interest, which would bring the total to \$5,848,000.

Guilty to the fifth count charged by Joseph Hafner, Annenberg's attorney, who with Annenberg was accused of aiding and abetting the publisher in the evasion of taxes. Campbell, United States attorney, informed Federal Judge H. Wilgerson before a jury packed with defendants, that he had directed him to enter the plea at the time of the indictment. The government intended to dismiss the counts of the indictment which charge income tax evasion for 1932-1936. Campbell contended that he did not agree to make any plea in mitigation as to the sentence to be imposed on the foregoing pleas.

Senate Effort At Economy Is Largely Offset

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—The Senate appropriations committee today approved a \$225,000,000 economy effort today which would offset \$1,021,639,700 approved by the Labor department for the Federal Security Administration. The reduction—\$225,000,000 in the \$230,000,000 House bill for the Civilian Conservation Corps. That and other cuts in the bill are to be offset by increases in other parts of the bill. The \$1,021,639,700 House allotment for the Wage-Hour Administration is to be reduced under the Senate bill to \$994,054,670 was \$32,200,000. President Roosevelt's budget for 1940 shows a total of \$24,746,800 for the Wage-Hour Administration. The Senate committee heard testimony from General H. H. Arnold, director of the War Relocation Authority, who is manufacturing for the War Relocation Authority "on schedule" heavy foreign orders. The bill is being delivered to the Senate today.

Progress Of Schools Shown By Rapid Increase In List Meeting Minimum Standards

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. April 23.—Progress of the school system is shown by the increase in the list for elementary schools from 1924 to 1937-8 school year. Independent of Public Instruction put out an analysis of the "State" statistics as published in the month's issue of "State" show that in 1934 2,173 accredited schools were listed. In 1937-8 there were 2,240 accredited schools out of 2,173. It should be pointed out that no less than 2,022 of those not making the accredited list for Negroes failed on the requirement that calls for at least one teacher for every grade and a six or seven-year course of study.

Belisha's Bride?



Leslie Hore-Belisha, former British war minister, secretly married Jacqueline Delubac, French actress, according to reports from Paris, and is now honeymooning with her at Cannes on the Riviera. She was the third wife of Sacha Guitry, French actor and playwright.

Nazis Admit Fighting

Berlin, April 23.—(AP)—Direct fighting between British and German troops in Norway was admitted here today for the first time by authorized German sources who previously had spoken only of sea and air battles. The fighting was reported as appearing in central Norway. (The British war office said a sharp engagement had been fought north of Trondheim.) DNE, official German news agency, reported that the greater part of a Norwegian division surrendered today southeast of the Norwegian port of Stavanger after heavy fighting in mountainous country. It was not possible immediately to estimate the number of prisoners nor the extent of the material taken. The destruction of Andalsnes by German war planes Sunday was achieved in an all day raid according to information received by the high command. Andalsnes, a British debarcation point, is south of Trondheim. The high command reported German bombers rained over the port in sharp engagement had been fought north of Trondheim.)

Bridge Project Is Approved

Raleigh, April 24.—(AP)—The State Highway Commission announced today approval by the United States War Department of a bridge spanning Runyan's Creek and linking Washington, N. C., with Washington Park. The span, to cost an estimated \$25,000, would afford a nine-foot clearance for pleasure craft entering a yacht basin on the north side of the bridge. Highway engineers now must make an allocation for the project before construction can begin.

Weather For North Carolina

Shows this afternoon and tonight and probably Wednesday; warmer tonight.

Wheeler Says Roosevelt Will Not Run

Greensboro, April 23.—(AP)—En route to Chapel Hill to address the Carolina Political Union tonight, Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana said in an interview here that he has never believed that President Roosevelt would seek a third term, and with reference to the European situation that he can conceive of no issue arising which should draw America into the conflict. "I have never believed that President Roosevelt would seek a third term nor accept the nomination if it were offered to him. I believe that he is as much in favor of maintaining the American tradition in this respect as I am or anybody else is."

WITNESS TELLS DIES COMMUNISTS IN NEW YORK ARE STRONG

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Thomas Humphrey O'Shea, former New York city subway worker, told the Dies committee today that communists had power at the present time to paralyze the city's transport system. He added that members of the transport union "dominated by communists" had organized "gun clubs" for target practice. O'Shea, now a WPA worker, was asked whether the communists could paralyze the city's transport system under present conditions. He replied: "Yes. The communist leadership with its control in the union could stampede the men into a strike. They have the absolute power if they see fit to exercise it."

Swedish Newspaper Reports Two Battles In Skagerrak; Cannonading Is Heard

Stockholm, April 23.—(AP)—The newspaper Allehande reported from the Swedish west coast that two violent naval battles were raging today in the Skagerrak with both surface and air forces involved. The thunder of cannonading, it said, indicated the severest fighting thus far off the Swedish coast. At least ten destroyers raced past the battle area with their guns roaring, the newspaper said, and disappeared within a few minutes. The newspaper said that the battle apparently began with an attack on a transport fleet.

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Senator Nye

Huge British Spending Is Outlined

Expenditures for War Cost and Government Estimated at \$9,334,500,000 for Current Fiscal Year; War Costs Rising.

London, April 23.—(AP)—Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, today told the house of commons that the expenditures for the current 1940-41 fiscal year will be 2,667,000,000 pounds (\$9,334,500,000). This, he said, would be the total of war cost and government expenditures and he asked the nation to accept the burden "for the sake of victory." Calling his report "heartening" he said nevertheless, that Britain's war expenditures for the first seven months of conflict—down to the end of the 1939-40 fiscal year March 31—amounted to 965,000,000 pounds, about \$3,167,000,000. He said the rate of spending on the war was about 1,500,000,000 pounds a year but was increasing. He estimated that by next March 31 Britain's expenditures for war purposes alone would be 2,000,000,000 pounds a year. Sir John cheerfully said that Britain's first year at war cost less than was expected and that income exceeded estimates as a result of large yields from tax boosts authorized by his September budget, just after the war began.

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"For Services to Humanity"



Gold medals will be presented to this trio by the National Institute of Social Sciences "for distinguished services to humanity." Ceremony will take place at institute's annual dinner in New York. Top left, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, writer and historian; lower left, Wendell L. Willkie, utility president; right, Dr. James E. West, chief Boy Scout executive.

Pennsylvania Primary Vote Shares Political Scene With Events Of National Interest

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Primary election voting in Pennsylvania with interest centering on the efforts of Senator Joseph Guffey to win Democratic renomination was accompanied today by those developments on the national political scene. President Roosevelt disclosed plans for what the White House called a non-political 21-day trip across the continent, at the time when the Republican national convention will be in session. Senator Downey, Democrat, California, joined anti-third term ranks in the midst of a California primary fight among delegate slates supporting Mr. Roosevelt and Vice President Garner. Senator Norris, independent, Nebraska, a third term advocate, told reporters that he was "afraid" the President would not run again. "I charges disposed of by Hayer Henry a rest." Norris said. Republican Chairman John Hamilton proposed that members of the party's platform committee meet well in advance of the June 24 convention to begin their complicated task. Today's Pennsylvania balloting held no special significance from a national standpoint, although convention delegates were being chosen by both Democratic and Republican parties. The Republican ballot bore the name of no presidential aspirant. President Roosevelt is unopposed, which does not bind the delegation. Senator Guffey was opposed by Walter A. Jones, Pittsburgh oil man. Both are New Dealers.

No Politics In Meeting

Warm Springs, Ga., April 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt authorized a secretary to say that the visit of W. L. Mackenzie King to the Little White House today had no political significance and "no question of American or Canadian policy is involved." William D. Hassett, presidential aide, made the statement for Mr. Roosevelt shortly after the dominion official arrived at Warm Springs. Although the President sought to discourage speculation about his conference, reporters thought it would be strange if some matters of international significance were not mentioned by the two.

CROMWELLS EXPECT CHILD IN AUGUST

Ottawa, April 23.—(AP)—James H. R. Cromwell, United States minister to Canada, disclosed today that he and Mrs. Cromwell, the former Doris Deke, expect the birth of a child in August. Confronted with reports that a child was expected Cromwell authorized his secretary to announce "that information can be confirmed."

SHARP ENGAGEMENT NORTH OF TRONDHEIM

London, April 23.—(AP)—The British war office reported today that a "sharp engagement" was being fought north of Trondheim, German-held port on the Norwegian west coast.

Administration Attacks Wage-Hour Law Changes

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Fighting At Other Points Is Continued

British, French and Norwegians Join Forces To Encircle Trondheim; Air Forces Strike at German Air Bases In Norway.

(By The Associated Press.) The German high command acknowledged today that the British navy had opened fire on the far northern Norwegian iron ore port of Narvik. The population of the town apparently and taken to cover in response to an earlier British warning that Narvik would be shelled. The Germans insisted that the British were making no effort to land troops, although it was presumed in neutral quarters that they would attempt a landing following the bombardment. Four hundred miles southward, British, French and Norwegian troops joined forces in an encircling movement against Trondheim. To the east, near Hamar, 60 miles north of Oslo, bitter fighting continued with allied reinforcements arriving to relieve the embattled Norwegians. The British repeated their aerial blows at German air bases in Norway and Denmark. As the allies increased their pressure on the Germans in Norway, French military authorities in Paris said that the position of Sweden had become the "dark side" of the Scandinavian war situation and that "important events are imminent". It was suggested Germany might invade Sweden. Meanwhile the British government issued a statement listing 24 German warships "casualties" since the start of the war, not counting "a large number" of submarines, and compared this with only 18 British warships sunk, including five submarines and an armed merchantman. As against the British claims of successes against German ships Berlin said today that 14 British transports and war vessels had been sunk or damaged off Norway by Nazi bombers in the last 48 hours. War to the death against the whole German people and not merely against the Nazi regime was urged today by Alfred Duff-Cooper, former first lord of the British admiralty. Duff-Cooper, speaking before the royal society of St. George, said German attacks upon Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark and Norway were "crimes of the whole people."

WPA Funds For Highways Allocated

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—The Works Projects Administration announced today President Roosevelt had approved a \$12,049,300 allotment of WPA funds to North Carolina for a state-wide highway construction and improvement program. The North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission would contribute an additional \$4,349,800 toward the work, the WPA said. Execution of the project is up to the state WPA administrator.

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