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## ICC Orders Increase In "Class" Rates Of Railroads Within North Carolina

Utilities Commissioner Winborne Says Appeal to United States Supreme Court May Be Made; Rates Set In June, 1937.

April 25.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered railroad "class" rates in North Carolina increased to interstate level.

It estimated the North Carolina rates were causing loss to the interstate level of about \$57,000 annually.

Winborne said that there were no competitive or other factors which would justify the rates intrastate in North Carolina.

## Census Lists Condemned Man



Condemned to death for murder of his wife, Warren Abby, 57, nevertheless receives a call from census enumerator Dr. Vernon Bee (right) in the death row at Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. Dr. Bee spent 14 days taking the prison census, although he says the prisoners were completely cooperative.

## Senate Will Probe Vote In 5 States

Complaints of "Slush Funds" and Other Political Misdeeds To Be Investigated; G-Men Called To Aid Committee.

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—The Senate campaign investigating committee began running down complaints of "slush funds" and other political misdeeds in five states as Senator Neely, Democrat, West Virginia, sought G-men to assist government agents already ordered in his state.

Senator Gillette, Democrat, Indiana, in announcing that the committee had sent or was dispatching investigators to Nebraska, West Virginia, Missouri, Maryland and Kansas, would not disclose the source of complaints.

But it was an open secret around the Senate that in most instances they originated with sitting senators. Neely confirmed this as far as West Virginia was concerned.

Gillette said investigators had been ordered into that state to look into complaints of improper use of funds in the Democratic senatorial primary.

He added that if the charges were substantiated even in part they would reflect a condition "relative to the control of the election machinery which is subversive and destructive of the opportunity of the electorate to register its opinion at the polls."

Neely told reporters later that he had requested the inquiry to "pre-

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## Germans Advance To Positions North Of Norwegian Capital

England Collects Scrap, Too



Although not as cut off from ore supplies as Germany, England is following the Nazi example by appealing to her people to save old scrap metal. These bedsteads, stoves, perambulators and even a wringer, collected in Malden, may some day be fired at Germany in the form of shells.

(Central Press)

## Allies Admit Withdrawal Of Forces

On Far Northern Front, British Shell Narvik and Engage Nazi Troops On Land; Increased Activities Feared.

Berlin, April 25.—(AP)—German troops pushing along parallel railroad lines north of Oslo have reached Tynset and Ringebu in long strides beyond their former outpost, DNB, official German news agency, reported today.

Tynset is about 150 miles north of Oslo on the railroad along the Swed-

ish frontier and Ringebu is about 110 miles from the capital.

(Ringebu is 30 miles beyond Lillehammer, pivotal point in the fight for control of Oslo's gate).

DNB also said German soldiers were sealing Steinkjer, on the Norwegian west coast, against a British attempt to advance south on Trondheim by occupying strategic passes and roads.

Allied resistance, DNB declared, was "without plan."

On the far northern front it reported British ships again subjected Narvik to "very active" shelling while strong allied forces engaged Nazi troops 19 miles to the northeast in fighting which still is in progress.

Forebodings of increased German activity on both the military and diplomatic fronts were contained in two news items made available to the foreign press today.

1—The high command's flat claim that England has begun war on non-military objects in bombarding a village near Heida, northwestern Germany.

2—The statement of one authorized source that the hour for Sweden's "decision" is approaching.

"The enemy thereby opened aerial warfare on undefended, militarily unimportant localities," the high command said of the Heide bombing.

It may therefore be assumed that Germany will immediately or at least soon attempt to bomb open British and French towns.

## FDR Opposes Wage-Hour Amendments

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today "it would be a great mistake" to enact legislation proposed by Representative Barden, Democrat, North Carolina, to exempt 16 farm processing operations from the wage-hour law.

A letter from Stephen Early, a secretary to Mr. Roosevelt, to Chair-

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## Neutrality Law Invoked

President Roosevelt Proclaims State of War Between Germany and Norway.

Warm Springs, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt proclaimed today a state of war in existence between Germany and Norway and the neutrality of the United States in the conflict.

Another proclamation barred submarines of the belligerents from American ports and territorial waters.

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## British Guard Against Subversion

London, April 25.—(AP)—Sir John Anderson, minister of home security, announced today he has considered stringent measures against subversive elements including the Communist party and fascist organs.

Anderson spoke in the house of commons following indignation information by members of parliament and the public of alleged "fifth column" activities in Britain.

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## More Red Plots Aired

Witness Tells Dies Committee Communists Plan Strikes In Basic Industries.

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—John Dies, who said he had been a member of the Communist party in Los Angeles, told the Dies committee today that the party intended to bring the country into civil war by striking in basic industries.

The witness identified what he said were minutes of the Los Angeles Communist party convention in March, 1937.

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## Georgia Delegation Pledged To FDR

Democratic Executive Committee, Ignoring Appeals For Primary, Names Delegates, Who Urge Roosevelt To Run.

Atlanta, April 25.—(AP)—Georgia's Democratic executive committee today elected to the party's national convention 72 delegates who promptly urged President Roosevelt to run for a third term.

By naming the delegation itself, the committee ignored appeals for a presidential preference primary, one of which came from a group embracing advocates of Vice President Garner and outspoken anti-New Dealers.

Committing themselves to support Mr. Roosevelt should he seek reelection, the delegates empowered Governor E. D. Rivers to cast Georgia's 24 votes for them at Chicago as a unit and "as directed."

As Georgia's Democratic committee, Rivers presented to the delegation a resolution of allegiance to the President, which said "it would seem as unwise to deprive ourselves of the asset of our army and navy or air force as to deprive this nation of the asset of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

## Five Negroes Arrested In Probe Of Fire

Natchez, Miss., April 25.—(AP)—Natchez officials speeded preparations today for burial of 193 Negroes who lost their lives when flames racing through festooned Spanish moss, trapped them in a one-exit dance hall.

The bodies, most of them still unidentified, filled three Negro undertaking establishments.

Police Chief Joe Serio said he had arrested five Negroes suspected of setting fire to the building, but he declined to give their names. Sheriff Hyde Jenkins said his investigation indicated the fire was set accidentally.

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, possibly occasional drizzle or light showers near coast; slightly warmer tonight.

## Old Heads To State Senate

Although Only Few Will Be Repeaters, Many Experienced Men Will Be Included.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Atlanta, April 25.—The 1941 Senate will have no more than one-third repeaters from the 1939 session, but it will be a body composed of experienced legislators just the same.

A summary of candidates for the 50 seats shows that only 16 members of the 1939 Senate are again candidates, but in addition there are several 1937 Senators, six 1939 House members, three 1935 House members and one 1933 Senate member, running for nomination.

Only five of the 1939 incumbents are unopposed for renomination, but the other sitting members are generally regarded as favorites to win out this year.

The favored five who don't have to worry about the May primaries are W. G. (Cousin Willie) Clark, of Edgecombe who has been a Senator for years and years; Dr. T. W. M. Long of Halifax who recently effected a peace pact with his inveterate political rival Julian Allsbrook; Willie Lee Lumpkin, energetic liberal from Franklin who can lose in Raleigh but never in Franklin; Joe Blythe of Mecklenburg, whose prowess as a vote getter scared off all rivals; and Gordon Gray, Forsyth publisher and financier who impressed as a freshman last term.

There probably isn't any intended opposition to Brod Fearing of Dare or John D. Lankins, Jr., of Jones, but both are in multi-county districts which elect two Senators and where the voting is general and not confined to one county—as it is in many other cases.

1937 members who couldn't run

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## Allies Buy Many Planes

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—The allied purchasing mission announced here today contracts for \$200,000,000 worth of American airplanes and engines had been made within the past two weeks.

Arthur B. Purvis, British, and Rene Plevin, French, representatives of the mission told reporters that these contracts included large quantities of Bell pursuit planes, Curtiss pursuit planes, Douglas bombers and Allison, Wright and Pratt Whitney motors.

## Deadlock Over Farm Funds

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—A joint conference committee abandoned efforts today to break a month's deadlock of the agriculture appropriation bill. It reported a hopeless disagreement on Senate additions of \$347,000,000 to the bill.

Senator Russell, Democrat, Georgia, one of those who have been working in an attempt to iron out Senate and house differences on what to include in the bill, said the effect of today's action would be to send back to the House for a separate vote Senate amendments providing for \$212,000,000 in parity payments \$85,000,000 for disposal of surplus farm products and \$50,000,000 for loans to farm tenants.

Russell said Senate conferees refused to yield on the Senate action in adding these amounts to the \$714,000,000 in agriculture appropriations approved by the House on February 2. The Senate voted \$922,864,688 in farm funds, with \$80,000,000 additional provided in loans for agriculture purposes.

In conferences lasting about a month many compromise proposals were offered and rejected. Russell said that the conferees finally concluded that they could not come to an agreement today when a House compromise to the parity payment proposal was rejected.

## Methodists Oppose Vatican Relations

Atlantic City, April 25.—(AP)—The council of bishops of the new Methodist church expressed opposition today to "any establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the United States."

The statement was contained in the bishops' quadrennial message to the church's general conference which began sessions here yesterday. It did not mention by name President Roosevelt's personal peace envoy to the Vatican, Myron C. Taylor.

## 116 Arrested In Liquor Ring

New York, April 25.—(AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted 122 individuals, 116 of whom have been rounded up by treasury agents, on charges of operating a vast five-state illicit liquor empire and defrauding the government of \$1,600,000 in taxes during the past ten months.

Treasury department spokesmen said this was the largest federal indictment ever returned in any federal court and the roundup one of the greatest mass arrests in history.

William E. Dunnigan, head of the treasury's alcoholic tax unit enforcement agents, said the arrests were restricted to principals in the vast ring.

## Fortune In Swedish Gold Brought To U.S.

Ship With Gold Hidden Aboard Leaves Trondheim After German Capture of Port and Arrives Safely At New York.

New York, April 25.—(AP)—A hard-bitten skipper, back in the safety of American waters, disclosed today that he fled the port of Trondheim with a fortune of \$4,500,000 in Swedish-owned gold hidden in the hold of his ship, the 4,955-ton American freighter Mormacsea, after the Germans had captured the port.

The skipper was Captain William McHale, who served with the British mine sweeping forces in the World war and was four times decorated for bravery.

Captain McHale revealed that a skeleton force of about 500 Germans seized Trondheim in a pre-dawn raid on April 9 "and walked in unopposed."

The German invaders, he said, landed from the battle cruiser von Hipper and from three destroyers seizing the strategic Norwegian port at 5 a. m.

"The people appeared to be stunned," the captain said. "They offered no resistance. There were no Norwegian soldiers in sight."

Captain McHale said the German troops as they went ashore carried machine guns and thousands of boxes apparently containing ammunition.

One German plane roared overhead as the troops landed.

Captain McHale brought his ship into New York harbor after a perilous voyage through the mine-infested North sea.

## Washington Ponders Hull's Warning Over Dutch Islands

By CHARES P. LSTEWART  
Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 25.—State Secretary Cordell Hull's warning to Japan to keep out of the Dutch East Indies even if Germany invades Holland has been the talk of Washington ever since the cabinet chief broadcast it recently.

Just how much it meant is what the capital would like to know.

It wasn't expressed like a threat. Perhaps it's a little too strong to call it a "warning."

But it was "advice" anyway, and maybe rather more than that, considering that it hadn't been asked for.

Congress has reacted in three different ways. Of course the extreme isolationists are horrified. They say they've believed all along that the

## Nazi Troops Near Swedish Frontier

Stockholm, April 25.—(AP)—Under a protective aerial barrage, German troops pushed toward Roros on the Glommen river near the Swedish frontier today in an apparent effort to reach Trondheim with new reinforcements.

This column was hurrying by forced marches toward the vital west coast sector where a major battle for the Trondheim region is being waged.

## House Votes To Override FDR's Veto

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—The House voted today to override President Roosevelt's veto of a bill to grant an estimated \$7,000,000 to some 15,000 officers and men who were held in Philippine Island service after the Spanish-American war had ended.

The roll call vote was announced by Acting Speaker Rayburn as 274 for and 82 against.

A two-thirds majority of those voting was required to pass the measure over the veto.

In disapproving the measure, similar to two others he previously vetoed, the President said it would constitute an inadvisable "gratuity" since those affected already had received just compensation.

Our Navy's View.

One Washington newspaper headed its story of the Hull statement thus: "Stay Out of Dutch East Indies, Hull Tells Japan; Navy Asks 2 Billions to Build Up To Britain."

That combination of ideas is rather suggestive.

"Hull tells Japan: three naval billions."

A yarn was published the other day to the effect that the Japanese

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