

British Appeal To U. S. Urged

Retirement Plan Favored For State Employees

Britain May Conscript Its Labor

Ian Campbell Hannah, Conservative Member of Parliament, Asks Direct Appeal For U. S. Navy to Help Patrol Trade Routes.

(By The Associated Press.) A direct British appeal to the United States "to help patrol trade routes of the Atlantic with her own navy" was urged in the house of commons in London today even as the Bonn-Berlin axis reported direct new clashes at Britain's sea power.

Tells of "Cells"



Prof. Bernard D. N. Grebanier, president of New York City's teachers union is goal of Communist groups called "cells," according to Professor Bernard D. N. Grebanier, testifying before a committee in Manhattan.

Commission Sets Cost At \$1,834,953

Recommended Retirement Annuity System Would Include Teachers and Employees Who Had Served Ten Years or More.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A special commission recommended today that the 1941 legislature provide a retirement system based on light contributions by employees and the state which would give retirement annuities based on years of service to all teachers and general state employees 60 or more years of age.

A disability benefit feature of the plan would provide disability benefits for teachers and employees who had served 10 years or more. Teachers in North Carolina are direct employees of the state.

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British Finances To Be Described For U. S. Treasury

Army Theft Foiled



Smashing an amazing plot to seize the \$400,000 U. S. Army payroll at Fort Ord, Calif., under cover of machine guns, police arrested James L. Allegretti, whom they described as leader of the plot. He is wanted in Chicago in connection with a \$100,000 Chicago Tribune payroll hold-up last July.

Jesse Jones Says Britain is "A Good Risk" and Ordinarily He Favors Lending Money for "A Proper Purpose"

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced today that Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British treasury, was scheduled to arrive in the United States today "to place the latest available information on British finances" before the United States Treasury.

(Central Press)

New Envoy to France Arrives



Admiral William D. Leahy, new U. S. ambassador to France, is helped from the liner Borinquen as he arrives in New York from Puerto Rico, where he served as governor. He is conferring with President Roosevelt before leaving for Vichy. There is a report Leahy may succeed Joseph P. Kennedy, who resigned as envoy to London.

(Central Press)

Conspiracy Is Charged

World-Wide Chain of Conspiracies to Control Price of Nitrates Is Alleged.

Dec. 4.—(AP)—A chain of conspiracies to monopolize the price of nitrates and soda and other chemicals in the production of explosives is charged by a federal grand jury against 29 corporations in E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. v. American Nitrate & Soda Co. et al.

North Carolina Feels Cold Wave

Charlotte, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Charlotte got a taste of winter today as an eastern cold wave moved southward.

Convict Kills Fellow Felon

Atlanta, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Alvin Karpis, federal prison official, reportedly killed Henry Young, bank robber, in a sudden attack with a dagger in the prison tailor shop.

Buckner To Be Freed

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—William P. Buckner, 33, once familiar figure along New York's Broadway who was sentenced to two years for mail fraud, is scheduled to be paroled from the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., December 20.

GOLDSBORO MAN IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

Goldsboro, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Relatives here were informed today that W. P. Sineath, 46, of Goldsboro, injured in an automobile accident near Newport, Tenn., died early this morning in a Newport hospital.

Destination Of President Still Secret

Aboard U. S. S. Mayrant, At Sea, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The cruiser Tuscaloosa, carrying President Roosevelt, and two destroyer escorts were somewhere off the Florida coast today, their course and destination undisclosed.

Farm Prices Are Higher

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Gain in cotton returns over the 1939 level highlighted the southeastern farm index for mid-November, but this was offset by declines in tobacco and peanut prices.

Gain in Cotton Returns Over 1939 Level Offset by Lower Tobacco, Peanut Prices.

Prices received for cotton in mid-November averaged only slightly higher than a month earlier despite upturns in prices of specific grades at spot markets, the report said.

Young Woman Shot To Death

Louisville, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Mrs. Nadine Heady Maas, 21, pretty, slender brunette, was shot to death today in the heart of Louisville's retail business district while Christmas shopper crowds scurried away from flying bullets.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness becoming unsettled in mountains; warmer.

Insurance Agent Held For Larceny

Seattle, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A prominent Seattle insurance agent faced a grand larceny charge today on the state's allegation that he sold insurance for the ill-fated \$6,400,000 Narrows suspension bridge at Tacoma but failed to report the insurance or the premiums to his company.

Munich Meet Is Imminent

Bern, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources here reported today that another axis conference was imminent—this time at Munich, with Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop of Germany, Foreign Minister Count Ciano of Italy and Foreign Minister Laval of France the chief participants.

Rumania Takes Over All Oil Properties

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Imminence of an important new decision in the aid for Britain program—perhaps on a par with the dramatic destroyer trade or the release of giant bombers—was strongly indicated today.

New Step In Aid To Britain Believed Near

Positive information was lacking as to the exact nature of the matter under consideration, but high significance was attached to the fact that it brought nine of the most important officials in the government together yesterday for a special conference.

Cold Wave Moves To Sea

The first cold wave of the month moved seaward today with a parting slap at the eastern states.

Patterson Says Nation Aware Of War Danger

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson asserted today that the people of the United States had "at last awakened from our beautiful dream of universal disarmament" to face the "cold, hard reality that the neighborhood we are living in is a tough neighborhood."

More Tools Under Export License Plan

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Word came today that many additional types of machine tools would be placed under the export licensing system after December 10 to conserve equipment needed for the national defense program.

Three Killed As Building Collapses

New York, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and five were injured today when the huge Railroad Exposition building of the New York World's Fair collapsed.

17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TO GET SKATES FOR X-MAS BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS