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BRITAIN GIRDS AGAINST INVASION THRUST

Drastic Restrictions Upon Political Giving Planned

Leahy Sails For France



With the big guns of the cruiser Tuscaloosa forming an imposing background, Admiral William D. Leahy (left) and his wife are shown just before sailing from Norfolk, Va., for Lisbon. They are en route to Vichy, France, where he will serve as United States ambassador. With them is Captain L. P. Johnson, in command of the warship.

New Highway Chairman Is Possibility

Broughton May Change Present Commission Set-Up and Gust Frank Dunlap; Horton Among Those Speculated on for the Place.

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The road lobby runs overtime in these days with Governor-elect J. M. Broughton taking office two weeks from today, and a major target of the lobby and speculation is the Highway and Public Works Commission. Many persons predict that Chairman Frank L. Dunlap will not be reappointed, but the law must be interpreted if he does not serve two more years.

After his appointment, Chairman Dunlap has two more years to serve. Some of the lobby agitators have been many years. The legislative body, however, wipe out the present set-up or amend the law and nominate those terms at any specified date, just as the first H-ey legislation did with the commissioners of Governor Ewinghaug.

Governor-elect Broughton is understood to be still considering the matter of whether to change the highway set-up. The division system used now was vigorously attacked in the primary campaign last summer by L. L. Gravely, of Rocky Mount.

Christmas Deaths 397

(By The Associated Press)
A holiday toll of at least 382 violent deaths was recorded today in reports of the nation's observance of Christmas. Traffic accidents accounted for 272 fatalities Christmas Eve and Christmas day, while 169 other reported violent deaths swelled the total from coast to coast to more than half the three-day week-end toll of 675 last Christmas. Lives were claimed by suicides, fires, poisonings, explosions, drownings, stabbings and asphyxiation.

Patrolman's Slayer Taken

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A five-day manhunt in two states for the slayer of a Georgia highway patrolman ended here today at Fulton county jail, where a youthful escaped life term convict, who had played a desperate hide and seek with bloodhounds and a posse was charged with murder.

Georgia Public Safety Commissioner Len Sullivan said the man booked as Charles Coates, 28, admitted he shot Patrol Corporal W. F. Black at Ringgold, Ga., Friday night after Black stopped him for reckless driving.

Senate Investigators Estimate \$20,000,000 Spent on Recent Presidential Campaign; Individual Gifts May Be Limited.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Drastic restrictions on individual political contributions may be recommended by the Senate campaign expenditures committee in an effort to curb the expense of national elections.

Chairman Gillette, Democrat, Iowa, has asked committee members to study a variety of proposals for limiting both individual gifts and the total expenditures by party organizations.

Although the Hatch act fixes \$3,000,000 as the maximum expenditure for party committees in one year and specifies that individual donations must not exceed \$5,000, Gillette has estimated that more than \$20,000,000 was spent in the November presidential election.

This came about, he said, because of multiple organizations for candidates. The organization, he explained, contended that the only limitation on its expenditures was the \$5,000,000 set by the law. Furthermore, contributions to local and state campaigns were exempted from the \$5,000 individual expenditure.

AGNES AYRES, ONCE PICTURE STAR, DIES

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Blonde Agnes Ayres, who rocketed to movie stardom in the old silent screen days, retired to cinematic sidelines when the talkie era started, and later made an unsuccessful comeback attempt, died Christmas day of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Miss Ayres, a film contemporary of Gloria Swanson and Wallace Reid, and whose outstanding roles were in "The Affairs of Anatole" and opposite Rudolph Valentino, in "The Sheik," had been in failing health for some time.

She suddenly was stricken on Christmas evening and died later in a hospital without regaining consciousness. She was 42 years old.

Small Town Draftees Not Discriminated

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
Washington, Dec. 26.—Selective service administrators are extremely sensitive to any suggestion that there'll be the slightest discrimination under the law to the disadvantage of draftees from the average American smallish town or rural community in comparison with boys from the big cities.

Major Gordon Snow of Salt Lake City is particularly well qualified to discuss the subject. He's a reserve officer who was called to a year's active duty at national headquarters in Washington shortly after the selective act's passage. He administered the draft law in his native state of Utah and was intimately associated with the country-wide organization during the last World War.

"The fact is," says the major, "that the spirit underlying the selective service law is finding its truest expression in our relatively small population centers and the farming districts surrounding them."

As German Troops Occupied Rumania



Last link to date in Germany's "drang nach Osten" (drive to the East) has been Rumania, where German troops backed up by native Iron Guards have taken over control of the monarchy. Here we see some of the German troops rolling into the capital city of Bucharest. King Michael was made nominal ruler after his father, King Carol, was forced out. (Central Press)

Rain And Snow Slow Up War On Albanian Front

Engineer Reports Airplane's Crash

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A railroad engineer reported to Johnstown police today that an airplane apparently had crashed against a mountainside about six miles west of Johnstown. Police and ambulances were started for the scene.

10 Missing In Coast Guard Rescue Ship

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The coast guard organized a search today for ten coast guardsmen unreported since 10:30 a. m. Christmas day, when huge waves frustrated their attempt to force their small motor lifeboat into Point Arena.

Registration Of Aliens Is Ended In U. S.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A four-months program to register and fingerprint every alien in the United States and his possessions ended at midnight tonight.

Greeks Report Advance Continuing, However, Along Adriatic Coast Without Any Sight of Italians; Latter Suffer from Cold.

Athens, Greece, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Rain and snow slowed fighting on the Albanian battlefield today, but the Greeks reported they continued their advance along the Adriatic coast without contacting the main Italian line.

State Parole System Is Money Saver

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—The parole system of North Carolina is generally regarded as something very valuable in the way of rehabilitating citizens who have strayed from the straight and narrow path; but it will likely be something of a surprise to most to know that Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill looks on his set-up as an agency which is worth money—meaning cold hard dollars and cents—to the State.

D. Williams, Of University, Dead

Chapel Hill, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Henry Horace Williams, 82, professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina for almost fifty years, and one of the most influential members of the faculty, died here today.

10 Christmas N. C. Deaths By Violence

(By The Associated Press.)
Automobile accidents, gunfire and other forms of violence claimed the lives of at least ten persons in North Carolina over the Christmas holiday period.

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FDR Urged To Be Frank About Aid

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The White House said today that more than 150 prominent American citizens had urged President Roosevelt to "make it the settled policy of this country to do everything that may be necessary to insure the defeat of the axis powers."

Showdowns Nearing For Axis, Russia

Hitler's Sending of 300,000 Fresh German Troops Into Rumania Shrouded in Mystery; Troops Comb All British Beaches.

(By The Associated Press.)
Britain suddenly doubted her guards on the mist-shrouded channel coast today, vigilant against a possible German invasion thrust across the now calm Strait of Dover.

At the same time Adolf Hitler posed the war's biggest mystery as the vanguard of 300,000 fresh German troops sped by train through Hungary into Rumania.

Speculation was rife in Balkan capitals that a showdown may be approaching between the Rome-Berlin axis and Russia over the strategically vital Danube river. Observers also saw the possibility of Nazi action against Greece—or even Turkey and the Near East—in a German drive to the Near East.

Some quarters viewed the mass German troop movement into Rumania as a feint to throw Britain off guard on her home front, setting the stage of a lightning invasion of the island kingdom. If so, Britain was not deceived. Picked troops, armed with light machine guns, combed the beaches and kept watch from the white cliffs of Dover.

Traffic along the coast was stopped at barricades. Drivers and passengers were searched. Even uniformed soldiers and sailors had to show identification cards.

Britons recalled that less than 48 hours ago Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German army, told Nazi troops across the channel he knew they were "just burning" to invade England.

Daniel Frohman, 89, Angel Producer, Dies

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Daniel Frohman, 89, dean of American stage producers, died early today of complications following a fall.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Cloudy, with occasional drizzle or light rain tonight; Friday rain, colder in mountains.

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