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RETIREMENT SYSTEM BILL INTRODUCED

Capture Of Tobruk Believed Imminent

Design for Defense



Here is the new defense poster, printed in patriotic colors, displayed by manufacturers complying with the nation's "preparedness through production" program. All manufacturers were urged to register their facilities for defense production.

Senate Fight Over Aid Bill Shapes Up

McNary Announces Opposition to Measure in Present Form; Norris Joins in Support of Bill; Norman Thomas Testifies.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The pending Senate controversy over British aid legislation began to take shape today with these developments: Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader and running mate of Wendell Willkie in the 1940 presidential campaign, announced: "I am opposed to the lend-lease bill in its present form because it grants too much power to one person."

Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, only present member of the Senate who voted against United States participation in the World War, declared he was for the bill pending some "time limit" was placed upon the authority which would be given the President.

"I don't think we are going to get into this war," he said. "I think we can go a long way toward helping Britain without getting in."

The Senate foreign relations committee decided to begin public hearings on the measure Monday with Secretary Hull as the probable first witness.

The House committee today received opposition testimony from Norman Thomas, the socialist leader, who called the bill contrary to "democratic control by the people over their own destiny."

At the White House, meanwhile, Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, Republican, called on President Roosevelt and reported afterward that he had "assured him of support and unity on matters affecting national defense and foreign

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Harlan Miner Is Pardoned

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Acting Governor Rodes K. Myers today granted a full pardon to one of four Harlan county coal miners convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1931 "battle of Everts" and made the other three eligible for immediate parole.

The miner pardoned was Al Benson, who, like the other three, began serving a life sentence in 1933. Sentences of the other three—Jim Reynolds, Chester Poore and W. B. Jones—were commuted to 21 years, making them eligible for parole on recommendation of the state parole board.

Historical Sites Proposal Studied

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Secretary C. C. Crittenden of the State Historical Commission said today that plans for acquisition of the site of the Civil War battlefield of Bentonville in Johnston county are being studied.

Plans are being made to turn the battlefield and three other North Carolina historic sites over to the National Parks Service.

"Although nothing definite has been done toward acquisition of Bentonville battlefield," Crittenden said, "it looks as though something like that will have to be done."

Crittenden said the National Parks Service had no funds to pay for land and that if it takes over the battlefield the land must be donated to the park service. From 200 to 300 acres are involved, he said.

Ship Building Fund Approved

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The House appropriations committee recommended an emergency appropriation of \$113,500,000 today to build 200 new cargo ships to meet the threat of a world shipping shortage caused by submarine and air attacks.

President Roosevelt has said the need was urgent.

The program would be turned over to the maritime commission, which already has begun preliminary work on the program with \$500,000 from the President's emergency fund and a contract authorization of \$36,500,000.

Of a simplified, uniform design, the new ships would cost a total of \$250,000,000, including administrative expense and \$36,000,000 for new facilities to build them.

Four Killed In Mine Blast

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Four men were killed and 14 others injured today in an explosion deep in the Carswell mine of the Koopers Coal Company near Kimball.

The blast, which occurred about 4:30 a. m., trapped 18 men of the night shift who were loading coal on conveyers.

Twelve were taken to hospitals in

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Australians Lead Attack On Fortress

Garrison of 30,000 Italians Under Siege For Eighteen Days; Rumania Under Army Control Today; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.)
Led by sweeping Australian shock troops, a famous British regiment and "free French" forces, Britain's army of the Nile smashed into the inner defenses of Tobruk today to mop up survivors of the 30,000 Italians under siege there for 18 days.

A Reuters, London news agency, dispatch from Sydney said Australian army headquarters had been advised that the Libyan desert stronghold had been captured, but in mid-afternoon London military quarters still lacked confirmation of this report.

Dispatches from the battlefield said the British had driven to within three miles of the town at sunset last night and "today operations continued to progress satisfactorily."

In London, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons "it may well be that while I am speaking Tobruk and its garrison are in our hands."

The British high command announced last night that Australian troops and a pined British regiment supported by tanks had broken through the outer and inner ring of forts about 20 miles in circumference.

Part of the fascist garrison surrendered within the first 12 hours of the attack which started at dawn yesterday and the British view was that the rest were "bottled up" without hope of escape.

The desert city, 80 miles inside Libya on the shores of the Mediterranean, was reported smashed to rubble by big guns of the British fleet and royal air force assaults.

The Italian high command's war bulletin acknowledged that at the end of yesterday's assault "after hard fighting the enemy succeeded in penetrating the line of strongholds in the eastern sector" of the fortified city.

By noon the British announced the attack had penetrated to a depth of five miles, netting "many prisoners" including an Italian general.

The 9,232-ton Italian cruiser San Giorgio, beached in Tobruk harbor, was reported a mass of flames.

Rumania, torn by internal disorders and widespread street rioting, was under army control today.

Chief of State Ion Antonescu appealed to Iron Guard factions to forget "their hatreds" and help him and the army restore order within 24 hours.

German troops in Rumania were said to have been sent to Bucharest and other cities to help halt the fighting between the Rumanian military and extremist groups of the Iron Guard.

In Turkey, the official radio declared last night "those who attacked our steel fortress are doomed to fall in the attempt" and announced a great part of the Turkish army was massed in Thrace, near the Bulgarian border.

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U. S. No. 1 Project Approved

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—State WPA Administrator C. C. McGinnis announced today approval of a \$269,000 project for widening U. S. Highway No. 1 between the Tar river and the Warren county line. Work is due to begin about January 28.

The work on U. S. 1 has been certified as necessary to national defense and the State Highway and Public Works Commission is sponsor of the project.

McGinnis said a bridge over the Tar river would be widened by six feet, the concrete pavement will be widened by the same amount, and ten foot shoulders would be constructed.

McReynolds Will Leave Supreme Court February 1

Will Resign



JAMES C. McREYNOLDS
Justice McReynolds notified President Roosevelt today that he would resign February 1 from the Supreme court after 26 years of service. McReynolds has been an outspoken critic of much New Deal legislation.

Willkie To England

Defeated Republican Presidential Candidate Flies to Britain "On His Own"

New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie started for England aboard a clipper plane today as, in his own words, "a private citizen," an individual determined to find out what is going on.

The big flying boat pulled away from the marine terminal at La Guardia Field at 8:30 a. m. (e. s. t.) bound for Bermuda and Lisbon. From Lisbon Willkie is to fly to London on a British Overseas Airways plane.

Although he carried a personal letter from President Roosevelt to Prime Minister Churchill, the defeated Republican presidential candidate emphasized at the airport what he had said previously—that he was going to England "on his own" and not as an envoy of any kind.

Accompanying Willkie overseas on the Varadero Clipper were Luba Cates, publisher of the Minneapolis-Star Journal, and Leonard Thomas, retired New York investment bank

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British Raid Elbasani

Athens, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Britain's royal air force reported today a punishing raid on Italian military buildings and railway communications in Elbasani.

Planes of the royal air force rained over the town yesterday and unloaded high explosives and fire bombs, a royal air force communiqué said, while the Greeks reported the capture of additional positions in the Tepelen sector.

In the raid on Elbasani, the British said, all their planes returned safely despite an anti-aircraft barrage and "active" opposition by fascist fighter planes.

The Greeks said the advance in the Tepelen sector was coupled with new gains on the northern front, where lively fighting was reported after a recent weather-enforced stalemate.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Cloudy, slightly warmer in east and central portions tonight; light rain in mountains and north central portions this afternoon and tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

Outspoken Opponent of Much New Deal Legislation Notifies Roosevelt He Will Retire; Jackson Mentioned As Successor.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Justice James Clark McReynolds, outspoken opponent of much New Deal legislation, notified President Roosevelt today that he would retire from the Supreme Court February 1 after 26 years of service.

The veteran jurist, who will be 79 years old February 3, was the only member of the tribunal described by administration officials as "conservative."

His retirement opened the way for President Roosevelt to make his sixth appointment to the nine-man court. There have been reports that Chief Justice Hughes, 78, might retire soon, but they have been unconfirmed. Friends expressed the belief that Hughes would remain on the court as long as his health permitted.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson has been mentioned frequently as a possible appointee to the first vacancy on the Supreme Court.

McReynolds' notification to the President contained two brief sentences.

It stated his intention of withdrawing from the court under the law permitting the retirement at full pay of \$20,000 annually of justices over 70 who have served ten consecutive years on the Supreme bench.

McReynolds, the senior member of the court, disclosed to friends that one year ago upon reaching 70 he had first contemplated resigning and that at times he has yielded rather reluctantly to friends who have urged him to remain on the court.

Some associates said that he had remained on the court in order to cast his vote against New Deal legislation that he considered unconstitutional and in the hope that another president than Roosevelt would appoint his successor.

"Whale Of A Mess" In Missouri

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 22.—(AP)—A Democratic legislature's determination to keep a Republican out of the governor's chair tied Missouri's state government in a bewildering series of financial knots today.

The Democrats, intent on plunging into the investigation before taking up appropriations, have bumped into a temporary financial impasse because of refusal of the holdover governor to release any funds. There was money in the bank, but

There was no cash for overdue wage positions.

Legislators worked without salaries and hundreds of state employees faced the same prospect.

The governor's office was down to borrowing postage stamps. Other departments were broke or rapidly getting to that stage.

"Things," said Attorney General Roy McKittick, "are in a whale of a mess."

The "mess" started ten days ago when the legislators refused to seat Republican Forrest C. Donnell as Missouri's new governor and empowered a Democratic-controlled committee to investigate his 3,613-vote margin over Lawrence McDaniel, St. Louis Democrat.

Governor Lloyd C. Stark—held in office beyond his allotted term by the fight—started his Democratic colleagues by vetoing the investigation plan as a "partisan setup." He told committee members they could get no state money from him.

COTTON MARKET IS HIGHER AT OPENING

New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 4 higher.

Back to Uvalde



John Nance Garner
Once again just plain John Nance Garner, the former vice president packs his bag as he leaves Washington for his home in Uvalde, Texas. Winding up a 36-year political career in the national capital, Garner still will be on call if the administration needs him, according to friends.

New Agency Planned

New Commission Would Be Entrusted With Responsibility for Economic Defense.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A Federal agency entrusted with the responsibility of economic defense is being planned by President Roosevelt, authoritative officials reported today.

One of the main tasks of the unit, it was said, may be to keep dollar exchange and essential materials out of the hands of the axis powers.

The projected agency, officials stated, would be charged with coordinating all economic phases of the defense program and would constitute in effect a companion organization to the Office of Production Management.

The idea for such a component in the national defense setup was understood to have been broached first in the economic preparations which followed a series of secret pre-war conferences at the Treasury in April, 1939. The duties of the new unit, it was said, probably would include supervision of such activities as:

The Treasury's control over foreign funds and ships; the Federal Loan Agency's purchase of strategic materials; the Justice department's surveillance of axis business connections here; certain State department functions in the economic field; the export control administration in the White House; and an important array of other functions.

Approximately two months ago the national defense commission called the president's attention to the need for coordinating these activities.

Fifty-four legislators heard Dean Schuch, director of Extension, describe the state as "in the midst of a major agricultural adjustment. We are looking for a new use of 1,000,000 acres of land, 400,000 formerly

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Bill Would Extend Power Of Officers

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—House Representative John R. Morris is introducing a bill which would, in effect, consolidate the law enforcement agencies of New Hanover, Pender, Onslow and Brunswick counties.

His measure would extend to the properly bonded and qualified deputies-sheriff of the four counties the right to make arrests for misdemeanors committed in any of them.

It is at this highway traffic—or rather breaches of the highway laws, that the measure is aimed, Morris said.

A 1937 act gave to deputies the right to make arrests in other counties for felonies committed in other counties but which come under their actual observation. The present bill will extend this concurrent jurisdiction to lesser offenses.

The New Hanover representative,

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\$1,679,000 Called For Annually

Measure Also Introduced Today For Building of Tubercular Hospital in Eastern Part of State; Other Assembly News.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The legislature got busy today to provide a retirement system for all state employees and to build a tubercular hospital in the eastern part of the state.

Senators, over opposition, approved a measure to permit the Highway and Public Works Commission to waive non-petitive letting of contracts for roads necessitated by the national defense program, but the House shifted the bill to a committee.

The committee held a short session later and favorably reported the measure.

An amendment by Senator Cherry of Gaston was attached this morning to limit such emergency projects to roads within 30 miles of defense projects, but that did not satisfy Senator Leary of Chowan.

"Any public bills that cannot stand the searchlight of an investigating committee ought not to pass," Leary said. "I am unalterably opposed to any squeeze play on duly elected" to a Senate committee but was voted down 23 to 6.

The retirement plan calls for a State appropriation of \$1,679,000 a year to match the salary contributions of 4 percent to be made by all State employees including teachers. Provision is also made for disability benefits.

Seven senators introduced a bill to authorize a \$600,000 bond issue to erect and equip the Eastern Carolina Tubercular Hospital. They were Long of Halifax, McByrde of Hoke, Sanders of Alamance, Howell of Buncombe, Blythe of Mecklenburg, Lumpkin of Franklin and Watson of Nash.

Governor Broughton recommended both the retirement plan and the tubercular hospital in his inaugural

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More Money Asked For Agriculture

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Four leaders, Dean I. O. Schuch, Colonel J. W. Harrison and Dr. R. M. Salter of North Carolina State College, and Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott urged the joint legislative agriculture committee today to make adequate provision for state progress in agriculture.

Fifty-four legislators heard Dean Schuch, director of Extension, describe the state as "in the midst of a major agricultural adjustment. We are looking for a new use of 1,000,000 acres of land, 400,000 formerly

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Ryan Strike Threat Ends

Aeronautical Company and CIO Union Agree on New Contract At Last Minute.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 22.—(AP)—A strike which threatened to tie up the Ryan Aeronautical plant busy on government aircraft orders, was averted today as company and CIO representatives agreed on a new contract.

Harry C. Malcolm, the federal conciliator, announced the settlement.

Simultaneously, Richard T. Frankenstein, CIO negotiator, announced plans for an immediate drive to organize the far larger Consolidated plant here, which has approximately \$350,000,000 in government and foreign orders and employs more than 15,000 workers.

The Ryan settlement, coming shortly before 3:30 a. m. today, averted a strike scheduled for 7 a. m.

Ryan employs about 1,000 workers and has a backlog of \$11,400,000 in orders for military planes.