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Metaxas, Greek Dictator, Dies

Treasury's Borrowing Power Runs Low

Morgenthau Asks Higher Debt Limit

Treasury Secretary Tells House Ways and Means Committee Borrowing Power is Sufficient for Only Four More Months.

Going to London?



Chairman of the board of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, S. Clay Williams is slated for the post of first American Minister to London, according to Washington reports. The new minister is expected to serve as previous ambassadors have done, while the ambassador will act as President Roosevelt's personal emissary. (Central Press)

Strikes Halt Work On Defense

A F L Construction Workers Go On Strike on Army Air Corps Expansion Program at Dayton; No-Strike Policy Under Test.

(By The Associated Press) Construction workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labor went on strike today at Dayton, Ohio, halting work on a \$1,550,000 expansion program of the Army air corps at Wright Field and putting to a test the no-strikes-on-defense-projects policy proclaimed by the Federation's building trades union.

Colonel Lester Miller, field commander, said he had arranged a conference with the head of the Penner Installation Company of New York, reported by the Dayton building trades council to have employed non-union labor on the project and thereby provoking the dispute. The AFL building trades union recently announced adoption of a "hard and fast" policy flatly barring strikes "for any reason whatsoever on defense projects." George Masterson, union vice president, announced.

A similar policy was announced by John P. Frey, president of that group declared last night that the government would be "entirely justified" in taking over the aircraft and shipbuilding industries if the defense program were hampered by disagreements between private industry and labor.

Other developments affecting labor and defense included:

Milwaukee—Another conference was called for today between officials of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company and the United Automobile Workers (CIO) in an attempt to negotiate a settlement of the strike which for a week has held up work on \$10,000,000 of defense orders and affected 7,000 men.

New Orleans—Union men withdrew their objections to working with WPA employees on a \$360,000 National Guard observation squadron base.

Elizabeth, N. J.—1,500 CIO workers at the DuPont-Dodge Copper Corporation went back to work under a treaty arranged by company and union officials. The company holds \$74,323 worth of Navy contracts.

Chicago—David T. Rowley, government conciliator, arranged a conference with officials of the International Harvester Company in an effort to avert a threatened walkout of CIO employees at a tractor plant.

Greensboro, Jan. 29.—(AP)—One person was instantly killed and five occupants of a bus involved, none seriously, in a head-on collision between two buses this morning near Seaside.

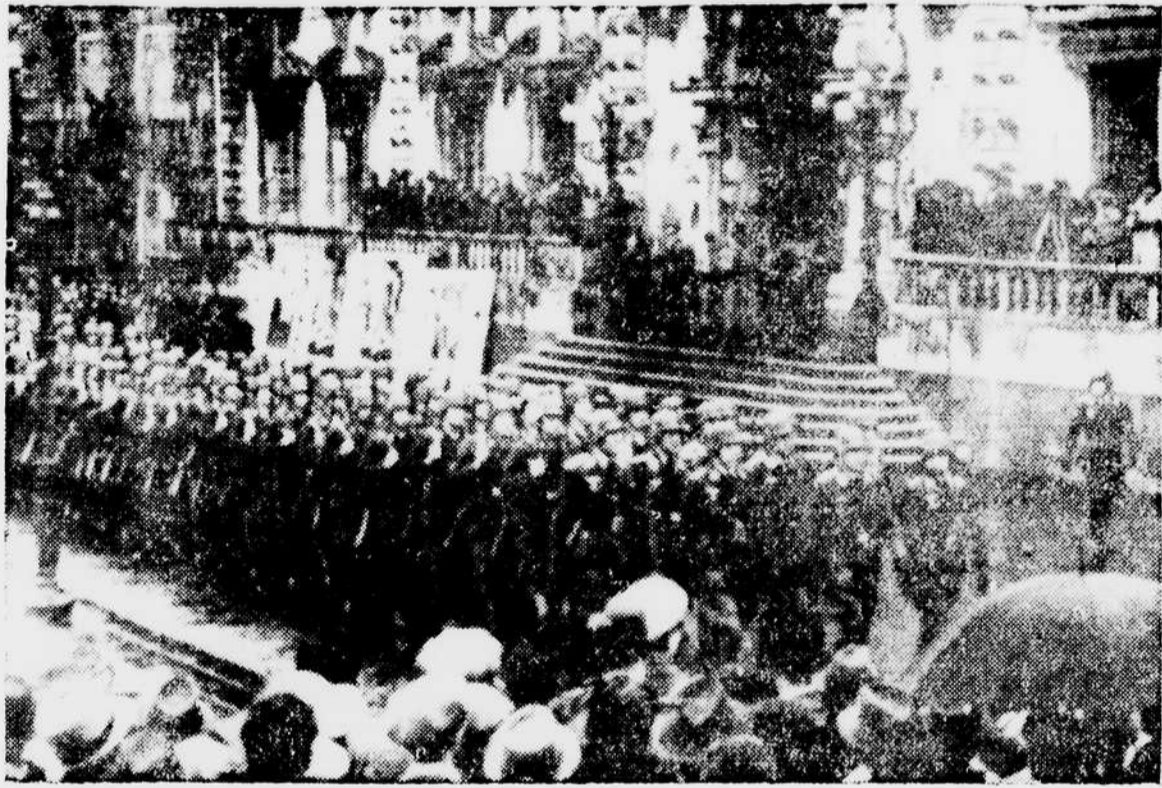
James Howard Aiken, 29, of Burlington, driver of the automobile, was killed.

Both divisions of the legislature adjourned to meet at 1:31 tomorrow at Chapel Hill. A joint resolution expressing sympathy to the family of Judge Francis D. Winston, who died yesterday, was passed. Representative Edwards of Beaufort was named member of an official legislative delegation to attend the funeral this afternoon.

Several representatives offered a bill to provide that the entire \$1,000,000 of special court costs now levied for the law enforcement officers benefit fund shall go to the fund and that the \$50,000 or so needed yearly to operate the State Bureau of Investigation shall come from the state general fund and not from the special costs.

One Senate committee recommended enactment of a law to require mandatory prison terms on

German Troops Marching Through Italy



These troops bearing infantry equipment are members of the German air force, pictured marching through an unnamed Italian city, according to information passed by the Nazi censor. The citizens watch the procession with mixed emotions. Photo received from Berlin to New York.

Gayda Bluntly Charges U. S. With Violating Neutrality

U. S. Firms Urged To 'Clean House'

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The United States government, it was learned today, has notified an aggressive group to force American firms "clean their plates" from Latin American or "proxis" personnel.

Complained by confidential report of widespread subversive activities, in most of the 30 American republics, the State department and other vitally interested government agencies are applying "diplomatic pressure" to induce the help of export industries in rehabilitating the situation.

The objects of the "house cleaning" fall into three general classes:

1. Employees or agents of United States of work automobile, electrical supply and other firms in Latin America who are considered potential "spies" or "double agents" or persons engaged in similar activities.

2. Firms or individuals in South and Central American states which sell or transfer motor-vehicle, or other goods to the United States for the use of powers or any other foreign country that would be unable to change the supplies direct from the United States because of export restrictions.

3. Firms or individuals in the United States who are engaged in activities which are of such a nature as to be detrimental to the interests of the United States.

Advertisements here shown on special terms, bringing today's financial news of the 30th Division, was due here early this afternoon.

Dr. Flowers Heads Duke

Durham, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Dr. R. L. Flowers was elected president of Duke University this afternoon. Dr. Flowers had been acting president since the death some months ago of President W. P. Eby.

The board elected Henry B. Dwire vice president of the university. Dwire had been director of public relations.

Troop Train Derailed

Waltham, Mass., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Twenty ambulances and a dozen from Camp Shelby were sent to Sandersville, Miss., early this afternoon after a storekeeper reported that a National Guard troop train had been derailed and many soldiers hurt.

The Southern railway dispatcher's office here said that seven cars had been derailed, but that no other details immediately were available.

The storekeeper reported that the derailed train was a troop train and that the derailed cars had come to the scene in the night.

Schedules here showed two special trains, bringing today's financial news of the 30th Division, was due here early this afternoon.

One Dead, Two Hurt In Crash

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—One man was killed and two were injured in a crash today, the town official reported, when their light plane was swerved on a curve and crashed into a tree.

Killed was E. L. Chandler, 27-year-old engineer on the Holy Roke restaurant boat, and injured were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Little of Durham.

PORT COMMISSION BONDS DELINQUENT

Washington, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The federal loan agency reported to Congress today that as of November 30, 1940, there was a delinquency of \$16,900 in principal and interest on Morehead City, N. C., port commission bonds it bought from the old Public Works Administration.

Coryzois To Head New Government

King George II Swiftly Organizes New Government; Metaxas III Since Saturday, Died Following Throat Operation.

Athens, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Premier John Metaxas, 70, died today after a brief illness and King George II swiftly organized a new government which he said would carry on the war against Italy until victory was achieved.

A royal proclamation announced that Alexander Coryzois, governor of the national bank of Greece, had been named to head a government composed of all the present ministers.

Metaxas had followed a throat operation. He had been ill since Saturday.

Coryzois forbade disclosure of the immediate cause of death, but diplomatic sources in Brno, Switzerland, said Metaxas died of heart disease.

King George's proclamation said the new government would carry on with no change in policy, especially as it affected their war with Italy. Metaxas, a veteran soldier and military genius, had held dictatorial powers in the Greek government since August 4, 1936, when he engineered the coup d'état which made his country an authoritarian regime. Military men have given him much of the credit for Greece's successful stand against the Italian invasion.

Early in his career Metaxas was regarded in some quarters as a former what pro-German, but he repudiated any such sympathies in his role as Greece's strong man. There was no doubt of his British leanings after the European situation flared into open war in September, 1939.

Lease-Lend Bill Changed

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Senate today passed a bill, including a mid-1942 time limit on its point of passage, to the President, now expected to have been voted today by the House foreign affairs committee.

Meeting behind closed doors while Secretary Stimson testified before the Senate foreign relations committee, the House group was reported to have accepted modifications to the bill.

Fixing June 30, 1942, as the expiration date of the lease-lend powers proposed in the legislation.

Remove President Roosevelt to control his Army and Navy chiefs before transferring military equipment, and

Require periodic reports to Congress on lease-lend operations.

A fourth change proposed by the Democrats—a prohibition against the use of naval vessels for convoys—was reported to be still under discussion.

Stimson testified before the senators that the objective of the bill was to purchase "the time necessary to arm and protect ourselves."

He asserted that the help in war supplies, envisioned by the bill, eventually would "enable Great Britain to do what military men call 'take the initiative'."

In a formal statement Stimson marshalled his additional arguments for the bill under these headings:

That Great Britain, given help, was in a position to prevail, that the Axis powers were vulnerable in many respects.

That international law justifies rather than forbids full aid to Britain, and

That the bill is not dictatorial but the proper action of a democratic government.

Stimson, in his testimony, predicted that Britain would face a crisis this spring and summer. If she survives, he said, "the probability of ultimate solution in favor of the democracies would be overwhelming."

Hoey Speaks On Defense

Former Governor Says 'We Now Recognize the Obligation to the Government'

Charlotte, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina today said that "the time has now come when we recognize the obligation to the government and the proper inquiry is what can we do to help the government in preparing for the defense of the country."

"So many of us have become accustomed to calling upon our government for help in one form or another," he said in an address prepared for delivery before the Junior Chamber of Commerce, "and much of our thinking has been of what the government should do for us."

"The immediate and pressing task" of the country, he said, "is to

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Steels Lead Stocks Lower

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A drop in steels underpinned the stock market support today and leaders fell fractions to around 2 points.

Prices near the fourth hour were about the lowest of the session. Transactions continued at the slow pace of recent days.

Offerings centered on United States Steel as traders studied its fourth quarter earnings report. Some called the profit of about \$1 a share on the common for the final period of 1940 "disappointing."

Quotations at 2 p. m.	
American Radiator	6 1/2
American Telephone	165 3/4
American Tobacco B	71 3/4
Anacosta	24 3/8
Atlantic Coast Line	16 3/8
Atlantic Retining	23
Bendix Aviation	36 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	42 5/8
Chrysler	63 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec Co	4 1/2
Commercial Solvents	5 3/4
Consolidated Oil Co	5 3/4
Curtiss Wright	3 5/8
DuPont	15 3/4
Electric Power Light	3 3/4
General Electric	33 3/4
General Motors	43 3/4
Leggett & Myers	24 1/2
Montgomery Ward & Co	26 3/4
Reynolds Tobacco B	33 5/8
Southern Railway	14 1/4
Standard Oil Co N J	34 1/2
U S Steel	64 7/8

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; continued rather cold tonight, slowly rising temperature Thursday.

Navy Expansion Funds Provided

Washington, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The House today passed a \$909,000,000 bill for expanding naval construction facilities and building 100 new small craft for the Navy.

Previously passed by the House, the bill would authorize \$450,000,000 for building the 400 small craft including submarine chasers and mine sweepers; \$419,000,000 to provide equipment and facilities for government and private shipbuilding plants, and \$109,000,000 for expansion of facilities manufacturing armor plate, machine tools and ordnance material for the Navy.

The Senate approved the bill exactly as it passed the House in order to speed final action. Conference must later appropriate the money called for by the measure.

Appropriation Bill Approved

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—An "independent offices" supply bill totaling \$1,404,576,838 and including a new emergency fund of \$125,000,000 to be spent at the direction of President Roosevelt was recommended to the House today by its appropriations committee.

At the same time, the committee recommended a special appropriation of \$175,000,000 for the War department to finance advance purchase of clothing and equipment for the Army. The House approved it an hour after receiving it.

The measure provides money to operate such independent federal agencies as the maritime commission during the fiscal year beginning July 1. It made relatively few reductions in so-called non-defense expenditures, possibly because, as committee members noted, most agencies reported defense significance in their activities.

The total of the bill was \$146,000,000 greater than was last year's appropriation for similar purposes.

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