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Legislature Nears Adjournment

British Claim Quick Victory

OPM Chiefs Leave White House After Parley



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William Knudsen (left), director of the Office of Production Management, and Associate Director Sidney Hillman are shown with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins as they talked to reporters after a conference with President Roosevelt at the White House. Miss Perkins indicated plans for early establishment of a national mediation board to handle labor disputes in defense industries.

Air Forces Exchange Heavy Blows

Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty Declares British Victory Will Be "Certain" and "Quick" With U. S. Aid.

(By The Associated Press.)
Britain's first Lord of the Admiralty declared today that a British victory "will not only be certain, it will be quick" with the aid of United States war supplies.

His words followed British reports of heavy new naval losses at Germany. The first Lord, A. V. Alexander, acknowledged that Britain was now facing "perhaps the most critical stage of the war" and apparent preference for the long battle of the Atlantic, but said Britain would win if the empire could hold on until American help arrived.

Germany Raided.

With the Germans striking hard at British ports of entry for United States supplies, royal air force bombers carried the war to Germany with overnight assaults on Hamburg, Bremen and Emden and the next-day port of Rotterdam.

Berlin said more than 50 patients and nurses were left "dead and buried" in the wreckage of two Hamburg hospitals.

In heavy counter blows, Adolf Hitler's air force smashed at the great shipping yards at Glasgow, Scotland, and pounded again at Liverpool, London and Hull.

London's air ministry said that the raid on Hamburg was "the most

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SUICIDE

Lamberton, March 14.—John W. Priddy, Jr., prominent Lincoln County tobaccoist, was found dead of a pistol wound in the back of his home about 11 o'clock this morning and Coroner D. W. Biggs pronounced the death a case of suicide.

EXPECT TO MAKE HOME AT KINSTON

Kinston, March 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth D. Roosevelt's niece, Eleanor, is expected to make her home here after her marriage to Edmond Poeter Elliott on April 12. Elliott, an Englishman, is employed by a Kinston firm as an architect.

Yugoslavia Undecided

Belgrade, March 14.—(AP)—Despite continuing pressure, Yugoslav government leaders failed to leave today for Germany to talk terms with Adolf Hitler as had been expected.

There had been reports that the premier and foreign minister would fly to the German capital, but at nightfall they still were here and the foreign office said no departure was imminent.

A new proposal was reported to have been caused by Berlin's refusal even to consider a formula which Yugoslavia thought might enable her to avoid immediate capitulation to the axis.

Powder Plant Completed

Washington, March 14.—(AP)—Three months ahead of schedule, a critically needed smokeless powder plant reached completion today—the first of a \$1,000,000,000 string of government-financed munitions factories ready for production.

The secretary of War Patterson, Governor Price of Virginia, Major General Charles M. Wesson, the Army's chief of ordnance, and other Army officers arranged to attend the formal opening of the new \$44,000,000 ordnance works at Radford, in southwestern Virginia.

An army of 21,000 workmen worked through with nothing more than a hurried reading of the title by the

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Where \$7,000,000,000 Will Go

Category	Amount
AIRCRAFT and ACCESSORIES	\$2,054,000,000
FARM COMMODITIES ARTICLES	\$1,350,000,000
ARMS, AMMUNITION ARMOR	\$1,343,000,000
FACTORIES MACHINERY TOOLS SUPPLIES	\$752,000,000
SHIPS and FACILITIES	\$629,000,000
TANKS, TRUCKS AUTO PARTS	\$362,000,000
MILITARY EQUIPMENT	\$260,000,000
CONDITIONING ARTICLES OF DEFENSE for the DEMOCRACIES	\$200,000,000
FUND for CONTINGENCIES	\$40,000,000
ADMINISTRATION	\$10,000,000

This chart shows how President Roosevelt plans to spend the \$7,000,000,000 requested of Congress to finance the Lend-Lease Act and "make for democracies every gun, plane and munition of war that we possibly can." The estimates were drawn up by U. S. Budget Director Harold R. Smith. (Central Press)

British Invasion Force Organized

Aid Material Now On Way

Washington, March 14.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson said today that some defense material to be transferred to Great Britain under the lend-lease act already had started to its destination.

For the moment the secretary of war withheld details.

"The information will come out in due time," Mr. Stimson told a press conference. "As far as I am concerned no details will be disclosed prematurely. I don't think it would be fair to Great Britain."

Woman Slain In Florida

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 14.—(AP)—The body of a 33-year-old woman, identified by Chief of Police E. D. Vaughan as that of Robb Reeling, a white visitor from Canada, was removed early today from a shallow roadside grave near Gainesville, Fla.

He said Mrs. St. Petersburg taxicab driver had confessed they killed her Wednesday night, hauled the body 125 miles and buried it.

"Reeling," he added, "was not a native. She was engaged with her diamonds and there was a wrist watch on her hand."

House Rushes Bills Through Legislative Mill, Debating Only Nine Of 58 Measures

Washington, March 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt even attended at a press conference today that the number of persons covered by the social security program and the benefits they receive be increased.

Some developments on this program, he said, may be expected in the spring.

Answering questions, the Chief Executive said a good deal of consideration had been given to revision of the social security program. The general idea he asserted, was that coverage as regards the number of persons affected and the greater equalization of benefits for old people was something that we want to go ahead with.

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Referendum Forces Win House Move

Measure Placed On House Calendar On Minority Favorable Report; Drys to Demand Roll Call; Other News of Assembly.

Washington, March 14.—(AP)—The McGowan bill for referendum bill passed the House yesterday, today on a 218-197 vote. The measure, which would require a referendum on any law which would be repealed or amended by the legislature.

The passage of the legislative bill is the first time since 1927 that the House has passed a bill which would be vetoed by the Senate.

House members will be expected to support the referendum bill in the House in the afternoon session of the Senate. Stanley Wagoner, the present commissioner, will be chairman of the new three-member board.

The Senate agreed to accept House amendments to the Lacey bill on capital punishment and ordered that it be passed into law the measure which provides judges may impose life terms instead of death sentences when they deem it reasonable in certain cases for first degree murder and to grant. The House struck murder and rape from the bill.

The Senate had a hot time with the bill to name the flame azules the official state flower, voted 25 to 14 to change the measure to make the dogwood the official flower, and sent the measure back to the House.

Senator O'Brien of Wayne, chairman of the bill, has the unfavorable list where his group has put it.

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Merchant Ships Needed

London, March 14.—(AP)—Britain asked quick help from the United States to bolster her merchant fleet in a statement issued by the War Office today.

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A British official, Robert H. Brand, said that the United States should immediately begin to build up its fleet.

Italians Report British Planes Fail In Mission

Rome, March 14.—(AP)—Five British torpedo planes of the type first introduced in the Italian fleet at the end of the war, failed to launch the torpedo in the attack on the Italian fleet at the end of the war.

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FDR Favors More Social Security

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Edison Strike Averted

Coal Parley Deadlocked

Operators Reject Proposal to Keep Mines Open Pending Settlement of Demands.

(By The Associated Press.)
The threat of a strike at Edison New Jersey and Pennsylvania plants by Thomas A. Edison, Inc., was cleared today by union acceptance of a new contract.

Meanwhile, subsidiaries of Edison, including operators and CIO United Mine Workers, meeting at New York attempted to find common ground in negotiation of a contract to replace one which expires March 21.

The Edison company operates six plants in the Newark area and six other in Pennsylvania. It has \$200,000,000 worth of defense orders.

Mine Conference.

The Edison labor center since yesterday has not even opened on a note of goodwill. John L. Lewis, president of the union, had proposed that the mine be kept in operation pending settlement of differences. Operators rejected this proposal as well as other demands for a blanket pay increase of \$1 a day and other concessions to 150,000 miners.

Food Labor Trouble.

Plans were being speeded for a hearing on the CIO United Automobile Workers' petition for a collective bargaining election at two Ford Motor Company plants in the

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MORGAN FUNERAL RITES SATURDAY

Bahget, March 14.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the Cory Baptist church for Mrs. D. A. Morgan, who died at a Raleigh hospital last night after a lingering illness.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair, slightly colder, below freezing to coast, frost tonight; Saturday generally fair, slowly rising temperature.

Extended weather forecast for period from 7:30 p. m. March 14 to 7:30 p. m. March 19: Temperatures much below normal at beginning of period, rising to near normal by Monday, but cooler again toward end of period; rain indicated about middle of period.

HOUSE APPROVES RECORD NAVY FUND

Washington, March 14.—(AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today a record peacetime naval supply bill carrying \$3,416,555,144, chiefly to carry forward the huge two-ocean fleet construction program and including funds for building six battle cruisers—a new type of ship for the Navy.

New Bomber Perfected

Plane to Carry Double Load and Exceed the Speed of Any Now in the Air.

New York, March 14.—(AP)—Construction of a new type of dive bomber with a probable top speed of at least 350 miles an hour, and designed to carry a bomb load twice as great as that borne by similar planes abroad, was announced today by a leading American aircraft company.

It will be manufactured in quantity at the new Curtiss-Wright factory being built at Columbus, Ohio. At capacity, the factory will employ 12,000 workers.

Burdette S. Wright, vice-president of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, said the plane was designed to meet Navy requirements for:

Twice as many heavy bombs as any existing dive bombers; a range twice that of present models; twice

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ETHIOPIAN TOWN TAKEN BY BRITISH

London, March 14.—(AP)—British forces invading Ethiopia have captured Axum and native forces fighting on their side have reached the vicinity of Debra Markos. British general headquarters announced tonight.

SPANISH POWDER DEPOT EXPLODES

Seville, Spain, March 14.—(AP)—At least 50 persons were thought to have been killed today when a powder depot on the outskirts of Seville blew up. The number of injured may reach 300. Only a few persons escaped from the building.

The blast wrecked numerous houses in a nearby workers suburb. Five soldiers who guarded the powder house were reported among the dead.