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Sign Waterways Agreement



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project agreement between the United States and Canada is signed in the office of the prime minister of Canada, in Ottawa. Seated, left to right: C. D. Howe, Canadian minister of munitions; J. Pierrepoint Moffat, U. S. minister to Canada, and Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Standing are U. S. and Canadian dignitaries. Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, is second from left. (Central Press)

Raleigh Speculates On 1942 Campaign

Influence of Powerful "Broughton Machine" May Be Determined in Contests Starting Year From Now, Nisbet Declares.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, March 24.—Just about a year from now the people of North Carolina will be getting into another primary political campaign for the nomination of 170 members of the General Assembly, a United States senator, twelve representatives in Congress, three supreme court justices and some eight or ten judges of superior court.

Many factors will be involved in the campaign, some of which already are in evidence, and others are still in the form of speculation. Those who are not interested in speculative political theory may save time by quitting right here for this story is wholly political and frankly speculative. It does not even attempt to guess, for passing contemplation a definite change in between probable events. The purpose here is to relay to the reader of this newspaper what some of the political observers and the capital city are saying might happen in the influence voting next year.

Reading jobs at this time is the seat in the United States. Senate members are expected by Senator J. W. Bailey and former which Congressman Harold D. Cooley of the fourth district is known to be looking with wistful eyes. The most interesting thing to watch in connection with this is with all the speculation is the effect of the Broughton administration and the thought of the admirably powerful "Broughton machine."

Governor Broughton's policy is completely reorganizing the whole state government, terminating terms of all appointive state officials and abolishing the political ambition of thousands of people. If it doesn't work to the pleasure of the people, however efficient it may prove, Governor Broughton will find himself saddled with sole responsibility for it and his influence will be of little worth. For that very obvious reason it is impossible now to predict what the Broughton power will be this time next year.

It is a safe prediction that he will be the issue in many a county campaign, particularly for legislators. And there is nothing in his record to date, before or since he became Governor, to indicate that he will not seek to name his own friends in every case.

Another interesting phase of the 1942 campaign is the way it is likely to get tangled up with the gubernatorial race two years later. Because of all this entanglement discussion of the senatorial races next summer is bound to be colored by considerations of gubernatorial ambitions, as well as the western Senate seat to be filled in 1944.

In any such discussion two names are bound to take prominent place. One is comparatively new in state politics. They are Ralph W. McDonald and Emory B. Denny. With respect to the Bailey campaign, the name of McDonald is more important. There is no great love between the political doctor of philosophy,

Oil Refinery Still Explodes

Philadelphia, March 23.—(AP)—A new refinery still owned by the Gulf Refining Company was demolished today by a terrific explosion which shook virtually all of South Philadelphia.

A fire completed the destruction. Flames shot more than 200 feet into the air. No deaths or injuries were reported.

The closest residential section was too far from the site to suffer serious damage, but windows in a few houses were shattered. The still was completed only a few days ago. It was to be used to refine high test aviation gasoline from crude oil. The cause of the explosion was not immediately determined.

Enka Strike Continues

Strike Begun Saturday At Asheville Rayon Plant Throws 3,000 Men Idle.

Asheville, March 24.—(AP)—A strike which closed the huge American Enka Corporation's rayon plant here Saturday continued in effect today after a breakdown of negotiations between the corporation and the local unit of the United Textile Workers of America for a contract.

The negotiations had been underway since January 23. Enka officials said the entire processing plant, where about 3,000 men are employed, was out and that "we can't operate" with that department idle.

The union said the principal issues involved a strike clause, questions relating to employee seniority, holidays, wage increase, and the firm's "points and premiums" system of computing wages in certain departments.

who seized the daylight out of the "old crowd" five years ago when he almost beat Clyde Hoey for governor, and the astute senior senator. Each is a master strategist, working along different lines. The feature of interest in the current case is involvement of New Deal policies in the state race.

Dr. McDonald has been regarded as the fair haired boy with the New Dealers. He walked rings around all the old timers from this state at the Chicago nominating convention last summer, after leading the third term campaign in the state. He was conceded to be the lad that all federal job hunters would have to see before there was any need to go further. This, added to his already secure place as one of the high priests entitled to free access into the holy of holies of Broughton's council, put him tops in both state and federal patronage. On the other hand, Senator Bailey was known to be in sort of bad grace with the New Dealers on account of the way he voted several times, particularly on supreme court packing, and it was believed some months ago that New Dealers

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Reds May Back Turks

Aid Appropriation Is Passed

Measure To Be Flown To F. D. R.

Many Senators Who Opposed Lease-Lend Bill Vote for Appropriation to Carry Out British Aid Measure.

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—The Senate passed and sent to President Roosevelt today a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to finance the administration's British aid program.

The appropriation, already passed by the House, was approved without a change. During the two hours debate preceding the vote many senators who opposed the original lease-lend measure said they would vote for the appropriation to carry out the law.

Arrangements were made to fly the bill to the President, now cruising in southern waters.

Two Republican senators who vigorously opposed the legislation—Vandenberg of Michigan and Brooks of Illinois—declared their full support for the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation.

"Whether we like it or not," Vandenberg told the Senate, "the die is cast. We are confronted with a condition, not a theory."

"If there is a chance of keeping out of war under this theory of intervention it lies in swiftly and boldly proceeding in giving aid to our quasi-allies."

"I hope the managers of this program succeed in keeping us out of war, but if they fail I want to be no part of their excuse."

Books told the Senate he would vote for the appropriation "on the express promise of the administration leaders that this is a peace bill and will keep war away from our shores."

Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado, floor manager for the bill, told the Senate that if this nation added other countries than Britain more money would have to be appropriated to carry out the lease-lend bill.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 24.—Uncle Sam's Office of Production Management recently launched its campaign to get all available defense workers listed with the United States Employment Service, more with a view to maximum utilization of their talents than for the actual craftsmen's benefit.

At any rate, it was output that Production Chief William S. Knudsen unquestionably had in mind, when he particularly represents labor in the OPM set-up, was thinking considerably of the registration system's obvious advantages from the standpoint of the workman also. It promises to be an excellent thing for 'em in the long run, anyhow.

The scheme's to get all unemployed workers in the list, likewise to get onto it all workers employed in non-defensive industries who have, incidentally, the necessary skills, of various sorts, to make 'em useful, by changing jobs, in defensive ones.

Of course, each registrant's place of residence, as well as his name, will be recorded. Thus, if a defense manufacturer at Podunk, for instance, needs men and applies to the U. S. Employment Service for 'em, the service will assign them to him, for his own immediate neighborhood. He won't have to scout about the country for 'em and they won't have to travel perhaps long distances to

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Midland Strike Stops Ford Plant

Approximately 3,300 Lincoln Plant Employees Made Idle by Strike in Automobile Frame Plant; Other Strikes Feared.

(By The Associated Press)

Production at the Ford Motor Company's Lincoln plant at Detroit was shut down this morning because of a shortage of automobile frames supplied by the strike-bound Midland Steel Products Company plant.

Company officials said approximately 3,300 Lincoln employees were made idle by the stoppage, but an additional 500 workers reported for maintenance jobs and assignments on defense production.

Federal Clevelander James F. Dewey said the two-week old Midland strike would threaten to tie up the automobile industry throughout Michigan unless a settlement could be reached within ten days.

Two Strikes Settled

The Office of Production Management, meanwhile, chalked up strike settlements in two plants with vital defense orders after a week-end of intensive effort, but storm clouds hung over three other defense production fronts.

CIO representatives at the Harvill Aircraft Die Casting Corporation at Los Angeles agreed to halt a ten-day old strike last night after reaching agreement with the management on demands for union recognition and wage increases.

Striking CIO workers at the Aluminum Company of America plant in Edgewater, N. J., also agreed to resume work today and continue negotiations over wage increases and overtime pay demands.

Bethlehem Strike Threat

At Bethlehem, Pa., the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee stood ready to walk out of the Bethlehem Steel Company plant if officials of the employees' representation plan try to conduct a scheduled election today. The Steel Workers Organization Committee claims the employees' representation plan is a "company union."

Leaf Export Market 'Gone With The War'

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 24.—Everybody even remotely connected with the business of growing and selling tobacco has long been acutely aware of the fact that export trade in the biggest North Carolina cash crop has gone completely haywire, but figures just released by J. J. Morgan, statist-

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Broughton Rates Above 'Average' Governor In U. S.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 24.—Dr. Ralph McDonald has gone about the state crying out that J. Melville Broughton is a governor of superlative goodness, and even those who do not share the good doctor's high opinion are conceding that the Tar Heel executive is a man of great superlative ness in his grasping for power.

Facts and figures on this, that and the other attribute and characteristic, however, reveal that North Carolina's Number One man is slightly, but not much, above the average.

This data, on the "average" governor was compiled by the Public Administration Clearing House, Comparison of Governor Broughton with them is made by your reporter.

The Clearing House finds, for example:

"The average state governor is about 51 years old, receives a yearly salary of \$8,050, and prepared himself for his job by serving an apprenticeship in administrative, legislative or judicial fields of government. He is also serving his first term as chief executive."

Passing from the "average" to the particular specimen Broughton is 50

Blossom Queen



Nancy Strong

Washington will soon be beautified by the cherry blossoms which annually bring thousands to the nation's capital. And here is the cherry blossom queen, beautiful Nancy Strong, daughter of an army officer. Pretty, eh?

LOUISBURG WOMAN MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT

Louisburg, March 24.—(AP)—Sheriff J. P. Moore said today he was investigating the mysterious shooting of Mrs. Mildred Joyner, 27 member of a prominent Franklin county family.

The woman, he said, was shot late last night as she stood by a window at her home here.

Moore said no clues had been discovered and he was unable to tell whether Mrs. Joyner was deliberately murdered or was the victim of a couple's discharge of a weapon.

U. S. To Get Hemisphere Base Titles

Churchill and Winant to Sign Papers Giving United States Possession of Defense Areas in Eight British Territories.

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—The United States, it was learned today, will acquire formal title tomorrow or Wednesday to the hemisphere base sites obtained last September from Great Britain.

The transaction will be completed in London when the 99-year leases will be signed by Prime Minister Churchill and John G. Winant, the American ambassador.

Actual signing of the leases will climax many weeks of diplomatic and technical discussion between American, British and British colonial officials regarding locations, boundaries, and administration of the bases over which the American flag will fly until the year 2040.

The United States received six of the base sites in the last "swap" which sent 50 destroyers to the British fleet. The base sites in Newfoundland and Bermuda were given the United States as a "free gift."

While no official announcement of the lease terms has been made public, it was learned in informed quarters that:

The United States will acquire possession of specific and surveyed areas in all eight British territories which were selected by American experts as the most strategic defense sites.

The United States will obtain rights to these bases for 99 years free of all rent.

The United States will, however, make a lump sum settlement with the British government on the basis of real estate valuation surveys, so that private owners will be paid a fair price for any property taken over or damaged.

BRITISH WARSHIP SEEKING REPAIRS AT NORFOLK BASE

Baltimore, March 24.—(AP)—The Baltimore Sun said today that authoritative sources reported a British warship heading toward the Norfolk, Va., navy yard for repairs.

The paper said these sources did not disclose the name of the ship, but classed the vessel as a heavy cruiser.

One official at the Norfolk navy yard said, when informed of the report, that he had no confirmation of such arrangements.

Naval Public Works Bill Approved

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had signed into law today two bills authorizing a \$340,326,363 naval public works program. The legislation included funds for developments at Guam and Samoa in the Pacific and at the naval and air bases in the Atlantic acquired from Great Britain.

Most of the money from the projects included in appropriations bills which are nearing completion of congressional action.

The legislation authorizes expenditure of \$66,050,000 on the bases obtained from Britain.

Other authorizations in the bill included:

Marine corps training area on the New river in North Carolina, \$15,000,000.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy, rain over east portion, slightly colder in extreme west portion tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy, slightly colder in extreme west portion and in the east.

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Soviet-Turk Agreement Is Reported

Reliable Sources In Istanbul Declare "Common Declaration Of Friendship" Will Be Published At Midnight Tonight.

(By The Associated Press)

Soviet Russia, it was reported today on the verge of signing Turkey with a "common declaration of friendship" guaranteeing aid by "every means" but "not war" if Turkey is attacked by Germany.

Reliable sources in Istanbul said the two nations would publish the declaration simultaneously at midnight tonight.

Nazi Troops Move

A heavy movement of German troops through the Stearns mountains in Bulgaria toward the Greek frontier was reported in unconfirmed Balkan dispatches today as Yugoslavia's Prince Paul, over-riding angry protests against submission to Germany, prepared to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance.

Military experts here said the Stearns river valley would be the likely portal for Adolf Hitler's expected attack on Greece.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Belgrade said large formations of Nazi troops had been seen advancing rapidly southward through that valley since yesterday afternoon.

Yugoslavia

Official German quarters in Belgrade said Yugoslavia would have to sign up as a partner—just as Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Slovakia have done—rather than as merely a passive member.

Presumably this would give Germany the right to march Nazi troops through Yugoslavia via the Vauvar valley—another strategic gateway for an invasion of Greece.

Greece herself warned Yugoslavia against any "hostile act" in cooperating with Germany, and the British minister in Belgrade addressed a note to the Yugoslav government appealing to it not to "betray" Yugoslavia in the face of rising public opinion.

Urest In Army

Smoldering unrest was reported in the Yugoslav army.

A government communique said the Yugoslav cabinet, shaken by a crisis, had been reformed. A special train carrying government leaders to Vienna to sign the axis pact was scheduled to leave Belgrade at 4 p. m. today.

Bitter feeling continued to sweep the kingdom, however, and pamphlets entitled "What Will Happen When the Germans Come" flooded the country.

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Martin Sees War Danger

Republican National Chairman Says GOP Must "Police and Audit" New Deal.

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, in his role as chairman of the Republican national committee, declared today that the United States was staggering "along in the direction of war" and stands "ready to face with the possibility of national bankruptcy."

Under the circumstances, he said, the responsibility of the Republican party was to "police and audit" the New Deal administration to protect our country from financial, political and social bankruptcy.

"The scandals of 1918 must not be repeated."

Addressing a closed meeting of the national committee called to discuss organization problems, Martin, the House minority leader, asserted that there was a genuine need for national unity in forwarding defense plans, but said this must not be achieved by destroying the two party system.

"A vigorous, courageous Republican party," he said, "is essential to police and audit the New Deal administration as it revels in the spending of \$0 to 40 billions of dollars at the possession of vast and unparalleled powers granted it only because of the urgent needs of national defense."