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Flynn Nomination Expected To Open Fight In Congress

Brown's Confirmation as Price Administrator Conceded Without Opposition; Lend-Lease Battle Apparently Is Avoided

Nomination Confirmed



PRENTISS M. BROWN.

Washington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The new Congress begins its third week today with virtually a clean legislative slate but with no lack of potential pyrotechnics.

First order of business in the Senate is confirmation of President Roosevelt's nomination of a former member, Prentiss M. Brown, of Michigan, to succeed Leon Henderson as price administrator.

The fireworks probably will begin when the Senate foreign relations committee begins hearings Wednesday on the appointment of Edward J. Flynn as minister to Australia. Flynn, who was due to resign as chairman of the Democratic national committee at a meeting in Chicago today, has drawn the fire of Republicans who question his integrity.

An expected battle over continuance of the lend-lease program, present authority for which expires on 30, apparently has been headed off. Republican members of Congress were reported to have decided not to attempt to prevent renewal of the authority.

A full hearing on how the government's money is being spent was promised by Acting Chairman Kellar, Tennessee Democrat, of the Senate appropriations committee when

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Medical Assn. Loses Appeal

Washington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The Supreme Court upheld today the conviction of the American Medical Association on a charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law by alleged activities against a group health organization in the District of Columbia.

Justice Roberts delivered the 6-2 opinion, which also applied to the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, an affiliate of the national organization.

The two were alleged to have conspired against Group Health Association, Inc., described as a non-profit cooperative organization of government employees to provide medical care and hospitalization in return for monthly dues from the members.

Legion Meet Ends Tonight

Burlington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The post officers of the North Carolina department of the American Legion continued their deliberations on business matters today as their two-day conference moved toward the address tonight of National Commander Roane Waring of Memphis, Tenn.

At business sessions yesterday the department executives committee authorized purchase of \$2,000 in war bonds, set the last week in August for the 1943 Boys' State, eliminated music contests for the 1943 convention, directed the legislative committee to seek laws extending benefits of the war orphans act to veterans of the current war, endorsed a proposal to let men as young as 17 and older than 45 join the State Guard, and endorsed the student training program.

Political Speculation Is Rife In Raleigh During Assembly

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Despite the fact that many high ranking officials, including both incumbent United States senators from North Carolina, attained their political prominence in the General Assembly, the legislature is still generally regarded as the starting place for political careers.

Consequently every session of the General Assembly has great influence on political campaigns. Each governor's first legislature is largely controlled by executive wishes, for

two obvious reasons: generally a majority of the membership came into office on the same wave that brought about the governor's nomination and election; and in the second place the chief executive has enough patronage at his disposal to hold a good following.

The mid-term or off-year sessions of the assembly are not so amenable to the governor, but more attention is given to prospective candidates for the next time. Every off-year session since 1919 has developed at least one vigorous contender for the governorship. The

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For Second Night In A Row

RAF Bombs Berlin

New Jap Solomons Attack Expected

Three Raids From Munda Reported

Shortland Island Area in Solomons Feels the Brunt of U. S. Aerial Attack; Ground Forces Kill 150 Japs and Capture Others

Washington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Renewed Japanese attempts to dislodge American forces in Guadalcanal island in the Solomons, part of a campaign which already has cost the Nipponese dearly in planes, ships and men, appeared in the offing today.

Three air attacks against American positions, reported by the Navy over the week-end, indicated the enemy is launching a new bout for Guadalcanal, operating from the Japanese base on Munda, only 180 miles to the northwest.

Some casualties and "minor material damage" were inflicted by the Japanese bombers over the week-end, the Navy reported in telling of the third enemy raid in two days on Guadalcanal. On Friday the Japs sent two air assaults against American positions, the first multi-plane attacks on Guadalcanal since last November.

The communiqué telling of the latest American blow at Munda, on New Georgia island, occurred Saturday and that "a number of hits were scored in the target area."

The communiqué, telling of the Japanese raids during the week-end did not mention Munda as the Japanese taking-off place, but a Naval spokesman said the enemy probably used that base inasmuch as it was far closer to Guadalcanal than any other enemy airfields in the Solomons.

Meanwhile, United States Navy bombers sank or badly damaged five Japanese merchant ships in the harbor of Rabaul, New Britain, during a three-hour raid Saturday night and allied airmen blasted Japanese footholds over a wide area in the southwest Pacific over the week-end.

Three waves of Flying Fortresses attacked ships and harbor installations at Rabaul, fighting their way through heavy anti-aircraft fire to

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Walker Wins Unopposed

Postmaster General Is Named Chairman of Democratic National Committee, Succeeding Flynn

Chicago, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker today was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee to succeed Edward J. Flynn who resigned to become ambassador and personal representative of President Roosevelt to Australia.

Walker, who had been expected by political observers to succeed Flynn, was elected without a dissenting vote. His nomination, the only one placed before the committee, was by Culbert L. Olson, former governor of California, who declared that under Walker's leadership "we can look forward to the 1944 battle with the reformation of our lines and with no recession from our social objectives."

The committee meeting, called to pick his successor, was the first and last at which Flynn presided. He said his only reason for resigning was to render "service to the nation in a different field."



This situation was one of the things Adolf Schickelgruber overlooked when he wrote "Mein Kampf." He'd like to know what he could do about saving his retreating tanks. Here's a group of them trying to escape the Russian offensive. This picture, passed by British and American censors, came from a neutral and appeared in a Nazi propaganda paper.

16 Are Dead By Violence

Auto-Train Collision Near Apex Kills Seven Persons; Three Navy Fliers Killed

Charlotte, Jan. 18.—(AP)—At least 16 persons died by violence in North Carolina during the week-end.

An automobile-train collision near Apex killed Marvin Tunstall, 32, his wife, Cuba, 35, and their five children—Ellen, 15, Roy, 8, Ray, 6, Billy, 5 and an infant. The family lived only about a mile from the crossing where the accident occurred. The parents' bodies were thrown about 100 yards, and those of the children, jammed in, were carried with the rear of the car for about a mile.

M. C. Saly, 44, of Tarboro, burned to death when his automobile ignited after overtaking five miles from Rocky Mount.

Clarence D. Strickland, 35, Raleigh garage proprietor, drowned in Mill Pond, 1 1/2 miles from Raleigh, when a small boat capsized.

Three aviators identified by naval officials as Lieutenant (j.g.) William Baxter Waldrop, Ensign Edgar Penford Arnold, and William James Casey were killed when a Navy patrol plane crashed at the takeoff from Elizabeth City for a routine operational flight.

E. R. Howell, 31, of Florence, S. C., and Edward D. Basinger, 36, of Salemburg, burned to death in a forest fire one mile east of Camp Davis. Both were employees of a contractor on defense work.

John Thomas Womble, 42, owner of a filling station at Asheville, was shot to death by a masked bandit, who looted Mrs. Womble and four other women in a bedroom where

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Federal Trial Transferred

Greenboro, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Trial of R. H. Nye and L. C. Mayers, both of Lumberton, on a federal indictment charging conspiracy to impede and obstruct the prosecution of a suit, has been ordered transferred from Greensboro to Rockingham and set for February 15.

The order was issued by U. S. District Judge J. W. Waring of Charlotte, S. C.

The suit the government alleges Nye and Mayers conspired to impede was an action brought by W. H. Elmore of Horry county, S. C., against O. T. Council and Germain Bernard, trading as B-C Remedy Co., seeking \$30,000 damages in connection with the death of his son, James Elmore, at Lumberton in 1936. The suit was dismissed.

American Bombers Pound Jap Bases

Giant Tanker Sinks At Dock

Portland, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—The giant tanker Schenectady, first to be built at the new Henry J. Kaiser Swan Island shipyard, cracked open and sank while lying at a dock for outfitting.

The 16,500-ton vessel had completed its trial run without fault Saturday and had been turned over to the maritime commission. Suddenly steel plates amidship ripped and a noise heard throughout the shipyard sounded. Fire and aft sections of the tanker dropped to the bottom.

The only plausible theory came from an unofficial source who said a recent flood might have piled a sand ridge under the dock, and the ship might have broken its keel on the ridge, as the water level dropped.

Coal Miners Reject Plea

Possible Government Seizure of Mines Is Awaited; 8,500 Miners Agree to Resume Work

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Thousands of Pennsylvania's striking anthracite miners awaited possible government seizure of their closed collieries today, flatly refusing to end their 19-day-old wildcat walkout despite the war labor board's second back-to-work ultimatum.

A total of 12,500 in 13 collieries had voted to remain idle and spokesman for another 1,000 in the 14th mine said they also would not return.

Another 2,500 agreed, however, to re-open nine collieries today, thus ceasing their participation in what has been called the earliest walkout in man-hours lost since Pearl Harbor.

In Washington, a member of the war labor board said the board probably would refer the strike to President Roosevelt with an informal suggestion that he make a direct, personal appeal to the strikers to return to their jobs.

A motion to refer the case to the President was made in a board meeting soon after it convened today. An early vote was expected.

Some Casualties and 'Minor Material Damage' Inflicted by Japanese Over Week-End; U. S. Bombers Sink Five Ships at Rabaul

Washington, Jan. 18.—(AP)—American bombers heavily pounded the enemy-held Shortland island area of the Solomons Friday night and Saturday, the Navy announced today, while ground forces on Guadalcanal accounted for 150 more Japanese troops killed and a number of prisoners taken as mopping-up operations continued.

The Navy communiqué 254 said: "During the evening of January 15 Flying Fortresses dropped bombs in the Japanese-held Kaula area on Bougainville island. Two large fires were observed after the attack."

Later the same night, patrol bombers followed the attack and additional fires were started. During the same night other Catalina patrol bombers attacked enemy positions at Munda, on New Georgia island. Flying Fortresses also attacked this area.

"During the afternoon and evening of the 16th we again attacked by Flying Fortresses and fires visible for 20 miles were started."

United States ground troops on Guadalcanal island continued mopping-up pockets of enemy resistance. Approximately 150 Japanese were killed and a number taken prisoner. Their equipment was destroyed."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Occasional rain and thunderstorms this afternoon and night.

At Least Twelve Persons Die In Tornadoes In South

Atlanta, Jan. 18.—(AP)—At least twelve persons were killed and 38 others injured as week-end tornadoes and winds battered Georgia and Alabama at widely separated points.

Eleven dead were reported in Georgia, four of them in one family killed when wind destroyed a farm home in the Williamson section of Pike county. Five Pike county Negroes also were reported killed near Hollonville.

A soldier was killed at Fort Benning when he stepped on a live wire while repairing storm damage and an unidentified Negro was killed near Culbert, Ga. Twelve persons

Nazis Make Puny Raids On England

German Capital Has Worst Week - End of the War, With Heavy Raids Saturday and Sunday Nights; Allied Land Offensives Progress

(By The Associated Press) Big British bombers rained destruction upon Berlin last night for the second time in a row in raids which gave the Nazi capital its worst week-end of the war and made two German aerial counter thrusts at London seem puny by comparison.

And as the Germans counted their dead and viewed the ruins, the allies pounded grimly on with land offensives which shook the axis positions in north Africa and southern Russia.

Hard on the heels of retreating axis forces in Africa, the British eighth army was reported within 100 miles of Tripoli in a new drive which cracked Marshal Rommel's defenses again and threatened to by-pass his next coastal strong points.

The Red army closed in on Rostov from three sides and stabbed to within 118 miles of Kharkov, the all-important Donets valley base in the Kraiue from which the Germans launched their whole 1942 summer and fall drive into the Don bend and the Caucasus.

The British raid on Berlin Saturday night was in force, and the wording of an air ministry communiqué suggested that the attack last night was at least as strong—and perhaps stronger.

One bomber was lost Saturday night. Twenty-two failed to return last night.

The communiqué said "Berlin was again attacked by a strong force" and added that "a great load of bombs was dropped," starting large fire.

While the RAF re-kindled last night the fires it had set the night before, relatively few German airmen succeeded in penetrating the terrific anti-aircraft fire which guarded London along with secret new defenses.

German raiders came over London at about 9 p. m. and again at 5 a. m. today.

Some bombs fell in the outskirts of London during the first attack. The second was even less successful. Other German planes scattered over parts of southeastern England. All in all, ten or perhaps 60 raiders were shot down.

In north Africa, the British headquarters at Cairo said the eighth army, still advancing in contact with the enemy, had reached the vicinity of Beni Uid.

The advance cut the distance between the eighth army and the allies in Tunisia to less than 400 miles, with Fighting French forces from the south closing in closer by.

The Russians triumphantly an-

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