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## Great Britain Continues Attempts to Avoid Grave Turn in Rhineland Crisis

### Would Make Fresh Commitments For Security of France and Belgium And Exact German Concessions—European Leaders Gather At London To Discuss Issues

London, March 11.—Fresh British commitments for the security of France and Belgium to replace the Locarno treaty in prospect tonight. On the eve of another conference of Locarno signatories, the British were determined to exact concessions from German Chancellor Adolf Hitler in order to appease France.

On arrival of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax, Lord Privy Seal, from Paris, the cabinet convened at the House of Commons to map Britain's campaign to prevent war from following Germany's reoccupation of the Rhine zone.

It is understood that Great Britain is considering a multilateral mutual assistance treaty with most European powers to replace the Locarno pact. Germany would be allowed to join the agreement, it is believed, but the treaty would be concluded regardless of the Reich.

This plan, however, apparently is less favored than an Anglo-French-Belgian defensive alliance, which Sir Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, reportedly is espousing.

Meanwhile, German diplomats received unconfirmed reports that France intends to propose the following measures against Germany if Adolf Hitler refuses to withdraw his troops from the Rhineland:

1. Closing of all League states' harbors to German shipping.
2. Stopping privileged tourist traffic to Germany, involving refusal of the League states' banks to deal in registered German marks.
3. Withdrawal of the Locarno signatories from the summer Olympic games at Berlin.

As a compromise between the French demand for the withdrawal of Germany's troops and Hitler's prompt refusal of the British envisaged a Franco-Belgian-German pact pledging Germany not to fortify the Rhineland for 25 years.

It would be guaranteed by Great Britain and Italy.

German sources intimated Hitler has decided to reject requests to withdraw his troops or promise not to fortify the Rhine zone.

France, Britain, Belgium and Italy will sit Thursday to effect agreement among Locarno signatories. The cabinet met on an hour and a half tonight. The League council will sit at Saint James Palace Saturday.

Stiff bargaining between the French and British was the major forecast for the week. The Paris general staff reportedly insists upon new British guarantees of assistance in event of a German invasion of France.

France also desires close cooperation between the French and British general staffs in preparing plans to deal with any emergency.

French foreign minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin arrived late tonight. He will remain in London for the conference of Locarno signatories and Saturday's council meeting.

Stanley Bruce, president of the council, arrived aboard the same train.

After hearing Eden and Lord Halifax report on their visit to Paris tonight, the cabinet decided it would meet again Thursday morning in advance of the Locarno conference.

Flandin later issued the following statement at the Savoy hotel, where the French delegation made its headquarters:

"I am confident of the ultimate issue of the conversations. Under present circumstances, which seriously threaten future peace, France unshakably holds the same idea of collective security by means of the League of Nations covenant, which is so dear to British popular opinion.

## MAURY NEWS

(By Elizabeth Sugg)

### PERSONALS

Miss Mayona Mayo visited friends in Ayden last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moye and children were Wilson visitors, Sunday.

Miss Elva Sugg was the week end guest of Mrs. E. V. Vestal.

Herbert Sugg made a business trip to Kinston, Wednesday.

Miss Creech of the Maury faculty, is ill at her home with the flu.

Mrs. Fred Darden and daughter, Adelaide, were Greenville shoppers, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williford and son, Robert Earl, spent the week end in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Buffalo of Ed. Sugg, spent the week end at the home of Ed Sugg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moye and children saw the show in Greenville, Saturday night.

Mrs. Hardy Albritton and daughter, Esther Lou, and Mrs. M. H. Tucker were Greenville shoppers, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sugg and Mrs. Herbert Sugg and daughter, Elizabeth, were Greenville visitors, Wednesday.

Misses Virginia White, Eloise Camp, Rose Pipkin, Clara Fussell and Elva Sugg spent the day in Goldsboro, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Cobb of Greenville and Robert Barrett and daughter of Farmville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sugg, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sugg were the dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Wooten, Saturday night. They also attended the show in Kinston.

The following from Maury attended the Zone Meeting in Kinston on Wednesday; J. B. Frizzelle, Seth Hardy, Fred Carr and Clarence Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moye and children and Misses Hazel Ruth Turnage, Mary Elizabeth Singletary and Rosa Pipkin, attended the show in Greenville, Monday.

The following teachers spent the week end at their respective homes: Misses Adell Cobb, Florence Collier, Dixie Barrett, Mary Elizabeth Singletary, Katie Lee Johnson, Hazel Ruth Turnage, and Lula Moore.

### NOTICE D. A. R. MEMBERS

The Major Benjamin May chapter, D. A. R., will meet at the home of the regent, Mrs. E. Bruce Beasley in Fountain, at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 14, with Mrs. George Jefferson as joint hostess.

D. Davis of Person County is planting a small acreage to alfalfa this spring as a demonstration study.

## European Crisis Get Attention

### Washington to See that American Interests are Adequately Protected

Washington, March 12.—The critical Franco-German situation today prompted the State Department to make certain that American embassies, legations and consulates in Europe remain fully manned.

Over the signature of William Phillips, acting secretary of State, orders were cabled to all diplomatic and consulate chiefs in Europe to scrutinize carefully applications by members of their staffs for leaves of absence and to grant them only in cases of absolute necessity.

Officials asserted the action did not mean necessarily that trouble in Europe was anticipated here. They explained that it was taken as a matter of precaution to avoid weakening already under-manned offices during a time of tension.

Although declining to comment publicly on the situation growing out of Germany's remilitarization of Rhineland, government quarters hitherto have been represented as believing that armed conflict was not an immediate threat.

Robert W. Bingham, ambassador to Great Britain now on leave in the United States, who today conferred for the second time in a week with President Roosevelt, said after his first talk that he did not regard war as likely in the near future.

Whether late developments in London and Paris had caused any alteration in this official attitude was not made apparent here to date.

Greene County farmer, suffered a fractured arm, possible fracture of the skull and ribs, and injuries around 2 o'clock this afternoon, when he was knocked down by a falling tree that he had been cutting near a house.

## Farm Federation Growing in State

### Brockway Says Results Show N. C. People Like Organization

Greenville, March 11.—Farmers are enrolling in the Farm Bureau Federation in large numbers, according to Charles J. Brockway, acting State secretary of the bureau. "North Carolina was officially accepted into the American Farm Bureau last week at the regular executive committee meeting in Chicago," Mr. Brockway added.

"Practically every county in North Carolina east of Raleigh has organized a county farm bureau. Each county farm bureau has local township units with its board of directors. The chairman of the local board of directors automatically becomes a county director.

"Twenty-eight counties have an average of approximately 200 members. Pitt and Nash counties are leading with approximately 1,000 members each.

"Township meetings are now being held in every county for the purpose of discussing the Farm Bureau organization and to enroll members."

"Farmers and their business friends seem to like the Farm Bureau," Mr. Brockway continued. "The Farm Bureau is a non-commercial, non-political organization with a far-reaching program of education and legislation. It is the public affairs organization of agriculture. It sponsors good legislation and fights bad legislation as related to the welfare of the farmer.

Farmers have been suffering for generations on account of not being properly organized. Labor, capital, and industry, as well as all of the professions are highly organized, thus protecting their respective rights in the legislature halls of the states and nation, leaving the farmer, unorganized and at a tremendous disadvantage in coping with other groups.

"The Farm Bureau at the present time is sponsoring the tobacco control program and has officially requested both the State and national governments to enact production control measures that will insure a profitable price to the growers. The Farm Bureau also requested Congress to provide adequate clerical help for the county agents in administering the soil conservation program."

Organization of the Western half of the State will begin shortly. It has been predicted that within the next twelve months, there will be 100 strong, well-functioning county farm bureaus in North Carolina with a membership of 30,000 paid members.

## Senate Votes Funds For Farm Benefits

Washington, March 12.—The Senate voted \$1,068,925 today for a clean-up payment on AAA cotton, tobacco and potato contracts, made before control laws were repealed recently by Congress.

At the same time, Chairman Smith, (D.-S. C.) of the agriculture committee announced he was abandoning the fight he had planned to attempt overriding the President's veto of the crop production loan bill.

Senator Glass (D.-Va.) brought up the "clean-up" appropriation bill for the cotton, tobacco and potato contracts. These contracts were made before the Supreme Court invalidated the AAA and the President recommended repeal of the crop control laws. The bill was sent to the White House.

## Use Common Sense At Planting Time

Raleigh, March 12.—"The important thing is not how many pounds of cotton and tobacco you can make but rather how many dollars you can get for your crop," says the current issue of the Carolina Co-Operator in the lead editorial urging farmers to use common-sense at planting time.

"And remember too," it cautions, "that those dollars, whether they be few or many, will go a lot further provided you do not have to spend them for food and feed crops that could easily have been produced on your own farm."

"Planting time is upon us. Farmers must decide upon the acres they will devote to different crops. Their decisions will be made of their own free will and accord for the 'Nine Old Men' of the Supreme Court have taken away the restrictions—and, incidentally, the benefits of the AAA crop control program, but—No nine men, no group of men, can take away

## Spring Activities In Construction Noted

### Dial System Being Installed; Work on Golf Course Going Forward; New Homes Being Erected Here

Chief among the civic construction work being done here this spring is that of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and the town of Farmville, in removing all overhead wires from the business blocks on Main street. This is being done in connection with the change to the dial system here by the telephone company, under the supervision of S. H. Baker.

The town is continuing its paving program, the greatest improvements noted being the sidewalk to the cemetery and the wide alley back of J. H. Harris' store.

The golf course work is being carried forward as rapidly as weather conditions will permit.

Other outstanding additions to the residential sections are the brick dwellings being erected on Grimmerburg street by J. T. Bundy and C. A. Tyson, with preparations being made by R. H. Knott to move his residence to the corner of Pine and George streets, and the building of a new home on the same site on Church street.

## Driver's License Check-Up Ordered To Start Monday

Raleigh, March 12.—The State Highway Patrol's drive against non-licensed automobile drivers, the step expected to put the new driver's license law into full effect, will begin Monday. Such was the order issued yesterday by Captain Charles D. Farmer.

Not only will the patrolmen check drivers to see if they have their licenses but also will require those who have not to pass an examination before they receive their license.

Captain Farmer's order, issued yesterday, follows in part:

"Beginning on Monday, March 16, all sergeants will organize in their divisions, inspection groups and designate different places on the highways in their respective divisions, for the conducting of testing stations for the testing of cars as to their mechanical fitness to operate over the highways; also to check up and see that all drivers of cars have operator's or chauffeur's license to operate vehicles in the State of North Carolina as prescribed by law.

"In order that we may have a perfect check-up I would suggest that you mark off brake testing lanes as laid out in the tables of speed and stopping distances by marking on the pavement with chalk for these lanes.

"From this date, March 16, any person applying for the first time for operator's or chauffeur's license must demonstrate to the inspecting officer his ability to operate a motor vehicle to the satisfaction of the officer and his knowledge of the rules of the roads, before his application can be signed by anyone.

"If applicant is rejected, same shall be so stated on his application and why rejected, and this shall be sent into this office, with your daily reports.

"Under no circumstances will any application be signed until this order is carried out.

"It will be necessary for all members of the patrol to carry with them supply of application and affidavit forms. This should be done in case driver states he has filled out application and has not received license. These forms will be accepted instead of license until further notice is given you."

"What to do this year?" is the question of Franklin County farmers are asking. Some say they will increase their cotton and tobacco acreages and some few say they will decrease.

The production credit association of Davie County will be of tremendous value to farmers this season, according to the present outlook.

Fifty-seven demonstration farms have been selected in Rutherford County for a study of farm management problems by the TFA and the State College Extension Service.

## Expect Tobacco Compact Report

### Favorite Action Likely This Week; Reynolds Pushes Immigration Measure

Washington, March 11.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey was informed today by Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate committee on agriculture, that the tobacco compact bill will be reported favorably this week despite the fact that the favorable report which has been prepared by the department has not yet been transmitted to the committee.

In that event, the substitute bill recommended by the department, which is much broader than the original Kerr-Smith bill, which simply authorized a compact, would be offered on the floor of the Senate or after the measure reached the House.

To Seek Speed "I shall keep in close touch with Senator Smith and we shall do all in our power to expedite the bill," said Senator Bailey today.

The Senate committee will meet tomorrow, but it is doubtful if it will take up the tobacco compact measure at that meeting, as the primary object of tomorrow's meeting is to consider the reply of President Roosevelt to a communication sent by the committee last week asking the immediate allotment of \$28,500,000 for seed loans under the executive order setting aside \$30,000,000 for that purpose and making \$7,000,000 available.

It is understood that President Roosevelt takes the position that he will be guided by recommendations of the Farm Credit Association as to the amount needed, and when needed.

Senator Smith has all along desired to pass the bill providing \$50,000,000 for seed loans over the President's veto, but has so far found himself in a minority on his own committee.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds has dispaired of favorable action in the Senate committee on immigration on his drastic substitute for the Kerr-Coolidge alien deportation bill, which is sponsored by the administration and which vests discretion in an inter-departmental committee.

The committee closed hearings on the bill today and Senator Reynolds announced that he will offer his bill on the Senate floor, and in the meantime will take the air tomorrow night at 11:15 on the Blue network of the NBC in support of his bill and in opposition to the Kerr-Coolidge bill.

With two North Carolinians on opposite sides, the bill has created much more attention in North Carolina than is usually given to bills of that character; some of the newspapers in Judge Kerr's district have reprinted Senator Reynolds' attacks on the measure.

Judge Kerr will hold his bill, which was favorably reported last year, until the Senate acts.

## Pitt County Farm Bureau Calls For Special Session

Greenville, March 11.—The Pitt County Farm Bureau, at a regular meeting today, with more than 1,000 paid up memberships, went on record demanding a special session of the Legislature.

They were very much alarmed that there should be any hesitancy on the part of the Governor to call a special session to adopt measures appropriate to the tobacco situation.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Whereas, the organization committee of the State Farm Bureau and the State Tobacco Advisory Committee have been urging a special session of the Legislature; and

Whereas, we are advised that Congress, through approval of the Department of Agriculture, is now passing an act, authorizing State compacts; and

Whereas, crop planting time is now approaching, therefore be it resolved: That we, in the name of the membership of the Pitt County Farm Bureau urge these committees to continue their efforts towards securing a special session of the Legislature, in order that the 1936 tobacco crop may be controlled; and be it further resolved: That a State-wide tobacco mass meeting of growers be called in Raleigh, by the State Farm Bureau and the State Advisory Committee at once, in order that our Governor may understand fully the wishes and desires of the growers of the State, and that they take every step possible to remove any obstacle that might cause delay in calling this special session.

## Cotton Growers Meet at Greenville

### Meeting To Be Held In Courthouse Thursday, March 26, at 11 A. M.

Greenville, March 13.—Members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association in this section will gather in the courthouse here Thursday, March 26th, at 11:00 A. M., for the annual membership meeting.

At this time they will elect delegates to the district meeting, which will be held later for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted upon by the members for director of the district.

M. G. Mann, general manager of the Cotton Association, will be the principal speaker at the meeting and will make a full report on the past year's operations and will discuss with members plans for the coming season.

Mr. Mann, who has just returned from a conference of farm leaders in Memphis, Tenn., which he attended at the request of Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace, will also give the assembled farmers first-hand information in regard to the new farm legislation.

All cotton farmers are invited to attend this meeting, and members of the Cotton Association and of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange are especially urged to be present, Mr. Mann said.

C. L. Ballance and W. A. McKay, both of whom farm near St. Paul in Raleigh County bought 100 and 250 pounds, respectively, of imported seed last week.

## Benefits Of The New Soil Conservation Program Explained

### WALSTONBURG NEWS

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Craft were in Wilson on business, Saturday.

Miss Juanita Reddick spent the week end with Miss Dorothy Dildy.

Miss Perry Craft spent a few days visiting friends in Wilson last week.

Guy Dixon, Jr., spent the week end in Rocky Mount with his uncle, Ben Dixon.

Miss Lucille Harris spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Spell in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jones of Raleigh, visited relatives in town Sunday.

Richard Shackelford spent Sunday visiting relatives and friends in Wilson.

Mrs. W. F. Eason and brother, Leon, visited Mrs. Estelle Bailey, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Nix and children spent Sunday in Kearsyville visiting friends.

Mrs. Luby Smith and children of Princeton spent the week end visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. S. H. Craft spent last Thursday at the Middlesex orphanage visiting her children.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Rouse and children visited Mrs. Rouse's parents near Saratoga, Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Beaman, attended the funeral of Mrs. H. S. Grantham, in Stantonburg, Sunday.

Miss Lannie Murphrey spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murphrey.

Mrs. Pearl Johnston of Farmville is spending a few days with Mr. Ray West and Cameron.

Miss Pennie Dail of Farmville spent Monday in town visiting her uncle, Mr. J. S. Whitley.

Mrs. Tina Mae Dixon spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. Tom Murphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gardner and children of Saratoga visited his brother, James Gardner, Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Lang, Mrs. Estelle Bailey, and Miss Lillian Corbett were Rocky Mount shoppers, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones and children of Stantonburg visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitley, Sunday.

Friends are glad to know that Arthur Gay is slowly improving and hoping he will soon be out again.

Friends are sorry to learn that Miss Ruth Carol Nix is confined to her bed with flu, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Walter Gay and Miss Lizzie Gay of Farmville spent Monday visiting their aunt, Mrs. Sally Gay, who is ill at the home of her son, Jesse Gay.

## Soil Conservation Program Explained

College Station, Raleigh, March 10.—North Carolina farmers will be entitled to 15 to 20 million dollars in soil conservation grants this year under the new farm program.

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The grants will be classified under two headings, but both will be paid in one check, the dean said. One will be a moderate soil-maintenance payment, probably 75 cents an acre, on and planted to soil-building or soil-conserving crops.

This payment will not be made, however, on an acreage greater than 50 percent of the acreage planted to soil-depleting crops such as cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, or truck. Nor can it exceed one-half the total amount of the grant.

The other will be a larger payment on land shifted from soil-depleting crops to soil-building or conserving crops such as legumes, hays, or grasses.

A committee appointed at the meeting in Memphis recommended that this payment be at the rate of six cents a pound on the average production of land taken out of cotton.

It also recommended a rate of at least five cents a pound on flue-cured and burley tobacco, but at no event less than the rate per pound on cotton.

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The rate of payment on other soil-depleting crops will be fixed later, Dean Schaub added.

The payment will be available to all farmers who comply with the provisions of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act, he pointed out. No contracts will be signed.

To qualify for payments under the act, a farmer must have this year an acreage of soil conserving crops equal to at least 20 percent of the acreage devoted to soil-depleting crops.

However, the full 20 percent will not be required of a farmer if it requires a greater diversion from soil-depleting to soil-building crops than can be covered by the soil-improvement payments.

Furthermore, the farmer should not have, in 1936 an acreage of soil-depleting crops greater than his base acreage of such crops.

The base acreage and normal average yields for cotton, tobacco, and peanuts under the new program will be the same as estimated for 1936 under the old AAA.

Base acreages for other soil-depleting crops will be worked out on a fair and equitable basis by the Secretary of Agriculture, Dean Schaub stated.

Provision has been made, however, that if a grower does exceed his base, deductions will be made from the amount of payments he would otherwise receive.

No diversion payments will be made on food and feed crops if the farmer, in diverting land in these crops to soil improvement, reduces his production of food and feed below the amount needed on his farm.

There are three major objectives of the new program, the dean pointed out.

The first is conservation of the soil through wise use of the land. This is also intended to check the overproduction of soil-depleting cash crops.

The second objective is the re-establishment and maintenance of farm income at a "fair level."

The third objective is the protection of the consumer by assuring adequate supplies of food, feed, and other farm commodities now and in the future.

## BAT EXTERMINATION CAMPAIGN

Dr. H. B. Smith announces that the Bat Extermination Campaign is now on and that hundreds of pounds of poison will be used in the attempt to rid the community of this dreadful rodent. Those in charge regret the results to the atmosphere while the campaign is going on but it seems to be a necessary accompanying evil. Let's get rid of the pest anyway! We believe that citizens will cooperate to the fullest with Dr. Smith the Pest Piper, and town authorities in the campaign.