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Peace Prospects for Europe Given Another Setback

German Press Opens New Attack on Czechs As Prague Negotiations Halt.

Prague. — Hopes for early settlement of the Czechoslovakian border crisis appear to have been blasted as the German press opened a new attack on the Czech government and negotiations for an agreement between the government and Czechoslovakian Nazis were broken off suddenly.

The inspired German press released a torrent of accusations based on alleged frontier violations and demanded Czechoslovakia withdraw troops moved up to the German-Czech border in warlike array over the week end.

The deepening tension, serving to dissolve some of the optimism of the past 24 hours, appeared as Konrad Henlein, German minority leader, left Prague for his home at Asch.

His departure cancelled another scheduled conference with Premier Milan Hodza, set for today, to seek a means of solving the Czechoslovakia government's dispute with 3,500,000 members of the German minority which brought middle Europe to the verge of war Saturday when two German farmers were shot and killed and Prague called 70,000 army reserves to the colors.

Reports that Germany was moving troops toward the 1,815 mile stretch of the frontier were unconfirmed in Prague.

Hodza summoned the British and French ministers and informed them of his preliminary meeting with Henlein and later convened the inner council of the cabinet, which was informed by the premier that further consultations will be carried out with members of the Sudeten German parliamentary committee.

No date for the next meeting of Henlein and Hodza had been fixed.

The spokesman of Henlein's Sudeten German party denied that the "peace" conversations between Henlein and Hodza had collapsed.

"Once contact between our party leader and the premier had been established, and conversations started, Henlein's presence in Prague was not necessary," he said, referring to last night's meeting between the two.

Fuehrer Adolf Hitler, who has proclaimed "protective interest" in Czechoslovakia's 3,500,000 Germans, sent a large wreath to Eger with the simple inscription: "Adolf Hitler."

Henlein was expected to deliver a funeral oration and Czech authorities feared that any uncontrolled demonstrations in connection with the funeral services might furnish the spark for graver developments along the border.

The sharp tone of the German press indicated to Germans that Hitler is determined to protect his people by severe means, if necessary, and that peace can be assured only if no serious incident occurs during the Czech municipal election period ending June 12.

It was evident that Germany was engaged by the Anglo-French joint action in an effort to avert war.

At London the British government appeared to be striving to curb a growing impression that its "strong action" over the week end swerved Germany away from drastic moves against Czechoslovakia.

The government, it was explained, is anxious that credit should be given to all powers concerned for their coolness and presence of mind and particularly the government of Fuehrer Adolf Hitler.

This disclosure was significant in view of an avalanche of anti-British recriminations in the German press today, accusing Britain of taking full credit for the preservation of peace and attempting to make Germany the "villain" of the piece.

Diplomats still sought to learn the "real reason" why Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain decided to call an emergency meeting of the full cabinet on Sunday, but it was understood that a telegram from British Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson in Berlin late Saturday influenced the Prime Minister's decision.

The British government, although realizing that the danger in central Europe is by no means eliminated, felt tonight that there had been great strides toward peace and that every possibility existed for the success of the negotiations between the Prague government and the Sudeten German minority.

SENNETT REPORTS ON SOIL CHECKS

Soil conservation checks have been made to 2,373 people to date on the 1937 soil conservation program, County Agent R. E. Bennett announced today.

This is about one half of those who will receive payments the county has announced. He also said that checks are being received daily and will be completed as fast as possible.

Final Rites Held For Marcellus Smith

Prominent Pitt Planter Laid to Rest Monday After Brief Illness.

Succumbing to heart and kidney complications in an illness of only a week's duration, Marcellus Smith, 74, one of Pitt county's prominent planters and one of its most highly esteemed citizens, passed away in a Rocky Mount hospital Sunday afternoon, at 3:15 o'clock.

Funeral services were held at the ancestral homestead near Farmville on Monday afternoon, by the Rev. H. M. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. J. R. Rountree, Episcopal minister, with members of the Farmville Masonic lodge performing the last rites of their ancient order under the direction of W. J. Bundy of Greenville.

Favorite hymns were rendered by the Presbyterian and Episcopal choirs of Farmville, and interment was made beneath a large floral tribute in the family burial ground near the home, beside his wife, formerly Miss Hollie Joyce Smith, who had preceded him sixteen years before.

Active pallbearers were members of the Masonic Lodge: Dr. P. E. Jones, J. H. Harris, E. F. Gainer, R. A. and J. C. Parker, C. E. Case, George W. Davis, J. M. Hobgood, R. H. Knott, J. W. Joyner, J. L. Spackelford, W. Leslie Smith, William Forbes, H. C. Mayo, W. P. Bryan, R. A. Fountain, Sr., C. M. Smith, F. L. Eagles, B. A. Pope, J. A. Mercer, Jonas Dilda, J. L. Dozier, J. C. Jones, B. L. Stokes and Ben Owens.

Born September 11, 1864, Mr. Smith grew up in this community and lived an active and useful life until infirmities caused retirement from vigorous pursuits two or three years ago. He retained his alertness, however, and was possessed of all his faculties until stricken on Sunday prior to his death. A country gentleman of the old school, a devoted husband and father to his family, and widely known for his tranquil nature, integrity, honorable dealings and high principles, Mr. Smith will be greatly missed in this community.

He is survived by three daughters, Misses Helen, Christine and Hulda Smith, and a sister, Mrs. Addie Corbett.

MEETING OF SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Spanish War Vets met Sunday, May 15th, with the Ladies of the Auxiliary in City Hall at 3 P. M. The usual routine of business was carried on at the meeting and notation was made of the death of one of our members also one of our former members who had made the supreme sacrifice.

A fruit luncheon was served by the Auxiliary which was enjoyed by all those present. The meeting was adjourned to meet again on the third Sunday in June at 3 P. M., at which time it is expected to have an important meeting and all the members are requested to be present.

We are convinced, in the Spring, a flower is a pretty thing.

Mrs. Gregory Named Chairman Of Committee

Women To Assist In Raising Funds For Robin Hood Farms.

Raleigh, May 24. — Mrs. Edwin Clarke Gregory, of Salisbury, was named chairman of the Women's Committee to assist in raising funds for Robin Hood Farms, by the state executive committee, meeting here today.

The Robin Hood Farm movement is a non-commercial, non-sectarian vocational training project through which deserving Tar Heel boys and girls above high school age and without financial means for further education, can obtain without charge, practical experience and training in farming operations.

Daughter of the late U. S. Senator Lee S. Overman, Mrs. Gregory is a granddaughter of the late State Chief Justice Augustus Summerfield Justice. Her son, Lee Overman Gregory, was recently appointed State Assistant Attorney General. Her husband, Edwin Clarke Gregory, served in the State Senate in 1937 and was nominated without opposition for the 1938 Senate.

Floyd Outlines Benefits Under '38 Farm Program

Raleigh. — Under the 1938 farm program, a grower's payment will be built up as follows, said E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College:

For each acre in his cotton allotment, 2-4 cents per pound on his normal yield per acre. Likewise one cent a pound on the normal yield for each acre in his peanut allotment.

For each acre in his Irish potato allotment, 5-4 cents per bushel on the normal yield.

Seventy cents per acre of cropland in excess of his wheat, potato, and peanut acreage "lotments plus one and a half times his cotton and tobacco acreage allotments.

A dollar and a half per acre for the average acreage of commercial vegetables grown in 1936 and 1937, except the peas and sweet corn produced for canning.

Two dollars for each acre of commercial orchards which produced fruit last year and from which a crop is expected this year.

Twenty-five cents per acre of fenced, non-crop, open pasture land (not woods pastures) in excess of one-half the acres of cropland. Such pasture must be capable of sustaining at least one animal unit, on each five acres.

The sum of all the foregoing payments will be a grower's total payment if he does not exceed his soil depleting crop acreage allotments and if he carries out all the soil building practices prescribed.

Deductions will be made from the payment of a grower who exceeds his depleting crop acreage allotments or who fails to carry out all his soil-building practices.

More landscaping of farm homes has been done in Rutherford County during the past winter than in any two seasons heretofore, says the county agent.

Crop Damaged Again By Hail

Loss Suffered By Farmers in Scattering Sections.

Greenville. — Hail again Monday afternoon descended on crops through out much of Pitt county, leaving heavy damage in some sections.

Tom Andrews of Bethel, owner of the Blakely farm near Grimesland, brought a sample of the damage to his crop to Greenville this morning in the form of tobacco stripped from the stalk. He said that 26 acres of leaf on the farm had been practically ruined. He added that the Norman Edwards farm, adjoining his, suffered even more damage, 40 acres of tobacco having been practically ruined. He described the tobacco as "torn all to pieces."

Residents and persons traveling in the Grimesland section reported the wind was so strong traffic had to be halted at times.

While the Grimesland section might have been the hardest hit, it was by no means the only area to suffer damage. Reports of hail came from various other sections of the county, Bell Arthur, Black Jack, Simpson, Ballard's cross roads and across the river from Greenville, along the Bethel highway.

Hail storms have been unusually frequent this year, farmers having suffered damage on several occasions.

TIME TO TURN BACKWARD

Bath, N. C. — This rendezvous of Blackbeard and his boisterous pirate crews—the oldest town in North Carolina—is to be restored to its colonial past. Leaders say few changes will be necessary for the quaint seaport has never grown much beyond the village it was in 1701.

Four beef calves have been purchased by 4-H club boys of Pitt County and will be grown out for exhibition and sale this fall.

Merchants to Close Wed. Afternoons Beginning June 1

Realizing that a half holiday each week provides a recreation period appreciated by our employees, we, the undersigned merchants in conformance with the custom of the past two years, agree to close our places of business at noon each Wednesday, beginning June 1, and continuing through Wednesday, August 17.

The Turnage Co., Holmes Bros. and Co., The Bank of Farmville, Roebuck's Home Grocery, Belk-Tyler Co., Farmville Motor Co., Doris Beauty Shoppe, Vanitie Boxe, A. B. Romanus, J. N. Ramey, A. & P. Tea Co., Lore Grocery Store, Carr Grocery Co., Corbett's Garage, B. S. and R. L. Smith, City Barber Shop, Home Cash Grocery, Hicks Hardware, Kemp's Barber Shop, B. & W. Chevrolet Co., The Davis Supply Co., Jake's Dollar Store, Warren's Young Men's Shop, W. D. Fields, Farmville Furniture Co., N. Cannon, F. C. Trevathan, N. Thomas, Rose's 5c & 10c Store, J. H. Harris, Western Auto Associate Store, Quality Beauty Parlor, Pitt Gin Co., E. and F. Motor Co., Pollard Auto Co., Art's Barber Shop, D. F. and R. O. Lang, K. Cannon, M. V. Horton, C. W. Blackwood's Wholesale Co., R. A. Parker Motor Co., J. A. Matthews, Rouse Printery.

Although some of the other business houses here were not seen by the committee due to limited time they will doubtless close also as no opposition to the custom has been heard.

FATAL PRANK

Melbourne, Australia. — Thinking to play a prank on fellow boarders, an Italian miner decided to slip alum into the wine a woman boardinghouse keeper and another miner were drinking. By mistake he used poison. When they collapsed, the man realized his mistake and, overcome by remorse, tried to commit suicide. It is thought they all will recover.

Statement From Pitt County Board of Commissioners to Citizens of Pitt County

Your Board of County Commissioners up to this time has refrained from making public statements, feeling that any statement made by them might be misunderstood or misconstrued.

Since it has come to our attention that many false statements have been and are being circulated, which are intended not only to discredit the Commissioners, but will greatly injure the best interest of Pitt County, we wish to make a few statements of facts. In these statements we shall refrain from referring to evidence that has gone before the Grand Juries or to the Court.

FIRST: Our actions have been guided largely by findings and recommendations from several Grand Juries, special Auditors, Ministerial Associations, and the Law and Order League.

SECOND: Neither politics nor personal animosity has motivated our actions. We feel that our democratic form of government is a trust and, as your official governing body, we are your trustees. We have put duty above friendship as much as we value our friends.

THIRD: We assume full responsibility for having had audits made, both general and special. The special audits were made on either recommendations of Grand Juries, or information from certified public accountants that general audits did not reveal the true condition of the County's financial affairs.

FOURTH: When it comes to the under-cover work done in the County since August of last year, we cannot assume responsibility except from October 20th, 1937. In the light of information furnished us about that time, we had no alternative in the performance of our duty but to continue the work when the A. B. C. Board hesitated because of doubt of authority under the law. This information went before the Grand Jury in January of this year.

FIFTH: We have been forced to spend right much money for audits due to the fact that the scope of audit contracts heretofore made were general and were not intended, as are special audits, to reveal facts now brought to light as is evidenced by two Grand Jury reports. We feel that the results of all audits will more than pay for their immediate cost and will be a distinct asset to tax payers for years to come, provided some changes in the present system of accounting in certain offices can be made as recommended by Grand Juries.

SIXTH: The employment of the National Bureau of Investigation and money paid to them has proven to have been (as much as we may dislike it) a splendid financial investment because of increased A. B. C. liquor sales and profits since their work began. Their greatest accomplishments have been, however, not only an increased respect for law and order, but they have put fear into the hearts of many who were inclined to travel the criminal highway and exploit the youth of our good County. Even should there be disapproval of our actions in trying to make Pitt County a cleaner and more respectable place in which to live and rear our children, we should like for the tax payers to review with us a few of the accomplishments during the past five and one-half years, VIZ:

Since December 1st, 1932, the county-wide debt has been reduced from \$2,527,000.00 to \$2,070,000.00, a reduction of \$457,000.00. During this period no bonds have been issued and no money has been borrowed.

(Paid advertisement by the individual members of the Board.)

In addition to the reduction in debt during this period the cash and bonds on hand have increased from \$500,984.55 to \$791,288.65, an increase of \$290,304.10. This increase in cash and bonds when added to the amount the debt has been reduced, namely \$457,000.00, shows the County's financial position has improved \$747,304.10 in the last 5 1-2 years.

At the same time during this period, the total taxes levied in the County have averaged less than one-half of the amount levied in 1929 (the highest year) and less than two-thirds of the amount levied in 1932.

For the 1937 tax year, two-thirds of the taxes levied county-wide are for Bonds and Interest, and one-third for use in the County. For example, a tax-payer who now pays \$100.00 in County Taxes, pays \$65.00 for debts and \$35.00 for County use. Of the \$35.00 paid for County use, only \$9.00 can be used by the Commissioner for the General Fund and County Home, while the \$26.00 remaining is for pensions, schools, relief and health, and is disbursed by the respective Boards in charge of these Funds.

In addition to the fact that no debt of any kind has been created in the last 5 1-2 years, the County has obtained improvements, consisting of school buildings, public buildings and drainage projects, costing \$690,000.00 by furnishing \$190,000.00, all of which is secured by notes, except cost of the Armory, and is now being repaid.

The amount provided for school maintenance and vocational training for 1937 is more than double that provided in 1932, and whereas only a few County schools were State accredited in 1932, all except one High School are fully accredited in 1937, and are recognized as being among the best County schools in the State. During this period books in the County school libraries have increased more than 60% from 15,000 to nearly 26,000 books. Also whereas there were four vocational teachers in County schools in 1932, there are fifteen in 1937.

During our respective tenure in office we have felt in all sincerity that the welfare of the County was more sacred than that of any individual or group. This has not been the easy way; we could not pursue the course of knowing nothing, seeing nothing and doing nothing. We have fully cooperated with every official in the County to the end, that they might make their offices more efficient in rendering services to the citizens of Pitt County. We have also cooperated with every agency in our County, State and Nation, whose purpose it has been to improve and strengthen the economic, health, moral and social conditions of our citizenship.

In conclusion we say to the people of Pitt County that we have kept the faith with them; that we have at all times tried to give our county an honest, efficient and economical government; that we have met and decided every problem that has come before us, no matter how hard the task, with the courage of our most sincere convictions; that we believe to have been our duty and for the best interest of all people of PITT COUNTY.

E. M. LEWIS, Chairman.
ROY T. COX.
L. W. CHERRY.
D. T. HOUSE, JR.
F. M. KILPATRICK.

Mass Meeting Held Friday Organization Effectuated

Typhoid Clinics To Begin May 30

Typhoid Vaccinations Are Free; Diphtheria Vaccinations, 10; Free If Unable to Pay.

Schedules for Typhoid and Diphtheria clinics to be held by the Pitt County Health Department beginning May 30 and continuing through June 20 as planned by Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, County Health Officer, are printed below for the information of citizens.

Dr. Ennett stated today that all children need Diphtheria vaccination by the time they are one year of age and it is the duty of parents to protect their babies against Diphtheria and their families against Typhoid. Dr. Ennett urged further that those desiring this service be on time in order that the schedule may be followed exactly.

For White and Colored Monday, May 30, June 6-13-20 — 8:30 Tysons Filling Station, 9:00 Ballards Cross Roads, 9:30 Langs Cross Roads, 10:00 Farmville High School, 11:00 Lewis Store, 11:30 Marlboro.

Tuesday, May 31, June 7-14-21 — 8:30 Ayden High School, 9:30 Mr. Frank McLawhorn's Filling Station, 10:00 Hanrahan, 10:45 Gritton High School, 11:30 Quinley's Store.

Wednesday, June 1st, 8-15-22—9:00 Winterville High School, 10:00 Mr. Herman MacLawhorn's, 10:45 Rountree's Church, 11:30 Reedy Branch Church.

Thursday, June 2-9-16-23 — 8:30 Venters Cross Roads, 9:15 Gardensville, 10:00 Stokes Town, 10:45 Mr. Roy Venters Store, 11:15 Cox's Mill, 11:45 Bell's Fork.

Friday, June 3-10-17-24 — 8:30 Mr. Elks Farm, 9:15 Grimesland High School, 10:00 Black Jack, 10:45 Galloways Cross Roads, 11:30 Simpson-Porters Store.

Monday, May 30-June 6-13-20 — 9:30 Sharp Point at Mr. Edwards Store, 10:30 Dildy, 11:30 Falkland.

Tuesday, May 30-June 7-14-21 — 8:30 Mr. Gus Forbes, 9:00 Bruce, 10:30 Kings-Cross Roads, 11:15 Bell Arthur Schoolhouse, 11:45 Stocks Filling Station.

Wednesday, June 1-8-15-22 — 8:30 Belvoir, 9:30 Penny Hill, 10:30 Gum Swamp Church, 11:30 House Station.

Thursday, June 2-9-16-23 — Bethel Elementary School at 8:30, 9:15 Whitehurst's Store, 9:45 Leens, 10:30 Wallace's Filling Station at Oak Grove, 11:15 Stokes High School.

Friday, June 3-10-17-24 — 8:30 Pactolus Mill, 9:30 Seymour, 10:30 Factolus School, 11:00 Mr. Lon Uble's Farm.

For Colored Only Monday, May 30, June 6-13-20 — 9:00 Simpson School, 10:00 Sweet Hope School, 11:00 Grimesland School.

Tuesday, May 31, June 7-14-21 — 9:00 Sally Branch School, 10:00 Highsmith School, 11:00 Bethel School.

Wednesday, June 1-8-15-22 — 9:00 Nicholas School, 10:00 Broad Branch School, 11:00 Sam McKinley Hall at Farmville.

Thursday, June 2-9-16-23 — 9:00 Winterville School, 10:00 Ayden School, 11:00 Gritton School.

Friday, June 3-10-17-24 — 9:00 Barlet's Store, 5th Street, Greenville; 10:00 Free Will Baptist Church at Greenville; 11:00 Corner Evans and 1st St., Greenville.

Mashburn Will Head A. C. C. Alumni Group

Farmville Man Named President; Miss Perkins Resigns Post.

Wilson, May 23. — C. B. Mashburn of Farmville was elected president of the Atlantic Christian College Alumni Association today at the annual meeting of the body held at the college here. F. W. Weigman, Dunn, was named first vice-president; J. M. Perry of Robertsonville, second vice-president; and J. E. Panchal of Wilson, treasurer.

Miss Eva Perkins of Wilson, secretary of the organization for the past year, resigned from that position because of other business activities and the steering committee of the college will appoint an alumni secretary in the near future. Dr. C. A. Jarman of the college faculty was recommended by several speakers at the meeting for the secretaryship.

During the meeting a small financial deficit was wiped out by donations made by those present.

Chairman Joyner Appoints Committees; R. G. Debnam Employed As Sales Supervisor of Farmville Market.

At a mass meeting held in the City Hall, Friday night, T. E. Joyner, as chairman, appointed George W. Davis, Marvin Lindsay and Wesley R. Willis to lay plans for organizing a Chamber of Commerce or a Merchant's Association in Farmville.

Other committees appointed at this time by the chairman were: The Ways and Means, with George W. Davis as chairman and the advertising committee with Marvin Lindsay as chairman. The new organization voted to hold a regular meeting on the first Monday night in each month.

Following the mass meeting, a meeting of the committee, which had been previously appointed to elect a sales supervisor for the Farmville Tobacco Market was held. Letters from applicants in Charlotte, Snow Hill, Tarboro, Greenville were filed for consideration until the following Monday night, in order that local people might be given opportunity to apply.

A meeting of this committee was held at the Farmville Funeral Home Monday night and the selection of a sales supervisor was again discussed. It was noted that no local applications had been received.

The committee decided at this time to employ R. G. Debnam, of Snow Hill, as sales supervisor and publicity director for the town of Farmville and the Farmville Tobacco Market, with the provision that he make his residence in Farmville for the duration of the contract, and with the recommendation that he assume his duties June 1 and spend the first week getting acquainted with the business people here.

Flower School Here One Day, June 2

The Garden Club is busy at this time making plans for the Flower School, which is to be held here in the municipal building on Thursday, June 2, with the morning session beginning at nine o'clock. An afternoon session will be held also.

The school, the only one of its kind to be held in Eastern Carolina, with the exception of a similar one held in Goldsboro, will have as its instructor, Mrs. J. L. Weller, of Norfolk, Va., who is well known throughout Virginia and the Carolinas for her ability along this line and as a leader in Garden Club work.

The morning session will be featured with an illustrated lecture on "Flower Arrangement." Everyone attending the school is requested by the Garden Club to take flowers to be arranged as a study.

The afternoon class will take up the subject of "Judging Flower Arrangements" and members of the class are expected to take a flower arrangement to be judged at this time.

In an interview with Miss Bettie Joyner, president of the Farmville Garden Club, Miss Joyner stated that the Garden Club would be glad to finance the school and invite every interested person in the community to attend without any charge but that expenses connected with the project will amount to around \$50 and so an admission fee will be necessary.

Tickets at fifty cents each are now on sale by members of the Garden Club, and will be delivered at the home of the caller if Miss Bettie Joyner's number is dialed.

The Garden Club requests the cooperation of the town in making the School a success.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What has happened to The Literary Digest?
 2. What was the largest number of persons on relief rolls?
 3. Why does the United States refuse to sell enough helium to float the new German dirigible?
 4. How much gasoline is used in the United States in a year?
 5. How many airplanes available for defense, are kept by the army in continental United States?
 6. What is the ratio of the United States, economically, to the world?
 7. When was Confucius born?
 8. What is the British goal to regard to air strength?
 9. Has the United States recognized the Italian conquest of Ethiopia?
 10. When did the government issue its first crop report?
- (See "The Answers" on Page 4)

greetings to the class of 1938 and Omie Cockrel of Wilson, president of this year's senior class, responded for the class.

Italy is now ready to withdraw troops from Spain when the Spanish war for independence is won by the