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ANOTHER CONCESSION MADE BY LEASE-LEND ADVOCATES

Surprise Offer Gives Congress Greater Control Over Aid Program; Knox Says Navy Can't Spare Any More Destroyers; Senate Bill Now Nearing Floor

Washington, Feb. 12.—Still seeking more votes for the lease-lend bill, administration leaders in the Senate today offered its opponents a surprise concession which, they said, would give Congress firmer financial control over the aid-to-Britain program.

In essence, their proposal, approved late in the day by a Senate foreign relations subcommittee, would require that the President obtain both "authorizations" and "appropriations" from Congress. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, Democratic leader, explained that first the President could ask for authority to enter into contracts for the manufacture of supplies and their delivery to Britain.

The modifications, its backers said, would remove any basis for charges that the lease-lend bill itself was a "blank check" to the President to spend unlimited amounts in supplying defense items to countries whose defense he deems vital to the defense of the United States.

Knox Dissents
Downtown, meanwhile, there was a sharp repudiation from Wendell L. Willkie's proposal that five or ten destroyers be transferred to England each month. Secretary Knox bluntly told reporters the Navy could "spare no more destroyers" and still maintain a "balanced fleet."

The Willkie suggestion was, nevertheless, reported to be receiving serious consideration in some administration quarters, and there was much speculation whether it might not have been discussed at last night's meeting between Willkie and President Roosevelt.

In fact, Willkie told reporters in a telephone message from New York late today: "I was surprised to read Colonel Knox's statement. Information given to be by high authorities in the government after my testimony yesterday confirmed my views that we are in a position, without any injury to our Navy or national defense, to give Great Britain immediate effective assistance by furnishing to her additional destroyers."

Westminster Choir Sings For Roosevelt

Westminster Choir, which will be heard in Greenville, February 27th, at 8:00 P. M., at Wright Memorial Auditorium, E. C. T. C., has sung twice at the White House, first at the invitation of President and Mrs. Hoover, and again upon the request of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Last year, the choir was honored by being asked to participate in the convention of the Federated Churches of America, held in Washington, D. C., at which President Roosevelt was the principal speaker. On another occasion, the choir sang at the National Missionary Alliance dinner and broadcast, at which time both President Roosevelt and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland were honored speakers.

Founders Day February 17th
Of all the events in the history of the parent-teacher movement, none in retrospect appears more dramatic and powerful than the first Congress, called by Alice McLellan Birney, February 17, 1897; the attendance was a large one; the motive a great one.

Congressman Bonner Appointed on Committee
Congressman Herbert C. Bonner today was appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Coast Geodetic Survey by Congressman Bland, Chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Woman Ends Life Leaping Into River

Body of Mrs. J. K. Taylor of Pactolus Taken From River About Four Hours Later

Greenville, Feb. 12.—After writing a three-page note that revealed despondency growing out of domestic difficulties, Mrs. Katie Lee Taylor, wife of James K. Taylor of the Pactolus community, walked to the bank of Tar River near the bridge, removed nearly all her clothing, jumped into the river, and was drowned.

Officer L. D. Paige said the woman left her home walking and was given a ride to Greenville by Ernest Dudley, who told officers the woman said her husband had poison in his pocket. She did not tell Dudley of her intention to commit suicide, according to officers.

COTTON
Cotton consumption totalled 775,000 bales in December as compared with 744,000 bales in November and was exceeded only by an all-time high of 777,000 bales in March, 1937.

British Continue Heavy Air Attacks On the Germans

Nazi Air Force Still Grounded; British Score New Gains In East Africa

London, Feb. 12.—German "Big Bertha" guns today flung salvos of shells into an English coastal town after relentless night assaults by British bombers on an 800-mile stretch of Adolf Hitler's "Invasion Front" and his war centers of Bremen and Hannover.

The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court, upholding the Federal Wage and Hour Law, concludes the last major legal challenge to New Deal legislation. In his opinion, Justice Stone commented that while manufacture was not of itself interstate commerce, the shipment of manufactured goods in interstate commerce is "such commerce."

Another recent decision of the Supreme Court held that disputes between labor unions do not come within the purview of the Sherman Anti-trust act. By a 5-2 decision, the Court took the philosophical view that jurisdictional conflicts between labor unions, while intensifying industrial strife, have marked the evolution of craft unionism and has been one of the patent forces in the modern development of industrial unions.

Debate over the bill to increase the national debt limit from forty-nine to sixty-five billions of dollars will be largely academic. The Treasury Department has reported to Congress that it has borrowing power sufficient to run for only a few months and far insufficient to finance the huge finance program which, it is now estimated, will reach thirty billion dollars.

The steady pressure of Japan in the Far East is expected by some observers to produce a "complication" in her relationship with the United States in the near future. It seems abundantly clear that, while the Japanese insist that they are seeking economic goals, the Japanese lose no opportunity to improve their military position in the Far East or to secure stronger positions for further advances towards The Netherlands Indies, Singapore and Australia.

This is clearly evident from the results of Japanese intervention in the fighting between Thailand and French Indo-China. Apparently the United States will have to decide whether to surrender its commercial rights in the Far East or insist upon them with the knowledge that there is the likelihood of an armed clash with Japan.

Most Americans do not realize the hard work that is necessary to develop raw recruits into experienced soldiers. Modern warfare is so far removed from the old days of shotgun fire that it has become largely a technical affair. The advent of mechanization, airplanes, tanks and the multiplicity of armaments, combine to make soldiering a technical job, requiring trained men.

Considerable interest is expressed in the number of airplanes being sent to Great Britain, with wild rumors flying through the air. The average American is concerned about these deliveries, with the majority apprehensive lest the British fail to receive sufficient planes and the majority fearful the defense of this country be impaired by such shipments.



By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)
WAGE-HOUR LAW UPHELD. UNIONS OUTSIDE-LAW. DEBT INCREASE CERTAIN. PRESSURE IN FAR EAST. PLANES TO THE BRITISH. NATIONS REGULATE COFFEE. LEASE-LEND BILL. THE CONVOY QUESTION. U. S. PLAYS FOR TIME.

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Series of Meetings Begin in Baptist Church on Feb. 17

Rev. William C. Royal of Maryland To Speak Daily

The revival meeting, to which the congregation of the Baptist church has been looking forward for several weeks, will begin Monday evening, February 17, at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. William C. Royal, of Frederick, Md., will be the speaker at the two services, which have been planned for each day, the morning service of one half hour, beginning Tuesday, February 18, at 9:30 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. B. E. Fordham, announces that the Rev. Mr. Royal, a North Carolinian by birth, and a native of this section, comes to the Farmville church highly recommended as a Bible student, zealous in the cause of the Master, and a speaker of power and ability.

Anti-Trust Head Sees Nazi Peril

Says Germans Control Vital Defense Industries; Alleges Price-Fixing

Washington, Feb. 12.—Thurman Arnold, chief of the Justice Department's anti-trust division, told the monopoly committee today that a grand jury in New York was "constantly uncovering startling instances of German control of defense industries as well as illegal price-fixing among American concerns."

An investigation already has indicated, he said, that "the United States government has been charged excessive and unreasonable prices for essential war materials as a result of agreement between domestic and foreign companies, and collusive bidding on Army and Navy contracts."

He asked the committee to recommend to Congress an immediate expansion of the government's anti-trust activities aimed at price-fixing, collusive bidding and other monopolistic practices in defense industries and added that lack of funds was holding up investigation of at least 81 industries producing vital war materials.

"There are evidences of price increases, artificial shortages and foreign control in this field," he told the committee. "For an effective attack upon these restraints, four grand juries should be impaneled in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles with the special duty of investigating restraints of trade in the production of war materials."

MUSSOLINI AND FRANCO MEET FOR 'HISTORIC CONFERENCES'



REV. WILLIAM C. ROYAL of Frederick, Md. He will speak in the Baptist Revival Series beginning Monday, Feb. 17.

Vichy Reports 'Latin Bloc' to Resist Britain In Mediterranean Discussed; Franco Talks To Petain Today; Axis Drive in Balkans Believed Imminent

Madrid, Feb. 12.—Premier Benito Mussolini and Generalissimo Francisco Franco, who conferred today in the Italian town of Bordighera, reached a complete accord on "problems of historic consequence" involving Italy and Spain, an official communique said tonight.

Franco and Mussolini held two separate conferences during the day at Bordighera, which is on the Italian Riviera six miles southwest of San Remo and about 12 miles across the frontier from France.

Attending the conference was Ramon Serrano Suer, Spanish foreign minister and brother-in-law of Franco.

Nothing in the communique issued tonight suggested that Adolf Hitler, foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop or any other high German official had participated in the conference. Bordighera is a small winter resort of 3,000 to 4,000 population, an ideal spot for the secrecy-shrouded conference.

"LATIN BLOC" REPORTED AS CONFERENCE OBJECT
Vichy, Feb. 12.—Proposals for creation of a "Latin bloc" challenging Britain's Mediterranean conquests were reported to have been discussed today at a secret conference of Premier Benito Mussolini and Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain somewhere in Italy.

Tomorrow, Franco, en route back to Madrid, will confer with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain in the Langueoed region of Southern France and perhaps seek a solution of several points of French-Spanish friction standing in the way of Petain's collaboration in such a Latin bloc.

Reports persisted that Adolf Hitler, Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop or some other high-ranking Nazi official participated in today's conference in Italy, but they lacked confirmation. In connection with the proposal for the "Latin bloc"—Italy, Spain, and France—to safeguard their Mediterranean and African positions, there were persistent reports that Serrano Suer, who is accompanying Franco, soon might become the master of Spain.

Serrano Suer, advocate of closer Spanish collaboration with the Axis powers, is Franco's brother-in-law and a leader of the Spanish Falangist (Fascist) organization. The possible change in the leadership of the Spanish government was reported to be one of the foremost points of Franco's talks with Mussolini and with Petain.

The newspaper Le Jour said that Serrano Suer might soon become premier as a prelude to "an early modification of Spain's attitude toward the war."

Franco, although admitting Spain's gratitude to Italy and Germany for aiding him in winning the Spanish civil war, was said by the newspaper Le Temps to have several times affirmed his determination to keep Spain out of the war. "Nothing in the acts of the Franco government now authorizes a belief that Spain is disposed to modify this attitude," the newspaper said.

Congressman Bonner Assured of Inclusion of Tobacco in L-L Bill

Citizens of Farmville and community, who have been watching developments in the Lend-Lease Bill, pending in the National Congress, with a vital interest in the inclusion of tobacco in this Bill, have observed the consistent efforts of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner in this connection.

To be positive that the intent of the legislation was to include tobacco, Congressman Bonner directed a letter to Congressman Bloom, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and received a reply from him on February 7, which is printed below in part, and will be read with great satisfaction by Mr. Bonner's friends here, who can be assured of his efforts to protect the interest of the people of this District.

"With reference to the conversation that you and I had on the floor and also in regard to your letter concerning the Lend-Lease Bill, I know how interested you are to be sure that the Bill in Section 2 includes tobacco.

"I can assure you that my impression is and, in fact, I am positive that it does include tobacco; so you can assure your constituents that after your inquiry and after a special investigation by me that tobacco is included."

"I want to take this opportunity to say to you that I wish every Congressman were as attentive and as interested in seeing in legislation of this kind that the interests of his constituents is protected."

Greeks Declare New Gains Made

Capture Important Mountain Positions; More Italian Air Raids Made on Greece

Athens, Feb. 13.—Greek troops have stormed and captured "important positions" on the Albanian front, seizing Italian prisoners and quantities of arms, the Greek high command reported early today.

LUNCH ROOM MENU FARMVILLE SCHOOL FEBRUARY 17-21

- Monday—Macaroni and cheese, apple-cabbage salad, scalloped tomatoes, string beans, corn bread, 10c; Peaches with cake, 5c.
- Tuesday—Lima beans with pork, slaw, steamed greens, sweet potatoes, Graham muffins, 10c; Bananas pie, 5c.
- Wednesday—Collards with bacon, Irish potatoes, pickles, pork and beans, corn bread, 10c; Chocolate pie, 5c.
- Thursday—Meat loaf, tomato sauce, creamed potatoes, carrots with green peas, corn bread, 10c; Lemon pie, 5c.
- Friday—Hamburger, macaroni, parsley potatoes, carrot-cabbage salad, biscuit, 10c; Caramel pie, 5c.

When County farmers are busy engaged in preparing their crops, it is tempting to observe what some men will do for the sake of a usability.

The latest figures indicate that in (Continued on page 2)