

U.S. Plunges Into Great Armaments Race

Withdraw Charge Or Resign, F-D Tells TVA Head

Chairman Said Given 2:30 Tuesday Make Up His Mind

BULLETIN
WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Arthur E. Morgan refused to resign as chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority and today challenged President Roosevelt's power to remove him from office.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt gave Chairman Arthur E. Morgan of the Tennessee Valley Authority today an ultimatum to resign or to accept charges against his TVA colleagues, or tendering his resignation.

The president, at the third house hearing on TVA internal controversies, gave Morgan until 2:30 p. m. tomorrow to make up his mind whether he would accept the charges or tendering his resignation.

F-D Lacks Power
Some congressmen have concluded the president is without power to remove the directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, pending this right is reserved by the act of congress.

The president, white house officials said, told Morgan that if he failed to comply with his ultimatum to move for his immediate suspension, or removal or resignation.

Secretary Marvin H. McIntyre, who attended today's hearing in the president's office in the absence of Stephen Early, press secretary, made the announcement of the president's blunt ultimatum to Chairman Morgan while a transcript of the hearing was being prepared for the press.

Chairman Morgan, who, the president says, has charged his associates with dishonesty, malfeasance and bad faith and who has insisted upon a congressional investigation, left the white house at 2:30 p. m., but refused to say where he would go.

There also was no immediate announcement from the white house as to whether Morgan was authorized to report to the chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority had again asked to give evidence in substantiation of his charges against the TVA directors.

Mr. Roosevelt in Battle on Visit
PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—The problems of war and peace have become major issues with the nation's younger generation, according to Franklin D. Roosevelt told reporters here yesterday.

The first lady paused briefly at the municipal airport while en route to Seattle to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover.

MOTHER LOVES YOU
ST. HELENS, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Eva Stevens testified today that the last words spoken by her daughter, Ruth, whom she is charged with poisoning, were: "Do you know that mother loves you?"

Will Tell One
By BOB BURNS
A lot of people have asked me to tell you why I don't tell you about the European situation. To tell you the truth, I haven't gone into it deep enough to talk intelligently about it.

It's kinda like the time Aunt Puny asked Uncle Slug if he had heard the scandal about the Med. "Nope," Aunt Puny said. "Well, the whole town's talking about it. You're takin' his part and you're takin' hers."

Uncle Slug says "And I suppose there's a few eccentric people who are mindin' their own business." Enquire Features, Inc.

Nippon Attack Fails At Canal

SHANGHAI, March 21.—(AP)—Japanese shock troops failed to crack Chinese defenses today in a bloody battle along the ancient Grand canal.

Despite terrific artillery shelling, the Chinese clung to their trench lines on the south bank of the canal 18 miles north of Suowu.

An advance guard of Japanese cavalry which swam the river was driven back by Chinese machine gun and rifle fire.

The Japanese were fighting desperately to effect a crossing and continue their advance down the Tientsin-Pukow railway line to Suowu, where the line crosses the east-west Lunghai railway.

Hanchung, on the southern border of Shantung province where the Tientsin-Pukow line crosses the canal, fell into Japanese hands. Japanese were assaulting Talerchwang, 25 miles to the east.

Both sides admitted heavy losses. The fighting has been going on incessantly since the Japanese started their new drive down the Tientsin-Pukow railway more than a week ago.

A Japanese flanking force swung to the east and occupied Yihshien in the push on Talerchwang. Three American women missionaries were reported to be at Yihshien.

U. O. Registration Increases Eight Percent This Term

An increase of eight per cent, or 163 more than for spring term a year ago, was shown for registration for the first half of the present term at the University of Oregon, it was reported at noon Monday by C. L. Constance, assistant registrar.

At noon a total of 2207 students had drawn registration material, compared to 2044 for the same period a year ago. The figure also shows an actual increase over the first half of the past term, when half day total was 2182.

Total registration for spring term a year ago was 2604, a figure that will easily be topped this year, Mr. Constance says. Although registration usually shows a decided drop between winter and spring terms, there is still a possibility that the 3,000 mark may be reached. Last term the enrollment total was 3,627, a new high for a winter term.

Registration will continue the rest of the week, although all students except graduates and those in the employ of the university must pay a late fee after Monday.

Randall Brothers Plead Guilty

Kenneth and Willard Randall, charged in several indictments with burglary not in a dwelling, Monday changed their plea of not guilty to that of guilty in the case wherein they are accused of robbing the Culp Creek store. They will be sentenced by Judge Skipworth in circuit court Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. These men are accused of robbing several other stores in the county during the past winter. Their younger brother, Rupert, is also under indictment on the same charge. He has not changed his plea.

Arthur Cox was arraigned in court Monday morning on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, being accused of passing a bad check. He will enter his plea Tuesday at 9:30. Cox was arraigned after he had waived grand jury action.

Tragic Honeymoon
McMINNVILLE, March 21.—(AP)—Tragedy ended the honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Leo Connell last night when the bride of a day was killed and her husband severely injured in a collision on the Pacific highway three miles north of here.

War Scar Europe's Dow Jnday

British-Italian Pact Believed to Be Near Final Signing

By The Associated Press
The world's wars surged on today but Europe's rumor of new war slackened.

Predictions of an early British-Italian accord became a splash of cheerful color on the European panorama after two hectic weeks of anxious, somber retouching and repainting.

Informed persons in Rome predicted the British-Italian accord would be concluded by Saturday to include these provisions:

British support for League of Nations recognition of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia; withdrawal of all Italian combatants from the Spanish civil war; absolute withdrawal of Italian forces from the Balearic islands.

To Patch Up Line
Poland and Lithuania, near armed conflict last week, planned to patch up an old railway line so they could resume friendly communication, non-existent for nearly 18 years.

Prime Minister Chamberlain announced in the house of commons he would make an eagerly awaited statement of British foreign policy on Thursday—presumably an announcement of what Britain would do if Germany were to invade Czechoslovakia.

Despite France's urging, Britain has refused to commit herself regarding defense of Czechoslovakia.

Germany, still digesting Austria, informed the League of Nations that her new province "no longer is considered" a member of the league.

Soviet Roundup
A mysterious roundup of Soviet citizens was underway in Russia—apparently an effort to insulate the suspicious regime from unwanted foreign contacts. Recent disappearances and arrests included a secretary of the Moscow office of the New York Times and

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Picket Ordinance Meeting Topic

The general public has been invited to attend the first big rally and send-off meeting of the newly organized Citizens' League, to be held at the Moose hall Wednesday night, it was revealed Monday by officials of the organization.

The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock with several prominent speakers slated to discuss the needs and purposes of the league. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

The main topic to be discussed will be the recently adopted ordinance governing picketing in Eugene. The league is opposed to the city council's action in passing the ordinance and is expected to join with labor interests in demanding the repeal of the entire ordinance.

Five Republicans, 2 Democrats Have Filed for Governor
SALEM, March 21.—(AP)—The number of republican candidates for governor in the primary election May 29 was raised to five today with the filing of Charles L. Paine, Eugene.

ENROLLMENT UP
CORVALLIS, March 21.—(AP)—The enrollment of 4407 credit students at Oregon State college at the end of the winter term was 353 more than a year ago.



EDGAR L. G. PROCHNIK, who was minister to the U. S. from Austria until his country was announced as a province in the German Reich, is shown above, pondering just where he stands as he reads of the German seizure of Austria. Since Anschluss has left him technically without an autonomous country to represent, official definition of his status is being awaited by Minister Prochnik and diplomatic circles.

Non-Use Of Blaine Confession Explained

By NED SIMPSON
Investigation begun when Register-Guard readers asked why the state did not use the purported confession of Ray W. Blaine during the prosecution of Lane county's first "goon" trials last week, was rewarded Monday with statements on the situation by both prosecution and defense counsel.

Blaine, who was president of the Journeyman barbers local, was convicted in two trials in circuit court here last week on charges arising from two skunk musk "bombings" of non-union barber shops in Eugene last December and January.

Speaking for the state, L. L. Ray, Lane county district attorney, said: "I knew I could get a conviction with the evidence I had in the case without having to use Blaine's confession. Had I used the confession it would have given the defense a chance to use an affidavit asserting the confession was obtained under duress. I did not want to give the defense a chance to put on a show and thereby confuse the issue at hand."

Speaking for the defense, H. E. Slattery, defense counsel, stated: "If the prosecution had used the alleged confession it would have given us a chance to present charges that state police used 'third degree' methods to make Mr. Blaine sign the confession. The district attorney did not want that to happen, as it is evident to see by the fact he did not use the purported confession in prosecuting the case."

The "third degree" methods charged by Blaine were alleged to have been committed by three state troopers who questioned him concerning the case in the state police offices at the Lane county court house. Officials of the state police later presented evidence that Blaine's charges were false, but no "show down" has ever materialized in the situation.

Prosecution of the first of two more "goon" cases will start here next Monday when Hugh Reynolds, Vern Bailey, V. D. McCauley and Blaine go on trial on charges of advocating the commission of a felony in connection with the smashing of windows in non-union barber shops here last fall.

ALBANY GETS SNOW
ALBANY, March 21.—(AP)—The Willamette river set a season's record of 22.4 feet last night and dropped to 21.9 feet today. An inch of snow which fell during the night melted as the temperature rose.

SAFETY FIRST
EUGENE 1938 1937
Accidents 188 1268
Injuries 26 159
Deaths 0 2
LANE COUNTY
Accidents 107 1268
Injuries 15 351
Deaths 2 17
CITY'S DANGER SPOTS
11th & Jefferson—Four accidents, one injury.
10th & Willamette—Four accidents.
13th & Charnellton, 11th & Franklin—Three accidents, one injury.

Henry Patterson Hurt In Wagon Upset
A run-away team of horses was responsible for an accident in which Henry Patterson, employed on the county road crew, suffered a fractured jaw Sunday afternoon near Fisher. The horses upset the wagon which Mr. Patterson was driving, and threw him under the wheels. He is being treated at the Eugene hospital.

Many Youths Jobless
WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—More than 46 per cent of Oregon's 58,432 totally unemployed are between 15 and 24 years old, J. Edgar D. Biggers, unemployment census administrator, announced today.

The youngest group, 15 to 25 years, represented 25.6 per cent and 25 to 35 years group 20.6 per cent. The largest age group among the 14,573 persons employed in emergency work was between 45 and 54 years.

Injunction Is Sought By Oil Companies

Diplomatic Proceeding To Be Second Step In Fight In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—(AP)—Foreign oil companies announced today that they would start injunction proceedings as the first move of their fight to regain \$400,000,000 in oil properties seized by the government. Diplomatic proceedings would be the second step.

It was estimated that American business interests already had lost millions through the decree suspending dealings in gold and foreign exchange issued coincident with the seizure order.

Food hoarding had started and prices skyrocketed. American Ambassador Josephus Daniels said the oil companies were expected to exhaust every legal means of defending their property.

"What should be done after recourse to Mexican law is a matter for the state department," he said, as regards American companies.

Seek Injunction
Executives of the foreign oil companies, announcing their injunction plan, said their lawyers would decide the grounds to be cited and then file briefs as soon as possible. It was believed they would plead that the expropriation law under which the seizure was effected—on the ground that the companies were "in rebellion" against court orders to raise wages—was unconstitutional.

For the present the oil industry was paralyzed and American business was almost at a standstill. Disputes from oil centers reported a mass flight of American and British oil company employees with their families.

Generally, the oil country was quiet and orderly, it was reported—with the workers having seized control of plants. One newspaper reported that laborers "in a burst of enthusiasm" caused damage to some plants in southern Vera Cruz state.

Fear Shortage
Fear of an oil shortage was acute. The department of national economic sought to supply all filling stations, which were besieged by automobile owners, and sent inspectors to check on any over-charging.

It was estimated that food prices had increased at some places by 20 per cent because of the gold purchase decree. Many merchants refused paper money for purchase.

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Armory Made Ready For Big Home Show

The armory was a busy place Monday afternoon as final preparations were being made for the Build a Home and Trade exposition opening at 7 p. m. Monday and continuing through Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 until 11 p. m.

Trucks were waiting in line to unload everything imaginable that goes to building and furnishing a modern home. Carpenters were hammering away, speeding up work on the booths so that everything would be in readiness.

The show, being sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 3 of Eugene, is expected to be one of the finest in history and preparations were made to take care of thousands of visitors from all over Lane county.

The entertainment program, which will also be free, was being completed by Jack McCarty, chairman. C. S. Dillon, chairman in charge of the entire show, predicted the exposition will break all records.

Transients Held For Investigation
Charles Edward Fairdeau of Lowell, Mass., and George W. Belcher of Bell, Cal., are being held in the county jail for investigation. They were picked up by a deputy sheriff at Westfir. No charge has been filed against them but they are suspected of robbery, the officers said.

House Approves Navy Bill By Vote of 291-100

Ministers Of Lithuania Quit

KAUNAS, Lithuania, March 21.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Stasys Lozoraitis and Minister of Justice Stasys Silingas tendered their resignations today because of their dissatisfaction with the government's acceptance of Poland's ultimatum on restoration of diplomatic relations.

President Antanas Smetona did not announce at once whether he would accept the resignations or try to persuade the ministers to withdraw them.

Far-reaching changes in the country's political front, possibly involving the resignation of Smetona himself, were forecast.

It was understood the government was considering whether to send a note to the great powers and the league of nations citing Lithuania's legal claims to the Vilna area, which lay at the bottom of the 20-year dispute with Poland, and asserting that these claims had not been altered by the forced agreement with Poland.

Various reports were that almost every minister in the cabinet had offered his resignation or was about to do so, but there was no confirmation of the reports.

Undoubtedly the feeling throughout the country was one of humiliation, particularly because the Polish ultimatum—whether intentionally or unintentionally—expired on St. Joseph's day, the name day of the Josef Pilsudski whom Lithuanians regard as the instigator of the long Polish-Lithuanian estrangement, in that they hold him responsible for Poland's occupation of the Vilna territory.

Widow of Former Oregon Governor Dies on Sunday

PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held in Salem Tuesday for Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson, 76, widow of the former Oregon governor, who died here Sunday a week after she was stricken suddenly with pneumonia.

Salem was her birthplace. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Woodworth, who emigrated to the Oregon country from Vermont and settled in the Willamette valley in 1852.

An active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames and the Oregon Historical Society, she was known in 4-H club work as the donor of an annual award at the Oregon state fair.

She remained active in republican circles after the death of her husband, the former governor, in December, 1929. They were married in 1885.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip and Isaac Lee, Jr., both of Portland.

Age Limit Too Low In Civil Service Says Legion Head
PORTLAND, March 21.—(AP)—Daniel J. Doherty, American Legion national commander, believes civil service agencies and industry as a whole sets too low a maximum age limit in matters of employment.

He said in an interview here yesterday he was glad to see indications that industrialists were getting away from the practice of discriminating against persons more than 40 years of age.

"This very unjust discrimination goes to the root of modern social unrest," he asserted.

He pointed out that the average age of the world war veteran was 45 years.

"As a matter of utility business needs men and women of experience," Doherty continued. "And I also think the age limit is too low in every field of endeavor for which civil service examinations are held—government, state and municipal."

Fighting Fleet to Be Increased by 1,500 Tons by Bill

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—The house today passed and sent to the senate a bill authorizing the greatest fighting fleet in the history of the United States.

The vote was 291 to 100. Designed to carry out President Roosevelt's request for a 20 per cent increase in America's naval fighting strength, the bill authorizes additions to raise U. S. fleets to a total of 1,500,000 tons at a cost of \$1,121,546,000. Passage followed a house vote of 276 to 114 defeating a motion by Rep. Ralph Church, R., Ill., to recommit the bill.

Authorizes Ships
The measure, sponsored by Chairman Carl Vinson, D., Ga., of the house naval affairs committee, specifically authorizes 46 new combat ships, 22 naval auxiliaries and 950 airplanes to bring the navy's aerial arm to 3,000 fighting planes. The 1,500,000 tonnage falls just short of maintaining America's share of the 5-5-3 naval ratio among the United States, Great Britain and Japan under the announced and reported building programs of the three great naval powers.

While it projects this nation into the international armaments race, the measure carries a statement asserting the United States would welcome a disarmament conference. It also specifically authorizes the president to suspend construction to carry out the terms of a possible treaty, but forbids suspension or scrapping of ships actually under construction, as done by the United States under the Washington treaty.

Policy Section Out
Originally this section carried a statement of policy committing the United States to a fleet powerful enough to defend both coasts simultaneously and to protect our territories and possessions as well as "commerce and citizens abroad."

Opponents of the measure, fearing this indicated the enlarged fleet was to be used for aggression abroad, concentrated attack on this provision. It was eliminated on a point of order.

The two great points of house controversy—a naval policy and the wisdom of continuing to build battleships—are certain to be revived in the senate. Opponents of the bill's authorization of three battleships maintained that a breadbasket is primarily an offensive weapon and that the development of air attack has made huge battleships obsolete.

House members, however, agreed with the contention of high ranking naval officers that as long as other nations continue to build battleships the United States must match them.

Hull Horrified At Bombing Of Cities
WASHINGTON, March 21.—(AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today voiced the "sense of horror" of the entire American people over the slaughter of Spanish civilians in Barcelona by nationalist bombing planes.

Speaking independently of action taken by any European government, Hull said the disastrous raids on Spanish non-combatants in Barcelona had prompted him again to voice the disapproval and horror of this government and of the American people at such wanton destruction of non-combatant life.

Weather News
Winter chill continued to prevail in Eugene, Monday, with the day's minimum dropping to 31 degrees, one below the freezing point. The forecast follows:

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Tuesday; local showers west portion; snow flurries over the mountains; continued cold; moderate changeable wind off coast.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature, Monday, 31 degrees; maximum temperature, Sunday, 46 degrees; precipitation, 7 a. m. Monday, .03 of an inch; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Monday, 5.7 feet; wind, south.

U.S. LA W TIDES: Tuesday, high, 3:57 a. m., 5:21 p. m.; low, 11:03 a. m., 10:43 p. m. Wednesday, high, 4:43 a. m., 6:26 p. m.; low, 12 noon. Thursday, high, 5:43 a. m., 7:33 p. m.; low, 1:05 p. m.