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FRANCE CALLS WAR CONFERENCE



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WASHINGTON, March 19.—The mourners in big business have been

pushed around a lot lately by a

series of inside

tips that the new deal may go

to for punitive

taxes on big

business.

A well known

writer who re-

cently visited

the White House

came away with

the impression

that the head

man is at least

toying with the

idea. Somewhat

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the same impression

was gained by

a prominent New Yorker

who called

at the White House

within the past

week.

President Roosevelt's

coterie of advisers

do not agree about

the prospects. The

man who is perhaps

closest to him on such

matters has published

a strong editorial

indorsing the theory.

Others have doubted

that the president

would care to

disturb business

further at this time.

This clearly means

that the new

dealers are indirectly

sounding out the

country on the proposition.

It does not necessarily

mean that the plan

will be undertaken.

Once, earlier

in the game, Mr. Roosevelt

conducted a similar

sound-out on the

commodity dollar theory

and ultimately

dropped it. What has

done so far, however,

has had a disturbing

effect on financial

markets. Only a direct

denial from the White

House can stop that.

The only thing new

about the theory is the

White House angle.

The theory has been

kicking around, up

and down, among the

boys in the know

since the beginning

of the new deal. A

reprinting of Supreme

Court Justice Brandeis'

book, "The Curse of

Bigness," is what

started the theory. It

was introduced in the

ITALY AND BRITAIN ASKED TO CONFER ON GERMAN ACTION

France, Russia Refer to British Protest On Re-armament As 'Weak'—Berlin Sees Plane Display

(By the Associated Press) It was authoritatively learned in London today that France had suggested an emergency conference of representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy concerning the German rearmament situation and that Italy had agreed.

Germany flew a big squadron of fighting airplanes over Berlin today in proof of the declaration that arms clauses of the Versailles treaty no longer apply to Germany and official German sources intimated the next portion of the treaty to go would be that preventing Germany from building fortifications along the Rhine.

British Protest Held Weak Both the French and the Russians referred to Great Britain's protest against German rearmament as "weak" and the Russians added to this criticism the claim that Great Britain had "capitulated" to Germany.

Well-informed circles in Berlin said they would not be surprised if the United States would protest to Germany against the re-establishment of a complete German armament as a violation of the German-American treaty.

In Washington, however, President Roosevelt and his advisers adopted an attitude of extreme caution and no word was forthcoming from the White House as to what action, if any, the United States might take.

France Boasts Enlistments In answer to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's announcement of a conscript German army, the finance committee of the French chamber of deputies approved an appropriation of 20,000,000 francs (\$1,329,000) for enlistment bonuses in the French army.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain told the house of commons his government would appoint a special subcommittee to investigate England's defenses against aerial attack.

The British government asked the commons for an appropriation of nearly \$18,000,000 this year more than last year for air defense.

A demand for the restoration of conscription in Austria was made by Minister of the Interior Emil Fey and his newspaper, the Oesterreich Abendzeitung. He declared now is the time for conscription "to be taken up by other states, which have been restricted in military establishments by the peace treaty."

SENATE REJECTS RELIEF BILL CUT

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The senate today rejected a proposal to slash the \$4,880,000,000 relief appropriation to \$1,880,000,000. The vote was 66 to 21 against an amendment by Senator Byrd (D., Va.), who assailed the past use of public works funds as having been diverted in large sums to routine departmental expenses.

He demanded that \$3,000,000,000 be taken out of the \$4,880,000,000 work fund.

THREE BANK ROBBERS ESCAPE WITH \$16,000 SEDALIA, Mo., March 19.—(AP)—The Sedalia Bank and Trust company was robbed of approximately \$16,000 today by three men who rushed into the building after holding Assistant Cashier James Neelin, Mayor O. B. Poundstone and four members of the Poundstone family prisoners most of the night.

Richberg Says Johnson Is a "Popular Humorist"

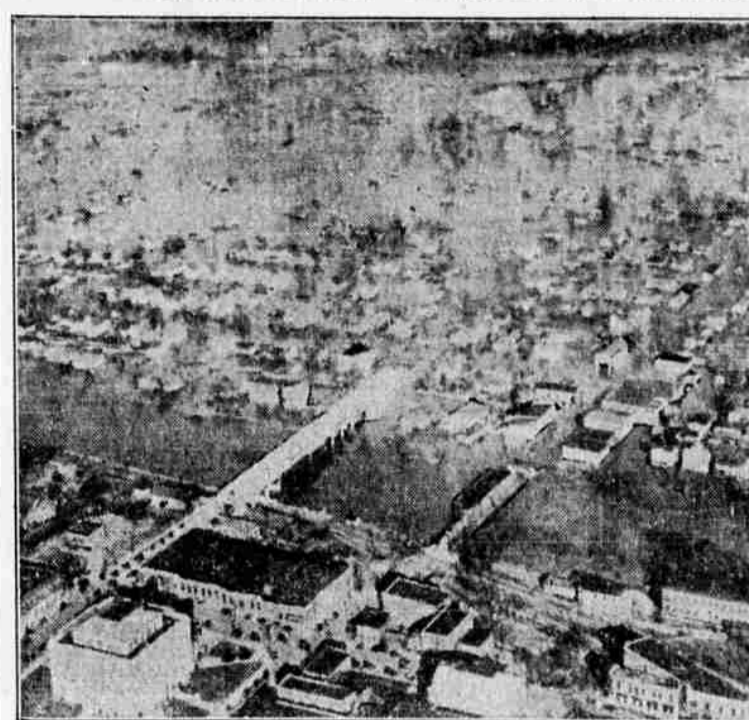
WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Donald R. Richberg has joined in the radio war with a speech in which he criticized the old boss, Hugh Johnson, as a "popular humorist" and aimed what many believed to be infernal blows in the direction of Senator Huey Long and Father Charles E. Coughlin.

Speaking in the national radio forum of the Washington Evening Star, the head of the national emergency council called on the congress to fight to rally to the "progressive" as against the "old guard" and "the destroyers."

The old guard, he said, would "wreck recovery" by "doing nothing except obstruct progress" and the destroyers "would drive us into civil war" by "conducting class battles."

"Are the destroyers to substitute and the wise-cracks," he asked, "to

FLOODS SWEEP THROUGH SIX STATES



Homes in a half dozen states were menaced by flood water from the Mississippi and its tributaries as storms swept the south. A national guard plane on a survey of flood conditions in Missouri took this general view of Poplar Bluff. The main part of the town on higher ground (lower center) was not yet reached.

SONS IMPRESS IN 43-14 WIN OVER TULSA TIRE TEAM

DENVER, March 19.—(AP)—The Wichita, Kas., Gridleys advanced to the third round of the National A. A. U. basketball tournament here today with a late rally victory over the Shakespe, Minn., Sparklers, 33-31. The hard-won triumph matched the Wichitans with the favored Denver Pigs in the third round tomorrow.

DENVER, March 19.—(AP)—Five contenders, including the favored Denver Pigs and the newly discovered Southern Oregon, N. O. r. m. 1 threat among the diminishing ranks of the collegians watched from the sidelines today as 22 teams sought to follow them into the third round of the national A. A. U. basketball tournament.

None of the top-flight teams failed to pass the first round, which was completed last night and none of the five second round clashes on the same program produced an upset, although a few had narrow escapes.

Southern Oregon, with an Afro-Indian center-forward combination, made an impressive showing in a 43-14 conquest of the Oklahoma Tire and Supply team from Tulsa.

Charley Patterson, negro, and Cliff McLean, Sioux Indian, joined with Ward Howell, to make it a runaway for the SONS and to place them beside the Utah Aggies, Rocky Mountain conference champion, as a college outfit with a chance to win the title no schoolboys have taken since Washburn college of Topeka, Kas., was champion in 1925.

FIRST SHELTER BELT TREE PLANTING SOON

LINCOLN, Neb., March 19.—(AP)—First plantings of 3,000,000 trees in the plains shelter belt will be made before April 1 in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, and trees will be set out within a few weeks in Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Paul H. Roberts, acting director of the federal project, revealed today the definite areas in which plantings will be made.

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SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—The last of the appeals on criminal cases before the Oregon supreme court was disposed of today when the conviction of Raymond L. Liplant of assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon was affirmed.

The situation of no criminal appeals before the court was declared unusual by court officials.

AVIATRICES PLANNING MEDFORD AS BASE IN RACE TO EXPOSITION

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 19.—(Sp.)—With Medford as the probable hopping-off point, plans now are being made for a dawn-to-dusk Pacific coastwise flight, participated in by women pilots only, to the California Pacific International exposition, opening here May 20.

Test speed flights are being made in southern California by members of the 99 club, organization of famous women fliers.

Gladya O'Donnell, speed ace, flew her Waco in 45 minutes, through fog, from Long Beach to San Diego in a trial flight.

More than a dozen entries already have been received. The race will be held in June if present plans materialize.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce today wired Floyd Hart, chairman of the chamber aviation committee, who is now in Los Angeles, to contact San Diego exposition officials with assurance of all co-operation possible in the projected flight.

SET SMUDGE POTS GROWERS ADVISED

Orchardists were advised today by Roy W. Rogers, assistant frost meteorologist, to distribute their smudge pots through the orchards as soon as possible to be ready for the coming of Jack Frost. Growers were also urged to bring in their orchard heaters for testing at once. Rogers yesterday completed tests on those already turned in.

Settled weather conditions are drying the ground sufficiently to permit orchardists to spray after ten days of wet weather. There will be no general placing of orchard heaters until the spraying is finished.

In many of the orchards the buds are swelling and a few warm days would start slow blossoming. The present cool nights and fairly balmy days are regarded as ideal orchard weather. It is estimated the fruit crop at present is two weeks behind normal.

Salem To Refund \$130,000 In Bonds

SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—The Salem city council took advantage of a recently enacted legislative measure last night, and voted a \$130,000 bond issue to refund a like amount of improvement bonds at lower interest rates.

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VOCATIONAL CLUB FOR YOUNG MEN WILL BE FORMED

All young men between ages of 17 and 25 are urged to attend the organization meeting of the Young Men's Vocational club to be held in the council chambers at the city hall Wednesday at 8 p. m., it was announced by sponsors of the club this morning.

As has been announced before, the purpose of the club is to give young men an insight into the various business and professions in Jackson county and it is believed that by taking the courses they will perhaps be able to better choose the kind of business they would like to make their life work.

Sponsors of the club are B. E. Harder, Robert W. Ruhl, J. C. Mann, A. S. V. Carpenter, E. H. Heidrick, Judge Earl B. Day and Mayor George Porter. Quite a number of young men have already registered for the courses and it is expected that a large number will be on hand Wednesday night when the organization of the various classes will be completed. Those behind the movement to form a Young Men's Vocational club believe that nothing but good can come from it, especially if a sufficient number of young men signify a willingness to take the various courses which will be offered, so it is hoped that the meeting will be well attended on Wednesday.

GREATER RETURNS ON INCOME TAXES FOUND THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Increased income tax collections throughout the country were reported today by Guy T. Helvering, commissioner of internal revenue, who said that only six collection districts out of a total of 64 had shown a decrease from last year's figures.

The treasury's latest statement showed its financial position at the close of business March 16, listed March income tax payments of \$152,224,281 against \$125,905,359 on the comparable date last year. However, Helvering said, approximately \$55,000,000 which the collectors had on hand was unreported. He believed the first 15 days' collections would aggregate about \$246,000,000 when final returns were in.

Actual deposits of income taxes the first half of March aggregated \$191,358,900 compared with \$147,894,400 a year ago. The treasury reported that New York state led all others by returning \$67,986,765 compared with \$56,764,881 last year. California showed deposits of \$8,893,371.79 compared with \$6,914,669 last year.

Comparative statement of income taxes collected and deposited March 1-15, 1934, and March 1-15, 1935, by districts included Oregon, 1934, \$285,925, 1935, \$399,597.

LIGHT VOTING IN MERRIAM RECALL

EUGENE, March 19.—(AP)—Voting in the Merriam recall special election proceeded listlessly today and at noon a survey revealed that but 1384 voters had gone to the polls in the 18 Eugene precincts. Polls will close at 6 o'clock.

There is a total of 8,390 registered voters in Eugene. The total of 1,384 votes cast by noon today compares with a total of 2,662 at noon in the November election.

Friends of Representative Howard S. Merriam expressed opinion that the light vote was a serious menace to his chances of remaining in office, since they believed it meant that principally Townsend supporters were turning out.

No indication of the vote in the county precincts was available today at noon.

Klamath School Principal Stays

KLAMATH FALLS, March 19.—(AP)—Paul T. Jackson, after announcing several days ago that he probably would not return next year as principal of Klamath union high school, was awarded another contract by the school board last night.

BOOST BENEFITS WIDOWS, ORPHANS OF WAR VETERANS

Roosevelt Orders Modification of Economy Regulations — Entails Annual Increase of \$1,800,000

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in four executive orders, today modified the two-year-old veterans' economy regulations, providing principally for increases in the rates of allowances to widows and children.

The liberalized payments will cost the government a total of \$1,800,000 annually.

Mr. Roosevelt transmitted the executive orders to congress on the final day upon which he could act to make any change in the economy regulations established two years ago.

He acted on the recommendation of Frank T. Hines, the veterans administrator, and after consultation with Daniel Bell, director of the budget.

Under the new regulations, widows of deceased members of war time service connected cases between the ages of 50 and 65 will receive an increase from \$30 a month to \$35 and widows over 65 an increase to \$40.

The new regulations also allow increases for children where there is no widow. Where there are two children, \$33 a month would be equally divided instead of the present \$30.

Where there are three children, \$40 is to be allowed instead of \$40, with \$8 for each additional child.

For widows of deceased veterans of peace time service connected cases slight increases are provided for those over 55 years of age.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—All cash bonus bills which have been introduced at this session were made eligible by the house today for a vote on the floor.

After less than 30 minutes of discussion, the house approved a resolution bringing up the Vinson cash payment plan immediately for 10 more hours of debate. Then, under the resolution, any other bill, including the Patman \$2,000,000,000 currency expansion proposal — may be offered as a substitute for the Vinson bill and voted upon.

CHINA FLAT COO MEMBER DROWNS

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Edward Hamilton, 20, member of the China Flat COO camp near Powers, drowned in the Coquille river late yesterday. He had excused himself from a meeting of workers and officers to get a drink of water. When he failed to return a search was started and his body was found floating several hundred yards away. The body sank before fellow workers could reach it and had not been recovered this morning.

Hamilton was to have been mustered out of the service and to have returned to his home in Chicago late this week.

COOTER WILL PLEAD FOR YAQUINA BAY CHANNEL

SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—John E. Cooter of Toledo, speaker of the house of the Oregon legislature, will leave tomorrow or Thursday for Washington, D. C., where he will represent the port of Newport in a hearing before the United States engineers.

Seizing of War Profits Urged in Munitions Quiz

By PRESTON L. GROVER Associated Press Staff Writer. WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—A sweeping plan for wiping out heavy war profits by limiting industrial salaries to \$10,000 a year and seizing virtually all profits over three per cent was made public today by the senate munitions committee.

It was outlined by John T. Flynn, New York writer, who was retained by the committee to put into shape its findings bearing on efforts to make war unprofitable.

"It is more important than to take profits out of war," Committee members, who looked upon the red-faced, gray-haired writer as an authority on war taxing methods, sat attentive as he talked, rarely interrupting with a question.

He outlined the committee's plan as follows:

Byrd No Invalid Is Indicated In Daily Messages

NEW YORK, March 19.—(AP)—Daily messages from Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd to his headquarters here indicate he is not suffering ill health. Miss H. F. McKeel, a member of his staff, declared today.

Miss McKeel said the admiral reported loss of weight when he returned last July from his isolated post in Little America. Later reports, she said, showed him to be gaining in health steadily and rapidly. She said that before Christmas the admiral informed his headquarters he had gained his normal weight.

GOVERNOR VEToes MEASURE WAIVING PENALTIES ON TAX

SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin today issued a veto against the Ickes-Grange power bill passed by the late legislature, and in his veto message listed seven reasons for his act among the "many objectionable features" of the bill.

The measure as finally passed by the legislature, after much amendment, was known as senate bill 404.

SALEM, March 19.—(AP)—Hopes of delinquent state taxpayers that back interest and penalties on 1931 and 1932 delinquent property taxes would be waived, were dashed late yesterday, as Governor Charles H. Martin placed his veto on Senate bill 153.

The measure would have provided for cancellation of interest on back taxes, as well as allowing payment of such taxes in 10 semi-annual installments over a five-year period.

The governor in his veto message declared that "the effect of this measure would be to penalize, for their promptness and sacrifice, all people who have now paid 75 per cent of the 1931 and 1932 taxes levied in this state. It would reward the 25 per cent who have failed or have neglected to pay taxes. An immediate and direct effect would be to betray the confidence of some 13,000 taxpayers who paid \$600,000 of back taxes, together with \$108,000 of accrued interest, into the county treasury while the bill was pending in the legislature."

The governor also vetoed senate bill 390, which would abolish the office of auditor in Clackamas county, state.

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ETHIOPIA APPEALS FOR LEAGUE QUIZ

GENEVA, March 19.—(AP)—Ethiopia appealed to the League of Nations today for intervention in the extended controversy with Italy which grew out of a series of border conflicts.

Ethiopia's appeal was made under article 15 of the League of Nations Covenant which requires that in the event of such action the council shall institute an investigation.

The article also provides for the council making recommendations for settlement of international disputes in which its intervention is sought.

SUSPECTED SLAYER OF MISH GOES ON TRIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—A jury was being selected today in the trial of Joseph John Osborne, former special policeman, charged with the slaying of Simon Mish, retired merchant, who was beaten to death in his home last Dec. 12.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Mar. 18.—Well, we just wake up in the morning to see who will get the headlines. "Mussolini Is Moving Into Abyssinia," "Stalin Builds Up Red Army to One Million," but Hitler took the play away from not only the dictators but away from St. Patrick.

And, say, that old gentleman St. Patrick was no slouch as a fighting man himself.

Yesterday I dipped me shamrock into a thimbleful of old Irishmen, and may you be seven months in heaven before the devil knows you're dead. Fag a bealach.

Will Rogers. © 1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

KLAMATH WOMAN FOUND MURDERED; ADMIRER WOUNDED

Adeline Yarbrough, 28, Mother of Three Children, Killed in Suburban Home — Roy Biehn in Hospital

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Adeline Yarbrough, 28, the mother of three children, was found shot to death late last night in a house on the outskirts of Klamath Falls.

Roy Biehn, discovered critically wounded near the woman's body, was in a Klamath Falls hospital this morning with a bullet hole in his head. He is not expected to live.

A gun was found in Biehn's clothing after he had been taken to the hospital, officers said.

Authorities today were considering the "murder and suicide angle."

Mrs. Yarbrough's three children were in the house when the tragedy occurred.

As officers reconstructed the shooting today, they believed Biehn, a disabled war veteran, shot the woman and then turned the gun on himself. Blinded by the wound, he staggered into a bedroom and fell across the bed where two of the children were sleeping. They shoved him to the floor.

While the 14-year-old girl and 7-year-old boy huddled in the front yard crying, their brother, aged 12, ran down town for help.

Biehn, 40, had been drawing a government pension, investigators said, and asked the woman to marry him. She was not divorced, however, and her husband is somewhere in California.

Biehn, a truck driver, served with the United States army in the Philippine Islands.

Neighbors spoke highly of Mrs. Yarbrough's character. They said she had found it difficult to support her family and only recently had gained employment in a Klamath Falls hotel.