

Locarno Members Agree Tentatively on Plan to Settle Europe's Mess

THE WEATHER
Weather for Montana: Fair Thursday and Friday; little change in temperature.

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Flood Drowns Scores Thru Nine States

RHINELAND STATUS TO BE UPHOLD

For Time

AGREEMENT IS COMING AND ITALY MAY BE PARTY TO IT

By CHARLES P. SUTTER
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London, March 19.—(Thurs- day)—A French spokesman said early today that Locarno members have agreed tentatively on a plan to adjust Ger- man reoccupation of the Rhine- land.

Informed French quarters said the provisional plan contains three points forming a compromise be- tween the British and French viewpoints:

1. An appeal shall be made to the League court for decision on the Franco-Soviet mutual military assistance treaty.
2. Measures shall be taken to preserve the status of the Rhine zone pending arbitration with the possibility of an international force, perhaps British and Italian, to control the territory.
3. Guarantees of mutual assistance among remaining Locarno members in case of an attack.

Council Split
The tentative agreement was reached at a four-hour session of Locarno representatives after the former allies had split on the German issue at a League of Nations council session.

The British cabinet in London and the French cabinet will re- ceive details of the preliminary proposal at simultaneous meetings possibly late today or tomorrow.

Direct telephone contact will be established between the two cabinet sessions.

The diplomatic representatives of the remaining four Locarno signatories (Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy) will attempt to iron out final details as the League council meets this morning.

Deal
The apparent solution of Ger- many's violation of the mutual security treaty followed a prediction by one leading member of the League council that all sanctions would be lifted from Italy in order to obtain a unanimous condem- nation of Germany.

Not a dissenting voice was raised in the council against the Franco-Belgian resolution formally (Continued on Page 3)

WORLD NEWS IN GIST

Domestic
Pittsburgh—Many dead in Pen- sylvania floods. Rivers rise 20 feet above flood stage, inundating steel city. Ten thousand homeless at Johnstown. Government rushes aid to sufferers.

Boston—Flood deaths reach 16 as waters deluge New England.

Cumberland, Md.—Itogi's worst flood in 47 years covers seven towns.

Washington—President Roose- velt asks congress to appropriate \$1,500,000,000 for relief, presaging major battle on Capitol Hill.

Foreign
London—Locarno members re- ported to have agreed tentatively on plan to adjust German reoc- cupation of Rhineland.

Koenigsberg—Hitler tells na- tion "no power in the world" can change his course for a united Ger- many.

Paris—Reservists called to re- inforce French troops at frontier posts.

REFINERIES IN MISSOULA SCENE OF MENACING BLAZE

Missoula, March 18.—(AP)—An explosion which originated at the base of a vapor tower at the Har- rison Creek here this morning at 1:30 o'clock set off a fire which destroyed a frame pump-house, four pumps, a motor and a line shaft.

The larger explosion was fol- lowed by two smaller ones, which occurred when two nearby empty gas tanks went up.

What might have been a serious fire probably was averted because

KING EDWARD CHEERED IN THE SLUMS



"It's useless to go solving scientific problems unless we can solve that." King Edward told friends when asked how it was possible to reconcile a world in which a luxury liner like the Queen Mary and the slums of Glasgow could exist side by side. Women and children cheer him (at right, in civil- ian attire) as, accompanied by the Lord Provost John Stewart, he inspects the conditions of house- holders in a surprise tour of slum dwellings after he had viewed the Queen Mary.

JURORS IN BOULDER CONVICT TWO BOYS HELD GUILTY OF RAID IN WHITEHALL

Boulder, March 18.—(AP)—A dis- trict court jury tonight convicted Herbert Harrington and Homer Tannhill, Bozeman youths, of the \$1,100 robbery of the Whitehall State bank last November 20.

The jury left punishment to the court and made no recommendations.

District Judge Lyman E. Bennett of Virginia City, presiding, set Wed- nesday, March 25, as the day on which he would pronounce sentence.

Out An Hour
The jury received the case after a o'clock and deliberated about an hour.

JOSH VET MOVEMENT GROWING IN COLLEGES

Kansas City, March 18.—(AP)—The Princeton-born "Veterans of Future Wars" — war-ridiculing movement—spread to western campuses tonight. Posters—demand- ing \$1,000 bonuses dated June 1, 1965, and hearing interest back- ward to June 1, 1936.—cropped up at the University of Oklahoma, Southern Methodist university, Washington university in St. Louis and the University of Arizona.

With them were the auxiliary, "Gold Star Mothers" who deman- ded free trips to Europe to view the future graves of their yet unborn sons.

CUT OFF BY FLOOD, THEY CALL FOR HELP

Charleston, W. Va., March 18.— (AP)—Sheriff Robert M. Lowe told The Associated Press by telephone from Wellsburg tonight 200 to 300 families were "hollering for help" from the second floors of their flooded homes. He added rescuers in skiffs were taking persons to higher ground and he believed all would be saved before morning.

MISSOURI RIVER RISES RAPIDLY

Mandan, N. D., March 18.—(AP)—Residents of the Missouri river bottomlands north and south of Mandan were warned to leave their homes tonight as ice gorges formed in the rising river at Sibley Island, six miles south of Mandan, and at Stanton, 50 miles north.

The river, locked fast in the thickest ice of recent years, broke up late today and giant ice blocks ripped loose to float down the stream and collect at the gorge site. Water was passing beneath the gorge.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS REPORTED ENCOURAGING

Washington, March 18.—(AP)— Assistant Secretary of Commerce Draper today reported that busi- ness conditions in January and February were better than ex- pected.

STATE LEGISLATORS RESIGN OFFICES IN ORDER TO KEEP LUCRATIVE POSTS WITH WPA

Throwing aside the "mandate of the people" electing them to mem- bership in the house of representa- tives, C. W. Fowler, assistant WPA administrator, E. R. Ormsbee, as- sistant NYA administrator, and as- sibly J. M. Peterson, second as- sist- NYA administrator, have resigned their positions as Montana solons in order to retain more remunerative posts with the federal govern- ment and to proceed with their work of organizing a "third party" movement in the state.

Resignations were in order fol- lowing receipt of an order from Administrator Harry Hopkins in Washington, D. C., to the effect that "persons who are candidates for, or hold elective offices shall not be employed on administrative staffs of the Works Progress ad- ministration." The order was dated February 21, 1936.

Progressive Representatives
The three members of the house of representatives represented the progressive bloc during the last regular session of the legislature. Although a republican, Rep. Fowler of Yellowstone county was named chairman of the important house appropriation committee. Rep. Ormsbee is from Mineral county and Rep. Peterson from Valley county.

Since their appointment to high positions with the WPA. Repre- sentatives Fowler and Ormsbee have taken an active part in the formation of a "third party" movement in Montana, a so-called "pro- gressive alliance." Both men hold committee memberships in the al- liance.

Governor Elmer Holt yesterday received by letter a resignation from Rep. Ormsbee. The governor said that he would not accept the resignation until he looked into the law to determine if a representative legally could resign after being duly elected for a specified term.

Sent to Hopkins
Rep. Fowler said yesterday that he had tendered his resignation as a representative to Administrator Hopkins instead of to Governor Holt.

"As soon as the order was re- ceived, about March 8 or 9, I trans- mitted my resignation to Wash- ington. If Administrator Hopkins wishes me to resign, he can send (Continued on Page 12)

MANDAN SECTION IN FLOOD'S PATH

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JUST A MINUTE WITH

—IRVIN S. COBB—
Santa Monica, Calif., March 18.—Today's paper says a peasant audience in Rumania broke up a Shakespearean performance because it wasn't funny. Well, could they but watch some of the Hamlets I've watched, they'd die laughing. (See footnote A).

Likewise, if those riotous peasants really have a sense of humor they'd get a giggle out of a cer- tain not altogether unfamiliar pattern of classical screen production, never realiz- ing, of course, that they were laughing at an epic. (See footnote B).

One thing though we can do superlatively in these parts and that's putting on a ballyhoo. That gigantic flaming meteor which scared folks along the eastern coast wouldn't have caused a ripple out here. We'd just think somebody was opening a new lunch stand over on Hol- lywood boulevard. (See footnote C).

Note A—Frequently "Hamlet" is merely the past tense of a "Ham."

Note B—Amongst us, any picture costing over \$500,000 is an epic. Should they import, to guide its destinies, a for- eign genius with a name that reads like an engaging series of typographical errors, it becomes a super-epic, because anything we can't pronounce naturally seems more im- portant.

Note C—For opening a meat market, at least two mete- ors similar to above would be required.

—IRVIN S. COBB.

PRESIDENT IN APPEAL ON RELIEF

To Business

HE ASKS COOPERATION IN CRISIS; WANTS GREAT SUM

By MELBOURNE CHRISTERSON

Washington, March 18.—(AP)— President Roosevelt today appealed directly to business to increase em- ployment, declaring that upon it rested the responsibility as to whether the new \$1,500,000 relief fund be asked of congress would be adequate.

In a special message asking that a lump sum deposit of a billion and a half be placed to the credit of WPA for the 1937 fiscal year—a request that stirred protest and brought promise of a major battle in congress — the chief executive placed special emphasis upon a call to industry to "organize a common effort" to provide more jobs.

Only Way
"Only if industry fails to reduce substantially the number of those now out of work will another ap- propriation and further plans and policies be necessary," he said.

Declaring that about \$1,600,000,000 would be available to add to the \$1,500,000,000 he requested, Mr. Roosevelt presented this picture of the present relief situation: 5,300,000 families and unattached persons are in need of public assist- ance (3,800,000 on the works pro- gram and 1,500,000 on local and state rolls).

Even as his message was read in the senate and house, however, sig- nals were hoisted that a fight would be made to earmark the new fund for specific purposes.

Speaker Byrnes foresaw a battle (Continued on Page 7)

SITUATION IN FLOOD ZONE TOLD IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press
The flood situation at a glance: Pennsylvania—At least 50 dead. In the west Pittsburgh inundated, fires, explosions and power failure add to terror, troops on guard; Johnstown flooded, five dead, 10,000 flee but dam holds. In the east, death and devastation, with Susquehanna crest due by dawn.

Massachusetts—Communications and transportation disrupted; Boston faces milk shortage, Worcester a power failure. One death added to 15 of last week.

Maine—Governor estimates damage at \$10,000,000; one dead.

Connecticut—Three dams col- lapse, 200 homeless, dozen build- ings swept away at New Hartford.

New Hampshire—Dam swept away at Claremont, transportation crippled.

New York—About 2,000 home- less, many communities isolated, power lines down, highway traffic paralyzed. 135,000 WPA workers mobilized.

West Virginia—Downtown (Continued on Page 7)

HOST OF PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES

PROPERTY LOSS WILL BE IN TENS OF MILLIONS AND WATERS IN PLACES STILL RISE; PITTSBURGH, JOHNSTOWN HARDEST HIT; FLOOD IS BOILING DOWN OHIO; NEW ENGLAND ALSO SUFFERS

Havoc of rising rivers moved heavily on West Virginia early today, with fire and other companions of disaster punctuating terrific flood damage that left 57 dead in nine states.

Communication, commerce and transportation were halted entirely in the sections worst hit and many fell back on radio for reports of the spreading danger.

Pennsylvania counted 34 dead, West Virginia 11, Vermont 4, Virginia and Georgia 2 each, and Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina and Maryland reported one each.

Pittsburgh and other western Pennsylvania cities still were crippled by the worst flood in years when the Ohio river invaded cities and towns.

Two persons were killed last night in a gas explosion at South Wheeling, W. Va. Two were lost when a skiff upset, a child drowned

In the flooded basement of his home, and a woman died of ex- posure and shock after being rescued. At Wellsburg (two men drowned, one trying to rescue the other.

The Ohio was more than 16 feet (Continued on Page 7)

WASHINGTON ITSELF FEARS FLOOD AS PRESIDENT ACTS TO AID STRICKEN SECTIONS

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—The federal government today rushed help to the sufferers of the eastern United States flood front, hastening at the same time to stave off deluge from its own capital doors.

President Roosevelt, scanning a swiftly growing stack of reports of death and destruction from racing streams, created a centralized emergency flood relief committee of high govern- ment officials.

Other officials, heeding a warn- ing that a flood crest greater than any this century might sweep down the Potomac and into the capital, ordered sandbag dikes thrown up. They were designed to keep the water from the glistening new gov- ernment buildings strung along Pennsylvania and Constitution avenues from near the foot of Capitol Hill to the slope that ex- tends down from the White House.

Planes Go
Army planes roared from Boll- ington Field—its air under a threat of flooding—toward the Pennsylvania and Maryland flood areas. Radio reports from the air and observers streamed into the war and navy departments.

In addition to creating the emer- gency flood committee headed by Secretary Dern, Mr. Roosevelt authorized the army, coast guard and other agencies to give all possible help in flooded areas. They will cooperate with the Red Cross.

To Use WPA
Earlier, the chief executive

HITLER'S IDEAL



Considered by Chancellor Hitler to be the paragon of Nordic beauty, he has honored Inga Arvad (above), beautiful, blonde news- paperwoman, with appointment as chief of publicity for the Nazi in Denmark. It was as a news- paperwoman that Miss Arvad met Hitler.

MILITARY TRAINING OPPONENTS DEFEATED

Washington, March 18.—(AP)— Opponents of compulsory military training were beaten 59 to 18 in the senate today but a final vote on the \$611,000,000 war department supply bill was again delayed by new debate over airplane contracts and the Florida ship canal.

Debate may be resumed Friday.

JOHNSTOWN WRECKED BY INUNDATION

Loss Severe

FOOD, SHELTER NEEDED AT ONCE; MARTIAL LAW DESIRED

By MARRHEN GRAHAM
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Johnstown, Pa., March 18.— (AP)—After a day of terror lest the vital Quemahoning dam burst, citizens of this flood- drenched city tonight counted three dead from a 16-foot flood, estimated in a n y additional bodies would be found, and ap- pealed to the governor for martial law to restrain pillag- ing.

For two hours the residents were gripped by panic as re- ports spread that the dam had burst, releasing a wall of water to flood the city for the second time in two days. But as they reached the highlands and as- surances came that the dam was safe, their thoughts turned to imperative needs of food and clothing.

Frank C. Jordan, Johnstown newspaperman who surveyed the flooded area in canoe, horse and buggy and on foot, said the city was "in bad shape for immediate food, shelter and blankets."

"We can give the victims tem- porary shelter in buildings on higher levels," he said, "but we have nothing to feed them, and little with which to keep them warm."

Markets Flooded
He said half the 17,000 dwellings (Continued on Page 7)

PITTSBURGH FLOOD RECEDING BUT MANY ARE HURT; PRICES OF FOOD SOAR; GUARDS TAKE HOLD

Pittsburgh, March 18.—(AP)—Nine hundred national guards- men patrolled this terrified city of 700,000 tonight while fearful residents watched rivers reach their crest and turned to the new terrors of possible food shortage, darkness, disease and pil- lage.

The waters reached the record-breaking level of 45 feet, 20 feet above flood stage, before they began to recede slowly. Weather observers said the slow subsidence would continue through the night although a new rain began.

Food profiteering, with prices soaring skyward in the inundated areas, confronted Pittsburgh, Pub- lic Safety Director Thomas Dunn told Mayor William M. McNair of the rising prices and asked a pro- clamnation to curb profits at the ex- pense of the suffering.

"I'll sign the proclamation as soon as it reaches me," the mayor said.

Thousands Homeless
The flood covered whole blocks of the famed "Golden Triangle"— heart of the city's business district and hundreds of homes were filled with water. The list of homeless rose rapidly into the thousands.

The guardsmen went on duty in the "triangle" to prevent looting and also lent aid to refugees.

The biggest flood of history this section was rolling on toward cities down the Ohio with misery yet to come for them. Wheeling, W. Va., expected 30,000 homeless by morn- ing. The island, in the middle of the Ohio river, was under water and its 10,000 residents without shelter.

An emergency was declared there. Darkness shrouded all of the city as the last of three major power plants went dead.

Candles sold at a premium in every section. Fires and explosions added to the burdens borne by the steel metropolis.

Scores Hurt
At least 49 were hurt in the series of blasts and fires. There were five known or re- ported dead in Pittsburgh and a total of 27 reported to have perished throughout flood ravaged Pennsylvania.

Help for the stricken was on the way. The federal government ar- for a \$3,000,000 relief fund (Continued on Page 2)

PLANE PILOT REPORTS WIDE FLOOD IN PITTSBURGH ZONE

Chicago, March 18.—(AP)—A 40- mile long stream of houses, roof- tops, trees and general debris swept down flood waters that inundated Pittsburgh today, an airplane pilot who flew over the stricken area re- ported.

"Practically everything that could float" seemed to be included in the steady flow of wreckage, Capt. F. E. Niswander of Trans- continental and Western Air, Inc., said.