

Partly cloudy, snow in northeast; somewhat colder in northwest tonight; Saturday fair, somewhat colder in east and south. Maximum, 39; Minimum 28; this noon 52.

New Areas Buck Crest of Floods; 138 Dead

Four Locarno Powers Agree to New Military Alliance

Action Will Depend on Hitler's Stand Regarding Proposal to Reestablish Security of Europe — Super-League Planned.

(Copyright by The Associated Press) London, March 20.—(P)—The house of commons was told today that the four remaining Locarno powers have agreed to join in a virtually military alliance if Adolf Hitler refuses to consider proposals to reestablish the security of Europe.

The proposals—agreed to by Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy—were published in a white paper submitted to the Commons as Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, began an explanation to the lower house.

Super-League Planned
A virtual super-League of Nations was disclosed by French authorities today as the ultimate goal of a proposed international conference to be called to consider the situation arising out of Germany's march on the Rhine.

The whole accumulation of European problems arising and left over from the World war would go under examination by the conference.

The French issued an agenda for the proposed parley which included in its suggestions for discussion the modernization of the covenant of the league of nations and the consideration of far reaching economic, financial and security problems.

Five-Point Agenda
The agenda, as given out by the French, included:

One—Organization for collective security.

Two—More exact definition of the obligations and applications of Article 16 of the league covenant dealing with sanctions.

Three—Limitation of armaments.

Four—Strengthening and widening economic relations and organization of financial and economic exchanges.

Five—Examination of conditions for the return of Germany to the league of nations and the formulation of a non aggression pact for Europe.

The British and French cabinets agreed Thursday night to a four-power proposal for an international security and economic conference to consider Adolf Hitler's peace proposals.

French Recede From Stand
An accord on the plan was reached yesterday afternoon when France receded from her previously adamant position for evacuation of German troops from the Rhine land and agreed to let negotiations proceed with an Italo-British police force occupying the German Rhineland.

Under the plan, Germany also would be asked to submit the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact to The Hague court, which would decide whether the treaty violated the Locarno agreement and thus gave Germany the right to militarize the Rhineland.

Germany registered official opposition to this step. High British quarters revealed that if Germany agreed to this plan, France would withdraw her demand for evacuation of the German troops in the Rhineland.

The meeting probably would be held in May.

Left to The Hague
British and Italian guarantees would be given France and Belgium that the Locarno defensive agreement would be maintained until after The Hague court decision. If the decision is favorable France guarantees to become a permanent part of any accords growing out of Hitler's offers.

French officials said Hitler's "prestige" probably would not permit him to allow international troops in the Rhineland. Whether the league is willing to use force to make Germany accept the proposed plan, an official said, is "left for the future to decide" but France sticks to her original stand that she is willing to employ military measures if the others do.

"Ramifications and implications of the agreement," drafted in London, said a Paris spokesman, are "so grave" that the negotiators decided they did not warrant committing their governments immediately.

One point to be ironed out in the accord, it was said, was whether British and Italian troops in the Rhineland would be under the authority of the league or their own governments.

Albert Lea Beats Luverne, 23 to 22, in Contest Today

First Game of Consolation Series—Tigers Led at Half Time 14 to 17.

Minneapolis, March 20.—(P)—Despite ten points scored in the final quarter, Luverne lost to Albert Lea 22 to 23 in the first consolation game of the State High School basketball tournament here today.

Going into the last period trailing 19 to 10, Martin DeLapp led his team by scoring four field goals to add to his three in the first half to give him high points honors with 14.

Albert Lea led at the half, 14 to 7.

The winner of the game will meet the winner of the Minneapolis Edison-Sleepy Eye game in the opening contest of the state tournament finals tomorrow night at 7 o'clock. The two losers of the semi-finals tonight will play for third and fourth places and the two winners will battle it out for the state title.

The rumor here today that the Tigers had been awarded the game with Bemidji because of the fact that Norman Galloway, rangy center, had been found ineligible following a protest, was thoroughly checked and found to be false.

O. E. Smith, executive secretary of the Minnesota State High School Athletic Association, told the Associated Press no such protest had been received.

\$400,000,000 FLOOD RELIEF

Senate Committee and Army Engineers Study Flood Control Measure.

Washington, March 20.—(P)—Startled by the ravaging sweep of the east's "flood of the century," the government studied proposals today to spend nearly \$400,000,000 on relief for victims and safeguards against future disasters.

Hurriedly, a senate commerce committee worked with army engineers on a bill to authorize \$300,000,000 for flood control work throughout the nation. WPA already had allotted \$18,000,000 for flood relief and legislators demanded millions more.

The flood was a chief topic of off the floor talk on Capitol Hill though for the moment the senate went ahead with the annual army appropriation bill and the house discussed routine matters.

The president, delaying his Florida fishing trip another 24 hours, called for further reports from stricken areas. He learned that the Potomac flood here was receding slowly, leaving a battered water front and damage estimated at \$250,000.

Before leaving for Florida the president was expected to sign an appropriation bill carrying \$440,000,000 with which to start the new deal's soil conservation-farm subsidy bill.

A tentative policy was suggested of eliminating from consideration all projects which have been undertaken by works progress funds without direct congressional authorization after approval by the war department board of engineers.

Major General Edward M. Markham, chief of army engineers, spent the afternoon with the committee going over the appropriation bill which passed the house last session with upwards of \$600,000,000 worth of work authorized on streams in almost every state. The bill died in the senate after a filibuster by Senator Tydings, democrat, Maryland.

Canada-U. S. Trade Pact May Pass Today

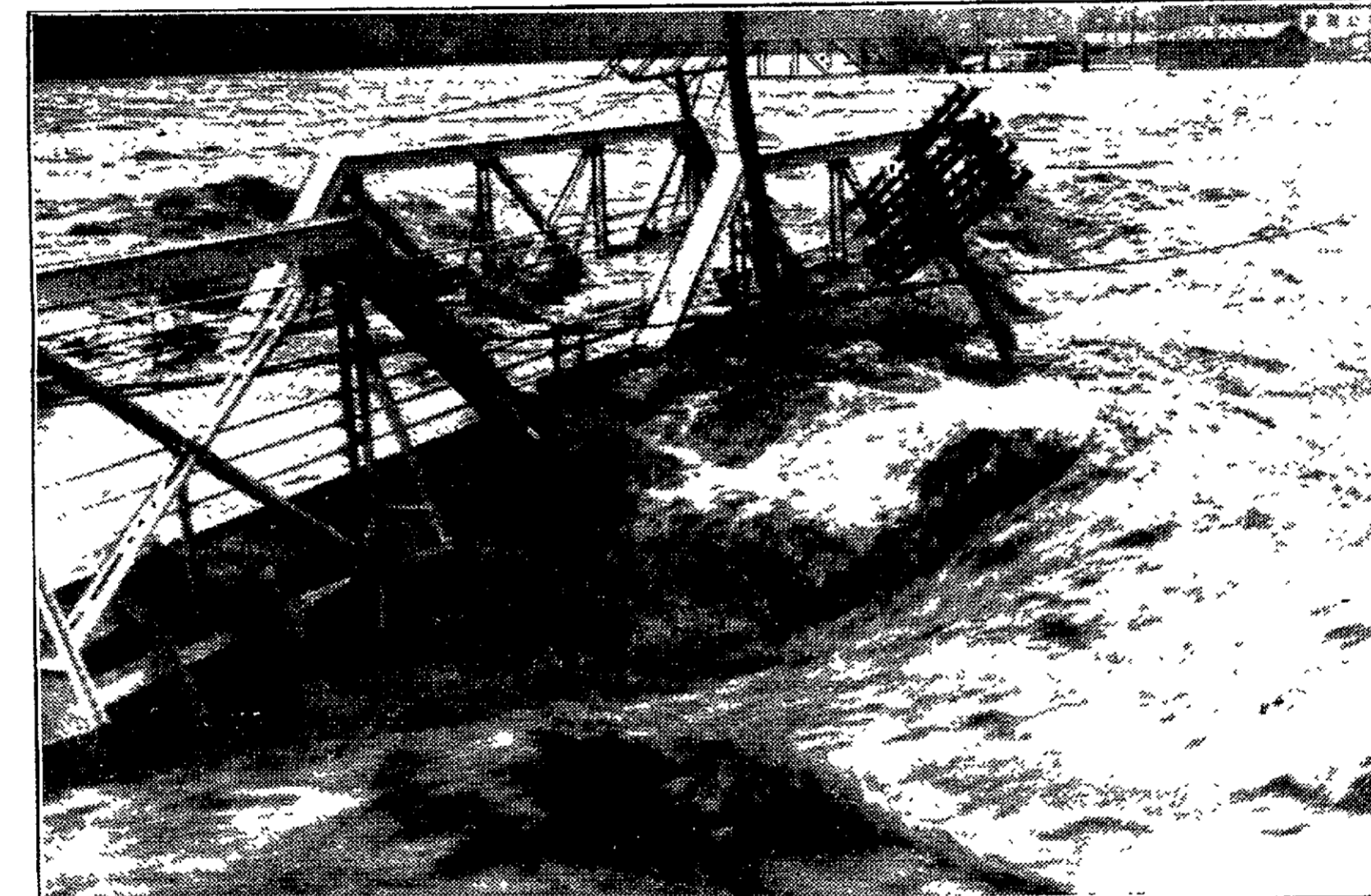
Ottawa, March 20.—(P)—The Canadian-American trade treaty passed through committee state in the house of commons Thursday, leaving only one more step before it has the full force of law. A formal bill of ratification was introduced by Premier King as the final procedure and will be discussed and probably passed Friday.

PITTSBURGH COUNTS \$25,000,000 DAMAGE FROM FLOOD



Pittsburgh, made a city of disaster by the worst flood in its history, began a staunch battle to turn back disease and hunger as it estimated damage would total \$25,000,000, and deaths might number 35 or more. Before sullen flood waters slowly receded, this was the scene in the heart of the business district, where all activity had come to a complete standstill. (Associated Press Photo)

BRIDGE GIVES WAY BEFORE FURY OF POTOMAC FLOOD



The flood-maddened Potomac river, which left in its wake a 100-mile stretch of destruction and desolation, is shown in this graphic photograph as it tore a steel bridge from its moorings at historic Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. (Associated Press Photo)

More Than 200,000 Without Homes; 300 Million Damage

EXECUTION OF BRUNO IS SET FOR MARCH 31

Invitations Sent to Newspaper Correspondents and Witnesses — Attorney Wilentz Visits With Dr. Condon.

New York, March 20.—(P)—The Post, in a special dispatch from Trenton today, said the execution of Bruno Hauptmann for the slaying of the Lindbergh baby had been set for 8 p.m. March 31. Invitations to newspaper correspondents and witnesses have been mailed.

ATTORNEY WILENTZ AND DR. CONDON CONFER

New York, March 20.—(P)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz of New Jersey visited Dr. John F. "Jaisie" Condon at his Bronx home Thursday but emerged non-committal on whether Condon would confer with Governor Harold Hoffmann of New Jersey on the Hauptmann case.

The retired educator was a principal prosecution witness in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby. He recently returned from a cruise to Panama.

Governor Hoffman, who reprieved Hauptmann once from death in the electric chair, has said he wants to talk with Condon about various phases of the case and Condon's testimony at Flemington, N. J.

Wilentz said his visit to Condon was a "social call."

When he emerged with the smiling Jaisie after an hour's conversation he was asked if Condon had agreed to confer with the governor.

"That's up to him to say," Wilentz answered.

The same question brought from Condon "no comment," his answer to all questions when his cruise ship returned last Tuesday.

Wilentz disclosed he had visited the Condon home twice before "in the early stages of the case." He did not amplify on the statement.

NEW PENSION RULES ISSUED

Supplementary Regulations Governing Preference of Action Sent Out to 87 Counties in State.

St. Paul, March 20.—(P)—Supplementary regulations governing preference of action on old age pension applications were forwarded to Minnesota's 87 counties today as state officials anxiously awaited notice of federal approval of Minnesota's old age assistance plan.

Director Kenneth Havcraft of the state pension bureau said the new regulations direct county boards to act on applications as follows:

First on those made by persons who received aid under the county pension system.

Second from eligible persons now on relief and third from others not included in the first two groups.

Farley Steps Into State Party Row

Washington, March 20.—(P)—National Chairman James A. Farley was understood today to have stepped into the democratic party's troubles in Minnesota with a suggestion that the Wolf faction call off its proposed state convention.

Japanese Army Rebels Released

Tokyo, March 20.—(P)—The war office announced Thursday night that 1,320 enlisted men, both non-commissioned officers and privates, who participated in the February 26 rebellion had been released from detention, following questioning.

Two Score New England Cities in Grave Distress — Spread of Disease Feared in Stricken Areas — State Troops on Guard.

By FRED VANDERSCHMIDT

(Copyright by The Associated Press) Busy cities of New England and the Ohio valley bucked the crest of the vast eastern floods today. Elsewhere, amid falling waters, the civil and military authorities of stricken sections fought to quell panic, desperation, hunger, thirst and disease.

The death toll stood this afternoon at 138. More than 200,000 were believed homeless; unofficial reports of damage over the dozen-state area near \$300,000,000.

Late Developments
Late developments from the far-flung area of disaster on the third afternoon of the flood included:

1—Two-score New England cities, including Hartford and Springfield, Mass., and Concord, N. H., were gravely distressed. Approximately 100,000 were homeless. The main section of Hooksett lay in ruins.

2—Debris filled water of the Ohio coursed southward into their lower valleys, finding residents in many Ohio and West Virginia cities evacuated or prepared. Upstream near Wheeling police had reports that two more were drowned.

3—Pittsburgh, thrown into a brief panic by false police reports of a major bridge collapse, marshaled its forces against fire hazards and threats of disease. A water shortage menaced the 700,000 residents who have been without light, gas or power for three days. In Harrisburg an explosion of three chemical tanks wrecked a warehouse.

Williamsport with an estimated damage of \$3,000,000, and its business area in ruins, cared for more than 3,500 persons in schools.

Present Dismal Picture
The whole flood scene, over New England, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and the Potomac and southern regions, was a dismal picture of rising rivers and destruction in the wake of falling ones.

New England saw some Massachusetts cities under military police protection against vandalism. Large parts of Springfield, Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill, Mass. cities with a total population of 400,000, were under water.

The homeless were put at 10,000. State Troops on Guard
National guardsmen were on duty in all six states, dozens of localities had no light or gas; the Connecticut menaced Hartford with a new crest and the Merrimac tore down bridge after bridge.

In Maine, guardsmen were called to quell a panic caused by loose dam broken" reports.

A \$100,000 carpet mill fire harassed flood-stricken Warren, Mass. Concord, New Hampshire's capital, faced another lightless night with candles selling for 50 cents apiece. There was no gas.

Phone Service Fails
Telephone service in Hartford collapsed. Motor vehicles were ordered off streets.

Fourteen New England towns had no telephone service.

The menace of disease followed the flood-stricken areas at Pittsburgh where Red Cross officials rushed antioxins into the city and suburban areas with increasing danger of water shortages.

Face Shortages
As residents of Johnstown dug themselves out of their flood-besieged dwellings and shelters the spectre of financial failure faced countless of the city's business men. The mayor said that about \$250,000 worth of the \$10,000,000 damage was covered by insurance.

From Wilkes-Barre came descriptions of unaided families with no food or water. One witness told of residents fashioning crude hooks with which to grapple bananas and oranges floating past the windows of their flooded homes.

At Williamsport where five were reported dead the flood waters gradually abated after a 36-foot level of the Susquehanna yesterday afternoon.

The U. S. weather bureau at Washington said "the Potomac and all its tributaries are falling and the rate of fall will increase tonight and tomorrow."

Sloshed by Water
The Wheeling area in West Virginia with 17 dead still was sloshed by falling waters.

Brighton, Ohio, was completely submerged. Its railroad station floated away. The water fell at Wellsville.

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St. Paul Husband Shoots Wife to Death

St. Paul, March 20.—(P)—A husband's frantic search for his 47-year-old wife and daughter, Police Inspector Charles Tierney said today culminated in the fatal shooting of the older woman when she and the girl returned to the home from a drinking parlor.

Mrs. Frank W. Baldwin was shot and killed with a deer rifle. Tierney said her husband fired the shot after searching various beer parlors during the evening for his wife and 19-year-old daughter, Verma.

St. Louis Park High Students Strike

Minneapolis, March 20.—(P)—Disregarding threats of suspension, more than 200 students of the St. Louis Park high school were on "strike" today to enforce demands that Principal J. W. McNeal be reinstated as head of the institution.

Light Rains Touch Edge of Dust Bowl

Boise City, Okla., March 20.—(P)—Light rains washed the rim of the dust bowl Thursday, bringing the first precipitation of the season to some sections.

Clouds, laden with a promise of needed moisture for the wheat lands, hung over parts of the southwest.

Two Slain During Holdup of Bank

Bloomington, Ind., March 20.—(P)—Wood Carter, assistant cashier, and an unidentified bandit were shot and killed in a gun fight during the holdup of the Bank of Bloomington today.

Carter was ambushed by the bandits as he arrived at the bank this morning. Police said the holdup men apparently were hidden in the bank having obtained entrance during the night.

Three Killed in Texas Explosion

Texas, Texas, March 20.—(P)—Three persons were killed today when an explosion, followed by fire, wrecked six business concerns in the Sand flat business district here causing loss estimated at \$75,000.

A fortune teller named Van Zan was the only identified victim. The other two bodies were found in the rear of a grocery store.

Firemen were searching the ruins for possible other victims.

Governor Did Not Violate Corrupt Act

St. Paul, March 20.—(P)—Governor Floyd B. Olson did not violate the corrupt practices act in his 1934 campaign for reelection, the Minnesota supreme court ruled today in a decision affirming a Hennepin county district court order dismissing the ouster proceedings brought by a group of 29 voters last April.

The appeal to the supreme court brought by Herman Irons, Minneapolis contractor and 28 associates, was based on the order of District Judge H. D. Dickinson denying their motion of a new trial after he had decided the election contest in favor of Governor Olson on August 10.

House Group Fixes Tax on Net Income

Washington, March 20.—(P)—A house ways and means subcommittee decided tentatively today to apply a flat 2 1/2 per cent tax on the net income of corporations limited in paying out dividends "by reason of state and federal or contractual structures."

Corporations in this category would not be subject to the proposed new levy on undistributed corporate profits.

Fall Kills Carpenter
Superior, Wis., March 20.—(P)—Alfred Lee, 48, a carpenter, fell 39 feet to his death Thursday from atop the approach to Great Northern ore dock No. 1 in Allouez.

"The Greatest Mother of Them All"—knowing no state or sectional lines, is called upon another mission of mercy!