WEATHER.
(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Rain and slightly colder tonight; tomorrow cloudy and colder preceded by rain; minimum tonight about 46 degrees. Temperatures today—Highest, 62, at noon; lowest, 57, at 1 p.m.
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AUSTRIAN POLICY CREATES CRISIS IN BRITAIN'S CABINET

Special Session Scene of Eden-Chamberlain-Pro-Germans Battle.

FOREIGN CHIEF OPPOSED TO YIELDING TO REICH

Prime Minister Desires Pacts With Both Rome and Berlin Authorities.

BACKGROUND—

Nazis' move to draw Austria within their orbit, although the latter remains nominally independent, has met with little reaction from France and less from England. Great Britain was even reported to have had part in bringing conciliation of Germany and Austria. At same time hopes for rapprochement with Italy appears to be growing.

By WILLIAM H. STONEMAN,
Chicago Daily News Correspondent.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Great Britain today is threatened by a first-class cabinet crisis, the outcome of which may well affect the whole future of Europe.

The members of the cabinet gathered at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the first Saturday afternoon session since the abdication, to deliberate on the three-cornered controversy which has arisen between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain and the so-called "pro-German group" in regard to the future of Britain's relations with Germany, Italy and the countries of Central Europe.

Eden Fights Yielding to Reich.

Far to one side, favoring the continuation of his own policy and objecting to any plan involving indiscriminate submission to Germany and Italy, was Mr. Eden, supported by such professional foreign office officials as Sir William Van Sittart and Alexander G. M. Cadogan. Far to the other side stood the group which favors the conclusion of a four-power pact with Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, even at the price of further concessions to him.

More or less in between, but insistent upon making a deal with Italy and still hopeful of a coming agreement with Germany was the prime minister.

As the cabinet met it was generally felt that the only possible outcome would either be a victory for Mr. Eden's policy of "no blackmail" or a victory for those who favor an agreement with Germany at almost any cost. In the latter case it was thought that Mr. Eden would be certain to resign.

Developments in the Austrian situation during the last week have apparently persuaded the government that the time has definitely come to make up its mind about the future of Europe and to take definite action in one direction or another.

Chamberlain Sees Grandi.

After becoming fully aware of the gravity of the Austrian coup and its implications in regard to the future, Mr. Chamberlain's reaction was to make another almost desperate play for Italian co-operation. Yesterday Italian Ambassador Count Dino Grandi came to the foreign office and after two conversations with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Eden lasting a total of three hours it was evident that Italy was not ready to offer anything new either in the direction of assisting Austria or in regard to settling the Spanish situation.

At the conclusion of the conversations the Italians let it be known that the British had offered to conclude an Anglo-Italian understanding without taking up the question of Spain.

While Mr. Eden and the permanent foreign office officials have been eager for many months to conclude an agreement with Italy, in order to counter Germany's threat against Austria, it has been understood for some time that one condition to such an agreement would have to be Italy's withdrawal from Spain.

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EDEN URGED TO RESIGN.

Morrison Favors Defiance to Italo-Reich Deal.

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP).—One of Britain's outstanding labor leaders urged Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today to resign from the cabinet in defiance of any "humiliating deal" between Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy.

Herbert Morrison, former cabinet minister and secretary of the London Labor party, declared Mr. Eden was "a prisoner of his reactionary colleagues" as the cabinet met in extraordinary session.

The ministers were faced with a momentous decision on British policy toward Nazification of Austria and concessions to Italy in the Mediterranean.

Disagreement in Cabinet.

Even as Mr. Morrison spoke, reports reached some diplomatic quarters that Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Eden were in sharp disagreement on Anglo-Italian policy and this was one of the issues before the cabinet.

Mr. Morrison, in his speech to the London Labor party in connection

(See LONDON, Page A-9.)

ROBBED WHILE PRAYING

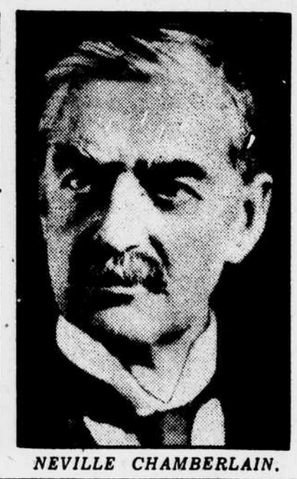
Purse and Rings Are Taken During Church Service.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP).—Miss Hazel Keane told police today she was robbed while praying in church.

She and several hundred other worshippers were on their knees when the purse containing $70 and three diamond rings she valued at $525 disappeared last night, Miss Keane said.

Figure in Cabinet Crisis

ANTHONY EDEN.



NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN.

WORLD WILL HEAR HITLER TOMORROW

Peace Message Is Forecast by Aides—Move on Czechs Feared.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Three weeks of wild rumors of momentous changes in Central Europe reach their climax, perhaps with a sign of fulfillment, when Reichsfuehrer Hitler delivers his newest message to the world tomorrow.

The old, familiar question "What will he do next?" echoed in all the chancelleries and parliaments of Europe. But until Hitler himself should say, there was no official indication of what might be his plans or to what degree he proposed to reveal them.

His closest collaborators predicted it would be a "message of peace." But that was small comfort to anxious statesmen.

Hitler also talked peace in that Reichstag speech of March, 1936, in which he announced remilitarization of the Rhineland—and thereby made the Locarno security pact a dead issue.

Czech Move Anticipated.

There were both hopes and fears that he might state more precisely tomorrow his intentions in Czechoslovakia, where live some 3,000,000 pro-Nazi, Sudeten Germans, close to the border of Nazi Germany.

The propaganda ministry persuaded the official Czechoslovakian Broadcasting Co. to carry the Reichstag speech throughout the Czech republic.

Many in political circles felt certain Hitler would demand autonomy for Sudeten Deutsch (South Germans), and the willingness to broadcast the speech was taken as an indication Czech Premier Hodza was willing to pay the price of autonomy to Germans in Czechoslovakia for peace with a powerful neighbor.

It was taken for granted Hitler would picture the recent changes in Austria—the naming of five cabinet ministers favorable to Germany and the freeing of Nazi political prisoners—as a vital step toward European peace.

May Cite Schuschnigg Talks.

He was expected to cite his talks last week with Austria's Chancellor Schuschnigg as an example of how direct contact between statesmen could move mountains of misunderstanding.

It also was assumed he would refer to the February 4 concentration of German military power in his own hands, and indulge in a few gibes at those who had rumored his army was collapsing.

A source close to the German chancellery said Hitler would declare an amnesty for political offenders against the Third Reich, benefitting both Catholic and Protestants who have been arrested on various political charges.

It was assumed pending trials of Catholic priests and nuns would be quashed, and there was evidence pressure already was being lifted from the Evangelical Church with permission to reopen various long-closed offices.

Regardless of whether Hitler springs any new surprises tomorrow, one thing seems certain—one of the biggest Sunday congregations in the world history will listen to him.

Within the borders of the Reich some 68,000,000 Germans will be within the sound of his voice, and beyond the border millions in Austria and other countries also may tune in their radios.

Bitter enemies as well as ardent disciples will harken to Der Fuehrer's voice, more intently than ever before, perhaps—for Sunday's speech has had a bigger world-wide build-up than given to any previous Hitler speech.

Originally scheduled for January 30, it was postponed when the crisis developed that led to Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg's resignation as war minister, and the army reorganization.

NEW CAVE DISCOVERY HELD TO BE OVERRATED

Carlsbad Publisher Scoffs at Claim It Surpasses Noted Caverns There.

By the Associated Press.

CARLSBAD, N. Mex., Feb. 19.—"Just another cave," said Floyd Rigdon, Carlsbad publisher, today after emerging from a newly discovered limestone cavern.

The cave, 12 miles south of the famous Carlsbad caverns, is "undoubtedly inferior" to its big neighbor, Mr. Rigdon said, "though it certainly is the nearest rival of all the caves discovered in this section."

Mr. Rigdon, a photographer and C. J. Cavinder, a miner, spent nine hours exploring. The cave's main room, Mr. Rigdon said, is only about 1,200 feet long, considerably smaller than that of the Carlsbad caverns.

Nothing daunted, however, Mr. Cavinder stood guard at the entrance with a shotgun. He says he holds guano mining rights.

MATSUI REPLACED AS CAMPAIGN LAGS

Japan's Loss of Prestige From Indiscipline Is Also Blamed.

BACKGROUND—

Japanese campaign to close gap between North China and Yangtze Valley conquests by seizure of the corridor which follows the Lunghai Railway has met with stout resistance from 400,000 Chinese under personal leadership of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. Japanese, advancing from north along Tientsin-Pukow and Peiping-Hankow Railroads, stopped.

By the Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—Japan ordered a new commanding general and troop reinforcements to the Central China war zone today "to meet the new situation" precipitated by violent Chinese counter-offensive operations.

Savage fighting continued along the far-flung fronts paralleling the strategic Lunghai Railway, with both sides winning indecisive victories.

It was reported that Gen. Shunroku Hata, inspector general of military education in Japan, had arrived to take over command of the Japanese troops which for months have been struggling to conquer the rich Central China agricultural region and railroad network.

Gen. Hata was said to have been sent to replace Gen. Iwane Matsui because of dissatisfaction in Tokio over progress of the Central China campaign.

Tokio was represented as dissatisfied with the loss of prestige suffered by the Japanese Army because of breaches of discipline in Central China. Gen. Matsui's public utterances also were reputed to have met with disfavor, because of the foreign reaction to them.

Dispatches from the front indicated the Chinese counter-offensive was meeting with success in the Hwai River sector north of Pengpu, where the Japanese have been stalled in their drive northward toward the Lunghai line.

The Chinese said they rolled back the Japanese along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line near Kuchen. They reported forcing the Japanese to fall back across the Hwai River toward Pengpu.

Simultaneously, other Chinese troops started operations against

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THREE SISTERS OF ZOG EN ROUTE TO AMERICA

Want to Visit Washington and Chicago—Will Return in Time for King's Wedding.

By the Associated Press.

ROME, Feb. 19.—Three vivacious sisters of King Zog of Albania arrived here today en route to the United States.

The Princesses Maxhide, Ruhije and Myzejen, were accompanied by the King's aide de camp and two ladies of the court, who will accompany them across the Atlantic aboard the Italian liner Conte di Savoia.

Their itinerary is incomplete, but they want to visit Washington and Chicago after seeing New York. They will return home in time for the wedding of Zog and the countess, whose mother was Gladys Virginia Stewart of New York.

ARKANSANS FLEE AS THREE RIVERS ROAR OVER FARMS

Wide Area Periled—Greater Flood Problem Than in 1936 Forecast.

OTHER COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM STORM

Death Toll Is Put at 27—Two Reported Drowned in Creek in Missouri.

By the Associated Press.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 19.—Three rivers and their numerous tributaries roared an ominous flood threat to Arkansas today while other sections of the South recovered from effects of storms which claimed at least 27 lives.

Hhundreds of persons fled their lowland homes at the Ouachita, Arkansas and White Rivers, swollen by a week's downpour, spilled their excess burden over thousands of acres of farm lands. Army engineers said the predicted crests probably would bring greater flood problems than in 1935.

Relief workers at Rodessa, La., commenced rehabilitation work in the little oil field community where a tornado ripped through the residential section Thursday night, leaving 25 persons dead, 41 injured and 4 missing.

Return to Collapsed Homes.

Inhabitants of the area returned to their collapsed homes to recover what they could and discussed plans for rebuilding.

Searchers who dug into the storm-made bog last night found no additional victims and expressed belief the death toll would run no higher.

Property damage was estimated as high as $500,000, including the destruction of seven oil derricks.

Two drownings were reported in Missouri, where Vernon Gidley, 21, Bonne Terre, and a companion tentatively identified as Miss Cortel Cown, 17, Flat River, were trapped in a creek when Mr. Gidley's automobile stalled.

Central Alabama Gets Rain.

Central Alabama experienced its first rainfall in 18 days, second longest midwinter drought on record at the Montgomery Weather Bureau. Residents of Georgia and Florida welcomed rain forecasts. Those two States with North Carolina and Virginia reported a sharp deficiency in rainfall.

Dropping temperatures, which failed to check the rising rivers in Arkansas, added to the discomfort of refugee families.

Boats were used to rescue nearly a hundred families trapped by rising water on a ridge near Paris, Ark., and in a two-story school building near Dardanelle.

The State Works Progress Administration declared an "emergency" and rushed men, trucks and sandbags to weakened levees in scattered sections.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE RISES AGAIN IN INDIA

Gadhi Aide Calls Upon Congress Party to Prepare for New Independence Drive.

By the Associated Press.

HARIPURA, India, Feb. 19.—Rumblings of a new civil disobedience campaign to achieve independence from Great Britain were heard today.

Subhas Chandra Bose, Radical Nationalist and right-hand man to Mohandas K. Gandhi, opened the fifty-first session of the Indian Congress party with a warning to prepare for such a campaign.

Bose, who voices Gandhi's views, attacked the Indian Federation and declared:

"We have to fight the federation by all legitimate, peaceful means—not merely along constitutional lines—and, in the last resort, we may have to resort to mass civil disobedience."

Bose, noted for his Leftist tendencies, quoted Lenin and added that the "British aristocracy and bourgeoisie exist primarily because there are colonies overseas and dependencies to exploit."

Gandhi squatted in a special hut, facing the river to insure privacy. The little Nationalist leader was not expected to participate actively in the meetings.

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SIX DETECTIVES HUNT FOR ROBBER

Full Strength of D. C. Force Seeks Burglar at Lucas' Home.

The entire Metropolitan detective force was ordered today to give special attention to an intensive hunt for the second-story burglar who stole jewelry and cash amounting to $3,525 from the home of Representative Scott Lucas of Illinois, at 4500 Broad Branch road N.W., while the family was at dinner downstairs last night.

Inspector Bernard W. Thompson, chief of detectives, said six men, including four detective sergeants of the special clothing and jewelry squad, another detective sergeant and an eighth precinct detective, were assigned specifically to the hunt.

These men, assisted by other officers of the Detective Bureau, took up the trail after a virtual trap which the thief had set for himself was destroyed during the excitement of a searchlight hunt through woods near the Lucas home last night, it was disclosed today.

Ladder Found by Posse.

A ladder which the thief had used to reach a second-story porch, from where he crept through an unlocked door to the bedroom in which Mrs. Lucas kept her jewelry, was found by the posse last night, hidden under leaves about 100 yards from the robbery scene. It was removed before it occurred to the searchers that the burglar apparently intended to return for it.

Detectives assigned specifically to the case were Sergt. Norman Hotkinson, in whose district the robbery occurred; Sergts. Thomas Sullivan, Charles Warfield, Curtis Trammell and D. G. Fletcher of the headquarters clothing and jewelry squad, and Precinct Detective Richard Felber. Ordinarily similar housebreakings are investigated by a detective sergeant and a precinct detective.

Representative Lucas was out of town on business when the burglar invaded his home. Mrs. Lucas, their 6-year-old son, Scott Lucas, jr., and her mother, Mrs. Belle Biggs, were in the dining room.

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Mrs. Lucas' $2,000 platinum engagement ring, studded with diamonds and blue amethysts, and $800 platinum wedding ring set with a diamond were the most valuable articles stolen. The other loot included a $500 dinner ring, a small ring valued at $70, a $75 Siberian amethyst bracelet, three silver bracelets valued at $10 and a pocketbook containing about $70 in cash.

Frightened by Robber.

Mrs. Naomi Mann, 1205 Farragut street N.W., was so frightened by a colored robber yesterday afternoon that she was unable to call police for an hour and a half, she told sixth precinct officers. She said the 6-foot, 200-pound colored man appeared at her basement door and demanded money. He followed her upstairs, where she gave him 85 cents from a bureau drawer, and walked back down to the basement to escape.

Three hold-ups were reported last night. Warren L. Geesling, 2136 K street N.W., said he was beaten and robbed of $5.50, a ring and a wrist watch in the vicinity of Catholic University by four men he had met in a lunchroom. Champion Keys, 19, of 3235 P street N.W., reported a colored man armed with a knife robbed him of $13 on a parking lot in the 2000 block of P street N.W. William R. Kurtz, 3113 Georgia avenue N.W., a taxicab driver, said two colored passengers robbed him of $8.

$100 and Purse Stolen.

A sneakthief stole a purse containing $100 from the apartment of Hazel Kare, 2225 N street N.W., and a $50 watch from Mrs. Willington F. Keffer's apartment in the same building, they reported.

A 19-year-old youth was captured early today as he was attempting to break into a store at Ninth and D streets N.W. Policeman Benjamin F. Bean said he saw the youth scaling the front of the store and caught him hiding behind a sign over the show window. He was held at the first precinct for investigation.

211,265 Urban Homes Built.

The Labor Department estimated today that new dwellings for 211,265 families were built in city areas in 1937. This was an increase of 12,000 over 1936.

BULLETIN

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (AP).—Four Russian scientists who had been marooned for more than eight months on drifting Arctic ice were taken to safety today in the icebreakers Taimyr and Murman.

Otto Refuses To Surrender Throne Claim

By the Associated Press.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19.—The Hapsburg Archduke Otto, who some sources have reported planning a world cruise because of disgust with Nazi gains in Austria, declared today he never would renounce his claim to the Austrian throne.

In an interview printed in the Antwerp de Dag, he said: "From now on I hold out my hand to Socialists, and also to my enemies. The only thing I desire is to hold myself above parties."

Otto maintains his home here.

FOUR CUT WAY OUT OF JAIL AT NORFOLK

Murderer and Three Hold-up Men Saw Bars and Rip Screen Off Window.

By the Associated Press.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 19.—Four desperate criminals—a murderer under sentence of life imprisonment and three hold-up men—escaped from the Norfolk City Jail last night.

The men, all colored, made their escape by sawing through the bars of their cell and tearing away the screen of a window at the rear of the structure.

Those who escaped were: John Wesley Young, 26, under sentence of life imprisonment for the knife murder of his wife, Ida Young, last June 20 at their home.

Nathaniel Eley, 27, under sentence of 20 years for the gun robbery of a store December 14.

George Boyd, 26, under sentence of eight years as Eley's accomplice.

Dillon Gary, 22, under sentence of five years for the hold-up of a service station August 18.

All the men had been sentenced recently and were awaiting transfer to the penitentiary in Richmond.

CHILD, 4, IS KILLED IN ALABAMA TORNADO

Walls of Tenant Farmer's Home Are Demolished—Chimney Crushes Girl.

By the Associated Press.

PETREY, Ala., Feb. 19.—A tornado dipped into Live Oak community near here today and killed a 4-year-old child.

The twister, apparently of small diameter, demolished the walls of Lester Cochran's tenant farm home and took the life of his daughter.

A falling chimney crushed the girl. Other members of the family were uninjured.

The tornado apparently struck only one spot—the Cochran home—in this rural Midsouth Alabama area. No trace of the twister was found elsewhere.

U. S.-JAPANESE PACT AGAINST WAR URGED

Tokio Diet Member's Proposal Is Reported Trial Balloon for Non-Aggressive Treaty.

By the Associated Press.

TOKIO, Feb. 19.—A suggestion that the United States and Japan sign an anti-war pact was advanced today by Takeo Miki, a member of the Japanese Parliament.

Addressing a giant mass meeting he traced the history of Japanese-American relations and concluded to wild cheering:

"If there is any hesitancy in the minds of either people concerning reality of this unwritten bond of friendship, let it be mainifested most clearly by a written pact against war, solemnly contracted by the governments of the United States and Japan."

It was learned from a reliable source that Miki's speech was a trial balloon for a non-aggression pact project being considered by the government, and that it was designed to test Japanese public reaction.

NEW CREDIT READY TO AID BUSINESS

R. F. C. Has Billion and Half for Employment-Producing Loans.

BACKGROUND—

President Roosevelt's remarks on prices have been followed closely as "barometer" of administration's inflationary intentions. After charge last spring that prices were too high, deflation psychology spread through business and financial circles. Yesterday he reversed situation by terming current levels too low. This action, together with resumption of Federal lending to business, may check downward business trend.

By the Associated Press.

The administration made $1,500,000,000 available to business today for employment-producing loans as a part of its easy credit, non-inflationary recovery policy.

The sum was offered to industry when President Roosevelt instructed the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to resume business lending. Except for a few railroad loans, the R. F. C. had ceased lending last October.

While Chairman Jesse H. Jones said the R. F. C. had $1,500,000,000 available, he predicted only "a few hundred millions" would be lent.

Meanwhile, the 12 Federal Reserve Banks called business' attention to their continued ability to make direct loans to industry. They also pointed out that the lendable excess reserves in the Nation's commercial banks totaled $1,360,000,000.

Assurance Against Inflation.

While President Roosevelt in discussing economic policy at a press conference yesterday talked at greatest length on his desire for a "balanced" price structure, some observers held that of more importance to business was his assurance that he was not planning to inflate or revalue the dollar.

Those of this view said his statement amounted to saying the administration would continue its present course, using only such mild recovery levers as easy credit, the farm act, the R. F. C. and relief.

Wall Street's reaction was largely along this line. Prices of stocks which might have been most affected by inflation dropped.

In his discussion, Mr. Roosevelt displayed charts showing how prices and employment have gone up and down together in recent years. He urged a gradual increase in the price of most raw materials and some finished products which have declined sharply because they are sold on a highly competitive basis.

Some Prices "Too High."

He said some other prices—which he did not name—were too high, and that anti-trust action might be resorted to if necessary to bring them in balance with other quotations.

Pleading for stable wages, the President advised industry to cut prices of finished goods and thus increase volume sales to a point where labor cost per unit of output would decline without a cut in employes' wage rates.

"Reasonable" Requirements.

The R. F. C. loans will be made through 28 branch offices throughout the country on terms similar to those prevailing before lending was curtailed last fall.

Mr. Jones said "reasonable" collateral requirements—so liberal, he said, that 23 per cent of outstanding industrial loans are in default—would be continued, and the interest rate would remain at 5 per cent, except where small banks demand 6 per cent.

He urged business men to apply first to local banks and offered to share the loans with the banks if negotiated in this manner or to give an option to take loans off a bank's hands whenever desired. Where banks cannot or will not handle loans, the R. F. C. will lend directly, he said.

Speaker Bankhead Approves.

Congressional comment on the President's price statement ranged from approval to a remark that "he's going up and down the ladder as usual."

Speaker Bankhead said he "certainly approved" the President's statements, which were based in part on information supplied by cabinet officers and others. His only regret, he said, was that the cabinet mem-

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VINSON SUGGESTS FUND TO TRY OUT NEW 'AERIAL MINE'

Naval Group Head Asks Use of Part of $15,000,000 Experimental Money.

BOMBS HELD FORCING CHANGES IN PROGRAM

Youth, 23, Testifies He and Others Wouldn't Fight to Protect Mother or Sister.

By the Associated Press.

Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Committee today suggested using part of a $15,000,000 experimental fund to test a mysterious new "aerial bomb" which the inventor said would revolutionize this country's defenses.

Representative Vinson referred to a device which Lester P. Barlow, Stamford (Conn.) inventor, said yesterday would force drastic alteration of the proposed $1,000,000,000 naval expansion program.

Mr. Barlow said the new bombs, dropped from tremendous heights, could "blanket" an area 10 miles square in three or four minutes and cripple even battleships by destroying the auxiliary ships which supply and augment the large war vessels.

The inventor told the committee he would not be satisfied with Representative Vinson's proposal because he "would not even dare put my ideas in the Patent Office." He indicated he feared his rights to the invention would not be protected.

Wouldn't Protect Mother.

Earlier, Representative Vinson read into the record a statement from the Navy's judge advocate general asserting Mr. Barlow's "aerial mine" appeared to be still in the idea stage and had not been offered to either the Navy or Army. The statement said Mr. Barlow had been awarded a judgment against the Government by the Court of Claims for about $600,000 for use of his inventions during the World War.

A 23-year-old peace advocate told Congress today an "appreciable minority" of American youth will not fight to defend this country under any conditions.

Louis W. Hilbert, jr., speaking for the Baltimore Peace Conference, told the House Naval Committee this "minority" was "100 per cent pacifist" and had "conscientious objections" to bearing arms.

He made this statement in answer to questions by Representative Brewster, Republican, of Maine, concerning earlier testimony by Frank Littell, a theological student. Littell said he would not fight even if invaders were molesting his mother or sister.

War With Japan.

Hilbert, asserting that although he did not subscribe to all of Littell's statements, testified that "many of us agree wholeheartedly with him."

Hilbert opposed the pending $1,000,000,000 naval expansion program, asserting naval building was "just as senseless as building beautiful homes and then dynamiting them."

A Filipino publishing a magazine in this country told the committee America's defenses in the Philippines ought not to be relinquished "under any guise or pretext." He was B. M. Gancy, who described himself as "persona non grata" to the administration in the Philippines.

Warning that "sooner or later America will have to go to war—and with Japan," Mr. Gancy said this country should be prepared for any eventuality.

Chairman Vinson said opposition testimony on the naval program would be ended today.

The committee chairman announced that Rear Admiral William G. Du Bose would resume Monday his testimony for the bill and Rear Admiral Arthur B. Cook, chief of naval aeronautics, would follow as the last witness. He said he hoped to report the bill to the House by the latter part of the week.

Members of the House Military Committee split with Chairman May yesterday and voted to restore universal draft provisions to pending legislation designed to prevent war profiteering.

The vote was 9 to 4, but Mr. May said that if the committee persisted in that stand, he would drop the whole measure and ask instead for House consideration of the more moderate Sheppard-Hill bill his committee reported last year.

JURY STILL IS OUT IN CASE OF NOLAN

Resumes Deliberations After Having Been Locked Up for Night.

The jury sitting in the case of William J. Nolan and Benjamin D. Jenkins resumed deliberation this morning on the charges of false pretenses and conspiracy to commit false pretenses, on which the two have been on trial for the past five weeks.

The case went to the jury late yesterday, and when no verdict was reached at 10 p.m. the jury was locked up overnight.

Nolan, former head of an automobile concern, and Jenkins, who was his office manager, are alleged to have discounted some $30,000 conditional sales contracts with both the Munsey Trust Co. and the Universal Credit Co., defrauding the latter. The defense was that it was a refinancing deal.

Snow Avalanches Kill 45.

TOKIO, Feb. 19 (AP).—Forty-five persons were dead on Saghalien Island today because of snow avalanches. The latest thundering slides buried 11 fishermen's houses. Forty-nine persons were trapped under the snow, but rescuers saved all but 13. A blizzard was raging in the island, north of Japan.