

## ABANDON HOPE OF COMPROMISE

Democrats Indicate Court Fight; GOP Mandated, Dawson Says.

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we must have control of the various State departments."

Governor Schricker had presented a 14-point proposal to Mr. Dawson and James M. Knapp (R. Hagerstown), Speaker of the House, in which he proposed to give all elected officers control of the various State departments, but to retain control over such important divisions as the Highway Commission, Public Service Commission and Conservation Department.

### Principles Differ

In his letter, Mr. Dawson said: "It is still apparent that there still exists a wide cleavage between the principles by which the respective sides are bound.

"As we see the picture, the existing cleavage is between principals upon which the two major political parties are divided and upon which they went before the people last November.

"On the one hand, the majority in the legislative department keenly feels the responsibility resting on it to enact laws and provide for their administration in accordance with the principles of the party to which they are adherents.

"On the other hand, you as Governor, being an adherent of the other major political party, quite naturally feel just as keenly your responsibility to perform that high office in accordance with the principles of your party.

### Both Have Responsibility

"On one thing, however, we all have a common interest and that is to discharge our respective responsibilities within and in accordance with the Constitution, even though we may have varying views as to what the constitutional limits may be."

The Governor's contention that the G. O. P. "riper" legislation is unconstitutional was formally indorsed yesterday by the Democratic State Committee.

The Committee, holding its first executive meeting since the Legislature opened, adopted a resolution giving its official "go sign" for Democratic legislators to continue their fight against the Republican "decentralization" program unless a compromise can be reached.

### Support Compromise

Party leaders also supported the Governor's offer to compromise with the Republicans on an agreement for division of power in the State Government.

In the event all compromise attempts fail, State Committee members indicated they were ready to carry their fight to the courts and discussed plans for possible litigation.

In a brief talk before the Committee, Governor Schricker said that in his written messages to the Legislature, selecting the "decentralization" bills, he had "only one thing in mind—the welfare of the people."

### Continue Efforts

The Governor told the Committee that he would strive for a compromise "until the last day of the Legislature."

The State Committee's resolution stated that "Governor Schricker and the Democratic legislators are displaying a steadfast devotion to the true Democratic principles in their deliberations."

"The committee hereby expresses wholehearted approval and gives its unqualified support to the Governor and Democratic legislators and pledges to them the gratitude of the Democratic party for the unselfish manner in which they are handling their responsibilities."

### STOCKS UP IRREGULARLY

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (U. P.)—Stocks pushed irregularly higher in light trading today after early un-

## Real 'Smoke Eaters'



## EXPECT GREEKS TO CEASE WAR

British Believe Ultimatum of Nazis to Be Accepted as Balkan Door Opens.

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It was conceded, hardly would have made her agreement with Bulgaria without obtaining a green light from Moscow.

Russia may have obtained recognition of her special interests in Turkey from Germany in return for allowing Hitler a free hand in the Balkans.

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### Watch Yugoslavia

The thawing of Russo-Japanese relations was noted yesterday with the announcement in Moscow that the Soviet was negotiating a trade pact with Tokyo.

The next step in Nazi Balkan diplomacy was expected in Yugoslavia. Berlin offered a broad hint that the Bulgarian-Turkish agreement was expected to have repercussions in Yugoslavia and in some quarters it was suggested that Yugoslavia shortly might agree to take a bystander's position in event of Balkan military moves.

Bulgaria was said to be faced with a choice of neutrality suggested by Germany. One is a position of complete neutrality whatever may develop around her borders. The other is a position of "collaboration" with the Axis. The reward for "collaboration" was hinted, might be a slice of northern Albania and a gateway to Salonika.

Germany offered the suggestion that the Bulgarian-Turkish agreement ultimately would undermine the Anglo-Turkish military alliance.

The Balkans believed there was an understanding between Russia and Germany whereby German interests in Bulgaria were recognized in return for acceptance of Russia's paramount concern over the Dardanelles and Turkey.

### Barges Ready Along Danube

London reported that the Germans have assembled hundreds of barges along the Danube River for front-line building purposes and that the Nazis could muster 75,000 troops along the Greek-Bulgarian frontier within 10 days. The Germans also were said to be constructing a sizable submarine base near Constanta on the Black Sea.

From the African battle front came word today that Ethiopian patriots have forced the Italians to abandon important posts only 175 miles from Addis Ababa. The German official news agency, D.N.B., reported an exceptionally heavy air attack upon the British central Mediterranean fortress of Malta.

The British reported shipping losses for the week ended Feb. 8 at 13 ships of 29,806 tons, less than half the weekly average for the week.

The figures did not include possible losses in the Nazi sea raider attack on a convoy off Portugal last week.

They also said that a 4,000-ton Italian ship had been sunk and an auxiliary cruiser and two merchant ships damaged by the fleet air arm in a central Mediterranean attack.

Admiral Jean Francois Darlan, French Vice Premier, set off for Paris again today to confer with Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's representative, and possibly Pierre Laval.

### Rome Admits Loss of Port

Rome confirmed loss of Chistomia, Indian Ocean port in Italian Somaliland, to the British, but said fighting continued in the area.

The second half of the class of 1921 was called to the colors Feb. 27-28. Plans for intensified collaboration of the German and Italian fleets were discussed by the naval chiefs of the two countries.

At least 12 persons were feared dead today in the ruins of a London public shelter on which a German airplane bomb crashed during the night.

Rescue squads had nearly finished

rescuing wounded from the shelter this morning when a time bomb exploded nearby and buried two more persons in a shop basement.

Germans dropped hundreds of incendiary and a number of explosive bombs on London during the night. Firemen put out the incendiary bombs and the explosive bombs did comparatively little damage.

Bombs were dropped on a number of east coast points during the night and two of the German bombers were shot down.

The Greeks claimed to have captured 330 more Italians, mostly from Alpine and Blackshirt units, on the northern section of the Albanian Front.

New mountain positions on the central and northern fronts were

reported taken by the Greeks, and the Italians lost valuable material when two of their counter-attacks were repulsed.

### Check COLD DISCOMFORTS

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COMFORT DAILY

## Aid Bill Gives F. D. R. Power To Enter War, Foes Contend

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authorize the employment or use of persons in the land or naval forces of the United States at any place beyond the limits of the Western Hemisphere, except in the territories and possessions of the United States, including the Philippine Islands."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), leader of the opposition, announced his group would fight for adoption of the Ellender amendment, as well as other changes.

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