

THE DAILY COURIER

ASHEBORO, N. C., WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15, 1937

NUMBER 170

The Largest Paid-Up Circulation of Any Newspaper Published in Randolph County

Over 10,000 People Welcome You to Asheboro, the Center of North Carolina

JAPAN "DICKERING" TO SALUTE U. S. FLAG

London "Cracks Down"; Advises Tokyo Of Split Relations

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, informed Commons today that Great Britain is seeking definite action to guard against recurrence of attack on British shipping.

Figured In Trap For Payne Convict-Trio

Blmington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Police Chief Joseph Rourke, said today two persons had identified a marked picture of Wash Turner, Jack Borden, escaped convict, that of a man who had been in section two or three weeks.

Tires Predicts Lower Prices 1938

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Col. Paul P. Ayres since 1921 has led aphorisms and forecasts as annual predictions on the ahead in business. Today, at 1937 figures, he foresaw 1938:

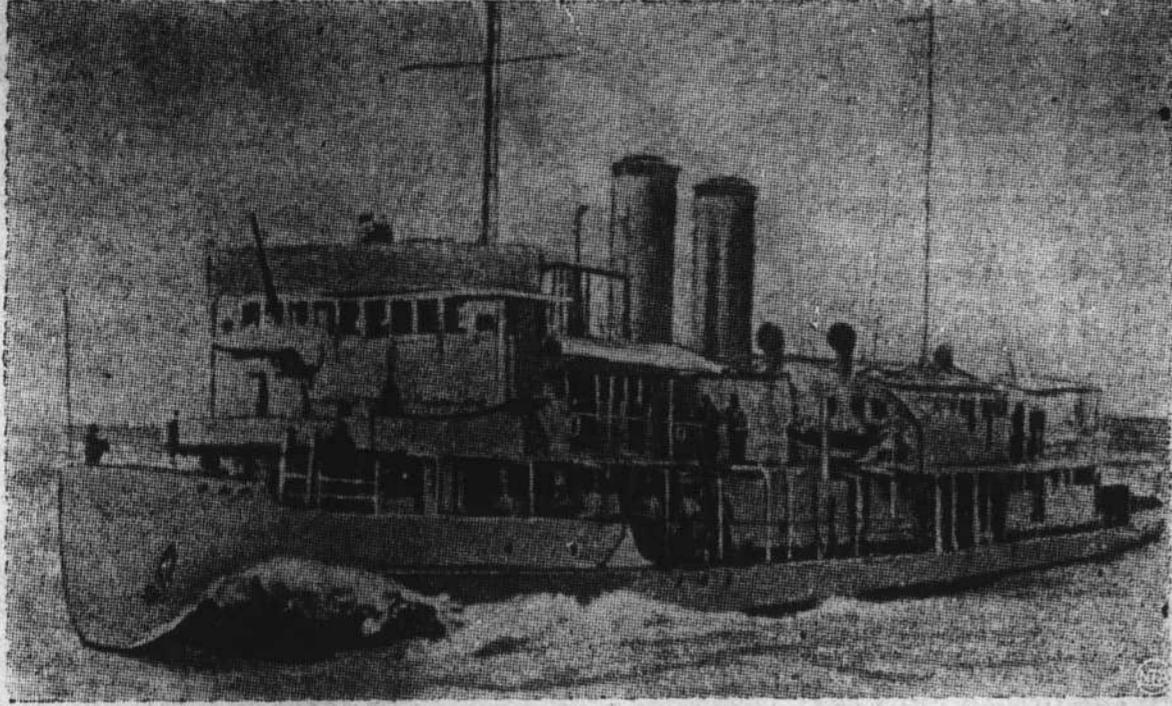
CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS



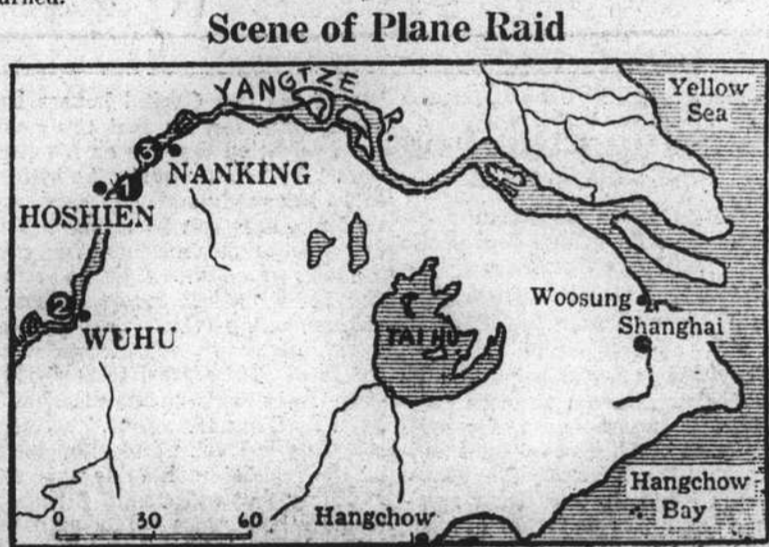
Some of the bread baked at Christmas in Denmark is kept until sowing time, then crumpled and mixed with the seed to insure a good harvest.

8 Shopping Days Till Christmas

U. S. Gunboat Sunk by Bombs



A terrible misdeed was blamed by the Japanese naval authorities at Nanking for the sinking, in an air raid, of the U. S. gunboat Panay, above, in the Yangtze river, killing one seaman, and injuring nearly a score of the 55 known survivors.



The fears aroused by incidents during the battle for Shanghai were realized in full measure in the sinking of the U. S. S. Panay by Japanese bombers at Hoshien (1). British vessels at Wuhu (2) were the targets of bombs and British gunboats fired on Japanese planes that raided them three times at Nanking (3).

Sheriff King In Boston; Extradites Roby Spencer

Sheriff Carl King, left Asheboro yesterday, enroute to Boston, Mass., to bring Roby Spencer back to Randolph county to stand charge for manslaughter in connection with the death of Aliene Luther, May 19, 1935.

J. Benton Stacy Succeeds Waynick at Purchase Post

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Governor Hoov yesterday appointed Senator J. Benton Stacy of Ruffin to succeed Capus M. Waynick as director of the Division of Purchase and Contract. He will receive a salary of \$6,000 a year.

Aboard the Panay



Weldon James (above) of Greenville, S. C., a newspaper man reporting the Sino-Japanese war, was reported aboard the United States gunboat Panay when the vessel was bombed and sunk by Japanese airmen in the Yangtze river near Nanking.

Stacy, a farmer and banker and formerly a merchant, is expected here tomorrow to be sworn into office, the Governor said. "As an army purchasing agent during the World war and, later, as a general merchant, Senator Stacy acquired experience which he will find valuable in his new position," the Governor said.

Reece Richardson, 33, died at his home near Seagrove yesterday after a short illness. The survivors include his widow and two small children. The funeral was conducted this afternoon at the residence. Burial was in the Lucas cemetery, near Seagrove.

Hungary Opens Repayment Of World War Debt

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States expected Hungary today to break the general suspension of war debt payments by depositing a partial remittance—the first in more than five years.

Scouts Complete Toy "Round-Up" For Xmas Gifts

Boy and Girl Scouts of Asheboro have completed their "round-up" of used toys and now are busily engaged in making necessary repairs and alterations prior to distributing them to needy children for Christmas.

Americans Safe In Nanking; 16 Reported There

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Japanese embassy said today 27 foreigners—including 18 Americans—who were within the walls of Nanking when Japanese troops stormed and captured the Chinese capital city were all reported safe in a message from Nanking.

Seeks Probe Of Labor Board

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Senator Burke (D-Nebr.) who is seeking a senate investigation of the National Labor Relations board made public today a letter from Chairman Madden saying the "board was patterned after several other federal agencies which are prosecutors as well as judges."

U. S. Writer Says Panay Went Down Blazing Guns; Boarded By Japs

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Jim Marshall, Collier's magazine's far east representative and survivor of the Panay bombing, said today the Panay, "opened fire on the attacking Japanese warplanes when bombs started to drop and kept her guns blazing until the last minute."

Marshall arrived in Shanghai by airplane today from Wuhu, Yangtze river port, to where he had made his way after the attack which destroyed the Panay and damaged three Standard Oil company ships.

Two other survivors of the sinking of the United States gunboat and a British naval officer arrived in Shanghai with Marshall on a Japanese plane. The plane survivors were F. H. Vines, Roanoke, Va., employee of the British-American Tobacco company and John L. Hodges, Panay fireman.

The United States gunboat Oahu and the British gunboat, Lady Bird, conveyed by the Japanese gunboat Hoda, were steaming down the Yangtze towards Shanghai with most of the survivors.

Marshall said he had not seen Japanese launches machine-gunned the Panay before she went down as reported by Colin McDonald, London trans-radio correspondent, another of the survivors.

The American writer explained, however, that he got to the nearest standard Oil vessel and aided in getting her underway.

Veto Indicated For Wages And Hours Measure

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, (R-Mich.) quoting from a letter of President Roosevelt told the senate today that the president would be forced to veto the ever normal granary bill unless the costs are held under \$500,000,000.

Senator Adams (D-Col.), member of the senate appropriations committee, joined Vandenberg in the latter's attempt to write a definite cost limit into the measure.

Vandenberg said it was rather freely stated the president would veto any farm bill over the limit referred to.

Two Local Nurses Pass State Examination

According to a recent announcement by Miss Bessie M. Chapman, secretary of the North Carolina board of nurse examiners, two nurses of the Randolph hospital, Misses Josie Ritter and Helen Clotfelter were successful in the examination given by the state board in Raleigh last month.

Wage And Hours Threatened; May Go Into Discard As House Battles

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Militant house blocs relied on involving parliamentary procedure today in their plan to sweep the administration's wage and hours bill into the discard and substitute more rigid legislation.

Administration leaders expressed confidence, however, that they could side-track any serious threat to the bill, the second item of the special session agenda, and force it to passage late Thursday.

This was the complicated situation confronting the house at noon. Chairman Norton, (D-N. J.) of the labor committee wanted to substitute a reprinted version of the bill, containing several committee amendments from the draft originally offered last summer.

Note Writing Indicated In Jap-U. S. Fuss

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States' protest to Japan against the bombing of the gunboat Panay, informed persons said today, has served to raise the broader question of the whole future of American rights in China.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull in a formal note, demanded not only adequate reparations for the Panay sinking, but also promises of no "further unlawful interference" with American rights.

It was on this wider issue, responsible persons said, that a possible show-down might come in American-Japanese relations unless Japan agrees unconditionally to the United States terms for a settlement.

School Holiday From Friday To January 3

The public schools in Randolph county and the city of Asheboro will commence the regular Christmas holidays at the conclusion of the Friday afternoon session.

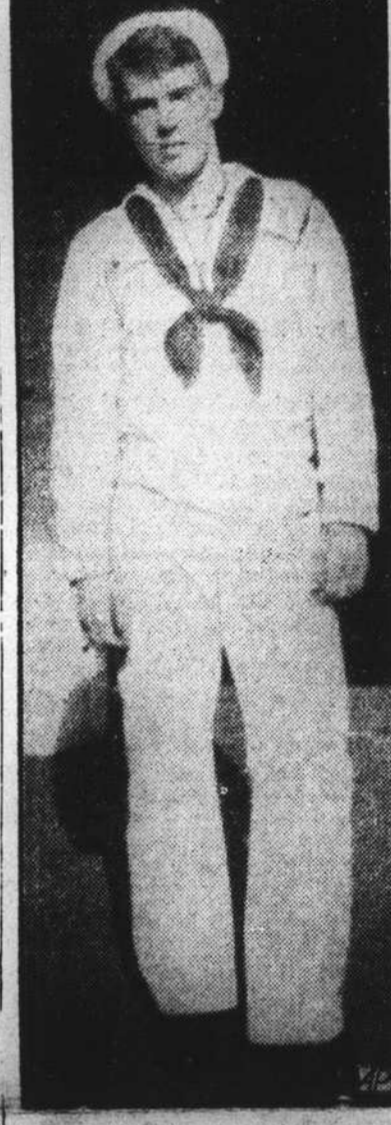
Guard Meets Death In Prison Outbreak



Guard Captain J. Olin Sanders, (above) was stabbed to death during an outbreak at the South Carolina state prison at Columbia. Six convicts seized him in his office in their attempt to escape and one of them confessed killing him when tear gas was shot into the room.

Tokyo Discussing All-Nation Honors To Its Victims of The Panay

On Sunken Gunboat



Ernest Clayton Branch (above) of Lumberton, N. C., was a fireman aboard the United States gunboat Panay which was sunk by Japanese air bombs in the Yangtze river a short distance from Nanking.

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Japan, already having apologized and offered indemnity for war-like attacks on the United States gunboat Panay and three other American-owned vessels was prepared today to go "even further if necessary" to meet diplomatic emergencies.

As an added gesture of regret, it was said, a nation wide salute to the American flag and military honors for the Americans killed Sunday in the Yangtze river incident was under consideration.

The general public was deeply concerned, although the Japanese press published virtually nothing of the sentiment in Washington or the United States and refrained from editorial comments.

National Vote On War "Killed" By Senate Group

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—House leaders expressed confidence today that could effect an impending move to send the wages and hours bill back to committee for re-amping.

Speaker Bankhead said he was sure the leadership would prevail and announced intention to hold night sessions, if necessary, to complete action this week.

Payne Didn't Rob This Man; Cops Are Sure

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The automobile belonging to J. C. Morris of Asheville, trainmaster of the Southern railroad, who was held up and robbed of his car and valuables last night, was found abandoned here today.

Carolina Liquor Sales Decline

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Sales of legal liquor in North Carolina declined last month, officials of the State Alcoholic Beverage Control board said today. An audit showed that November sales totaled \$747,169.65, compared with \$818,076 in October. Chairman Cutlar Moore said October purchases probably set a record.

Advises Union Encouragement

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Labor commissioner, A. L. Fletcher, of North Carolina, predicted here today that "unionization is sure to come" and advised employers to encourage unions along lines that are "safe and sane."

Concord Woman In Hospital

The condition of Mrs. Ada Rogers Gorman, prominent Concord resident, who sustained severe injuries in an automobile accident yesterday, was reported unchanged at the Randolph hospital today. Mrs. Gorman sustained a fractured right arm when the car in which she was riding skidded and left the highway on route 64.

War Flashes

Washington.— United States fears future in China.

London.—Great Britain warns Japan of possible diplomatic break.

Shanghai.— Americans reported safe in Nanking.

Tokyo.— Japanese newspaper claim U. S. gunboat carried Chinese soldiers.

Shanghai.— American magazine claims Jap planes could not possibly mistake Panay for Chinese vessel.

Tokyo.— Japan may follow Mexico and salute American flag.

The Weather North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Unsettled in the west portion. Slowing rising temperature in the central and east portions.