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President Opposes Wage Cuts During Recession of Business

Says Such Reduction of Organize, Work And Purchasing Power by Industry Would be 'Suicidal'.

Washington, Jan. 25. - President Roosevelt today opposed wage cuts by industry during the business recession as "suicidal" and warned that if salaries are slashed this winter and spring, the government will be forced to consider "other means" of creating purchasing power.

His views were embraced in a formal statement read at a press conference a few hours after John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, had announced that labor would fight to the bitter end against a reduction of wages and prices to offset effects of the trade slump.

Mr. Roosevelt completed his warning with a suggestion that mass production industries cut their prices to meet reduced purchasing power.

He brushed aside inquiries as to what the government would do salaries are pared further, but it was believed he referred to possible resumption of Federal "pump priming."

The Chief Executive said his statement was prompted by statistics showing that some business men in a few sections of the country already had reduced wages and that similar action is reportedly contemplated by

He made it clear that wage reductions thus far have not been widespread.

Mr. Roosevelt said that a group of industrial and labor leaders headed by Lewis, Thomas Lamont, New York banker, and Owen D. Young, head of General Electric Co., assured him at their recent White House conference that there would be no wage reductions during the slump. He added that he hoped to confer on Monday with 10 or 12 representatives of "Little Business" and obtain their advice on how the government can aid them.

"Little Business"

He said he expected this delegation to be selected from 500 small business operators who will meet earlier with Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper and his assistant, Exnest Draper.

The President's wage statement was in reply to a question as to whether he agreed with a recent declaration by Benjamin N. Fairless, president of United Steel Corporation, that labor is an essential feature in steel prices and that these prices cannot be reduced unless the wages of the employes are cut.

"I'm afraid it won't help for me to answer that question again," the President said. "I have said so frequently-and I do not know how to say more clearly and unequivocably than I have already said—that I am opposed to wage reductions.

"I am opposed to wage reductions because the markets of American industry depend on the purchasing power of our working population. And if we want to restore prosperity, we must increase (underlined) and not decrease (also underlined) that purchasing power."

He conceded that there may be a special hourly wage situation in some building trades in some localities which, so far as the total yearly earnings are concerned, may call for some "different treatment." But even in such cases, he emphasized, the primary purpose of the administration is "to increase and not decrease the total of the annual pay of the workers."

DISCOVERS HUGE STAR

Chicago. - Dr. Otto Struve, direcdiscovery of the largest star ever reported. Dr. Struve estimated that alone. the star, which has been named Epsilon Aurigae, has a diameter 3,000 the earth and the sun. It is a binary star, or in two parts, the larger part | pect. of which has a diameter of 2,000 million miles with a relatively low temperature, about 1,000 degrees centi-

PREPARES FOR FLOOD

Knowville, Tenn.-In order to prousual flood damage.

100 black walnut seedlings as a operative effort that will spell the has ordered 1,000 black locust trees watives, the opposition has lost one dran, and books of an informative or ter will be expected to make a sub-

The tide of battle has turned. During 1937, the Wets forced 18 County Elections and lost 10 of them. They called these elections in the Counwin most easily, but they lost in tory selected by themselves.

Furthermore, these 18 elections were held under the provisions of a statute prepared by the Wets themselves. By legalizing beer up to 24 per cent alcoholic content and permitting transportation of whiskey in- through the British port of Hong North Carolina. to Dry Counties, this statute impaired Kong and other channels and said the effectiveness of prohibition in all that a declaration of war was "poscounties and created a situation that sible" if other powers continue to the Wets thought would enable them to carry every county. But they lost in 10 of the 18 elections and they have sharp attack on the floor of the Diet not been able to set up liquor stores by Baron Hakehiko Sonodo, who rein any county west of Durham.

Now is the time for the friends of temperance to redouble their efand disgracing our State with drunk- China." enness, debauchery and crime. This goal can be achieved if those who are opposed to the liquor traffic will work for the nomination and elecwill provide an effective plan for law enforcement. A vast majority of our citizens are opposed to this destructive traffic; and we can elect a Gen- anese government had decided not to eral Assembly that will give us right- deal with the national government eous laws and elect Sheriffs, Solici-

Opposition to the liquor traffic is right; and Right will triumph. To doubt this is to lack faith in God. With determination and faith.

must organize, work and win. We call upon the friends of temperance in every county and in every precinct to meet immediately and organize for the purpose of nominating and electing Legislators and law enforcement officers who will close the beer shops and liquor stores and drive the liquor traffic, both legal and illegal, from the borders of our

If we will organize and work, we can win a glorious victory for our homes and our State.

Cale K. Burgess. January 25, 1938.

Yields of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of Burley tobacco have been reported by Yancy County growers this season. W. O. Briggs of Jacks Creek sold 1168 pounds of good tobacco produced on seven-tenths of one acre for the sum of \$292.

Gardner Thinks Outlook Bright

Issues Optimistic Statement Following Business Talk With President.

Washington, Jan. 25. - Former Governor O. Max Gardner today emerged in a highly optimistic mood from a conference with President Roosevelt on the subject of the business depression.

Mr. Gardner, who is counsel for the Cotton Textile Institute and legal adviser to the Southeastern Governors, is one of a large number who recently have been calld by the President for conferences on the business situation. These conferences tor of the Yerkes Observatory of the usually have been held with groups, University of Chicago at Williams and Mr. Gardner is one of a com-Bay, Wis., recently announced the paratively small number who has been askd to meet the President

After his conference, Mr. Gardner issued a statement which indicated times that of our sun and equal to that affirmative action of some kind twenty times the distance between for cooperative steps by the administration and business men is in pros- Resolution finally disposed of?

It is believed generally that Presi-country greater than in pre-Prohibipolicy after completing his series of 6. Did Japan assert that the Pa- and is a shift in the balance of govconferences, which include a gather- nay was mistaken for a Chinese ship ernmental power, which is far-reach- make reports on books they have Chinese and Japanese as to the need only \$1. ing with small business men, a large in its explanation of the bombing of ing. Consequently, business men now read, and in this way the others are for outside help. He added that the number of whom have indicated a der the American warship? sire to come to Washington.

esservoir capacity to control "I am optimistic for the future. I ter day? possesses an amazingly comprehen.

9. Is it true that Japan is building the knowledge of conditions through- the largest battleships in the world? fall is stored in the dam basin and out the entire country and it is my 10. Is the population of the Unit- high finance and big business. mal oninion that he is collecting ed States growing information from all sections with a (See "The Answers" on Page 4) Three 4-H dub members, C. L. country and the government to grapT. B. Slade of Martin County has live measures but since last FebruTy recommended for rural readers.

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Japan Threatens

Shows Concern Over Shipments Arms Continues

Tokyo, Jan. 25.—A declaration of war against China was threatened by the Japanese government tonight as ties where they thought they could a means of bringing "third powers" under the international rules governmore thn 55 per cent of the terri- ing a blockade, which permit search and seizure of neutral vessels carry-

supply China with war materials.

Great Britain was the target of a marked: "If Britain insults Oriental races

and fails to respect Japan's position forts and wipe out the beer shops in the Far East, Japan would be unand liquor stores that are increas- able to guarantee the existance of ing human slaughter on our highways Britain's rights and interests in

Hirota, replying to the interpellation, said the government had information concerning shipments of arms through the British crown colotion of Representatives and Senators ny of Hong Kong, but added these who will vote against liquor and who were "only a small part" of the total British shipments. He added:

In view of the fact that the Japtors and Judges who will enforce the position of third powers with relation to the supply of munitions to

He was asked if a declaration of war would be necessary to define the status of third powers, and replied: "A declaration of war is possible, but it will depend on future develop-

Baron Sonoda took particular pains to pay a warm tribute to the United States' "attitude" concerning the Far Eastern situation. He also remarked that Britain's decision to suspend the plan for sending its fleet to the Far East was "timely."

"Britain should refrain from unnecessarily arousing the Japanese in 1934. people," he declared.

FIERCE FIGHTING RAGES

ON FRONTS IN CHINA Shanghai, Wednesday, Jan. 26. -Severe fighting raged today on two fronts north of Shanghai, where thousands of Japanese and Chinese regular troops locked in hand-to-hand bat-

tles with big swords and bayonets. The heaviest fighting was reported in the vicinity of Wuhu and Hohsien in Anhwei province, where the first pitched battle since the fall of Shanghai carried on through the night with enormous casualties on both sides after three days of dead-

Further north, on the Tsining front Chinese and Japanese struggled for possession of strong Chinese defense works through which the Japanese armies are attempting to smash their way for a drive southward to cut the important Lunghai railroad. The Japanese are attempting to cut the eastwest railroad at Kweiteh.

Along the southern coast, meanwhile, Japan continued her aerial warfare against the Canton area in an effort to slice China's "life line" of communications to the interior and halt foreign arms shipments to the Chinese armies.

Thirty Japanese airplanes late yesterday bombed railroads in the Canton area and attempted to destroy the Tienho airdrome, near the American Seventh Day Adventist hospital,

WHO KNOWS?

1. How many licensed airplane pilots and airplanes are there in the United States? 2. What is the total highway mile-

age of the world? 3. What is a parse?

4. Is the Ludlow War Referends 5. Is the stock of whiskey in this

FARMVILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1938

China: Fierce Fighting Farmville Rotary Club To Present His Name At District Conference In Durham In May

At its regular meeting on Tuesville Rotary Club unanimously adopted a resolution proclaiming Irvin ing struck on the Ayden-Kinston Morgan, Jr., as a candidate for Dis-Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, re- trict Governor of the 189th District sponding to questions from the floor of Rotary International; his name of the Diet, charged that arms ship- will be presented at the District Conments were filtering into China ference to be held in May at Durham,



IRVING MORGAN, JR.

in helping the Snow Hill Rotary Club jously. to re-organize and get back into the Rotary fold.

In addition to his attendance upon several recent District Conferences. Irvin attended the International Rotary Convention held at Mexico City swerved to prevent striking another

has never had a District Governor, its occupants escaped unhurt. and believes that she now is offering the best available man in the whole district for the position.

John Moore, who presided at the meeting, appointed John Lewis, chairman, Dave Clarke and Paul E. Jones as the "Irvin Morgan, Jr., for District Governor" committee.



F. D. R. FEELS SECURE LEGAL POWER SHIFTS NEW DEAL WINS CASES SEEKS CO-OPERATION HOLDING COMPANIES WHAT BUSINESS WANTS NAVAL CONSTRUCTION PLAN ATLANTIC FLEET NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY 6,000,000 ARE ILL

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Corres-

The idea is abroad in some quarters that the President feels that his Administration is on much firmer ground since the retirement of two Conservative Supreme Court Justices and their replacement with men of the same political philosophy. While the President, in his battle against what he considers economic privilege, has been able to win elections by enormous majorities, his program has been successfully resisted in the Courts because his opponents felt that the five Conservative justices would stop the New Deal even when the ballot box failed.

The recent elevation of Stanley ing to finish a book she had Reed to the High Tribunal ends the interested in. domination of the Conservative group Mr. Gardner's statement follows: the United States on an average win- thwart him by arraying Congress tunity to read in full by themselves. against him. This may be accomservative in their attitude toward the club members.

Fatal to Three

Two More Deaths Raise Total For Week-End; Charges To Be Made.

Greenville, Jan. 25. - Three highway fatalities in as many days in this area was the mark reached today, when one man died of injuries received in an accident near Greenday, January 18th, 1938, the Farm- ville Saturday night, and a Negro youth succumbed to injuries after behighway last night.

Alfred Simmons died in Pitt General Hospital today as an outgrowth of injuries sustained Saturday night I've ever heard of. when struck by an automobile driven by J. G. Blow of Vanceboro while he and three companions were walking on the Greenville-Falkland highway about one mile from this city. All ful injuries.

Fountain Worthington of Winter- crop year after year. way last night.

three hours after the accident occur- Brown: "That's right, Bill. I the National Foundation and in ad-

way Patrol said today that charges They're good money-makers. And The proposed candidate has gain- against Joe Cannon, Ayden Negro, stock than to buy it." ed much Rotary experience during the as a result of the death of Herman sition as President of the Farmville the car driven by Cannon skidded on had enough to spread on my land Club and numerous trips that he has the Greenville-Ayden highway late regularly." made to other clubs in the district as Saturday night and struck a bridge

Hubert Roberts, Fred Carrico and William Taylor, all Greenville High School students, barely escaped possible serious injury late last night when the car driven by Roberts motor vehicle and overturned. Al-Like most small clubs, Farmville though the care was badly damaged

Funeral services for Simmons, 42 will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by the Rev. Clarence W. Patrick, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, and burial will follow in Ashbury Church Cemetery near Cove City in Craven county. He moved to Pitt county from Craven county about ten years ago, and for the last six years had been farming on the Greenville-Falkland highway about two miles from this city.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Dina Par-ott Simmons, surviving are one son, Funds Sought rott Simmons, surviving are one son, Mercer Ward Simmons; two daughters, Miss Frances and Miss Elizabeth Simmons, all of the home; one brother, G. H. Simmons of Kinston, and two sisters, Mrs. Julia Simmons of of Cove City.

More Libraries For Rural Communities

A love of books and good literature is one of the marks of an educated person, said Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State College.

"Many of our home demonstration club women over the State like good books," she continued, "but often they don't have a chance get the books they would like

"For this reason, we are trying o establish home demonstration club ibraries in the different counties. Some have been established already, but many more are needed."

The Johnston County home demonstration library reported that during the month of December 183 books

At various club meetings, Miss reslize that they must make terms given a chance to learn about more Japanese society replied that their re-7. How much sickness exists in with the President or else seek to books than they would have oppor- sources were adequate to deal with ods in the Tennessee Valley, was highly pleased with the result of 8. Why are three American cruisthe Two has begin to lower the giant, my conference with the President. He ers going to Singapore in Pebruary ? people of the country will turn con- sent the year's program of work to chairman of the Pitt county chapter,

Countr began with his early legisla- plied lists of books that are special- of the designated agents.

Date Set For The President's Birthday Ball

Soil Program Aids In Diversification

(Note:-This is the seventh in a eries of articles in which two farmers discuss the agricultural conservation program.)

John Brown: "The 1938 program will also help you balance your farming operations."

Bill Smith: "I need to balance my income with my expenses. I've been about given up hope." Brown: "It'll help you do that to

It's the best all-round farm program "The committeemen will tell you

depleting crops, you will have other except one of the group received pain- land available for growing legumes and grasses.

Highway Patrolman C. R. Wil- "With this, you can start farming liams said today that charges of hit on a good crop rotation system in- chairman. They were sent to mayors and run are being brought against stead of keeping a field in the same of Ayden, Bethel, Farmville, Foun-

ville, who failed to stop after the au- "The program also encourages us tomobile he was driving struck and to grow pastures and hay crops to skating on the Ayden-Kinston high- balanced farming program, many in attendance. other expenses will be kept down too.

General Hospital, but died about 8 feed, you can have more livestock. hours later. Partolman Williams said You know, livestock are needed to that both legs of the youth were balance out your farm enterprise." broken and his skull fractured. Smith: "Yeah. I think most all ing. Worthington was not apprehended by of us around here could do better if members of the highway patrol until we had a few more cows and hogs."

of manslaughter are being brought it's a lot cheaper to raise your work Smith: "I could use some manure past few months by virtue of his po- Wood, Negro, who was killed after on my place. I've been wishing I

Brown: "Yes. There you have one of the speakers or honored abutment at a swamp near Ayden, still another advantage from the proguests; also by his successful efforts Four other Negroes were injured ser- gram. More feed, more livestock, more manure. I tell you, it's hard to beat."

SAVES BANK \$30,000

Cleveland. - Last spring during a holdup in which the robbers got \$18, 866, Miss Mary Probala, 28, ran into a washroom of the Lorain Street Bank and stayed. Recently, when three robbers entered the bank, she followed her original impulse, ran inalarm had been installed, sounded it and saved the bank \$30,000. The men obtained only \$4,000 on the counter and fled.

The trouble with most public servants is that they have no idea that they are supposed to work for the public interest.

To Aid Chinese

near Kinston and Mrs. J. A. Ipock Red Cross Chapter Is **Asking For Voluntary** Contributions

> Acting in accordance with the pressed wishes of President Roosevelt, the Pitt county chapter of the Red Cross has decided to accept voluntary contributions to aid war-rayaged Chinese citizens.

Contributions will be accepted in Farmville by Chairman J. H. Moore at the Farmville High School, and at our great President, himself a victhe Enterprise office. Each of the school principals in the county has been delegated to accept contributions in his respective community. Principals are members of the executive board of the Pitt chapter.

In a recent letter sent to the national chairman, President Roosevelt declared that "I feel that our people are sympathetic to those in need in this (the Far Eastern crisis) situation and will wish by their voluntary were loaned, and one woman said contributions to take some larger she read till four o'clock one morn- part in aiding in this humanitarian 800 pounds per trip and a rate of task which the people of many coun- \$,000005 per pound for loads more tries are participating."

The President stated in his letter if the Airways handle 100,000 pounds the situation, but that the Chinese Miss Current has urged all home said that "they were very much in

declared that time is of greatest im- roll of honor for the fall quarter, 210 Marjorie Beal, secretary of the N. portance. He urged the citizens of of them being from this state, it was C. Library Commission, is cooperat- the county to support this cause by The President's trouble in the ing in the library work, and has sup-making a contribution through one of the Central Records office.

Annual Event To Be Held Jan. 31st In The Robert H. Wright Memorial Hall, Greenville

Greenville, Jan. 26 .- Chairman W. W. Lee of the Roosevelt Birthday ball today sent a telegram to each mayor of the various towns in the county urging them to support the dance to be held here January 31.

The ball will be held in the Robrunning behind for so long that I'd ert H. Wright Memorial auditorium original plans to hold it in the armory having been abandoned. The telegram follows:

"We extend to you and your people a hearty welcome to join with us how many acres you should plant to in the annual Pitt county President's the different cash crops. And by Ball in Greenville night of the thirlimiting your acreage of cash or soil- ty-first stop please give this all the publicity possible to make this worthy endeavor a huge success.

The telegrams were signed by Birthday Ball Committee, W. W. Lee tain, Falkland, Grifton, Winterville, Grimesland and Stokes.

In addition to dancing, the celebracaused the death of Eugene Forbes, feed livestock. This cuts down on tion will include a floor show and 16-year-old Ayden Negro, who was the expense of feed. With a well other entertaining features for those

Jimmy Livingston's orchestra will The youth was brought to Pitt "And when you start growing more furnish music for the occasion and the floor show will be under the direction of Miss Ramona Staples, head of the Ramona School of Danc-

This year the fight against infantile paralysis is being unified under think we could have some more beef dition to the sale of dance tickets, Corporal L. L. Jackson of the High- cattle, sheep, and work stock too. the local sponsors will endeavor to secure founders for the national organization. All persons who desire to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis, but who do not desire to take part in the dance will be issued founders' certificates in lieu of dance tickets.

President Frankklin D. Roosevelt. himself, became founder number one of the newly-formed national foundation. The founders certificates range in price from one dollar for a founder, two dollars for sustaining founder, five dollars for a family

Mr. W. W. Lee, Chairman, President's Birthday Ball. My Dear Mr. Lee: I noted in the daily papers a few days ago that you are again Chairto the washroom in which a burglar man of the President's Birthday Ball Committee and that you are making

Your Support Urged

plans for this important event. As Health Officer of Pitt County and having under my supervision the State-Pitt County Orthopedic Clinic, which serves not only Pitt, but Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, and Carteret counties as well, and which is sponsored by the Greenville Rotary Club, I'am thoroughly familiar with the service rendered by this clinic to the citizens

of Pitt County. You will be interested to know. I am sure, that, since the establishment of this clinic in July of 1936, it has treated 197 individual patients. It not only cares for the victim of infantile paralysis, but also treats such cases as broken limbs, bow-legs, clubfoot, etc. The funds raised through the President's Ball have been used for the care of such cripples who were unable to provide special shoes, braces, crutches, etc., for themselves. Since the funds raised through this Ball serves every town and hamlet of Pitt County, I trust that every citizen, able to do so, will give his support to you in your efforts to make the Ball a worthy tribute to

tim of infantile paralysis. Very truly yours, N. Thomas Ennett, M. D., Health Officer.

ONE BID

Washington. - Pan-American Airvays submitted the only bid for airmail service from Baltimore to Hamilton. Bermuda to the Post office Department recently. Its bid was \$.00001 per pound for a specified load up to than 800 pounds. Under such a bid,

PITT STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL AT U. N. C.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 17 .- A total of 336 students at the University of North Carolina made the scholar announced today by L. C. Griffin, Jr.,

To be placed on the honor roll a tudent must make an average grad of B (90-95 per cent) in all studi J. B. Owen, Pountaling J. P. Don General Control of the Control of th