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300 CHINESE KILLED IN TRAIN BOMBING

Great Britain-France Rush Warships to Join Mediterranean Force

Ordered To Scene At Cabinet Crisis

To Be Near Any Trouble, Order Issued During Italy-Soviet Rife.

France Sends Ships

Hasten to Naval Battle Between Spanish Rebel and Government Ships.

Algiers, Algeria, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A Spanish government fleet of two cruisers and five trawlers steamed into battle array in the western Mediterranean today to engage an insurgent warship and try to keep a sea-lane clear for supply ships.

London, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Three British destroyers and three French warships sped today to the scene of the Mediterranean naval battle between Spanish insurgents and the government ships.

The order sending British warships to the scene came just as the British cabinet adjourned for lunch after a "crisis" meeting in the midst of the rife between Italy and Soviet Russia.

The admiralty in London did not explain the movement but other sources said they were to aid patrol, "to be near any possible trouble."

Two French gunboats and a French destroyer also put out from Algiers with orders to proceed to the vicinity of the engagement.

20 Year Old Girl Kills Attacker

Father of Two Children Slain In New Jersey Last Night.

Iselin, N. J., Sept. 8.—(AP)—A 20 year old school girl, admitted after hours of questioning today, according to police, she killed Paul Reeves, 25 year old father of two children when he attempted to assault her.

William Clyde Cox Dies of Injuries

Franklinville, Sept. 8.—W. R. Cox received a letter Friday morning that his son, William Clyde Cox, 33, had been fatally injured Saturday night, August 28, by a train, between Lillington and Rockfish, Va., and that funeral service was conducted with interment following near Lovington, Va.

Mr. Cox and son, Richard, left here Friday afternoon for High Point where they and W. K. Watson, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Watson, Jr., left early Saturday morning for Lovington, Va., to find out more about his death and burial. He will be reinterred to Franklinville M. E. cemetery.

Loyalists Attack Insurgent Troops

Turn on Pursuers Near Gijon And Inflict Heavy Losses.

Hendaye, Spanish-Franco Front.—(AP)—The defenders of Gijon, in the Spanish northwest were reported to have whirled about today after thirteen days of retreat before advancing insurgents and inflicted a disastrous defeat on their pursuers.

Reynolds Assures Farm Legislation

Says Right of Way Will Be Afforded When Congress Meets.

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Senator Robert Reynolds (D-N. C.) speaking to 1,000 farmers here promised today that farm legislation would be given "the right of way" when Congress again meets and added "with all dark spots removed the future of agriculture seems brighter than it has in many a year."

THE WEATHER North Carolina: Mostly cloudy tonight with local showers.

Cap Davis Freed On Manslaughter Charge In Court

Judge Rousseau Directs Non-Suit at Close of State's Case.

Offers No Defense

Prosecution Centered On Highway Death of James Saunders.

Judge Julius Rousseau, presiding at the Randolph term of criminal court, this morning, directed a verdict of not guilty to be entered against Cap Davis, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of James Saunders, 17, on highway 220 last October. Davis was charged with striking young Saunders while driving in northerly direction about 11:30 on the night of October 16.

Charlie Coggin, solicitor was assisted in the state's case by T. A. Burns of Asheboro.

Judge Rousseau in non-suiting action called attention to the "circumstantial" evidence submitted by the state. The court, and it was agreed by the state, contended statement of Sheriff King, was the prosecution's strongest link.

This was to the effect the Sheriff had talked with the defendant, that the later said he passed a truck at the scene of the accident about the time young Saunders was struck, but that he did not see or strike any pedestrians.

The court, in citing recent decisions by the Supreme Court, urged the fact that the high court specified admissions by defendants must be taken as a whole and that parts favorable to the State as well as statements favorable to the defendant must be considered.

Calling attention to the number of deaths caused by automobiles the court said, "It is a known fact that thousands of persons are being killed by automobiles, and according to newspaper reports North Carolina leads the world—based on gasoline consumption."

During this morning's session the state called John Saunders, an uncle of the dead boy to the stand. Mr. Saunders testified he has visited the scene of the accident and had made comparisons of tire tracks found there with the tires on Davis' car. He said the tracks were similar. He also said he found a dent in the frame of the rear window of the car—that the window had been broken and that pieces of glass had been found at the scene of the accident.

He called attention to what he said were "smears" along the left hand side of the machine.

This part of Mr. Saunders' testimony was supported by Sheriff King who likewise called attention to the smears. Both, however stated they could not tell what caused the marks or how long they had been on the machine.

The defense was not compelled to offer any evidence, the non-suit being ordered at the conclusion of J. V. Wilson's, attorney for the defense, motion for dismissal.

At yesterday afternoon's session the prosecution brought out testimony to the effect that young Saunders was walking along the left hand side of the highway when struck. According to Edwin Hill, called by the state, he and Saunders and another boy were walking towards Balfour when the accident happened.

Hill said Saunders was nearest the edge of the concrete road surface. A truck passed the trio, this witness said, then a horn sounded and a closed sedan, traveling at about "70 to 75 miles an hour" struck Saunders. The car, he said, did not stop.

The injured youth, Hill said, was thrown to the ground, his head near a ditch alongside to the highway and his feet just off the concrete surface.

Prior to Saunders' testimony the state swore E. F. Spinks, who conducts a filling station just north of Asheboro. Mr. Spinks said, Davis stopped at his place about 11:30 and complained of feeling ill. He said Davis ordered a soft drink and then when his motor failed had his car pushed off for a start. Mr. Spinks, when questioned by Mr. Burns, said it was about 15 or 20 minutes later when an ambulance rushed by going in the same direction that Davis had driven.

Roy Cooper, who followed Mr. Spinks on the stand testified he saw Davis about 12 o'clock when he stopped at a filling station about 7 miles north of the scene of the accident. Cooper said the radiator of Davis' car was steaming and that he filled it with water.

"What would you say as to his (Please turn to Page 6)

Eluding Death in Air Race Crash



As Count Otto Hagenburg flew his stunting plane at the Cleveland National Air Races in a spectacular upside down dive close to the earth, as shown at upper left, he came too low, his rudder dragged the ground, bit in deeply and the plane crashed splinteringly, into the wreckage shown below. The German stunt flyer is shown at upper right as he was led away from the crash scene, but not until he had waved a reassuring hand to the crowd to show he was not badly hurt.

Soviet Warns Italy Force Will Be Used in Sub-Zone

Soviet Forwards Italy Sharp Note

Denial of Fascist Subs Unsatisfactory to Moscow Heads.

Rome, Italy, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Soviet Russia flatly told Italy today the Fascist answer to Soviet charges that Italian submarines had sunk two Russian ships in the Mediterranean was unsatisfactory.

Russia repeated her accusations made in her original note. The second note marked more the serious crisis growing out of the Spanish civil war and was handed to Italy's foreign minister just before noon.

Diplomatic circles consider grave doubt of either Italy or Germany participating in the conference called by Great Britain in deciding to devise some manner of stamping out attacks on commercial shipping in the Mediterranean.

Chinese Sailors Visit Charlotte

Will Carry Scrap-Iron To Homeland; Claim They Will Win.

Charlotte, Sept. 8.—Seventy-seven Chinese sailors passed thru Charlotte on the Southern railway yesterday afternoon on their way to Norfolk, Va., where they will man three freighters loaded probably with scrap-iron bound for China.

The party left China August 14 and landed at San Francisco several days ago. They are traveling across the continent on three special cars under guard of immigration authorities.

The sailors declined to talk when their train stopped here for water two minutes to take on water. However, at Greenville, S. C., a Chinese laundryman was at the station and they talked with him.

Will Be Long War At Greenville th sailors said "it will be a long war, but China will win."

Legion Delegates Harris Birkhead, Walter Craven, Rufus Ruth and Robert Whaley, members of Dixon post 45, American Legion, have been appointed delegates to the National convention in New York city.

The post adjutant and commander-elect, B. M. Weston today announced one member, Ima King, Seagrave, joined the post last night Mr. King is the first enrolled member for the 1938 fiscal year.

Clyde Styres Is Dead Following Shooting Sunday

Former Resident of Asheboro Dies Last Night in Monroe Virginia Hospital.

Well Known Here

Was Shot While Working On Railroad; Escaped Convict Is Apprehended.

Clyde Styres, of Asheboro and Spencer, who was shot in Monroe, Va., Sunday afternoon late while on duty as flagman for the Southern railway, died in Memorial hospital there last night at 9:30 o'clock. Two shots entered Mr. Styres chest and worked downward, resulting in his death. Little hope of his recovery was entertained by physicians from the beginning.

Immediately after the shooting, officers arrested two men who were loafing about and held them for investigation. They were released, however, when a colored man, who was an escaped convict, was arrested in Richmond yesterday afternoon. The colored man said he did not want to go back to the pen and decided to shoot the first man who looked like an officer, according to reports made to members of the Styres family.

Mr. Styres is well known in Asheboro where he has made his home since early boyhood until fifteen years ago when his work with the Southern railroad took him to Spencer. Since that time, he has run from Salisbury to Monroe, Va. Mr. Styres is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Styres of Asheboro. When Mr. Styres was married, some twenty years ago to Miss Rosabelle Bonkemeyer, also of Randolph county, they lived on Cox street, later building two houses on that street, which they still own.

Mrs. Styres and the following children survive: Gordon, Helena, and twins, Sara Faye and Samuel Ray. The following brothers and sisters also grew up in Asheboro, went to school here, and most of them lived here until recent years after Mr. and Mrs. Styres died: Fred Styres, Raleigh; Shellie and Miss Villa Styres, both of High Point; Ivey of Greensboro; Mrs. J. G. Hendrix and Mrs. L. D. Cagle, both of Asheboro.

The body was taken from Monroe early this morning to the Styres home at Spencer where funeral arrangements were made.

\$16.40 Spoils Nets Long Prison Term

Dave Hogan Sentenced To Prison—Received Shot In Leg After Crime.

Twenty to thirty years in state's prison, a bullet hole in his leg and an estranged wife—and \$16.40—those items comprise the spoils of one evening robbery committed by Dave Hogan of Alamance county.

Hogan yesterday arraigned in Superior court before Judge Julius Rousseau, on charges of robbing two filling stations on the night of July 25, pleaded guilty but urged the court to extend clemency in fixing sentence.

Annie Hogan, the defendant's wife, according to his story, shot him in the leg while the two were driving from the scene of one of the crimes. He was taken to a hospital in Greensboro where he was apprehended.

Evidence submitted was to the effect that Hogan held up two men at pistol point and forced them to hand all cash in their filling stations. While driving away, he said, he was shot in the leg.

He commenced his prison term yesterday afternoon. He was sentenced to from 10 to 16 years and ordered to wear "strips" on each of the two robbery charges.

Johnson Urges 3rd Roosevelt Term

Says President Should Be Allowed to Complete Great Program.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Governor Olin Johnson came out in today in favor of a third term for President Roosevelt, so that he can continue to carry out the program now under way.

The statement was in answer to a news question sounding out governors on a possible third term for the president.

"The fact is," Johnson said, "I put myself on record in favor of a third term for President Roosevelt a year or more ago. I hope he can continue to carry out the program now under way."

Gets "Cocktail Teacher" Post

1,500 Chinese wedged in Coaches; Bodies on Railroad Tracks.

Had No Warning

New Dangers to American Citizens as New Drive Opens on Front.



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Municipalities League To Meet

State League Will Hold 27th Meeting in Winston-Salem September 28-29th.

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Invitations to attend the convention are being issued by President Iseley to all officials of the City of Asheboro and other members and non-member cities and towns and the largest attendance in the history of the League is anticipated.

A program for the assemblage of all municipal officials is being formulated. President Iseley said, and it will include national authorities on municipal problems.

"The League has made considerable progress during the past 12 months," Iseley said, "progress of which its officers are proud. At the convention we intend to review that advances made and present plans for continuing an active and progressive program for towns and cities of the State."

The League of Municipalities is a non-profit, cooperative organization founded and maintained by cities and towns themselves, which renders to its members extensive services in solving various problems with which town and city administrations are faced. By cooperating through the League, its member towns have been able to have many helpful legislative and local problems brought to a satisfactory solution.

Drawing Jury To Try Hasty Case

The case of Arthur Hasty, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Babe Yow, opened in Superior court this afternoon when work was commenced on selecting a jury.

The jury had not been completed up to late hour this afternoon.

M'Grady Resigns Labor Position

President Accepts With Regret; Has Radio Connection.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the resignation of his chief mediator in industrial-labor disputes, Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor.

McGrady, who had held the post more than four years as assistant to Secretary Perkins, did not name his new employer in his letter of resignation, but it was disclosed in New York he will become director of labor relations for the Radio Corporation of America.

The President accepted the resignation with "deep regret" and said he was "glad" McGrady's services would always be available to the government if special need arose.

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RENTS HOUSE FOR 25c When the ad below was placed in The Daily Courier little did Mr. Pierce think it would be rented within three hours.

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