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HOEY "CRACKS" DOWN ON POWER AGENCY

United States Citizens Must Evacuate Nanking Says Yadkin Decision Violates All State Rights; Enters Fray

Japanese Within 60 Miles Of Stricken City; Bombed Today

Nanking, Dec. 4.—(AP)—American citizens were warned today to be ready to leave Nanking on short notice, possibly tomorrow, as Japanese columns pressed their advance on China's abandoned capital.

United States embassy officials told Americans to be prepared to go aboard the gunboat Panay for safety. The skeleton embassy was left behind by American Ambassador Nelson. The gunboat remained as a last minute refuge for the 30 Americans who insisted on staying in the threatened city.

Japanese bombing planes were actually dropping bombs within the city. Chinese military commanders admitted the Japanese columns were within 60 miles of the city and redoubled their defense preparations.

The Japanese bombers evaded the city's anti-aircraft defense and bombed the Ming Palace airdrome within the city walls with great accuracy. The building containing fuel stores was destroyed and 10 Government houses bordering the field were demolished. No lives were lost.

Long lines of troops moved through the city toward the sub-defense positions. The columns included hundreds of fresh soldiers whose only military equipment was rifles and bandoliers. The supply of uniforms was exhausted long ago.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The British steamer Sinshasan was reported riddled with bullets from an undetermined source while on a mission of mercy to Japanese occupied Tsungming Island near Shanghai.

The chief officer was killed, a sailor and several passengers were wounded.

After more than 200 machine gun shots had been fired, the little steamer's matter, Captain M. McMillan, crept on his hands and knees under the bullets to the wheel house which he reached in safety then steered the craft out of range.

British authorities had been striving to rescue nine French-Canadian nuns who have been marooned for about three months.

British authorities said the Japanese forces had been informed of the voyage.

Japanese army officers today apologized to the United States Marine command at Shanghai for Japanese troop invasion Friday on the American defense sector.

At almost the same time, the Japanese army lodged a demand with the international settlement police for a free hand to move Japanese forces through the settlement.

Holiday Spirit In Streets—Stores

Asheboro merchants are ready to celebrate.

The Santa Claus spirit prevails in all sections of the business district.

Windows are packed with toys, with jewelry, clothing and all manner of gifts.

The interior of stores are bedecked with Christmas decorations and Santa is making regular visits to one or two of the business houses for short gossip talks with children.

Sunset avenue and Fayetteville streets are gaily decorated with Christmas lights, which have been strung across the highways, adding a vivid holiday touch to the general displays in the store windows.

Senator Bailey In Parley To Hear New Business Deal

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A secret gathering of ten senators at which Lewis Douglas, former budget director, outlined a business recovery program, stirred speculation in the capital today.

Douglas left his federal post in 1934 because he disagreed with Mr. Roosevelt's spending policy.

Since then he has been an outspoken critic of the administration and last year supported Alf Landon on the grounds that the New Deal could result only in "improvement of the people."

The senators present included

Royal Governor Rules Ethiopia



Premier Mussolini has provided Ethiopia with a royal governor to succeed militant General Rudolfo Graziani. The viceroys of Italy's biggest colony is Prince Amedeo Umberto, above, of Aosta Savoy, general of the air corps and one of the men who aided in the conquest of Haile Selassie's land.

"Fighting Men" Lead Britain's War Council

London, Dec. 4.—(AP)—War minister, Leslie Hore-Belisha tonight told British soldiers a shake up of the army council would give "our best fighting men" a real voice in the higher military policy.

The minister, who reorganized the army council with younger men and made Viscount Cort, chief of the Imperial staff, explained the motives and goals of his recent drastic reorganization.

He spoke at a presentation of colors to the Manchester Regiment, and paid tribute to the "graceful sacrifice" of older generals who retired to facilitate the promotion of younger men.

The whole army promotion system, apparently, is to be revamped in favor of more democratic procedure.

T. B. Serum From Cooked Germs

New York, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Cornell Medical Center here today struck at tuberculosis with news of a new faith vaccine, made of steam-cooked tuberculosis germs, heated for serum.

This vaccine, it was announced, has been tried, with favor, on humans after two years experiment on brown Havana rabbits in which it demonstrated definite protective measures.

The Weather

North Carolina: Sunday, light rains followed by colder at night.

Bankers Look To '38 For Upswing In Business; Urge Tax Change

Chicago, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The nation's leading bankers, replying to questions today, expressed belief the current slump in American business will run its course for four months or more but will not develop into another major depression and predicted an upturn in 1938.

This was the consensus of the presidents and chief executives of 125 of the most important banks in 44 states having aggregate deposits of more than \$12,000,000,000. The survey was conducted by Reuben St. Louis, Jr., executive vice-president of the Metropolitan Trust company of Chicago.

Louis said the opinions of individual bankers could not be made public but said the majority expressed belief an upturn in business could not come before late in the spring.

About one-fifth said the upturn would not be felt before next fall; five said in 1939; chief executives of two banks, among the ten largest in the country, said the upswing would come during the last quarter of 1938.

Louis said the replies indicated bankers believed the upturn in business depended upon an administration demonstrated change of attitude towards business.

Ranking first among recovery measures, Louis said, was repealing the undistributed profits tax; second, balancing the budget; third, lowering of taxes on capital gains; fourth, increase in rail freight rates to provide a reasonable return on investments and fifth, encouragement to utilities to promote expansion.

Colon Welch New Commander Of Local Woodmen

Colon Welch was elected council commander to succeed Robert T. Lord, at the regular annual meeting last night of Asheboro council 921, Woodmen of the World.

The meeting was marked with the initiation of a large class of candidates in the protective degree.

Other officers elected last night include:

Raeford Gaddis, advisor lieutenant; E. N. Morgan, banker; J. T. Pugh, financial secretary; Charles Stuts, secretary; Albert Bunting assistant secretary; Sherman Benar, escort; Belvin Curtis, watchman; Elvin Curtis, sentry.

Auditors, Clyde Threadgill, Parks Dorsett and Forest Deaton. Degree team, Albert Atkins, Burlington degree, Venice Vulpulinian.

A large number of candidates will be initiated at the next meeting of the council, Friday evening. All members are urged to attend.

Cates Speaks To School Students

Clyde Cates, of the North Carolina Employment Office, visited the High School Friday morning, and talked to the boys and girls for about 30 minutes on the subject of "Finding a Job after Completing High School."

Mr. Cates brought out the point clearly that "very few people who graduate from High school ever find themselves unemployed." This statement, he said, could be viewed from more than one angle, first: it is assumed that the boy or girl who is the smartest, is naturally more apt to find something to do, while on the other hand, those who do not finish High school, are, in all probability, the ones who need the most help.

Mr. Cates conferred with students, as well as teachers, concerning a series of conferences with individual classes with respect to vocational guidance.

Mr. Cates was invited to visit the Senior class at an early date and speak to them upon the subject: "How To Get A Job", which invitation he accepted, the date to be announced later.

The students enjoyed Mr. Cates talk very much, and no doubt gained much information which will be of benefit to them, when they have finished school and are about to enter into various business careers.

Testify About Financing Housing



Lower interest rates on housing mortgages are impractical, Stewart McDonald, Federal Housing Administrator, told the committee conducting public hearings on the Steagall Housing Bill because the government agency was not lending funds, only guaranteeing mortgages. Private financing required the higher rates, he said. McDonald, right, is pictured with Theodore B. Nickson, FHA Comptroller, at the hearing.

Roosevelt Returning North For Further Dental Work

Miami, Fla., Dec. 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt arranged today to return immediately to Washington for further dental treatment, upon discovery that the gum, where a tooth was removed November 18 had failed to heal as rapidly as expected.

He was scheduled to leave Tortugas Islands, 300 miles south of west of Miami, in the

Gulf of Mexico, this afternoon. He will probably arrive here around 2 P. M., leaving one-half hour later for the north on a special train.

Temporary White House officials insisted neither the official situation was a factor in the decision to return ahead of time.

"Empty Boxes" Sell Here For \$1 Each; Man Doesn't Return

From the boot in the rear of his car "that man" talked an hour and a half, and the hundred or so people gathered in the vacant lot between Hasty's lunch and the Ashlyn hotel yesterday morning listened, intently. Before he finished he had sold 24 "stuckers" present a total of 24 "Empty Boxes", for a total of 24 dollars. Then, promising the crowd he would be back at 3 o'clock that afternoon, he quickly crawled into his "big car" and with his wife "pulled freight" from Asheboro.

The man had something... he told the people he was selling empty boxes at a dollar each, opened one showed them, and then took their money in exchange for the boxed pasteboards. Maybe he was the "fastest salesman in America." That's what he called himself. He told a lot of other tales concerning the "Mr. Suggs from Winston-Salem"; how he was gassed a couple of times during the World War, how much "hell" the war was, and that the 24 bucks he'd just collected from the "gambling spirited men present" was for "poor orphans and widows", adding that his wife was the widow and he was the orphan.

A curious spectator wanted to know more about the "fastest salesman in America". Selecting the easiest way, the curious one stopped him as he was entering the car and said: "What's your name?"

"Suggs is the name, and I'm from Winston-Salem. In a hurry now... see me up at the cafe."

"You going there right now?" he was asked.

"Yea, right now", and with a merry twinkle in his eye slipped under the wheel and was gone.

"O! Liberal Honest Bill", another of his self-imposed handles, didn't stop at the cafe. Neither did he return at 3 o'clock.

First National Bank Of Asheboro Thirty Years Old

Thirty years ago yesterday a little bank opened in Asheboro, on the corner of Lewis-Winslow hardware store, now Cox-Lewis company. This bank was small, but compact and quite a prideful enterprise for the town which boasted of one bank to serve the town and county—this the Bank of Randolph.

This was source of pride for several reasons. Possibly the first reason was that it was a First National bank; it was an added business to the town; and the building was new and handsome. This was the time when the late J. S. Lewis was president of the bank; the late C. J. Cox was vice-president and John M. Neely, cashier. These three officials were all save the board of directors, of whom Mr. Neely and W. F. Redding of Asheboro are the only two survivors who have remained continuously

on the board.

It was on December the 4th 1907 that the First National Bank of Asheboro first opened the doors for business. John M. Neely, now active president of the bank, accepted the first deposit and pulled the first check. It is interesting to many who remember the late George P. Hendrix that it was he who made the first deposit recorded on that day. Mr. Neely also remembers that the first check was written by Lewis-Winslow hardware (now Cox-Lewis, operating in the same stand) and was made to the late Mattie Davis, who was a prominent contractor of the town and county.

Coming from Alabama, Mr. Neely had not seen snow for ten, or twelve years and he remembers how it was snowing that day and

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Crimp Put Into Speech Making Of Senators On Farm Bill

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Senate wound up a two weeks wordy debate on the farm bill today by agreeing to limit future speechmaking on the measure.

By motion of Senator Barkley, majority leader, consent agreement was reached to cut debate to amend to the bill to 15 minutes for each speaker with 20 minutes allowed on the bill itself. Senators will be permitted to speak only once on each amendment and only once on the bill.

Barkley told the Senate that the two weeks of debate had given full opportunity for discussion and that it was desirable to avoid any further delay.

A substitute farm program proposed by Senator Lee, (D-Okla.) was exempted from the debate limit agreement after Lee had protested that he had no opportunity for a full discussion of the measure.

Lee's bill differs from the pending agriculture committee's measure in that it would be entirely voluntary.

In addition, Barkley agreed to exempt any other substitute that may be offered. He further said that limitation would not apply yet to send the pending farm measure back to the agriculture committee.

The agreement will go into effect Monday afternoon. Democratic leaders expressed hope that the bill would pass the Senate next week.

Red Cross Roll Call This Year Huge Success

Randolph county's annual Red Cross Roll Call this year turned out the best of any previous drive, according to Roll Call Chairman T. Lynnwood Smith, the \$750 quota being exceeded by \$108.25.

The drive, which closed two weeks ago today, covered completely Randolph county, and saw for the first time the entrance of the colored people into the work.

Following is a complete report of each of the committees in Asheboro, together with other towns in Randolph county:

The Sorosis club, in charge of the business and residential district of Asheboro, collected \$238.85. In the Industrial division Home Buildings donated seven dollars, McCrary and Acme Hosiery Mills \$207.05, Bosson Hosiery Mill \$130, and Cretwick Silk Mills \$62.20.

Towns in Randolph county donating follow with the amounts: Ramseur, \$98.15; Franklinville, \$14; Liberty, \$45; Randleman, \$25, and the Randolph Training School \$19.

Grand total for Randolph county, \$858.25.

Mr. Smith expressed specific thanks to each member who joined the Red Cross this year, as well as to the chairmen of the individual committees which helped toward making the undertaking a success.

To the colored people and Prof. Barrett, who supervised the drive among them, Mr. Smith also expressed his appreciation for their fine work.

Compared with last year's Roll Call, the drive which just ended was an overwhelming victory. The \$500 quota of 1936, \$250 smaller than this year's goal, shows to some extent the added effort put forth by the committee heads and Mr. Smith in this year's Roll Call.

North Carolina In Eleventh Position

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Five States improved their population ranking in the last year, the Census bureau reported today.

The bureau's estimate of population on July 1, 1937, placed North Carolina 11th in place of Indiana and Alabama 16th instead of being tied with Tennessee for that position. South Carolina and West Virginia each jumped a number to 25th and 26th, while Kansas fell from 25 to 27th.

Florida moved ahead of Washington to take 30th place.

Says Yadkin Decision Violates All State Rights; Enters Fray

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—(AP)—In a strongly worded statement, Governor Hoey termed today as unwarranted "by the law or the fact," the ruling of the Federal Power commission that the Federal government has jurisdiction over construction of a proposed \$6,000,000 hydro-electric dam near Tuckertown on the Yadkin river.

The commission's decision, he said, "almost approaches absurdity" because of several large dams already built between Tuckertown and South Carolina.

On November 16, the commission held that the Peedee river, in South Carolina and below the site of the proposed dam on the Yadkin was navigable and therefore the project was subject to federal jurisdiction.

"This decision is a clear invasion of the right of North Carolina to control streams within its borders," the chief executive said, "and is important, not alone because of the interference with this proposed development, but as affecting the future policy on all rivers passing through the state and other hopes for our future development."

"We cannot afford to sit idly by and see this federal agency assume control over the internal affairs of the state and thus disregard its growth and private progress," the governor said.

"Independent of that," he said, "the construction of this projected dam would not affect the current flow of the water below dams already existing and would in no wise destroy any possible navigation of this river below and certainly not result in injury to South Carolina in any possible way."

He asserted the Peedee river "is not, never has been and never will be, navigable."

Lassiter, Hit And Run Victim, Dies; Probe By Police

Oscar Morgan Lassiter, 63, well known resident of Asheboro, died in the Randolph hospital Friday night at 10:30 o'clock, the result of injuries sustained when struck by an automobile last Sunday night.

Lassiter, struck by a "hit and run driver" Sunday night on North Fayetteville street, was carried to the hospital by a passing autoist who found him in a pool of blood along the shoulder of the highway. First aid was administered, and for a day or two, it was believed the injured man might recover.

Wednesday, Lassiter recovered sufficiently to answer questions, but Thursday and Friday, grew steadily worse.

Sheriff King's department has been conducting an investigation ever since the matter was reported to him Sunday. Two or three persons, according to information obtained today, have been taken to the county jail and questioned, but no information has been forthcoming that would assure the police is holding any suspect. They are continuing the investigation.

Mr. Lassiter was born in Randolph county September 6, 1874, the son of the late E. T. Lassiter and Anna Stewart Lassiter. The survivors in addition to his widow include two daughters, Mrs. Lester Ferguson, High Point and Miss Treva Lassiter of this city, and one son, Basom Lassiter, of Asheboro.

The funeral will take place in Pugh's Funeral Home, Asheboro, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor of the M. E. church will officiate. Burial will be in the Asheboro cemetery.

Carolinas' All-Star Teams Play To Tie

Charlotte, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Three South Carolina scoring threats went for naught today and the North Carolina All Star high school football players held the Palmetto team to a scoreless tie. Approximately 10,000 persons saw the game played for the Shrine charity fund.

Foreclosures Drop

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Federal Home Loan Bank board reported today foreclosures on non-farm real estate totaled 11,123 in October, 25.7 per cent below the 14,970 in October, 1936.

Football Scores

Florida 6, Kentucky 0.
Ten. 32, Miss. 0.
Rice 15, So. Methodist 7.
Manhattan 0, Tulsa 0. (tie)
So. Cal. 19, U. of Cal. 13.

Dr. C. G. Smith to Lecture On "Pagan Rome" Tonight

There will be an illustrated lecture on Rome at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, the service beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The local pastor and his wife visited the city of Rome last summer, and found it rich in associations of the very greatest interest. Both for historical and religious reasons thoughtful people will always be fascinated by its massive ruins. Side by side may be seen the wreckage of a great empire and the growth of a new nation recall-

ing to the eye and to the reason too the causes of national decline and the conditions of its rebirth.

The lecture with stereopticon lantern illustrations will survey the city as it stands today, covering those points of interest which lovers of early Christian history will wish to see for themselves. The congregation and the pastor of the church extend a cordial invitation to any visitors who may care to take a ramble through the thoroughfares of Pagan and Christian Rome.