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NATIONS FEAR FATE OF STAKE IN CHINA

Roosevelt Issues Call For More New Battleships Japanese Merchants

Chief Executive Contends Nation Must Recognize 'Facts Are Facts'

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's announcement of the projected construction of two new battleships and 16 lesser craft left a distinct impression today his "growing concern" over international conditions might prompt him to ask congress for even more naval arms.

Boy Is Freed, Hunt Kidnapers



Indiana state police followed a cold trail and meager clues in the search for two kidnapers of laughing 3-year-old John Bryan, Jr., top photo, snatched from his Centerville, Ind., home on Christmas Eve with his nurse, Norma Schroy, lower right. The kidnapers released their victims when Banker John Bryan, lower left, organized a fighting-mad posse instead of complying with a demand of \$3900 ransom for his son's return.

Asheboro Woman Reports Loss Of \$100 To Police

The Asheboro police are following a clue, which they believe may prove productive, in attempting to locate a pocketbook, containing approximately \$100, lost by Mrs. L. J. Jordan, yesterday.

Aged County Man Dies In Oklahoma

Randleman, Dec. 29.—News was received here last week of the death of Isaac P. Farlow, 80 years old, private music teacher who died December 17 in a hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, following a stroke of paralysis. He had been seriously ill for the last four months.

State Grange To Meet At Oxford; Elect Master

Greensboro, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Selection of Oxford as the State convention city of the North Carolina grange in 1938 was announced here last night at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the state officers and state deputies of the organization.

Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, state master, said that Oxford was chosen as the meeting place for next year at a session of the executive committee of the North Carolina grange in Raleigh December 13. The next state convention will be held October 26, 27 and 28.

Union Members Fined; Jailed

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—(AP)—U. S. District Judge Charles G. Briggie, expressing regret that heavier punishment could not be given the leaders, imposed yesterday the maximum of four years imprisonment and \$20,000 fines upon 36 men convicted of violating two Federal statutes.

Hero May Get Reward Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—War department officials indicated today that Captain Frank N. Roberts would be recommended for a decoration for heroism for the part he played when the American gunboat Panay was sunk.

THE WEATHER North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably light rains in the mountains Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Cotton Exports Drop; U. S. Must Look To Japan For New Market

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The agriculture department said today a slight decline in Europe's purchase of American cotton, which have been relatively heavy this season, might be expected in the near future.

Federal Probe Of Unlicensed Hydro Plants Expected

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The power commission's investigation of unlicensed federal electric projects will place under scrutiny nearly 1,400 plants in every section of the country.

Wilson Named To Diplomatic Post

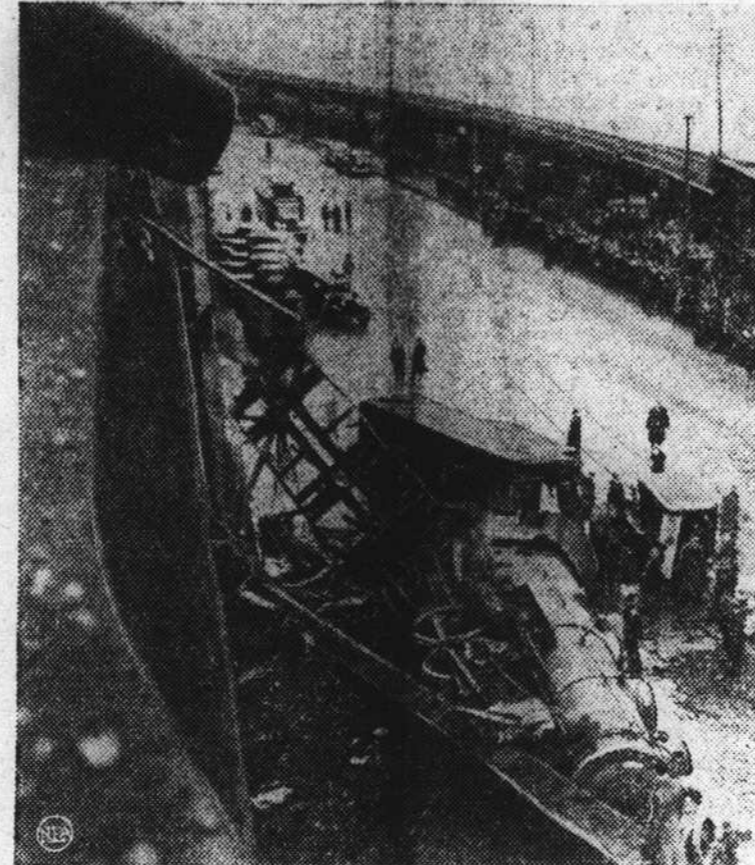
Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The nomination of Hugh R. Wilson, now assistant secretary of state, to be ambassador to Germany is expected to reach the Senate early in the regular session beginning next week. When he takes his post, all corners of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo triangle which bulks largely in the troubled world scene will have been entrusted to career diplomats rather than political appointees.

Just Another Trick



Byron White (Whizzer) White tries the trick of balancing a tea cup and fingering a wafer, as he will have to do when he arrives in England to attend Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. The University of Colorado's All-American back plays his last game of American football against Rice in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas, January 1.

When Engine Dived Over Wall



Puffing into the yards at Pittsburgh, a Pennsylvania passenger train struck a boulder which had rolled onto the tracks, leaped the rails and plunged 30 feet over the retaining wall shown at left to shatter into the wreckage pictured here. Engine, tender and diner went over the wall, killing Engineer Oscar E. Rhoads and Fireman William H. Strous. Several porters were injured.

Court of Honor and Scout Course Scheduled for City

A court of honor, one of the most important events in Boy Scout work, will be conducted in the Presbyterian church, Asheboro, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

This work will be preceded by a special meeting of Scouts and scoutmasters, in the church at 7:30 o'clock tonight when several talks on Scout work will be given by outstanding workers in scouting in this district.

Four Children and Heroic Father Die as Home Burns

Belmont, N. Y., Dec. 29.—(AP)—A farm house fire claimed the lives of four small children and their heroic father who tried to save them early today.

Administration Plans To Fight All Business Foes

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Three developments gave fresh support today to the belief expressed by many officials that the Roosevelt administration would make an active and aggressive campaign against his business critics.

Gas, Water, Street And Funeral Men Tieup All Traffic In French Capitol

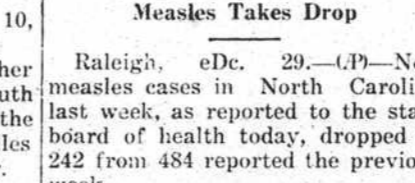
Paris, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A strike of 120,000 public service employees began in the French capitol early today, forcing upon the people' Front government of Camille Chautemps, a vital test of strength.

Measles Takes Drop

Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—New measles cases in North Carolina last week, as reported to the state board of health today, dropped to 242 from 484 reported the previous week.

In Nanking With Ropes for Walls

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Japanese Merchants Now Landing Cargoes Tax Free at Shanghai

CALLED STRIKE



Everything supposedly was sweet and lovely when Lefty Gomez of the New York Yankees, and his wife, June O'Dea, former Follies star, staged this little celebration after the world series last fall, but now the star southpaw is reported in Mexico seeking a divorce.

Don Marquis, Poet Playwright, Dies; Former Editor

New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Don Marquis playwright, poet and former newspaperman died at his home in Forest Hills today after an illness of several years. He was 58.

Asheboro To Have New Mail Box On Court House Plot

The case and effect, of a concrete post, which had been deposited on the court house lawn, near the Lawyers building was ascertained today.

Heflin Placed Under Oxygen Tent Today

Lafayette, Ala., Dec. 29.—(AP)—J. Thomas Heflin, 64, former senator was placed under an oxygen tent today at Wheeler hospital where he is ill of lobar pneumonia.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The British embassy today informed the Japanese foreign office that it could not accept the Japanese military version of attacks on the British gunboats Lady Bird and Bee.

Japan's move to cash-in on their Chinese conquest intensified the atmosphere of foreigners today over their economic future in the Orient.

Parks Arrested On Charge Of Non-Support

Morgantown, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Ed Parks 24, came home today and submitted to service of a warrant charging him with non-support of his son, born to Mrs. Martha Barkley Ryan, 6 weeks before her marriage to Basil (Pat) Ryan, member of a wealthy New York family.

Roper Comments On Jap Boycott

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Secretary of commerce Roper, commenting on moves to boycott Japanese goods asserted today the department's official attitude was to "stimulate trade with ever country."

Baby Contest

The Annual Courier Baby Contest open to any family residing in Randolph county, will be conducted again this year, the prizes to be offered by the various merchants in Asheboro to be announced later this week.

HISTORY!

Have you been just a bit too lazy to satisfy that urge for recording history while it's hot? Then here's your chance! A series of 12 illustrated articles—one for each month—on the great drama of 1937 are running in this paper. We suggest you clip them one by one and paste them in a scrapbook. A few minutes' work will give you, in permanent form, a fast-moving story of the year. 1937—Month by Month—1937 By Volta Torrey News Review Editor, (AP) Feature Service