Japs Fire On American Property

TEXAS LAW TO CUT ACREAGE OF COTTON DECLARED INVALID

District Judge Issues Ruling In Denying Injunction Against Cotton Planter

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Jurist Says Fundamental Principles of Free Government Are Involved In Enforcing Measure

Franklin, Texas, Feb. 1.—(AP)

The Texas law to curtail cotton planting was held "unconstitu-tional, null and void" in a ruling by District Judge W. C. Davis to-

He made his opinion the basis for denial of an injunction sought hy County Attorney T. L. Tyson, of Robertson, to restrain Fred L. Smith. Calvert farmer, from using more of his land for cotton than the restrictive measure would permit.

The law recently passed by the 42nd Texas legislature provides the restriction of cotton planting to 30 percent of the total amount of land in cultivation in 1931.

Judge Davis declared its en-

forcement would be "the esse of tyranny and the destructive of the fundamental principles of free government, would violate a secred guarantee of our ponstitu-tion and would make the bill of rights a nullity and a farce."

Lafollette Forces Bill Asking Funds For Jobless Before Congress

Washington, Feb. 1.-(AP)-The issue of direct relief for the unemployed with a big outlay of federal cash was thrust to the fore in congress ator Lafollette, Republican, Wisconsin, to force action today upon the 375 million dollar bill he and Senstor Costigan, Democrat, Colorado, drew

The most regular of the administration's supporters presented a united front against the measure which is anathema to President Hoover but both parties are divided. The measure would pass out federal funds to the states and cities to help them in re-

TAX COLLECTIONS HOLDING UP WELL High Salaried Officers

Total For January Of This Year Compares Favorably With Last Year

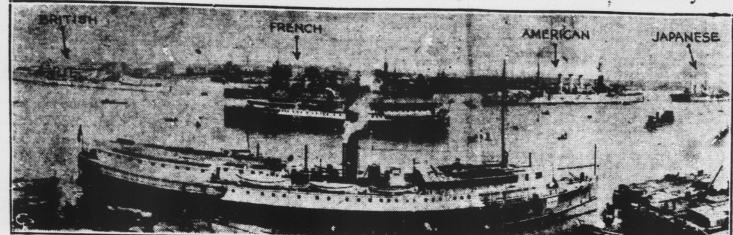
Raleigh, Fcb. 1.-Collections of revenue for the State general fund hold up remarkably well during January, with a total of \$650,212 as compared with collections in January ,1931 of \$690.765, according to figures just made public by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell. The tax rates in most brackets are much higher this year than last, however, so that the amount of collections should far exceed those of last year in order to make a fair comparison, Mr. Max-

well pointed out. Total collections since July 1, for the first seven months of the present fiscal year amount to \$8,004,041 as compared with \$6,193,094 for the first seven months of the previous fiscal year. This is still about \$2,000,000 less than the 1931 general assembly estimated would be raised by this time, however, since it increased the tax rates on incomes and franchises and other sources of revenue in an effort to add to the State's revenue and yield from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 more than the State collected in 1930-31. Indications are, however, that the State will fall short of its expected revenue by fully \$3,700,000.

Elwood Cox Improves

High Point Feb. 1 (AP)-Impar ment was reported last night in the condition of J. Elwood Cox, prominent High Point capitalist, who is ill the State each of his death. Was stated at his home that his con-

Warships Crowd Port of Shangh ai As Japs Move Into Chinese City



With the arrival of additional Japanese warships at Shanghai, the great port of the Far East has taken on an appearance similar to the view above. taken in 1927, when allied warships stood ready during Chinese revolutionary battles. The map shows the sailing distance to Shanghai of U.S. navy vessels in the Pacific with their number of officers and men, some of which have sailed for Shanghai.



SLAYER TESTIFIES

Mrs. Terry H. Harper Called To Stand In Greens. boro Trial

Greensboro, Feb. 1.-(AP)-Promurder trial of Terry H. Harper here today as Mrs. Harper com-pleted her testimony. Court re-cessed for lunch a faw ---

Arguments are slated to begin diately on resumption of the trial this afternoon.

Greensboro. Feb. 1.--(AP)-- Mrs. Terry H. Harper took the witness stand for the defense here today as the trial of her husband charged with murdering Charles O. Holton entered its second week.

Mrs. Harper, former Chicago chorus girl, who was freed Saturday of the murder charges, she had shared with her husband, maintained her usual calm throughout preliminary questioning by defense attorneys.

Court attaches said they expect Mrs. Harper to remain on the stand practically all day. The prosecution has indicated she will be cross examined at some length.

THREE BOYS KILLED AS

TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE Rutland, Ga. Feb. 1.-Three boys were killed and another critically injured as a Central of Georgia passenger train struck their automobile at a crossing near here Sunday The dead: Melvin Crawley, 17; his brother, Raymond. 14, and Gewinner Garrison, 18, all of Walden, Ga.

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
BY J. C. BASKERVILL.
Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The State's salary

cutting axe fell on the high and low

in the State's employ here Saturday,

when the reduction in State salaries

were formally announced. But the

axe fell harder on those with big sal-

aries than on those with small ones,

except where the salaries were fixed

by law and beyond the reach of re-

vision by the Division of Personnel,

the Avisory Budget Commission, and

As a result of the salary reductions made, which did not include the State

Highway Commission employes, more

than \$150,000 a year has been lopped

from the State's payroll at one stroke

Governor Gardner reduced his own

salary another 10 per cent, making a total of 20 per cent since July 1, so that from now on he will get \$5,680 a year instead of the \$7.100 the law

allows him. None of the other elect-

ed officers have reduced their salaries so far as can be learned, although the late Captain Nathan O'Berry, had

returned 10 per cent of his salary to

the State each month up to the time

All appointed officials received

heavy cuts, three being cut from \$7,

Governor O. Max Gardner.

Senate Waives Rules To Aid Reconstruction Body

On Job at Shanghai



As the situation in Shanghai grows hourly more alarming. American and British nationals in the foreign settlement are comforted at the prospect of their respective governments speeding warships to the scene in case of warships to the scene in case of emergency. Above is Rear Ad-miral Yates Williams, who is in command of the United States destroyers in Shanghai. Four more destroyers are speeding from Manila Bay to augment the force already in Chinese waters.

500 a year to \$6,000, so that none of

the appointed officials now get sal-

aries of more than \$6,000 a year. ac-

cording to the announcement made

by Governor Gardner Saturday night.

Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the State

sioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, who

have been receiving salaries of \$7,-500 a year, will henceforth get only

\$6,000 a year as a result of the action

taken by Governor Gardner and the

Advisory Budget Commission. Henry Burke, assistant Director of the Bud-

get, and considered by many the most

valuable employe the State of North Carolina has, and who a year or so

ago was one of its highest paid em-

ploye, getting \$7,800 a year, was reduced for the \$6,700 he has been get-

ting since July 1 to \$6,000 a year Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Max

well, who originally received \$7,500 a

year, but whose salary was reduced July 1 to \$6,750 by the legislative

10 per cent cut, is now to be only \$6.000. The salary of Leslie R. Ames,

Chief Highway Engineer was reduced from \$7,500 to \$6,000.

The salary of Frank Dunlap, fixed

by the 1931 general assembly at \$6,-

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Highway Commission and Commis

Of State Get Reductions

Axe Falls Harder on High Salaried Officials Than On

Smaller Salaried Employes—Elective Officials Not

Subject To Unvolun tary Reductions

Forwards Approval of Nominations To Board To President Hoover Today

AMERICAN POLICY IN CHINA 15 ATTACKED

Resolution Calls On Senate Committee To Keep Public Informed Of Developments In China Situation

Washington. Feb. 1 (AP)-The Senate waived its rules today to speed the Reconstruction Finance Corporation nto action.

It forwarded to the president the mraissions of the three directors it has approved. The action was almost coincidental with the departure from the White House of a messenger bearing to the Senate the last nomination to the board, that of Wilson McCarthy, of Salt Lake City. His early confirmation was predicted.

Senate rules require that the president not be notified of confirmations of nominations for three legislative

The administration was assailed in the House by Representative Blanton, Democrat, of Texas, for sending American warships and troops to China to protect a few Chinese merchants.'

A resolution calling on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to advise the Senate and country periodically on developments in China was introduced by Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Oklahoma.

The Senate approved the \$125,000, 000 appropriation for increasing the capitalization of federal land banks... .The House previously passed the. appropriation and it now becomes. available to the agricultural bank-. ing system. upon. signature by. President Hoover.

Thus this week a total of \$625,000. 000 goes out of the treasury for the emergency national relief program, \$ 00,000,000 going into the Reconstruction Corporation.

The House agricultural committee endorsed the policy of placing new restrictions on the grain and cotton futures exchanges and ordered that legislation be drafted.

SCHOOL FUNDS IN STATE BEING PAID

Counties Are Sending In Money For Six Month School, Stedman Says

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Counties have remitted \$1,517,279 to the state treasurer as a partial payment of the 15 cent ad valorem tax levied by the last general assembly for support of the six months school.

John T. Stedman, State Treasurer said today he thought the collections thus far were "yery good," pointing out that it was estimated the 15 cent levy would raise \$3,850,000.

RULING ON CHOWAN SITUATION ISSUED

Attorney General Rules On Question Raised By School Board

Raleigh, Feb. 1 .- Duies of county boards of education insofar as the operation of the six months school term is concerned, are largely con-tingent upon the power delegated to these county boards by the State Board of Education and have no au-thority to conduct the six months school term along any different lines than those laid down by the Board of Equalization, Attorney General

Dennis G. Brummitt has ruled in an opinion interpreting the new school law in a letter to R. H. Bachman, Superintendent of Schools in Chowan county, who asked for an opinion on the law as it relates to the situation in Chowan county.

The county board of education in Chowan county has refused to erate the six months school term in the county along the lines suggested by the State Board of Equalization, by refusing to send some 124 children from three small schools to the Chowan High School, where the Board of Equalization provided for additional teachers to instruct them and for funds for their transporta

MOTION IN PARK SUITS IS DENIED

Move To Remove Suits Brought By State And Park Commission Fails

Raleigh, Feb. 1.-Motion to remove suits brought by the State of North Carolina and the State Park Commission to Federal court to recove from bonding companies that had se cured deposits of park funds in the Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville, were denied here Saturday by E. Lloyd Tilley, assistant clerk of Wake County Superior Court. The companies making the motion gave notice of appeal to the judge of the Superior Court.

The companies that joined in the motion are the United States Guarantee Company, Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York. and Century Indemnity Company of Hartford. Action was brought against the three depository bonds of these companies securing the deposits of the State Park Commission in the Asheville bank which failed about a year and a half ago. The petition and motion for removal to Federal court were based upon the contention that the actions are separable and that the State was joined as a party with the Park Commission for the fraudulent purpose of depriving the Federa court of its jurisdiction.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. udy, not quite so cold Tuesday increasing tonight; Tuesday increa cloudiness, rising tempera followed by rain in extreme

Oil Company Plant AtShanghaiStruck By Fire From Ship

Evacuation Of All U. S Residents In China Is Imminent

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)— Evacuation of some 4,000 Americans from five troubled points in Chira appeared an imminent like-lihood today with reports grow-ing more and more serious.

Highway disturbing reports of increased tension at Nanking. Sharighal. Swatow, Cheefoo and Amoy were received by the Navy and State Departments today.

BRITISH QUESTION MEANING OF ADDED **AMERICAN PROTESTS**

Asks If Continued Protests Can Not Be Considered As Order To Japanese

ITALY JOINS PROTEST OF WESTERN NATIONS

United States Declines To Sit As Member of League of Nations Neutral Investigation of Condition

Washington, Feb. 1—(AP)—The British government asked the American government again to-day if it did not consider renewed protests to Japan to be an order.

France Joins Protest. Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)— France formally notified the Washington governs its cooperation with American British and Italian complaints against the Shanghai situpation, precipitated by Japan. It was indicated however than any military activity directed from Paris would be confined to the defense of French quarters in the seaport.

Italy Joins in Protests Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)— Italy formally notified the United States today it was joining in the move of the western nations in the Shanghai crisis.

Withdraw From Probe. Washington, Feb. 1—(AP)—The United States has declined to sit as a member of the League of Nations neutral investigation of the situation at Shanghai.

Denies War Declared Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 1 .-(AP)-Lo Wen-Kan, China's foreign minister informed the Lea-gue of Nations by cable today that there is no foundation for reports abroad that China is preparing to declare war on Japan.

Troops For Protection. Washington, Feb. 1.(AP)—The State Department formally announced today that American ships and troops in enroute to Shanghai were "solely for protec-tion" of American lives and pro-

GRIST IN ATTACK ON SALARY CUTTING

Calls Reductions Outrageous, Example Of Discrimination

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Frank D. Grist, State Commissioner of Labor, and announced candidate for the United States Senate wrote Governor Gardner an open letter tods.y terming the new State salary list "the most outrageous example of discrim-ination" which has ever come under

The new salary list carrying an average reduction in pay of 10.5 per-cent but allowing some increases in individual cases was published Sat-last week were back in the jury box

No One Injured But Protests Are Filed With Japanese Govern. ment Officials

MORE DESTROYERS AT NANKING ARE ASKED

Japanese Reported To Have Advanced Into Nanking Under Cover Of Fire From Vessels In River

Shanghai, China, Feb. 1 (AP)—Bullets cracked into the Shanghai plant American Texaco oil company today When a Japanese destroyer steaming down the Whangpo river raked the shore with machine gun fire.

Nobody was hurt but the company officials protested to American consul who took it up with the Japanese authorities. Shortly after the firing the American destroyer Parrott tied up at the Texaco

Martial Law In Shanghal. Shanghai, Feb. 1.(AP)—Shanghai boiled with indignation today when it was learned that Jap-anese warships had shelled Nanking, landing marines under protection of gun fire from

stroyers.
Thirty thousand of the fin reops in all China were there and it appeared probable there would

be a major engagament.

Martial law was declared in the international settlement here last night and the streets were swept night and the streets were swept clear of civilians while United States marines and other foreign troops threw up barbed wire en-tanglements ten feet high in the cross streets planting machine guns at strategic points

Nanking, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Thou-sands of terrified Chinese were thrown into a penic early this (Tuesday) morning by the roar of guns from Japanese warships fir-ing on the Lion Hill forts five miles from the city.

Japs Fire On Nanking. Washington, Feb. 1—(AP)—The Navy was advised today that Jap-anese warships at Ns nking had opened fire without warning on opened fire without warning on Nanking, until last week, the capital of the Chinese /;overnment.

The lone American destroyer there, the Simpson, changed its position to be sure, of safety.

American corrected deliberal delibe

there requested additional destroyers Saturda; when threats of Japanese-Ching se clashes there became acute. Ofte or more of the four destroyers which arrived at Shanghai yest srday will be sent up the Yangtes, river.

The Simpso : reported last night that the Chinese have a large concentration of land forces the

Chica Means War. London, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A dispatch to thee Reuters News

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SLAY'ER'S HUSBAND CALLED TO TESTIFY

Dr. W. C. Judd Takes Stand In Trial Of His Wife For Murder

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 1.-(AP)-Win nie Ruth Judd was pictured from the witness stand today by her husband, Dr. W. C. Judd, as a frustrated wo-man "who from the first day of pur marriage dwelt upon thoughts of

The trial of the accused trunks layer for the murder of Agnes Anne Leroi was resumed today over her protests when County Physician J. C. Mauigin reported to the court she was not too ill to appear.

The physician yesterday had treat-

ed Mrs. Judd for a severe co