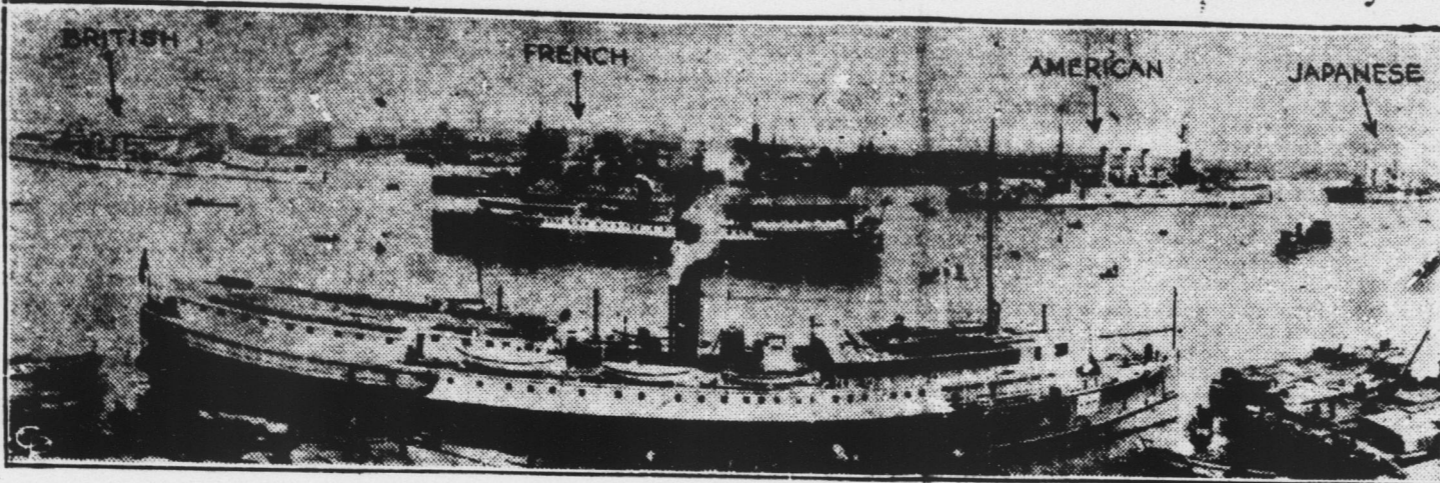
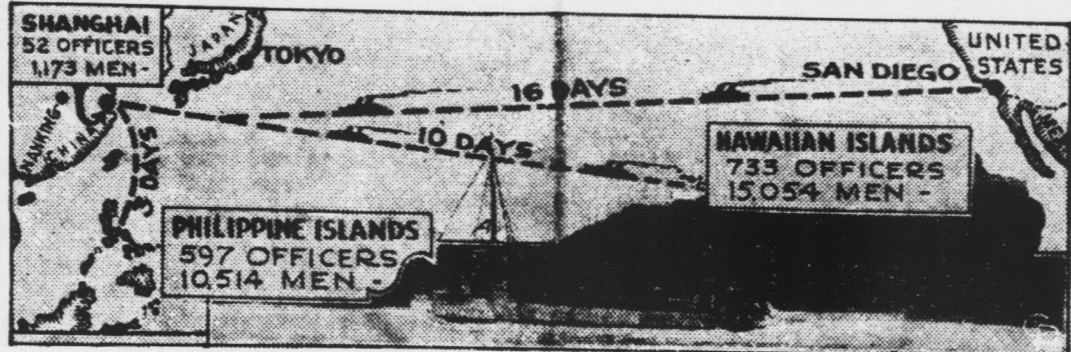


# Japs Fire On American Property

### Warships Crowd Port of Shanghai 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.



## Oil Company Plant At Shanghai Struck 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 China appeared an imminent likelihood today with reports growing more and more serious. Highway disturbing reports of increased tension at Nanking, Shanghai, Swatow, Chefoo and Amoy were received by the Navy and State Departments today.

### No One Injured But Protests Are Filed With Japanese Government Officials

#### MORE DESTROYERS AT NANKING ARE ASKED

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 wharf.

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

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## BRITISH QUESTION MEANING OF ADDED AMERICAN PROTESTS

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

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## 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 "unconstitutional, null and void" in a ruling by District Judge W. C. Davis today.

He made his opinion the basis for denial of an injunction sought by County Attorney T. I. Tyson, and 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 enforcement would be "the essence of tyranny and the destructive of the fundamental principles of free government, would violate a sacred guarantee of our constitution and would make the bill of rights a nullity and a farce."

## UNEMPLOYMENT IS GETTING ATTENTION

### 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 through the determination of Senator Lafollette, Republican, Wisconsin, to force action today upon the 275 million dollar bill he and Senator Costigan, Democrat, Colorado, drew up together.

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 relief work.

## TAX COLLECTIONS HOLDING UP WELL

Total For January Of This Year Compares Favorably With Last Year

Raleigh, Feb. 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 \$696,765, 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. Maxwell pointed out.

Total collections since July 1, for the first seven months of the present fiscal year amount to \$8,094,941 as compared with \$6,198,094 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 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)—Improvement was reported last night in the condition of J. Elwood Cox, prominent High Point capitalist, who is ill with pneumonia at his home here. It was stated at his home that his condition is not regarded as critical.

## WIFE OF ACCUSED SLAYER TESTIFIES

### Mrs. Terry H. Harper Called To Stand In Greensboro Trial

Greensboro, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Prosecution and defense rested in the murder trial of Terry H. Harper here today as Mrs. Harper completed her testimony. Court recessed for lunch a few minutes later.

Arguments are slated to begin immediately 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 Gwinnett Garrison, 18, all of Walden, Ga.

## 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 emergency. Above is Rear Admiral 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.

### Forwards Approval of Nominations To Board To President Hoover Today

#### AMERICAN POLICY IN CHINA IS ATTACKED

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

It forwarded to the president the commissions 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 days.

The administration was assailed in the House by Representative Bianton, 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 House 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 banking 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, \$60,000,000 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.

## RULING ON CHOWAN SITUATION ISSUED

### Attorney General Rules On Question Raised By School Board

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Duties of county boards of education insofar as the operation of the six months school term is concerned, are largely contingent upon the power delegated to these county boards by the State Board of Education and have no authority 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 operate 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 transportation.

## 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 recover from bonding companies that had secured 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 Guaranty Company, Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York, and Century Indemnity Company of Hartford. Action was brought against the three depository banks 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 Park Commission for the fraudulent purpose of depriving the Federal court of its jurisdiction.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy, not quite so cold tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness, rising temperature followed by rain in extreme west portion in the afternoon; at night; moderate northeast and east winds.

## 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 today terming the new State salary list "the most outrageous example of discrimination" which has ever come under his observation.

The new salary list carrying an average reduction in pay of 10.5 percent but allowing some increases in individual cases was published Saturday.

## SLAYER'S HUSBAND CALLED TO TESTIFY

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

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Winifred Ruth Judd was pictured from the witness stand today by her husband, Dr. W. C. Judd, as a frustrated woman "who from the first day of her marriage dwelt upon thoughts of a child."

The trial of the accused trunk-slayer for the murder of Agnes Anne Lerol was resumed today over her protests when County Physician J. C. Mauldin reported to the court she was not too ill to appear. The physician yesterday had treated Mrs. Judd for a severe cold and said she had been threatened with influenza. Two jurors who were ill last week were back in the jury box today.