

CHINESE HOLD GROUND AGAINST JAP ATTACKS

Thirty Miners Missing In Blast

EXPLOSION IN MINE IN WEST VIRGINIA ENTOMBS WORKMEN

One Miner Reaches Surface
And Tells of Hearing
Some Kind of Blast
In Mine

THIRTY ARE KNOWN
TO BE IN DIGGINGS

Boisevian Mine of Poca-
hontas Fuel Company Is
Scene of Explosion—Fate
of Men Not Known

Bluefield, West Va., Feb. 27.—
(AP)—Thirty miners were un-
accounted for today following an ex-
plosion in the Boisevian mine of the
Pocahontas Fuel Company.

One miner, who reached the
surface, said he heard "some kind
of an explosion" and immediately
left the workings.

The thirty men unaccounted
for were known to have been at
work in the mine.

Pocahontas is 15 miles from
Bluefield. Company officials said
the operation was not gaseous and
that it was possible the explosion
was caused by powder.

ALFONSO WILL SEEK HIS THRONE AGAIN

Sends Message To Spanish
People Calling For
Their Support

Paris, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Former King
Alfonso, XII, and his uncle, Alfonso
Carlos, traditional pretender to the
Spanish throne have issued a call to
Spanish people, the Havas News
Agency reported from Madrid today.

Former King Alfonso's manifesto,
the Havas correspondent said, declared
he accepted his uncle as head of the
family and that they both hold the
same principles, that everyone must
unite "to save Spanish society from
the wave of anarchy and communism
which has invaded it and to gather
under the flag, the sacred flag to
which I devoted my life."

DEMOCRATIC BODY TO MEET TUESDAY

Site And Date For State
Convention Will Be Se-
lected Then

Raleigh, Feb. 27 (AP)—The State
Democratic Executive committee will
meet here Tuesday to set the date
and select the site for the Democratic
State Convention.

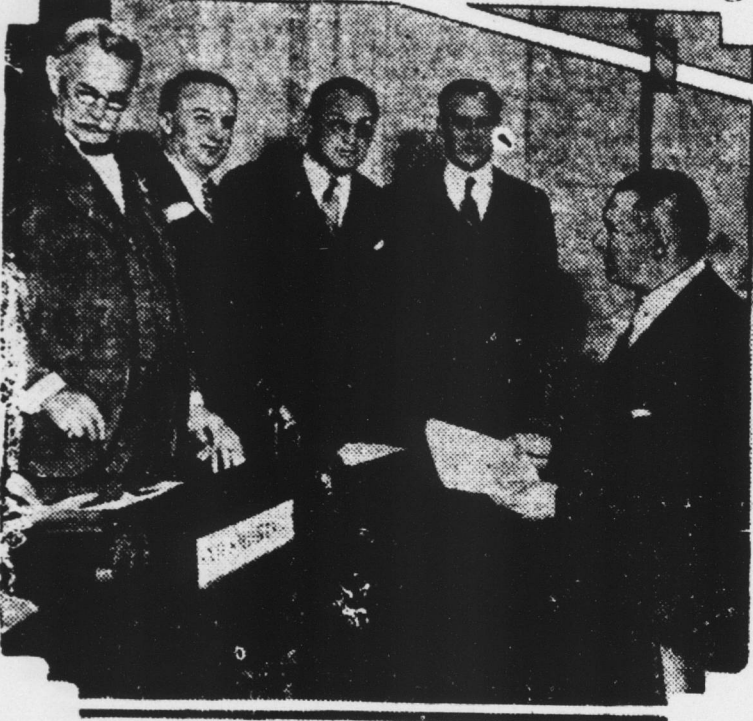
Charlotte and Raleigh are regarded
as leading on contenders for the gar-
dening of some 1200 party leaders.

History has recorded that the con-
vention is held before the primary
as a customary matter but in 1928
and 1930 when there were bitter fights
in the primary the state meeting was
held after the balloting. It is expected
that an effort will be made to post-
pone this year's meeting until after
the primary on June 4, the argument
being made that this precludes any
possibility of a preference being
shown any candidate by the conven-
tion.

BODY OF MISSING PLANE PILOT FOUND

Newport News, Feb. 28 (AP)—
The body of Nelson D. Peabody,
whose vacant airplane was found in
the Chesapeake Bay yesterday
was recovered today at a fish net.
Fishermen who made the dis-
covery, expressed the belief the
young man had tried to swim to
shore and either had become en-
tangled in the net or had clung to
it in the hopes of saving him-
self.

In Defense of Short Selling



This interesting picture was made as Richard Whitney (right), pres-
ident of the New York Stock Exchange, appeared before the Judiciary
Committee of the House of Representatives to testify in the investiga-
tion into short selling on the exchange. Whitney defended the prac-
tice, declaring that business conditions would be much worse than at
present if the practice were not permitted. Left to right on the dais
are: Representatives Henry St. George Tucker, Rhode Island; William
R. Oliver and Emanuel Celler of New York.

Argument About Pool Game Causes Slaying At Greer

Greer, S. C., Feb. 27.—(AP)—
J. B. Howell, was free under \$2-
500 bond today for shooting to
death J. Ellis Holliday, on a busi-
ness street here Thursday.

Shortly after an inquest yester-
day the bail amount was agreed
upon. Witnesses said an argu-
ment over 25 cents in payment of
a game of pool preceded the shoot-
ing. They said Holliday, a high-
way construction engineer, was
"pretty drunk," and that Howell,
a grocer was "drinking."

LAME DUCK BILL NEARS ENACTMENT

Agreement Between House
and Senate On Meas-
ure Reached

Washington, Feb. 27 (AP)—Agreement
was reached today between the
House and Senate conferees on the
proposed constitutional amendment
abolishing the lame duck session of
congress.

The accord cleared the way for fi-
nal congressional action on the mea-
sure which had been before Congress
for many years. Never before has
the House and Senate been able to
agree on it.

LEA CASE APPEAL SET COMING WEEK

Supreme Court To Hear Ap-
peals of Tennessee News-
paper Publisher

Raleigh, Feb. 27 (AP)—The North
Carolina Supreme court next week will
hear oral appeal arguments in the
famed Luke Lea bank case from
Sumner county.

Lea, Tennessee newspaper publish-
er and politician, was convicted of
violating the state banking laws in
connection with the failure of the
Central Bank and Trust Company of
Asheville.

MEASURE TO MERGE DEPARTMENTS LOST

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—
For a second time the House Ex-
penditure committee today failed
to approve the Democratic spon-
sored bill to consolidate the War
and Navy Departments.
Instead of approving the mea-
sure, it voted 11 to 9, to adjourn.
Date for further consideration
was not agreed upon.

HENRY FORD PLANS TO RISK FORTUNE TO HELP BUSINESS

Initiates Plan To Start In-
dustrial Revival And De-
crease Unemployment

300 MILLIONS WILL
BE SPENT IN YEAR

Production of New Cars
Will Begin Next Week
Employing 100,000 Per-
sons—300,000 More To
Get Jobs

Detroit, Feb. 27 (AP)—Declaring
he was prepared to "risk
everything we've got" in an effort
to start an industrial revival,
Henry Ford announced today that
he had provided himself with stock
of materials anticipating a pos-
sible production program of 1-
300,000 cars a year.

He intimated his program will call
for the expenditure this year of \$300-
000,000 in Detroit and Michigan alone
for raw and fabricated materials,
freight and shipping costs and labor.
Purchases of raw materials and man-
ufactured parts throughout the United
States he said would aggregate \$52-
000,000 a month.

Production of the new eight and
the improved four cylinder models re-
cently announced, Ford said, probably
will begin next week "and being very
long we expect to be making from 5-
000 to 6,000 cars a day." In the De-
troit area alone, he said, 100,000 men
will be employed at the standard min-
imum of a \$6 a day and upwards. In
addition he added 5,500 suppliers of
parts and materials throughout the
United States will give employment
to 300,000 more men.

COTTON SURPLUS IS BEING REDUCED

Buying In Orient This Sea-
son Considerably Larger
Than Last

New York, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Figures
available today indicated that con-
tinued heavy buying by Japan was
making some inroads into the surplus
of American cotton.

Since August 1 when the present
cotton season started Japan has pur-
chased 1,569,902 bales, more than dou-
ble the total purchased for the Nip-
ponese account at this time last year.
The figure then was 716,304.

China has also been a heavier buy-
er than usual. Chinese purchases for
the season to date now total 883,768
bales against 246,676 bales for the
same period one year ago.

WOMAN KIDNAPER GETS JAIL TERM

Indeterminate Sentence At
Farm Colony For Wo-
man Is Given

Lillington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Ila
Lucas Moore, who was charged with
the kidnapping of Helen Bowling, seven
from the Anderson street school re-
cently, today was under an indeter-
minate sentence to be served at the
farm colony for women at Kinston.

Judge Floyd Taylor, of county re-
corder's court, who had continued the
case until Tuesday of next week, called
the woman before him yesterday
and sentenced her. She is only 19
years old and he said he hoped the
sentence would "help mend her ques-
tionable character."

Clayton Harris and George Camp-
ter, Fort Bragg soldiers connected
with the Bowling affair, will be dealt
with by military authorities, Captain
Samuel White, Fort Bragg, provost
marshal said. He said Mrs. Lucas had
been forbidden to ever enter the gov-
ernment reservation again.

ENFIELD MINISTER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Enfield, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Rev.
S. D. Wright, 38, pastor of the Metho-
dist churches at Enfield and Whit-
akers, died suddenly here today.

His widow and a small child sur-
vive. Funeral services will be held
here tomorrow and interment will fol-
low at Hickory, his former home.

Campaign For Governor In State Warming Up

Maxwell And Ehringhaus Fire Opening Guns In Cam-
paign—Maxwell Talks Over Radio While Ehring-
haus Is Heard In Greensboro Address

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
in the W. R. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The battle for the
Democratic nomination for Governor
is on, with the first round in the ver-
bal contest between J. C. B. Ehring-
haus and A. J. Maxwell considered
almost a draw, following their first
two trenched campaign speeches—by
Maxwell last night, over the radio and
by Ehringhaus the night before in
Greensboro.

That Maxwell held out some very
enticing bait in his speech last night
inadvertently banking laws that will
guarantee the safety of bank deposits
and in favor of cheaper textbooks for
the school children of the State, by
whereby the textbooks may be rented
on a cost basis instead of requiring
children to purchase books, is gen-
erally conceded in political circles
here. Whether the public generally
will bite at this bait remains to be
seen. But old time politicians admit

that Maxwell has shown more than
ordinary political acumen in advocat-
ing these two things at this time and
in holding them back until now. The
general opinion is that these two
points are going to prove valuable
vote getters for Maxwell.

On the other hand, the flat denial
by Ehringhaus of the rumor that he
has been persisting for months that he
was the candidate of Governor Gard-
ner and the present administration
and his branding as an out-and-out lie
the other rumor that his campaign is
being financed by certain tobacco com-
panies and other "big interests" has
undoubtedly brought some phases of
the campaign out into the open for
the first time and many observers
here believe that Ehringhaus is go-
ing to make the Democrats in the
State sit up and take notice from
now on. The fact that he pointed out

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Claims That Japanese Troops Had Surrounded Kiangwan Are False Investigation Proves

JENNINGS VERDICT IS SET ASIDE IN SLAYING OF PERDUE

Taylorsville Court Allows
Perdue Slayer to Change
Plea And Sentences
Him

FOUR MONTHS TERM
IN PRISON IS GIVEN

Is Allowed To Be Hired Out
To Uncle By Wilkes Coun-
ty By Judge Walter E.
Moore at Taylorsville

Taylorsville, Feb. 27.—(AP)—
Judge Walter E. Moore today set
aside the verdict of the jury
which found Garfield Jennings,
23, guilty of manslaughter in con-
nection with the death of Ray
Perdue, Stateville high school
football coach, and allowed the
youth to plead guilty to involun-
tary manslaughter.

He then sentenced Jennings to four
months in prison but stipulated that
the county might hire him out and
be paid for his services. Jennings was
set in custody of a warden, Floyd Jen-
nings, of Wilkes county who agreed
to pay the county \$25 a month for his
services.

Jennings struck Perdue with his
fists during a football game here last
October 3, between Statesville and
Taylorsville high schools. Perdue fell
to the ground unconscious and died
a few minutes later.

BANDIT LEADER IN MIAMI IS KILLED

Effort To Rob Gambling
Casino Results In Injur-
ies To Six Others

Miami, Fla., Feb. 27.—(AP)—A band-
it leader with a wooden arm, iden-
tified as A. Y. Yarbrough, was killed
and T. Phillip Perkins, former Brit-
ish amateur gold champion, two club
employees and three robbers were
wounded early today in an attempt
to hold up the gambling casino of
the fashionable Embassy night club.

The leader was identified by John
E. P. Tresner, Miami business man.
He said he knew Yarbrough in Lake-
land several years ago and disclosed
he came to his office yesterday in an
unsuccessful attempt to borrow \$10.
Police learned the bandit had been
engaged in gambling here recently.

Perkins, a guest of the hotel club,
was shot in the hip as one of the
bandits used his body as a shield in
a gun battle with two policemen who
were eating in the kitchen when the
robbers entered.

ATTACK FATAL TO UNIDENTIFIED MAN

Salisbury, Feb. 27.—(AP)—An
unidentified man who stopped be-
fore a small store near the city
limits here today and began dis-
cussing the Bible with a man
standing before the store suddenly
dropped dead.

There were no clues to his
identity on his person.

TEXTILE MAGNATE REPORTED SINKING

Durham, Feb. 27 (AP)—W. A.
Erwin, textile manufacturer, who is
seriously ill here, was reported
to be sinking slowly today by
his physicians, who expect, ex-
pressed doubt that he would live
through the day.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy tonight and Sun-
day; not much change in tem-
perature; moderate to fresh west
winds.

Gets Reinforcements



Lieutenant General Kenkichi
Uyeda, above, Japanese army
commander in the field at Shang-
hai, will have an army of 50,000
under him when reinforcements,
numbering 25,000, arrive from
Japan. General Uyeda refused to
request reinforcements, in accor-
dance with the Samurai code, which
requires him to disdain any appeal
for aid. However, Japan's min-
ister to China and the commander
of the fleet in Chinese waters
joined in an appeal for reinforce-
ments.

CAPONE DECISION AFFIRMED BY COURT

Scarface Al Must Serve His
Term In Federal
Penitentiary

RULING IS ISSUED
Precautions To Guard Against Es-
cape of Gang Leader From Cook
County Jail Made By
Government

Chicago, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The con-
viction of Scarface Al Capone on
charges of evading income tax laws,
was affirmed today by the United
States Circuit Court of Appeals.
Ever since he was sentenced by
Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson
last October 24, Capone has been in
the Cook county jail where he did not
get credit for a penitentiary term.
Only yesterday the United States
marshal placed a special 24 hour
guard at his cell because of the many
rumors that he was still controlling
his gang and possibly planning a
break if his appeal was denied.

OPEN HEARINGS IN PROBE ARE URGED

Investigation of Stock Trad-
ing By Senate Commit-
tee Proposed

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Open
hearings by the Senate Banking com-
mittee "to find the culprits" who are
driving down the security prices on
the stock exchange was proposed in
a statement put before the committee
today from Senator Walcott, Repub-
lican, Connecticut, administration
spokesman.
Walcott who stated he had a list
of names of the "bear raiders" as
he left the White House yesterday
was unable to attend the banking
committee meeting today.

Chinese Garrison In Belea- guered Town Continues To Hold Own Against Japs

SUPPLIES COME IN
UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Passage In And Out Of
Kiangwan Sector Is Still
Being Preserved By De-
fenders Despite Jap Claims

London, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Reuters
News Agency dispatch from
Geneva this evening said strong
rumors were current there that
an immediate truce was in pros-
pect at Shanghai.

Japan has addressed an impor-
tant communication to the League
of Nations Council, the dispatch
said, and this may make possible
an immediate end to hostilities.
Shanghai, Feb. 28, (Sunday)—
(AP)—Kiangwan, center of the
bitterest fighting along the whole
Shanghai front was still in the
Chinese hands early this morning.
General Tsai Ting-Kai said in a
bulletin from Chinese headquar-
ters.

The Japanese insisted last night
that they had swung a circle clear
around the village and taken it
over ending at least the stubborn
opposition which had held out for
a week against the strong attack
of the Japanese army.

Shanghai, China, Feb. 27.—(AP)—
Despite Japanese claims that
they had captured the western
end of Kiangwan village, the stub-
born Chinese garrison in that be-
leaguered town was still holding
on at eleven o'clock tonight.

The Associated Press correspon-
dent went out there and saw for
himself the parade of Chinese
stretchers bearing wounded
out of the village. It was testi-
mony enough that the town was
not yet surrounded although the
Japanese had said they had

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PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN IN CHINA

Americans Are Given Or-
ders Regarding Evacua-
tion of Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 27 (AP)—American
residents of Shanghai received de-
tailed instructions from the American
Consulate today on what to do in case
it became necessary to evacuate the
city.

Consular authorities sent out regis-
tration cards on which each United
States citizen was asked to note his
address, telephone number and other
data.

Each American is being informed
of the concentration point to which
he will report in case it becomes ne-
cessary to clear the city.

JEFFERSON LEAGUE FORMED AT RALEIGH

Corporation Is Granted
Charter In State Cap-
itol Today

Raleigh, Feb. 27 (AP)—A corpo-
ration to be known as "The Jefferson
League, Inc.," with its
principal offices to be located in Ra-
leigh was incorporated today by the
Secretary of State James A. Harrison.
None of the fourteen incorporators re-
side in Raleigh.

In the article of incorporation it is
set out that the purposes for which
the corporation is formed are:
"Through its membership to pro-
mote and foster the principle of Jeffer-
sonian democracy with a return to
the great underlying principles of
democratic government equal rights
to all and special privileges to none."