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JAPS ACCEPT PEACE OFFER

ENOUGH SUPPORT SECURED TO FORCE VOTE ON LIQUOR

WET BLOC SIGNS 145 CONGRESSMEN TO OBTAIN ACTION

Will Be First Time In Years Line-Up on Controversial Subject Has Been Had In House

TEXAS DEMOCRAT IS LAST ONE TO SIGN

First Day on Which It Will Be Possible To Bring Matter Up Will Be March 14; Constitutional Amendment Basis For Action Sought

Washington, March 1 (AP)—A House vote on consideration of a State-local liquor control plan was assured today when the wet bloc obtained the necessary 145 signatures on a petition to take the measure away from the Judiciary committee. The vote is expected to show the House line-up on prohibition for the first time in years. When it will be held remains to be decided. The first day on which it will be possible to bring the suggested constitutional amendment up for a vote, however, will be March 14. A Texas Democrat, Representative Mansfield, was the 145th House member to sign it. The petition had been resting on the desk at the front of the House chamber for several days past.

FOREST FIRES RAGE IN WEST CAROLINA

On 100-Mile Front In Mountains Workers Fight Walls of Flame

Charlotte, March 1.—(AP)—Forest fires raged at scattered points along a 100-mile front in the mountains of Western North Carolina today. In McDowell county great rings of flame driven in the face of high winds, had raced through hundreds of acres of winter-dry growth. In the Goose Creek section fire fighters were making a desperate effort to save the homes of E. C. Ferguson and James Gardner and of four Negro families. Even women and children were lending a hand. On Linville mountain, 100 men sought to halt the advance of a wall of flame three miles long, while a similar blaze on Wildcat mountain was left to burn unchecked.

Honolulu Guarded By U. S. Sailors In Fear New Attacks

Honolulu, March 1 (AP)—Sailors today patrolled Honolulu streets, along which house doors were locked at night—an unusual precaution for this playground island. Residents feared a repetition of the recent outbreaks of assault upon women. With two Orientals held, police continued their search for the robber who assaulted Mrs. Kathleen Hope, wife of a mechanic on the submarine P-28, in her home Saturday night. One of the men held was a paroled convict, who had served time for a similar charge. Five others, including Edward Wong, young Chinese, first arrested as a suspect, have been released.

FURTHER GAINS IN EMPLOYMENT MADE

(By the Associated Press.) Unemployment figures: Number placed in North Carolina today, 4. Total placed in North Carolina, 3,116. Number placed in United States, 1,499. Total placed in United States 127,574.

WONDER WHAT THEY DISCUSSED?



Gov. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania is pictured holding a conference with Senator William Borah of Idaho, in Washington. They didn't disclose what they discussed. Perhaps it was a "third party." Both are progressive Republicans and each has been mentioned as a presidential possibility in the coming election.

Democratic Convention Scheduled For Raleigh After The June Primary

Americans Told To Get Out Fast

Shanghai, March 1.—(AP)—Americans living along the railway line which the Japanese have threatened to bombard to prevent movement of Chinese reinforcements, were advised today by Edwin S. Cunningham, the American consul general, to evacuate. In their warning to Mayor Wu Teh Shen yesterday, the Japanese said they would begin operations tomorrow to destroy the railway line. There are more than 60 Americans in Soochow, but this is considered outside the danger area.

Seaboard Asks For Right To Abandon Ridgeway Station

Raleigh, March 1.—(AP)—The State Corporation Commission today took under advisement a petition of the Seaboard Air Line railroad to abandon its station at Ridgeway and a request by the Railway Express Company to quit its agency at the same time.

FUNERAL TOMORROW FOR C. B. EDWARDS

Raleigh, March 1.—(AP)—Funeral services for Cornelius Bryant Edwards, 87, who died at his home here at 11:30 o'clock last night, after a lingering illness due to old age, will be held from the First Baptist church here at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery with Masonic rites. Mr. Edwards was one of the founders of Edwards and Broughton Company, one of the largest printing businesses in the State.

TWO ASPIRING TO HIGH LEGION JOB

Winston-Salem, March 1.—(AP)—Two candidates are now in the field for the post of commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, officers attending the annual post officers conference declared today. The commandery returns to the west this year, and Brice Beard of Salisbury, is being strongly advocated for the honor by his friends. Fred Myrick, of Greensboro, who was defeated at the Winston-Salem convention two years ago by Con C. Johnson, of Mooresville, is also back in the fight.

REINFORCEMENTS PROVE UNDOING OF THE CHINESE LINE

Whole Japanese Line Is Straightened Out Along One-Mile Front In Shanghai Region

HEAVY CASUALTIES IN CHINESE RANKS

Meanwhile, Peace Parleys Started Monday Are Reported at Standstill, With No Definite Results in Sight; Terms Spurned By the Chinese.

Shanghai, March 2.—(AP)— Punished by the new strength of Japan's fresh storm troops, the Chinese line the Shangwan sector gave way early this morning and fell back foot by foot, covering the retreat with machine gun fire. The whole Japanese line along the entire battlefield between Shangwan and Miaochung Chen was straightened out and headquarters reported that the attack had succeeded along a one-mile front. The Chinese were retreating backward in the direction of Chapei. At one cross road, which had been under heavy fire for several days, the advancing Japanese reported they had found more than 200 Chinese dead. Their own casualties for the day were not given. The peace parleys which began on Monday were virtually at a standstill this morning, neutral observers said. There were several night conferences among Chinese officials, but the lot of them, according to the Chinese appeared to agree that the military demands made upon them by the enemy are unacceptable now as when they were framed in General Uyeda's ultimatum some days ago.

BOWERS SAYS BYRD WOULD BE WINNER

Virginia Ex-Governor Needs Publicity, Democratic Keynoter Says

Richmond, Va., March 1 (AP)—The Richmond Times-Dispatch today quotes Claude G. Bowers, New York writer and keynote speaker at the 1928 Democratic National Convention, as predicting former Governor Harry F. Byrd's "certain" election if nominated as Democratic presidential candidate, and said that his nomination would be "wholly acceptable." The paper quoted Mr. Bowers as saying "what Harry Byrd needs more than anything else is a campaign of nationwide publicity to acquaint the country with his truly extraordinary record as governor of Virginia. The country as a whole is not aware of that record to the extent it should be."

Gift of Wheat to Red Cross Given Committee's Okeh

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—A Senate bill to release 400,000,000 bushels of government wheat to the Red Cross for distribution was approved today by the House Agriculture Committee by a vote of 15 to 6. The action reversed a previous vote of 14 to 9 ballot. The bill was amended to provide that part of the wheat may be used for livestock feeding in crop failure areas. The measure would allow the Red Cross to requisition the wheat from time to time as needed, with a maximum limit of 400,000,000 bushels.

Tom O'Berry To Run Goldsboro, March 1 (AP)—Thomas O'Berry, only son of the late Captain O'Berry, who was State treasurer, today announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and colder tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, with colder in east and central and probably rain in extreme west portions.

Whole Chinese Battle Line Falls Back As Japs Launch Biggest Attack Of The War

JUST A COUPLE OF OLD CRONIES



"Old pals, forever," remarked John D. Rockefeller, 93-year-old oil king, as he posed for a photograph at Ormond Beach, Fla., with Gen. Adelbert Ames, 97-year-old war veteran. General Ames was graduated from West Point in 1861.

ARTILLERY, PLANES, MACHINE GUNS AND TANKS PARTICIPATE

Tokyo Hopes To Crush Chinese Resistance Before Peace Efforts Can Be Effective

ADVANCE OF MILE CLAIMED BY JAPS

Explosion Near Jap Warships In River Brings Foreigners To Streets In Fear of Earthquake; Boncour's Peace Proposals Favored At Tokyo

Tokyo, March 1 (AP)—Peace proposals to end the conflict at Shanghai made by Joseph Paul Boncour, French delegate at the League of Nations Council at Geneva yesterday, were accepted by the Japanese government today. The proposals of M. Boncour, which called for a conference of the powers at Shanghai with representatives of China and Japan, were also accepted by Admiral Osami and General Araki, heads of the war and navy departments, at a conference with Foreign Minister Kenkichi Yoshichwa.

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Emergency Road Bill To Be Given Favorable Report

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—The Senate post office committee today delayed temporarily reporting on the chairman emergency road bill but Chairman Cudde, said it would be brought out quickly and there was "no question of reporting it out favorably." Action "was delayed at the request of Senator Glass Democrat, Virginia, who wishes to appear and urge increasing the amount given for national parks and to speak on the convict labor clauses. Two amendments were agreed to by the committee today, submitted by Senator Hayden, Democrat, Arizona. One would remove the \$15,000 per mile limitation on the cost of construction, and the other would permit money to be spent in towns of 2,500 or over population.

CHINESE OFFICER RELEASED BY JAPS

Shanghai, March 1.—(AP)—Ken Wang, Chinese army officer, who was arrested by Japanese soldiers in the Astor house lobby on Saturday, was released today by Japanese officials, who said they had sufficient evidence against him to hold him for "military reasons," but that they let him go "for other considerations." His identity was established this afternoon as "Colonel" Ken Wang, although he does not hold any military post in the present time, according to persons intimate with him here.

Payment of Bonus At Once Is Urged

Washington, March 1 (AP)—Immediate full payment of World War veterans adjusted service certificates was proposed to the Senate today by Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, under a bond issue which he said would greatly increase the amount of money in circulation. The bill proposed would provide that on issuance of the bonds they be delivered to the various Federal Reserve Banks instead of being offered to the public.

LITTLE CHANCE OF GETTING U. S. TAX

State Merchants Board Asks Return of Part of Funds From State

But Uncle Sam Will Need All He Can Get For Himself, So That North Carolina Can Expect Little There

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FASCIST UPRISING RESULTS IN CLASH NEAR HELSINGFORS

Helsingfors, Finland, March 1 (AP)—Withdrawals from banks and considerable difficulty in securing foreign currency were among the most notable results today of the Fascist revolt which led to the encounter with government troops 25 miles from Helsingfors yesterday.

BOOM FOR GARNER ADDING MOMENTUM

Both Wets and Drys, For Some Reason, Have Given Endorsement

HE HAS GOOD RECORD

Conduct of Democratic House Has Won Many Supporters to His Banner; He Is Now Unquestionably Runner-Up

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DARROW TO DEFEND HONOLULU SLAYERS

Chicago, March 1.—(AP)—Clarence Darrow decided today to participate in the defense of Mrs. Grace Fortescue, Lieutenant Thomas Massie and two enlisted men accused of second degree murder at Honolulu.