

BABY'S NURSE EXONERATED

Japs Land 10,000 More Troops In China, As Skirmishes Continue

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE STILL HEARD IN YANGTZE AREA

Crackle of Machine Guns and Crashes of Big Guns Audible Occasionally In Region

FLEET OF PLANES PASSES OVERHEAD

But Japs Deny Any Serious Fighting Since Advance Halted Two Days Ago; Refugees Pouring Back Into Captured Chapei Sector Fast as Permitted

Shanghai, March 5 (AP)—Approximately 10,000 additional Japanese troops were landed in the Shanghai area today and the crackle of machine guns and occasional crashes of heavy artillery fire still resounded over the countryside between Kiangwan and the banks of the Yangtze. Army units totalling 8,000 men were landed at Liubo, on the southern bank of the Yangtze, and 2,000 more were put ashore at Woosung. It was understood that bluejackets who have been on duty in these areas were returning to their ships. Japanese military and naval authorities continued to maintain there has been no serious fighting since the Japanese advance was halted two days ago by a trip through the Kiangwan and Woosung areas today supported Chinese claims that there has been considerable skirmishing along the northwest sector. Gunfire was heard frequently and a squadron of Japanese planes roared overhead in the direction of the Yangtze. The crush of returning refugees into Chapei continued during the day as new districts were opened, but unretreated return will not be permitted until all bodies have been removed, Japanese authorities said.

COUNTY SALARIES UNDER SCRUTINY

State Division of Personnel To Make Inquiry of Scales of Pay

Raleigh, March 5.—What is the cost of government in the 100 counties and 456 incorporated cities and towns of North Carolina? What portion of the total amount of taxes collected in the counties and towns is paid back to office holders? Are the salaries paid to county and city officials in line with salaries paid by the State and in business generally, or are they higher than in other lines of endeavor? The Division of Personnel is already starting to get the facts with which to answer these questions. In accordance with the law enacted by the 1931 General Assembly which directs that the Division of Personnel shall make a study of the salaries paid in the counties, cities and towns

Three Convicts Escape Camp At Cary, Including Joe Swindell, Long-Timer

Raleigh, March 5.—(AP)—Three State prisoners got away from the Cary prison camp last night, and early today stole a car belonging to J. C. Hardin and made their escape after one of them had tried to persuade R. T. Melvin, of White Oak road, to give them some clothes. The escapees were: Joe Swindell, Pasquotank county, sentenced in February, 1925, to serve 22 1/2 to 30 years for abusing a girl under 16. Bill Saunders, sentenced in Rowan county in May, 1930, to serve five to ten years for breaking and entering.

Kidnaped Boy In Niles, Ohio, Is Recovered



Youngstown, Ohio, March 5 (AP)—James DeJute, Jr., 11-year-old Niles, Ohio, boy who was kidnaped while on his way to school early Tuesday morning, was recovered this morning in a house about eight miles from Niles. Two men, who police said they thought were the kidnapers, were captured by the posse of six officers. The boy was found in a secret tunnel at an alleged gambling resort near Youngstown. The boy was recovered by a party of officers headed by W. J. Harrison, Mahoning county detective, who acted on a tip. The posse stormed the place and found the lad being held by two men. The men were booked at the county jail in warrants as John J. Marco, 30, and Dowell Hargroves, 27, both of Youngstown. The men were seized and taken to the Trumbull county jail at Warren.

J. O. W. GRAVELY, OF ROCKY MOUNT, DIES

Prominent Tobacco Buyer and Exporter Stricken on Way to Office

Rocky Mount, March 5 (AP)—J. O. W. Gravelly, head of the China-American Tobacco Company here, and for 10 years a leader in the industrial life of this section, died suddenly here today. Death came unexpectedly. He apparently was in good health and started for his office this morning, but suffered a stroke en route and died in his automobile. Gravelly was the father of State Senator L. L. Gravelly. Also surviving are his widow, two other sons, Page K. and J. O. W. Gravelly, Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. Kenly McGee. Mr. Gravelly was 70 years old. As soon as he was stricken, his chauffeur started for a hospital, but before it was reached, he was dead. The China-American Tobacco Company, organized by Gravelly, is a large buyer of Eastern North Carolina tobacco, and maintains several foreign selling depots. J. O. W. Gravelly, Jr., is now in Shanghai, China, in connection with the company's business.

GIRL STOLEN FROM SCHOOL IN OHIO IS FOUND ON STREETS

Martha Ford, 10, Taken From School Friday and Was Held Captive 24 Hours By Man

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL IN DAZED CONDITION

Unable To Give Officers Any Information; Identified by Woman In Front of Latter's Home by Descriptions In Newspapers and on Radio

Columbus, Ohio, March 5 (AP)—Ten-year-old Martha Ford, who disappeared from school here at noon Friday, eluded a man who had kidnaped her and held her for 24 hours, police reported today. The child, suffering from the effects of an attempted attack, was found on the west side shortly before noon. The child told police she was lured from school by a man and held by him for 24 hours. She could give no details and police removed her to a hospital. She was in a dazed condition and suffering from exposure. Miss Elizabeth Moe, recognized the child from descriptions broadcast by radio and the newspapers. She met Martha on the sidewalk in front of her home. The child was in a dazed condition, and Miss Moe took her into the house and summoned police. Doctors said that, while the child was unharmed, an attempt had been made to assault her.

COX EXPECTED TO RETIRE FROM RACE

Willis Smith May Follow Suit; McNeill Decision Problematical

Raleigh, March 5.—General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, is expected to decide this afternoon or tonight not to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, Monday or Tuesday Willis Smith who was Speaker of the House in the 1931 General Assembly, is expected to reach a similar decision and to announce that he will not be a candidate. What decision will be reached by Tom McNeill, of Lumberton, the third remaining potential candidate and regarded by many as being much more likely to get into the campaign than either Cox or Smith, is much more problematical. It is believed that McNeill will probably sit tight until both Cox and Smith announce what they are going to do. A week ago it was regarded in political circles here as a virtually certain that Cox would become a candidate for governor. At an American Legion meeting in Winston-Salem Monday Cox told at least one man, if not several others, that he intended to announce his candidacy this week. Then came the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee here Tuesday. Cox circulated among the members, as did several of his friends, sounding out sentiment. He received a very cool if not a frigid reception. His friends were told by many that it was too late for Cox to get into the race, that too many were already pledged to the other candidates and that Cox could not be nominated if he did become a candidate. That night Cox had a conference with Senator Josiah William Bailey. What was discussed in that conference is not known. But ever since Tuesday night, fewer and fewer here are believing Cox will get into the race.

MOONEY'S MOTHER IN FUTILE APPEAL

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Mooney, mother of Thomas J. Mooney, who was convicted of the San Francisco preparedness day bombing in 1918, made an unsuccessful appeal to President Hoover today in behalf of her son's release from the penitentiary in California.

Baby Lindbergh, As He Looks Today



These are two unusually good pictures, taken recently, of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., kidnaped son of the world-renowned flyer. The large photo shows him in a happy mood as he sits in his high chair on the law of the Lindbergh estate near Hopewell, N. J. Inset, as he appeared two weeks ago.

"Pay the Kidnapers"



"Whether it's a million dollars or \$50,000, the Lindberghs should pay whatever the kidnapers demand for the return of their baby." That was the advice of Pat Crowe, reformed convict, who blazed into the limelight in 1900 when he led in the kidnaping of Edward Cudahy, son of the wealthy Omaha meat packer. Now in Scranton, Pa., Crowe said, "Lynch the kidnapers, burn them or quarter them—but get the baby back first."

COMMITTEE VOTES TAX ON PETROLEUM

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee agreed today by a vote of 15 to 9 to impose an excise tax of one cent a gallon on petroleum imports.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain tonight and possibly Sunday morning, changing to snow flurries in extreme west portion; warmer in extreme east and colder in west portion tonight; much colder Sunday and Sunday night.

Expecting Early Return Of The Lindbergh Infant

Officials Hold Conference; Girl's Suitor Is Further Grilled

Trenton, N. J., March 5 (AP)—After conferring with police officials of ten States and the Federal government, Governor A. Harry Moore announced today that he expected the kidnaped Lindbergh baby would soon be restored to its parents unharmed. Governor Moore said it was the general opinion of the assembled police officers who came to the conference from as far as the work of amateurs and they would soon realize their only chance of escape was to place the baby in some safe place and notify the authorities.

SAILOR LOVER OF NURSE BEING FURTHER GRILLED

Hartford, Conn., March 5 (AP)—Henry (Red) Johnson, Englewood sailor, detained last night for questioning in connection with the Lindbergh baby kidnaping was brought before county authorities shortly before noon today for a renewed grilling. Dozens of questions were put to the sailor by the State attorney and county detectives who became noted for their prosecution of Gerald W. Chapman, who was hanged for the slaying of a New Britain policeman.

Secretary Hyde Strikes Back at Robinson Attack

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Secretary Hyde today called the \$132,000,000 highway construction measure approved by the Democratic House "pork barrel" legislation in reply to a charge in the Senate by Democratic Leader Robinson of Arkansas that he was misusing public funds.

SCORCHING ATTACK MADE UPON HYDE BY ROBINSON

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—In a scorching attack from Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Secretary Hyde again has been put on the Democratic griddle, charged this time with misuse of public money.

NEW JERSEY OFFICERS "NOT INTERESTED" IN GIRL'S LOVER

Officials of Ten States Meet Hoover Agent in Trenton To Plan Hunt For Thieves

INFANT, MEANTIME, IS STILL MISSING

Rooming House In New York Where Nurse's Sweetheart Lived, Is Searched; Suspicious Letters and Autos Scanned; Fear Mrs. Lindbergh Will Collapse

Hopewell, N. J., March 5.—(AP)—The Lindbergh baby, stolen from its crib last Tuesday night, still was missing today, and the kidnapers had not yet broken their ominous silence.

Officials of ten states gathered in Trenton with a representative of the government designed by President Hoover himself to arrange details of a concerted campaign to restore the baby to its famous flying parents. At Hartford, Conn., Henry (Red) Johnson, a suitor of Betty Dow, the missing baby's nurse, was held for questioning.

New Jersey State police, who had examined Miss Dow at length and exonerated her of any connection with the kidnaping, announced they were not interested in Johnson. They said he was being detained at the request of the chief of police at Englewood, N. J., for reasons unknown to them. New York City police, however, searched a rooming house which had been Johnson's home and where his brother still lives. The brother said Johnson was deeply in love with Miss Dow. An Englewood landlady said that Johnson had been in her rooming house Tuesday night when the baby was stolen, but she could not remember if he had been in all evening.

An automobile containing three men and a baby for which New England police were searching, stopped at Weatherfield, Mass., and changed license plates.

A letter mailed from Hartford to Mrs. Lindbergh was not intercepted by police, and they said today that they knew nothing of its contents. A rumor spread today that Miss Dow "had confessed" but this was officially denied at the governor's office in Trenton, and State police reiterated that they had completely exonerated her.

The Englewood chief of police and a sergeant went to Hartford to assist in the quest for Johnson. A detective there said he believed the information would "crack" the case.

New York State Police sought a radio station which broadcast a general call, saying: "Lindbergh baby safe."

A Chicago man signed a sworn statement giving a Niagara Falls, N. Y., address where he said the baby was held. No such address can be found.

The mother of the 11-year-old boy kidnaped at Niles, Ohio, a few hours after the Lindbergh baby was taken, sent a message of sympathy and hope to Mrs. Lindbergh.

Physicians warned that Mrs. Lindbergh might suffer a breakdown unless she gets some sleep.

Miss Betty Dow cabled to her mother in Glasgow, Scotland, to ask her to "cheer up."

Only 21 cases of diphtheria, 37 of scarlet fever, 14 of pellagra, 6 of typhoid fever and 1 of smallpox were reported to the Board of Health last week. Chickenpox ranked third in the number of cases reported, with 143 for last week and 168 for the week before. Two cases of meningitis were reported.

CABARRUS MAN IS SLAIN BY HIS WIFE

Mrs. Donald Widenhouse Says She Shot Her Husband In Self Defense

HE TRIED TO BEAT HER Had Whipped Her Twice and Was Attempting It Third Time When She Fired, According to Story Told Officers

Concord, March 5.—(AP)—Donald Widenhouse, 30, was shot and killed by his wife at their home in this county today when, she told police, he attempted to beat her.

Mrs. Widenhouse said her husband had beaten her twice and that he was preparing to attack her a third time when she fired. The wounded man was taken to a Charlotte hospital, where he died from pistol wounds in the chest. Officers investigating the shooting were told by Mrs. Widenhouse that her husband "came home about 4 o'clock this morning and began beating me."

Mrs. Widenhouse said the attack took place at their home. She told officers her husband started after her a third time, and that she ran from the house, first procuring a pistol. As he shot from the back porch, she related, the fatal shot was fired. Mrs. Widenhouse said the fatal shooting took place between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning.

UNIDENTIFIED SHIP IS BURNED AT SEA

Hull, Mass., March 5.—(AP)—An unidentified fishing vessel caught fire off here today and was apparently a total loss. O. H. Reemy, keeper of the Graves lifehouse, who summoned the coast guard, said he observed the crew take to the boats, row away and later were picked up by another fisherman. Reemy said there was no evidence of an explosion, but from his point of observation the vessel was several miles away.

WHOOPIING COUGH AND MEASLES INCREASING

Raleigh, March 5.—Whooping cough and measles continue to be the two most prevalent communicable diseases in the State, according to the reports being received by the State Board of Health. During the past week 344 new cases of whooping cough and 294 new cases of measles were reported to the division of epidemiology by physicians over the State. In the same week in 1931, only 94 new cases of whooping cough were reported as compared with 244 cases reported last week. The week previous 358 new cases were reported. The number of cases of measles reported is considerably less than the number reported for the same week last year, however. Only 21 cases of diphtheria, 37 of scarlet fever, 14 of pellagra, 6 of typhoid fever and 1 of smallpox were reported to the Board of Health last week. Chickenpox ranked third in the number of cases reported, with 143 for last week and 168 for the week before. Two cases of meningitis were reported.