

1934 COTTON ACREAGE 68 PERCENT OF THAT IN 1933

Court Denies Senate's Power To Jail McCracken 28,024,000 ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION ON FIRST OF JULY

JAIL TERM GIVEN WAS IN DISREGARD OF CONSTITUTION

District of Columbia Court of Appeals Reverses Lower Court's Ruling In the Case

MINGLING OF TWO BRANCHES ILLEGAL

Government May Appeal Decision to United States Supreme Court; One Man In Air Mail Inquiry Served Sentence Rather Than Contest the Issue

Washington, July 9 (AP)—The District of Columbia Court of Appeals today reversed a lower court ruling and held the Senate did not have the power to sentence William T. McCracken to ten days in jail for contempt in connection with the air mail investigation. McCracken, former assistant secretary of commerce for aeronautics, and L. H. Britten, former vice-president of the Northwest Airways, Inc., were found guilty by the Senate February 14 and each sentenced to ten days. Britten served his term, but counsel for McCracken contested the legislative body's decision. Justice Daniel W. O'Donoghue, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, later held the Senate had the

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PHONE HEARING TO RESUME TOMORROW

Raleigh, July 9.—(AP)—The State Utilities Commission tomorrow will resume its hearings at which the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is attempting to show cause why its rates in Raleigh should not be decreased by 20 to 25 per cent.

TO REPORT TUESDAY ON PAROLE RACKET

Raleigh, July 9.—(AP)—Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill said today he expected to report to Governor Ehringhaus by tomorrow night on his investigation of an alleged "parole racket" in North Carolina. Gill said he would not release any part of his report, leaving to the governor the decision as to whether the findings shall be published.

STIRLING B. PIERCE WELDON POSTMASTER

Washington, July 9.—(AP)—Acting postmasters announced today by Postmaster General Farley included Stirling B. Pierce, at Weldon, N. C.

Big Revolt In Cuba Is Staved Off

Raids for Arms Throughout Cuba Nip Move By Former Army Officers

Havana, Cuba, July 9. (AP)—Raids for arms were spread throughout Cuba today by Colonel Fulgencio Batista, commander-in-chief of the army, who is convinced he has thwarted what would have been a major revolution fired by former army officers. Batista ordered the arrest of several ex-officers, as well as enlisted men. Some three score are already in jail charged with conspiracy. Jubilant at what he considers a triumph over his enemies, Batista said apparently some members of the ex-officers association, whose headquarters were raided Friday, planned to make him a member of their association, Honoris Causa (for the sake of honor).

FIRE AND FIGHT RAGE ON SAN FRANCISCO DOCKS



Firemen as well as police saw duty when thousands of strikers and police engaged in pitched battle on San Francisco's waterfront. Firemen are shown fighting a conflagration which resulted when longshoremen, on strike since May 9, overturned a truck which was to be used in an effort to move cargo from the docks. Police, outfitted as soldiers, are shown with tear gas gun and bomb. Several are reported dead and scores injured in the recent outbreak of fighting.

Cooley Is In Washington For Congressional Duties

Washington, July 9 (AP)—Harold D. Cooley, who was elected Saturday to fill the unexpired term of the late Representative Edward W. Pou of the Fourth North Carolina district, came to Washington today to assume his new duties, but the likelihood was he will remain an "unofficial" congressman until his short term expires in January. The office of the clerk of the House

explained that, although Cooley will receive a representative's salary and perform all the duties of a regular congressman, he cannot take the oath of office unless a special session of Congress is called. Cooley is the Democratic nominee to succeed himself in the November election for the regular two-year term beginning next January. His opponent then will be Hobart Brantley, who he defeated in Saturday's special election to fill Pou's unexpired term.

SERGEANT KILLED BY A CAMP GUARD

Sentry Slays Wilmington Soldier at Fort Moultrie Training Area

Fort Moultrie, S. C., July 9. (AP)—Sergeant Herbert L. Aires, Jr., of the North Carolina National Guard, of Wilmington, N. C., was shot and killed early this morning about 12:35 by a regular army sentry on duty at Fort Moultrie, outside the limits of the National Guard camp. The bullet, which was fired from a regulation army rifle, entered his left arm breaking the bone and glancing off, entering his body near the heart. It is thought that death was instantaneous. Artillery Regiment, of National Guard, which is in training here at the present time, is conducting an investigation.

Pours Gasoline on Fire in Stove and Dies From Burns

Winston-Salem, July 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Athel May Attwood, 35, was fatally burned at her home here this morning when gasoline which she was starting a fire in a stove exploded, setting fire to her clothing and in the home. She died in a hospital a few hours later. Mrs. Attwood used the gasoline by mistake, thinking the liquid she was pouring on the flames was kerosene. She is survived by her husband and five children.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

Roosevelt Sails Toward Colombia

Aboard the U. S. S. Gilmer, accompanying President Roosevelt, July 9. (AP)—President Roosevelt had the opportunity for real vacation relaxation once more today after busy visits to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The cruiser Houston steamed across the Caribbean Sea at a rapid clip toward Colombia, due to arrive at Cartagena tomorrow. After meeting President Enrique Olaya Herrera at Cartagena tomorrow, the President will proceed to Panama and the Canal Zone, beginning the Pacific crossing to Hawaii Thursday.

NEW RACKETS ON GASOLINE WAGONS

Filling Stations Fail to Get All They Pay for Under the Scheme

Raleigh, July 9.—Inspectors for the weights and measures division have recently found some gasoline tank wagon drivers who have not been observing the law requiring them to allow adequate expansion space, with the result that they have been fleecing the filling station operators out of from eight to ten gallons on each 1,000 gallons they have been delivering, according to C. D. Baucum, state superintendent of weights and measures. As a result of these findings, Mr. Baucum is sending out a letter to all the gasoline and oil companies doing

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ITALY REFUSES TO CHANGE HER PLANS FOR LARGER NAVY

Move by Mussolini Casts Shadow Over Anglo-French Naval Conversations at London

ITALIAN PROGRAM CAUSE OF CONCERN

France Might, Therefore, Refuse To Go Ahead With Her Pre-Conference Discussions In Preparation for 1935 Naval Parley; Mussolini's Plans Awaited

London, July 9. (AP)—Refusal by Italy to modify her naval construction plans cast a shadow today over Anglo-French naval conversations proceeding the presence of the French Foreign Minister Louis Barthou. It was understood in informed quarters that the British told the French of their concern over the Italian program of two 35,000 ton battleships and it was reported the French may feel unable to pursue extensively their pre-conference discussions in preparation for the 1935 naval parley. They will be retarded, it was decided, until the full extent of Mussolini's exact plans is revealed. Beyond the scene, pressure has been brought to bear on Italy from several quarters to bring about modification of her building program, but so far unsuccessfully.

North Carolina Railroad Groups Appointed Again

Raleigh, July 9. (AP)—Governor present State directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company, including Mrs. C. B. Aycock, Sr., of Raleigh widow of the former governor, be re-elected as president of the road when the annual meeting of directors is held in Greensboro Thursday. Eight directors re-appointed for one year terms were Mrs. Aycock, D. W. Royster, of Shelby; R. T. Amos, of High Point; R. W. Griffin, of Canton; J. H. Yelton, of Hendersonville; A. M. Dixon, Gastonia; and Robert Lassiter, of Charlotte. Herbert Peely, publisher of the Elizabeth City Advance, be re-elected secretary-treasurer of the road.

"SCOTTSBORO CASE" EXECUTION HALTED

Montgomery, Ala., July 9.—(AP)—A stay of execution was granted today to Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris, two of nine Negro defendants under sentence of death in the "Scottsboro case" by the Alabama Supreme Court on receipt of an application for re-hearing for the condemned men.

American Woman Is Held Spy

Paris, July 9 (AP)—An American woman, Pauline Jacobson Levine, 32, was ordered today by Magistrate Andre to appear for questioning in a new drive to clean up an alleged international ring of spies. She was to be questioned regarding her relation to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon Switz, of New Jersey, who have been held in a Paris jail for several months under espionage charges. Six other summonses or warrants were issued in connection with the alleged espionage service, with which the Switzes are linked. These included three men and three women. Authorities declared their latest investigations revealed that information was being gathered all over Europe, including France, concerning the gas and microbe warfare. Investigations into stratospheric possibilities were also being investigated, it was indicated.

Economic "Dictator"



Dr. Kurt Schmitt

The first attempt to unravel the economic crisis in Germany after the recent Nazi purging resulted in the vesting of Dr. Kurt Schmitt, Reich minister of economics, shown here, with unlimited power to reorganize the nation's trade and punish anyone disobeying his orders.

COMMUNIST COUP FOR U. S. FEARED

Anxiety is Reaching Proportions Amounting Almost to Hysteria

GROUP GROWING FAST

Reported Numbering Well up in Millions and Large Enough to Cause Trouble; Russia's Communists Small

By CHARLES F. STEWART (Central Press Staff Writer)
Washington, July 9.—Fear of a communistic coup in the United States is reaching proportions that amount to hysteria on the part of a not inconsiderable group in Washington. Presumably it reflects a similar state of panic elsewhere throughout the country. There is enough of it anyway to support quite a pretentious monthly publication, known as the National Republic—a magazine of fundamental Americanism, devoted principally to the broadcasting of warnings against the supposed "red threat" against Uncle Sam's government and all his institutions. The National Republic undoubtedly is as well, meaning a periodical as ever was issued. As to the justifiability of its alarm however there may be room for two or more opinions.

Its general manager, Walter S. Steele, is described to me by ultra-anti-radicals as the foremost authority between the oceans on the subject of bolshevistic activities under the Stars and Stripes. He has, in fact, in his Washington

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Hope Causeways Can Be Opened By Noon on Tuesday

Raleigh, July 9. (AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission today worked on final details involving the State's purchase of toll bridges and causeways at Wrightsville Beach and Morehead City, with a view to declaring the structures toll-free and State-owned by noon tomorrow. Charles Ross, general counsel for the commission, returned from Wilmington this morning with hopes that final details may be straightened out today. Mr. Ross said that he expected advice during the day which would determine whether the transfer of the Wrightsville structure could be completed tomorrow. Things are now in line for the transfer of the Atlan Ettecauseway at Morehead City.

Compares With 40,852,000 Acres Same Time Last Year, Agriculture Department Says

ACREAGE REDUCING PROGRAM IS CAUSE

North Carolina's Acreage This Year 977,000, Compared With 1,320,000 Last Year; Arizona and California Only Two States Showing an Increase

Washington, July 9 (AP)—The Department of Agriculture today estimated cotton acreage in cultivation July 1 in the United States at 28,024,000, which was 68.6 per cent of the 40,852,000 acres under cultivation a year ago.

North Carolina's 1934 acreage is estimated at 977,000 acres, against 1,320,000 in 1933.

During 1933 cotton farmers rented approximately 10,495,000 acres to the government and plowed up standing cotton. This year approximately 15,000,000 have been rented to the government.

The crop reporting board said the 28,024,000 acres was 31.4 per cent less than on July 1, 1933, and 32.4 per cent less than the average for the five-year period 1933-32, inclusive.

The decrease from last year's figures ranged from 25 per cent in Georgia to 36 per cent in Oklahoma. Arizona and California were the only two states showing an increase over 1933.

The drop was attributed chiefly to the crop reduction program of the Farm Administration, combined with the "restricting influence of the Bankhead crop control act on planters who did not sign voluntary reduction contracts.

Mills at Monroe Closed as Strike Is Started There

Monroe, July 9.—(AP)—The Union Mills, formerly known as the Icomere Mill, a combed yarn plant here, under management of the Johnston Mill Company, of Charlotte, closed here early today after about a dozen workers struck. Officers said they knew of no reason for the strike at the plant, where approximately 200 operatives are employed. Mill officials would not elaborate on their statement that a dozen workers had quit, and that the mill would be closed for an indefinite time.

France Is Cool Over Hess Talk

German's Gesture for Peace Leaves Menace of War Unabated, Paris Holds

Paris, July 9. (AP)—French officialdom today considered the "menace" presented by Germany as unabated by the gesture for peace in the speech of Rudolf Hess, aide to Chancellor Hitler yesterday. Called a "superfluous" warning against "invasion," it was regarded here as an attempt by Hitler to discourage French effort to line up with Great Britain and the rest of Europe in "defensive rapproachments." "The French veterans did not need any reminder of the fighting qualities of Germans," said an official, indicating at the same time that the speech was intended principally for German ears. "The French, who reiterated their own desire for peace as a pacifist people," regarded the speech as changing nothing, since "it winds up with the same old demand for arms, to which France cannot consent."