

## Official Tobacco Average \$26.37

### Madrid Government Rumored Pondering Quick Surrender To Advancing Fascist Army

#### FALL OF CAPITAL AND ALSO TOLEDO CLAIMED IMMINENT

Officers Say Government  
Forces Hurdled Back All  
Along the Highway  
To Madrid

#### CAPTURE BY STORM IS PLAN OF FRANCO

Only Sporadic Government  
Resistance Found In Some  
Sections of Battlefront,  
Rebel Chiefs Declare; Loy-  
alists To Stake All on  
Final Stand

Fascist Headquarters, Taladara de la Reina, Spain, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The fall of Madrid and Toledo was declared imminent today by insurgent leaders as the Fascists rapidly cut the distance separating their armies from both cities.

Officers said the government forces were hurled back on both fronts after suffering severe losses in battles at Torrijos and along the Taladara-Madrid highway.

Reports were current the Madrid government was debating the advisability of surrender.

General Francisco Franco, insurgent commander, however, prepared to take Madrid by storm, probably in a joint attack with forces of General Emilia Mola, advancing out of the Guadarrama mountains north west of the capital.

A third insurgent column struck out straight north of Maqueda, determined to subdue the hostile regions west of Madrid.

Only sporadic resistance, said General Franco's headquarters, had been

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#### MADISON'S DRIVERS IN SCHOOLS STRIKE

Men Who Pilot School Trucks for  
Three County Schools De-  
mand Higher Salaries

Marshall, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Madison County Superintendent of Schools J. O. Wells disclosed today bus drivers for three county schools had struck for higher pay.

Wells said drivers of Mars Hill high school walked out today, joining those of Marshall and Beach Glen schools, who struck Monday.

He made the disclosure in announcing he would recommend to the County Board of Commissioners at its next meeting that pay of drivers be increased from \$9 to \$17 a month.

The drivers gave no indication they would resume work until the pay increase is forthcoming.

Although the buses lay idle, the schools continued to operate. Attendance at the Marshall school was reported as only about half normal.

The Marshall school employees seven drivers, Beach Glen three and Mars Hill four.

### 2 Brothers Hanged For One Killing

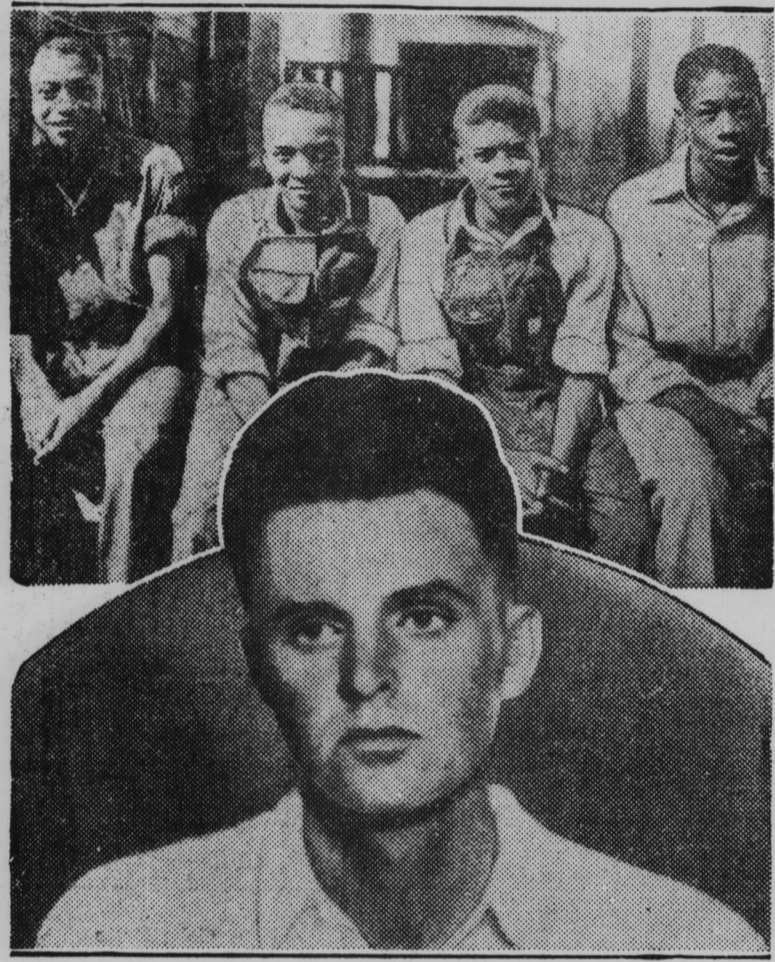
Dorchester, New Brunswick, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Two brothers, Arthur Bannister, 19, and Daniel Bannister, 20, were hanged today for killing a woodsman-squatter during the kidnaping of his infant daughter for their mother to use in the "baby doll" extortion plot.

"It's too tight; I can't pray," complained Daniel shortly before the traps were sprung simultaneously.

The brothers were convicted of killing Philip Lake, 30-year-old woodsman. The crown charged the Bannister brothers were responsible for Lake's death during the abduction of his four-month-old daughter last January.

Mrs. May Bannister, their mother, wanted the baby to aid in an alleged extortion plot against two men who, the crown charged, were under moral obligation to her.

#### They Call Him a Simon Legree



The four Negro lads above charge Leroy Rogers (inset), Jasper County, Miss., farmer, kidnaped them at gun's point, forced them to pick cotton on his plantation, and locked them into a corn crib at the end of their day's work. Rogers is under arrest. (Central Press)

### Legion Will Assemble In N. Y. In 1937

League Committee  
To Recommend  
That; But Italy May  
Leave as the Result

Cleveland, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The American Legion today selected New York City for its 1937 convention city, heard a plea for a veteran-labor alliance against "foreign entanglements" with European "war activities" and a warning to move cautiously in pressing for new benefits for ex-service men.

Election of Harry W. Comery, Topeka, Kans., lawyer, as national commander, was assured for tomorrow when his only remaining opponent, Quimby Melton, Griffin, Ga., editor, conceded victory to the Topekan.

Gotham's spectacular bid for next year's meeting won a shouting approval from the convention floor for slogan "Up Fifth Avenue Again in 1937."

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, urged Legionnaires to stand with organized labor against American participation in the "most perilous and distressing" European situation.

"We must not become involved in a foreign war, in which we have no direct concern," Green shouted to the cheering delegates.

General Frank T. Hines, Veterans Bureau administrator, warned Legionnaires against pressing immediately for further veterans benefits.

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### LANDON PLEDGE IS FREE AGRICULTURE

Cash Benefits and Conserva-  
tion Payments Pro-  
mised Iowa Growers

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Governor Alf M. Landon stepped personally into Iowa Republican party organization work today after a farm address pledging "a free and independent agriculture."

Cash benefits and conservation payments were endorsed by the candidate last night and the cheers of an au-

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### Ginnings Are Over Last Year's Total

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—Cotton of this year's growth gained prior to September 16 was reported by the Census Bureau today to have totalled 3,707,142 running bales, counting 49,082 round bales as half bales, and including 1,004 bales of American Egyptian. Ginnings to that date last year were 2,313,831 running bales. Ginnings by states to September 16 included: North Carolina, 28,724.

### COMMUTATION FOR WALLACE B. DAVIS

Parole of Asheville Banker  
Terminated By Full  
Freedom Given

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILL.  
Raleigh, Sept. 23.—The parole granted to Wallace B. Davis, former Asheville banker convicted with Colonel Luke Lea, of Nashville, Tenn., for violation of the State banking laws in connection with the failure of the Central Bank and Trust Company, of Asheville, has been terminated by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus by commutation, it was learned here today. The commutation terminating the parole was issued August 29, by Edwin Gill, commissioner of paroles, but nothing was learned of the commutation until today.

This commutation officially ends the parole and reduces Davis' sentence to the time served, approximately 1 1/2 years, instead of permitting the original sentence of five to seven years to stand. As long as the parole was in effect, the governor at any time could have revoked the parole.

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### OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, followed by showers Thursday night and in west portion Thursday afternoon; slight warmer in extreme west portion tonight.

### As Largest American Legion Convention Opened



Ray Murphy, retiring commander, opens the 18th annual convention of the American Legion in Cleveland's Public Hall. Mayor Harold H. Burton of Cleveland, a war veteran, is at the right. The convention, with more than 150,000 in attendance, is the largest in American history. (Central Press.)

### Japanese Naval Heads Order Martial Law For Part Of Shanghai City

Northern Section of Interna-  
tional Settlement Under  
Strict Control of  
Invaders

THREE JAPANESE IN  
REGION WERE SHOT

That Is Excuse for Landing  
of Marines; International  
Settlement Immediately  
Calls 600 Russian Soldiers  
To Duty Prepared for Any  
Emergency

Shanghai, Sept. 24 —(Thurs-  
day)—(AP)—Japanese blue-  
coats, armed for war, held a huge area of Shanghai's international settlement under martial law early today in a grim search for the gunmen who a few hours before had shot three Japanese Marines, one of them fatally.

Memories of Shanghai's memorable 1932 siege came back vividly as the reinforced Japanese Marines occupied the entire Hongkew area of the settlement, where the shootings occurred, and spread their lines to the creek, which cuts through the heart of the foreign area.

(At Tokyo the naval minister, Admiral Osumi Nagano, assumed active command of the fleet, upon receipt of the news from Shanghai.)

Shanghai, China, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Commanders of a Japanese naval landing party declared martial law tonight in a huge area of the northern section of the international settlement.

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### TWO BIG MINERAL PROJECTS STARTED

Half Million Dollar Invest-  
ment Involved in Kaolin  
Developments

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILL.  
Raleigh, Sept. 23.—Two kaolin refining developments involving investments totaling more than \$500,000 are underway in the Spruce Pine district of North Carolina, in Mitchell and Avery counties, State Geologist H. J. Bryson announced today.

Construction has just been started, the State Geologist said, on a plant in Avery county on a mineral tract of some 4,000 acres in that and Mitchell county by Kaolin, Incorporated. Principal officers of this concern are Howard C. and Walter C. Marmon, of

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### STRIKE DISORDERS WERE PRODUCED BY GROUP FOR MONEY

E. J. McDade, of Chicago,  
Tells LaFollette Senate  
Inquirers of His  
Activities

CITES INSTANCES OF  
TROUBLE WORKED UP

Says Guards He Hired  
Were Sworn in as Special  
Deputies, and Two of Them  
Were Killed; House Daubed  
With Red to Create En-  
mity to Strikers

Washington, Sept. 23.—(AP)—E. J. McDade, of Chicago, told a Senate investigating committee today he had been frequently employed by strike-breaking agencies to create disorders for the purpose of discrediting union strikers.

McDade testified before the LaFollette committee investigating alleged violations of workers' civil liberties that three men were killed in a seven-hour battle at Lake Charles, La., where he had brought 21 men from New Orleans to serve as guards during a longshoremen's strike.

The guards were sworn in as special deputies, he said, and were armed with machine guns and tear gas employed by Federal Laboratories, Inc., of Pittsburgh. They were employed by the Railway Audit & Inspection Company, an industrial detective firm, he added.

Two of the guards were killed by picketers, McDade testified, when they tried to bring a truck through the strikers' lines.

During the 1921 Cleveland milk strike, McDade told the committee, red paint was daubed on the house of Frank Tabor, head of the Tabor Ice Cream Company, in an attempt

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### Storms the Alcazar



Gen. Juan Ascencio (above) was a colonel in the Spanish army before the civil war. Now he is head of the Loyalist forces besieging the rebels entrenched in Toledo's famous Alcazar.

### Ethiopians May Remain In Assembly

Harry W. Comery,  
Topeka, Kans., New  
Commander; Warned  
Against Demands

Geneva, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The credentials committee of the League of Nations decided tonight to recommend that delegates of Ethiopia continue to sit in the Assembly, and reversed a previous decision to submit the question of Ethiopia's sovereignty to the World Court.

The committee decided in favor of Ethiopian participation in the Assembly because of existing doubt as to the delegates' credentials. The Ethiopians, the committee held, should be given the benefit of these doubts.

Haile Selassie and his delegates contend there still is an independent government in Ethiopia despite the annexation of the conquered kingdom by Fascist Italy. On the other hand, the Italians have refused to participate in the League's proceedings until Ethiopia is erased from membership.

League sources openly expressed fear that Italy not only will refuse to return to the Assembly but may even resign from the League.

### 496,154 LBS. SOLD HERE OPENING DAY FOR \$130,857 SUM

Growers Highly Pleased  
With Prices Paid for  
Their Offerings as  
Season Starts

SALES BLOCKED BY  
VERY HEAVY BREAK

Floors Cleared Today, How-  
ever, With Increased Of-  
ferings Looked for Toward  
End of Week; Prices Here  
Among Best in Any Flue-  
Cured Market

Official figures announced today by J. R. McDuffie, sales supervisor, revealed that the opening sale on the Henderson tobacco market as the season started Tuesday amounted to 496,154 pounds, which brought \$130,857.59 for an average of \$26.37 per hundred.

It was the highest opening day average the Henderson market has had since 1919, with the exception of 1934, when the figure was about a quarter of a cent a pound better than that of Tuesday.

Growers were highly pleased with the prices paid for their offerings, and were optimistic over the outlook for the season. The market was blocked by an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 pounds left over, but which, together with new offerings brought in, was cleared in today's sales.

Heavier offerings are looked for Thursday and Friday, and especially Friday. Averages made here Tuesday for the opening were among the best for any flue-cured market in any belt already opened for this season.

Warehousemen said the market average would have been much higher but for the fact that much eastern tobacco was on sale. They saw a marked difference in the quality of the leaf grown in Vance and adjoining counties and that from a distance.

Heavy breaks Thursday and Fri-

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### Tobacco Is Still Firm Over Belt

Raleigh, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Tobacco prices continued firm today on the nine markets of the North Carolina Middle Belt.

Early sales today at Fuquay Springs, estimated at 500,000 pounds, brought from \$28 to \$29 per hundred.

Louisburg warehousemen estimated early sales at 150,000, with an average price of \$27 predominating.

Reports from Oxford said prices were holding to higher levels there, with nearly 1,000,000 pounds on warehouse floors for the second day's sales. Opening day's sales there amounted to 486,924 pounds for \$116,946.87, an average of \$24.02 per hundred.

Approximately 100,000 pounds were taken to Sanford warehouses today as sales continued at a lively clip.

Farmers all around the circuit were reported highly pleased at opening prices, which compared with an average last year of only \$19.61.

### High School Enrollment In State Is Record High

About 175,000 Students Attending, School Commission Announces; More Teachers Allotted for High Schools; Decline in Elementary Grades Is Shown

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILL.  
Raleigh, Sept. 23.—More children are attending high school this year than ever before, although there is a decrease in the enrollment in the elementary grades, Lloyd Griffin, executive secretary of the State School Commission, pointed out today. The high school enrollment this year is estimated at approximately 175,000, the largest in the history of the State's public school system, with approximately 725,000 in the elementary grades, making a total of about 900,000 children enrolled in both the elementary and high schools. The enrollment in the entire system for the school year 1934-35, the last school year for which the complete figures are available, was 892,000, so it is generally conceded that the enrollment this year is in excess of 900,000. The high school enrollment in 1934-35 was 156,593 but this is now believed to be at least 175,000.

Last year there was an increase of 6,900 in the high school attendance

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