

ROOSEVELT SEEKS SPEED FOR RELIEF BILL

Chang Given More Time For Release Of Generalissimo

Another "Final" Ultimatum Awarded Muttousin Rebel Chief in Northern Provinces

HE MAY REFUSE TO COMPLY ON ORDER

Dr. Soong, Brother-in-Law of Imprisoned Chiang Kai-Shek Reportedly Ready To Invade Rebel Retreat and To Make War if Kidnapers Ignore Offer

Nanking, China, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Nanking government, suddenly swinging its tactics against rebellious Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, ordered tonight punitive military operations against Sainfu rebel headquarters to be completed tomorrow unless Chiang Kai-Shek is released.

Three more days of grace in which to end the rebellion and release General Chiang had earlier been awarded by officials to the mutinous young marshal.

The time extension came just as the previous "final" ultimatum to Marshal Chang, demanding the generalissimo's immediate return, expired.

Dr. T. V. Soong, brother-in-law of the imprisoned Chiang, reportedly was ready to leave Nanking for Sainfu where Marshal Chang has held the Generalissimo prisoner since the mutiny of his troops a week ago.

Although the Nationalist government had set a deadline of 6 p. m. 5 a. m. eastern standard time for the release of their chieftain, an authoritative spokesman had expressed open skepticism that Chiang would be released at that time.

3 Officers Are Ousted In Escape

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 19 (AP)—County Prison Warden Herbert Goslin and two aides were dismissed today for "gross negligence" because of the escape of Joseph Bruno, serving a life term for the Kellysree election eve massacre.

Fired with Goslin were Deputy Warden Robert Walker and Prison Guard Irwin, with whom Bruno went to a dentist's office just before his escape yesterday.

The county commissioners also offered \$1,000 reward for the capture of the life-terminer.

Bruno was the object of search for police of nine states today.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM POWER FIRM

Carolina Company's \$550,000 Rate Slash Good News to Consumers

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—A Christmas present to electricity users which will amount to \$550,000 by the end of the year has been announced by the Carolina Power and Light Company and the North Carolina Utilities Commission, as the result of a series of conferences extending over a period of several months, Chairman Stanley Winborne, of the Utilities Commission, pointed out today. This fifth reduction in rates, announced by the Carolina Power and Light Company and the State Utilities Commission yesterday, will affect 65,000 residential customers and some 16,000 commercial customers, giving them one of the lowest rates in the United States, which will save them at least \$550,000 a year as compared with the rates which have been in effect until now, Commissioner Winborne pointed out.

This latest rate reduction is the fifth which the Carolina Power and Light Company has made since January 1, 1933, in cooperation with the State Utilities Commission. These five reductions making the present rates amount to \$1,615,000 a year less than the people were paying four years ago, Commissioner Winborne said.

The total reduction in utility rates since December, 1932, including gas and telephone companies as well as

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Deposed Leader



Harry Bridges, militant leader of the striking seamen of the West Coast, is shown as he addressed 20,000 strikers and sympathizers in Madison Square Garden, New York. Bridges was deposed as an organizer of the International Longshoremen's Union. (Central Press)

Work Week 48 Hours Is To Be Asked

Fletcher Also Says He Will Urge Ratification of U. S. Child Labor Act

Raleigh, Dec. 19 (AP)—A. L. Fletcher, State labor commissioner, said today North Carolina should have a 40-hour week law for all manufacturing establishments, and as a step toward it he would ask the 1937 legislature to enact a 48-hour law.

The commissioner said he would also ask ratification of the Federal child labor amendment and enactment of a model child labor law in his program "for labor legislation in line with the platforms, State and national, of the Democratic party, and with the recommendation of President Roosevelt."

Fletcher pointed out North Carolina does not regulate hours of work for men over 16 years of age, and has a 5-hour week and 11-hour day law for women.

"No State in the Union, and no civilized nation except Japan, has as long a legal work day for women," Fletcher added.

He said a bill proposing a 40-hour week would be introduced.

ROOSEVELT TALKS OF CUBAN CRISIS

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Cuba's political crisis presumably was the subject today of a forenoon conference at the White House between President Roosevelt and the Cuban ambassador, Dr. Guillermo Patterson.

School Commission Would Buy Buses If It Had Funds

But It Can Do Only What Legislature Authorizes It To Do; Big Problem for Coming Assembly Is To Raise Money Being Demanded on All Sides

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Raleigh, Dec. 19.—The State School Commission is heartily in favor of providing school buses with all steel bodies and of providing as many new school buses as are needed—provided the General Assembly will appropriate the money for this purpose, Executive Secretary Lloyd Griffin said today.

But the commission cannot buy any new buses of any kind whatever unless the General Assembly will supply the money. While some people seem to think that the school commission has unlimited funds at its disposal, and that the only reason it doesn't buy new buses and pay teach-

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Poisoned



Shortly after Annie Thelma Smoak (above), 15, of Wilmington, N. C., died mysteriously, police arrested her father, Edgar LeRoy Smoak and his housekeeper, Mrs. Jenette Harker, on charges of poisoning her. Her death also started an investigation into the strange manner under which Smoak's two wives died. (AP Photo).

I. C. C. REFUSES TO EXTEND EMERGENCY FREIGHT CHARGES

Petition of Class I Railroads for More Time After December 31 Is Turned Down

HEARINGS WILL BE STARTED JANUARY 6

Roads Sought Continuance on Ground Loss of Revenue, Even in Face of Increased Business, Would Harm Financial Structure; Inaugurated April, 1935

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today refused to the petition of Class I railroads to extend beyond December 31 emergency freight surcharges expiring on that date.

The roads, claiming emergency charges yielded \$10,000,000 monthly, have asked continuance pending hearings on their application for general revision of the rate structure.

Initial hearings are slated January 6.

Two commissioners dissented from the majority opinion denying the extension.

The roads have asked continuation, claiming loss of revenue from the emergency charges, in spite of increases in volume from improved industrial conditions, would harm their financial structure.

The commission said: "The unmistakable conclusion from these figures is the emergency which we undertook to meet in our original decision in March, 1935, does not exist. A continuing revival of industry appears likely to result in a further increase in traffic, and no sharp general increase in operating expenses is immediately in prospect."

A's before pointed out, the carriers and those supporting their petition

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GERMANY GREATLY IN NEED OF MORE SUPPLIES OF FOOD

Must Have Bread by Spring In Face of Rationing of Fats Already Put In Effect

ALLOWANCES RATED ON SIZE OF FAMILY

Nation Must Increase Its Wheat Imports Although Reductions in Foreign Purchases Had Been Made; Grave Difficulties Attend This Move

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The third Reich strove today to find the bread it must have by spring.

An iron clamp pinched the already slim trickle of butter and fat products to the German consumer. Now, experts affirm, the Reich must face the prospect of empty domestic bread bins by April.

To get the wheat to make the bread Germany eats means going abroad, and there lie grave difficulties.

The stringencies imposed on German households in preserving dwindling food supplies were disclosed yesterday by the issuance of ration cards for butter and lard.

Under new orders, allowances of fats will be pro-rated according to the size of the family. Purchases will be limited to 80 per cent of October consumption each month, starting January 1.

Agricultural estimates agreed Germany must increase wheat importations after having reduced them in 1935 to 160,000 tons, as compared with 605,000 tons the year before.

SLAYING CONFESSED BY KANNAPOLIS MAN

Carpenter Admits He "Fired in Dark" Killing Leonard Daves, Following After Him

Kannapolis, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Police Chief Ira Chapman said Pearl Carpenter, Kannapolis man, confessed today he shot and killed Leonard Daves, 22, textile employe, here last night.

Chapman quoted Carpenter as saying he shot in the dark without knowing who was "following" him.

Daves, brother of Dewey Daves, head of the local Young Democratic Club, was shot about 9 o'clock last night. His body was found lying near a baseball park by a passerby shortly after midnight.

Chief Chapman said Daves and the accused man were together early in the evening and Carpenter had been drinking.

Persons living near the scene said they heard three shots, but only one bullet, from a 45-calibre pistol, struck Daves, entering his head just above the ear.

Carpenter was placed in jail on a murder charge.

1936 Rains Set Record At Raleigh

Raleigh, Dec. 19 (AP)—Heavy rains here today gave Raleigh a new annual rainfall record at 63.57 inches for 1936, the heaviest in 50 years.

The previous high for Raleigh was 63.41 inches in 1891, Lee Denson, in charge of the Weather Bureau, said the continued rains were causing "serious" flood conditions in the Neuse river, with water nearly 19 feet deep at Kinston and still rising. It was already some four feet in flood. At Goldsboro the river had reached a stand at 20.9 feet, about seven feet above bank level.



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AS DR. FRANK FIGHTS OUSTER



Top, Wilkie, left, and Dr. Frank; below, students eavesdropping

Although Dr. Glenn Frank, for 12 years president of the University of Wisconsin, declared he would not resign, a test vote of regents seeking his ouster has disclosed that Gov. Phillip La Follette and his Progressive state administration has sufficient votes to force a change of administration. Frank adherents, however, have forced an open hearing, to be held soon after Jan. 1. Dr. Frank is seen at top, right, talking with Harold M. Wilkie, chairman of the board of regents at a meeting of the board in Madison. Wilkie said he would demand Frank's retirement at the expiration of his contract in June. In the lower photo, undergraduate students, followers of Frank, are seen eavesdropping at meeting and giving vent to jeers.

—Central Press

Cuban President May Be Ousted For Refusing To Sign Sugar Tax Measure

Batista Forces Bill Through Cuban House of Representatives Over Protest of President; Seen as Lever To Impeach Nation's Chief Executive

Havana, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Cuban congressional leaders opposed to President Miguel Gomez met secretly again today to discuss possible impeachment proceedings against him.

They allegedly discussed latest development in the dispute over the \$1,500,000 sugar tax bill which President Gomez has signified he will veto.

The bill, which the army seeks to use to promote education in rural areas was taken to the presidential palace for action.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Cuban sugar tax bill, which the army political faction seeks to use as a lever to oust President Miguel Gomez was on its way to him today after passage in the uproarious congress.

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New N. C. Social Act Is Approved

Washington, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Social Security Board approved today the North Carolina unemployment insurance act passed Wednesday at a special session of the State legislature.

Approval of the North Carolina act completed enactment of unemployment laws in social security region four, including the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

The North Carolina statute was brought here Thursday by State officials.

NEWSPAPERS ASK ELECTION CHANGE

Want Primary on Tuesday Instead of Saturday and Shorter Hours

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Raleigh, Dec. 19.—The newspapers of North Carolina, speaking through

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\$500,000,000 OF ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR YEAR NEEDED

Relief Program for Fiscal Year Starting Next July Will Wait Until the Spring

WILL KNOW NEEDS BETTER LATER ON

New Allotment of Funds Required To Meet WPA Costs Until June 30, Passage During First Week of Congress, Meeting January 5, Will Be Asked

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Quick congressional approval was sought today for President Roosevelt's request for an immediate \$500,000,000 relief appropriation.

Current funds are expected to last only another month, making action necessary early in January if the program is to proceed without interruption.

Mr. Roosevelt said yesterday he would ask for the appropriation, designed to meet WPA costs until June 30, during the first week of Congress. It convenes January 5.

Estimates for relief needs in the next fiscal year will not be submitted until spring, in order to obtain a better idea of future needs.

Eure Will Start Duty Forthwith

Raleigh, Dec. 19 (AP)—Thad Eure, of Winton, accepted an appointment today to serve as secretary of state in the interim before he assumes office in January, for the term to which he was elected in November.

In a brief statement issued after a conference with Governor Ehringhaus, Eure said, in part:

"In accordance with the will of the people and my own desire, I gladly accept the opportunity to serve them these few days before my constitutional term begins, although it entails much personal sacrifice on the part of myself and my family at this particular time."

Eure will succeed Charles G. Powell, appointed secretary of state three weeks ago, when Stacy Wade resigned to accept a social security job. Powell will become chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Board.

Hopes Rise For Finding Lost Plane

Cry of "Help" Heard In Idaho Wilds; Passenger Liner Is Still Mystery

Salt Lake City, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Faint radio messages—the indistinct sound of a man's weak voice—were picked up time and time again today by searchers for a Western Air Express plane lost since Tuesday with seven persons.

The recurring calls apparently directed at both St. George, Utah, and Salt Lake City, were described as between the frequencies of both the United Air Line and Western Express equipment.

They were picked up most plainly said C. A. Cahlan, of Western Air, by a Transcontinental and Western air station at Kingman, Ariz. This, Cahlan said, was the only station able to make out where the unknown caller was trying to make contact.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 19 (AP)—A cry of "help" from an Idaho wilderness led snow-battling searchers to hope today for the safety of two pilots in a missing plane, but seven occupants of another vanished air liner were feared to have perished.

Sheriff's officers hurried into the wilds of northern Idaho where a man reported hearing the distress cry. Searchers hailed it as the first de-

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RAIL PROBE TO BE BIGGEST INQUIRY

Will Produce More Sensations Than Anything Like It In U. S.

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler's investigation of America's transportation systems apparently is destined to be the biggest congressional inquiry in the country's history.

It is the Montana senator's quiz in the sense that he initiated it, as chairman of the upper congressional

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, occasional rain tonight and possibly Sunday morning.