

BRITISH GUNS PROTECT BILBAO REFUGEES

NATION MUST HAVE INDEPENDENT COURT, JUDGE HUGHES SAYS

And for Democratic Nation It Must Be Competent, Chief Justice Declares

HE MAKES ADDRESS FOR LAW INSTITUTE

Thousands of Persons in Audience Respond With Applause to His Remarks; Stirs New Interest in Fight Over Roosevelt's Court Reform Proposal

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—Chief Justice Hughes, a central figure in the current controversy over reorganization of the Supreme Court, said today a democratic nation "must have a competent and independent judiciary."

The dignified, bewhiskered chief justice addressed a meeting of the American Law Institute. Although he did not refer to the controversy aroused by President Roosevelt's plan to enlarge the court unless justices over 70 retire, his mention of an "independent judiciary" drew applause from his 1,000 hearers.

Hughes' remarks were made at a time when both opponents and proponents of the President's court bill were seeking to rally strength in the Senate. Its judiciary committee will vote on the bill May 18.

In long hearings before the committee, witnesses appearing against the bill testified its enactment would impair the independence of the court. Proponents claimed it merely would liberalize court opinion.

While Hughes' remarks stirred new interest in the court argument, economic conditions were discussed.

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FARLEY INVITED TO DARE CELEBRATION

Governor Hoey Invites Postmaster General to Manteo Celebration in August

Raleigh, May 6 (AP)—If he wants to accept the invitation of Governor Hoey, Postmaster James A. Farley can reclaim his American history by attending the 35th anniversary celebration of the birth of Virginia Dare on Roanoke Island.

From North Carolina's chief executive went today a telegram to the Postmaster General inviting him to attend the celebration August 18, when Governor Hoey told him, he would "have the opportunity of getting straightened out historically by our principal speaker and Harvard University's most illustrious graduate, Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

While Capitol Hill laughed at reports of Farley's near faux pas and was thankful the slightly mixed history was set right, Governor Hoey determined to give the postmaster general an opportunity to learn firsthand Virginia Dare was born in North Carolina, and the Sir Walter Raleigh colonies were not settled in what is now Virginia.

"But," the governor added, "please don't give Virginia the Wright brothers, too."

F. S. Spruill Heads State Bank Group

Rocky Mount Banker Honored; W. A. Hunt on National Nominating Committee

Pinehurst, May 6.—(AP)—Frank S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, vice-president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, was elected to the presidency here today, succeeding R. E. Kerr, of Charlotte.

R. L. Pope, of Thomasville, was named first vice-president, and W. H. Weald, of Greensboro, was named second vice-president.

In the only election contest Ben Roberts, of Durham, was elected third vice-president over R. B. Lewis, of Raeford.

Spruill is president of the People's Bank & Trust Company of Rocky Mount. Pope will automatically be

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Honeymoon Couple Die in Car Wreck

Gastonia, May 6.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pyatt, of Rock Hill, S. C., who were returning from a wedding trip, died in a hospital here last night of injuries received when their car overturned on a curve near Kings Mountain.

The couple, who had visited the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pyatt, in Marion, died a few hours after their machine failed to negotiate a curve outside the city. They were married Tuesday.

ARGUMENTS ENDED BY SUPREME COURT AT PRESENT TERM

Constitutionality of Payroll Taxes in Federal Old Age System Are Completed

DECISIONS WILL BE GIVEN NOW SHORTLY

Speculation Aroused Whether Court Will Dismiss Appeal Without Ruling; Court Will Adjourn in June for Summer Without Any More New Business

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—The Supreme Court ended new business for this term today after hearing arguments on the constitutionality of payroll taxes imposed in connection with the Federal old age system.

The judges will be occupied until they adjourn for the summer in June, with rendering decisions in cases already argued. Outstanding among these are the social security cases covering unemployment insurance, as well as retirement pay for persons over 65.

Questions asked yesterday by Justice Stone about the court's jurisdiction aroused speculation as to whether some justices might vote to dismiss the old age pension case without a decision on its constitutionality. Stone pointed out the government often has contended a taxpayer should pay the levy before suing.

George T. Davis, of Boston, has sought to enjoin the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of which he is a stockholder, from paying the payroll tax.

WENDEL CONFESION OFFERED AT TRIAL

Conspiracy Case Against Detective Parker and Son Proceed in Newark U. S. Court

Newark, N. J., May 6.—(AP)—The lengthy texts of Paul Wendel's four repudiated confessions of guilt in the Lindbergh kidnaping case were read into the record today at the conspiracy trial of Chief of Burlington County Detectives Ellis Parker and his son, Ellis, Jr.

It was by these confessions that Parker, the government charges, sought to prevent the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann for the kidnaping and enhance his own reputation.

COTTON DEPRESSED BY SLIGHT SELLING

Midday Gains Lost and Prices Are Three to Nine Points Lower At the Closing

New York, May 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened barely steady, one point lower to five higher, with steadier Liverpool cables, partly offset by liquidation and commission house selling. July reacted from 13.19 to 13.14 and prices after the first half hour were lower. July sold off to 13.03, but as it approached the 13-cent level encountered a little resistance and at midday was 13.03.

Table with columns: High, Close, May, July, October, December, March. Values range from 13.00 to 13.15.

Rushing to "Woman I Love"



Leaving his express train at the border town of Verneuil, France, the Duke of Windsor (left) is shown in this radiophoto with his equerry, Captain W. C. Greenacre, hurrying to the waiting automobile that sped him to Monts, France, and Mrs. Wallis Simpson. (Central Press)

Edward And Wallis Fear Bombs May Be Concealed In Gifts

Monts, France, May 6.—(AP)—In the fear that a bomb might be disguised as a wedding gift, police maintained a close scrutiny today on packages delivered to the Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Wallis Simpson, the former monarch's associates, disclosed.

Police take the parcels from the Tours post office to Mrs. Simpson at the Chateau de Candé, where she gingerly inspects the sender's address. If she does not recognize them, she instructs the officers to return the packages unopened.

Several parcels already have been received, Edward's associates said, and more were expected. One, apparently before present precautions were taken, was said to have contained several rabbits' feet to assure good luck and prosperity.

The duke was reported to have composed the tune to which he and Mrs. Simpson will march to the altar.

Preparations for the marriage, meanwhile, seem virtually ready for the ceremony soon after Edward's brother George VI, is crowned in London next Wednesday.

Blue Mold Gets Fourth Of Tobacco

College Station, Raleigh, May 6.—Before blue mold, disease of seedling plants in the tobacco bed, makes its final bow, it will have taken approximately 25 per cent of North Carolina's 1937 tobacco crop, according to K. J. Shaw, of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

Heavy infections of the disease, first reported in Georgia, spread rapidly to North Carolina plant beds, where it did most damage since 1932.

Caught in its grip, Georgia growers flocked to this State to purchase plants, paying as much as one cent a plant. Sufficient plants to set an acre were valued at fifty dollars, Shaw declared.

Although not feeling the attack as

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JOHN RASKOB PAID NO 1930 INCOME TAX

Reported Income of \$799,181 But Deducted Losses of \$867,263 for That Year

New York, May 6 (AP)—John Raskob, multi-millionaire business associate of Pierre DuPont, paid no income tax in 1930, it was brought out today in the case against the two industrialists.

Mason Leming, special counsel for the Internal Revenue Bureau, and chief of government counsel in the litigation to collect about \$1,800,000 from the two industrialists in alleged deficiency on their 1929 tax, introduced Raskob's return for 1930 into evidence at the hearing before Richard Disney, member of the U. S. Board of Tax Commissioners.

Colonel Joseph Hartfield, Raskob's attorney, objected to making public the return and urged Commissioner Disney to impound it in the hands of the clerk.

After a brief hearing in the commissioner's chambers, Disney allowed newspaper men to see the return and said: "The public has a legitimate right to news. I am not going to bar you from seeing the return."

Raskob, listed a total income for 1930 of \$799,181.94 and deductions of \$867,263.54.

Gems From an Ex-King



Here is the latest posed portrait of Mrs. Wallis Simpson, American-born beauty who is betrothed to the Duke of Windsor. She is shown wearing some of the gems presented her by Windsor before his abdication from the throne of England. The jewels consist of a double necklace of square-cut diamonds and rubies, two diamond bracelets and a gold bracelet with onyx crosses and a square-cut ruby ring. (Central Press)

PICTURE STRIKERS AFTER NATIONWIDE THEATRE BOYCOTT

Appeal Broadcast Throughout Country for Unions To Join Them for Victory

PEACE PROPOSAL AT HOLLYWOOD REFUSED

Closed Shop Not Included and Strikers Refuse To Go Back to Jobs Until They Win That Point; Painters' Union Asked To Place Pickets

Hollywood, Cal., May 6.—(AP)—Striking motion picture craftsmen appealed today for a nationwide boycott of theatres after rejecting a peace proposal that omitted mention of the closed shop and union recognition.

Producers accepted unequivocally the terms of the peace plan submitted by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, American Federation of Labor group, with which the striking craftsmen are affiliated. The proposal provided:

- 1. All striking crafts return to work immediately without prejudice, and
2. Negotiations be conducted by representatives of each of the eleven striking unions for establishment of wage scales and working conditions.

"The strike is still on," said Charles Lessing, head of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, which called a closed shop, signed, sealed and delivered, or we don't go back to work."

Shortly afterwards Lessing sent telegrams to the headquarters of the painters' union requesting that pickets be stationed in front of movie theatres throughout the nation in movie boycotting and picketing.

WARSHIP SINKING TO MAKE HISTORY

Aviators Boil With Enthusiasm Over Achievement in Spanish War

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, May 6.—Military aviators are boiling with enthusiasm over the news of the recent sinking of the rebel Spanish battleship Espana by loyalist Spanish planes off the port of Bilbao as an incident of the civil war in that part of the world.

It has long been disputed between experts whether or not aircraft are

SHIPS COLLIDE IN MISTS OFF BOSTON

Italian Steamer and Coal-Laden Schooner Both Damaged in Crash, Wireless Reports

Boston, Mass., May 6.—(AP)—A collision in a fog between the Italian steamship Maria and the coal-laden schooner Edward R. Schmith, of New York, 45 miles from Boston, was reported today by Coast Guard headquarters. All hands were saved and the steamer was towing the schooner to Boston.

A wireless from the Maria, picked up by the Radio Marine Corporation said the collision occurred in a fog, and that the coal boat was leaking.

"We're 45 miles from Boston," the message continued. "All the crew safe. The Maria damaged slightly on starboard side."

5,000 WOMEN AND CHILDREN REMOVED TO FRENCH CITIES

Insurgent Warships Move Toward Two Liners But Shy Away In Face of Union Jack

BASQUE MILITIAMEN SQUEEZE REBELS IN

Entrapped Insurgents Face Starvation Unless Siege Within A Seige Is Cracked; Valencia Government Rushes Forces To Barcelona in Uprising

Bilbao, Spain, May 6.—(AP)—Two Spanish liners loaded with 5,000 women and children, bound for refuge in France, steamed out of the Biscayan war zone today under protection of the British navy's bristling guns.

The Habana and Isarra headed for Bordeaux with the battleship Royal Oak and two British destroyers to convoy them.

The insurgent cruiser Almirante Crevera moved out of the mist in an effort to overtake the refugee craft while still in view of the shore, but the Royal Oak formed a protective flank.

The insurgent warship withdrew and disappeared in the distance. The insurgent destroyer Velasco

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ADOLPH OCHS WIDOW DIES IN NEW YORK

New York, May 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Adolph Ochs, widow of the publisher of the New York Times, died suddenly today at her home, "Hilldale," in White Plains. She had a heart attack a short time ago and her death came just two days less than two years after her husband died at Chattanooga, Tenn., in April, 1935.

MANY DECLINES IN THE STOCK MARKET

Losses Are Fractional to Point but Shared by Many Issues During Late Trading

New York, May 6.—(AP)—Traders flicked the stock market with small selling orders today and leading issues stepped back a few paces. While the dragging motion of the ticker tape exemplified the lack of extreme pressure, declines of fractions to a round point were numerous near the fourth hour.

Bonds and commodities were uneven and extraordinarily quiet.

Table listing stock market movements for various companies like American Radiator, American Telephone, etc.

LONDON STREET CAR MEN WON'T STRIKE

Fear Walkout Would Endanger Chances of Victory for Bus Drivers

London, May 6.—(AP)—Immediate danger that London's 10,000 street car workers would join the strike of the city's 25,000 busmen appeared to have passed today.

Leaders of the street car employees who had said yesterday they would walk out, despite union orders to the contrary, decided at a conference last night to remain on the job.

It was reported Ernest Bevin, spokesman for the transport union, promised them early settlement of the busmen's strike, which has jammed London's subway and street cars to capacity and left an overflow to find

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SCREEN DIRECTOR'S SLAYING REOPENED

Los Angeles District Attorney's Taylor Inquiry Involves Mary Miles Minter

Los Angeles, Cal., May 6.—(AP)—Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, mother of the screen "darling" of the silent days, Mary Miles Minter, declared today she was "delighted" District Attorney Buron Fitts had reopened inquiry into the William Desmond Taylor mystery at Mrs. Shelby's request.

She made the statement in the office of her attorney, Clyde Murphy.

Mrs. Shelby and her two daughters, Miss Minter and Mrs. Margaret Shelby Fillmore, have been summoned to appear before the grand jury in the renewed investigation of Hollywood's most baffling case, the shooting of Taylor, a noted director, 15 years ago.

The investigation followed a deposition by Mrs. Shelby in a civil action against Mrs. Shelby in which she charged her mother took \$48,000 from a Los Angeles safety deposit box.

The 61-year-old defendant, pale and unshaven, listened intently as each juror said in his opinion there was no chance to agree on a verdict.



OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Friday; cooler tonight except in extreme south-west portions.

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