

SENATE MAY VOTE TOMORROW UPON COURT

BIGGEST BATTLE OF SPANISH WAR RAGES TO WEST OF MADRID

Insurgents Launch Fierce Counter-Attack To Regain Ground Lost to Government

160 PLANES FIGHT FOR AIR COMMAND

Smashing Bombardment of Government Front Lines and Communications Lines Is Begun by Insurgents; Government Seeming Has Slight Advantage.

Madrid, July 19.—(AP)—The heaviest battle of the Spanish civil war thus far raged west of Madrid today as insurgents launched a fierce drive to hurl government troops back to the capital.

Insurgent and government planes and artillery crashed bombs and shells into opposing lines near Brunete, newly won government position 12 miles west of Madrid.

In the air an estimated 160 planes fought for supremacy with government forces gradually gaining a slight advantage.

The insurgent air force renewed a smashing bombardment of government front lines and communications routes. A duel between big guns ranging in size from three to ten inches echoed in the capital.

Besides the Brunete spearhead in two insurgent lines, government forces kept chipping at insurgent positions.

Government guns shelled a military camp near Upper Carabanchel, outside the southern limits of the city. Government aircraft followed up with a heavy bombardment of the camp.

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Release Of Ship Asked By British

London, July 19 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden disclosed to the House of Commons today that Great Britain had demanded that Spanish insurgents release the captured British merchantman Molton.

Eden said the demand was sent to insurgent General Francisco Franco through Sir Herbert Chilton, British ambassador to Spain, who is at Hendaye, on the Franco-Spanish border.

The demand, he said, warned General Franco that Britain would hold him responsible for any damage to the freighter.

Alfred Duff Cooper first lord of the Admiralty.

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Commission Will Fix Pay Of Teachers

State School Body This Week Tackles Annual Salary Schedule Headache

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, July 19.—The State School Commission will face its biggest biennial headache this week when it will take up the salary schedule and be faced with the task of trying to stretch the appropriation intended to give the teachers a 10 per cent salary increase, so that it will really provide a 12 per cent increase. For while the General Assembly thought it was setting aside enough money to give all the school teachers a 10 per cent salary increase, present indications are that it failed to take into consideration the additional amount needed each year for the salary increases earned by teachers because of service and better classification, which amounts to an average of three per cent a year.

The result is that on the basis of preliminary estimates there is already a difference of more than \$250,000 between the appropriation for this com-

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Flood Measure Is Enacted by House

Washington, July 19 (AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today a bill to authorize a \$24,877,000 flood control program for the lower Ohio river basin.

The bill also would authorize preliminary flood control examination and surveys on more than 50 streams in a score of states.

It went through without a dissenting vote.

During debate on the measure, Representative Jenkins, Republican Ohio, praised it, but said it ought to contain "ten times more money."

He added that many communities would be unable to meet requirements of the bill, which impose on them the responsibility of supplying necessary land and paying damage costs in connection with construction of the projects.

FRIENDLY HAND IS HELD TO ALL WORLD BY GREAT BRITAIN

Eden Says England Wants Nothing Any One Else Has But Will Protect Its Own

NO AGGRESSION OR REVENGE PLANNED

Wish To Live In Peace With Neighbors In Mediterranean, But Will Protect Nation's "Empire Line"; Warns of Nearness of War At Present

London, July 19.—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden held out the hand of friendship today in an important declaration of British foreign policy.

"This country," Eden declared in House of Commons foreign affairs debate, "has no intention of pursuing towards any country a policy either of aggression or revenge."

"The word 'bendetta' has no English equivalent. No apprehension on that score should be allowed."

"We wish to live in peace and friendship with our neighbors in the Mediterranean, as elsewhere, for while we defend our own, we covet nothing of theirs."

Eden declared this policy extended also to the Red Sea, another link in Britain's "empire line."

Warning that Europe would "drift perilously nearer" to war unless sincere cooperation solves the Spanish neutrality deadlock, he declared that non-intervention in Spain "stands or falls" on tomorrow's meeting of the 27 European non-interventionist powers.

LEADER IN POLAND ESCAPES ASSASSIN

Attempt on Life of Adam Koc, Nationalist Chief, Is Failure

Warsaw, Poland, July 19 (AP)—An attempt to assassinate Colonel Adam Koc, leader of the Polish Nationalist movement, failed last night, it was learned today, when the bomb exploded prematurely and tore the assassin to pieces.

The attempt on the Polish leader's life was made shortly before midnight at his villa in the little village of Swidry, not far from Warsaw.

The assassin was said to have made his way into the garden of the villa with a powerful explosive. It apparently exploded before the time for which it was set.

The identity of the assassin was unknown, as the explosion completely destroyed his body.

Colonel Koc, former president of the National Bank of Poland, started the organization of his nationalist movement last February along Fascist lines. A bomb exploded outside his headquarters last May 1 during turbulent Polish May Day demonstrations.

FOUR TO CARRY BRUNT OF F. D. R.'S COURT FIGHT

Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach



Brunt of President Roosevelt's fight for court reorganization now is taken up by four staunch New Dealers: Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, acting majority leader; Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, president pro tem of the senate; Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, and Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington. These are the four senators summoned to a White House conference after President Roosevelt had issued a letter to

Senator Barkley in which he asserted that the court reorganization fight would be carried on. The addressing of the letter to Senator Barkley, who has been assistant majority leader, indicated that the president favored him to succeed the late Senator Joseph T. Robinson. Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi has been favored by the anti-court reorganization Democrats. Barkley was the keynoter of the 1936 Democratic convention.

Jap Airplanes Machine-Gun Chinese Soldiers, Supplies

Chinese Government Vigorously Protests to Tokyo, Which Does Not Deny Atrocity

INCIDENT MAY BE STARTING OF WAR

Major Conflict Might Be Outcome of Wanton Attack By Japanese, Despite Reports of Truce at Tientsin; Japan Charges Gross Violation

Tokyo, July 19 (AP)—The Chinese government vigorously protested to Japan today that Japanese scouting planes had machine-gunned Chinese troops and supply trains in Hopeh Province, violating China's territorial sovereignty.

The Chinese counter-charge came but a short time after the Japanese government had officially accused China of aggravating the tense North China crisis by a direct aggression on Japanese interests.

Despite reports of a truce being reached at Tientsin between local Chinese and Japanese military authorities, it was considered here that the strafing of the Chinese military trains might have been the first such action of a major Sino-Japanese war.

Japanese admitted their planes had fired on the trains at Yuanshih, 170 miles south of Peiping, on the Hankow railroad, but declared the troops aboard the trains had fired on the Japanese war craft.

The Chinese declared their troops had suffered many casualties in the attack.

Japan, scouting reports that any truce had been reached at the Tientsin conference Sunday, charged heavy

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COTTON QUIET AT SLIGHT DECLINE

Price Movements Are Narrow, But Market Closes Steady, With Spot At 12.61

New York, July 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened quiet, down one to four points on lower Liverpool cables and favorable weather. Shortly after the first half hour, December was selling at 11.98, with prices generally 2 to 4 points net higher. Price movements were narrow, and by midday the market was near Saturday's closing levels.

Cotton futures closed steady, one to three lower. Spot steady, middling 12.61.

	Open	Close
October	11.98	12.01
December	11.98	11.94
January	11.96	11.94
March	12.01	12.02
May	12.03	12.05

ROOSEVELT MIGHT DROP COURT BILL

Guessing in Washington Is White House Would Be Glad To Retreat

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist

Washington, July 19.—Senator Joseph T. Robinson's sudden death is discussed in political Washington almost wholly in terms of its probable effect upon the Supreme Court fight.

Capitol Hill's consensus is the abrupt demise of the leader of the New Deal forces in the upper congressional chamber gives the administration an excuse at least to postpone a very doubtful decision for or against itself without much if any loss of prestige. Also it affords an opportunity to delay, if not finally to avert a dangerous Democratic party split.

President Roosevelt's court reorganization program can, in the circumstances, be shelved for the present congressional session without being greatly threatened.

The administration need not now risk being definitely voted down. It can be explained with some plausibility, that the confused situation makes it desirable to let the presidential plan wait until next January, permitting the lawmakers to go home in the meantime.

Whether or not it ever will be taken up again is problematic. The best guessing is that the White House will be glad to have it forgotten.

Rebellion in House.

New Dealers all along have recognized that the court reorganization bill could not be passed and that the pending compromise proposition could pass the Senate either not at all or by only a vote or two; by too narrow a margin to be counted on, anyway. But it was thought that if it did win in the Senate it would win rather liberal-

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy, probably showers in west and central portions tonight and Tuesday, and in extreme east portion Tuesday.

Earhart Is Given Up As Really Lost

Navy Gives Up Search After Scouring 250,000 Square Miles of Ocean Area

Honolulu, July 19.—(AP)—The mystery of Amelia Earhart lay locked in the silent, watery wastes of the vast Pacific today. Four naval vessels and the 1,500 weary men who sought her and her navigator, Frederick Noonan, for 16 days, gave them up for dead and sailed for home.

More than 250,000 square miles of equatorial ocean reefs and islands were scoured by ship and plane in an almost hopeless search for the aviator and her navigator companion, who dropped from sight July 2.

Somewhere near the dot which is Howland island, Miss Earhart and Noonan dropped from the skies in their fuelless land plane on a 2,570-mile flight from Lae, to the mid-Pacific sandspit.

The 39-year-old woman flier, known the world over for her aviation exploits, was circling the globe "just for fun."

BOOKS ASKED FOR PRISON LIBRARIES

Prisoners Are Anxious for Good Fiction and Other Literature

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, July 19.—More books for prisoners, so that a prison circulating library may be established and sent from one prison camp to another, are being sought by Acting Director Oscar Pitts of the prison division. A letter is being sent out by Pitts to all of the State, asking them if they will assist the prison libraries and telling them about what the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce did a few months ago, when it obtained some 2,500

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Opponents Now Say They Have Support To Re-Commit Bill

Jimmy Walker Is Roosevelt Guest

Washington, July 19 (AP)—James J. Walker, former mayor of New York, said here today he would not run again for that office this year.

He made the statement as he emerged from the White House after his first chat with President Roosevelt since 1932. The last time they met was when Mr. Roosevelt as governor of New York conducting hearings on charges looking to Walker's removal from office.

In response to reporters' questions, the former mayor said he was not committed to any candidate in this year's mayoralty campaign.

Accompanied by his wife, the former mayor spent nearly half an hour with the President in discussing a private bridge matter in New York in which he is interested.

Comfortable Margin Claimed by Senator Burke, One of Leaders of the Opposition

PROPOSERS STILL DISPUTES CLAIMS

Vote Within Few Hours After Robinson Funeral Train Arrives in Washington Early Tomorrow Predicted; Garner Is Along but Won't Join Fight

Aboard Special Congressional Train July 19.—(AP)—Opponents of the President's court bill announced today they would seek a Senate vote on that issue early this week.

Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, a leader of the opposition, said a motion to send the Supreme Court reorganization measure back to committee for further study would probably be made tomorrow, and added, "we are confident we can carry the motion by a comfortable margin."

His announcement was virtually the first public statement on the court controversy made by any member of the congressional delegation which accompanied the body of Senator Robinson, Arkansas Democrat, to his Little Rock home for burial.

Ending the political truce declared immediately after the Democratic leader's death last Wednesday, Burke's statement indicated the five months struggle over the judiciary was nearing its end.

If the motion to re-commit the bill is carried, it would effectually bury the measure for the rest of this session. Its defeat, many senators agreed, might bring a speedy collapse

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GOVERNOR LEHMAN STOUTLY OPPOSED TO COURT SCHEME

Roosevelt's Understudy As Governor of New York Splits With President Now

WRITES HIS VIEWS TO SENATOR WAGNER

Has Supported Roosevelt In Many of His Social Ventures, But Declares Court Packing Measure Bodes No Good for Citizens of United States

Albany, N. Y., July 19.—(AP)—Governor Herbert Lehman, in a letter to United States Senator Robert Wagner, New York Democrat, today asked him to voice opposition to President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization bill.

Lehman, Democratic successor to President Roosevelt as New York's governor, told Wagner that "the President is already familiar with my views with regard to the bill."

"Several months ago I wrote to him that I believed its enactment would not be in the best interest of the country," he asserted. "In the months that have passed since then, my convictions have become strengthened."

"Like many others, I have frequent felt keen disappointment that important measures have been unconstitutional by a slim and unconvincing margin in the Supreme Court, and yet I believe that this orderly and de-

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'Cremation' Murder To Be Started

Burgaw, July 19.—(AP)—Three St. Helena farmers, Pete Krochmalny, his son, Paul, and a relative by marriage, Ervin Williams, will go on trial here tomorrow charged with the alleged "cremation" murder of Pete's elder brother, also named Paul.

District Solicitor John Burney, of Wilmington, said a special venire would appear Tuesday and that testimony in the trial should start the following day. The defendants were bound over at a hearing here June 23. The State charged that the three men slew their kinsman to cover up the theft of \$1,160 in money orders they had taken from him, and then cremated his body to hide any trace of their crime.

The defendants did not testify at the preliminary hearing.

The alleged murder victim sold his farm near Toledo, Ohio, where he was a machinist, last year, and returned to visit his kinfolks here. The money

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Innocence Pleaded By Negro Boy

Raleigh, July 19.—(AP)—Major Charles D. Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, said this afternoon that William Perry, 18-year-old Negro charged with the murder of Mrs. W. T. Hamlett, a Chatham farm woman, pleaded innocent in superior court at Pittsboro early this afternoon, and was returned to State Prison here without trouble.

Major Farmer said Perry's trial was set for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Pittsboro.

Six members of the highway patrol were in Pittsboro all morning on request of Sheriff G. H. Andrews, and four others accompanied Perry as Chatham county officers on the trip to and from Pittsboro, Farmer said.

"There was not the least bit of trouble, and the preliminaries took just a few minutes," said Farmer.

FDR Waits On Naming New Judge

May Be Biding End of Court Reform Bill Before Appointing Associate

Washington, July 19 (AP)—Some legislators expressed the belief today President Roosevelt wants to await disposition of the court bill controversy before appointing a successor to Supreme Court Justice Van Devanter.

If Congress should adjourn shortly after the court fight ends or is put aside, they pointed out, Senate confirmation might be held up.

Not every confirmation is voted quickly. President Wilson submitted the name of Louis D. Brandeis on January 28, 1916, but was not confirmed until June 1.

A recess appointment after adjournment of Congress is not without precedent, but observers said it might be embarrassing if the Senate later re-

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