

FAR EAST CRISIS DISTURBS WASHINGTON

Firms Employing Under Ten Persons Voted Exemptions In Federal Wage-Hour Bill

AMENDMENT GIVEN BY BOB REYNOLDS IS QUICKLY ADOPTED

Senator Harrison Delivers Bitter Attack on Measure as Worst of That Debate

STRONG EFFORT IS MADE TO PASS IT

Administration Gains Support in Effort; Green's Labor Organization Wants Bill Returned to Committee To Bury It for Present Session

Washington, July 30.—(AP)—The Senate voted today to eliminate all employers of ten persons or less from the administration's wage-hour bill. The amendment eliminating all small firms was adopted without a record vote. It was offered by Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina. Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, who lost the Democratic leadership of the Senate last week by a single vote, had just ended the most severe attack yet made on the bill when the amendment came to a vote. Earlier in the day two determined groups had rallied around administration groups trying to push the wage-hour legislation through Congress before the session ends. A non-partisan group of House members, headed by Representative Healey, Democrat, Massachusetts, organized to stave off adjournment until the labor standards bill is passed. William Green, A. F. of L. president, threw his influence against a move which gained headway in the Senate late yesterday, to return the bill from the Senate floor to the labor committee. Green's action was directly opposed to steps taken by John Frey, president of the A. F. of L. metal trades department, who asked a number of senators to delay consideration of the wage-hour bill to next year. Sending it back to committee would mean such a delay. Meanwhile, the Senate-House tax committee, whose hearings drew nationally-famous names into the news a few weeks ago, agreed on tax law loopholes which will recommend to Congress, but members declined to reveal details.

Weed Prices Officially Sharply Up

Statistics on Actual Sales First Day Are Equally as Encouraging Douglas, Ga., July 30 (AP)—Buyers and sellers of tobacco met again today in Georgia and Florida markets which brisk opening day business which saw hundreds of thousands of pounds sold at prices described as "good." Official tabulations of sales and prices at nearly a score of southern Georgia and northern Florida markets were incomplete today, while tons of the golden weed remained on the floors of the sheds and more came in by the minute. Unofficial estimates placed yesterday's opening quotations at between 26 and 39 cents a pound, with the higher grades selling for less. The highest price of the day was reported from Hazlehurst, where some of the best grades brought 64 cents a pound. The only State official venturing comment on price was J. W. Sikes, of the Georgia State Bureau of Markets, and he said the opening middle grades were "slightly higher than last year." Reports from some of the larger markets on the opening day's business follow: Valdosta, 594,476 pounds sold, aver-

Four Lost, 96 Saved When Big Liner Burns In Bay

Baltimore, Md., July 30.—(AP)—Captain Charles Brooks, of the charred and smoking bay steamer City of Baltimore, suggested today sabotage may have accounted for the "amazing" spread of the fire which left two dead and two missing of a complement of 96 aboard the ship. The liner, sliding down the bay to Norfolk, burst into a floating furnace 14 miles below Baltimore. Flames, passengers said, roared from the lower holds and within three minutes after the first alarm had wrapped two-thirds of the boat in fire. The passengers, most of whom were at dinner, scurried to the rails, many still clutching their napkins. Others tumbled from state rooms. Two miles away resort residents rushed down to the water's edge aghast at the horror before them. Boats put out from the beaches and fishing craft near the liner hurried toward her. The missing: H. Paige, a passenger, address unknown. Cy Haynie, an oiler. The fire, spreading from a floating furnace 14 miles below Baltimore. Flames, passengers said, roared from the lower holds and within three minutes after the first alarm had wrapped two-thirds of the boat in fire. The passengers, most of whom were at dinner, scurried to the rails, many still clutching their napkins. Others tumbled from state rooms. Two miles away resort residents rushed down to the water's edge aghast at the horror before them. Boats put out from the beaches and fishing craft near the liner hurried toward her. The missing: H. Paige, a passenger, address unknown. Cy Haynie, an oiler.

Dual Highways Might Be State Policy Of Future

Commission Admits Necessity for Wider Traffic Lanes in Congested Areas; Moves Toward Purchasing New Rights-of-Way Out of Raleigh from Charlotte towards Concord, rather than merely widen the present highway, as had been planned. May Buy Right-of-Way This interest in the dual roadway type of road, consisting of two parallel roads with a space from eight to 16 feet between them, each road to be a one-way traffic road, only was shown later when the commission appointed a special committee to study the advisability of purchasing additional right-of-way along the new highway from Raleigh to Durham by way of Leesville, so that in the future another parallel highway could be built without having to purchase a new right-of-way. Commissioner T. Bod-

TOWNSVILLE ROAD WILL BE SURFACED

Letting Set For August 17 Includes Completion of Work Here Raleigh, July 30.—(AP)—Louis Payne, assistant highway engineer said today the Federal Roads Bureau had approved 18 more construction projects to make 24 for a letting now definitely set for August 17. The 24 projects include Bertie-Hertford, 15.08 miles of surfacing on Routes 38 and 350 between Colerain and Ahoskie. Beaufort, 5.04 miles of grading and structures on Route 9 from Route 264 towards Route 97. Edgecombe-Pitt, 12.63 miles of concrete widening and structures on U. S. 64 between Princeville and Martin county line. Greene-Pitt, 9.76 miles of surfacing on Route 102 from Route 258 toward Ayden. Lenior-Wayne, 1.19 miles of sand-asphalt paving on Route 55 near Seven Springs. Johnston, a concrete underpass at Smithfield. Harnett-Sampson - Johnston, 15.36 miles of surfacing on Route 55 between Dunn and Newton Grove. Vance, 6.74 miles of surfacing on Route 39 from Henderson toward Townsville.

CUMBERLAND GIRL IS 4-H PRESIDENT

Boy From Iredell Vice-President As Result of Elections Near Close of Meeting Raleigh, July 30.—(AP)—Elease Johnson, Cumberland county 4-H club girl, today was elected president of the State 4-H organization as the annual short course here drew toward a close. Mavin Warren, of Iredell county, was chosen vice-president; Carleton Mock, of Davidson, was named secretary, and Marguerite Ricks, of Johnston, was elected historian.

CHERRY IS CHOICE OF THE DEMOCRATS

Speaker of House Will Be Elected as State Chairman Tonight Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, July 30.—The State Democratic Executive Committee will meet here tonight in the hall of the House to elect a new chairman to succeed former Chairman J. Wallace Winborne, now one of the two new associate justices of the State Supreme Court. The meeting is expected to be almost purely perfunctory and sparsely attended, with most of the votes sent in by proxies, since Governor Clyde R. Hoey has already indicated that he wants the committee to elect R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, speaker of the House during the 1937 session of the General Assembly, as the new chairman. Accordingly, the election of Cherry as chairman is expected to be unanimous and to require very little time. One of the principal reasons Governor Hoey is believed to have selected Cherry for the chairmanship of the executive committee is because he has long been impressed with Cherry's organizing ability and with the dispatch and speed with which he gets things done. It is generally agreed that the 1937 session of the

PEANUT GROWERS TO SEEK CHARTER

Raleigh, July 30.—(AP)—Representatives of North Carolina peanut growers here today decided to apply for a charter for the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative to handle diversion of peanuts into oil in cooperation with Federal authorities. The meeting was held in the State Farm Bureau offices under bureau sponsorship. R. C. Holland, of Eden, was named chairman of the meeting, with J. B. Fearing, of Windsor, acting as secretary.

Sanctuary for 1,300 Americans in Peiping



Marines at gate of U. S. legation in Peiping. With U. S. marines on guard at the gates, approximately 1,300 Americans in Peiping, China, where Japanese and Chinese are fighting, took refuge in the compound of the American legation.



Col. John Marston. Commanding U. S. marines in the danger spot is Col. John Marston, also shown. As a precautionary measure, marines erected sand barricades around the U. S. embassy grounds or compound.

Two Men Die In Gas Room In State Pen

Thomas Perry, 23, Negro, and A. W. Watson, 21, Executed for Capital Crime Raleigh, July 30 (AP)—Thomas Perry, 23-year-old Wake county Negro, and A. W. Watson, 21-year-old native of Athens, Ga., died by gas today at State's prison in the two quickest asphyxiations on record here. Perry was convicted of ravishing a Negro at Wake Forest and prison officials said he was the first Negro to die for attacking a member of his own race since Walter Morrison, of Robeson county died as the first victim of electrocution in 1910. Watson died for the robbery-murder of Thomas Holliday, a filing station attendant in Martin county, but contended to the end, though he participated in the crime, he did not do the killing. Gas was administered Perry for nine minutes, 29 seconds, and Watson for eight minutes, 58 1-2 seconds. Sheriff Ray Hoover, of Cabarrus county, collapsed in the witness room

Insurgents Condemn Two Frenchmen With Plot To Scatter Disease Germs

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Resources Of State Banks \$305,489,649

Raleigh, July 30 (AP)—Resources of commercial State banks totalled \$305,489,649 as of June 30, Commissioner of Banks Cherrry had announced today, an increase of \$2,288,469 over June 30, 1936. The resources, although lower than the \$329,505,156 reported March 31, were the highest for the date since 1930, a quarterly statement showed. Resources of all commercial banks in North Carolina, including 43 national banks, totalled \$415,032,649 June 30, this year, up \$8,576,470 over a year ago. Loans and discounts, usually commeter increased from \$81,115,702 last sidered an accurate business barometer to \$94,816,241 June 30, and indicated a greater activity in business, Hood said. The commissioner said the 168 State commercial banks and 97 branches were being operated as against 176 banks and 87 branches a year ago.

WORLD SITUATION HAS U. S. ON SPOT

If We Say We Are Neutral, It Makes Liars of Powers Claiming Peace By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, July 30.—The State Department is uncertain whether to worry more over the war in Spain or the Jap-Chinese situation. In a way, the oriental threat against world peace is an indirect development of the European disturbance. That is to say, diplomatic and military opinion is in general agreement that the Japanese chose this particular time to attempt another grab of Chinese territory because Tokyo's statesmanship believe occidental countries to be too much preoccupied with the Spanish danger to give serious attention to Far Eastern happenings. It is an old trick of Nippon's strategists to take prompt advantage of such opportunities. "Every One Knows"—Oh, yes, the United States proposes to keep entirely clear of any and all foreign disturbances, but, as Secretary of State Cordell Hull says, we cannot prevent them from affecting our interests. And we cannot, in fact, be neutral as to Spain. Every one knows that the Germans, Italians and Portuguese are warring on the English, French and Russians in the Iberian peninsula. Not officially at war, but actually so

Gov. Murphy Seen As Court Choice

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Member of French Chamber or Deputies With Similar Name, Denies Any Knowledge of Condemned; Mystery Submarine Get Spanish Freighter

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AMERICANS SO FAR ARE SAFE IN ZONE OF MOST FIGHTING

American President of Yenching University Makes Way Safely Through To Peiping CHINESE RALLY TO RESIST JAPANESE Crack Soldiers of Nation Summoned To Drive Invader from North China; Battered Tientsin Again Raked by Japanese Artillery And Planes Washington, July 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today the Far Eastern situation was very disturbing, and he would keep in close touch with the situation over the week-end. The President made this observation on the Far Eastern situation at his press conference today. Just across the street at the State Department, coded wireless messages flying half way around the world, brought latest reports on the safety of Americans in China.

CHINESE WILL ATTEMPT TO DRIVE JAPS OUT OF NORTH

Peiping, July 30.—(AP)—Heavy artillery firing started suddenly this afternoon southwest of here at Yenching University, refuge of a group of Americans, as China was reported to have ordered her crack central army to action to drive the Japanese army out of North China. The grave apprehension was felt for the safety of the Americans at the university. The group was believed to number five women and three men, including President J. L. Stuart, who had refused the warning of the American Embassy to leave. Fighting was general once again all about the ancient walls of the Manchu capital. The Japanese army was believed to be engaged in relentless "mopping up" operations against the remnants of the 29th Chinese army, the main body of which now holds positions across the Yungting river to the west. All communication was severed with Yenching University as the fighting there began. The university is

Asks Freedom For Five More In Rape Case

New York, July 30 (AP)—Samuel Leibowitz, attorney for the "Scottsboro boys," renewed appeals to Alabama officials today to free five of nine Negro youths still held for an alleged mass rape of two white girls six and a half years ago. Leibowitz, Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, and Ruby Bates, one-time prosecuting witness, promised a "fight to the finish" at a mass meeting last night celebrating the liberation of four of the defendants. A long ovation greeted the four who were freed, Roy Wright, Olen Montgomery, Willie Roberson and Eugene Williams. Leibowitz, saying officials admitted the weakness of their case by freeing the four defendants, called upon Attorney General Albert Carmi-

Babson Urges Fair Play For Railroads Of Nation

Labor, Taxes, Regulation and Traffic Peak Are Problems Facing Management; More Efficiency, However, Is Factor in Helping Roads Upward BY ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1937, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Park, Mass., July 30.—The railroads and the utilities—the nation's two largest industries—are in the "doghouse." Despite huge gains in their volume of business and the Senate's Supreme Court action, rail stocks are no higher than a year ago, while utility equities are considerably cheaper. In one case business is above the 1931 level and in the other instance it is at an all-time peak. Lower rates, higher taxes, heavier labor charges, and political badgering have offset much of the gain in volume and kept down the price of power and rail road securities. Several weeks ago I discussed util-

OUR WEATHER MAN FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy; possibly occasional showers on the coast tonight and Saturday.