

REVISED WAGE-HOUR BILL GIVEN TO HOUSE

"FINAL OFFENSIVE" BY REBELS STARTS IN NORTHERN SPAIN

Insurgent Planes and Artillery Bomb Government Lines in Bay of Biscay Sector

LONG QUIET THERE BROKEN BY ATTACK

Franco Hopes To Conquer Last Strongholds in North and Transfer Troops Further to South for Winter Campaign; Gain "Complete Control of Air"

Henday, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Aug. 9. (AP)—General Francisco Franco's northern forces today launch what insurgent officers called their "final offensive" against the provinces of Asturias and Santander, last government strongholds in northern Spain.

Insurgents reported the bombardment was as intense as the fire poured upon the iron ring of fortifications of Bilbao before that Basque capital fell last June.

The northern sector had been virtually quiet since the insurgent advance through Bilbao and a short distance along the highway to Santander. It was believed renewed hostilities meant General Franco hoped to mop up the region before fall to release his northern concentration of troops and war equipment for use on the Madrid front or elsewhere.

Insurgent officers at Irún, so terming it the final offensive, declined to reveal the point from which the drive started. The officers said insurgent aviators and artillerymen had been waiting several days for "perfect

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Protest By Britain On Ship's Loss

London, Aug. 9. (AP)—Great Britain protested directly to insurgent General Francisco Franco today against the bombing last Friday of the British tanker British Corporal off Algeria.

Italian and French ships were bombed at the same place and the captain of the French ship was killed. Today's protest, lodged through British Ambassador Sir Henry Chilton at Henday, France, was based on the presumption that insurgent planes carried out the attacks, although British officials said they were not sure. The insurgents have denied they were responsible.

A similar protest was lodged with insurgent authorities at Palermo, Mallorca, by British naval officials. Three ships were known to have been attacked by "mystery" planes in the Mediterranean within striking distance of government and insurgent air bases.

European powers divided in placing responsibility. Great Britain accused the Spanish insurgents, and Italians blamed "red" planes.

SCOTT SLOW WITH REFORMS PROMISED

Division Work in Agriculture Department Not Coordinated Yet

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 9.—Friends of Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott who were especially interested in his plans to "revitalize" the Department of Agriculture and his promise to reorganize the food, oil and fertilizer divisions and laboratories, are becoming somewhat disappointed that no move has been made as yet to coordinate the chemical laboratories and put new life in these divisions, although Dr. E. W. Kilgore has been the acting head of this work for more than seven months.

At the time Dr. Kilgore was appointed to take over this work, succeeding Dr. Allen, who was retiring because he had reached the age of 70.

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Court Timber?



Stanley F. Reed (above), Solicitor General of the United States, is being prominently mentioned as a possible choice to fill the Supreme Court seat vacated by the resignation of Justice Willis Van Devanter.

Border Belt Looking For Rising Price

First Carolina Sales of Season Will Get Under Way Tomorrow Morning

(By The Associated Press.) Hopeful of higher prices, Carolina tobacco growers will begin tomorrow converting into cash a crop that last year brought them about \$117,000,000. Sales will begin simultaneously on 16 markets to the chant of the auctioneer and the curious pantomime of the buyers.

Prediction of farm experts of a bumper yield, together with reports of good prices on the earlier opening Georgia markets, lent cheer to growers hauling their weed to market.

From each of the markets, some of which have as many as nine giant warehouses, came reports that the huge opening day sales were in prospect.

A large opening day "break" means "blocked," or carry-over, sales, and it is sometimes several days before the jam is over.

The border belt is made up of seven towns in North Carolina, Clarkton, Chadbourne, Fair Bluff, Tabor City, Whiteville, Fairmont and Lumberton, and nine markets in South Carolina, Mullins, Timmonsville, Conway, Darlington, Dillon, Kingstree, Lake City, Loris and Pamlico.

Prices on the Georgia market last week averaged from 22 to 27 cents a pound. Good prices on the Carolina markets, however, depend largely on

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GEORGIA TOBACCO HIGHER THAN 1936

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9. (AP)—The average price of tobacco in 50 of the 56 Georgia warehouses was slightly higher for the first two weeks this year than last, the Department of Agriculture said today.

More Jap Warships



Admiral Hirovasu Fushimi Japanese Fleet Admiral Hirovasu Fushimi is said to have informed Emperor Hirohito that it may be necessary to send additional warships to the Yangtze river area. This was interpreted by observers as a move to "impress" the Nanking government with the "futility" of resistance.

1937 COTTON CROP NOW FORECAST AT 15,593,000 BALES

More Than Three Million Bales Above 1936 and Over 5,000,000 Bales Over 1935

CONDITION OF CROP GOOD, ACREAGE BIG

North Carolina Acreage 1,068,000 and Condition 85 Percent Normal, With Production Estimated at 727,000 Bales; Price Adversely Affected

Washington, Aug. 9. (AP)—The Agriculture Department announced today that this year's cotton crop would total 15,593,000 bales.

The forecast was based on conditions prevailing August 1 and on the area in cultivation July 1, less the ten-year 1927-36 average abandonment, announced as 33,429,000 acres.

The crop reporting board said the final outcome would depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season are more or less favorable than usual.

Last year's crop was 12,398,882 equivalent 500-pound bales; that of 1935 was 10,638,391 bales, and that of the 1927-36 ten-year average was 13,200,857 bales.

This year's acreage compares with the harvest acreages of 30,028,000 last year, 27,640,000 in 1935 and 35,596,000 for the ten-year average.

The condition of the crop on August 1 was 81.3 percent of a normal, compared with 72.3 a year ago and 67.7 for the 1923-32 ten-year average.

The indicated acre yield is 223.3 pounds, compared with 197.5 pounds produced last year and 169.9 pounds the 1923-32 average.

This year's acreage in cultivation is 1.55 than the ten-year average abandonment, the condition of the crop on August 1, and the indicated production showed, respectively:

North Carolina, 1,068,000; 85; and 727,000.

Scott Sees Large Crop Of Tobacco

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 9.—Farmers increased their tobacco acreage 12 per cent over 1936 and August 1 prospects indicate even higher yields than were estimated a month ago, Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott said today on the eve of the Border Belt Market openings.

"It is evident from farmers' reports coming into the Department of Agriculture on August first that this State is experiencing one of the best crop seasons it has had in a number of years," he added.

The commissioner pointed out that the July 1 estimated 810 pounds of

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Shanghai Sector Is Alarmed By Approach Of Jap Armies

Chinese Peace Preservation Corps Barricades Roads Leading to Chinese City

JAPS TAKING OVER TIENSIN REGION

Complete Domination Near In Territory Wrested from Chinese; Invaders March Into Peiping to Take Control; Chinese Claims To Be Ignored

Shanghai, China, Aug. 9. (AP)—The Chinese peace preservation corps barricaded roads leading to Chinese areas around excited Shanghai tonight after a clash in which one Chinese soldier and one Japanese were killed.

The clash came after Japanese refugees, evacuating the Yangtze valley and other central Chinese areas, poured into Shanghai.

The Kiang-wan area, on the northern fringe of Shanghai, scene of major Chinese-Japanese fighting was rapidly closed off.

Members of the peace preservation corps, which are militarized police, patrolled the roads armed with rifles and hand grenades, and heaped up sandbag barricades.

In Tientsin, while the Japanese army completed its conquest of north-eastern Hopeh province from China, Japanese administrators moved slowly toward establishment of a permanent civil government that would ignore Chinese claims to sovereignty over the rich region.

A Japanese brigade of 3,000 men marched into the city of Peiping yesterday with 50 trucks, ten heavy and

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HORSTS ARE GIVEN CUSTODY OF CHILD

Foster Parents of 31-Year-Old Baby Seek Permanent Possession of Small Boy

Chicago, Aug. 9. (AP)—The foster parents of baby Donald, Otto Horst won a court order for his temporary custody today after they filed a formal petition to adopt him.

County Judge Edmund Jarecki agreed to permit the child to be taken from an orphanage and returned to his "mummy" late today, as soon as the Horsts could post a \$2,500 bond.

Weeping and fidgeting, Mrs. Martha Horst testified in a brief hearing she wanted "to take my baby home right away."

In seeking permanent custody of the 31-month-old child, the Horsts cited that his natural mother, Miss Lydia Nelson, had agreed in writing to let them have him. They cited also that she had "abandoned" the child immediately after his birth in January, 1935, and that since then they had "tenderly and affectionately nurtured him."

CONGRESS WILL DO LITTLE IN WINTER

What Isn't Done Now Won't Be Done; Boys Away to Campaign Wars

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 9.—Whatever legislation is left over from Congress' current session, to be attended to when the lawmakers reconvene next January, is extremely unlikely to be disposed of then, either.

"Maybe President Roosevelt will call an extra session in the meantime—say in October, to take care of the farm legislation, as Majority Leader Barkley assured the cotton and grain senators.

If so, a certain amount of unfinished business perhaps will be cleaned up during two or three autumn and early winter months. But not much

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, possibly scattered showers Tuesday and in west and north central portions this afternoon or early tonight.



Representative Marvin Jones and Speaker William B. Bankhead

No special session of congress in October to pass farm aid legislation, but a farm measure will be the first and only order of business when congress convenes on Jan. 3. This is the word from President Roosevelt carried to congressmen from agricultural districts by Representative Marvin Jones, left, of Texas, chairman of the house agricultural committee, and Speaker William B. Bankhead. Senators and representatives from cotton districts, especially desired congress to remain in session to formulate a plan for regulation, due to the tremendous cotton crop and falling prices and President Roosevelt's unwillingness to grant commodity loans without regulation. Since the supreme court killed the AAA, difficulty has been encountered in formulating a plan that would be held constitutional.

ROUGH GOING FOR WAGES-HOURS LAW

Folger, Back From Washington, Says Bill, With Its Horrors, to Pass

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 9.—Enactment of the 40-40 wage and hour bill into Federal law is seen as a certainty by A. D. (Lon) Folger, North Carolina's Democratic national committeeman, who was in Washington last week.

"Opposition to the wage and hour bill has completely collapsed," Mr. Folger said in discussing the outlook for the measure. "The bill will become a law practically as it passed the Senate—that is, with the 40-hour and 40-cents provisions."

Under the Senate bill a five-man board will be given power to fix minimum wages—not higher than 40 cents an hour—and maximum hours—not lower than 40 hours—and to make adjustments for sectional and other factors affecting the cost of living.

Mr. Folger, however, sees tremendous difficulties in the path of the board, which will be called on to fix the wage minimums and hour maximums for every nook and cranny of the United States. He declined to express any opinion of the merits of

Germany In Protest On British Act

London, Aug. 9. (AP)—Germany protested formally to Great Britain today against the expulsion of three Nazi newspaper men.

The three, Werner von Crome, of a Berlin paper, and two younger writers, Franz Otto Wrede, and Wold Dietrich Langen, working for a news agency which reports news and opinion of Germans abroad, were ordered to leave England by the Home Office last week-end. There was no explanation of the order.

Dr. E. Woermann, of the German Embassy, protested at the foreign office. It was described by the British as made in "restricted terms."

The protest followed conferences of German diplomats in Renfrew Scotland, where German Ambassador Ribbentrop is on holiday.

40-HOUR TOP, WITH 40 CENTS MINIMUM CONTAINED IN BILL

House Labor Committee Asserts It Will Strengthen Collective Bargaining Effort

"MODEST APPROACH" TO ROOSEVELT IDEA

Designed To Apply to Industries in Interstate Commerce and Those Directly Affecting Such Commerce; Extreme House Amendment Discarded

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—The House Labor Committee formally recommended today enactment of a revised version of the wage-hour bill already approved by the Senate, asserting it would greatly strengthen collective bargaining efforts.

"The bill is intended to aid and not supplant the efforts of American workers to improve their own position by self-organization and collective bargaining," the committee's report said.

Termining the measure "a modest and conservative approach" to the objectives outlined by President Roosevelt in his message to Congress recommending such legislation, the committee said it represented "an attempt to begin to meet and not to avoid some of the most vital problems of American economic life."

Designed to apply only to industries in interstate commerce and those directly affecting such commerce, the bill would empower a national labor standards board to fix minimum wages not higher than 40 cents an hour and a work week not shorter than 40 hours.

The House committee discarded a previously adopted amendment which would have permitted establishment of minimum wages as high as 70 cents an hour and a work week as short as 35 hours in favor of the more moderate Senate provisions.

Final Form Court Bill Is Drafted

Washington, Aug. 9 (AP)—The Senate and House turned over to a ten-man committee today the job of drafting the final form of the legislation which will result from the six months controversy over the Roosevelt court bill.

The lower court reform bill, which passed the Senate Saturday, was sent to conference committee of five senators and five representatives to have differences between the two branches of Congress reconciled.

Earlier Chairman Summers, of the House Judiciary Committee, Democrat, Texas, obtained unanimous consent of the House for this action. Leaders said it eliminated the need for extended consideration of the revised measure, which contains no mention of the Supreme Court by the House Judiciary Committee.

Silk Strike In The East Is Ordered

60,000 Workers Affected in Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, New England

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 9. (AP)—CIO strike call to 60,000 silk workers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New England and New York caused thousands of men and women to leave their looms today in an announced effort to obtain union contracts to improve labor conditions and stabilize the industry.

The only disorder reported along the wide front was at Hatfield, Pa., where a picket at the large DuPont Silk Corporation mill was established in the arm. His alleged assailant was arrested after being almost mobbed by the crowd which gathered.

Earlier four sheriff's deputies were sent from Wilkesbarre to aid nine city

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HOEY WILL ATTEND LUMBERTON OPENING

Lumberton, Aug. 9. (AP)—Cutler Moore, of Lumberton, chairman of the State Liquor Commission, announced today that Governor Hoey would be here tomorrow for the opening of the

FREIGHT RATES ON FOODS ARE TRIMMED

Raleigh, Aug. 9 (AP)—The Utilities Commission announced today that the Carolina Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Norfolk Southern and Southern Railroads had reduced rates on shipments of a number of food commodities handled between Windsor and Raleigh, and Windsor and Wilson.