

BORDER TOBACCO HIGHER AS SEASON OPENS

ROOSEVELT DIRECTS LEGISLATIVE CLOSE AS END DRAWS NEAR

President Starts Round Of Pre-Adjournment Conferences on Return from Hyde Park

FARM LEGISLATION GIVEN ATTENTION Controversy Over Sugar Bill Discussed With Harrison; Senate Committee Votes for Ten-Cent Cotton Loan To Peg Price of Southern Staple

Washington, Aug. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned from his Hyde Park estate to the capital today and immediately began a round of pre-adjournment conferences with congressional leaders.

Another White House caller was Chairman Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, of the Senate Finance Committee, who was invited to lunch with the President and discuss the controversy over the sugar bill, which Mr. Roosevelt has threatened to veto because of restrictions on refined sugar shipments from Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Shortly after his conference with Jones, the President saw Secretary Wallace. Jones would say only that he had gone over the general legislative situation, including farm problems. Wallace said he had discussed the sugar bill "only in passing."

The Senate Agriculture Committee voted for a ten-cent cotton loan to

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DEPARTMENT HIRES EXPERT ON TOBACCO

W. P. Hedrick, of Taylorsville, Has Specialized in Weed Control in Hard Study

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott announced appointment today of W. P. Hedrick, of Taylorsville, as the agriculture department's first tobacco specialist.

Hedrick, an Alexandria county native, won a degree at the University of Nanking in Nanking, China, in tobacco diseases, and also at the University of Costa Rica, after which he took special work in tobacco at N. C. State College.

His job will be to furnish "any information looking toward establishment of better prices," Scott said.

CIO BOLSTERS UP ITS SILK STRIKE

Passaic Valley Walkout So Near Complete Pennsylvania Area Is Concentrated on

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 10 (AP)—The CIO worked swiftly to plug the holes in its silk workers' strike today as spokesmen for both employees and operators in New Jersey and scattered Pennsylvania cities began talk of peace negotiations in the union's drive for improved wage and working conditions.

With leaders of both sides agreeing the local Passaic Valley walkout was all but complete, the union shifted its main attack to Pennsylvania areas, where plants tried to continue operations. Strike zone reports showed many shops shut down in the face of concentrated picketing at their doors.

GREENSBORO PLANT HAS PICKET LINES

Most of 280 Workers at Pajama Plant Strike for Pay Increase

Greensboro, Aug. 10 (AP)—Picket lines were formed at the Greensboro Manufacturing Company's pajama plant early this morning as union workers of the company started a strike for higher wages.

Victor Levy, manager of the company, started early this afternoon only about 40 workers of the estimated 280 employed were on the job, but contended this number would be increased to about 100 by Wednesday

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Roosevelt Signs Bill Reluctantly

Washington, Aug. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today he had signed "with much reluctance" the \$132,732,000 Interior Department supply bill.

The President criticized as excessive the appropriation of \$14,483,000 for vocational education, but said Congress, having appropriated \$10,000,000 more than was recommended, he would carry out the obvious intent of Congress and spend during the current fiscal year only so much as could "properly and usefully be utilized."

SECOND BIG PUSH TO SEIZE MADRID BEGUN BY REBELS

Effort Made To Hammer Out Wedge Driven Into Insurgent Rear Guard By Loyalists

REBELS HOPING TO WIN LOST GROUND

Onslaught Lacks Intensity of Former Counter-Offensive Few Weeks Ago; Government Command Claims Repulse of First Drive By Insurgents

Madrid, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Madrid's western front rumbled into new life today in what appeared to be the start of a second big insurgent push to hammer a government wedge out of insurgent rear guard territory.

General Francisco Franco's infantrymen, based in shell-ripped villages and on the sun-baked plains west of here, renewed their attack on Villanueva de la Canada, the point of General Jose Miaja's spearhead.

Although the onslaught lacked the intensity of the former counter-offensive, it seems to be the first move in an attempt to regain all the towns which Miaja's sweating militiamos seized during the first two weeks of July.

In that drive, the government actually reached and for several days held Brunette, about 15 miles west of here, but were driven out of the town and forced to backtrack about four miles north to Villanueva de la Canada under fierce land and air assaults.

The government command asserted the Madrid troops repulsed today's onslaught. A tremendous explosion could be heard above the confused under-tone of rifle and machine gun fire when an insurgent munitions depot, not far from the government trenches was blown up. Many insurgents were believed killed or wounded by the splintering shells.

Two Mergers State Banks About Ready

Winston-Salem, Aug. 10 (AP)—The Sentinel said today in a copyrighted story it had learned from an unimpeachable source that "consolidation of State banks in six western and four northeastern counties would be completed soon by the North Carolina State Banking Commission.

According to the story, the mergers are part of a Statewide consolidation of banks in trade areas.

Counties figuring in the western merger, which will consolidate under the Smoky Mountain Bank, include Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Cherokee and Clay.

The eastern merger, which has been under consideration for months, the Sentinel said, will embrace Gates, Bertie, Hertford and Northampton counties.

Resources of the northeastern bank in the consolidation would be close to \$3,000,000, according to the Sentinel.

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As King Visited North Ireland



Top, railway bridge bombed; center, armored cars lead procession; below, king and queen being welcomed in Belfast.

Recent visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain to North Ireland (Ulster) creates international interest for the visit was marred by a series of outrages including a number of bombings. The outrages were believed to have been the work of Republican extremists. At the top, a railway bridge near Dundalk wrecked by bomb the night before the royal couple arrived in Ireland. Center photo shows the precautions taken in Belfast, capital of North Ireland, to insure safety of the visitors—armored cars leading the parade of king and queen. Below, King George and his queen step from a car in Belfast to be welcomed by the lord mayor.

Announce Bumper Corn, Wheat Crops

Washington, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department estimated this year's corn crop today at 2,638,748,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 890,419,000 bushels.

HOEY WON'T HALT FRIDAY EXECUTION

Electric Chair Being Set Up Again To Take Life of Negro Slayer

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he had decided he could not intervene in the case of James McNeill, Harnett county Negro, and if the electric chair has been rebuilt at State's Prison by Friday, the man will be electrocuted for murder.

A 60-day reprieve was granted Alfred Puckett, convicted of murder in Richmond county, and due to be gassed Friday.

The electric chair was dismantled after John Pressley, Gaston Negro, was electrocuted as its 170th victim on Friday, November 13, 1936, and this Friday will be another 13th day of the month.

A 1935 law provided all persons convicted of capital crimes after July 1 of that year should be executed by gas.

McNeill was convicted in September, 1935, of the murder earlier that year of Eddie Eason, his sweetheart. He was sentenced to die by gas, but the Supreme Court ruled, as his crime

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, probably scattered thundershowers in the interior tonight and Wednesday and near the coast Wednesday.

Chinese Defenders Of Great Wall Are Blocking Japanese

Making Desperate Attempt To Stem Tide of Invaders Rolling In On Provinces

TENSION RELIEVED IN SHANGHAI AREA

Japanese Naval Officer and Seaman Killed There Monday; Will Resort to Diplomacy; Japan Is Tightening Her Hold on Tientsin Sector

(By The Associated Press.) Chinese defenders of the Great Wall of China took a stand today at Nankow Pass, 30 miles northwest of Peiping, in a desperate attempt to stem the tide of Japanese troops rolling toward the yet unconquered provinces of Chahar and Suiyuan.

Chinese sources reported a Japanese detachment had been wiped out. A force of 5,000 Japanese troops was reported moving against the pass, gateway to Kalgan, capital of Chahar, and the table lands westward to Mongolia.

Tension eased in Shanghai, far to the south, where the killing of a Japanese naval officer and seaman had brought grave apprehension for the preservation of peace.

Officials agreed to settle the incident by diplomatic means. The Japanese and a Chinese gendarme were shot down in a clash yesterday at the airfield west of Shanghai.

Chinese and Japanese versions of the incident differed as to which side opened fire first. No explanation was offered by Japan as to why the Japanese officer was in a restricted Chinese military zone.

A thousand new Japanese blue-jackets came to Shanghai. Dispatches to Nanking indicated Japan was tightening her hold on

STOCKS FALTER AND RIGHT THEMSELVES

Early Losses of a Point or so in Steel Cut Down But Leaders Hold Own

New York, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Stocks stumbled and righted themselves at intervals in today's market. Grain futures rallied on Canadian crop reports Cotton again tilted downward. Bonds were narrow.

Early losses running to a point in steels were reduced later, but the leaders had difficulty in holding their own.

Transfers were around 700,000 shares.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes American Radiator, American Telephone, American Tob, Anaconda, Atlantic Coast Line, Bendix Aviation, Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, Columbia Gas & Elec, Commercial, Continental Oil, DuPont, Electric Pow & Light, General Electric, General Motors, Reynolds Tob, Montgomery Ward & Co, Southern Railway, Standard Oil N J, U S Steel.

Babson "Tells The Truth" About Church Membership

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Babson Park, Mass., Aug. 10.—During recent weeks I have read several editorials congratulating our churches on their progress during these perilous times. I am loath to discourage those who have accepted these Polly-Anna reports; but I do believe many of my regular readers will be interested in my conclusions:

1. The so-called "church membership" figures published annually by the Christian-Herald and broadcasted by the press, associations are incorrect. They contain not only the names of millions who have repudiated the church which they joined in their youth—but also millions who are dead and buried physically.

2. Protestant Church attendance has been falling off for many years. This may not show by recent statistics on church attendance at the Sunday morning service; but in many churches attendance at this Sunday

service has been kept only by omitting the mid-week and evening services, and by closing down in summer time. A record of the number of Protestants entering the churches during a year shows a constant falling off. This decline is taking place despite the fact that our Protestant population is increasing each year.

3. Sunday school attendance is also falling off. The Congregational Christian churches, of which I am moderate, have had a net loss of over 150,000 Sunday school scholars since 1925. At first I assumed this to be due to a serious drop in the birth rate among us indifferent Protestants; but study shows that the decline is primarily among those of high school age and adults. The young children are still being sent to Sunday school to give fathers a chance to read the Sunday paper.

Reasons For The Decline. I have attempted to ascertain the

FARMERS PLEASED WITH PRICES PAID ON MOST MARKETS

Sales Managers and Warehousemen Predict Day's Average at 25 Cents or Better

OFFERINGS MOSTLY PRIMINGS QUALITY

Mullins Reports Prices \$3 to \$4 Above Last Year; Low Grades at \$8 to \$17.50, Medium Types \$19 to \$25; Better Grades Quoted High as \$43

(By The Associated Press.) First sales on the 16 South Carolina and North Carolina border belt tobacco markets today led sales managers and warehousemen to predict a price average of 25 per hundred or better for the day. Dispatches from the various markets said farmers appeared satisfied.

At Whiteville, where Governor Hoey was scheduled to take part in exercises this afternoon, the first 16 piles sold in one warehouse brought an average of \$27.68, and it was predicted the day's average would be around \$25. Most of the offerings were primings.

Mullins, South Carolina's biggest market, reported a million and a half pounds on the floor, with prices estimated at \$3 to \$4 better than on the 1936 opening day. A huge crowd was on hand despite a heavy rain.

At Dillon, S. C., better grades brought up to \$39.75, with the range for lower grades reported at \$8 to

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Hoey Lauds Tobacco At Whiteville

Whiteville, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Governor Hoey outlined the importance of tobacco to North Carolina here today and said "the outlook is promising for fair prices," as he urged diversification of crops and home and farm ownership, while attending the tobacco market opening.

"This is a significant occasion," Hoey told a crowd here after watching sales at Lumberton and speaking briefly.

"Tobacco is North Carolina's great-

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SELLING CARRIES COTTON DOWNWARD

Midday Rally Not Sustained and Market Closes at Eight Net Losses for Day

New York, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened barely steady seven to 12 points lower on easier Liverpool cables and under foreign and southern selling December rallied from an early low of 10.29 to 10.37, and at the end of the first hour the list was 5 to 11 points net lower.

Futures closed steady, 3 to 6 points lower. Spots quiet, middling 10.79.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Includes October, December, January, March, May, July.

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Friend and Foe of Crop Control Wait Result of Averages There

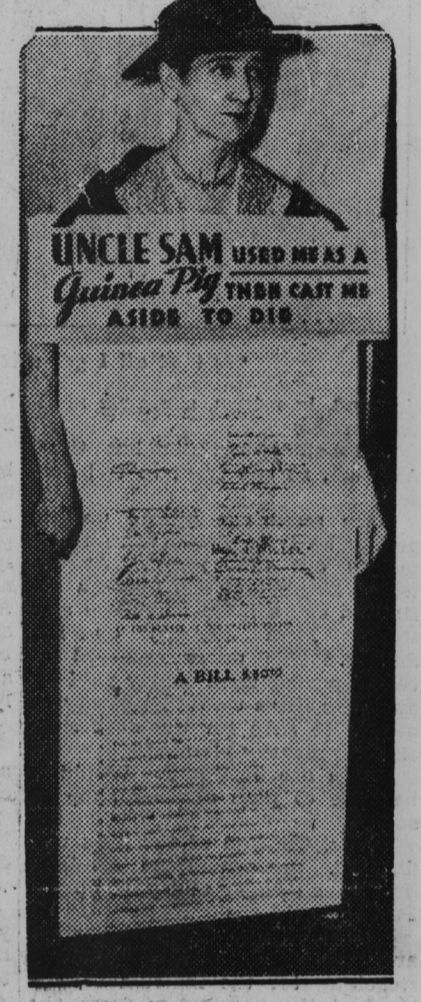
Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Both friend and foe of crop control are watching today's opening of the border belt tobacco markets with peculiar interest.

Of course, the first day's prices will give no certain index to what will happen before the last auctioneer has sung his swan "sing song" on this year's tobacco crop, but there is a certainty that a trend will develop within a few days.

It will be the first market for an unrestricted crop since 1933. Experts have termed this year's crop one of the biggest and finest in many years. All economists and politicians, as well

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A Guinea Pig?



Miss Ethelyn Chrene of New York City, shown with the sign she carried on the steps of the capitol at Washington, charges that while she was a stenographer for the Public Health Service in New York a physician experimented with her arm, and infection set in. She seeks federal relief.

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