

JAPS LAUNCH GREAT DRIVE UPON SHANGHAI

MEMBERS OF HOUSE FEAR WORSE BREAK AT EXTRA SESSION

Will Advise Roosevelt Not To Call Congressmen Back Before Regular Session

MORE TIME NEEDED TO COOL TEMPER

President Would Risk Reopening Old Sores if Members Are Brought Back Before Christmas; Hull Pleads for Sino-Japanese Peace in East

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called in his leaders in Congress for luncheon today for what officials said was a conference on calling a special autumn session of Congress.

Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, and Representative Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, Senate and House Democratic leaders were invited to the White House midday meal.

Another presidential engagement during the day, probably connected with the proposed extraordinary meeting of Congress, was with Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the House Agriculture Committee. Farm control legislation is the first order of business at the next session, special or regular.

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A group of influential House Democrats expressed strong opposition today to a special congressional session in the fall on the grounds it might increase party dissension.

One leader, who preferred not to be mentioned by name, said: "No practical good, and maybe some harm, probably would come."

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FREE TWO SUSPECTS IN ATTEMPTED RAPE

Charlotte Police Unable To Hold Negroes For Entering Room of Woman Monday

Charlotte, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Mecklenburg county police said today they had picked up two Negroes and had questioned them about alleged attempts to rape a white woman here but had released them.

The Negroes, a police report said, were taken off freight trains. One was taken before the woman, Mrs. Jerry Bell, occupant of an automobile trailer. The report said Mrs. Bell asserted he was not the man who entered the trailer in mid-afternoon yesterday. The other Negro, officers said, did not fit the description of Mrs. Bell's assailant.

State, county and city police, meanwhile, continued to comb a wooded stretch into which Mrs. Bell said the Negroes fled after her screams attracted residents of the vicinity.

GREENVILLE'S JOB SUPERVISOR NAMED

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Robert B. Cobb, of Nash county, was named manager of the Greenville branch office of the North Carolina State Employment Service, Mayne Albright, director of the service said today.

Auto Total Last Month Set Record

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Automobiles took a toll of 96 lives in North Carolina during July to set what highway patrol officers said they believed was a new record. The number of persons killed during the month was an increase of 29 over June fatalities and of 21 over deaths from automobiles during July, 1936.

The previous high for any month this year was 87 in May. Although complete figures were not available, the highway patrol said the 558 persons killed through July 31 of this year also was apparently a new high. Only 514 fatalities were reported for the first seven months of 1936.

Figures for July collected by the patrol, showed 724 persons were injured in wrecks; compared with 681 in July, 1936.

The increased number of automobiles on the road was given as the main reason for the increased death toll.

Liquor Stores In Protest to State

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Representatives of wet counties protested to the State Liquor Commission today against a system of auditing prescribed by the commission.

A committee of the State association of ABC boards, composed of Fred Poisson, of Wilmington, S. P. Sitterson, of Lenoir, and E. H. Ricks, of Halifax, called first on Cutlar Moore, chairman of the commission, and then on R. G. Devton, assistant budget director. The protest was taken under advisement.

Workers At Badin Plant Lose Lives

Two Dead, Nine Hurt, Seven Seriously, by Electricity At Aluminum Plant

Badin, Aug. 24.—(AP)—An electric spark, striking soon after the morning shift began work today, bridged two tension wires in the Carolina Aluminum Company's plant here, Chief Clerk E. E. Book said, killing two workers and injuring nine others, seven seriously.

H. E. Rhea, 48, and R. A. Cranford, 23, were burned to death. The men were engaged in repairing a transformer when the flash came, injuring every member of the crew.

Ambulances were rushed here from Albemarle.

Rhea and Cranford died soon after admission to a hospital.

Several of the workers were burned beyond recognition. The tragedy occurred in the rotary station of the plant.

Seriously hurt were Grover West, Don Littleton, G. N. Traxler, C. C. Beeker, Ernest Noose, L. R. Rutledge and Harley Everhart.

A. W. Love and L. W. Owings were less seriously injured. Book said the men were between the wires. The building was not burned.

FOUR OAKS SEEKS OWN LIQUOR STORE

That Johnston County Town Voted Dry in Election, But Element Wants ABC Shop

Raleigh, Aug. 24 (AP)—The State Liquor Commission will hold a second hearing tomorrow on an application to establish an ABC store in Four Oaks. At a previous hearing, the application was denied.

Cutlar Moore, ABC chairman, said today Four Oaks voted dry in the recent Johnston county election. It has been the policy of the commission, he said, not to establish stores in communities that voted overwhelmingly dry.

Santander Battle Is About Over

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Continued advances by five converging columns of insurgent troops today "made it apparent," said General Francisco Franco, "fighting in Santander province is virtually ended."

The insurgent chieftain's Salanaca headquarters predicted the rate of the army's advance would permit capture of the provincial capital, Santander, before the end of the week.

Three Hotels Destroyed in Asbury Park Fire



Illuminating the skies for miles a spectacular fire swept Asbury Park, N. J., famed ocean resort, and destroyed three hotels. This picture, taken at the height of the blaze, shows the flames roaring through the new, 200-room New Monmouth Hotel. Firemen, policemen, marines and soldiers worked feverishly to rescue the occupants as the blaze attacked the Park Lane and Sterling hotels. Other hostelry in the danger zone were vacated and hundreds of panic-stricken guests fled to the street. Thousands of holiday-seekers witnessed the conflagration. (Central Press)

Six Men Die As Huge Plane Of Navy Falls At San Diego

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Disaster struck the navy's armada of giant flying boats for the first time last night, killing six of eight men aboard a new \$150,000 craft as it crashed into San Diego bay.

Two crew members escaped with minor injuries, but three officers were killed and the plane almost demolished by the impact. Four bodies had not been recovered early today.

Its hull submerged, the wreck was quickly surrounded by navy and private ships as giant searchlights illuminated the bay.

The ill-starred plane, PBV-1, whose sister flying boats have flown in mass formation to Honolulu and the Canal Zone within the last two years, was undergoing a "routine night practice flight" for a forthcoming hop to Panama in September.

As it swooped down for a landing after being in the air for several hours, the seaplane struck the Norwhal, an abandoned whaling ship once used in filming "Moby Dick."

The hull of the flying boat nosed over in the bay mud, crushing its metal framework like paper.

Only the bottom of the fuselage and two wing pontoons showed above water.

In desperate haste to extricate the victims, three of a crew of 175 navy men were imperilled by a sudden fire, started when sparks ignited spilled gasoline.

The trio jumped into the bay but were rescued.

WOMEN, CHILDREN JOIN PICKET LINE

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Women and children joined the men folks on the strike-bound Heppenstall Steel Company today as union leaders expressed fear of a renewal of yesterday's riots in which 13 were hurt.

William Hart, head of the SWOC local, massed 700 pickets at the plant, asserting he had received a "tip" non-strikers would again rush the gates padlocked by pickets.

About 50 pickets were on duty yesterday as four carloads of non-strikers, led by C. W. Heppenstall, Jr., company vice-president tried to break through.

Not only will this close inspection enable the State to collect additional revenue, Mr. Eure said, but it will ensure the fact that corporations doing business with residents of this State

Will Start "Crack-Down" on Those Not Domesticating In State

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Georgia Tobacco Nearly All Sold

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—(AP)—The State Bureau of Markets said today bright leaf tobacco sales during the first four weeks of Georgia's 1937 market totaled 82,312,677 pounds. The Georgia season is near its close.

An average price of 19.76 cents a pound brought in \$16,236,964.29, the third highest receipts in the Georgia market's history.

Fourth week sales totaled 12,298,727 pounds for an average of \$10.88 per hundred pounds.

EX-MRS. GIFFORD DEAD AFTER FALL

New York, Aug. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Florence Temple, former wife of Walter Gifford, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, was killed today in a fall from her eleventh floor apartment in a West 57th Street hotel. Her marriage to Gifford ended in divorce at Reno in 1929.

Mrs. Temple later married John Temple, an electrical engineer. She was 45.

For some time she had been in ill health and had been treated at various sanitariums for a nervous disorder, according to her father, Walter Pittman, a Jersey City, N. J. manufacturer, and his attorney, Ernest Wheeler.

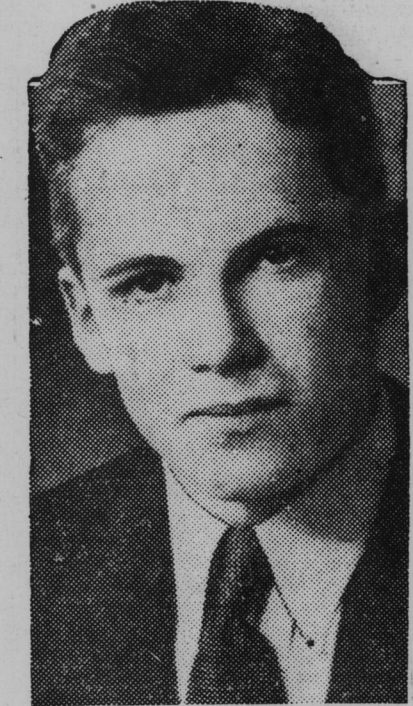
Recently she had been living in a two-room suite at the hotel. This morning George Olsen, manager of the hotel, glanced from a window and saw a body on the second story extension in the rear. It was Mrs. Temple's.



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy with scattered showers Wednesday and in north portion tonight.

Battle Developing With 250,000 Men On 150-Mile Front

Cruiser Bomb Victim



Frederick W. Andrews, 21, of Revere, Mass., is pictured above. He was injured recently aboard the U. S. S. Augusta, flagship of the United States Asiatic fleet, when a shell fired in the Sino-Jap battle at Shanghai burst, killing one American sailor and injuring nearly a score. (Central Press)

Caledonia's Desperadoes Are Hunted

Asheville, Aug. 24 (AP)—Sheriff Laurence Brown announced this afternoon that territory far and wide was being searched for William (Bill) Payne and Jack Borden, alias Wash Turner, two escaped convicts, in connection with the shotgun slaying last Sunday of George Penn, 22-year-old State Highway patrolman.

Brown declined to name the suspects he said he believed fired three

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QUICK STOCK RALLY IS LED BY STEELS

New York, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Steels led a quiet rally in today's stock market after a further mild retreat at the opening. Gains of fractions to around two points predominated near the fourth hour. An assortment of issues failed to follow the sedate come back. From a speculative standpoint, brokers said, the news provided no special buying stimulus. Bonds were uneventful.

Transfers were around 550,000 shares.

American Radiator	21 1-8
American Telephone	168 1-2
American Tob B	78 3-4
Anacosta	58 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	49 3-4
Atlantic Refining	28
Bendix Aviation	19 1-2
Bethlehem Steel	97 1-4
Chrysler	112 1-4
Columbia Gas & Elec	12 1-4
Commercial	13 5-8
Continental Oil Co	14 7-8
DuPont	159 1-2
Electric Pow & Light	21
General Electric	55 1-2
General Motors	57 1-4
Liggett & Myers B	99 3-4
Montgomery Ward & Co	61 5-8
Reynolds Tob B	51 3-4
Standard Railway	25 7-8
Southern Oil N J	67 1-2
U S Steel	114 1-2

China's Modernized Army Attacking From Four Directions To Drive The Japs Out

AIRPLANE CARRIERS CATAPULT BIG CRAFT

Sent Inland To Bomb Chinese Machine Gun Positions, As Thousands of Nippon Reinforcements Are Landed; "Suicide Detachments" Lead

Shanghai, Aug. 25 (Wednesday) — (AP) — Chinese airplanes swept over international Shanghai this morning on awe-inspiring reconnaissance flights, while Japanese naval guns crash ed in prolonged bombardment of Woosung and Shanghai's Yangtze river outlet to the sea to cover the landing of fresh Japanese troops.

The Chinese air force, following the example of their Japanese enemies, scouted the heart of the city after midnight. The planes dropped no bombs, but the roar of their engines thrust Shanghai into a new state of fearful tension.

Japanese anti-aircraft guns barked out at them.

Opposing land forces hemming the international areas were content to hold their lines while Japan's big guns, planes and landing parties roared to the north about Woosung at the confluence of the Whangpo, Shanghai's harbor and the Yangtze river.

Shanghai Aug. 24 (AP)—Japanese naval planes, naval guns and landing parties smashed at Shanghai today in a promised "big offensive" against stubborn Chinese resistance.

An Associate Press reporter said he saw two Japanese airplane carriers, anchored near Saddle island, at the mouth of the Yangtze. catapult plane after plane into the air to bomb Chinese machine gun positions near the Woosung shore.

In the midst of exploding bombs and artillery shells, 212 Americans

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REVENUE AGENTS GETTING RESULTS

Taxes Income of State Increased By Field Men Working on Dodgers Over State

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—The State Department of Revenue has 40 reasons why it expects increased tax revenue this fiscal year. Each reason is an auditor in the field checking up on delinquents. Last year there were but 25 auditors engaged in this kind of work.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1937, there were delinquent tax collections of approximately \$1,000,000 turned in by the 25 auditors, who were able to "hit only the high spots," revenue officials say. This year the 40 auditors are expected to turn up delinquent taxes to the extent of \$1,800,000.

No figures are yet available, but rough estimates are that collection of delinquent taxes has increased just about in that proportion during the month of August.

CHINESE ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR HONESTY

Correspondent Relates Experience He Had With Shanghai Merchant

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 24.—Apropos the Jap-Chinese conflict—the Chinese have a reputation for honesty. I think they deserve it. To illustrate:

One evening, when I was living in Shanghai, a wretched-looking Chinese stopped me, as I was turning into the recently-bombed Palace hotel, where I was a guest.

His name was Boo Yung Hoy, he

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