

BRITISH ENVOY TO CHINA GRAVELY WOUNDED

Wide Range Of Prices Seen As Eastern Carolina Opens Its Tobacco Sales Season

AVERAGES PLACED AT 22 TO 28 CTS. FOR EARLY SALES

Receipts Generally Are Reported Better Than for Season's Opening Last Year

GROWERS REPORTED AS MOSTLY PLEASED

Some Disappointment Expressed in Some Quarters at What Appeared Lower Returns Than at Border Market Opening; Optimism in Evidence

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Early reports from most of the 14 tobacco markets in the North Carolina Bright Belt indicated today a wide range of prices for opening sales.

Although receipts generally were reported slightly better than for last season's opening, disappointment was expressed in some quarters at what appeared lower returns than for opening sales on the Border Belt last month.

Growers Pleased. Growers were reported pleased for the most part, however, and optimism prevailed all around the circuit.

The estimated noon average at Eston was 25.25 cents a pound. Sales were blocked those during the first hour. Board of trade officials said the estimate was materially stronger than earlier in the morning and predicted the day's average would be in excess of 22 cents. Around 1,500,000 pounds were offered.

23 Cents at Rocky Mount. The unofficial average on the Rocky Mount market at noon was placed at 28.56 cents per pound on 18,500 pounds. At Greenville an estimated 1,000,000 (Continued on Page Three.)

Tobacco In East Will Sell High

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Aug. 26.—Tobacco prices on the markets of the New Bright Belt will be as high as those realized in the Border Belt, Randal B. Etheridge, chief of the division of markets, State Department of Agriculture, predicted today as the eastern markets opened.

Louis-Farr Fight Waits to Monday

New York, Aug. 26 (AP)—The heavyweight championship fight between Joe Louis and Tommy Farr, scheduled for tonight was postponed until Monday night because of rain.

Search For Russians Is Yet Futile

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 26 (AP)—American flier Jimmy Mattern prepared to return to the United States today while two planes cruised the Arctic in search of six Soviet trans-polar fliers.

Another plane, commanded by Sir Hubert Wilkins, rested on frozen Prince Patrick island, 600 miles north of the mainland, after a 19-hour flight over ice-choked Arctic seas.

The Arctic explorer reported traveling some 1,500 miles yesterday over the Beaufort Sea to the 82nd parallel and to Fort Patrick without finding a trace of the Sigmund Nevefnsky and his five companions who disappeared August 13 on a projected flight from Moscow enroute to Fairbanks and Oakland, Cal.

Mattern withdrew because his plane was not equipped for Arctic flying. He had joined the hunt in hopes of re-joining Levaneffsky for saving his life in Siberia four years ago. Three Soviet fliers prepared to leave Archangel, Russia, north of Moscow, on another leg of a trans-polar flight on which they plan to fly about 15 miles apart over the course believed taken by Levaneffsky.

COTTON RISES, BUT CLOSES AT DECLINE

Late Market Eases Under Increased Liquidation and Local and Hedge Selling. New York, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened quiet, one point lower to two higher on steady Liverpool cables, which were offset by nervousness over the Far Eastern situation. Toward the end of the first half hour, December sold up to 9.59, with the general list about net unchanged to three points higher. December advanced to 9.64, and by midday was ruling at 9.60, when the list was one to four points net higher.

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Warning Is Issued Of Floods In The Rivers Over Eastern Carolina

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau here issued an advisory warning today of floods in the Neuse, Tar and Roanoke rivers in Eastern North Carolina. Lee A. Denson, head of the bureau, said overflows of the upper Neuse and upper Tar would be rather heavy. The floods, he added, were caused by unusually heavy rains in the last several days. The Neuse was at 18.2 feet, four over its bank, at Neuse station, Wake county, this morning, covering thousands of acres of lowland, but apparently causing little damage.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS TAX LOOPHOLE BILL TO CURB EVASIONS

Measure Requested by President Expected To Yield Up to \$100,000,000 More

KING HINTS BAILEY AS 1940 CANDIDATE

Utah Senator Says Nominee Should Come from Without Ranks of New Deal; Indicates Party Split Fundamental; Cotton Subsidies Signed

Washington, Aug. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today the measure to close loopholes in the income tax law.

This measure, requested by the President to curb what he termed the evasion and avoidance, is expected by experts to increase tax revenues by from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 a year.

The President, meantime, pocket-vetted a Senate bill to make it a Federal offense knowingly to transport and receive stolen animals, in interstate commerce.

He also signed the third deficiency bill appropriating \$87,662,000 for various governments and agencies.

Subsidies on Cotton. This bill also authorizes the use of \$65,000,000 of tariff receipts for subsidies to cotton farmers in connection with government efforts to stabilize the price of cotton at 12 cents a pound.

These subsidies, to be paid next year on this year's crop to farmers who comply with surplus control legislation to be enacted next session, will be equivalent to the difference (Continued on Page Two.)

Greensboro Strike Ends With Raises

Greensboro, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Officials of the Greensboro Manufacturing Company and representatives of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union today reached a "mutually satisfactory" agreement, and workers of the plant will return to their jobs next Monday at the usual hour, according to announcement by Sidney Stern, counsel for the manufacturing plant. The agreement was reached in the office of Stern and a contract was being prepared this afternoon which will be signed by both parties. The agreement will end a three weeks old strike that started Tuesday morning, August 10, after officials of the plant declined to sign a contract presented by the union committee.

No details of the agreement were reported after the conference, other than the fact a five percent increase in wages would be provided the workers, effective immediately.

COAN REASSURES WORKERS ON WPA

Wielding of Economy Ax on Administrative Personnel Omits Them. Raleigh, Aug. 26.—Wielding of the economy ax on administrative personnel of the State WPA organization does not mean that any project worker is in danger of losing his job, Geo. W. Coan, Jr., administrator, has announced.

Unemployed WPA Marchers Dry Out at Capital



Sidney Schwartz and William Girish, members of the army of jobless WPA which camped in West Potomac Park, Washington, are pictured drying shoes and coats for their tent-mates before a campfire. More than 1,000 unemployed men and women are in the capital, with many more on the way. They are protesting curtailment of WPA employment.

Nationwide Railroad Strike Is Fixed For Monday, Sept. 6

Only Government Mediation Can Avert Transportation Tie-Up, It Now Appears

20 PERCENT RAISE IN PAY IS SOUGHT

Trainmen, Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and Switchmen Involved in Demands That May Bring Paralysis of Rail Systems if Agreement Not Had

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26 (AP)—A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced today committees representing five railway brotherhoods had authorized a strike for September 6 to support demands for a general 20 percent wage increase.

Whitney said the committees carrying on negotiations at Chicago set 6 a. m. of September 6 as the time for members of the brotherhoods to begin leaving their jobs.

The organizations involved, he added, are the trainmen, the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, the brotherhood of locomotive enginemens and firemen, the switchmen's union of North America and the order of railway conductors.

DYER FACES DEATH IN CHILD SLAYINGS

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 26.—(AP)—A jury convicted Albert Dyer, 32, today for murdering three young Inglewood girls and made no recommendation for life imprisonment. This means the death penalty for him is mandatory.

The jury of seven men and five women received the case at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, but apparently spent most of its actual deliberation time in arguing over whether to recommend life imprisonment.



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, scattered showers this afternoon and possibly in central and northeast portions tonight and Friday.

Fall Of Santander May End Spanish Civil War

Thousands of Government Troops Trapped by Insurgents in North

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Border, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Insurgent columns rode proudly into Santander today and formal occupation of the government's last important city on the northwest Spanish coastal ledge.

The city was hung with the red and gold flag of Spain's insurgency. The streets were jammed with cheering Santanderese. Formal occupation came at 11:45 a. m.

Insurgent sources estimated about half of the Spanish government's defeated army of some 50,000 was caught in a 15-mile square trap in the country southeast of Santander, still unaware "the city of perpetual spring" had surrendered.

Receive Tip Upon Officer's Slayers

Asheville, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The hunt for two escaped convicts accused of killing George Penn, 22-year-old highway patrolman, continued today, but authorities expressed the belief the slayers had left this area and were in some hideout in Montgomery county.

Sheriff Laurence Brown said he had received a "tip" the men, William "Bill" Paine and Wash Turner, were seen yesterday entering Montgomery county, where Payne is long reported to have used hideouts in the Uwharrie mountains.

HEAVY DOCKET FOR NEW COURT JUDGES

Barnhill and Winborne Face Hard Work When Term Opens Tuesday. Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Aug. 26.—North Carolina's two new Supreme Court justices—Justices M. V. Barnhill and Wallace Winborne—will be initiated into their duties with a heavy docket of 34 cases scheduled to be called next Tuesday and Wednesday when the Supreme Court opens its fall term.

To Judge Barnhill this may seem more in the nature of a light than a heavy docket, as he has been accustomed to presiding at superior court terms where there are often more than a hundred cases calendared for a week.

U. S. SHIPPING NOW THREATENED THERE BY JAPS' BLOCKADE

Warning Issued to American and Other Foreign Powers as to Coastal Commerce

JAPANESE PLANES SHELL AMBASSADOR

British Officials Take Exceedingly Grave View of Attack on Their Diplomats; Japanese Premier in Tokyo Says U. S. Peace Efforts Are Useless

Shanghai, Aug. 26 (AP)—The Sino-Japanese war took a grave international turn today when Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hughessen, the British ambassador to China, was seriously wounded by an attack from Japanese war planes.

The car in which the ambassador was riding from Nanking to Shanghai was attacked by two Japanese bombers near Shanghai. He was seriously wounded by spraying machine gun bullets and rushed to a Shanghai hospital.

There a diagnosis disclosed one bullet had lodged near the envoy's spine without fracturing it. This led to hope he would recover.

He was in a greatly weakened condition because of loss of blood. Condolences flooded into the hospital from Chinese General Chiang Kai-Shek, Shanghai's Mayor Yui and from the Japanese admirals now in command here.

The wounding of the British ambassador was the second rapid international development today in the undeclared war between the two great Oriental powers.

Americans Threatened. This morning Japanese naval authorities threatened to include Americans and other foreign shipping in the 800-mile blockade established along China's coast to bolster the hard-pressed attack of her land troops in their drive against Shanghai.

(In Tokyo Premier Koyabe declared Japan considered British and American efforts to halt the fighting in (Continued on Page Six.)

Full Denial Of Peonage By Planter

Clarksdale, Miss., Aug. 26 (AP)—Federal authorities held a Negro share cropper and his wife in "protective custody" as material witnesses here today pending arraignment of a 30-year-old farmer accused of holding them in peonage.

Meanwhile Department of Justice agents continued their inquiry into the claim of the Negro, J. W. Wiggins, that he and his wife were forcibly detained on the farm of J. S. Decker to insure payment of a debt they owed him. Wiggins claimed his wife, Ethel, was chained to a bed.

Decker was free under \$1,500 bond on the peonage charge, which accused him of holding the pair "in forced servitude for payment of a debt."

At the 300-acre farm which he operates near Sumner, Miss., Decker reiterated his general denial of the charges and promised to give his version of the case before the court.

TRoubles AT HOME SILENCE RUSSIANS

Unwilling To Go to Mat With Japan for Fear of Internal Revolt

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist. Washington, Aug. 26.—Russia's apparent indifference as to the outcome of the pending Japanese-Chinese conflict gives the strong impression that the Soviet government might be threatened by a very serious state of affairs at home.

This is all talk, in confidential diplomatic fashion, among State Department officials and foreign representatives in Washington. Of all outside countries Russia has most at stake in China. According to all logic, it should be the most em-

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"Electrical Fire" Cause Of 7 Deaths

Raleigh, Aug. 26 (AP)—A terrific "electrical fire" generated by 13,000 volts may have been responsible for the blast which took a toll of seven lives Tuesday at the Carolina Aluminum Company plant in Badin, a State Department of Labor official said today.

W. F. Gaffney, inspector for the department, stationed in Charlotte, told A. L. Fletcher, commissioner of labor, in a preliminary report, he believed the "electrical fire" theory was the most plausible of the hundreds of explanations advanced.

In a graphic account of the tragedy Gaffney wrote, in part: "Just what happened or how it happened may never be known. "The different theories number as many as do the persons who advance them. The management of the plant, likewise, has a theory. "All cut-out switches were opened. It would have been next to impossible (Continued on Page Three.)