

CHIANG SAYS U. S. PLEDGED TO AID CHINA

Roosevelt To Act In Second Term As In First, He Says

"Most Good for Greatest Number" Is Aim, He Tells Crowd at Cheyenne, Wyoming

SENATOR O'MAHONEY GREET'S PRESIDENT

Court Foe Not Invited on Private Car But Goes On Anyhow; Few Words Pass Between Him and Roosevelt; Tells People He's Sounding Out

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a crowd of thousands here today he was going to continue in his second term the way he had in his first, trying to do the "most good for the greatest number."

After being welcomed by a group including Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, foe of the Roosevelt Supreme Court proposal, the President declared he had told a friend recently who advised him to "coast" from now on, that he would not take such advice.

"I don't want to coast and the nation doesn't want me to coast with my seat up on the front wheels."

People are thinking in national terms, he said, adding the administration projects up to date had had the national point of view in mind.

"Don't let anybody deceive you: the government of the United States, is not going to back out," he said.

Senator O'Mahoney was in the welcoming committee with Governor Leslie Miller, Senator H. H. Schwartz, a court bill proponent, and Representative Paul Greever, all Wyoming Democrats.

O'Mahoney, although he was not formally invited to board the President's special, boarded the chief executive's private car as the train pulled out. During the President's talk he had

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Legion Head Promises No Money Raids

New York, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Daniel Doherty, stocky Woburn, Mass., attorney and veteran of the navy, took command of the American Legion today with a promise there would "be no raids, on the national Treasury during the next year."

Speaking just before he sailed for France at midnight to take part in the veterans' pilgrimage to World War battlefields, the newly-elected national commander likewise counseled Legionnaires to take their stands on labor controversies "as private citizens, not as Legionnaires."

The American Legion and each individual Legionnaire must preserve law and order when called upon by the legal authorities, Doherty said. He specified, however, no individual post or department has the right to decide who is right or wrong in such disputes.

The new commander said the Legion's policies would be carried out by the national executive committee according to the dictates of the convention, but added:

"First of all, the promotion of Americanism will be my objective. Secondly, will come placing the part of veterans on the same level as the wives of veterans of previous wars in receiving pensions. There will be, however, no 'raids on the national treasury' for further pensions."

Drys Win Two-To-One In Liquor Referendum Voting In Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Tennessee dries acclaimed today their two-to-one victory in yesterday's prohibition referendum and planned an attack on legalized beer, while wets insisted the advisory balloting was a "meaningless farce."

Prohibitionists saw a great "moral victory" in the results and announced they would move shortly for repeal of a statute that permits five percent beer. The state is one of five whose anti-whisky laws have survived repeal of national prohibition.

Wets noted, however, the total vote

Waits Mate's Release



Mrs. Harold Dahl

Mrs. Harold Dahl, wife of a Champaign, Ill., aviator captured by the insurgents in Spain while flying for the Loyalists, hopefully waited at Cannes, France, for release of her husband in Spain. Incidentally this is the picture which was reported to have been sent to Francisco Franco, insurgent general, and which was said to have influenced his guarantee of releasing Dahl. It later was ascertained, however, that the picture had influenced him.

REBELS WILL NOT KILL U. S. AIRMAN

Pretty Champaign, Ill., Wife Assured by Franco Husband To Be Free

Salamanca, Spain, Sept. 24 (AP)—Only the red tape of arranging for an exchange of prisoners keeps Harold Dahl, the Champaign, Ill., aviator in jail here while his beautiful wife waits for him in Cannes, France, it was learned today.

An aide of General Francisco Franco the insurgent chieftain, said there was no possibility the 28-year-old flier would go before the firing squad. Dahl was captured July 22 on the Madrid front when he bailed out of the gun-riddled fighting plane he was flying for the Spanish government.

Franco's aide, a cousin also named Francisco Franco (and apparently the author of a re-assuring letter received yesterday by Mrs. Dahl) reported by telephone to the insurgent leader on reports abroad that Dahl was about to be executed.

Cousin Francisco fairly shouted his protestation when he left the telephone. "Everybody knows the generalissimo always keeps his word! There is absolutely no truth in the story Dahl is to be executed."

WARDEN AT FOLSOM DIES FROM STABS

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Warden C. A. Larking, 48, of Folsom prison, died today at Sutter hospital of infection from stab wounds he received in last Sunday's riot at the penitentiary. He was the fourth victim of the riot, for which five surviving convicts are under indictment for murder. Two convicts and a guard were killed in the futile escape attempt.

IL DUCE PROMISES TO SEND NO MORE TROOPS TO SPAIN

Mussolini Surprises Europe by Pledge to Britain and France and Joining Patrol

MIGHT BE PLAYING HAND WITH HITLER

Dictator on Way for Conference With German Reichfuhrer May Be Seeking To Pave Way for Driving Hard Bargain in Berlin Parleys

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Authoritative source asserted today Premier Mussolini had promised Britain and France he would send no "volunteers" to Spain, making possible Italian entrance in the Anglo-French diplomatic front and a new balance of power for Europe.

While Britain and France were keenly anxious to accept Italy's advances at face value, they could not help but look for a possible snag. A definite feeling of optimism prevailed in foreign office circles, but it was tempered by a slight suspicion of Il Duce's motives in presenting such a startling assurance about Spain.

His sudden willingness to promise no further troops should be sent to aid the Spanish insurgents, coming on the eve of his departure for an important conference with Chancellor Hitler of Germany, caused many observers to wonder whether Italy was preparing some new and surprising move.

Some British observers—and Rome dispatches here bore this out—were frankly considering Mussolini's gestures of cooperation with France and England as a method of strengthening his position to drive a harder bargain with Hitler.

This authoritative source said Italy had given France and Britain a definite promise no more Italian troops would go to Spain if the three powers could agree, among other things, on Italian demands for parity with Britain and France in the Mediterranean anti-piracy accord.

M. P. MINISTER AT CHARLOTTE OUSTED

Church Court Convicts Him of "Destroying" Charlotte Church and Being Unfaithful

Concord, Sept. 24 (AP)—Rev. G. E. Hendry, of Charlotte, was adjudged guilty of "destroying the First Methodist Protestant church at Charlotte," and "of being unfaithful as a pastor and guilty of mal-administration at a hearing here today before a court of the committee which served as a jury recommended that Mr. Hendry be suspended from all official relationships with the Methodist Protestant Conference."

Under church rules, officials said, Mr. Hendry may appeal within 20 days. The verdict was announced by Rev. Clay Madison, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church of High Point, who served as clerk. Rev. R. M. Andrews, of High Point, president of the North Carolina Conference of the church, declined to discuss the proceedings before or after the hearing, as jurors were not disclosed.

Mr. Hendry, now pastor of the Community Church, Inc., of Charlotte went there as pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church.

Denhardt's Slaying Is Told Court

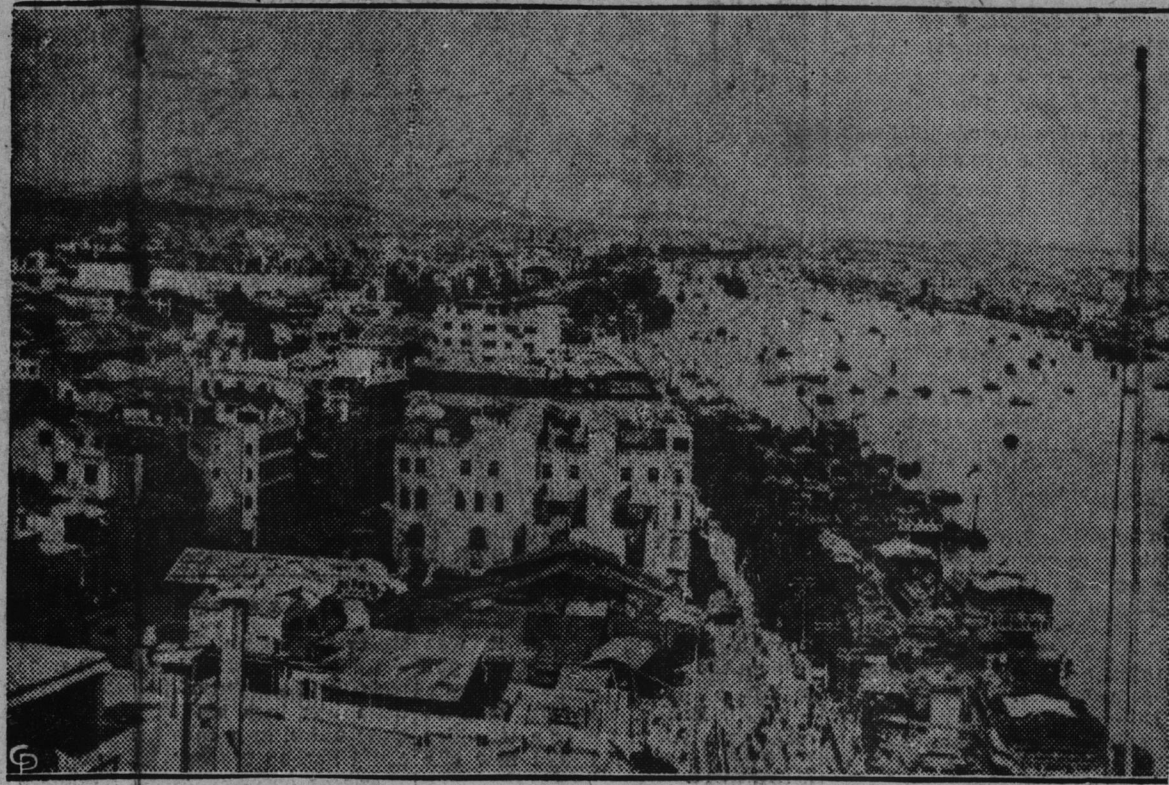
Shelbyville, Ky., Sept. 24 (AP)—Rodes Myers, before a court room jammed with spectators today, described the slaying of Brigadier-General Henry Denhardt here Monday night, on the eve of his second trial charged with the murder of Mrs. Verna Taylor.

Myers, attorney who had helped defend the ex-lieutenant governor and ex-adjutant-general at his first trial, which ended in a hung jury, was called as the first witness in the examining trial of Mrs. Taylor's three brothers, Roy, Jack, and Dr. E. S. Garr, charged in a warrant with murder of Denhardt.

Myers came in County Judge H. F. Walters' court guarded by two State police, whom Colonel E. O. Huey, head of the State police said the attorney had requested after receipts of letters threatening him if he returned.

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Canton, South China Metropolis, Japanese Target



Air view of Canton, in South China

Great Britain and the United States were further alarmed over the Chinese situation when the Japanese planes began bombing Canton, metropolis of South China, as well as Nanking. Canton, with a population of a million, is the center of large Brit-

ish interests. Both the United States and Great Britain vigorously protested to the Japanese government over the attempt to destroy these large non-combatant cities, teeming with population and with many foreign residents.

Higher Prices Checking Trade Volume In Nation

Consumer-Consciousness Is Growing, Babson Says, and Buyers' Strike Is Halting Sales Volume; Trade Below 1936; Price-Fixing Is Called Unsound

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New York City, Sept. 24.—Labor is not the most powerful group in the United States. There are about 14 million "laborers" in this country; while there are 125 million consumers. This year we have seen less than a million workers raise havoc by their strikes. Think what would happen if 125-million consumers should go on strike! Some day this great mass of consumers may awaken with the wrath and power of a sleeping monster. Already there are signs that consumer-consciousness is growing. Resistance to the rising cost of living becomes more evident as each day passes.

Since 1933 living costs have increased 19 per cent. Housing led the ad-

vance with a gain of 37 per cent; food is second with an increase of 29 per cent; and clothing—up 14 per cent—is third. The first indication of organized resistance by consumers has been in rents. Readers will recall that in Ohio and Michigan renters went on strike last Spring at the height of the CIO fracas. They refused to pay rent until landlords met their demands. Although this first strike made little headway, it was a straw in the wind. High building-costs and rising rents have caught the householder in a "cross-ruff"—and he does not like it.

Steak Like Cavalier. Most food items have had a good mark-up since 1933; but meats have

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FEDERAL REA IS IGNORING STATE

No Allotments Whatever Made This Fiscal Year; Few Last Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Federal Rural Electrification Administration has ignored North Carolina during the present fiscal year, so far as allotting any money for construction of electric lines is concerned, according to records of the State Rural Electrification Authority.

Congress appropriated \$30,000,000 to be allotted by the REA during the 1937-8 fiscal year, but so far not one cent has been allotted to North Carolina. Last year this State's allocation amounted to \$1,213,787 but less than

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GENERALS OF DEAD CZAR ARE MISSING

Paris Police Join Search for Men Who Mysteriously Disappeared in Capital City

Paris, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Agents of the Suprete Nationale, hunting clues as to the whereabouts of two vanished generals of the dead Czar Nicholas scattered army took the wife of one of them to headquarters for questioning today.

The authorities had been unable to find the woman, Madam Skobline, since before noon yesterday when she had reported her husband, General Nicholas Skobline, mysteriously missing. Skobline was an aide and agent of the aged and mustachio Eugene Miller, leader of the thousands of emigres who once were part of Russia's imperial "white" army. Miller vanished Wednesday.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair tonight and Saturday.

Cholera Is Killing Out Jap Troops

Worst Epidemic In Shanghai's History Reaches Invader; Jap Claims

Shanghai, Sept. 24 (AP)—The worst cholera epidemic in Shanghai's history was reported today to have struck the Japanese army advancing against the Chinese defense lines northwest of here.

Some 200 Japanese troops were said to have died of the dread plague in a sector 20 miles northwest of Shanghai.

JAPANESE CLAIM STRONG CHINESE BASE COVERED

Peiping, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Japanese army completely surrounded the strategic Chinese base of Pao-tung-fu, 80 miles south of here, today and issued an ultimatum to the Chinese army to surrender or be annihilated.

The Japanese high command reported the 50-foot high walls of the an-

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BUILDING IN STATE WAY UP IN AUGUST

Huge Apartment House in Durham Among Biggest Items in 21 Cities Reporting

Raleigh, Sept. 24 (AP)—Building construction in 21 North Carolina cities increased 32 percent in August over August, 1936 and ran 43 percent ahead of July. The State Labor Department said permits were issued on 537 buildings in August in the 21 cities, with costs estimated at \$1,782,556, as compared with permits covering 775 buildings in August, 1936, to cost \$1,349,951. In July permits covered 609 structures to cost \$1,476,363.

The permits covering new buildings, additions, alterations and repairs, and Durham led all cities in August with permits for \$672,251 worth of work. Included in the Durham permits was the "largest apartment house ever to be built in North Carolina."

TREATY OBLIGATES AMERICAN SUPPORT AGAINST JAPANESE

Chinese Government Appreciates What Uncle Sam Has Done and Hopes for Better

U. S. FLEET WILL REMAIN IN CHINA

Will Stay There As Long As Present Conflict Exists, Even After Americans Have Been Warned To Leave and Have Opportunity To Do So

Nanking, Sept. 24.—(AP)—General Chiang Kai-Shek, premier of China, and commander-in-chief of the army, declared today the United States was obligated by her treaties "to support China's struggle against Japanese aggression."

Shortly before, the official Chinese Central News Agency had expressed on behalf of the government appreciation for the American protests against Japanese bombardments of Nanking, adding "but we hope more positive measures will be adopted against the slaughter of innocent non-combatants."

NAVY WILL STAY UNTIL WAR IN CHINA IS ENDED

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The United States Navy served formal notice today its Asiatic fleet would remain in Chinese waters "as long as the present controversy between China and Japan exists."

This statement was issued by the Navy Department as a formal announcement of Admiral Harry Yarnell, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic squadron. It was made public after a meeting of the naval general board, the highest policy-making body of the Navy Department. The admirals announced said the navy's policy of maintaining warships at ports where needed for the protection of American nationals "will continue in full force, even after our nationals have been warned to leave China and after an opportunity to leave has been given."

Jim Farley Delays His Resignation

New York, Sept. 24 (AP)—James A. Farley's resignation as postmaster general and his acceptance of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Corporation, presidency, it was understood in informal circles today, has been delayed by the current decline in securities and the preparation of a Securities Exchange Commission registration statement for a new issue of Pierce-Arrow stock.

After considering numerous other offers of executive positions, Farley agreed several weeks ago to become head of the reorganized Pierce-Arrow Company.

Following his acceptance of this offer, the company's stockholders approved plans for a new issue of stock aggregating \$10,700,000, which will be used mainly to place a low-priced car on the market in competition with the cheaper priced Packard and Cadillac cars. Production of the highest-priced Pierce-Arrow also will continue.

Besides his salary, which has not been disclosed, but which is believed to be about \$50,000 a year, the postmaster general will receive 5,000 shares of the new stock outright and 5,000 more during the first year.

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Woman School Teacher Shot By Boy Playing As Gang Chief a la Radio

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 24 (AP)—Police saw today in the shooting of Miss Jane Mapes, 59, Arlington school principal by Robert Snyder, 12-year-old pupil, the picture of a boy temporarily deranged by hallucinations of "toughness as a gangster."

"I feel sorry for the boy and his parents," the principal, lying in Toledo hospital with a bullet wound through her groin, told Police Sergeant A. W. Bernhagen. "I would rather that nothing more were said about it. Her condition was reported as favorable."

The boy was in a serious condition

Murphy said his investigation led him to believe the boy, armed with his father's automatic pistol, wanted to show his "toughness" in the face of authority to his pretty little classmate, Gloria Moore, 12.

The boy was in a serious condition