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Labor Conference Makes Little Headway At First Session Held

FIRST OBSTACLE IS ON REPRESENTATION AT THE GATHERING

Plan of Procedure Occupies Much of Time of AFL and CIO Men During Forenoon

CIO HOLDS OUT FOR LARGER DELEGATION

Sends Ten Men to Conference as Against Only Three by AFL, Which Wants Number Restricted So More Can Be Accomplished; Murray Slaps at Green

Washington, Oct. 25 (AP)—The first session of the American Federation of Labor-CIO peace conference recessed today with preliminaries still being discussed.

George Harrison, chairman of the A. F. of L. committee, said the committee had "spent the morning talking about the procedure to be followed in the conference."

Philip Murray, chairman of the CIO committee, stood at Harrison's side while he talked to reporters and nodded assent.

The size of the conference was understood to be the first obstacle in the way of peace between the warring labor factions.

The A. F. of L. sent a three-man committee; the CIO sent ten. The CIO insisted the committee be enlarged.

Early Sharp Loss in Cotton Fades

At Midday Market Is Three Points Down to Two Up in New York Exchange Trading

New York, Oct. 25 (AP)—Cotton futures opened barely steady, down 6 to 1 points on lower cables and under foreign selling and liquidation.

Scottsboro Negro Loses Upon Appeal

Must Serve 75-Year Term, Supreme Court Holds; Black Omits Voting

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Haywood Patterson, one of the nine Negroes involved in the famous Scottsboro case lost in the Supreme Court today in an effort to escape a 75-year prison sentence imposed by Alabama courts for an alleged attack on a white woman.

The high tribunal twice had saved the Negro from the death penalty. In announcing denial of Patterson's petition, the court said "Justice Black took no part in the consideration and decision of this application."

Before adjourning for two weeks, the court agreed to review an appeal by the Duke Power Company attacking constitutionality of Public Works Administration loans and grants for publicly-owned hydro-electric projects.

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War in 1940?



H. G. Wells

War in 1940! That is the prediction of H. G. Wells, British author and historian, as he visits in Washington at the beginning of an American lecture tour.

PLANS FOR PRISON CLAIM ATTENTION

That and Bar Meeting Top Week's Events in the State Capital

DECISION CRITICIZED

Pay Cuts Rumored To Care for Army of Political Appointees Put on Payroll Without Pay for Them

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—Action of the Highway Commission on the prison industry and woman's prison problems was by far the most important development last week in the State capital, though for color and general interest it could not compare with the political talk and maneuvers accompanying the State Bar's meeting and the visit of Congressman Frank Hancock.

Decision of the commission to confine improvement of the woman's prison to erection of a new building or so at the Wake county Polk farm has come in for a great deal of very severe criticism, though the critics have been unwilling to come out in the open under their names.

The prime objection to the commission's decision seems to lie in its failure to adopt the "cottage plan" of caring for women prisoners—a plan advocated by Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, wife of the governor.

There has been more or less criticism, too, of the industry decision, particularly that portion of it dealing with the processing of tobacco to be furnished the convicts for smoking and chewing.

After the commission meeting rumors were heard that a committee had been appointed to study the question of reducing either wages or hours of highway employees, particularly of those engaged in maintenance of those engaged in outlying districts.

There was no confirmation of these rumors, but the highway commissioners, under Chairman Frank Dunsion, is known to newspaper men here as the hardest nut in the capital to crack in the matter of getting any information about what's going on and so the speculation continues just the same.

The rumors blamed district members of the commission for the supposed necessity of cutting wages, as asserted that these members have, for purely personal political purposes, put so many people on the payroll that

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Cotton Ginnings Well Above 1936

Washington, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported today that cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to October 18 totalled 11,068,319 running bales, compared with 8,569,476 to that date last year, and 6,590,402 in 1935.

ROOSEVELT FORCES HOPE TO RESTRICT SPECIAL SESSION

Would Limit Its Work to President's Five-Point Program as Outlined by Him

WOULD CLEAR DECK FOR JANUARY MEET

Controversial Anti-Lynching Bill Would Have To Be Sidelined and New Tax Legislation Would Have To Be Postponed, Observers Predict

Washington, Oct. 25 (AP)—Administration leaders may propose limiting legislation in the special session of Congress to President Roosevelt's five-point program, informed persons said today.

This would require adoption of a resolution by the House and Senate. Whether the leaders decide to go ahead with it may depend on settlements of the rank and file of the members.

The idea behind the proposal is that enactment of the administration's program might be completed in the session beginning November 15 if all other subjects were held over to the regular session in January.

The principal effect of limiting the session to the administration program would be displacement of the controversial anti-lynching bill from second place on the Senate calendar. It probably also would postpone enactment of new taxes to pay for crop control program.

HANCOCK WILL BE CALLED EASTERNER

West Will Use That Against Him; East May Support Him for That

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—Congressman Frank Hancock is going to be attacked with a two-edged sword in his campaign against Robert R. Reynolds for the United States Senate, by reason of the fact that the fifth district man lives east of that imaginary line which for years has been the subject of a political gentleman's agreement, though there are those who contend there are no "gentlemen" in politics to agree.

In the west, Reynolds supporters will argue that their section is entitled to the Senate seat by reason of the fact that the other senator, Josiah W. Bailey, is an easterner.

In the east, backers of "Our Bob" will assert that it would be nothing short of political suicide for the east to break the long-standing covenant.

That these two arguments will be advanced with fervor and frequency has been abundantly clear thus early in the game.

Of course, the Hancock henchmen will slyly point out to the westerners that it might be a fine thing to get rid of an agreement which works to their disadvantage.

And down east they can, with more than a modicum of persuasiveness, call on the rank and file to rally to the cause of one from their own backyard.

And so the Hancock forces will have a double-headed defense to a double-fisted attack. It will be fun to watch, anyway.

Outlook Gloomy For Accord To Rid Spain Of Foreigners

Two New Mysterious Incidents in Mediterranean Occur To Make Going Difficult

FRANCE AND ITALY REMAIN FAR APART

Both Committed to Policies That May Prevent Their Assent to Any Sort of Agreement; Italy Admits 40,000 Soldiers With the Insurgents

London, Oct. 25.—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony sought a compromise formula today to save European non-intervention in Spain from collapse, but the outlook was gloomy.

Amid efforts to bring the bickering powers into harmony, two mysterious incidents in the Mediterranean created what some quarters regarded as the gravest situation since the Nyon accord established the anti-piracy patrol.

One incident was the bombing of a French freighter. The master of a British liner reported by radio from off the north African coast that a seaplane was seen "dropping two heavy bombs from which columns of water shot up at a great height" at a submarine which "apparently submerged."

The British Admiralty, after saying for several hours that it was without information, first announced that a British flying boat was observed dropping bombs to discover "direction of the wind," later reiterating denials that a submarine was involved.

The official news agency disclosed that Italy's ambassadors to Great Britain and France have been instructed to inform those governments that 40,000 Italians are fighting in the Spanish civil war.

MONTAGUE'S MOTHER TESTIFIES FOR HIM

Says Son Was at Home Night Hollywood Star Reputedly Robbed New York Roadhouse

Elizabethtown, N. Y., Oct. 25.—(AP)—The elderly, white-haired mother of Hollywood's John Montague told a jury today that her son was at home in Syracuse, N. Y., the night he is accused of robbing a road house of \$700 in 1930.

"He came in at midnight on August 4 and went to bed," Mrs. Mary Moore testified, glancing at her son, known seven years ago as Laverne Moore.

Kin Hanna's roadhouse was held up by four men at about 2 p. m. the night of August 4, according to previous testimony. Laverne left home the following morning, his mother said.

"He told me he was going to play golf or baseball, kissed me goodbye and went out," she said.

That was the last she saw of him, the mother testified, until he was arrested and returned several months ago from Hollywood, where for the last several years he had been an intimate friend of motion picture celebrities.

Paris, Oct. 25.—(AP)—A seaplane of unidentified nationality today bombed a French submarine chaser off the Spanish island of Minorca in the Mediterranean, setting the vessel afire.

The craft also was machine-gunned. Officials of Air France, commercial aviation company, which had use of the boat, said it hastened at once to its regular station, permitting the crew to land. The fire, they reported, was uncontrollable.

The attacking plane, Air France of (Continued on Page Three.)

WHAT DID HULL SAY TO PREMIER?



Cordell Hull and Mackenzie King

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, paying a "purely social visit" to Ottawa, Canada, is seen with Premier Mackenzie King. Prior to his return to Washington, Hull was to be awarded an honorary degree of doctor of laws from the University of Toronto.

Franco Preparing Mighty Drive Upon Loyalists In East

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Insurgent General Francisco Franco today began massing troops at Zaragoza for an offensive to cut Catalonia from the part of Spain still held by the government.

Frontier reports said heavy forces of Italian soldiers from Morocco were moving into Zaragoza. The Italian "black arrow" division also was reported moving to that sector.

Insurgent headquarters at Salamanca published a telegram from Premier Mussolini to Franco expressing "personal felicitations" for the conquest of northern Spain.

forces yielded ground on the Aragon front in northeast Spain to what officers called "superior numbers" of insurgents.

Mysterious Plane Sinks French Ship

Parpignan, France, Oct. 22 (AP)—French authorities, seeking to determine the nationality of the seaplane which yesterday attacked and sank the French freighter Oued Mellah in the Mediterranean, were told today by the ship's captain that the plane was marked with a black cross.

The government immediately started an investigation to find out what nation uses such insignia on its planes, stating it would "act" when the nationality of the plane is learned.

The captain of the Oued Mellah said two seaplanes flew high over the ship, one dropping down to do the bombing. He said the freighter was clearly marked with French colors, painted on the hatch covers.

French warships keeping watch on the Oued Mellah reported the ship disappeared in a rough sea during the night.

The ship, which had been abandoned and was drifting in the Mediterranean shipping lane east of Barcelona, Spain, was believed to have sunk.

ARKANSAS ELECTION HAS 'EM GUESSING

Worries New Dealers, and "Anti's" Would Like to Know Its Meaning

By CHARLES P. STEWART 5 Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 25.—New Dealers would like to have some one explain Representative John E. Miller's recent victory over Gov. Carl E. Bailey as Arkansas Democracy's candidate for the United States Senate, succeeding the late Senator Joseph T. Robinson.

Anti-New Dealer would like to have it explained, too.

Not that either the "pros" or the "anti's" had any particular preference between Bailey and Miller as personalities. Bailey, however prominent he may be in his home state, is not well known in Washington. And Miller has not been an especially conspicuous member of Congress.

But Bailey campaigned as a 100 per cent New Dealer. Miller's record is partly (not absolutely) the other way.

"Anti" A Victor.

In effect, it was a "pro" versus an "anti" New Deal contest, with the "anti" candidate as victor.

(The Republicans do not count in Arkansas.)

Moreover, Miller won sizably and against a handicap; Bailey had the indorsement of his state committee.

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JAPS THEMSELVES ADMIT SLOWING OF DETERMINED DRIVE

Over 100,000 Men, Aided by Tanks, Planes and Heavy Bombardment Unavailable

CHINESE DESTROY POSITIONS OF JAPS

British Order All Defense Posts To Fire Without Hesitation in Self-Defense Following Killing of English Soldier by Japanese War Plane

Shanghai, Oct. 25.—(AP)—General Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese armies stopped the Japanese offensive today after six days and night of heavy fighting on the Shanghai front.

The Japanese army spokesman admitted that the general Japanese advance of more than 100,000 men, aided by tanks, planes and continued bombardment, was "slowed down."

Destruction of bridges, mining of highways and acres of barbed wire entanglements halted the Japanese assault.

British authorities, as an aftermath of the slaying of a British soldier by a Japanese war plane yesterday, issued orders to all their defense posts to fire without hesitation in self-defense against any airplanes.

Simultaneously, British officials lodged two protests on the incident. Seven Americans and about a score of other foreigners were endangered yesterday when a Japanese plane sprayed machine gun bullets near the western edge of the international settlement.

Bitter fighting amid the ruins of Tazang, strategic communication point about five miles north of Shanghai, still was in progress. Japanese asserted they had occupied villages west of Tazang.

Foreign military experts said they (Continued on Page Three.)

Jap Hints At Attack On Russia

Tokyo, Oct. 25.—(AP)—Baron General Sadao Araki declared today that "it probably is necessary to strike directly at Russia" to eliminate the communist influence which many Japanese consider the root of the present turmoil in China.

General Araki, who was Japan's minister of war during the Manchurian incident of 1932, recently emerged from retirement by way of Japan's new brain trust.

He advocated stern military measures and castigated Russian communism.

There are two principal causes of the present Sino-Japanese conflict, the general said.

"The first comes from Chinese violation of the agreement signed after the 1932 fighting, which provided a demilitarized zone about Shanghai," he said. "As soon as possible the Chinese built permanent fortifications and moved garrisons into them. Beneath this tangible fact lies the invisible influence of communism."

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Premier Of Belgium To Leave Post

Brussels, Oct. 25.—(AP)—The government of Premier Paul Van Zeeland resigned tonight. The premier went directly to the palace to tender this resignation to King Leopold.

The official announcement revealed that the ministers of the cabinet decided to show their confidence in Van Zeeland's integrity by resigning with him. They also drafted a letter expressing their confidence in their resigning chief, who apparently decided to turn back to the role of private citizen.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair and slightly warmer tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer.