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# WHOLE OF CHINESE "HINDENBURG LINE" NOW THREATENED

Japs Start Offensive West of Shanghai in Drive Upon Stronghold of Soochow

GOAL OF CAMPAIGN IS SET AS NANKING

Central Government Resolved To Defend Their Capital City; Another Capital, That of Rich Shantung Province, Is Also Threatened by Drive in North

Shanghai, Nov. 15 (AP)-Japanese forces endangered China's whole "Hindenburg line" defenses today in a drive on Soochow.

The offensive westward from Shanghai, Japanese officers said, was the opening of a campaign against Nanking, China's capital, 125 to 150 miles west of the "Hindenburg line." Advices from Nanking said Soochow was desolated by more than 700 Japa-

nese bombs dropped on it within 30

central government was known to be resolved to defend Nanking. Knowledge of that determination and of Soochow's fate hastened a heavy civilian exodus from Nanking. Government officials remained, however. Another Chinese capital, meanwhile, appeared in danger in north China. Swift Japanese columns were reported

within 15 miles of Tsinan, capital of wealthy Shantung province. Chinese defenses appeared to be crumbling under the weight of superior Japanese armaments, although the Chinese had about 400,000 troops in the field to Japan's 200,000.

After the Japanese captured Kunshan, a strong point near the center of the "Hindenburg line," 35 miles west of Shanghai, they reported more than 50,000 Chinese fleeing in confusion by road and canal toward Soochow. Japanese planes bombed the retreating lines to turn the flight into

a complete rout. Experts predicted the fall of Kunshan would hasten the Japanese advance to Soochow, still 20 miles west of the Japanese vanguard.

The main Japanese column pushed toward Soochow along the Shanghai-Nanking railroad.

### Court Again Stands Firm With Black

Washington, Nov. 15 (AP)-The Supreme Court turned back today thre new challenges directed against the eligibility of Justice Hugo L. Black to serve on the tri-

Three Florida corporations lost in their second effort to gain a rehearing of litigation on the ground that Black was not qualifield to sit in judgment.

The tribunal denied the petition for re-hearing and suggestions of disqualification filed by the Ryan Florida Corporation and others. They protested against efforts of the Securities Commission to obtain their telegrams, contending that Black, when chairman of the State Lobby Committee, had fav-ored similar action.

# of Exposure of men against the sea. The captain of the crev.

pects To Be Charged With Murder of Dr. James Seder

Huntington, W. Va., Nov. 15.—(AP) -Dr. James Seder, 79-year-old kidnaj victim, held ten days in an abandoned coal mine in what Federal agents declared was a futile \$50,000 extortion plot, died early today of pneumonia Dr. A. K. Kesler, who had attended the former State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, said "death was undoubtedly caused by exposure' during the ten days his aged patient had been held captive. Prosecutor E. E. Winters, Jr., an nounced immediately he would con-

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## Stormy Weather Forecast for President Roosevelt in Special Session



# Japan Boldly Censured By Brussels Conference

Italy Votes "No", Pleading Fear of Complications, While Scandinavian Nations Refrain Entirely; States Involved Must Consider Their Attitude

tion summarking the Far Eastern con delegates. flict, and criticizing Japan, was adopted today by the Brussels conference, with Italy voting "No", and three Scan dinavian countries abstaining.

must vote against the summary be- paragraph of the declaration. It ascause Italy believed it presages a serts that, while hoping Japan will course which can lead only to compli-

The conference voted against send-

ed until November 22. The declaration was prepared by the within the scope of that treaty.

Brussels, Nov. 15 (AP)-A declara- United States, Britain and French

Asked what the conference would do at next Monday's session, Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Spaak said that The Italian delegate said that he the clue was to be found in the last not maintain twice-voiced refusal to attend the conference, the states represented must consider what is to be ing a copy of the declaration to the their common attitude in a situation Japanese government, then adjourn- where one party to an international treaty insists its action does not come

# GREEK SURVIVORS TELL WRECK STORY 577,190,000

Ghastly Struggle by Men From Lost Ship in Battling for Lives

Doctor Dies

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Fifteen survivors of the sinking of the Greek freighter Tzenny Chandris arrived here today above today. rived here today aboard the Coast Guard cutter Mendota and through interpreters told their graphic story

The captain of the crew of 28, seven of whom lost their lives, bore a red gash across his nose to witness his Inkidnaping story of how one seaman on the story of how one seaman on the rewith him went mad before the rescue and bit his captain in the face story of how one seaman on the raft

before he died. Commander Henry Coyle, of the West Virginia Sus- Commander Henry Coyle, of the Mendota, said the rescue was "extreme live difficult" as a heavy swell made ly difficult," as a heavy swell made almost impossible to see the seamen floating on small pieces of

all the crew could have been saved had an SOS been sounded five hours

Balaskas charged that the distress signal was not sent until he stood over the radio operator with a drawn knife

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*taaaaaaaaaaa*a Shopping Days Until Christmas

# Weed Crop Pounds1937

Continued Increase Holds Prices Up As Cotton Drops

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Nov. 15.—North Carolina farmers will harvest 577,190,000 pounds of tobacco, the third largest crop in the history of the State, this year, W. H. Rhodes, chief of the State Depart-

ment of Agriculture's statistical division, said today.

Basing his information on StateFederal crop reports, the statistician said "tobacco has shown quite consaid "tobacco has shown quite contrasting conditions to cotton in spite Konstantinos Balaskas, third engineer on the vessel, said he believed of the heavy production this year," and, "whereas the price of cotton was very low, due to over-production, to-

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### TABER RE-ELECTED MASTER OF GRANGE

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 15 (AP)-Louis J. Taber, of Columbus, Ohio, was re-elected master of the National Grange today for his eighth

Taber, finishing his fourteenth year as head of the organization, convention, here, appealed to delegates last week to choose some

Week in Capital Also Hears Dry Bones Rattled in Patrol's Closet

WOMAN AFTER SENATE

Mrs. Wohl Prominently Mentioned for Reynolds Seat After Polling 100,-000 Votes for State Treasurer Last Year

Oaily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Nov. 15—Raleigh got a bit of mild excitement last week out of hints that all is not exactly as it should be in the office of the State chemist at the Department of Agri-

There was also a rattling of dry boones of an ancient skeleton in the State Highway Patrol's closet.

Armistice Day was celebrated with all the usual full and feathers except the prayers of Raleigh's parsons, who piously held themselves aloof from what they chose to call the "glorification of war."

lina football game was the outstanding subject of conversation in virtually every group of two or more which gathered anywhere in the capital city during the period.

Politics took decidedly a back seat,

with little more than obscure rumors an obviously-inspired propaganda com ing under observation.

The so-called Department of Agri-culture "scandal," if it can be magni-In Consumption culture "scandal," if it can be magnified to that extent, broke in a story in Raleigh's morning paper to the general effect that one Hall, proprietor of a meat market, and who had been convicted of adulterating sausage, had charged that Dr. B. W. Kilbore, State chemist, had "discriminated for business reasons" and had not ordered prosecution of others reported to his office as violators of the food laws.

Dr. Kilgore quickly replied that warrants had been issued against all violators, and that if they hadn't been served it wasn't his fault

Lambeth, stationed previously at Greensboro and Fayetteville, respectively. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell issued a statement regarding the transfers in which he recalled that some years ago Lieutenant Moore made serious charges (adjudged not to have been sustained) against then-Lieutenant and now Captain L. R. Fisher, under whose jurisdiction he would have had to serve had he been

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday, followed by rain Tuesday or Tuesday night; not much change in temperature.

# AGRICULTURE POST \$5,000 Tax Exemptions CAUSES SOME STIR On Profits Agreed Upon persist today in spite of anti-trust statutes. A further search for additional methods to meet this threat to free competitive enterprise is called for

House Sub-Committee Also Planning Further Relief for Small Business Men; Carry-Over on Operating Losses Also Now Considered Likely

Washington, Nov. 15. - (AP)-A \$50,000 net income or more." House tax sub-committee tentatively agreed today to exempt all corporations having \$5,000 net income or less from the undistributed profits tax. cluded: Chairman Vinson, Kentucky, Demo-Allowing a carry-over of operating

crat, in announcing this step to meet growing demands for tax relief for business, said it would apply to twothirds of the corporations which have a net income.

A loss of some \$7,000,000 in annual revenue will result, Vinson said. "The committee," he added, "is still considering added relief provisions for corporations having net income of more than \$5,000, and extending up to a bracket not yet tentatively agreed on. But the limit will be at least estimated.

Additional means of easing the tax burden on business, he said, also were decided upon tentatively. They in

losses for one year to be applied a gainst adjusted net income in the following year in arriving at the basis for the undistributed profits tax. Thus, if a corporation had a net op erating loss of \$100 this year and net income of \$100 next year, the firm would have to pay no undistributed earnings levy, but only the normal corporation tax.

The loss from this relief provision would be several million dollars, he

### tion of war." But with a bit more than a little seriousness, the Duke against Caro-U.S. Money In Industry

Tokyo, Nov. 15 (AP)-The news paper Nichi Nichi reported today in a dispatch from Hsinking that attempts were being made to enlist one billion yen (2\$0,000,000) of American capital for development of industries ana,

The dispatch quoted Yoshisuke Ayukawa, president of the newly-formed Japan Industry Company as saying that proposed development of Manchoukuo heavy industries entailed an expenditure of three billion yen.

Of this amount, Ayukawa said, it was planned to raise equal parts in Japan, Manchoukuo and the United States. He added that American firms to be approached for backing included the Ford Motor, General Motors and Standard Oil companies.

### **UPWARD TREND IN** COTTON IS NOTED

March Holds at Best at Midday, How ever, With List One to Two Points Lower

New York, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Cotton 7.87 to 7.91, and shortly after the first half hour prices were within a point of the best thus far, but at net losses points net lower.

# COMPULSORY PLAN ON COTTON COMING

Smith and Ellender to Offer Measure in Senate Probably Tuesday

Washington, Nov. 15 .- (AP)-Sena tor Allen Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana, said today he and Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, of the Senate Agriculture Committee, would introduce tomorrow a bill to control cotton production.

"It will provide compulsory control by regulation of acreage in a way to protect the small farmer," he said. He said allotment of acreage for planting would be governed under the bill's provisions by soil fertility, previous diversification of crops and other factors to make the establishment of acreage bases more elastic

### **CONGRESSMEN HAS** BAD AUTO INJURIES

and would set up minimum acreages

for the small grower.

Fayetteville, Nov. 15 (AP)-Repre sentative John Costello, of the 15th California district, was in a hospital futures opened steady, down 6 to 8 here today with broken legs and a points on lower cables, liquidation and broken collar bone as the result of an hedge selling. March advanced from automobile accident Saturday night. The car, driven by J. A. Cummings, a Warrenton, N. C., Marine on furlough, turned over about six miles of 4 to 6 points. March sold up to from here. Cummings, who suffered 7.93 and was holding at the best at only minor hurts, said the mechanism from here. Cummings, who suffered midday, when the list was one to two of the steering gear broke and the car got out of control.

# **CONGRESS TO CUT** 'Unjust' Burdens

Special Session Asked for Quick Action on Crop Control and Wage-Hour Bill

REORGANIZATION IS LIKEWISE INSISTED

Planning of Natural Resources Also On List Roosevelt Sends Up for Speedy Approval; Business Recession Is Not Considered Serious as Yet

Washington, Nov. 15 .- (AP)-President Roosevelt recommended removal of tax injustices "to encourage productive enterprise" today in submit ting a four-point legislative program to Congress.

In a message opening the special session, which was read to the Senate and House by clerks, the President asked "early action" on legislation on farm crop control, labor, wages and hours, reorganization of the executive branch and planning of natural re-

But of at least equal importance to members were these remarks on

Wants Some Revenue "Unjust provisions should be removed, provided such removal does

not create new injustices. Nor can we at this time accept a revision of our tax laws which involves a reduction in the aggregate revenues or an increase in the aggregate tax burden of those least able to bear them. "We should give special consideration to lightening inequitable burdens on the enterprise of the small business men of the nation. In this way we may also find assistance in our search for a more effective method of checking the growing concentra-

at this time." Mr. Roosevelt did not ask action on tax revision at the special session, a course advocated by many members of his party. He noted that the question was receiving study by the Treas-ury and congressional committees. Expects Balanced Budget.

Again he reiterated that he expect-

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### Ryan Unable To Remember His Marriage

Hickory, Nov. 15 (AP)-Basil (Pat) Ryan, wealthy New Yorker, said in an interview here this afternoon that he did not remember going through a marirage ceremony November 4 with Miss Martha Barkley, 21-year-old Morganton girl. Ryan was discharged today from

the hospital here which he entered November 5, a few hours after his surprise marriage to Miss Barkley.
Accompanied by friends, Ryan went immediately to the office of W. A. Self

a Hickory attorney.

The 30-year-old grandson of the late (Continued on Page Three.)

### Wallace For **Process Tax** In Farm Bill

Measure Already Rejected by House Committee; Creates **New Obstacles** 

Washington, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace's support for a processing tax, already rejected by the House Agriculture Committee, thrust another obstacle today in the way of

early enactment of a farm bill. Some congressmen, because of Wallace's stand and divergent views of legislators on compulsory and voluntary control of farm crops, expressed privately a strong doubt that a "suitable program" could be adopted at

the special session. Wallace's tax recommendation was

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