

JAPS CRACK CHINESE "HINDENBURG LINE"

METHODISTS PICK ADDED DELEGATES TO 1938 MEETING

Slate for General Conference in Birmingham in May Is Now Almost Completed

ALDERSGATE EVENT IS ALSO DISCUSSED

Plan Celebration of Founding of Methodism by John Wesley 200 Years Ago; Methodist Orphanage Report Given; Greetings from Baptists

Raleigh, Nov. 19 (AP)—Members of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, discussed today the churchwide Aldersgate commemoration of the founding of the Methodist Church 200 years ago by John Wesley.

The commemoration started with annual conferences of the church this year, and will get under way in local churches next January, to continue through Aldersgate day, May 24.

Three more ballots for delegates to the General Conference next spring resulted in election of Gurney Hood, of Raleigh, as another lay delegate, and of Revs. W. L. Clegg, of Belhaven; A. J. Hobbs, of Wilson, and J. H. Barnhardt, of Raleigh, as additional clerical delegates.

One more clerical and another lay delegate must be selected to serve with delegates chosen yesterday.

Annual reports of the presiding elders were read and approved. Rev. W. C. Wilson, of Norlina, reported for the Methodist Orphanage committee.

The Methodist Orphanage, located here, was presented a picture of Christ blessing little children.

Rev. E. C. Few, pastor of Edenton Street church, Raleigh, and conference host, to head the ministerial delegates to the conference in Birmingham, Ala.

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KIDNAP TRIO BACK IN TOILS OF LAW

Capture of O'Connell Abductors Effected Through Janitor and Parking Lot Man

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 19.—(AP)—It was freedom's end today for three members of the 1933 O'Connell kidnap gang—their capture effected through information supplied by a janitor and a parking lot attendant.

Percy "Angel Face" Geary, leader of the desperate trio which staged a daring escape from the Onondaga county penitentiary at Jamesville, N. Y. Tuesday, was seized yesterday afternoon in a Syracuse parking lot shanty. The other two, John Oley and Harold Crowley, recaptured Wednesday in a Syracuse rooming house on a tip supplied by Janitor Ivan Whitford 36 hours after their escape, were brought to Albany and lodged in the county jail there.

Morganton Crash Kills Trio Youths

Morganton, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Three young men were fatally injured in an automobile accident here shortly before last midnight.

Earl Arrowood, 23, was killed instantly, and Gilmer Hicks, 18, died at a hospital in a short time. The third death was that of William E. Crump, which occurred several hours later.

Morganton police jailed the driver of the automobile. They said he was Sam Huffman. He escaped with minor hurts.

The automobile, city police said, crashed into a tree after striking an electric light pole in a curve on a city street.

29 Shopping Days Until Christmas

Brussels Far East Conference Futile, Frenchman Admits

Attempt To Conciliate Chinese-Japanese War Have Failed and Next Move Waits at Geneva, French Deputies Are Told; P leads for Europe Peace

Paris, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Yvonne Delbos told the Chamber of Deputies today efforts to conciliate the Chinese-Japanese warfare at the Brussels conference had failed. He said a new step toward mediation must be taken at Geneva. The Brussels conference recessed Monday for a week after passing a resolution critical of Japan.

At the Brussels conference Delbos said, France followed "the attitude of conciliation demanded by the entire League of Nations."

"Conciliation collapsed. In several days it will be necessary to make a new decision at Geneva."

English Envoy Confers With Hitler In Germany

Drives 311 Miles Hour for Record

Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Captain George Eyston, of England, today set a new world's land speed record of 311.42 miles per hour. The genial captain from London flashed through the mile and back again in "Thunderbolt," a 24-cylinder racing giant for an average of 11.56 seconds.

Eyston's speed, the fastest man has ever traveled in an automobile, exceeded Sir Malcolm Campbell's record of 301.292 miles an hour by a wide margin.

SALES TAX SUITS CAUSING NO FEAR

State Authorities Not Worried Over Fair Tax Association Threat

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—Noody in either the legal or revenue departments of the State government is losing any sleep over the threat of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association to bring court action to test constitutionality of the sales tax.

No official of either branch seemed sufficiently impressed with the seriousness of the situation even to comment on the Fair Tax group's action, which reports say was taken "behind closed doors" in a High Point hotel. It seems that as far as scaring anybody is concerned they might just

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World's No. 1 Enemy Now Is Japan, Babson Thinks

Sees Dark Future for Europe, With Inflation Sure; Wants United States To Stick Close To England; Mussolini and Hitler Enemies at Heart

BY ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1937, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Park, Mass., Nov. 19.—There will be no world war in the immediate future. The biggest threat to Europe's peace awaits the day when Hitler and Mussolini find themselves slipping. Against that day all Europe is squandering fabulous sums on armaments. If war does not come, inflation will. The real Number One Enemy of the world today is not Germany or Italy, but Japan. Having had a few days at home from Europe to sort out my thoughts and impressions, I want to give readers my conclusions on European conditions.

Hitler's Goal Toward Baltic. Most all my American friends believe that the next war will start along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. They may be correct, but I doubt if it will develop out of the

Here's One Reason Why They Can't Balance U. S. Budget

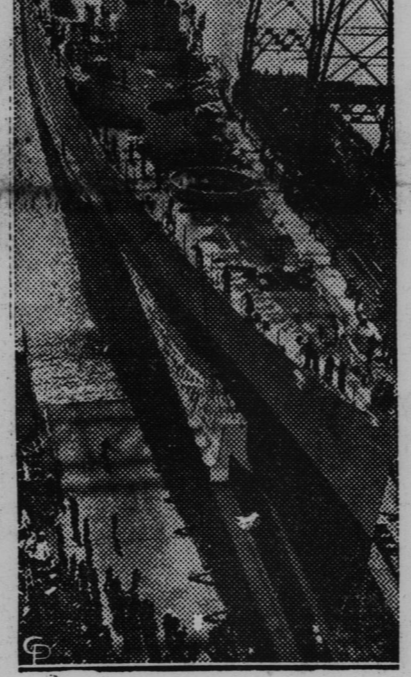


Mayors J. B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, J. M. Jones of Birmingham, Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco and E. B. Erwin of Salt Lake City.

In conference in Washington, mayors of 150 U. S. cities placed in congress' lap a demand for immediate large federal relief funds to relieve crisis. The sentiment of delegates was unanimous that local communities could not stand any additional

relief burdens. Seen, left to right, are Mayors W. B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, Ga.; J. M. Jones of Birmingham, Ala.; Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco, and E. B. Erwin of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mayor La Guardia sees a hard winter ahead.

Newest Cruiser



U. S. S. Wichita.

Last of 18 heavy cruisers built by the United States under the terms of the London naval treaty, the 10,000-ton Wichita, is launched at Philadelphia. The cruiser was christened by Miss Margaret Ayres of Wichita, Kas.

—Central Press

HOUSE WILL CAUSE GREATER TROUBLE

Spending Must Stop for Nation's Safety, But Election Is Near

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Nov. 19.—President Roosevelt had much more trouble with the Senate than with the House of Representatives at the last regular session of Congress.

The present extra session starts off with indications that, during the ensuing few months, the representatives will cause him more trouble than the senators.

Budget balancing is the outstanding issue just now. It overshadows farm legislation, wages-and-hours, governmental reorganization and, for the time being, everything else—except

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GOOD GAINS MADE IN COTTON MARKET

Liquidation Is Absorbed and Most Traded Positions Are Active in Demand. New York, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened steady, unchanged to two points higher, with December liquidation absorbed by spot houses. Prices moved over a range of two to three points during the first half hour, with March fluctuating between 7.79 and 7.81. By midday March was quoted at 7.79, and the list was about two to nine points net higher.

Senate Committee To Vote Saturday On New Farm Bill

House Has Resolution To Declare State of War Existing Between China, Japan

SIMILAR MEASURE LIKELY IN SENATE

House Tax Group Agrees to Increase Exemptions from Undistributed Profits Tax But Will Broaden Normal Corporate Tax To Make Up for Loss

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Congressional committees neared completion of farm control bills today, while senators and representatives devoted another day to talk.

Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, announced his Senate committee would vote tomorrow on an "ever-normal granary" bill. The House committee, taking up individual items, voted marketing quotas for corn and voted down processing taxes on corn and wheat.

Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, continued a filibuster by southerners against the anti-lynching bill. The House, starting another day of varied debate, was prevented from considering a resolution to declare a state of war exists between Japan and China. There was a single objection to consideration, which required unanimous consent.

A similar resolution was being considered for the Senate. Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, said a bipartisan group of senators would meet next week to determine whether such a measure should be drafted.

A House tax sub-committee tentatively agreed during the day to increase the exemption from the undistributed profits tax and to make up some of the revenue that would be

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TWO N. C. CONVICTS HELD IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Two men identified by officers as Eddie Cobb and Roscoe Grice, escaped North Carolina convicts, were held in Henrico county jail today pending arrival of North Carolina authorities.

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SHATTERING BLOWS ARE STRUCK ALONG CHINESE DEFENSES

Japs Now Completely in Control of Kashing, on Southern End of Defense Line

INVADERS NEARING CITY OF SOCCHOW

Drive in North Has Almost Forced Chinese From Changshu; Defense of Nanking Are Being Strengthened; U. S. and Other Embassies To Leave

Shanghai, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Japanese troops today cracked the southern pivot of the Chinese "Hindenburg line" defending Nanking, and struck shattering blows along its central and northern fronts.

Fighting through mud and rain, the Japanese drove last Chinese defenders from Kashing and occupied that vital southern link in the "Hindenburg" chain. Central Japanese columns approached to within three miles of Socchow, the line's keystone, and northern detachments threatened to make untenable Chinese positions at Changshu.

About 125 miles northwest of the line, 12 Chinese divisions under a veteran general entrenched themselves in strong defense positions just outside Nanking. The Nanking official spokesman declared they were prepared to defend the city "to the last."

Inside Nanking's walls, two divisions of troops, rushed to the capital from the interior after Shanghai fell into Japanese hands November 9, prepared defense posts to be used in case the city eventually is encircled and besieged.

United States and other foreign embassies completed arrangements to evacuate Nanking and follow the Chinese foreign office to Hankow as soon as Chinese officially announce the shift.

Hickory Salesman Robbed of \$4,500, He Tells Police

Hickory, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Fred Asherbranner, 35, a fertilizer and lumber salesman, living near here, was robbed of \$4,500 in cash late Thursday night, according to information he gave Sheriff O. D. Barrus today.

Three men driving a closed car allegedly drove up alongside of Asherbranner's sedan and called out Asherbranner's name, asking him to pull off to the other side of the country road and stop. Asherbranner said he complied with the request, only to find himself covered with revolvers, which were held in front of three masked faces.

One of the trio continued to keep him covered with a gun while his two companions searched and took some \$4,500 which he was carrying in a billfold, and about \$300 which he had in his pocket.

\$11,000 REWARD IN LABOR PLOT POSTED

Investigators Dig Into Slaying and Threat Against AFL Leaders

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Spurred by rewards of \$11,000 and aroused by reports that four other labor leaders were marked for death, investigators delved into union activities today for a solution of the ambush slaying of Patrick Corcoran.

Mayor George Leach threw all the facilities of the police department into the search for the slayers, who felled the 45-year-old department AFL unionist with a pistol bullet near his home Wednesday night.

Corcoran was chairman of the north central district drivers' council, covering five states, and was active in AFL unions here. Alderman A. G. Bastis said he had heard reports an official and three organizers of the general drivers' union were on the death list headed by Corcoran, and were Bill Brown, Miles Vincent and Grant Dunn.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain tonight; colder in central portion; Saturday partly cloudy and colder.