

JAPS OCCUPY SOOCHOW WITHOUT A SHOT

Government Building Under Heavy Guard In Paris After Threat Of Revolution There

ARMED CONSPIRACY AGAINST SECURITY OF NATION FOUND

Bombs Seized Linked With One Located Last September. All Pointing To Army

FOUR STRANGE MEN FOUND WEDNESDAY

Surprised Inside Ministry of War. Group Escape Over Wall; Only Officials or Persons With Passes Allowed In Structures After 9 at Night

Paris, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Buildings housing France's ministers were carefully guarded today as Premier Chautemps and Minister of Interior Dornoy broadened plans to crush a reported armed conspiracy "against the security of the state."

The Surete inspector said "I would swear" the two bombs found in a Paris apartment early this week were "the same kind" as that discovered in the general's home. The inspector

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Trio Eastern Marts Ending Their Season

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—(AP)—With three Eastern Carolina Bright Belt tobacco markets already closed for the season and a fourth preparing to close, averages on Farmville, Wendell and Goldsboro markets for the past week showed a slight decline.

Taken as a whole, the Agricultural Economics Bureau reported today, average prices for the three markets declined "principally in the lower quality grades, with better quality about the same as the previous week. With light offerings, leaf and lugs predominated again.

Yesterday Goldsboro, Washington and Tarboro markets completed their year's sales, selling, respectively, about 11,500,000 pounds, 6,500,000 pounds and more than 5,000,000 pounds. Wendell will close November 23, the bureau said.

HALIFAX TALKS TO HITLER NEGLIGIBLE

German Foreign Minister Invited To London as Chief Achievement

Berlin, Nov. 20.—(AP)—An official invitation to Baron von Neurath, Germany's foreign minister, to visit England was announced today. No date was set.

This was generally considered the one concrete result of the "unofficial" visit to Germany of Viscount Halifax, Britain's lord president of the council, who yesterday spent five hours with Chancellor Adolf Hitler discussing Anglo-German relations.

It was recalled von Neurath cancelled a scheduled visit to London last June 21. Germany and Britain then were at odds over the Spanish civil war.

Blocking the Anti-Lynch Bill



Senator Tom Connally (right) of Texas, is pictured talking to Senator Claude Pepper (left), after making an extensive speech in his filibuster against the Federal anti-lynching bill. The Southern bloc in the Senate is bent on talking the bill out of action.

North Carolina Reducing Debt \$10,000,000 Yearly

Net Obligations Cut \$50 Million Past Five Years, Governor Hoey Says; Taxes for Debt Service To Be Gradually Reduced Throughout State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Nov. 20.—North Carolina, including its subdivisions, is paying its debts almost \$10,000,000 a year faster than it is contracting new ones and has paid off almost \$50,000,000 worth of bonded debt during the five years ending June 30, 1937, Governor Clyde R. Hoey announced today, reaffirming his fiscal policy.

This means that if conditions during the next ten years remain anywhere near on a par with the past five years, the State and its subdivisions will be able to retire another \$100,000,000 worth of bonds and thus materially reduce the taxes now being levied to retire these bonds, Governor Hoey said.

The State of North Carolina itself levies no property taxes for any pur-

pose whatever, not even debt service schools or roads. All of the revenue for these purposes is derived from indirect taxes. Counties, cities and towns are the only units which levy any taxes on property and from 50 to 75 per cent of these taxes are for debt service. As the debt service requirements become less, the local property taxes will naturally decrease, Governor Hoey believes.

"During the five-year period from June 30, 1932, to June 30, 1937, the counties, cities, and towns in North Carolina paid off approximately \$50,363,936 in bonded debt, not including interest, and the State retired \$32,128,000 of its bonds, making a total of \$82,491,936," Governor Hoey said.

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Union Much Worried By Sitdowners

Detroit, Nov. 20 (AP)—The high command of the UAWA, concerned over an unauthorized sitdown strike in the Fisher Body plant at Pontiac, issued a call today for an "urgent meeting" of the international executive board here at 10 a. m. today.

Union officials said the motors board would discuss the "entire General Motors situation," including the resumption of negotiations on a new contract with the corporation.

General Motors Corporation officials have demanded renewed assurances against continued outlaw strikes as a prerequisite to continue negotiations. After issuing the conference call, Homer Martin, UAWA president, left for Flint to address a union meeting this afternoon. He said he would stop at Pontiac to address strikers in the Fisher plant on his return trip from Flint to Detroit.

WAYNE FARMER IS DECLARED SUICIDE

Goldsboro, Nov. 20.—(AP)—George Holmes, 69-year-old farmer, was found shot to death at his home in Indian Springs township today. Coroner T. R. Robinson said he committed suicide. Holmes had been ill of paralysis, his family said. He leaves his widow and four children, including Troy Holmes, of Charlotte, and Russell, of Rockingham.

CAPTURE IS AMONG MOST AMAZING FOR ALL WAR'S ANNALS

Japanese Force, Expecting Full Division, Finds Only Handful of Dazed Troops

CHINESE FLEE UPON SEEING JAPS' FLAG

Three Gaps In Defense System Allow Japanese To Surge on Toward Nanking; Both Ends of "Hindenburg Line" Turned Back by Japanese Onslaught

Shanghai, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A Japanese army spokesman said today fifteen Japanese soldiers under a second lieutenant captured Soochow, keystone of the Chinese "Hindenburg line" without firing a single shot.

The spokesman added the fall of Soochow, 50 miles west of Shanghai, was "one of the most amazing captures of an important city in all the annals of war."

According to this account, there was no real Chinese resistance at Soochow, considered the gate to Nanking, the Chinese capital, from which the government formally withdrew today.

The main Japanese force, expecting to be confronted by at least one Chinese division, was amazed to meet only small, apparently dazed groups of Chinese soldiers, looting about Soochow as the Japanese marched in. None of these even questioned the presence of Japanese troops, the spokesman said. He continued:

"Our men went directly to a big pagoda overlooking the city where they hoisted the Japanese flag. Seeing this, the Chinese troops fled."

Three gaps in the Chinese defense system allowed Japan's legions to surge toward Nanking. While Soochow fell, both ends of the "Hindenburg line" also had been turned by the Japanese today, Kashing 25 miles

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Artillery Duels Mark Conflict On Spanish War Line

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Spanish government and insurgent gunners duelled along the Aragon front today—near the French frontier to Teruel, more than 200 miles south—while bad weather still prevented any important movements.

A Barcelona communique said the main attack by insurgent artillery was in the Zuera sector north of Zaragoza. Catalan gunners broke up insurgent concentrations in one part of the Sabiniano sector, Barcelona reported.

A previous government dispatch said field guns scored direct hits on an insurgent staff headquarters.

A dispatch from Salamanca, the insurgent general headquarters, predicted "certain powers" in Europe and the Americas soon would announce recognition of General Francisco Franco's insurgent government. Only Poland and Yugoslavia were named.

(Insurgents on the Madrid front, in central Spain, taking advantage of clearing weather yesterday, struck at outlying government positions in one sector about 15 miles west of Madrid, forcing the government to abandon a small sector and positions recently occupied at Quijorna.)

One Killed, 2 Near Dead In Collision

Dunn, Nov. 20.—(AP)—One man was killed and two others critically injured in an automobile accident early today near Micro, in Johnston county.

Kenneth Lee Bain, 25, Erwin Cotton Mills employe, was instantly killed when he was hurled through the windshield of a car which was in collision with a large transfer truck.

First Week Congress Marked By Uneasiness Over Decline For Business In The Nation

FARM LEGISLATION NOT READY



Secretary Wallace listens to Senator Smith after appearing before the senate agriculture committee on farm legislation, Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, left, is pictured conversing with Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the committee, Senate and house agriculture committees still were not ready with farm legislation. Secretary Wallace advised the senate group to adopt a middle course between extreme compulsory control and voluntary control over farm production.

Soldiers Are Ready For Action At Rubber Plant

Norfolk Western Wreck Hurts Many

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 20.—(AP)—A number of persons were reported injured today in the wreck of Norfolk & Western passenger train No. 24 about six miles west of here. Earlier reports did not indicate any one was killed. The cause of the wreck was not determined immediately, but a number of cars were said to have been derailed and two were reported to have fallen into the shallow Bluestone river.

THINK ROOSEVELT SPEECH FELL FLAT

May Have Erred in Not Reading It Himself; It Straddled Fence

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Roosevelt seems to me to have made a great mistake in not delivering, in person, his message to Congress at the opening of the lawmakers' current extra session.

TEACHERS SELECT YEAR'S OFFICERS

Meeting at Greenville Chooses Pitt Superintendent Succeeding Greenville Man

Greenville, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The Northeastern District Teachers Association elected D. H. Conley, superintendent of Pitt county schools, as president at the final session today of the annual meeting. About 2,000 teachers from 22 counties attended.

Goodyear Plants To Reopen Monday and Union Will Install Pickets at Gates

SITDOWN STRIKERS LEAVE THE PLANTS

All But Few Who Refuse To Leave Come Out on Orders of Union Chief; Union Meeting Called for Sunday To Decide Future Course of Action

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Ohio National Guard units prepared today for possible service at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, where a sitdown strike is in progress, making 12,000 workers idle.

Company officials announced the plants would reopen Monday, and union officials immediately said picket lines would be placed around the plant covering hundreds of acres in the heart of this rubber city.

Adjutant General Emil Marx at Columbus said while no National Guard units had yet been sent here, troops were being prepared for a possible mobilization. Two National Guard observers are on the scene here.

Governor Davey, during the steel strike last spring, sent troops to plants where strikes were occurring to "protect the right of men to work."

Nearly all of the 300 to 600 sitdown strikers left the plant this morning.

FURTHER GAINS IN COTTON ARE NOTED

Futures 5 to 10 Points Higher at Close, With Spots 7.91 on Middling Grade

Table with columns for months (December, January, March, May, July, October) and values (7.67, 7.77, 7.59, 7.51, 7.85, 7.95, 7.95, 6.08)

CONTROL OF CROPS IS ENDANGERED BY TALK IN CONGRESS

Borah Opposes Restrictions on Production When "People Are Going Hungry"

FIERY DEBATE ON ISSUE IS WAITING

Administration Program Cut Out for Special Session Barely Inches Ahead In First of Five Weeks of Sitting; Demands for Tax Burden Relief

Washington, Nov. 20 (AP)—Wordy manifestations of uneasiness over business conditions exhausted today the first week of the special congressional session, during which the Roosevelt legislative program barely inched ahead.

Much talk and petty bickering furnished evidence what President Roosevelt's opening message termed a "marked" industrial recession was for many congressmen paramount to matters for which they were summoned—crop control, executive reorganization, wage and hour regulation and regional planning.

This sentiment centered in demands for removal of tax burdens on business especially modification of the undistributed profits and capital gains taxes now being studied by a House subcommittee. Ultimate revision of some kind was a foregone conclusion after Mr. Roosevelt advocated "lightening inequitable burdens" on small business enterprises.

The revisions appeared unlikely, however, before the regular January session.

Meantime, the administration farm program, whipped into shape by committee compromises, will encounter fiery debate when it comes before the Senate and House next week. Its piecemeal progress through the committees plus comments from other legislators indicated the discussion would embrace costs, marketing quotas, compulsory versus voluntary compliance and the broad question of whether any crop control measure is advisable.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, said yesterday he was opposed to any restriction on production when "people are going hungry."

Silver Gift Is Presented Bishop Kern

Alternates to General Conference Are Named by Methodist Conference

Raleigh, Nov. 20 (AP)—Bishop Paul Kern, for four years president of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, South, today received from the conference a gift of silver. The gift was presented by Dr. William P. Few, president of Duke University, during a final conference business meeting this morning.

It was announced Bishop John Moore, of Houston, Texas, would be unable to deliver the address tonight on a program commemorating the anniversary of the board of missions, or the conference sermon tomorrow afternoon.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair, colder; cold wave east portion; killing frost; below freezing to the coast tonight; Sunday fair, continued cold.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Fair weather, slightly rising temperature first of week; rain and cloudy middle of week; fair and warmer near end of week.

28 Shopping Days Until Christmas