

JAPS CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST NANKING

Hasten Action On Boosting Freight Rates Railroads

Commerce Commission Moves Final Hearing Forward Three Weeks to January 17

RAILS NEED MORE CASH THAN GETTING

Rail Officials Intimate Increase, If Granted, May Come Too Late To Save Some Roads; R. F. C. May Advance Funds to Some of The Lines

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission evidenced today an intention to hasten action of the railroads petition for highest freight rates by moving forward three weeks the time for taking of closing testimony.

The commission refused yesterday to act immediately on a railway's plea for a half million more annually in freight revenue. But today, it announced that closing arguments on the application would be started January 17, instead of February 7.

Recurrent predictions from railroad executives said that their industry would be in a precarious condition by next spring, focused attention on the possibility that the government soon might reopen its pocket book to the carriers.

President Roosevelt and Jesse H. Jones already had discussed granting of Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans to tide over two of these lines during the winter.

Rail officials said, however, that the requested increase on rates, if granted, may come too late for some lines.

The rail situation overshadowed for the present other government attempts to help business. Congress reported, however, on tax ratification, housing legislation and anti-trust problems.

Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he was confident that his committee would bring out an equitable tax bill.

35 Dead In Rail Wreck In Britain

Scottish Express Plows Into Stalled Train During Snow Storm

Castleary, Scotland, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Thirty-five persons were dead and 91 injured today after a Scottish express train, speeding through a blinding snow storm, crashed into the rear end of a train stopped on the main Edinburgh-Glasgow line.

The first two coaches of the express were wrecked, and the locomotive plowed up a snow covered embankment in Great Britain's worst railway disaster in 22 years.

The death toll mounted to 35 when five more bodies were taken from the debris and one of the injured died in a hospital. The latest figure accounted for one of them a woman, who was added to the rows of the dead in a wooded mortuary hid near the tracks.

Of the 91 injured persons, 24 were still under hospital treatment. Five of recovered dead were women and one was a child.

13 DAYS TILL Christmas
SHOP EARLY

Robbed by TVA?



Senator George L. Berry ... asserts he was robbed

Senator George L. Berry of Tennessee accuses the Tennessee Valley Authority of "robbing" him of mineral leases in the Norris dam reservoir. Berry's statements were made at a hearing in Knoxville, Tenn., before a three-man commission appointed to determine the value of leases held by Berry and 29 others who seek damages from the federal agency. Counsel for Berry and his associates said that witnesses would testify the marble alone under the waters of Norris lake was worth more than \$3,000,000. The TVA took a divergent view. Evans Dunn, counsel for TVA, told the commissioners that "these leases have no market value" and "are not worth the paper they are written on." He added that they had value "only in a condemnation case and they are unique in that respect." Senator Berry defended his purchase of the leases and denied he bought them with a view of seeking damages from the government.

LOW COST DINNERS FOR MORE HUMBLE

Young Democrats Plan Later Feed for Those Who Can't Pay \$25

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Dec. 11.—North Carolina's Young Democratic Clubs plan to force members of the party who haven't the \$25 necessary to get in on the Jackson Day dinners of January a chance to do a bit of Jackson Day eating and orating at nominal cost sometime in March.

At least prospects are extremely bright that the executive committee of the State Y. D. organization will so decide at its meeting in Winston-Salem this afternoon. The committee session has been called by State President Arch T. Allen, Jr., of Raleigh. The club's finance committee, headed by George Hundley, of Thomasville, will meet jointly with the executive group. Mr. Allen said, as it will be called on to have charge of the

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State Faces Loss Around \$9,000,000 On Its Road Funds

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Dec. 11.—North Carolina's highway fund will be short more than \$9,000,000 in anticipated revenue for use next year, if President Roosevelt's plan to cut Federal highway expenditures is adopted and if the State's financial bosses should decide that diversion authorized by the General Assembly is necessary.

According to L. W. Payne, assistant engineer of the Highway Commission, North Carolina's anticipated allocation for 1938 from Federal funds has been set at \$4,800,000. Under the Roosevelt plan, he said, North Carolina wouldn't receive anything at all from the Federal government for next year. Diversion to the extent of three per cent on all gasoline sales in the state

QUOTA FOR COTTON BOOSTED IN SENATE FOR NEXT SEASON

Hayden Pushes Through Amendment to Provide About 400,000 More Bales

DIVIDE QUOTA UPON BASIS PAST YEARS

Barkley Declares Senate Would Approve A Farm Bill Different from House in Only Two Respects, Compulsion and Method of Aiding Farmers Financially

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Senators from the southwest and far west succeeded today in increasing the cotton marketing quota for next year under the Senate farm bill.

Senator Hayden, Democrat, Arizona, won approval of an amendment, which he said raised the 1938 marketing quota from a 10,900,000 bales previously provided in the bill to 10,320,000 bales.

The Arizona said most of the increase would go to states where 1937 production per acre was larger than elsewhere. The bill, he said, ordered the Secretary of Agriculture to divide the cotton marketing quota among states on the basis of the relations of the state production to national production during the past five years.

Adoption of Hayden's amendment made North Carolina quota 505,000 bales.

House passage of crop control legislation gave administration forces their first effective lever for breaking up the legislative jam which has blocked President Roosevelt special session program. Senator Barkley,

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SPRUILL ADDRESSES BANKERS SESSION

Declares Business Recession Brought on to Modify New Deal

Asheville, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Frank Spruill, of Rocky Mount, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, said here today that the recession in business was the result of a "concerted effort on the part of business interests and newspapers" to force modification of the New Deal.

Spruill, president of the People's Bank and Trust Company, at Rocky Mount, related what he said was the experience of a veneer plant in that neighborhood. The plant, he said, had orders on hand to keep it busy for several months, when, almost simultaneously from various parts of the country came instructions to hold up the orders. The orders were not cancelled he added, but were subjected to delay.

"Now why," he asked, "these concerns all over the country with contracts calling for use of veneer, simultaneously could not use it?" The banker predicted that the recession would "wear itself out." There are now signs, he said, that the downward trend is slowing up in North Carolina.

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was authorized by the General Assembly of 1937 "though the legislators did throw a deferring clause around highway laws to the effect that there shall be no diversion at all so long as there is any money available from general fund sources. It has been estimated that this three per cent, subject to diversion, will amount to more than \$4,000,000 for the biennium. Adding these two sums together makes it appear that the Highway Commission may not have something more than \$9,000,000 which it has had reason to believe would be available. Diversion of highway funds to other purposes first showed in North Carolina when a total of \$46,000, or \$1.51 for each of the state's 428,737 motor vehicles registered that year, was used for purposes other than highway.

Envoy to Nazis?



Hugh Wilson

Hugh Wilson, above, an assistant secretary of state, is expected to be named U. S. ambassador to Germany to succeed William E. Dodd, who is said to have announced his resignation, effective in January. Wilson is former minister to Switzerland.

(Central Press)

PRESIDENT HOOVER AGROUND ON REEF

All Passengers Rescued, But Liner Is Reported In Desperate Condition

Manila, P. I., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Hounded by winds and reported leaking badly, the trans-Pacific liner President Hoover was feared to be in a desperate condition today after several hundred passengers had been rescued from the \$8,000,000 vessel.

Captain E. Stepbach, master of the German freighter, Treussen first ship to reach the Hoover after she went aground this morning on a reef of a small island near Formosa, messaged that the Hoover was "bumping steadily," and "leaking badly forward."

Only a skeleton crew remained aboard the liner, about 500 miles from Manila. The passengers said most of the crew had been removed to the island.

Three United States destroyers, going northward from Manila, the liner Empress of Asia and two tugs, from Formosa, were expected to reach the grounded ship late tonight.

Messages said the weather was calm, and Dollar Steamship Company officials stated they expected to refloat the liner.

CONGRESS FEARFUL OF FDR'S POLICIES

Leftwingers Afraid He Will Quit Them; Rightists Won't Trust Him

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt unquestionably did have a tooth pulled. The tooth has not been offered in evidence, but it is not even suspected that the operation never was performed at all.

Plenty of suspicion is expressed, however, that he cut short his recent fishing trip and came back to Washington less because he still had an ache in the place of the tooth came from than because he considered his presence in the capital imperative to keep Congress in order—if possible. Generally Congress is a headache to the administration. This time it is a toothache.

From Both Sides. "F. D." is in the position, in his relationship with the lawmakers, of the well-known individual who is "dammed if he does and damned if he doesn't."

Until quite lately he was regarded by many orthodox legislators as dangerously to politico-economic leftward. Now the leftward folk accuse him of having veered so far to the right that they are horrified. In fact, he has more congressional opposition now than ever he had.

The leftists are antagonized. The rightists are doubtful how long they

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Relief Estimate For Next Year Is Still Uncertain

Business Recession Causes President Roosevelt to Withhold Estimate Until March

RELIEF ROLLS NOW TEMPORARILY LARGER

Broad Survey of Relief Situation Underway by Senate Committee; May Aid in Measuring Future Needs; March Will Disclose President's Aim at Balanced Budget

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Congressional leaders said today that relief rolls would be "temporarily" larger than last year's because of the business recession. President Roosevelt would make it impossible for President Roosevelt to estimate next year's relief needs when he makes the annual budget forecast in January.

They said the President would delay estimating relief outlays to March in order to determine the seriousness of the present business slump. This would postpone until March any disclosure of Mr. Roosevelt's aim of a balanced budget can be attained in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Harry Hopkins, the WPA administrator, had announced that relief rolls would be increased temporarily by 350,000 persons. He said, however, that this expanding program could be continued without exceeding the limit of the existing \$1,500,000,000 relief appropriation. The WPA has been spending an average of \$100,000,000 a month to provide work for a varying number of clients. Present rolls number 1,575,000 and any increase would boost expenditures by \$23,000,000. Informed persons on Capitol Hill said, soon a reduction in this year's relief figure undoubtedly would be necessary to balance next year's budget.

A broad survey of the entire relief situation is being studied by a Senate Committee, headed by Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, and this may aid congress in measuring future needs.

INSURGENTS CLAIM BIG AIR VICTORY

Insurgent Warships Shell Alicante, Killing Two and Wounding Forty

(By The Associated Press) Hendaye-Franco, Spanish Border—Victories in air battle over the Aragon battle front were reported by both the Spanish insurgent and government forces.

Official dispatches from General Francisco Franco's headquarters said the insurgents won one of the greatest air fights in the civil war on the Zaragoza sector when they brought 20 government planes. The insurgents say they lost but one ship. The government said six insurgent planes were shot down in a large shell encounter.

The insurgent battle cruiser shelled the port of Alicante, on the southeastern coast for a half an hour. Government reported damages as two killed and forty wounded. Shore batteries blazed away at the insurgent war-

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Thousands Need Charity Santa Claus This Year

New Bern Wants WPA Aid for Impersonator, but Many Families Are Worse Off Than That; Relief Rolls Increasing in Latest Reports

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 11.—An interesting item in the North Carolina State Employment Service publication relates that its New Bern office has been asked to locate the right person to play Santa Claus to New Bern children.

The incident is cited in Raleigh humorous vein, as one of those unusual little bits of news which bob up every now and then.

But there is little of the humorous in the fact, proved by every available bit of evidence, that there will be many thousands North Carolinians

New Ambassador



Joseph P. Kennedy is shown in his latest picture, snapped at the Senate hearings for revision of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936. He has been named United States Ambassador to England, replacing Robert W. Bingham. (Central Press)

TWO ROXBORO MEN IN GEORGIA CRIME

C. O. Whitt Shoots Self As Officers Approach; Hubert Davis Surrenders

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 11.—(AP)—One of two men who held up a filling station at Wrens, Ga., killed himself when police cornered him after an automobile wreck.

The second man crawled from under the car, hands over head, and surrendered.

Police Captain George Holds said the man arrested gave his name as Hubert Davis, of Roxboro, N. C., admitted a holdup, and said his companion was C. O. Whitt, of near Roxboro. C. H. Reeves said the two men drove into his place, held him up, locked him in a rest room, and took \$13 from the drawer.

He kicked his way out and notified Charles Brown, of Wrenn, who in turn notified the Augusta, police.

Lieut. Jesse Powell said when the automobile did not stop, he fired puncturing the gasoline tank and a tire.

Police said the driver drew a gun, and shot himself through the head, after the automobile ran into a barricade and was wrecked. His companion then surrendered.

Holds was checking to determine whether these two were part of the Bill Payne gang in North Carolina, or of a gang, which recently escaped from Sanford, N. C.

RIVER PORT FALLS INTO JAP HANDS; AMERICANS MISSING

Capture of Important River Port Closes Retreat for Chinese Along Yangtze

TWO MISSIONARIES UNHEARD TWO WEEKS

Defenders Offer Opposition to Front Tanks, But Japs Push Ahead; Cities in Vicinity of Nanking in Jap Possession; Three Attacks On Capital

Shanghai, Dec. 11.—(AP)—While Japanese troops pounded Nanking's walls and gates today, another Japanese column captured the important river port, Wuhu, 60 miles up the Yangtze from the capital. Japanese army commanders said occupation of Wuhu would make impossible a Chinese retreat from Nanking along the southern bank of the Yangtze.

They said it also would put Japan's forces in an advantageous position for a march on Hangkow whenever campaigns were ordered against the city further up the Yangtze, where Chinese have shifted their seat of government.

Capture of Wuhu came while Japanese infantry, charging behind a line of tanks, were storming Nanking in a general attack. In following reports that Japanese had captured Chinking, 40 miles east of Nanking, and taking Chiping midway between the capital and Wuhu.

With fighting reported on the north bank of the Yangtze, fear was felt for the safety of two American missionaries, B. F. Stamps, of Huntington, W. Va., and Richmond, Va., and Mary Hemerit, of Emerson, N. J. They were at Yangchow and had not been heard from for two weeks. Japanese commanders admitted their front tanks were meeting stiff machine gun and rifle fire from Chinese on the wall of Nanking. The simultaneous attack from three directions were pointed toward the center of Nanking.

Japanese troops had yesterday

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THREE ARE GIVEN PAROLES BY HOEY

aleigh, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Herman Evans, convicted in January, 1935 in Pitt county of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 to 17 years has been paroled, Governor Hoey said today.

The other three were E. A. Leonard, Jr., sentenced in November, 1936, in Nash county to two years for assault on a female, and James Moses, given 12 months last September for larceny and receiving in Wilson county.

Seek More Bodies At St. Cloud

Police Order Half Acre of Ground Spaded for Victims Of Weidmann

Paris, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Police ordered today a half acre ground around the "death" cellar at St. Cloud spaded up in search for four more possible victims of Eugene Weidmann, confessed slayer of the American dancer, Jean DeKonen and four men.

They expressed fear that a second American, an unidentified man, might have been led into the web of a murder for profit syndicate of which Weidmann said he was the expert in killing. They also sought light on three women whose identity and fate are a mystery.

Workmen dug in the ground of the villa where Jean DeKonen's body was found Thursday to determine whether the three women had been killed and buried there.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and continued cool tonight except unsettled on coast Sunday partly cloudy, slowly rising temperatures in the interior.

FOR THE WEEK South Atlantic States: Rising temperatures with some rain the first of the week, and rain again within the latter half, followed by colder weather.

this year who will be absolutely unable to play Santa Claus to their own children unless assisted by public charity.

Here are a few of the salient bits of evidence:

(1) Approximately 12,000 workers (above 10 per cent of the total) have been laid off in the textile industry alone, it is reported at the state department of labor. Most of the remaining workers are on only about 60 per cent full time.
(2) Workers certified to WPA by

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