

JAPS APOLOGIZE FOR SINKING U. S. SHIP

Sectional Opposition May Defeat Government Buying Of 6 Million Bales Cotton

WHEAT SENATORS PLAN FOR DEMAND TO START BUYING

New England Group Likewise Wants Government to Purchase Entire Potato Surplus

AMENDMENTS MIGHT KILL COTTON PLAN

Supporters of Measure Believe Series of "Horse Trades" Will Be Sufficient To Drive It Through Senate When Vote Comes In Few Days

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A proposal of southern senators that the government buy up 6,000,000 bales of cotton in an effort to raise the price to 12 cents a pound evoked today sharp sectional opposition.

Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, of the Senate Agriculture Committee, offered the proposal as an amendment to the pending farm bill. He said it had the support of cotton belt senators and Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Senators from the wheat belt were reported planning an amendment to direct government purchase of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat.

New Englanders talked of directing the government to buy the big potato surplus.

These moves were seen as attempts to beat the cotton purchase by "amending it to death."

Meanwhile, Senate floor managers for the farm bill expressed confidence

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Farm Bill Pay Above \$600 Less

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Senate leaders agreed today to accept an amendment to the ever normal granary bill which would scale down all benefit payments above \$600.

Senator Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, offered the proposal, which he said would greatly reduce outlays to large corporations and affect less than three percent of all the farmers.

Senator Pope, of Idaho, Democrat, co-author of the granary bill, interrupted Lee to say backers of the bill were willing to accept the amendment "because this law will have to be worked out in conference."

He referred to the fact that under the usual routine a joint House and Senate committee would attempt to work out grievances.

Storm Does Big Damage In New York

Worst Blizzard In Years; Western States See Hopes of Some Relief

(By The Associated Press.) Ravages of the storm that inflicted multi-million-dollar flood damages in California, paralyzed western New York communities with the worst blizzard in years, laid siege to the far South, and set clean-up squads hard at work today.

In the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., scene of a four-day blizzard that cost six lives, huge hull-doors flung aside drifts piled up as high as 15 feet to normalize traffic and transportation

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SNOW MAROONS MANY MOTORISTS



Top, automobile marooned at Niagara Falls; below, buses snow-bound in Buffalo. Buffalo and the surrounding area, as well as the part of Ontario on the other side of the Niagara river, are digging out of the worst blizzard in several years. Automobiles and buses were halted as drifts reached seven feet. At Niagara Falls, Ontario, and at Welland, Ontario, where snow fell unceasingly for 24 hours, many motorists, such as the one shown here, were marooned.

Franco's Big Push Launched In Spain Against Loyalists

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Battles raged on three Spanish war fronts today as Spanish insurgent General Francisco Franco's long-awaited general offensive rumbled into action.

Government reports said there was a widespread movement of insurgent troops from their concentration points toward the fighting lines at Toledo, Brunete and Teruel.

Insurgent censorship prevented information on the progress of Franco's triple-headed attack across the closed Spanish frontier into France.

Madrid and Valencia, former capitals, were the objectives.

After the general offensive had been launched, an insurgent communication from Iran said the Franco forces had struck "like a bolt of lightning" and that "the reds (government forces) were unable to resist the attacks."

An insurgent shelling of Madrid, in which more than 500 projectiles pounded into the city in hardly half an hour, was reported to have killed 12 persons and to have wounded more than 50.

Further, there is none which has worked, and is working, harder at its job, covering more ground or adding more evidence, under the broad powers enjoyed by a congressional inquiry.

What will be the next move by Senator La Follette's committee?—operating as a sub-committee of the

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, with occasional sleet or rain in interior tonight and Tuesday and on coast Tuesday; slightly warmer in east central portion tonight.

SITDOWN STRIKES FURTHER IGNORED IN SUPREME COURT

Test from Philadelphia Ordered Dismissed in Ruling by High Tribunal Members

GOVERNMENT WINS ON GOLD DECISION

Ruling Holds Treasury Does Not Have To Pay Interest on Gold Bonds Called for Redemption in Advance of Maturity Date; Flag Case Dropped

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Supreme Court ordered dismissal today of litigation involving constitutionality of sitdown strikes. It sent the case back to the Federal district court at Philadelphia, with instructions to dismiss "upon the ground that the case is moot," since the strike had been settled long ago.

This action had been requested by the Apex Hosiery Company, of Philadelphia, the scene of a sitdown strike last summer, conducted by the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers.

In answer to a Supreme Court order to show cause why the case should not be dismissed, the labor organization asserted an action against it for damages for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act was still pending.

The court also ruled that the Treasury does not have to continue to pay interest on gold bonds it called for redemption in advance of the maturity date. Justice Cardozo wrote the majority decision, which was read in his absence on account of illness by Chief Justice Hughes.

The tribunal dismissed litigation contesting constitutionality of a re-

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Sixth Victim Now Is Named in Paris By French Killer

Paris, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Eugene Weidmann, chief executioner for a murder-for-profit syndicate, today added the name of a sixth victim to his list of confessed slayings. He admitted, police announced, killing the missing Janie Keller, 30-year-old Alsatian, in his St. Cloud villa.

Weidmann previously had confessed to strangling Jean De-Koven, young Brooklyn dancer, and to shooting four men, one of them an associate, in the supposed syndicate of kidnaping and death-for-money.

Passengers On Stranded Liner Saved

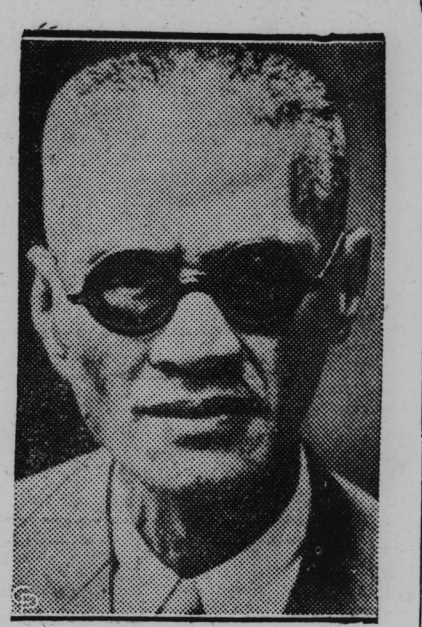
Manila, P. I., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The liner McKinley picked up 453 passengers from the stranded luxury ship President Hoover off two rocky inlets today and steamed towards Manila.

A radio message from the McKinley's master said the passengers were taken east of Formosa, where the Dollar liner Hoover piled onto a reef early Saturday. The message did not say whether all refugees were aboard the McKinley, also a Dollar liner.

An unconfirmed report here said a third Dollar steamship, the President Pierce, was speeding toward the Hoover, and it was assumed her mission was to make additional rescues. Early reports placed the passenger list at about 600.

QUICK LUNCH 11 DAYS TILL Christmas SHOP EARLY

A Chinese Ruler?



Wang Keh-Min... puppet ruler? If and when Japan sets up an autonomous state in North China, which recently fell under Japanese domination, Wang Keh-Min, above, Chinese financier and statesman, may be made ruler.

VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST BOMBINGS PLANNED BY HULL

Secretary of State Confers With Advisors and Also Will Talk To Roosevelt

INDEMNITY ISSUE NOT YET CERTAIN

Commander of British Gunboat Close by Lost U. S. Gunboat Rescues Some of Survivors; Some Europeans Still Stranded After Sinking

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Secretary Hull prepared vigorous representations today to be transmitted to the Japanese government on the bombing and sinking of the American gunboat Panay in China.

The secretary of state went into conference with a group of his advisors on Far Eastern affairs preparatory to drafting his protest. His aides indicated that as soon as complete information concerning the incident was in hand here, a strong note would be dispatched to Tokyo.

There was no indication, meanwhile, as to whether this government's representations would include a demand for indemnity covering the cost of the Panay and suitable compensation for casualties involved.

Before dispatching the note, Hull was expected to confer with President

COTTON HOLDS OWN DESPITE WEAKNESS

Lower Cables Partly Offset by Trade and Foreign Buying; Slight Gains Noted

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened quiet, one point lower to two higher. Lower cables were partly offset by trade and foreign buying. March was 8.06 and the list was net unchanged to three points lower shortly after the first half hour. March advanced to 8.10 and at midday was 8.09, when prices generally were four points higher to one lower.

U. S. And Britain Working Together In Far East Move

London, Dec. 13 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today told the House of Commons that Great Britain and the United States were "in consultation" regarding Japanese attacks on their Yangtze river gunboats.

JAPS ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR 'TERRIBLE MISTAKE'

"Profoundest Regret" Expressed, Claiming Airmen Did Not Know Gunboat Was American; Only One Life Known Lost; 54 Survivors Are Accounted for Now

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (AP)—The British gunboat Bee reported early today she had rescued eight Americans, seven of them seamen, from the United States gunboat Panay, sunk in the Yangtze river above Nanking by Japanese war planes Sunday.

The rescues brought to 61 the known survivors among 72 persons believed to have been on the Panay when she was bombed. The report from the Bee further said it was understood two more Americans not included in the 61 were safe ashore.

One seaman died of wounds. Fifty-four were known to be ashore about 25 miles up-river from Nanking, 15 of them wounded, some gravely.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Japanese navy tonight accepted full blame for the war plane bombardment and sinking of the United States gunboat Panay and two Standard Oil Company ships, and expressed "profoundest regret" for the terrible mistake.

One American seaman died of injuries from the bombardment by Japanese war planes indiscriminately strafing all crafts in the Yangtze river about 25 miles above Nanking.

Killers' Victims May Be Doubled

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The mystery of missing Janie Keller, found to be the sixth victim of a murder-for-profit syndicate, convinced police today that the list might be more than doubled.

They made new efforts to search for her in the St. Cloud villa, where Eugene Weidmann killed at least two of his admitted victims, including 22-year-old Jean De-Koven, Brooklyn, N. Y., dancer.

Investigators said four pieces of evidence found at the villa, clothing, a trunk, a picture and a passport, definitely connected Mrs. Keller with the ring. Mrs. Keller's estranged husband identified the passport as his own, the clothing and trunk as his wife's, and the photograph as a picture of her.

Mrs. Keller has not been seen since October 2.

President Is Worried Over Loss Of Ship

Sends Message To Japanese Emperor; U. S. Demands Full Pay and Apology

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt today conveyed to the emperor of Japan an expression of his deep concern over the bombing of the American gunboat Panay.

Simultaneously, the United States government transmitted to the Japanese government a demand for full compensation and apologies for the incident, and guarantees against a repetition of such an attack.

Hiroki Saito, the Japanese am-

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Farm Bureau Head Attacks Farm Bill

The House Passed

Chicago, Dec. 13 (AP)—Edward O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, criticized today the farm bill passed by the House last week, calling it a "tragedy for agriculture."

"The House Agriculture Committee wrote a bill which leads the farmer to think he might get parity prices," said O'Neal in a speech before the association's annual convention, "but it offers no mechanism at all to give him parity."

Nanking Now Is Possessed

By The Japs

Military Command Officially Announces Occupation of Capital of China

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Japanese military command tonight officially announced occupation of Nanking, China's capital. The troops completed the occupation at sunset, the announcement said.

Bloody street fighting, with Chinese contesting every foot of the Japanese advance, marked the battle for the city, Japanese said. Slowly, however, they reported, they took over government buildings which had housed Chinese machine gun nests and snipers.

Naval planes cooperated with the army in the day-long attack, and the

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