

PANAY SHELLED JAP PLANES, THEN SANK

Senate Again Refuses To Limit Farm Bill Expenditures

WAGE BILL'S FOES TO BE BEATEN BACK BY HOUSE LEADERS

Speaker Bankhead May Hold Night Sessions To Force Vote on Measure This Week

GATES LEFT OPEN FOR FARM COSTS

Such Sums As Are Necessary Can Be Put Out; House Committee Calls Off Hearings on Proposed Referendum on U. S. Declaration of War

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Senate refused again today to fix a definite limit on expenditures under the ever-normal granary bill.

Supporters of the bill contended this provision would hold costs to \$500,000,000 or whatever funds are made available.

Earlier today the Senate voted down an amendment which would have ordered full "parity payments" on cotton, wheat and corn.

HOUSE LEADERS EXPECTING TO BLOCK WAGE-HOUR FOES

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—House leaders expressed confidence today they could defeat an impending move to send the wages and hours bill back to committee for reworking.

Dallying tactics, however, kept the house from considering amendments to the bill. A quorum call was demanded and ordered when only a handful of members gathered for the day's work.

The House Judiciary Committee, meanwhile, called off hearings on a measure requiring a national referendum before any war could be declared.

Chairman Sumners, Democrat, Texas, pointing out that by signing a petition, members had ordered direct House action on that resolution, said the committee "deided, under all the circumstances, it would not at this time proceed with hearings."

GAS CONSUMPTION SHOWS PROSPERITY

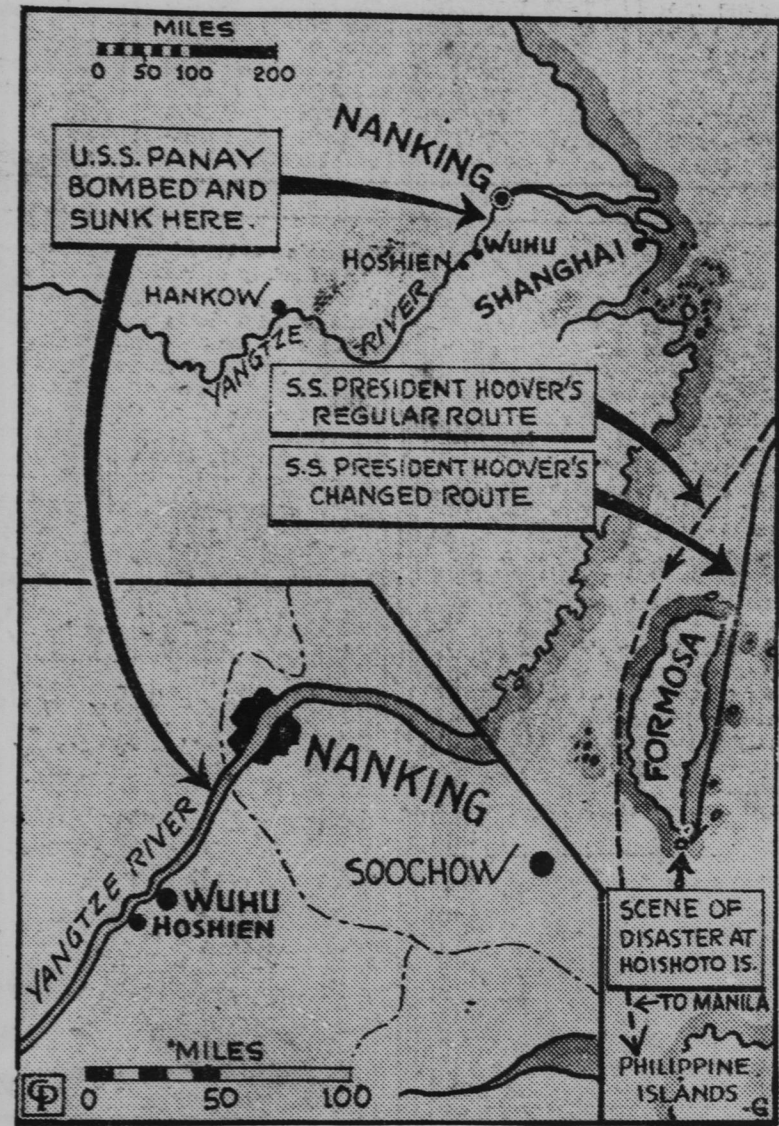
With That As Barometer, State Has Had Most Prosperous Year

In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Measured by the consumption of gasoline as a "yardstick," North Carolina has enjoyed one of its most prosperous years.

These figures reflect increased travel as well as better business conditions, in the opinion of Mr. Maxwell. Not only has more gasoline been consumed during the first ten months than ever before in a corresponding period, but the October figures, latest month for which consumption has been accurately calculated, show a higher total, 34,616,543 gallons, than in any other one month.

Comparison of the increase in gasoline consumption in North Carolina with that in the entire United States is slightly in favor of the State with a gain of 10.83 per cent compared with a national gain of 9.9 per cent as reported.

WHERE DISASTER STRUCK U. S. SHIPS



Where Panay sank... where Hoover grounded

This self-explanatory map shows the scene of the bombing and sinking of the American gunboat Panay in the Yangtze river above Nanking, and the scene of the accidental grounding of the luxury liner, President Hoover, on the rocks of Hoishoto Island, in the Formosa group.

Hungary Resumes Paying War Debt, Which Is News

UNIONIZATION HERE FLETCHER ASSERTS

Labor Commissioner Advises Contractors To Go Along Peacefully

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—Unionization of labor is inevitable and wise employers will do all they can to encourage it along safe and sane lines.

In view of all the facts of the situation, he said, there is now no longer room to argue the principles of unionization.

Two courses are open to employers, he declared. They may seek to harness and hinder the process of unionization, as is being done in certain sections and certain industries, or they may foster and encourage unionization.



SHOP EARLY

Check for \$9,828 Deposited With Federal Reserve Board on Account Owed Here

FIRST RESUMPTION SINCE MORATORIUM

Nearly All of \$1,680,170,000 Due From Foreign Nations Is Defaulted Again, However; Finland Pays Entire Maturity Promptly, as Before

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Hungarian government paid to the United States today a partial remittance on its war debt.

Hungary thereby became the first of 12 nations to undertake a resumption of payments which were stopped during or after the Hoover moratorium in 1932.

By far the greater part of the \$1,680,170,000 which fell due today on the

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Britain Is Demanding Guarantees Of Japan To Protect Shipping

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden informed Commons today that Great Britain is seeking definite action by Japan to guard against recurrence of attacks on British shipping.

The note being dispatched today would define the British government's attitude "toward the whole series of incidents, emphasizing the seriousness of the situation thus created, and requirements which, in their judgment, flow from it," Eden said.

PANAY SINKING IS RAISING QUESTION AMERICAN RIGHTS

Whole Problem of United States Position In Far East Comes Forcibly To Fore

ROOSEVELT, HULL AWAITING REPLY

Possible Showdown In American-Japanese Relations May Soon Come; People May Be Given Right To Vote on Any U. S. Declaration of War

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States' protest to Japan against the bombing of the gunboat Panay, informed persons said today, has served to raise the broader question of the whole future of American rights in China.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull awaited a direct reply to the latter's formal note which demanded not only adequate reparations for the Panay sinking, but also a guarantee of no further "unlawful interference" with American rights.

It was on that issue, responsible persons said, that a possible showdown might come in American-Japanese relations unless Japan agrees unconditionally to the United States' terms for an amicable settlement.

While the Panay incident remained a principal topic of conversation in diplomatic and congressional circles, a majority of House members signed a petition to bring about a vote on a constitutional amendment requiring a popular referendum before the United States could declare war.

The House probably will not consider the proposal before January. It would have to pass both houses and Senate by a two-thirds vote, and then be submitted to the states. Thirty-six states would have to approve it.

SOME STRENGTH IS SHOWN BY COTTON

List Three Points Higher To One Lower Around Midday, After Early Recessions

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened steady, unchanged to four lower under moderate hedge selling. March was selling at 8.22 shortly after the first half hour, with the list one point net higher to three lower. March recovered to 8.24, and at midday was selling at 8.22, when the list ranged from three points net higher to one lower.

TWO MORE WOMEN SUSPECTED KILLED

Pair Who Answered Paris Butcher's Advs. Missing from Home

Paris, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Two women who had answered help wanted advertisements inserted in newspapers by Eugene Weidmann, confessed executioner for a murder-for-profit ring, were reported missing today.

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Jap Envoy, Hu II After Meeting



Hiroshi Saito

Key figures in Washington conferences over sinking of the U. S. gunboat Panay by Japanese bombs are Hiroshi Saito, Japan's ambassador to the United States, and Cordell Hull, U. S. secretary of state. Saito is shown, above, leaving the state department after expressing official regrets to Secretary Hull. Mr. Hull is seen entering the White House to discuss the incident with President Roosevelt.



Cordell Hull

... rushing to conference with president.

New Philadelphia Killing Is Probed

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A number of additional suspects in the killing of Mrs. Wilma Carpenter will be questioned, District Attorney Frederick Smilie said today after releasing five persons who were examined last night.

Smilie said that a pistol believed to have been used by the killer had been found in a culvert near the Camp Hill railroad station, about a quarter of a mile from the Carpenter home. He said a boy found the weapon and turned it over to police.

Smilie denied earlier published reports that he believed Miss Mary Griffin, friend of the slain woman, "has not told all she knows." The girl told the police a man shot Mrs. Carpenter in the Carpenter home in suburban Camp Hill and made repeated attempts to assault her—Miss Griffin.

FEAR BRAZIL MAY BE SECOND SPAIN

Monroe Doctrine May Be Given Real Test Under Fascism There

Washington, Dec. 15.—Charles A. Thomson's warning that Brazil conceivably may be transformed into a second Spain, right in Uncle Sam's own dooryard, is worthy of more than a passing thought.

Thomson, as a spokesman for the Foreign Office Policy Association, made his talk at a recent gathering of George Washington University's Inter-American Center, here in the capital.

He may not have intended it so, but what he said really amounted to an answer to a preceding address by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, who argued that President Vargas' establishment, a short time ago, of a Brazilian dictatorship is nothing for the United States seriously to worry about. While we would tolerate no overseas interference in New World affairs, such internal readjustments as our Latin neighbors see fit to make in their various governmental setups are none of our business.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; unsettled in west portion; slowly rising temperature in central and east portion.

ALL AMERICANS IN NANKING ARE SAFE, JAPANESE ASSERT

27 Foreigners In Conquered Capital Refused To Leave Aboard River Steamers

FIGHTING GOES ON FAR BEYOND CITY

Terrific Engagements Continue As Japs Push On Into Interior of China; Desperate Efforts Being Made By Chinese To Halt Invaders' Advance

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Japanese Embassy said today 27 foreigners, including 18 Americans who were within the walls of Nanking when Japanese troops stormed and captured the Chinese capital city, were all reported safe in a message from Nanking.

Besides the Americans, there were six Germans, two Russians and a Briton who chose to remain in the city rather than evacuate on a river boat as many other endangered foreigners did.

The embassy report said there were 150,000 Chinese in the "safety zone." Reports from the war front indicated hard fighting was in progress beyond Nanking, where the Japanese army, driving steadily into the interior, was combating Chinese along a new defense line established about five miles northwest of the fallen capital city.

Survivors of the Panay bombing

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PANAY FIRED UPON ATTACKING PLANES BEFORE SHE SANK

Kept Her Guns Blazing Until Last Minute in Own Defense, Survivor Declares

SAYS PLANES KNEW SHIP WAS FOREIGN

Jim Marshall, Magazine Correspondent in Far East, Says It Was Impossible for Japs To Have Failed To Recognize Gunboat; Three Are Dead

Shanghai, Dec. 15 (AP)—Three American survivors of the Panay bombing, arriving here today, declared the United States gunboat vigorously returned the Japanese aircraft fire and that the Panay was plainly marked with American flags.

The survivors, two of them badly wounded, and the third suffering from shock to such an extent he could not tell his own name, was brought here by a Japanese plane from Wuhu. Their condition caused fears that many of the refugees enroute from the scene of the bombing on American and British gunboats might be suffering from shock and exposure.

Jim Marshall, Far Eastern correspondent for Collier's magazine, asserted the Panay opened fire on the Japanese planes at the beginning of the attack, and "kept her guns blazing until the last minute."

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Jim Marshall, Collier's magazine Far Eastern correspondent and survivor of the Panay said it opened fire on the attacking Japanese planes when bombs started dropping, and "kept her guns blazing until the last minute."

"The Japanese planes dropped 12 bombs around the Panay and the

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U. S. CONCILIATOR AT STEEL MEETING

Believed There To Block Widening Schism Between CIO and AFL

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15.—(AP)—James Dewey, Federal labor conciliator, came to the steel workers convention today in the wake of reports that the breach between CIO and the American Federation of Labor was widening.

"I merely came in the course of events," said Dewey, who has been a close observer of negotiations between the warring factions representing John L. Lewis and William Green.

The convention's 925 delegates, meanwhile, began passing resolutions endorsing the recommendation of its officials, headed by Philip Murray, lieutenant of Lewis.

Resolutions were approved calling for a six-hour day and 36-hour week, a Federal survey of technological unemployment, firm adherence to labor contracts and condemning as "a disgrace to any community" the action of Chicago police during the steel riots there last summer.

The delegates leaped to their feet and cheered John Phillips when he suggested that every union man in the country should quit work for a day every time a man or woman was slain on a picket line.

Captured Fugitive Identified By Two

Wilmington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Police Chief Joseph Rouark said today two persons had identified an unmarked picture of Wash Turner, alias Jack Borden, escapee, as that of a man who had been in this section two or three weeks lending credence to the belief that it was Turner, who escaped Monday night from a police trap in which his companion, J. B. Byrd, of Durham, was shot and captured.

Rouark said he showed the picture to Inez Bumgarner, girl said to have had a date with Borden, which led him into the trap, and that she told him it was the picture of a man with whom she had been associating for three weeks. She knew him as Ralph Miller, said said. This is one of the aliases used by Borden.

The chief said he also showed the picture to a cafe attendant here, who immediately recognized it as the picture of a man who had been eating at the cafe for two weeks.

Mayor Thomas E. Cooper suggested that Governor Hoey investigate what he termed "flagrant examples of inefficiency" in the State Highway Patrol as patrolmen pressed the search for the companion of Byrd.