

# ROOSEVELT SILENT ON WAGE-HOUR DEFEAT

## Second Note Is Sent Japan About Gunboat

### MACHINE-GUNNING OF NAVAL VESSEL BEING PROTESTED

Nature of New Representations by United States Is Not Definitely Announced

### NAVAL COMMANDER OFFERS TO RESIGN

Offer Reputedly Refused, However, Though He May Be Given New Assignment; Reported Invasion of Gunboat by Japs Believed Protested

Tokyo, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Japanese Foreign Office disclosed today that the United States Ambassador Joseph Grew had delivered a second American note in connection with the sinking of the gunboat Panay.

The nature of the new representations had not been made known, but they were reliably understood to concern reports that the Yangtze river patrol ship had been machine-gunned by Japanese launches before it sank under the pounding of aerial bombs Sunday. The note also was believed to have carried a strong protest against the reported boarding of the Panay by Japanese officers before it went down about 20 miles up-river from Nanking.

(State Department officials in Washington said the representations made by Grew were based on details of the bombing as received from naval and diplomatic sources in China and relayed to him. The material supplemented the formal note sent by the State Department to the Japanese.)

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## 36 Miners Guilty Of Conspiracy To Bomb Coal Trains

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18 (AP)—Thirty-six defendants, most of them affiliated with the Progressive Miners of America union, were convicted today by a Federal court jury of conspiracy to bomb Illinois coal field trains.

All were found guilty on three counts after the largest mass trial in the history of this Federal court district. The verdict was reached 11 1/2 hours after the jury received the case. The trial lasted five weeks.

Several Progressive officials were among the miners convicted of conspiracy to dynamite trains, obstructing the mails and interfering with commerce.

Sheriff Earl Evans and the other defendants were charged with dynamiting trains hauling coal from mines operated by members of the rival union, the United Mine Workers of America, in an effort to force employment of Progressives.

The defendants took the verdict quietly, but wives of some of them sobbed.

## Gangster Slain Near To Belmont

Belmont, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A gun battle with officers today had ended the criminal career of Clyde Cunningham, former South Carolina convict, at first tentatively identified as Bill Payne, North Carolina desperado.

## When Labor Rift Widened



Philip Murray (left), chairman of the Steel Workers Organization Committee is shown at Pittsburgh, shaking hands with Lieutenant Governor Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, a former labor leader and appointee of Gov. Earle. The picture was taken at the S. W. O. C. convention in which both Kennedy and Murray attacked William Green and blamed the A. F. of L. for the division in organized labor's ranks.

## Railroads Given Further Increase

Washington, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission approved today freight rate increases estimated to return \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 annually to railroads.

The increases, effective Monday, were allowed by approving tariffs proposed by the railroads on specific commodities after the I. C. C. granted October 19 increases estimated to bring in \$47,500,000 annual revenue.

## ORDER IS RESTORED ABOUT FORD PLANT

Hostilities Between Police and Pickets at Kansas City Quieted

Kansas City, Dec. 18 (AP)—Police-picket hostilities reached a truce at the Ford assembly plant here today after five men were wounded by gunfire, a dozen beaten and two gassed in clashes yesterday.

Police said they would not patrol the plant during its usual week-end shutdown.

Two of the men wounded in yesterday's disorders were constables. A Ford maintenance employe was overcome by tear gas and a policeman blinded by the gas was sent to the hospital.

Fifteen members of the UAWA and other CIO unions and four non-union Ford workers were held for investigation. Police released 104 strike sympathizers arrested in the disorders.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Mostly cloudy tonight, with possibly light rain in east portion and mist or snow flurries in mountains colder except on north coast tonight; Sunday partly cloudy, unsettled on the coast, slightly colder in central and east portions.

## INSURGENT POINT ALMOST CIRCLED

Madrid, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Teruel, southern spearhead of General Francisco Franco's Aragon line, was ringed today by besieging government forces, a war communication announced, and a battle was raging with in the city.

All of Teruel's communications had been cut off by the government's slashing three-day surprise offensive.

An insurgent communication reaching the French frontier denied the government claims of success. It insisted "we are pursuing the enemy with success."

Government reports said the republic's Teruel army had captured 15 positions surrounding the city and some within the city itself.

In bitter cold and through drifting snow, the attackers stormed insurgent entrenchments in the municipal cemetery, driving them out from the protection of tombstones.

The insurgents failed in a counter-attack yesterday to smash through the tightening ring.

Teruel's plight was unquestionably a heavy blow to Franco's armies, which had been expected to take the offensive themselves in an attempt to drive eastward through government territory to the sea.

## Hoey Warns Car Owners To Get 1938 Auto Tags Now And Avoid Trouble

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Approximately half a million automobile owners must obtain their license tags within the next two weeks or face arrest if they attempt to operate their cars, Governor Clyde R. Hoey said today as he urged car owners to get their tags without further delay.

"I wish to call the attention of the public to the fact that only a few days remain to purchase new automobile plates before the first of January," the Governor said. "Under the law automobiles cannot be operated upon the highway after December 31 unless the new license plates have been placed on the cars. There is no provision in the law for extending the time and this cannot legally be done."

## Happy in Victory



Gen. Iwane Matsui, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the Shanghai area, is pictured at a conference with the Japanese press after his soldiers had triumphed in the taking of the Chinese city. (Central Press)

## EMPEROR OF JAPAN MAY TAKE HAND IN THE PANAY AFFAIR

Detailed Report of Sinking of American Gunboat Given Him by Premier Konoye

SOME STATEMENT MAY FOLLOW SOON

Army and Navy Insisting That Offers to United States Already Made Are Enough; Foreign Minister Hirota Waging Battle for Concessions

Tokyo, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito tonight received a detailed report on the sinking of the United States gunboat Panay from Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye.

News of the premier's action, an unusual step in the Japanese system, lent weight to reports that some expression concerning the Panay affair might come from the emperor.

The army and navy were said to be insisting that the formal apology, offer of indemnities and recall of Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsumori, chief of the naval air force in Shanghai, were sufficient to satisfy the United States.

Foreign Minister Koki Hirota was said to be waging a battle with little support to obtain further concessions.

## U. S. NAVAL COURT OPENS INQUIRY ON YANGTZE ATTACKS

Speedy Conclusion of Investigation into Japanese Conduct Likely In Shanghai

JAPS ALSO PROBING GUNBOAT'S SINKING

Whether the Japanese Machine-Gunned Panay's Survivors Is Disputed Question Whose Solution Is Sought; Japan's Future Moves In Doubt

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—(AP)—An official United States naval court of inquiry rushed a factual investigation today of Sunday's Japanese airplane attacks on American shipping in the Yangtze river.

The naval court hoped to complete its investigation before United States cruiser Augusta, flagship of Admiral Harry Yarnell, commander of the United States fleet in Chinese waters, sails for Manila tomorrow.

Japanese, at the same time, announced they were undertaking another thorough investigation of the disaster in which the United States gunboat Panay was sunk, three Standard Oil vessels were destroyed and four lives were lost.

Both boards of inquiry attempted to settle a disputed question in which the United States took a serious view: Did Japanese deliberately machine-gun the Panay's survivors?

The direction of Japan's next offensive in China, meanwhile, was clouded in doubt. All that was known was the declaration of Vice-Admiral Kiyohi Hasegawa, commander of Japanese naval forces in Chinese waters, that the Japanese government is not satisfied with the success of its arms with the capture of Nanking. The situation is far from settled.

Japan's already had spread north, west and southwest of Nanking, conquered capital of Republican China, and were believed threatening to dominate other Chinese cities.

Urgent appeals to Shanghai for doctors and medical supplies came from the abandoned capital throughout the attack, and still were attempting to alleviate the suffering of the inhabitants.

## VETERANS GET PAY AFTER 2 DECADES

Service Compensation Obtained for Tar Heel Soldiers Now Ill

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Seven North Carolina veterans of the World War have just been awarded compensation for "service-connected disabilities" twenty years after they suffered them, Jack Lang, State service officer said today.

The seven were among the 32 new cases handled by Mr. Lang, whose office is in Charlotte, during November. None of them had ever made application for compensation before, he said.

Mr. Lang commented on the difficulty of convening Veterans administration officials at this late date that existing disabilities are in fact due to service in 1917 or 1918. He said that the evidence in the seven cases approved in November was overwhelming; but that the veterans had not before filed because of their desire not to take compensation from the government until it was absolutely necessary.

The State service officer was here to confer with Major A. L. Fletcher, commissioner of labor. He is continuing on Page Five.)

## Reversal In House Is Blow To Program Of Special Session

Defies NLRB Again



George Ketchum... defies NLRB

For the second time, George Ketchum, president of a Pittsburgh advertising firm, has defied the National Labor Relations Board. He failed to appear as a witness at Steubenville, O., where the NLRB is investigating charges of coercion by the Weirton Steel company against union employes.

A copy of the subpoena served on Ketchum was ordered sent to Washington for any action deemed appropriate.

## FARM BILL PASSES TO CONFERENCE AS SENATE APPROVES

Small Group of Legislators Will Now Tackle Problem Congress Could Not Solve

HOUSE AND SENATE ARE WIDELY APART

Efforts Will Be Made To Harmonize Two Measures; Price-Fixing Proposals Are Rejected by Senate, Which Almost Kills Farm Measure Itself

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Senate passage of the "ever normal granary" bill shunted to a small group of legislators today the problem that Congress has been unable to solve in four weeks of debate: how best to help the farmer.

A joint committee of senators and representatives faces the task of reconciling major differences between the Senate measure and a crop control bill previously passed by the House.

Leaders have abandoned hope that the committee men agree on many details before the special session adjourns next Wednesday. Minor enactment of farm legislation, listed first on President Roosevelt's program for the extra session, thus will be delayed until Congress convenes again in January.

The Senate approved the farm bill last night, 59 to 29. The measure narrowly escaped the ash heap, however, when proponents

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Speaker Bankhead Says Special Congress Has Made As Much Headway as Expected

HOUSING BILL MAY PASS BEFORE NIGHT

House Late Friday Sent Wage-Hour Bill Back To Committee Despite Leader Rayburn's Plea It Means Death of That Type of Legislation

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—No comment was forthcoming from the White House today on the defeat of the wage-hour bill. It was said that President Roosevelt had not had time to discuss the situation with his congressional leaders.

This may be one phase of the general legislative program which he will take up at a Monday conference with his leaders.

Speaker Bankhead said the special session had accomplished effective "spade work" which would mean Congress could adjourn next year's regular session by April 15.

He added he was not disappointed with the progress made on the special session program the President outlined.

"We have made as much headway as could be expected," he said. "Some of these measures could not be handled overnight."

The speaker said he believed the House would pass the administration's housing bill by tonight and Congress would adjourn by Wednesday. He said he thought many members would start home for the holidays by Monday night.

ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM IS HALTED BY THE REVOLT

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A climatic House rebellion which shelved the wage-hour bill checked administration leaders today in their efforts to push through much of the Roosevelt program before adjournment next week.

In a tense overtime session, the House sent the battered measure back to the labor committee last night, despite an appeal from Majority Leader Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, that such

## Bill To Buy Six Million Bales Ready

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Senate Agriculture Committee sent to the floor today for consideration a bill by Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, to require the government to buy up 6,000,000 bales of cotton.

Under the measure, cotton would be purchased until cotton reached 12 cents a pound, or the 6,000,000-bale limit was reached. Purchases would be carried out through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Smith failed in an effort to amend the farm bill to provide for the purchases. Northern and western senators voted against the southern bloc.

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## November's Road Deaths 112 In State

Total for Eleven Months 999, or 95 More Than Same Period Last Year

Raleigh, Dec. 18 (AP)—R. R. McLaughlin, motor vehicle bureau director, announced today that 112 persons died in automobile accidents in North Carolina during November to push the year's toll to 999, or 95 more than in eleven months of 1936.

There were 841 accidents, in which 844 persons suffered non-fatal injuries during November. For eleven months

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## SLIGHT ADVANCES IN COTTON MARKET

Renewed Realizing and Hedge Selling Retard Rise, However; Volume Is Limited

New York, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Early advances in cotton today brought out renewed realizing and hedge selling, but volume was limited. March eased from 8.27 to 8.21, and closed at 8.22, with final prices one point net lower to five higher.

	Open	Close
January	8.16	8.12
March	8.26	8.22
May	8.32	8.27
July	8.38	8.34
October	8.43	8.43
December	8.45	8.45

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