

MIDWEST OIL FIRMS CONVICTED IN CASE ON ANTI-TRUST ACT

16 Major Companies Held Guilty of Conspiring To Raise Gas Prices In Section

NINE COMPANIES' PRESIDENTS NAMED

Defense Prepares Immediately To File Motions for Setting Aside Verdict; Defendants Liable to Fines of \$5,000 in Each Instance

Madison, Wis., Jan. 22 (AP)—A large part of the oil industry in the middle west was convicted in Federal court today in one of the biggest cases ever brought by the government under the Sherman anti-trust act.

A jury composed of middle aged farmers and small town businessmen brought in verdicts against 16 major oil companies, 30 outstanding personalities in the industry, who were charged with conspiring to raise gas prices in midwestern states in 1935 and 1936.

Among the defendants were presidents of nine companies, three of the companies that had been acquitted—Tidewater, Associated Oil companies, and one man not connected with a major oil company, A. D. Bourque, of Tulsa, Okla., secretary of Western Petroleum Refining Association.

The defense prepared immediately to file motions to set aside the verdict for a new trial. Federal Judge Patrick Stone said he needed a rest today and he would set a date later for hearing the motion, perhaps in two or three weeks and would delay the question of sentencing until hearing on the motion. All the co-operations and the officials are liable to maximum fines of \$5,000, and the individuals face possible terms of year in prison.

Chief Defense Counsel Donovan said he had no statement to make, but other defense staff members said it would be carried to the Supreme Court if necessary.

PRICES OF COTTON GENERALLY LOWER

Selling by Bombay Interests Is Factor in Early Decline; Futures Close Firm

New York, Jan. 22 (AP)—Cotton futures opened six to 12 points off on lower Bombay cables and Bombay selling. May recovered to 8.51 and ended quotation 5 to 12 net lower.

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Rows for May, July, October, December, March.

Noe Grows Weaker On His "Fast"

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 22.—(A)—Israel Noe, fasting Episcopal clergyman, summoned what remained of his remaining strength for his weekly radio Bible lesson tonight.

He was considerably weakened as he entered his 21st day of his fast by which he seeks immortality on earth. His condition appeared to take a turn for the worse after his removal from St. Mary's Cathedral, friends said.

Jury Gets Case Of Six Prisoners

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The case of six penitentiary convicts charged with murdering Captain Olin Sanders of the prison guard, went to a Richland county jury at 12:05 p. m. today.

Circuit Judge C. C. Featherstone, told the jury the case "was now in the hands of 13 judges—every man on the panel is a judge."

He charged the jury "follow the law," which he said "all the wisdom and all the fact, try the case by the law and evidence."

A. F. Spigner, in the course of an argument said, "The State takes the position that all six are guilty of cold blooded premeditated, unadulterated murder."

Spigner's was the last argument.

The solicitor asked for the death penalty for the defendants, said he did not believe any of them insane and told the jury "The defense's attorneys asked you to pass condemnation on your public officials."

Maritime Chief?



Rear Admiral Emory S. Land ... to succeed Kennedy?

Appointment of Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, retired, to succeed Joseph P. Kennedy as chairman of the U. S. maritime commission was believed imminent as a congressional "big navy" bloc moved to bring the commission and the navy into closer alliance. Kennedy is the new U. S. ambassador to Great Britain.

Judge Grady Will Quit As Active Judge

To Retire Dec. 31 at End of Present Term and Be Emergency Judge

Clinton, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Judge Henry Grady, announced today that he would retire from the North Carolina Superior Court, December 31, when his third term expires. He has served 15 years.

In making his announcement, the judge said the heavy duties of his office, and his age, 65 years, had caused him to decide to retire. Only two weeks ago he had said he expected to be a candidate for re-election. "I retire voluntarily," he said, "with deep affection for members of the bar of this section who have at all times shown me every consideration and courtesy and with profound gratitude to my many friends who have reposed in me their confidence and esteem."

"I have reached the age where under the law I can retire and become an emergency judge for life."

"Such retirement will give me an

Taxes Exempt On Property Here Of Outside Charity

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell today ruled that property owned in North Carolina by non-resident charitable, educational and religious corporations is now exempt from taxes.

Assistant Attorney General Harry McMullan said such property was subject to taxation in 1937. The ruling was made at the request of Huntington College, Montgomery, Ala.

Georgia U. Students Conclude "No-Sleep" Gridiron Near Noon

Athens, Ga., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Six yawning University of Georgia students completed 100 sleepless hours today and smilingly insisted they felt all right and planned various activities for the night.

Four co-eds and two young men ended their no-sleep grind at 11:30 a. m., Eastern Standard Time, blinked heavy eyelids and expressed hope their experiment had "done something" to show the effects of sleeplessness on the mind and body. Dr. A. S. Edwards, head of the psychology and conductor of the test, said he was pleased with the outcome of the experiment and hopes the test would further the test of psychology and

He Started It



Mild-looking M. Revinnoff, pictured above, was the cause of the sit-down strike which threatened to engulf all France recently. An electrician at the Goodrich Rubber Company plant in Paris, he was dismissed for allegedly failing to report an instance of wire-tapping in the plant. Authorities ruled the dismissal justified, but the workers struck.

ROUMANIA LEADS WORLD CAMPAIGNS AGAINST THE JEWS

Anti-Semitic Congress Called for in Project of Aged Official of Government

JEWS SEEK HAVEN IN THE HOLY LAND

Minister Declares Jewish Problem Becoming Acute; Little Likelihood Migration Will Solve Problem for Jews, One of Their Leaders States

Bucharest, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Professor Alexander Chuzsa, 81-year-old minister without portfolio in the nationalist government today started preparation for a world anti-semitic congress.

The energetic minister, who said he had been "fighting Jews for more than a half century" has been one of the leading figures in the fight against Jews by Premier Goga.

As Chuzsa disclosed his plans, nearly 1,000 Jewish leaders from all parts of Roumania gathered to debate an appeal for refuge in Palestine.

"A special hearty invitation to participate in such a congress, where according to my information the Jewish problem is growing acute," Chuzsa, Police were ready to prevent disorder in the capital, which has become a hot bed of anti-semitic fervor at the advent of the Nationalist Goga.

It was uncertain what would be the exact program of the three day assembly of the Roumanian Union of Zionists, but there was general belief that it would include a petition to the British government for extraordinary

Hunt Plot Behind Plot To Blow Up Japanese Vessel

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Police looked for a "plot behind the plot" today in the investigation of a bizarre attempt to bomb the Japanese liner Kiyo Maru.

Investigators said the death of R. M. Forsyth, 28, Vancouver, B. C., school teacher, who drowned Thursday, after pushing a "bomb laden raft toward the liner, might have sealed the secret of the fantastic plot.

But they continued to search George H. Partridge, 22, also of Vancouver, Forsyth's admitted accomplice.

Southerners To Continue Filibusters

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Southern senators decided today to keep their filibuster against the anti-lynch bill indefinitely in an effort to shelve the measure. Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, said after a caucus that opposition would continue "until we demonstrate that this bill can't be passed."

Both the senate and house were in recess today, but several of the committees were active.

MORE MONEY AND MEN ARE NEEDED BY JAPS IN CHINA

Parliament Told Chiang Wouldn't Make Peace and New Government Was Necessary

TO LINK CHINA AND MANCHUKUO SOON

Will Become Part of Chain in which Japan Is Center; End to Undeclared War Far in Distance and Greater Army Is Demanded of The Country

Tokyo, Jan. 22 (AP)—Japanese government admitted today a need for more money and men to fight China, acknowledged the conflict would be a long one, and laid down as one of its basic aims—as economically linked, China, Japan and Manchukuo.

Premier Prince Konoye outlined the economic objective of the Far eastern war, and, with the foreign minister, naval minister and war minister, presented to the Japanese parliament a detailed account of the six and one half months of conflict.

There general conclusions were that China's General Chiang Kai Shek had refused to make peace and therefore a new and favorable China government was necessary, that an end to the undeclared war was still far distant and that the army must greatly be increased in strength in China.

ROOSEVELT STAND IS DISCONCERTING

His Failure To Stick to Announced Programs Adds To Uncertainty

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Jan. 22.—Even some of President Roosevelt's most devoted adherents confidentially admit that the white House tenant seems to them rather too kaleidoscopic for the country's economic welfare.

They express the utmost confidence in his general objective, but, in approaching it, they confess that his apparent ziggs and zaggs follow one another so rapidly as to be confusing—confusing to his own supporters. And, if confusing to them, how much more confusing must they be to those who are more or less doubtful of his whole program?

Neither does he explain his changes from zig to zag and vice versa. He simply announces these changes, without accounting for them.

If all this is puzzling to politicians, who are accustomed to partisan zigging and zagging, how much more disorganizing must it be to non-partisan business, which, above everything, yearns for certainty.

ONE INSTANCE Speaking in of lately: We started in on a recession. The administration gave evidences

DARE PRISON CAMP TO BE ABANDONED

Work on Roads There Not Sufficient To Justify Operation As Full-Time Project

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—R. G. Johnson, state penal director said today J. C. Gardner, division one engineer, would determine if the Dare county prison camp be abandoned.

The engineer said it would be cheaper to hire local labor to do the same work the prisoners are doing, because per capita cost runs up in a small camp like that.

Gardner said the abandonment of the camp was being considered, but no action had been taken.

Camp population, if the camp were abandoned, would be distributed at the other camps in division one.

The building and equipment will probably remain for future use, and when work demands it in Dare county, the prisoners will be returned to Dare county.

U. S. Steel Plans To Spend \$80,000,000 Remodernizing Its Plants During This Year

Lung Removed—She'll Recover



Madeline Martin, of Philadelphia, is shown in a hospital in that city after operation for the removal of an entire lung in which three abscesses had developed. She is well on the way to recovery, but is kept in an oxygen tent, which was removed for a moment to permit the photographer to take her picture.

TVA DECISION TO BE TAKEN QUICKLY TO HIGHEST COURT

Government Agency To Cooperate With 18 Private Utilities That Lost Decision

COMPLETE PROGRAM UPHELD BY RULING

Attorneys for Company Announce Appeal Will Be Taken; Security Owners Are Depressed by Holding of Three-Judge Federal Court Friday

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The decision of a three judge Federal court at Chattanooga upholding the TVA power program can be appealed directly to the Supreme Court under new legislation.

Chattanooga, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The TVA victories over 18 private utilities in a test of its constitutionality promised cooperation today in speeding the case to United States Supreme Court.

Every major activity of the government's unified program (flood control, navigation and power production) were held valid yesterday by a three member Federal court.

Attorneys for the utilities announced they would appeal. James Fly, TVA chief counsel said the agency would "assist in every way" to expedite a final decision.

In New York, Wall Street reported utility security owners were depressed, especially by the ruling that TVA power competition was "lawful," but that privately owned power companies "have no immunity from lawful competition even if their business be curtailed or destroyed."

However, the financial community believed generally power securities had already discounted a pro-TVA decision, having been weak for some time.

In Washington, the reaction was varied.

State Bar Plans Meeting May 5-7 To Be Pinehurst

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The 1938 meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association will be held at Pinehurst May 5, through 7, the association executive committee decided at its meeting here today.

Henry London, secretary, said he and President F. E. Winslow, of Rocky Mount, and executive committee Chairman Fred Sutton, of Kinston, would arrange the program.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy, occasional light rain in north portion Sunday; no decided change in temperature.

M'LONDON SOUGHT AS HANCOCK PILOT

Oxford Senatorial Candidate Wants Died-in-Wool Regular To Aid

Only Dispatch Bureau. In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Major L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro, is being implored to manage the senatorial campaign of Frank Hancock, according to grapevine reports reaching this bureau.

The report is pure political rumor so far, and your correspondent will make neither oath nor affirmation of its truth. None the less it came through channels which are usually reliable, though by no means infallible.

According to this source, "Friendly Frank" is dead anxious to obtain a dyed-in-the-wool down-the-line faithful-till-death regular of the Gardner

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Japs Demoralize Chinese Drive In Center of Nation

Shanghai, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Japanese naval air force today resumed larger scale bombardments of Chinese troops and irregulars throughout central China.

Twenty tri-motored bombers cast a shadow on a Chinese counter-offensive on a front 125 miles southwest of Shanghai, a Japanese spokesman announced today.

The bombers bombarded Hangchow-Nanchang railway end and pounded the Chokiang province and nearby Chinghsi province.

The spokesman said the raiders destroyed hangars and equipment on Chinese airfields at both places without shelling from the ground.

GOLD MINE ISSUES LEAD STOCK RALLY

Many Leaders, However, Virtually at Standstill; Little Effect of TVA Victory

New York, Jan. 22 (AP)—Selected gold mining issues put on a small rally by themselves in today's stock market, but many leaders were virtually at a standstill.

The news which was expected to make the list nose-dive after the government TVA victory in Chattanooga were agreeable surprised when it failed to give ground, except in minor fractions.

Sales totaled 405,290. Bonds and commodities uneven.

Table with 2 columns: Security Name, Price. Rows for American Radiator, American Telephone, American Tob B, Anaconda, Atlantic Coast Line, Atlantic Refining, Bendix Aviation, Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, Columbia Gas & Elem Co, Commercial, Continental Oil Co, Curtiss Wright, DuPont, Electric Pow & Light, General Electric, Liggett & Myers B, Montgomery Ward & Co, Reynolds Tob B, Southern Railway, Standard Oil N J, U S Steel.

MORE EXPENDITURES IN 1938 SEEN IF BUSINESS WARRANTS

Southern Senators Continue Filibuster Against Anti-Lynching Bill In Congress

LEGISLATION PILES UP BEFORE SENATORS

Filibusters Hope That Necessity of New Business Will Cause Shelving of Anti-Lynching Bill; Congress May Get President's Naval Measure Monday

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—President Benjamin Fairless said today the United States Steel Corporation planned to spend \$80,000,000 on plant modernization in the next nine months. "In addition," he said in a statement to the Senate Unemployment Committee, "if business conditions warrant, there will undoubtedly be other expenditures in considerable amounts during 1938."

Fairless was prevented by illness from appearing before the committee in person. He had the statement read.

Meantime, important legislation began piling up on the Senate calendar, increasing the urgent desire of administration leaders to end the filibustering of the anti-lynching bill.

Southern senators, who have been talking for 14 days to prevent the lynching bill from coming to a vote, predicted the necessity of getting on to other business would result in the shelving of the bill next week.

They called a caucus to decide on strategy to pigeon hole the measure. House leaders said President Roosevelt would probably send to Congress Monday his proposal measure, asking for authorization of a larger navy.

Quick Trial Of Kidnaper Is Planned

St. Paul, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A speedy removal and a swift trial for the kidnap-slaying for Charles Ross was the program mapped out today for Peter Anders, the onetime lumberjack who hoped to execute the "perfect crime."

Anders was held under heavy guard at the office of FBI, after an eventful week in which he unfolded details of kidnaping, slaying and bank robberies.

The slayers victims were Ross, a Chicago manufacturer, James Gray, an associate in crime. Federal agents forged one of the important links in the chain of evidence when bodies were recovered from a cave in northern Wisconsin woods.

Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, characterized Anders as "the most dangerous man we ever met up with." And this, despite the effort to lacerate Anders in the national police record.

Hoover disclosed Anders made a futile effort to escape by striking the agent to who he was chained.

News Photo Urged Upon Newspapers

Chapel Hill, Jan. 22 (AP)—Edward Stanley, executive editor of the Associated Press news photo service, termed news photography the most efficient implement editors have at their command for conveying information swiftly and forcefully in an address here today.

Stanley, whose headquarters are in New York, spoke at a round-table discussion marking the close of the fourteenth annual North Carolina Newspaper Institute.

Other speakers were Charles Parker, city editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and Frank Jones, staff photographer of the Winston-Salem Journal.

"The development of news photography is merely underway and its possibility is almost entirely unexplored," said Stanley. "It is up to this generation to search out and show the text-side how to tell the news to the world."