

CHINESE ADVANCE IN DRIVE TO KEEP JAP FORCES APART

Attempting To Keep Wedge Driven Between North China and Central China Armies

RIVER PORT TAKEN UP YANGTZE VALLEY

Japan Claims Destruction of 16 Chinese Planes on Inland Front; Chinese Claim Destruction of Japanese Airports; Other Positions Are Raided

Shanghai, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Chinese commanders sent word of new gains today in their fight against Japanese invaders from Nanking together with the conquered areas of North and central China.

Chinese cavalry was said to have surrounded the Japanese garrison of Tsinting, a city on one route on the temporarily stalled Japanese drive toward Suichow, the course of Chinese resistance.

Up the Yangtze river valley, the Chinese reported they captured a river port near the scene of the Japanese bombing of the U. S. Gunboat Panay, December 12. Southeast of Shanghai, Chinese commanders said their bombers attacked a fleet of Japanese army boats in Chikiang province, killing three hundred. Chinese and Japanese airplanes subjected widely scattered points to intermittent bombardment.

Japanese naval spokesman said a Japanese raid in central China had destroyed 16 planes and damaged a Chinese depot and barracks. The Chinese said their air force had destroyed a Japanese airport at Wuhu, a Yangtze river port, and raided other Japanese river positions "with damaging effect."

Air Liner Safe After Big Storm

Hartford, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A fourteen passenger Eastern Air Lines transport plane, with five aboard landed safely today at the field here after battling strong winds for seven hours on a scheduled trip to Washington, D. C., from Newark, N. J.

Captain Fred Jones, chief pilot, promptly announced on landing "Well, we left and landed."

The airliner with two passengers and a crew of three was feared "lost" for several hours, but Captain Jones said he had been in constant touch with Newark airport officials by radio, and that he had "overshot" his radio beam.

Philip King, employee of the U. S. Maritime Commission, a resident of Washington, and a passenger commented when the big ship was brought to a hangar:

"I can't say enough that's good about the plane and the crew."

The passengers were apparently unconcerned about their adventure in the rain swept sky but "wondered somewhat" when they landed.

Despite their coolness, the passengers "believed they were all done," and wrote notes to their loved ones.

East Hartford, Conn., Jan. 25.—(AP)—An Eastern Air Liner, carrying five passengers, which had been held aloft for five hours today, rolled out a storm, landed safely at a field here at 3 a. m. EST. Airport officials said the plane made a perfect landing.

The plane left Newark airport at 8:30 last night for Washington, but the pilot turned back after bucking head winds. Unable to land at Newark it cruised in that section for some time, then was reported circling near Philadelphia, and then was also reported near Bridgeport, Conn.

RURAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS GROW

Increasing at Rate of About 1,000 Per Month, State Chief Says

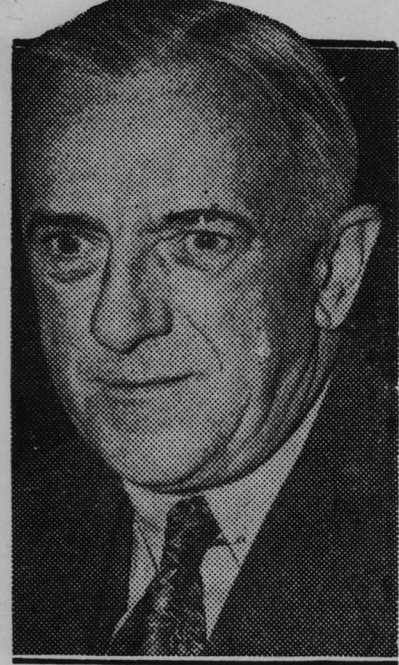
Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Water Hotel. Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Consumers of electricity in rural North Carolina have increased more than 1,000 per month for the past seven months, according to the report of J. M. Grainier, engineer, submitted late yesterday afternoon to the State Rural Electrification Authority.

Mr. Grainier's figures showed that on July 1, 1937, there were 26,321 actual users of electricity in rural North Carolina who have become customers since establishment of the State REA.

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Cold Wave Coming In Carolinas Area Tonight, Tomorrow

Faces Battle



A new picture of John Milton, of Jersey City, recently appointed to the seat in the United States Senate left vacant by A. Harry Moore, who left it to become Governor of New Jersey, is shown above. Milton's right to the seat will be challenged when he comes up for confirmation. (Central Press)

Dredge Off Hatteras Is Holding Own

Assistance Hurried to Diamond Shoals Craft With Ten Men Aboard Vessel

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25 (AP)—Coast guard headquarters here said the Cutter Modoc reported by radio at 5:45 a. m. today that a dredge of Diamond Shoals was in "good condition", and seas were moderating slightly. The Modoc and two tankers were standing by and pumping oil to calm the sea, coast guards headquarters announced.

Ten men were aboard the dredge, the coast guard said.

The tug Moran, which was towing the dredge, called the Peru, sent out an S. O. S. call at 9:30 last night, the Coast guard added. The tug master said he could not help the dredge because of heavy seas.

The Modoc was sent from Wilmington, N. C. and the cutter George M. Bibb, enroute from Norfolk to southern waters, changed its course and went to the aid of the dredge.

Pumps on the dredge were still working, the Modoc said, but the tugs radio was out of commission when seas washed away a door and damaged the Moran's radio equipment.

MEASURE OF STREAMS AID TO INDUSTRIES

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Engineers and consultants interested in the location of new industries in North Carolina are using more and more the records on stream flow, volume and velocity taken at 96 stream gauging stations in the state.

Theodore S. Johnson, chief of the division of water resources and engineering in the department of conservation, said a report on stream flow based on data at the 96 stations would be published about July 1.

CONSIDER PEACE IN LABOR'S RANKS

Executive Meeting of A. F. of L. Hears Pleas of Pennsylvania Group

Miami, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Prospects for peace between the American Federation of Labor and CIO came up for consideration today at the mid-winter meeting of the AFL executive council.

The question was raised in a plea by the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor that the A. F. of L. recede from a demand that CIO affiliate be ousted there under threat of revocation of the federation's charter and organization of a new state set-up.

John Lewis and United Mine Workers, and other CIO units, steel workers, garment makers, textile and radio, electrical workers—are prominent in the Pennsylvania federation.

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Icy Winds Sweep In On State from West, Where Frigid Cold Wave Prevails in Many Areas

BLIZZARD RAVAGES MIDWEST PRAIRIES

Two Drowned, Thousands of Acres Inundated and Winter Wheat Suffers as Flood Waters Surge Over Large Part Illinois and Wisconsin

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Icy winds swept into North Carolina from the west and the weather bureau here forecast a moderate cold wave with a probable low temperature here tomorrow of 24 degrees.

Gusty winds, prevailed throughout the State last night, said Lee Denson, in charge of the bureau, and at times blew here with velocity of 35 to 40 miles an hour.

The Carolina Power and Light Company and the American and Southern Bell Telephone Companies said no serious damage to lines by the winds have been reported by midday.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS ACROSS WESTERN PRAIRIE STATES

Chicago, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A severe cold wave, accompanied by a snow storm that reached blizzard proportions, moved over the midwestern prairies today in the wake of heavy rains that sent streams over their banks and hundreds of families fleeing for safety.

Two persons were drowned, thousands of acres were inundated and winter wheat crop suffered damage as flood waters surged over a large part of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

Eddie Proctor, six year old school boy, and Ralph Hartness, 20, a truck driver, drowned in Illinois, where more than 600 families fled their homes. Rainfall ranged from two to almost four inches in northern half of Illinois.

NOE MAY SURVIVE HIS FASTING SPELL

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25 (AP)—Doctors agreed today that it was "still too early to know" whether the Rev. Israel Harding Noe would recover from ravages his body suffered from absolute abstinence.

Considering all circumstances "he is coming along as well as could be expected," the doctors said, and "we now have hopes he will recover."

The clergyman entered the hospital Sunday night on the insistence of friends.

MEMBER SUSPENDED BY STOCK EXCHANGE

New York City, Jan. 25 (AP)—The New York Stock Exchange today announced the suspension for three years of T. Gaillard, II, a member of the firm of Thomas and Griffith, for violation of rules of the exchange.

MEAT PRICES ARE ON THE TOBOGGAN

Levels Now 10 to 40 Percent Under 1937 Peaks, Specialist Says

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Meats for the table "are on the bargain counter" with retail prices 10 to 40 percent lower than the peak last year, Paul L. Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, said today.

Surveying price conditions on ten typical meat markets in the state, Fletcher said he found that:

Steaks and chops have dropped in price from 25 to 27 percent; bacon and sausage are from 20 to 25 percent cheaper; roasts dropped approximately 27 per cent and stew-meats are down 33 percent.

The survey also revealed that the following other meats are cheaper: hams, 20 percent; "fat back", 43 percent; lamb, from 16 to 22 percent; and veal, 10 percent.

Fletcher said that "in addition to cheaper prices, the meats inspected on the markets were found to be vastly superior than the same type meats that were offered for sale last fall."

"Present low prices for meat and the exceptionally high quality to be found can be contributed almost solely to a more abundant and cheaper livestock feed supply," the Department of Agriculture marketing authority said.

"Since cheaper meats are available, (Continued on Page Eight)

Six Men on Their Way to Die



During a rest period in the detention room of the South Carolina prison break trial at Columbia, S. C., these six men, who had taken part in the break in which Capt. Olin Sanders, warden, was fatally stabbed, faced the camera, probably for the last time. All are doomed to die. Left to right, top, they are William B. Woods, who admitted he was the brains of the escape; Roy Suttles, 28, and J. V. Bair, 27. Bottom, Herbert Moorman, 41, Detroit, Mich.; Clayton Crans, 28, Rochester, N. Y., and George Wingard, 22. (Central Press)

C. C. C. Swindler



Reno E. Stutely, former chief of the voucher unit of the National Park Service, who diverted more than \$75,000 of government funds to his own use, for which he created an imaginary C. C. C. project, is shown as he entered jail after being sentenced to six to twelve years. He was also fined \$36,000. (Central Press)

QUIZ WATCHMAN IN FIRE AT COLLEGE

Two More Bodies Recovered, 31 in All; 15 Yet Missing in Quebec Blaze

St. Hyacinth, Quebec, Jan. 25.—(AP)—(Canadian Press)—Marte! Quessel, 69-year-old watchman of the College of the Sacred Heart, was held here today awaiting questioning as inquiry was resumed into the fire of a week ago in which 46 students and teaching brothers perished.

A coroner's inquest was adjourned yesterday for three days to allow provincial police to gain more evidence.

Two bodies were recovered yesterday, bringing the number to 31, with 15 missing.

HOEY, GILL STUDY ROBINSON'S CASE

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Governor Hoey and Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill, studied the case today of Hudson Robinson, Negro, sentenced to be executed Friday for the murder of Alfred Dowling, in Mecklenburg county.

Gill said Robinson, 18, contended he killed Dowling in self defense. However, Dowling was slain at the same time, but Robinson claimed that he did not mean to shoot him.

BOULDER KILLS STUDENTS

Welch, Va. Va., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A 10-ton boulder rolled down a mountain and tore through two stories of the Elk Horn negro high school Monday, killing two students, three other students and a teacher, Serman Collins, were injured.

SPANISH LOYALIST PLANES TRYING TO RESCUE BARCELONA

Fly Over Mediterranean In Effort To Break Blockade Of Eastern Seaport City

AIR BATTLE FOUGHT OVER TERUEL AREA

Insurgent Warships Maneuver Far Out To Sea To Avoid Government Planes' Bombs in Barcelona Region; No Hits Scored During Air Battle

Berbere, France, at the Spanish Frontiers, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Squadrons of Spanish government planes drove over the Mediterranean today trying to break the insurgent blockade of Barcelona, after an indecisive air battle yesterday off Berbere, involving a French warship and French anti-aircraft air battery.

Inland over the bitterly contested Teruel, air armadas of the two Spanish factions, fought for mastery while France strengthened her borders against the Spanish aerial warfare.

Four insurgent warships, two cruisers, and two destroyers, maneuvered for out at sea, avoiding the government planes against which they fought yesterday, and awaiting to strike against the government shipping.

It was during the combat between the airships and three government planes that the aircraft dropped bombs near the French destroyer, La Poursuivante. No hits were scored.

Insurgents from Barcelona said some were killed in an insurgent air raid on the government capital, Madrid reported four killed and five wounded in an insurgent shelling of the former capital.

SEADLUND IS MUTE AT ARRAIGNMENT

U. S. Attorney to Ask Death Penalty for Ross' Kidnaper-Slayer

Chicago, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Federal government's action against John Henry Seadlund, gathered momentum today after his arraignment for the kidnaping of Charles Ross.

Federal attorneys whipped into shape the evidence on which they will base their request for a grand jury indictment Friday.

United States Attorney Michael Igoe, said he would demand the death penalty.

Menaced to two federal operatives, the prisoner stood mute yesterday when asked to plea after two minutes of silence, United States Commissioner Edwin Walker ordered a plea of innocence. The case was set for February 2.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and much colder tonight, with moderate cold wave, Wednesday, generally fair, colder in east.

Pepper Continues Filibuster Against Anti-Lynching Bill

New Jobless Plan?



John D. Biggers ... urges employment planning

One vital thing the United States needs, in the opinion of John D. Biggers, administrator of the U. S. employment census, is a temporary agency to supply the "co-operative effort" and "planning" for unemployment called for by President Roosevelt. That's what Biggers asserted when he appeared, above, before a senate committee.

4 Jurors Seated At Asheville

Trial of Payne and Turner Begun In Buncombe With Selecting Jury

Asheville, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Four jurors were seated before lunch in Superior Court here today for the trial of Bill Payne and Wash Turner, who are charged with murder for the slaying last August 23 of State Highway Patrolman George Penn.

Twenty six members of the special venire of 250 were examined in obtaining the four. Court attaches said the completion of the jury would probably take all this afternoon and might run into tomorrow.

The selection of the jury began immediately after Judge Felix Alley convened court.

Payne, 41, slender and medium built, and Turner, also known as Jack Borden, 35, dark hair and stocky, entered the court room 15 minutes before their case was called.

They were escorted by a heavy guard of highway patrolmen.

Neither of the defendants, who face possible death in the gas chamber, showed any marked interest in the proceedings.

A few minutes before the court opened, Mrs. Margaret Penn, of Carthage, mother of the slain officer, entered the chamber, dressed in black, weeping. She was given a seat behind the desk of Solicitor Zeb Nettles, accompanying her were relatives and others from Carthage, including Sheriff McDonald and M. J. Boyette, Moore county prosecuting attorney.

Many who came in the hope of witnessing the trial were unable to enter the court room. They milled around the corridor of the court house and the lawn outside.

GOVERNOR ORDERS PITT CIVIL TERM

Raleigh, Jan. 25 (AP)—Governor Hoey ordered today that a special one week term of civil court convene at Pitt County Feb. 14, with Judge Henry A. Grady presiding.

COTTON UNCHANGED BY HIGHER CABLES

New York, Jan. 25 (AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to three up. Higher cables were partly offset by liquidation and hedge selling.

May at midday was 8.57 with a net unchanged to two net higher.

Shortly after the first half hour, the list was one to four net higher.

Connally Says "Things Look Rosy" for Sidetracking Bill; Another Night Session

BARKLEY SEEKS TO STOP SPEECH-MAKING

Roosevelt Asked to Turn Down Proposal from Tennessee Governor to Purchase All Private Utility Companies in That State; Lewis Wants Housing Program

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, renewed his attack on the anti-lynching bill today with a statement that "is plainly contrary to democracy."

He spoke to a night Senate session last night, and started again after the Senate had confirmed Stanley Reed for the Supreme Court and several other lesser nominations.

Pepper kept the floor, after a series of parliamentary maneuvers, including a ruling by Vice President Garner, which allowed two speeches can be made on single amendments.

Pepper introduced a minor amendment to the amendment, which he had spoken previously, and thus became entitled to two more speeches. Similarly, all the other Southerners, who had been filibustering on the anti-lynching bill, may speak on Pepper's amendment.

Off the Senate floor, Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, leader of southern opposition said "Things look rosy" for side-tracking the bill.

Another night senate session was ordered for tonight in a campaign by Senator Barkley, of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, to stop the speech making, which is delaying the administration's seven-way program.

Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, urged President Roosevelt, meanwhile, to turn down a proposal of Governor Browning, of Tennessee, that the Federal government and State buy the private power companies of Tennessee.

McKellar made his protest shortly after the TVA authorized Dr. David L. Lilienthal to "negotiate" for the purchasing of the private utility properties in the Tennessee Valley area.

John Lewis recommended larger relief funds and a \$5,000,000,000 housing program to aid unemployed and stimulate recovery.

He said the Federal government could take the \$5,000,000,000 from the Social Security reserve funds, and invest it in low cost housing.

NEARLY \$18,000,000 LOANED LAST YEAR

Home Loan Bank of Winston-Salem Assists Building and Loan Association

Winston-Salem, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The fourth district Home Loan Bank reported in its annual statement today loans of \$17,981,202 in 1937 to members building and loan associations to the financing of home construction.

O. K. LaRoque, president, said operations increased 10 per cent over 1936, and placed the Winston-Salem bank ahead of the other 11 district banks in the nation last year. He added, however, member associations had used only 17.6 per cent of the credit available.

HULL MAKES NEW DEMAND ON SOVIETS

Seeks Permission For Embassy Official To See Mrs. Rubens in Prison

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The United States made a new demand on the Soviet government for permission for a member of its embassy staff in Moscow to see Mrs. Rose Marie Rubens, an American woman being held there in connection with an espionage investigation.

The Soviet foreign office January 21, refused this permission for the time being on the grounds that its investigation of Mrs. Rubens was not completed.

Secretary Hull instructed Loyd Henderson, American Charge D'Affaires, at Moscow, to address a formal note to Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet commissar for foreign affairs, asserting that the United States is "unable to accept his further delay in allowing diplomatic representative to interview the woman in prison."

In his note, Henderson was directed to call Litvinoff's attention to the foreign commissar's letter of November 16, 1933 to President Roosevelt, Litvinoff promised that nationals of the United States would be granted paroles, which would not be less favorable than those enjoyed by nationals of the nation's most favorite nation.