CHINESE AND JAPS BATTLE FURIOUSLY NEAR MINGKWANG

Armies Clash in Hand To Hand Struggle; Both Sides Claim Heavy Losses to Enemy

OAHU LEAVES NANKING FOR FUEL, SUPPLIES

Japanese Claim They Have Pushed Chinese Northward Toward Pengpu, Next Jap Objective in March on Suchow; Northern Sector Is Quiet

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Chinese and Japanese armies clashed hand to hand today in a struggle for the 130 mile wide corridor, separating areas Japanese have conquered in almost seven months of undeclared warfare The engagement centered along the

southern border of the corridor near Mingkwang, 75 miles northwest of Nanking. Chinese and Japanese reports of the battles are at odds, with oth sides calms taking heavy toll of enemy lives.

Near Mingkwang, Chinese told of repelling Japanese after repeated bayonet charges against troop rein forcements, tanks and airplanes. Japanese, however, said they pushed Chinese northward toward Peng-

pu, next objective in the Japanese drive toward Suchow. The northern border of the Chinese

corridor was apparently quiet. Japanese officials in Shanghai continued to press investigations of conditions at Nanking, which had been protested from the United States government. The United States gunboat Oshu, which had been at anchor at Nanking since the reopening of the United States Embassy, after Japanese conquest of the city, was to leave for Shanghai for fuel and supplies.

FOUR YOUTHS DIE IN CLUBHOUSE FIRE

Ashland City, Tenn., Feb. 1.-(AP)-The charred bodies of four youths who sought shelter in a vacant club house near here were found Monday in the ashes of the building.

The dead were identified by Sheriff J. W. Keith as Bob Williams, 16; Carney Brizentine, 25; Bertrand Spicer, 18, and F. M. Simpkins, 21.

Identification was established through articles found in their clothing. All resided in this section.

The fire was believed to have been started by the youths Sunday night when they sought shelter from the cold weather.

CREEDMOOR CASHIER **FATALLY STRICKEN**

Fayetteville, Feb. 1.-Stricken with a heart attack while motoring to Florida with his wife, Calvin T. Cox, 62, Creedmoor bank cashier died in an ambulance while on his way to a Fayetteville hospital Monday morning. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Miss Louise Cox, of Varina; two brothers, Rev. Hardy A. Cox, of Mayodan, and Rev. W. E. Cox, of Southern Pines, and four sis Cormick and Mrs. Irene Covert, of Durham, and Mrs. Atlas Uzzell, of Fort Myers, Fla. Funeral was held from Christ church in Days and Durham and Mrs. Atlas Uzzell, of Street Christ church in Days and Da from Christ church in Raleigh this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in Mont Lawn cemetery, Raleigh.

Farm Bill Is This State

Await Congression-

North Carolina are eagerly awaiting the west bank of the river. Congressional action on the crop control measure now in conference bebut outside of these leaders and a small group of unusually well-informed people, few realize the importance

of the measure to the State. In the main the attention of most people has been centered on industrial problems, including labor relations. and it has been generally overlooked that North Carolina ranks third in the entire country in number of farms, with a total of 300,967 in 1935, and a

value in excess of \$707,000,000. Yet with this vital stake in farming and in legislation affecting it, there is a lack of information in Raleigh's official circles about the pending crop control bill which is astonishing. Nobody seems to have any clear idea of what is being proposed

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Freight Car Goes Visiting in Schenectady



A freight car jumped the track and crashed into this restaurant on Jefferson Street, Schenectady, N. Y. Here is the scene after the crash, which all but demolished the building, and which sent two men to the hos pital with serious injuries.

106,000 Lives Lost In Accidents During 1937

Gets League Post



Dorothy Kenyon (above) of New York, one of the best known women lawyers in the country, has been appointed by the Council of the League of Nations to a fact-finding committee to report on the legal status of women in various countries.

(Central Press)

Captain and Crew of Six Reach Safety As Boat Sinks Near Wilmington

Wilmington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Inland Waterways motor vessel Thelsea, 107 futures opened four to six points waterways motor vessel Theisea, 107 tons, burned and sank in the Cape tons, burned and sank in the Cape Fear river five miles south of Wilmington early today. The captain and crew of six men, all of Norfolk escaphad reacted from 8.56 to 8.53, was 8.54 to 8.54 to 8.55, was 8.54 to 8.55 to 8.56, was 8.54 to 8.55 to 8.56 to 8.59, was 8.54 to 8.55 to 8.55, was 8.54 to 8.55 to 8.55

folk, Baltimore and Carolina Lines, higher. May which had advanced to with head offices in Baltimore. It car- 8.56, was 8.55 around midday when the Leaders Eagerly ried fifty tons of cargo, all of which was lost. It was bound to Wilmington, list was four to six net higher.

al Action on Crop

Control Measure

said he did not know the origin of the fire. The flames began in the cargo, crept up around the smokestack and spread rapidly, he said. The fire was discovered about 1:15 a. m. The craft to the water's edge. The crew burned to the water's edge. The crew

The captain and crew took a life boat and rowed eight miles down tween the Federal House and Senate; stream to a plantation and remained there during the night.

OXFORD MAN LOSES FOOT IN ACCIDENT

Oxford, Feb. 1.-John C. Lawson who holds a position with the unemployment compensation commission, suffered loss of his left foot Sunday night as a result of a gunshot accident | either seek their old places or will seek at his home. Lawson, not fully recovleigh, had gone into his yard to investigate a noise, taking his shotgun. He stumbled in a small ditch. The gun fired and the full load entered not be a candidate for anything, while his left foot, so badly mangling it that amputation was necessary.

Estimated Cost of All Accidents Placed at \$3,700,-000,000 for Entire Nation

TRAFFIC DEATHS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH

39,700 Lose Lives in Such Explosion Greatest Dis-aster treasurer and Emily Austin, assistant secretary and treasurer.

The following officers were appoint-

computed today in setting an annual all-time high of 39,700 deaths in the traffic field.

The permanently injured were estimated at 375,000, temporary injured at This "gruesome jamboree of kill

ing," the council said set up a bill of \$3,700,000,000. It was broken down into \$2,550,000,-

000 in wage loss, and medical expenses, \$870,000,000 in property damage in traffic accidents, and \$285,000,-000 property lost in fires. Despite a four per cent drop from 1936 in total deaths, the toll was high-

er than in any preceding year. Council staticians attributed the decrease largely to a mild summer which reduced heat deaths by about 4,500.

An "encouraging phase" was a sharp decline in the child acciden

A decline of 13 per cent for children under 15. Adults accidental death decreased three per cent. Major disasters had little effect on the grand total. Notable however, were school explosion in New London Texas, in March, claiming 294 lives, and the Hindenburg dirigible explosion in which 35 passengers were lost.

COTTON IS FIRMER ON FOREIGN CABLES

New York, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Cotton and shortly after the first half hour, The craft was owned by the Nor- the list was three to five points net

LEGISLATORS ARE TO Decisions

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Farm leaders of but it sank in eight feet of water near E. V. Webb, of Lenoir, Not Candidate, Leaves Finance Committee

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Feb. 1—Your correspondent has received additional answers to a "Reelection" questionnaire indicating that previous estimates as to the percentage of legislators wishing the High Point hydro-electric project to come back in 1939 were correct that is, about half the State Senators will not run this year, while at least four of every five House members will to advance to the so-called "Upper"

Five House members have just written they will run again to succeed themselves, while one says he will try for the Senate. Only one said he will

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Officers Elected for Carolina Tel., and Tel. Co., at Tarboro Meeting

Tarboro, Feb. 1 (AF)—George Hold-erness, president, was elected chair-man of the board of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company today. He succeeds Archie McDowell, Scotland Neck, who is in ill health. Mc-Dowell became vice chairman of the

J. R. Porter executive vice presi-Accidents; Major Disasters
Play Little Part In Total;
New London, Texas, School

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ed: W. C. Darrow, commercial man-Chicago, Feb. 1.—(AF)—Accidental ager, C. W. Oslchner, chief engineer, deaths cost the nation 106,000 lives in 1937, the National Safety Council K. Avent, traffic manager.

South and Central Are New Markets for N. C. Tobacco

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—(AF)—W. P. Hendrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the State Agriculture Department. said today that opening of two markets for tobacco in Central and South America should mean much to North Carolina growers.

"At present," said Hendrick, "Central and South America seem to be our most promising new market.

Benefits to North Carolina tobacco growers will depend upon the speed with which salesmen open up that field. Increase consumption of tobacco by the British has also helped tobacco growers in North Carolina," Hendrick said.

497 TAR HEELS GET UNEMPLOYMENT PAY

Washington, Feb. 1.-(AP) - The social security board announced today unemployment benefit checks totaling \$150,387 were sent to 14,908 clyde Hoey and Parole Commissioner eligible unemployed workers in 10 Edwin Gill had under consideration states during the first five days of benefits.

The board said telegraphic reports based on figures compiled by state unemployment compensation administrators covering check distributions through January 28 showed payment of \$3,564 to 497 recipients in North Carolina and \$3,581 to 474 in Virginia.

Important SEEK RE - ELECTION Wednesday

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
To the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Feb. 1.—At least four decisions of Statewide interest or importance are expected to be handed down by the North Carolina Supreme Court Wednesday when it clears its calendar in preparation for beginning the regular Spring term grind next week.

The quartet of decisions eagerly controversy; (3) the Johnston county electrification row; and (4) the slot machine case brought by a Fayetteville concern in the State courts. Naturally, there has been no hint

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and unsettled in east to-night and Wednesday; continued 15047

Sank British Merchantman Endymion In Mediterranean BRITISH WARSHIPS RUSHED TO THE SCENE Four Destroyers, Armed

With Depth Charges, Ordered to Drop Bombs Without Hesitation; Seven Lives When Ship Goes Done After Attack London, Feb. 1 .- (AP)-The Spanish

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LOYALIST CHARGE

ITALY FURNISHING

INSURGENTS SHIPS

Claim Italian Submarine

government today charged Italy has assigned four destroyers and two submarines to the Spanish insurgent fleet and an Italian submarine sank a British merchantman Endymion, off Spain's southeast coast with a loss of

The British Admiralty rushed four destroyers, armed with depth charges to the Mediterranean, where the Endymion was torpedoed. Pablo De Azcarate, Spanish ambas

sador, accused Italy today in a note to the British Foreign Office. The Spanish government, he declared in another communique, is "amaz-ed" that "foreign intervention in Spain is permitted to such an extent as to allow the rebels (insurgents) to receive whole important units of a

foreign fleet." The ambassador denied that insurgents have submarines of their own, and he said "It must be clear to the whole world" that Endymion's attacker was Italian.

The destroyers were under orders to without hesitation to drop depth charges in attack by submarines if sighted and tried to resist capture. Nyon accord against "piracy" sign ed September 14 cstablished any such tered attacked and possibly destroy

First Time in Years, If Ever Governor Has Sworn In Superior Judge

Raleigh, Feb. 1 (AP)-An unusual ceremony with Governor Hoey adminstering the oath of office to Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, recently appointed Superior Court Judge, was set for the governor's office this

afternoon. Thompson, appointed to succeed Judge Walter L. Small, asked personally that the Governor administer the

Judge Thompson will hold his first court in Granville county starting

Hoey had the Attorney General look up the legality of such procedure and announced that he would give the

Veteran state attaches said it would be the first time in 20 or more years that a governor had sworn in a judge, if it had ever been done before.

HOEY, GILL STUDY CASE DOOMED NEGRO

Raleigh, Feb. 1 (AP)—Governor the case of James Marshall, 30 year old Wayne Negro, sentenced to die Friday in the gas chamber for first degree burglary.

Gill said a decision would be reached shortly.

"GOLD-SHIRTS" NO

Four Men Killed in Gun Fights Along U. S. Border; Capital Is Calm

Mexico, Feb. 1 (AP)—The death of four men in gun fights along the U. S. border failed to shake this capital's calm today despite reports of Fascist-inclined "gold-shirts" participation in the clashes. From several points along the frontier came rumors that "major political developments were impending," but they were given little credence here, where it was said the time was not ripe.

The outlaw "gold shirts" in Mexico

closest appropriation to Fascism. The capital recalled, however, the often repeated but seldom realized threat of General Nicholas Rodriguez, organizer and leader of the "gold shirts" whom President Cardenas exiled in 1936, to send his followers marching on Mexico City to "save the

country from communism." Rodriguez said his men number from 60,000 to 800,000, but observers here said that demonstrations in their heyday never mustered more than 5,-000. They discounted the organization as an important factor in Mexican

Senate Approves Housing Bill By Vote Of 42 To 40

Heads Vote Probe



Henry Young, Jr. . . . to be Hague nemesis?

Henry Young, Jr., New Jersey as-semblyman, heads a committee investigating alleged irregularities in Hudson county balloting at the gubernatorial election last November. Young, a Republican, is active in the "clean government" faction led by State Senator Lester H. Clee, whose defeat for governor led to the investigation. Hudson county is the domain of Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, state Democratic machine The Republican-controlled assembly thus is seen aiming at him as well as Governor A. Harry

Moore, who won narrowly.

All Purchases Using State or Local Funds Must Go Through State Division

IN STAIL GUITINUL

ALLOW NO PURCHASE FOR PERSONAL USE

Carolina Inn and Co-Operative Store at Chapel Hill Not Included; Division of Purchase and Contract In Charge of All Buying

Raleigh, Feb. 1 .- (AP)-Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell, ruled today that all purchases made for the operation of public schools where the payments are from State or local funds, must be subject to control of State Division of Purchase and Con-

Seawell answered seven questions asked by Benson Stacy, director of the division. Other ruling included:

1. The division has authority to reject requisitions on the grounds that supplies wanted are of higher quality than standard fired by the division, though the division can vary specifications

2. That cooperative or semi-independent state agencies such as the Carolina Inn and Cooperative Store at Chapel Hill do not come under the division in making purchases for making resales, using funds that are not provided by State appropriations. 3. That no purchases can be allowed for personal use by any State employees using their private funds to buy under terms of contracts made by the division for State supplies.

AROUSES GOSSIPS

Washington Thinks His Father Is Grooming Him As Future Successor

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Feb. 1. - President Roosevelt's son and secretary and liaison official between the White launched five days of intensive war-House and its sub-executives, young games off Southern California in the liaison official between the White James Roosevelt is a bright and likable junior.

parently he is being groomed rather too obviously for a great political fu-ture—in short, for a White House tenancy of his own some time in the fu-

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Borah Declares World Led to Believe U. S. and Britain Have Naval Alliance

AUTO WORKERS SEEK HUGE RELIEF FUND

Homer Martin Asks President for \$130,000,000 for Unemployed Workers In Michigan; Naval Officer Says U. S. Would Exceed **Naval Treaty**

Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)— Senate action gave final congressional approval today to the administration's housing bill.

The vote of approval was 42 to

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONED IN DEBATE Washington, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A crap over the administration's housing bill was temporarily interrupted in the Senate today by another argument on

While the housing program was still in chambers, official business, Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, and Senator Johnson, Republican California, gained the privilege of discussing back and forth, the question raise !

yesterday by Johnson: What is this country's foreign Into their heated argument, Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, ranking Republican on the foreign relations committee, flung the statement that the world had been led to believe that Great Britain and the United States have an "alliance" for build-

ing up their navies. Borah said it was the same kind of situation that led to the World War.

Meanwhile, United Automobile officials asked President Roosevelt to recommend an immediate Federal appropriation of \$130,000,000 to provide mployment and relief for unemployed automobile workers and their families

Homer Martin, president of the auto union, submitted the request at

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N. C. DEMOCRATS TO BANQUET FRIDAY

All Members of State's 13 Man Delegation in Washington to Attend

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—Members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation will be guests of honor at the North Carolina Democratic club at a banquet Friday night which will have an All Tar Heel atmosphere.
All members of the State's 13 man delegation have accepted invitations as have other North Carolina Democrats, who hold high government positions in Washington.

Sponsors have announced party personalities will be forgotten. United States Senator Robert Reynolds will, under the seating arrangement, be only two seats from Representative Hancock, of Oxford, his announced opponent for renomination in the State primary this year.

War Games Are Staged In Pacific

All Arms of Fighting Force from Alaska, California and China Involved

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 1.—(AP) —The United States deployed units of its fighting forces over a wide area of the Pacific front today and moved toward vital Hawaiian defenses with more men and bombing planes. The activity touched units as widely separate as Alaska, Southern California, and China, and involved all

three defenses arms, navy, army and Marine Corps.
98 warships and 260 fighting planes

games off Southern California in the fleet's first test by its new commander-in-chief, C. C. Bloch.

Five planes of the naval bombing squadron VB-16, were at Stika, Alaska, after a 1,000-mile flight from Seattle. Naval authorities described the flight, in which a sixth plane was lost in a forced landing off Goose Island, B. C., as a routine maneuver. Some folk do say, however, that ap-