

FARM BILL TO PASS HOUSE BY WEDNESDAY

Japs Adding Push To Drive To Weaken Desperate Stand Of China's Principal Army

COMMUNICATIONS LINES THREATENED FOR 400,000 MEN

Troops Fighting Savagely To Hold Japanese Back from Bases In Central China

TERRIFIC LOSS IN DEATHS IS CLAIMED

7,000 Slain in Last Week, Japanese Declare; Chiang Is at Front Directing Army In Effort To Stem Advance of Invaders; Battle on Yangtze

Shanghai, Feb. 8 (AP)—Japanese columns thrust into new battle area today in apparently coordinated drives to render futile the desperate resistance of China's main armies along the vital Lunghai railroad.

The new attack threatened main communications between some 400,000 Chinese troops fighting savagely to hold the Japanese back from Su-chow and their bases in the heart of China.

They were aimed from southeast and northwest toward a spot 90 miles west of Su-chow, and according to Japanese dispatches threatened to compel a general Chinese retreat westward through the Lunghai.

Suchow is junction point of the Lunghai and the north-south Tientsin-Pukow railway. General Chiang Kai-Shek, according to Chinese reports was in personal command of the Chinese armies holding long-prepared defense lines protecting Su-chow from the north and the south.

Japanese reports said Chinese had lost more than 7,000 killed in fierce fighting of the last eight days along the Hwai river.

General Chiang Kai-Shek was said to have arrived at the front north of Nanking to direct the army holding back the invaders south of Su-chow and the troops facing Japanese in

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Loyal Army In Spain Is In Retreat

Hendaye, France, at the Spanish Frontier, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent officers sent word today that the fourth day of the insurgent mass offensive in the rugged districts north of Teruel had put government armies in headlong retreat.

Official insurgent dispatches described the fighting as "veritable butchery" of government troops. Government advices said there was "great calm" in military circles and added

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FIRESTONE'S SONS ACCOMPANY BODY

Rubber Magnate's Body Is Taken from Miami Back to Akron for Burial

Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 8 (AP)—Three sons of Harvey Firestone were here today to accompany their father's body to his Akron, Ohio home.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at the Akron residence of the 69-year-old resident, who died peacefully in his sleep at his home by the sea early yesterday.

Rev. Walter Turks, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Akron, will conduct the services in the home there. Burial will follow in the village cemetery at Columbiana, Ohio, near the farm where Firestone was born December 20, 1868.

Only one son, Russell, was with his

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Secret Economic Council Planned By Adolf Hitler In Preparation For War

Two Ships for One



Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., is pictured at the luncheon of the Foreign Policy Association in New York City, where in an address he demanded "an American navy at least twice the size of Japan's."

ATHLETICS SET-UP FOR SCHOOLS NEW

State Education Department Reaches Out for More Local Control

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The only thing needed to complete an entire new set of athletics in North Carolina's high schools announcement of the identity of a director of physical education who will be in complete charge of interscholastic athletics as well as the entire program of physical education from the first grade up.

This announcement will be made in a few days, Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, said today. Mr. Erwin's statement confirms in full a prediction made exclusively by this bureau some weeks ago.

Completion of plans for the new set-up, which will do away with the present system of "conference" competition among high schools, was held up for some time while department of education and budget bureau officials worked out ways and means to set aside the salary needed to secure a first class man for the post of "czar" of State school athletics.

No hint of the physical department

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Lou Gehrig Joins Yankee Hold-Outs; Rupert Unyielding

New York, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Larruping Lou Gehrig, iron man first baseman of the New York Yankees, joined the world champions' fast growing hold-out list today, rejecting Jake Rupert's offer of \$36,000 again this year, and demanding an increase of 15 percent, or roughly \$40,000.

Colonel Rupert, a bit irritated, told baseball writers that he would stick by his offer of \$36,000 to Gehrig and \$25,000 to Joe Dimaggio, who is holding out for \$40,000.

"They won't get a cent more, and that's final," said the colonel. "They can take it or leave it."

Rupert and Gehrig were closeted for almost an hour.

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Germany Never Again Wants To Be Strong At Arms But Weak In Economic Way

GOERING DIRECTS INTERNAL EFFORTS

Field Marshal As No. 2 Nazi Chief Making Appointments Looking to Making Nation Safe for Whatever Emergency May Arise in Future Years

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Sources professing to know Reichfuhrer Adolf Hitler's mind forecast today a secret domestic policy council parallel to the foreign policy council he created in his shake-up of Reich leadership last Friday.

These sources said Germany wants never again to find herself strong at arms but weak economically as she was in 1914.

Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, No. 2 Nazi, and head of Germany's four-year plan for economic self-sufficiency, is charged with realizing that ambition. He is determined that Germany be prepared for all eventualities, not only during the four-year economic plan, but also for all time thereafter.

Informed quarters, therefore, believe a secret domestic policy council will be organized to bring internal planning into step with the objective of the foreign council.

Wilhelm Frick, minister of interior, will be made president of the council, they predict, and will be succeeded in the interior ministry by Heinrich Himmler, now head of all German police organizations.

Inducting Walther Funk, the new economics minister, into office yesterday, Goering charged him with responsibility for seeing to fruition of the four-year economic plan.

TOBACCO MEETINGS TO TALK CONTROLS

Series of Meetings in Belt To Follow Farm Bureau Peanut Meeting at Jackson

Jackson, Feb. 8 (AP)—Farm Bureau leaders and farmers from eleven counties met here this afternoon to study the peanut control program for this year.

E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the Farm Bureau Federation, said farmers from 12 tobacco-growing counties would discuss the weed control program at Farmville tonight.

Further tobacco meetings are scheduled at Greenville tomorrow night, Kinston Thursday night and Wilson Friday night. Owners in the southeast will meet soon, Arnold said, and then gatherings will be held in tobacco counties west of Raleigh.

Arnold said plans for conducting tobacco and cotton referenda will be discussed at each meeting.

CROP CONTROL BILL HITS SCRAP SALES

Farm Bureau Secretary Says Effective Ban Is Clamped on Grade

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Sale of "scrap tobacco," against which a long and bitter fight has been waged in North Carolina for years, will be practically impossible under terms of the current crop control bill which Congress is expected to enact into law before the end of this week, according to E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Arnold told this bureau that the bill, without naming scrap tobacco in any section, will strike an effective blow at its sale here or elsewhere.

The club which is expected to produce the lethal effect is cleverly con-

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BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON DEPARTS FOR HAWAII



Scene in San Francisco as 200 airmen sail

Their planes dismantled and stowed in crates aboard the United States army transport, Republic, 200 airmen from Hamilton field, California, wave farewell as they set sail for their new base at

Hickman field, near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The aviators, 30 officers and 180 enlisted men, comprising the 31st bombardment squadron, are under the command of Major James G. Taylor.

—Central Press

2 Laundry Plants In Detroit Bombed

Detroit laundry plants were bombed today and police guards were ordered at four other establishments.

Executives of the damaged laundries said they had no labor disputes, had indulged in no price-cutting, and had not laid off any men.

The blast at one plant knocked over a policeman a block away, set fire to the building, smashed dozens of windows and threw people from their beds in the neighborhood. The fire loss was small.

Soviet Blimp In Polar Hunt Fatal For 13

Dirigible Crashes Into Mountain In Snowstorm Searching for Scientists

Moscow, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The hope of rescuing Russia's four polar scientists from their drifting ice floe cost 13 lives in the crash of the Soviet dirigible V-6, it was disclosed today. The V-6 crashed into a mountain in a snowstorm Sunday in the Kandalaksha region near the White Sea while on a trial flight from Moscow to Murmansk and return.

The trip was preparatory to joining the rescue expeditions to aid the scientists whose imperiled floe now is

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Trio of Colored Basketball Team Killed In Crash

Morehead City, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Three Negro high school basketball players were dead today after an automobile-fish truck crash near here on the New Bern highway late last night.

State Highway Patrolman John Laws, stationed here, said the dead were James Green, 18; Mattie Green, 16, and Mabel Green, 15, all of Trenton. Four other Negroes were hurt, apparently none seriously.

Acting Coroner George Dill, investigating, said he found no evidence of criminal negligence on the part of the truck driver, Euill Taylor, of Sea Level, N. C.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy, with slowly rising temperature tonight and Wednesday, becoming unsettled Wednesday.

Progress Is Made On Steel Contract

Leaders of "Big Steel" and CIO Negotiators Optimistic as Day's Session Ends

BOTH SIDES AGREE AS TO STATEMENT

Negotiations Began Monday for New Wage - Hour Agreement To Replace One Expiring February 28; Union Leaders Opposed to Any Wage Cuts at All

New York, Feb. 8 (AP)—Progress toward a new working contract between the United States Steel Corporation and the CIO was reported by leaders of the two organizations today after a brief conference.

Emerging from the second of his preliminary talks with representatives of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, second largest of the CIO groups, Benjamin Fairless, president of "big steel," said:

"I would say progress is being made."

Philip Murray, chairman of the SWOC, nodded assent.

"And not a fight yet," Fairless added joyfully.

"No, not a fight yet," Murray agreed.

"The conference is continuing," Murray added. "It is adjourned now"

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SELF WILL ADJUST SELMA BUS TROUBLE

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—R. O. Self, director of motor transportation for the Utilities Commission, will go to Selma this week to try to iron out difficulties which have arisen there over where inter-city buses should stop to take on and discharge passengers.

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR SLAIN RECTOR

Mystery Death of Georgia Clergyman Investigated by Coroner

St. Simons Island, Ga., Feb. 8 (AP)—Parishoners of old Christ church gathered today to bury vice-bishop Dr. Charles Lee, as Coroner J. D. Baldwin promised to "get at the bottom" of the rector's slaying, "if we have to call every man and woman on St. Simons."

In charge of services for the 71-year-old Episcopal churchman, who was killed by a shot from the dark as he sat working over a sermon in the rec-

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To Push Wage Bill



Representative Norton

... after seeing president

Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, seen leaving the White House, announces that the wage-hour bill will be pushed again, but that President Roosevelt desired certain parts of it re-written. The president told newsmen he wanted "a floor" beneath which wages could not go.

HOUSING PROGRAM IS NOT ALL ROSES

Small Home - Owner Encounters Countless Odds and Ends of Costs

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 8.—The new housing law may, as expected, initiate a tremendous national building boom in the spring, as soon as the weather begins to be mild enough to permit a start on that class of construction.

If so, it will be fine for a while. The building industry is a big one. Its prosperity will react upon other industries, making them prosperous, too. The appeal to the average family to move into its own home, abandoning mere tenancy, also is likely to be popular.

But in the long run? I wonder!

How Law Works.

The theory is that these new homes will be neat and comfortable, but rather modest little affairs.

Each is to cost around \$6,000. That is not the exact figure, but it is the one most frequently mentioned. Presumably the would-be home owner does not possess \$6,000, but perhaps he can scarce up \$600. Probably, however,

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DELAYING TACTICS BEING INJECTED BY REPUBLICAN GROUP

Quorum Demanded by Minority Members in Fight Against What They Call "Gag" Rule

GUFFEY PLEADS FOR LYNCH BILL VOTES

Accuses Southern Filibuster Senators of Thwarting Will of American People; Hull Sends Letter to Senate Denying Agreement With Foreigners

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Administration leaders bent on jamming the revised farm bill through the House, encountered delaying tactics today.

Representative Lambertson, Republican, Kansas, forced a quorum call at the opening of the session when Speaker Bankhead counted less than two hundred present.

Leaders anticipated other roll calls would be demanded by those incensed at a proposed five-hour limitation on farm bill debate. Bankhead and Majority Leader Rayburn asserted, however, they expected final action late today or tomorrow, despite the cries—chiefly from Republicans—that a "gag" was being applied.

In the Senate, Guffey, Democrat, Pennsylvania, urged opponents of the anti-lynching bill to permit it to come to a vote so that the Supreme Court might pass on its constitutionality. Guffey contended southern senators "flatly refused to allow the American people, even though they be in the majority, to express their will on this all-absorbing subject of lynching."

Before Guffey began his defense of the anti-lynching measure, Chairman Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, read to the Senate a letter from Secretary Hull denying the United States had any agreement with Great Britain "relating to war or the possibility of war."

Hull also asserted that this country was not bound by any agreement to any power in connection with naval operations.

Other developments: Postmaster General Farley an-

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Lambeth Will Be Last Tar Heel To Quit In Congress

Washington, Feb. 8 (AP)—A survey of the North Carolina House delegation indicated today that the decision of Representative Lambeth not to seek re-election ends retirements among the eleven-man group, unless Representative Doughton decides to quit.

Lambeth's decision brought to three the number of Tar Heel representatives who will not seek re-election to the House. The others are Representatives Umstead and Hancock. Hancock will oppose Senator Reynolds for the State Democratic senatorial nomination.

Bids Opened By State On Large Annex

Five-Story Addition To Be Made To Large Revenue Building in Raleigh

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Fourteen building contractors submitted proposals ranging from \$51,972 to \$66,575 today for construction of a five-story addition to the State Revenue building.

H. L. Coble, of Greensboro, bid low on the general contract at \$51,972. Eight bidders sought the heating job, Carolina Heating and Engineering Company of Durham bidding low at \$3,125.

Biemann & Rowell, of Raleigh, bid low at \$1,787 for the plumbing work, against four other firms.

The board of public buildings and grounds studied the proposals, saying it would take several days before awarding contracts or rejecting all bids. The appropriation for the work was \$60,000.

Other heating bids included W. M. Wiggins & Company, of Wilson, \$3,797. Other plumbing bids included Wiggins, \$2,387.

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