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JAPAN REFUSES TO STATE NAVAL PROGRA

TOBACCO CROP FOR

Sales Amounted to 575,472,-031 Pounds and Average Was \$24.27 Per Hundredweight

\$40 MILLION MORE THAN 1936 FIGURES

Poundage 137,919,303 Pounds More Than 1936 and Average About Cent and Third Better; Flue-Cured and Burley Crops Were Both Larger

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—North Carolina farmers received \$140,808,825 for 575,472,031 pounds of tobacco marketed to February 1, an average of \$24.27 hundredweight, the Conperative Crop Reporting Service said today.

This compared with a \$22.92 average to February 1 last season, the service said. It reported the money to date was \$40,676,019 more than was paid for the entire 1936 crop, while poundage so far was 137,919,303 pounds more than for the 1936 season.

The 14 markets operating last month sold 23,347,824 pounds at \$15.09 per hundredweight, compared with 14,322,968 pounds at \$18.65 average last season for the month.

"The market during the past season has been very favorable for fluecured tobaccos," the report said. "The flue-cured and burley crops were 24 and 68 percent, respectively, larger than in 1936-37. The stocks of burley were very low, however.

Commuting Is Sought

Raleigh, Feb. 12 (AP)-Three attorneys today asked Paroles Commission er Edwin Gill for a commutation of the death sentence of Milford Exum Wayne county man scheduled to die Friday for the murder of a Negro. At a hearing attended by Exum's parents, his wife and a brother and sister, the attorneys presented ballistics evidence which they said tended to show the bullet which actually kill-

was not fired from Exum's gun. Gill said he would take the case up with Governor Hoey, probably next

ed the Negro, 60-year-old Jim Williams

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TWO WILSON YOUTHS **HURT IN COLLISION**

W. D. Hackney and Jimmie C. Riser In Rex Hospital After One Sleeps at Wheel

Raleigh, Feb. 12-W. D. Hackney asleep and lost control of the machine which crashed into a parked car at Both men were taken to Rex hospital. of Jewish surplus population. Both were reported resting well this

Investigating officers said that Hackney, driving the car, went to sleep at the wheel, and the eastbound into the parked car of George Teeler, 2308 Hillsboro street, then struck the car of T. T. Swain, 2312 Hillsboro the Roumanian orthodox church.

Traffic Sergeant Needham Bagwell said a warrant charging Hackney with reckless and careless driving would

ANTI-DIVERSIONIST MOVE IS GROWING

Next Legislature Expected to Stop Transfer of Highway Funds

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 12.—A statewide cam-Paign against diversion of highway about 150 miles southwest of Madrid, funds to other purposes appears to be making great headway in the State. driven back to their positions. and it now seems certain that anti-diversionists will be in position to wage an aggressive, and probably successful, campaign in the 1939 General Assembly to submit a constitu-

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Meeting Of Hitler 1937 BRINGS TOTAL And Austrian Head SUM \$140,808,825 May See New Move

He Got the Job



. . not "lazy, unreliable"

This advertisement appeared in the situation wanted columns of a Cleveland newspaper: "Man, young, unreliable, dishonest, lazy, doesn't want position, but needs 1; asst. mgr., personal consultant, etc.; short hours, big pay. ME. 2830." Andrew J. Habinek, 22, unemployed, inserted the ad because he wanted to attract attention and get a job, badly needed. It did attract attention, so much so that 76 persons called him on the telephone, offering jobs. Andrew is taking one with an advertising agency.

Roumanians Map Future For Nation

for All In 14-Point Program

Bucharest, Roumania, SFeb. 12 .-(AP)-With military rule and censorand Jimmie C. Riser, both 19 year ship to silence opposition, the new old Wilson youths, were injured early Roumanian government issued today car in which they were riding fell a 14-point program assuring the naing a new era of prosperity by radical economic social and constitutional re-2312 Hillsboro street, police reported. forms, including organized emigration

The program assured foreign relations would be continued with Roumania's traditional friends, England and France; affirmed adherence to the League of Nations and appealed car swung across the street, crashing for "Christian brotherhood" of all Roumanians under the leadership of Premier Dr. M. Cristea, patriarch of

The manifesto outlined: 1. Constitutional reform of moral and material benefits for the nation. 2. Rejuvenation of national pride,

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Insurgents Renew Offensive, Making Advance in Spain

Hendaye, France, at the Spanish Frontier, Feb. 12 (AP)—The insurgents resumed their offensive in Badajov province today, fighting to cut the Peraleda-Zalema highway.

Salamanca dispatches said General Francisco Franco's troops captured six positions. The government admitted the in-

surgents were attacking this region

but asserted Franco's troops were On the Aragon front north of Teruel, where the insurgents advanced east of the Alfambra river in a powerful drive last week, Franco was consolidating his gains in preparation for another push to sever communications between Valencia and Catalonia.

UNION LONG TALKED BY TWO COUNTRIES

Dramatic Step To Bolster

Confidence in Nation's

Armed Forces Is

Speculated

Move To Restore Respect Abroad for German Army Comes on Swelling Wave of Resentment Over Foreign Rumors of Unrest In Hitler's Domain

Berlin, Feb. 12 (AP)—Reichfuehrer Adolf Hitler conferred suddenly and secretly today with Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg of Austria as the belief grew Hitler might decide on a dramatic step to bolster confidence in

Germany's armed forces. Hitler met the chancellor of Austria at his mountain retreat in Bavaria where he has been resting since his drastic centralization of authority in

(Union with Austria-or at least a recognized sphere of influence therehas been one of the salient points of Hitler's Nazi party and some dramatic move toward that end has often been reported as Hitler's next step toward re-establishing Germany's position in Europe.)

The belief in a new move to restore respect abroad for Germany's army came on a swelling wave of resentment over foreign rumors of unrest in the army.

A "we will show them" spirit domi-nated editorial comment in the government-controlled press. Indignation increased hourly over

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SEES DISASTER FOR SOUTH IN POLICIES

nilton Fish Says New Deal gram Is Losing World Cotton Markets for Farmer

Greensboro, Feb. 12 (AP)-Disaster for the South if the present New Deal policies are continued was predicted here today by Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., Republican, New York who tonight will address the Lincoln Day gathering of North Carolina Re-

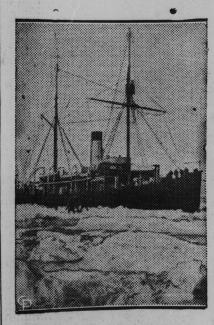
Fish gave an interview this morning as some 200 Republicans got together to hear reports of the year's work. This afternoon the younger party members elected officers and heard a keynote address by L. L. Wall, Country Is Assured

of Justice and Peace this afternoon to consider plans to of Justice and Peace hold the State convention in Char-

"The Southern cotton states," Fish said, "are headed for certain ruin under the Roosevelt policies. They are committing economic suicide for temporary profit, and are losing their world cotton markets year by year through the short-sighted policy of temporary gain."

Rufus Reynolds, Greensboro lawyer, welcomed the younger party members at their convention, and Benjamin Hicks, of Henderson, responded. Predicting the next President would be a Republican. Hicks attacked the New Deal policies as akin to Fascism.

Nears Men on Floe



Soviet icebreaker ... in rescue of scientists

One of the oldest vessels in the Arctic, the Soviet icebreaker. Taimir, radioed it had reached within airplane scouting distance of the Russian scientists adrift on an ice floe. The scientists already had established communications with the east coast of Greenland. -Central Press

Warns U. S. on Navy

. . . attacks large navy program

Opposing President Roosevelt's enarged naval program, former Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana, first woman member of congress and now legislative secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, warned the house naval affairs committee that a "wholly abnormal U. S. building program would speed the world toward war."

10 Highway Officers At Trial Asked with the House. The Senate will vote Monday at 3:30 p. m., by agreement. Its approval will send to the White House the com-

Negro Faces Court in | marketing controls on cotton corn, tobacco and rice crops. Week for Assault on Aged Woman

Carlisle Jackson, of Sampson county nish ten State highway patrolmen as criminally assaulting a white woman.

In Clinton, the sheriff said, he ex ected no mob violence, but that "we thought we might prevent any trouble by being prepared." Robert Thompson, Governor Hoey's

secretary, told the sheriff to confer with Major Arthur Fulk, highway patrol commander, and make arrange ments "required for the safety of the

Thompson acted on the authority of the governor, who was out of town. "The patrolmen sent will come to as sist you and will in no way assume responsibility which under the law is yours," Thompson wired the sheriff. Hedley, who was kept here at Central Prison until last Sunday, is charged with criminally assaulting Miss Mittie Sessoms, 66, of near Roseboro, and then wounding her with a pistol, the sheriff said.

IS NOW EXPECTED

McMullen Says Nobody in North Is Opposing It **Except Radicals**

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hetel. Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Harry McMullan assistant attorney general, is certain that we've really got something in the South.

Back from Massachusetts where he and Attorney General A. A. F. Sea well got their pictures in the Boston Globe, though they did not get Fred Beal, Mr. McMullan told your correspondent that New England is entirely too drab and dreary in the winter. "I often wonder why the Pilgrims didn't have sense enough to come further south down the coast," he jested. He said that the Massachusetts officials were very cordial and cooperative and that he does not anticipate any trouble at all in the extradition of the one-time Communist and convicted slayer of Gastonia's Police

Chief Aderholt. He pointed out that there was no

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday; somewhat warmer Sunday in north central portion tonight.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Rain over northern portion first of week and again in latter part, but little or no rain in Florida; mild temperatures over southern section and frequent changes over northern

Crop Program Will Get Overwhelming Vote From Senate

No Matter Who Speaks Nor What He Says, Result Will Be Same, Barkley Declares

KING SEEKS ARMS MEETING AT ONCE

Japanese Blunt Refusal To United States Demands for Size of Ships Finds Reaction in Senate; Hull Explains Foreign Policy of Nation

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Democratic leaders expressed confidence today, the administration's crop control program would be approved by an overwhelming majority when the Senate votes Monday.

"We all know that no matter who speaks nor what he says, there will be no changes made in the final Kentucky, said. He asserted the bill had passed its stiffest test when the Senate voted 48 to 31 yesterday against sending it back to conference

plicated measure for production and marketing controls on cotton, wheat.

Barkley agreed late yesterday to Sampson Next avoid a Saturday session after critics of the bill had prolonged final Senate

action two days.

Meanwhile, Senator King, Democrat, Utah, said he would introduce a resolution Monday authorizing President Roosevelt to call a disarmament Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP) Sheriff conference immediately. King said had relief to supply the feared Janan's refusal to supply the today asked Governor Hoey to fur- world powers with information about her naval plans would encourage an a "precautionary measure" for the trial next Tuesday in Clinton of Wad-

Authoritative sources said, meantime, the United States, in consequence of Japan's reply, would "resume full liberty of action." Other developments:

Secretary Hull declared the United States foreign policy consists in avoiding "extreme internationalism, with its political entanglements," and also "extreme isolation, which makes other nations believe this nation is more or less afraid."

Hull called the policy "a matter of simple common sense

Abraham Lincoln birthday speeche will start the Republican party to-night on the 1938 political campaign aimed primarily at increasing party's strength in Congress.

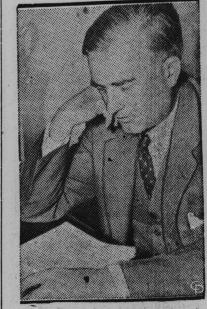
PROGRESS REPORTED ON PENDERLEA FARM

Farm Security Administration Tells of 142 Houses Completed, More In Prospect

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Farm ed today 142 houses had been com- for a death toll of 17. pleted and 125 families were living on the Penderlea Homesteads project in Pender county, N. C.

Construction of 50 more homes was reported under way to complete the 192-farmstead project. The community also includes a school and community

Pushes Navy Plans



Charles Edison studies battleship plans Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison, son of the late inventor, studies final report of the special board on battleship plans in his office in the navy de-partment in Washington,

New Aide to Hull



Adolph A. Berle, Jr. . . Brain Truster returns

Adolph A. Berle, Jr., one of the original Brain Trusters, returns to Washington as assistant secretary of state. He succeeds Hugh Wilson, new envoy to Germany. Berle, who went from Washington to become city chamberlain of New York under Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia and then urged the abandonment of his office as a useless one, was a friend of Raymond Moley, original Brain Truster, who now is a critic of the New Deal. Berle leaves a \$15,000 job as head of New York's city planning commission to take new \$9,000 job.

Vast Areas Flooded In California

,700 Homeless In One Town Alone and Death Toll Is 17 On Coast

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 12.—(AP) -Flood-filled lowlands dotted wide areas in central and northern Califor nia today in the wake of a record-breaking rainfall that left 1,700 Security Administration reports show- homeless in one town and accounted ed States Circuit Court of Appeals today to review the Federal Power Commission's ruling that the Yadkin Rain fell today for the seventeenth

consecutive day. Rain crippled highway traffic by flooding roads or blocking them with

snow and slides. One thousand residents of a village near Watsonville, in central California waited for the overflowing Pajaro river to recede and let them return to their homes. The same river flooded many blocks on the lower end of Watsonville in the heart of a rich ag-

A bridge spanning the Salenas river on the coast highway was washed out last night and fear was expressed at least one car hurtled into the river before warning signs could be put up. The snow pack along the Sierra mountains reached 206 inches at Soda Springs and Norden, with 18-foot snowbanks along the Trucke highway.

N. C. LEADS NATION **GROWING TOBACCO**

Pitt County Greatest County in Weed Culture; Vance 37th in U.S.

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel
Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Pitt county leads the United States in tobacco acreage, W. H. Rhodes, chief of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's statistical division, announced today, Basing his information on the latest United States census, the statistician said that of the 50 leading coun

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UNITED STATES IS INFORMED BUILDING PLANS ARE SECRET

Tokyo Unable To See Any Logical Reason for Suspicion of Exceeding Treaty

WANTS NO NAVY TO MENACE FOREIGNERS

Note Given American Ambassador Answers Demands of Britain and France Also; Japanese Drive To Cut China Off from Russia Is Suspected

Tokyo, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Japan refused formally tonight to divulge secrets of her naval construction in reply to demands for information by the United States, France and Great Bri-

Japan declared herself willing, how-ever, to discuss naval limitations on a quantitative basis—restricting the size of fleets rather than individual The formal note contended Japan

failed "to see any logical reason" for assuming she was planning to build warships beyond the limitations of the 1936 London naval treaty. The government insisted, moreover

that Japan has "no intention whatever of possessing an armament which could menace other countries.' The declaration was contained in a

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Wright Is SavedFrom Execution

Paul Wright was convicted of manslaughter today in his trial for killing his wife and John Kimmel in the

Wright home November 9. The case was given to the jury late yesterday. The trial, lasting more than three weeks, was marked by Wright's contention he shot Mrs. Wright and Kimmel in a "white flame" of rage when he found them in an abnormal embrace on a piano bench in the Wright residence.

Although the prosecution said in its opening statement it would try to prove the slayings were premeditated,

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ALUMINUM COMPANY GOES INTO COURTS

Seeks Overruling of Power Commis-sion's Ban on Tuckertown Project in State Richmond, Va., Feb. 12.—(AP)— The Carolina Aluminum Company of North Carolina asked the fourth Unit-

river is navigable. The commission's ruling was adverse to the company's plans for a \$6,000,000 hydro-electry; power project at Tuckertown, N. C.

W. M. Hendren, attorney of Winston-Salem, N. C., filed the petition for review, and said he expected the court would hear arguments on it at its April term.

The company last June filed its declaration of intention to erect at Tuckertown a power dam 1,320 feet long and 93 feet high. The proposed reservoir area was about 3,000 acres

PARTIES CHANGING **VIEWS ON ISSUES**

Reciprocity, Anti-Lynching, Short Selling Involved in Questions

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Feb. 12.-Secretary of State Cordell Hull made a radio broad cast a few evenings ago in favor of his policy of reciprocal trade agreements between the United States and other

countries. It was a good speech, too.

The secretary ably developed the idea that it is difficult for a single country to be prosperous, while others are economically depressed; that true prosperity must be world prosperity—and that world prosperity is

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