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IAPANESE ARMY IS WITHIN TEN MILES OF GREAT RAILWAY

Advance Patrol Is on North Bank of Yellow River Opposite Lunghai Rail Point

TRYING TO SEVER GREAT RAIL LINE

Is Feeder Route for Chinese Army of 400,000 Resisting Advance of Japanese Invaders in Central China; Naval Planes Bombard Chengchow

Shanghai, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-The vanguard of a Japanese army fighting its way into central China was reported today to be only ten miles north of China's lifeline railway, the Lunghai. The advance patrol was said to be on the north bank of the Yellow river opposite Kaifeng, Lunghai railway point nearly 300 miles inland from China's eastern coast.

Japanese columns from north and south have been fighting to cut the Lunghai and bottle up a Chinese army of 400,000 deployed along the Lunghai corridor, which separates Japanese-conquered portions of north China and the Yangtze river valley.

Capture of Kaifeng would choke off the railway and give Japanese a base for a drive southward 300 miles to Hankow, temporary Chinese capital. The advance guard was part of a Japanese army of 60,000 men which oushed across the plains of north China to reach Fengkiu just north of the Yellow river.

Fifty miles to the west another Japanese column threatened Sinsiang, 45 miles north of Chengchow, important junction of the Peiping-Hankow railway with the Lunghai.

A Japanese naval spokesman an nounced that navy planes had born barded Chengchow, damaging the railway station, Chinese military headquarters and a number of freight cars. The Southern Baptist Mission received word that one of its hospitals was damaged in the bombardment. No Americans or other foreigners were reported injured.

COTTON UP LITTLE

Prices Four to Ten Points Higher at Midday, After Earlier Climbs

New York, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-Cotton futures opened 8 to 11 points higher today on passage of the farm bill and government gold policy. The market shortly after the first half hour was holding net gains of five to nine points, with May selling at 8.95. Toward midday May had recovered from 8.91 to 8.96, leaving quotations generally four to ten points net higher.

Says Income On Cotton To Be Curtailed

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Prediction that incomes of cotton farmers will be reduced this year and Amertoday from Senator McAdoo Democrat, California, in the wake of Senate approval of new crop control leg-

McAdoo opposed cotton provisions of the new legislation during debate

yesterday, and today offered his "analysis" of the bill. He predicted that "severe restriction of acreage" would "greaty reduce the amount of work available to

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Agriculture Heads Prepared To Speed Crop Control Plan

Scolds G. O. P.



Gov. George D. Aiken, of Vermont, is shown munching an apple just before addressing the National Republican Club in New York. He blasted the Republican party leadership by telling them to "forget your hatred of the President—stop crying every time he makes a move." His speech brought into the open for the first time the fear of a third

party for the next election. (Central Press)

Russia Seeks Tobeleader and blankets them with compulsion It will make every farmer a vassal of **InArmsRace**

Soviets Set Goal of tee-men, may prescribe limitations on the quantity of wheat, corn, cotton, Outstripping All rice and tobacco grown or marketed. Other Nations In **Building Program**

Moscow, Feb. 15.— (AP) —Soviet Russia has set herself the ambitious task of outstripping all other nations

in the naval armament race. The announcement that bigger ships would be built as sorn as shipyards were equipped to turn them out, tended to confirm reports abroad that Russia had been balked in her efforts to order battleships abroad, including the United States, and was buying machinery to build her own battlesnips. These reports spoke of possible 35,000-ton craft.

Foreign experts agreed that Soviet Russia still had far to go to match the navies of the great powers. It was ndicated that the U.S.S R. was try ing to outstrip her potential enemies among the naval powers-Japan, Germany and Italy.

Russia's present naval strength, like her planned strength, is a close-

ly-guarded secret. The Soviet naval needs are as complex as those of almost any other ican cotton exports endangered came country. Its fleet must be scattered in the Pacific ocean, the Black Sea, the Baltic and the Arctic, with great distances separating them.

G. T. FULGHUM MADE WILSON POSTMASTER

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-Postmaster General James A. Farley announced today appointment of G. T. Fulghum as acting postmaster at

Commercial Banks Slump, Industrials Up For 1937

Hood Gives Exhibit on Status o fState Banks at End of Year; Resources Near All-Time High; Industrials Highest Since 1931, Statistics Show

N. C. BANK RESOURCES AT END OF YEAR. Industrial

\$327,662,875.76 341,750,696,55 20.157,329.33 263,623,287,66 222,818,940.82 212,156,020.75 203,295,400.56 263,092,471.83 305,051,061.88 344,008,321,40 336,892,322.12 17,289,358.22

sents a mixed picture, with total re-

sources of the commercial banks

slumping from their 1936 high, while industrial bank resources rose to the highest point they have touched since \$19,080,494.40 1931.

As of December 31, 1937, State commercial banks showed total resources 19,599,072.13 of \$336,892,322.12, a decrease of \$7,-14,726,937.89 115,999.29 from the all-time high of \$344,008,321.40 as of the end of 1936. 11,396,896.59 Industrial banks, however, increased their resources to \$17,289,358.22, a jump of \$2,368,017.78 from the \$14,-695,461.96 as of December 31, 1936.

It was noticeable, too, from details Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Annual abstract banks increased their resources notof the condition of all North Carolina ably between June 30, 1937, and the State banks, just released by Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, pre-

In the middle of the 12 months pe

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More Than 15,000 Persons Will Have Part in Administering Restrictive Provisions

STATE AND COUNTY COMMITTEES ACTIVE

Barkley Says It Is Greatest Measure for Farmer's Aid Ever Enacted, While G. O. P. Senate Leader Says It Makes Every Farmer Vassal of Wallace

culture Department officials, jubilant Australia. John Brophy director of over congressional approval of the C. I. O., has demanded that Bridgcrop control bill, arranged today to begin the new half billion dollar pro-gram the minute President Roosevelt

More than 15,000 persons, they said will have a part in carrying out provisions of the measure, which the Senate passed late yesterday and sent to the White House. These persons included more than 3,000 employees of the Agricultural Adjustment Admin istration and the members of some 2,950 state and county committees. Two Republican senators, Cappe

kota, joined with 53 Democrats and Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, in approving the measure.
"This is the best farm bill that has ever been enacted by the Congress to deal with a great problem of American life," said Democratic Leader

of Kansas and Frazier of North Da-

Republican Leader McNary, of Ore gon, however, commented: "This bill does only one new thing for farmers It puts new restrictions upon them

the secretary of agriculture." The measure, written by a Senate House conference committee from separate tills passed in December by the two chambers, establishes a sys-tem under which the agriculture secretary, working with farmer commit

PITT, EDGECOMBE TO GET FUNDS OF WPA

\$58,400 Allotted for Malaria Work In Two Eastern Counties; Robeson Gets \$5,155

Raleigh, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-Pitt and Edgecombe counties got \$58,400 from the WPA today for countywide projects providing the dredging of Crabtree creek.

WPA officials said malaria control would be established through the elimination of mosquito breeding swamps and ponds. Tarboro will be project headquarters.

Among other projects approved was one providing \$5,155 for the construction of water mains in Lumberton.

BOOSTS THE STATE

1.092 Members of County Committees Already Named by Chairmen

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 15.—A total of 1,092 North Carolinians are now officially engaged in the task of extending hospitality to visitors from othe

This group of nearly 1,100 persons are members of 62 county committees according to T. E. Pickard, executive secretary of the Governor's Hospitality Committee. Committees will soon be organized and will be functioning in all counties of the State, Mr. Pick-

Each of these committees is now busily at work formulating a program designed to secure greater cooperation of the counties in the State advertising program and to impress upon the people the value of courtesy and friendliness in their contacts with

Surry, Hyde, Cleveland, Caldwell Buncombe, and Forsyth, according to Mr. Pickard.

The Caldwell county committee, of which Ed F. Allen is chairman, is carrying on an educational campaign through the newspapers and among the civic clubs, is erecting attractive signs on all the main highways leading into the county, welcoming visitors and is publicizing the beautiful mimosa trees which abound there.

The Rockingham county commit tee, headed by E. S. Powell, has had guest cards printed for distribution to visitors from outside the county and State, allowing unlimited parking time and giving the speed laws of the

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C. I. O. Storm Center



Harry Bridges ... attacks on him draw fire

Harry Bridges, C. I. O. west coast maritime leader, is the storm center of a political-labor controversy due to Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Agri- efforts to deport him to his native es be given opportunity to answer the "scandalous charges made against him by Senator Copeland."

Illinois Solon Says Nation Has Right To Enact Legislation To Protect People

HE SPEAKS AFTER THREAT BY GARNER

Vice - President's Ruling Comes While Senator Ellender Has Floor, and Is Menaced by Loss of His Right To Continue Attack On Measure

Senate heard the anti-lynching bill secuting Attorney J. F. Wooten, Shedefended as constitutional by Senator riff R. F. Churchill and Chief of Po-Lewis, Democrat, Illinois today short- lice J. I. Brown, all of Kinston ly after a ruling by Vice-President Garner threatened to keep proponents from speaking.

The bewildered Illinois speaker argued that the proposed legislation was "within the right of a government to protect its people" under authority of the Constitution.

Senator Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana, opponent of the measure,, gave up the floor to Lewis under an agree ment to yield to supporters of the measure who desired to talk before the vote on a debate limitation mo tion at 1 p. m., eastern standard time,

tomorrow Earlier the Louisiana senator had refused to yield the floor when Vice-President Garner pronounced a un animous consent agreement to which Ellender objected. Angered, Garner ruled that if El

lender yielded, except for a question, he would lose his right to continue When Garner left the chair, the Senate agreed unanimously that Ellender could follow Lewis.

Treasury's Gold Plans Help Banks

Money Available to **Business and Check** Huge Public Debt

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Partial abandonment of the Treasury's gold sterilization program, officials pitality committees, at present, are those in Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Anson, Rockingham, Chowan, Greene can lend to business men and others said today, in effect, will increase the Whether this step helps business will depend on whether the money is lent, which is a private affair. The lendable excess reserves of the nation's banks are now \$1,400,000,000, compared with the \$500,000,000 which

the Federal Reserve Board thought Continued on Page Five.)

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy, with probable rain beginning in west portion late tonight or Wednesday, and in northeast portion Wednesday, pro-bably mixed with snow in mountains; slightly colder in east and central portions.

Gives John Morris Company Ten Days To Withdraw Their Machines from District

ASSAILS CHILDLIKE PROHIBITIVE PLATE

Order Against Successive Plays Called Absurd, and Declares Machines Would Be Stale and Flat If Gambling Inducements Were Removed

Elizabeth City, Feb. 15 (AP)-Judge M. Meekins today handed down a decision terming the "silent salesman" "gambling machine" and dissolving his previous injunction against confiscating the machines in Pasquotank The John Morris Confection Com-

pany is granted until February 25 as ten days "of grace" to "remove all his machines from the eastern district of North Carolina," without threat of confiscation by officers of the law.

Morris during these days of grace, however, must not "permit the machines (any one of them) to be operated between powered the 25th day of Feb. between now and the 25th day of February, 1938, other than to sell candy mints exclusive of and apart from the vending tokens redeemable in merchan

such sales." Counsel for John Morris, pointed out Judge Meekins, "concede that if successive plays of the machine were not prohibited by the copyrighted plate attached thereon, the machine would be a gambling device. "To argue that the inherently evil

dise or otherwise in connection with

character of the machine or device is cured by the instruction prohibiting successive plays is as childlike and bland as the smile of sin." "Set up the silent salesman solely to vend candy mints, strip it of possibil-

ity to win tokens, and the result would be as stale, flat and unprofitable as fishing with a bear hook." He further described the plate pro-Diting successive plays as an attempt to obscure the mischief, and "an effort to have the tail wag the dog."

Today's opinion dissolves the order of November 16 prohibiting the confiscation of the machines in Pasquo-Washington, Feb. 15 .- (AP) - The filed by Solicitor James Powers, pro-

and Made United States World Power

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Washington Writer Washington, Feb. 15. — Remember he Maine?

You don't if you are a young fellow. You of course have heard of the war cry, "Remember the Maine!" But, if you are a bit youthful, you do not remember the incident of the American warship Maine's sinking in Havana harbor -for that was 40 years ago

You have to verge on the elderly to remember that far back with any distinctness, if at all. Now, I remember the Maine's ac-

Embarrassing.

The fighting there, right in Uncle Sam's dooryard, was a serious embar-rassment to the United States. There of him. had been considerable talk to the effect that we ought to put a stop to it, Will Make More as an intolerable nuisance. I suppose we had "interests" on the islandwe had "interests" on the island— "interests" which fomented this agitation. But it was a genuine bother

ASK QUICK APPROVAL HIS INJUNCTION IN \$250 MILLION FUNDS FAVOR OF "SLOTS" FOR RELIEF PURPOSE

Dies At Capital



Admiral Grayson

Was Head of Red Cross and Was Physician to Three Presidents

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (AF)-Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, renowned as head of the American Res Cross and as physician-confidante of three Presidents, died early today. He was 59 years old.

The retired naval officer had been in poor health almost from the time his close friend, President Roosevelt, persuaded him to accept one of the world's foremost humanitarian jobs

He contracted a cold during a south ern visit last month, and developed a bronchial infection after he arrived here.

Red Cross executives and high gov ernment officials joined in tributes to the character and ability of the Vir ginia-born admiral, who first won national prominence as personal phy sician to Woodrow Wilson.

anyway. We had filibusterers, running arms to the rebels and getting fired everlasting danger of complications. U. S. Government obligations. The situation was a pest, in short. I suppose Spanish rule was oppres sive. True, I myself was too young Brought on War With Spain to have had much idea of the true a merits of the case. In any event, we had the instinct of liberty and independence, here in the U.S. A., very strongly in those days. Liberty was C what the Cubans said they were fight- | C ing for, and we sympathized with

Finally Spain sent General Weyler to Cuba, to try to squelch the rebel-

Weyler soon was referred to as the "butcher." Weyler "atrocity stories" G began to fill our newspapers.

I am prepared to believe that Gen. Weyler was an iron-handed militarist. Nevertheless, visiting Spain a decade and a half later, I was astonished to learn that, at home, Weyler was classed as an advanced political liberal. He was captain-general of Catalonia at that juncture, and I had an interview with him at Barcelona. Bar-Cuba had been in a state of insur-rection against Spanish rule for a long Weyler told me that he regarded it, celon was a hotbed of radicalism, and in principle, with a kindly eye—though he had to keep order. The radicals themselves (anarchists and

But to return to Havana. Maine to Cuba. Fearful of disorders, which might jeopardize the lives and properties of

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Jackson Again Denounces Concentration Of Wealth

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Assis-| thing." tant Attorney General Robert F. Jackson told a Senate committee today with Ickes that the economic wealth ilies" controlled the economic life of the hands of a few families and that the nation, he was against that kind management was even more concenof concentration. Jackson made the assertion while

sub-committee considering his nomina

Austin asked if Jackson agreed "whether 60 families or 160 fam- of the country was concentrated in

"Yes," Jackson replied. "I never testifying before a Senate judiciary made any examination of that particular 60 families, but I consider the 60 families a mere symbol. It does not ion to be solicitor general.

"You and Mr. Ickes started out to make any difference whether 60 or Harry McMullan agreed to a contalk to the public about the relation 160 families control industry; I am tinuance until tomorrow of big business to the recession, did still against that kind of concentrayou not?" Senator Austin, Republi- tion."

It was announced at Secretary Ickes Ickes. We did not start out to do any- casting network on February 22.

House Appropriations Committee Reports Roosevelt Request for Large New Sum

SEES NO PROBABLY **EARLY IMPROVEMENT**

New Money Would Sustain 2,000,000 Persons on Relief Rolls Next Few Months; WPA Rosters Increase Over 500,000 In Last Four Months Time

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (AP)- The House Appropriations Committee asked the House today to approve immediately a \$250,000,000 emergency relief appropriation for the next four

It suggested quick action because of the "drastic change which has taken place in private employment" since last September, and indications that the situation will not improve im-

The appropriation, if approved, would te used to keep at least 2,000,-000 persons on relief rolls the next few months. Without it, Works Pro-gress Administration officials said, about 500,000 persons would have to be denied help and 200,000 now on

the rolls would be laid off. The committee said that WPA rosters increased from 1,464,000 in October to 2,000,000 today. The entire \$250,000,000 would be earmarked for

LEADERS IN STOCKS DRIFT LISTLESSLY

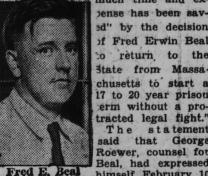
Profit Realizing Halts Earlier Advance as Buying Support Is Later Withdrawn

New York, Feb. 15 (AP)-Leading shares drifted listlessly to the minus side in today's stock market after profit realization halted an early rally. Buying support, present in the open-ing dealings, was withdrawn near the fourth hour after gains of fractions to Volume dwindled after the first spurt of activity. Steels led the swings both up and down. Coppers, aircrafts and heavy industry shares failed to hold advantages gained at the opening. A break in grain prices in Chicago pushed farm implement issues lower. Commodities were mixed. Foreign markets were irregular, with American on. Sometimes the wrong American security issues tending a little higher. ships were shot at. There was the Bonds improved a trifle, headed by

merican Radiator	13	1-8
merican Telephone 1	135	1-8
merican Tob B	65	3-4
naconda	31	1-2
tlantic Coast Line	23	1-4
Bendix Aviation	12	1-4
Sethlehem Steel	56	
hrysler	55	
Columbia Gas & Elec Co	7	1-8
commercial	8	1-8
Continental Oil Co	9	8-6
curtiss Wright	4	3-8
DuPont	116	1-2
Electric Pow & Light	9	1-8
eneral Electric	39	5-8
General Motors	34	1-8
Montgomery Ward & Co	33	3-4
Reynolds Tob B	39	3-8
Southern Railway	11	3-4
tandard Oil N J	49	
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Fred Beal Saves State Time, Money

Raleigh, Feb. 15 .- (AP)-Attorney general A. A. F. Seawell issued a statement today saying it "is impos-sible to tell how



ed" by the decision of Fred Erwin Beal to return to the State from Massa. chusetts to start a 17 to 20 year prison erm without a pro-tracted legal fight." The statement said that Georga Roewer, counsel for Beal, had expressed

Fred E. Beal himself February 10 n Boston as "wishing to surrender Beal without the necessity of a pro-longed hearing." An extradition hearing had been set for that day, but Seawell and Assistant Attorney General

"We have never doubted that Beal would be returned by the Massachusetts authorities in due time," Seawell "Mr. Ickes made a speech and I office that the secretary would de- said, "but, of course, after the rendimade a speech," Jackson replied. "I'd liver a revised version of his "Sixty tion warrant by the governor it might never discussed the matter with Mr. Families" speech over a British broad-