

FIVE MAJOR ARMY AIR BASES ARE ASKED

MURDEROUS BATTLE IN SOUTH SHANTUNG IS STILL INDECISIVE

Important Walled Town of Tancheng Changes Hands Twice in Twelve Hours.

JAPANESE ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL TROOPS

Fresh Soldiers from China's Vast Reservoir of Manpower Also Thrown into Fray; Both Sides Lose Heavily in Number of Planes Shot Down.

Shanghai, April 30.—(AP)—The important walled town of Tancheng, in southeastern Shantung province, changed hands twice in twelve hours today, the Japanese recapturing it in a strongly reinforced assault.

While admitting the loss, Chinese headquarters reported fresh troops were rushing in for another battle for possession of the town, expected to center on a village just to the north-west. The contest for Tancheng, about 20 miles north of the vital Lunghai railway, was only one phase of a major battle which seemed to be developing into a murderous stalemate.

The left wing of the Japanese army fighting southward, was reported today to have occupied the village of Nanlakow, only five miles from the Lunghai railway.

Neutral observers said Japanese blasted Chinese defenses with artillery fire and airplane bombardment to make the advance possible.

Nanlakow is nine miles southwest of Tancheng, in southeastern Shantung province.

The same sources said Japanese forces were pushing rapidly to the south along the Tientsin-Pukow railway with the Chinese retreating in orderly fashion.

North of Pihsein, however, the Chinese were said still to be blocking the Japanese drive, despite heavy casualties.

The Japanese reinforced by thousands of troops in recent weeks, are trying to capture Suchow, strategic railway junction.

Neutral observers said the Chinese lost nine planes and five pilots in the spectacular air battle over Hankow yesterday. They said the Japanese lost nine large planes and 13 small ships.

About 36 Japanese planes tried to raid the temporary Chinese capital, but were met by squadrons of Chinese planes and a dog fight, one of the biggest of the war, resulted.

Revenue Of State Is Up This Month

Raleigh, April 30.—(AP)—North Carolina's revenue collections this month totalled \$4,478,068.09, an increase of 3.31 per cent over April, 1937, Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell said today.

Receipts for this fiscal year reached \$61,305,354.57, an increase of 2.3 per cent over the total through April last year, the commissioner said.

Income tax collections for the fiscal year aggregated \$10,787,613, nearing last year's all-time record high of more than \$11,000,000. In the revenue division, April receipts totalled \$2,656,227.06, an increase of 7.85 per cent over April, 1937.

Motor Vehicle Bureau income, however, was \$2,241,842.03, a decrease of .63 per cent under April a year ago.

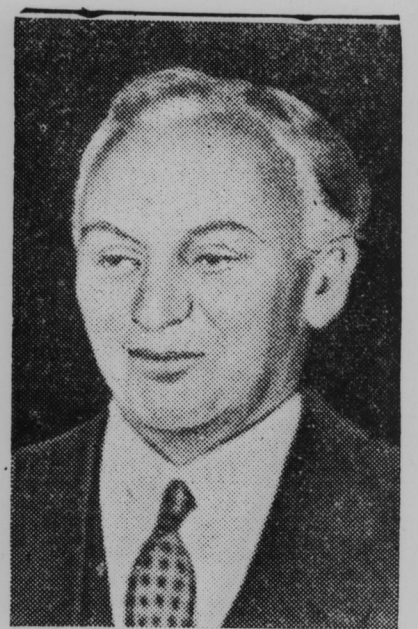
TRIP STRENGTHENS FOES OF DIVERSION

Highway Commission Members Eat Dust—and How?—On Thursday

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 30.—The "dust marathon" taken Thursday by members of the State Highway Commission during a visit to Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties has given opponents of highway fund diversion another talking point and adds considerable weight to the resolution recently adopted unanimously by the county board of the quarter, in which a constitutional amendment forever

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Earle's Choice



Dr. Herbert F. Goodrich (above), dean of University of Pennsylvania law school, was offered post of Attorney General of the state following dismissal of Charles Margiotti, candidate for gubernatorial nomination.

(Central Press)

Says Cotton Has Passed Peak Volume

Murchison Says Competitive Commodities Squeezing Staple from Place.

Augusta, Ga., April 30.—(AP)—Dr. C. T. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, told the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association today "unless all signs are misleading, world consumption of cotton appears to have reached or past its zenith."

Dr. Murchison, addressing the association's 42nd annual convention, said: "Cotton is caught between the upper and nether millstones of rayon and paper with jute mopping up on the side."

"If we are to retain our present stature as a cotton manufacturing industry, it is important for us to know why our competitors are continuing

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FIRST AUTO DEATH IN RALEIGH IN 1938

Raleigh, April 30.—(AP)—Raleigh recorded its first 1938 automobile fatality today as Peter Hicks, 10-year-old Negro, died following a truck collision here yesterday.

Police Traffic Sergeant H. B. Williamson said that another Negro, Davide Wideman, truck driver, was held in jail on manslaughter charges in connection with the accident.

More Than 300 Candidates Bidding For House Seats

Only Eight Got Nomination Without Contest and Can Run Down to Raleigh Any Day Now and Pick Out Their Seats; No Primaries in Eight

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 30.—More than 300 North Carolinians—probably nearer 400—seek to have a part in making the 1939 laws by becoming members of the House of Representatives in the next General Assembly.

Only eight can settle peacefully back in their arm chairs, stretch out and count themselves already "in" without opposition of any sort. Which leaves 112 of the 120 representatives still in more or less doubt.

These figures are based on complete legislative slates from 84 of the State's 100 counties. In eight others there will be no primary elections to choose House candidates, and from the remaining eight this bureau has sought in vain to get authentic information. Incidentally, Raymond C. Maxwell, secretary of the

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FRESH AIR RAIDS ON BARCELONA ARE FATAL FOR THIRTY

Fifty Others Are Injured in Two Attacks on Spanish Government Capital City

STALEMATE REMAINS ON EASTERN FRONT

Bad Weather Still Halting Operations in Battle Areas, Operations Being Limited to Only Sporadic Encounters; Dispatches Conflicting

Barcelona, Spain, April 30.—(AP)—Two insurgent air raids today subjected this temporary capital of Spain to the worst bombing of the past six weeks.

Officials estimated 30 persons were killed and 50 injured when insurgent airmen twice attacked the city in three hours.

General Franco's fliers took advantage of the first sunny weather after many days of rain to stage the raids.

The first attack came at 8:45 a. m. and the second at 11:30 a. m., when first aid workers still were digging in the ruins of the only building struck in the opening raid.

For several days the front, running from the Teruel sector eastward to

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MINE TRAGEDY DUE TO FAULTY METHOD

Unapproved Procedure in Firing of Blast Blamed for 45 Deaths in Grundy Shaft

Washington, Apr. 30.—(AP)—The Bureau of Mines said today that the use of "unapproved methods" in the firing of a blast was responsible for the Grundy, Va., mine disaster in which 45 lives were lost.

The explosion in the Keen Mountain mine of the Red Jacket Coal Company occurred April 22.

In a preliminary report, the bureau said the explosion was caused by the firing of what is termed a "bull dozing shot" for the purpose of breaking up of an accumulation of roof rock.

MIGHT REOPEN CASE OF REPUBLIC STEEL

Labor Board May Also Go Further Into Charges of Violation by Other Firms.

Philadelphia, April 30.—(AP)—Charles Fahy, general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, said in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today that the board was considering reopening the case of the Republic Steel Corporation and "several other firms."

Fahy made the statement at a hearing on Republic's appeal of the board's ruling ordering it to reinstate 5,000 employees who had struck and signed a contract with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

The NLRB had ruled the corporation, the nation's third largest producer of steel, violated the Wagner labor relations act.

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PRESIDENT TRANSFERS WORKSHOP TO NAVY CRUISER



Interior view of captain's quarters aboard the Philadelphia; inset is of Capt. Jules James

Captain's quarters aboard the U. S. S. Philadelphia, 10,000-ton cruiser, become President Roosevelt's temporary "White House" during a short vacation cruise on the Atlantic aboard the ship.

Capt. Jules James and his quarters are pictured. The president planned to depart from Washington Thursday night, April 28, and board the ship at Charleston, S. C.

Roosevelt Puts To Sea From Charleston's Port For A Week Of Fishing

William Stainback Is Student's Head

Raleigh, April 30.—(AP)—William Stainback of Wake Forest College, was chosen president of the North Carolina Federation of Students today at the closing session of its conference, and Chapel Hill was set for the 1939 meeting.

The federation named Walter Fonville, of Elon College, vice-president; Miss Helen Montgomery, of St. Mary's College, secretary, and Miss Ruth Britton, of Greensboro College, treasurer.

The 1939 convention date will be set later.

The federation passed resolutions citing "persuasion" as a much better method than compulsion in promoting the honor system calling for ample campus publicity about the honor system, and asking that there be no discrimination between athletic and nonathletic students.

DENIAL OF HELIUM TO GERMANY URGED

Little Faith Put in Hitler's Pledge Not to Use Dirigibles for War

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, April 30.—Americans have had an opportunity to take some very telling digs at Herr Hitler in connection with Germany's bid for a supply of Yankee helium to inflate the Fatherland's new Zeppelin.

They have not failed to avail themselves of it, either.

As we all know, helium is an ideal gas to furnishing lifting power to dirigibles because it is non-explosive, whereas hydrogen is as combustible as tinder. And nowhere in the world have helium deposits ever been discovered (any appreciable supplies of the stuff, anyway) outside the United States.

Consequently, the Germans have to buy from us or take their chances with hydrogen. So would any other country, for that matter, but none of the others is as much addicted to lighter-than-air transportation as is Germany.

For some reason the Teutons are particularly dirigibly inclined. And maybe, provided their gas doesn't explode, their favorite method does have its points of advantage over heavier-than-air aviation.

Reasons For Objection. The objection to export sales of our helium is based on the contention that our natural monopoly of the stuff is a valuable military asset, which we

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New 10,000-Ton Cruiser Philadelphia Carries President "Somewhere in Atlantic"

DESTROYER FANNING GOES AS AN ESCORT

Expected to Go As Far As Virgin Islands for Game Fish That Abound in That Region; President Arrives in Charleston in the Early Morning

Charleston, S. C., April 30.—(AP)—Amid the roar and smoke of saluting three pounders, the new cruiser Philadelphia, carrying President Roosevelt on a week's fishing cruise, eased away from the Charleston navy yard at 9:45 a. m. today.

Headed for "somewhere" in the South Atlantic, the 10,000-ton vessel, latest addition to the navy's rapidly increasing fleet, pulled away from the docks with American and presidential flags fluttering in the bright morning sun, and the chief executive sitting at the starboard rail in the main deck.

The escort destroyer Fanning followed the Philadelphia away from

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Puffs Cigar On Walk To Death Chair

Huntsville, Texas, April 30.—(AP)—Calmly smoking a cigar, John W. Vaughan stood in State Prison death house for the second time today, recited the Lord's prayer, bitterly indicted society for condemning him, then went to the electric chair proclaiming his innocence.

He died at 12:33 a. m. for the slaying of a San Antonio policeman.

The execution climaxed a spectacular series of delays that began eight days ago when the electric chair gen-

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy, scattered thundershowers in north portion this afternoon or tonight; cooler in north portion tonight; Sunday partly cloudy, slightly cooler in central portion.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Some likelihood of local showers over north portion first part of week and more general shower period latter part; temperatures near or about normal.

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\$124,000,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AIM OF HOUSE PROJECT

Huge Sum Would Be Sliced From President's Proposed New Public Works Allowance

ADJOURNMENT LATE IN MAY IS LIKELY

Leader Barkley in Senate Sees May 15 As Home-Going Day, Though House Leaders Expect It to Be Nearer June 1; Monopoly Fight Is Launched

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, of the House Military Committee, said today he had asked a House Appropriations sub-committee to set aside \$124,000,000 of President Roosevelt's proposed new public works fund for construction of five major army air bases, and improvement of existing army posts.

One of the new air bases would be located in Alaska, May said, and the others would be established at strategic points in the United States proper.

Other developments: Adjournment sentiment gained in both House and Senate today in the wake of another thumping defeat for the administration on the revised wage-hour bill, despite President Roosevelt's latest demand for such legislation.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley held to his prediction Congress would pack up and go home by May 15. House leaders fixed the quitting date close to June 1.

As for the anti-monopoly message received from the President yesterday, the consensus was that it would not prolong the session.

Senate and House were in recess. Decentralization of the business structure became a broad new administration objective. This goal was set by the President in a militant anti-monopoly message to Congress, asking a \$500,000 appropriation for studies of virtually all fundamental aspects of the nation's business life, preliminary to congressional action to break up "a concentration of private power without equal in history."

Methodist Union Wins; Contested

Birmingham, Ala., April 30.—(AP)—Union of 8,000,000 American Methodists will meet in final church bazaar late today at a hearing before the judicial council of the Methodist Church, South.

Opponents of the merger, warning of "secession", will present arguments that procedure followed in ratifying unification did not conform with church law. If the council upholds the unification, an appeal to civil courts is expected.

The General Conference of Southern Methodists voted 434 to 26 yesterday to close the breach between North and South brought by Negro slavery in 1844.

There was no indication of the length of the hearing before the nine-member judicial council, the "supreme court" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Five of the nine are ministers, four laymen.

Fight Over Rail Wages To Be Long

May Be 3 Months to Year for Showdown if Labor Refuses Cut Asked.

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Labor attorneys said today it might require from three months to a year of negotiations and fact-finding to bring a "showdown" if the employees reject the railroad's proposal to cut wages 15 per cent.

The reason is the railway labor act, which would operate, meantime, to prevent any cut or strike.

If the brotherhood refuse to accept the cut—and the reactions of their leaders indicated this was certain—the National Mediation Board would come into action. The board may enter a dispute at the request of either party, or, if it believes a national emergency exists, on its own motion.

The law provides in that case for this procedure—once the board has entered the dispute it may proceed definitely with its work of mediation. The status quo must be maintained

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Two Officers Shot During Liquor Hunt

Marion, April 30.—(AP)—Two raiding officers raised a trap door in a filling station near here last night and were blasted by a load of buckshot.

Sheriff Grady Nichols fell seriously wounded, and deputy W. O. Gibbs left side was peppered by the shot. Hospital attendants said the sheriff's condition was critical.

Deputies B. L. Robbins and James Rowland said the shotgun was nailed against a case of liquor concealed under the trap door. A copper wire was attached to the gun and the trapdoor.

A few hours after the shooting, the officers arrested a man they booked as Boyce Mace, operator of the filling station, about ten miles from here.