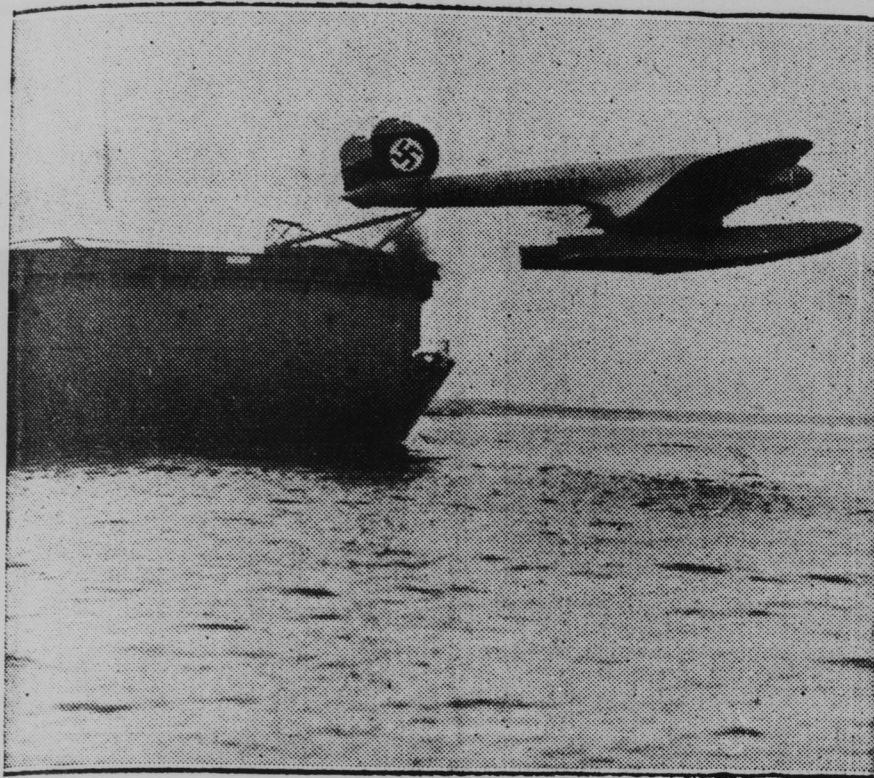


GEORGIA LEAF SALES APPEAR AROUND 25c

Mother Ship Launches Transatlantic Plane



The German seaplane Nordmeer is shown as she left the catapult on the deck of the mother ship Friesenland, off City Island, New York, for her return voyage across the Atlantic via the Azores.

Public Works Program Is To Be Expanded With Aid Of Credit From The RFC

\$250,000,000 More May Be Available for Loans to Public; Steel Testimony

Washington, July 28 (AP)—Secretary Ickes said today that with the help of Reconstruction Finance Corporation millions, the Public Works program might be expanded to provide another \$250,000,000 worth of construction.

He made the estimate at his press conference in reply to questions about his new working agreement with Jesse Jones, chairman of the RFC.

Under that arrangement, the RFC will make loans from its \$1,500,000,000 fund on big projects receiving grants from PWA's \$950,000,000.

"Our program will be considerably larger," Ickes said, "particularly to the extent that we will be able to use our money for additional grants if applicants are agreeable to loans from the RFC. We can't figure out at this moment how much the program will be expanded. It depends on what loans RFC will be willing to make."

"I would say offhand that the program may be expended by as much as \$250,000,000."

Other developments: A former Republic Steel Corporation policeman testified that he lied his way into a job as a CIO organizer and then signed the names of steel workers to membership cards without their knowledge.

The ex-policeman, Walter Maloney, of Cleveland, also told the Senate Civil Liberties Committee he signed the name of Joe Gilmore, another Republic policeman, to a membership card in the Steel Workers Organizing Committee just to play a "big joke."

Ontario Premier Missing In Plane

Washington, July 28.—(AP)—The Army Signal Corps received a message from Skagway, Alaska, today that the overdue plane of Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario, turned back last night from Skagway to Carcross, between Skagway and White Horse, Yukon territory, because of fog.

Juneau, Alaska, July 28.—(P)—Juneau awaited anxiously today the overdue arrival of Premier Mitchell Hepburn, of Ontario, and his aerial touring party, unreported since they hopped off yesterday from White Horse, Yukon territory, on a 200-mile flight to Juneau.

Communication with points along the route was impossible during the night. Because there was a low ceiling last night, belief was expressed here the party of four might have landed at Skagway Communications with Skagway close from 5 p. m. to 8 a. m., Pacific standard time.

British Columbia police at Campbell River, on the east coast of Vancouver island, reported the plane did not land there. Hepburn, before taking off from White Horse, had said he planned to spend the night at Juneau and go to Campbell River today. Alaska and British Columbia officials planned today to check all points of Hepburn's route if he does not reach Juneau.

Up 17 Floors, And He Jumped



John William Ward, 26-year-old unemployed youth, is pictured here (in the circle) in the fashion in which he clung for eleven hours to a ledge at the 17th floor of the Hotel Gotham in New York Tuesday, and then plunged to his death on the pavement below.

Early Price Range About 20-30 Cents

Sales Undisturbed by Court Attacks on Quota System; Quality Shade Up

Valdosta, Ga., July 28.—(AP)—Auctioneers chanting prices from five cents to 40 cents a pound today started the nation's 1938 crop of bright leaf tobacco on its journey from farm to smoker, undisturbed by court attacks here and in Florida on constitutionality of the marketing quota plan.

Few sales were made at 40 cents, most high grades going around 38 cents, which tobacco price specialists said was slightly lower than last year's bids for the better grades. They said more of the 1938 crop was moving in the 20 and 30 cents price range.

(By The Associated Press.) Tobacco growers in 17 Georgia and Florida auction centers heard auctioneers chant the first prices of the 1938 bright leaf crop today, with the bulk of the early offerings in the 20 to 30 cents range.

Some baskets went as high as 40 cents, others as low as five cents a pound.

Sales were undisturbed by the Georgia and Florida court attacks on the validity of the national marketing quota system, which places a penalty tax on tobacco sold in excess of quotas.

Growers and AAA officials have indicated they will be pleased if prices average near the 19.66 cents average in Georgia and Florida last year. The national average in 1937 was 23.29 cents.

Valdosta's first basket was auctioned at 19.50, the first row at a range of 13 cents to 32 cents, and four straight baskets in another row for 33 cents.

The majority of early sales went at 23 cents. Quality of the tobacco was described as on a par or slightly better than 1937's first offerings.

First sales at Hazlehurst ranged from a low of 18 cents to a high of 36 cents, with the bulk selling around 27 cents. Warehouses generally reported their floors filled.

At Vidalia, first sales ran from 10 cents to 40 cents, but most of the baskets moved at bids nearer the 30-cent level.

At Tifton, warehousemen reported the following early price range: Of the first 96 piles sold, ten went at 30 cents or higher; 46 went at 25 to 29 cents; 21 at 20 to 24 cents; ten at 15 to 19 cents, and nine sold for

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GRANVILLE NEGRO TRIED FOR LIFE

Oxford, July 28 (AP)—The State continued today to build a case of circumstantial evidence against King Solomon Stovall, Negro, on trial on charges of killing R. T. Moore, a merchant, at his home at Stovall.

Solicitor Leo Carr said he would ask for a first degree murder verdict. State's witnesses had testified that Stovall notified the Moore family he had found the body of the merchant lying near the home. It was also testified that Stovall later had confessed striking Moore on the head.

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Witnesses Back Story Of Slayer

Defense Testimony Corroborates Statements by Defendant at Smithfield

Smithfield, July 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Rosalie Hales King, pretty divorcee, who the State alleges was the "other woman in the case," burst into tears and sobbed, "I can't," and left the witness stand today, but later returned to testify in behalf of James Z. Tharrington, charged with killing John McMillan.

When Mrs. King went back to the stand, she calmly corroborated much of Tharrington's testimony in his own behalf and detailed events preceding the shooting. The court room had buzzed when Mrs. King first went to the stand with an appearance of bravado. She wore a rust-colored felt hat and carried a large handbag to match. She had on a light green dress.

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Defies NLRB



Representative Hoffman ... challenges NLRB

Representative Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan gets into the news again by challenging the right of the National Labor Relations Board to stop him from circulating printed copies of a speech he made attacking the C. I. O. The board recently held that circulation of copies of the speech by an employee of Maryland Shoe company was "unfair labor practice."

He said he would print and supply the speech to whoever wants it.

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China Hopes For Japanese, Russian War

By CHARLES F. STEWART, Central Press Columnist.

Washington, July 28.—If Russia and Japan finally get to fighting, military men, diplomats and others who are familiar with warfare and Oriental conditions agree that it will be a grand thing for China, but they are not so sure that it will be healthful for the Soviet folk in Russia. It doubtless will be bad for the mikado, too. In fact, many observers think a revolution is a distinct possibility in Japan already. However, they also consider it a possibility in Russia.

China stands to profit from a big Russo-Japanese clash anyway. Chinese representatives here are all bland Oriental smiles at the prospect. It may seem uncivilized to be pleased at the threat of spreading strife on earth, but it is easy to understand why the Chinese like the looks of it in the present instance.

Japan "All In?" Japan, as we know, is about "all in" in its struggle with China. It wins battles but the Chinese refuse to stay licked. Win as they may, the Jap-

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Name Farley In Hot Fight In Kentucky

Gov. Chandler Supporter Relates Conversation; Says Farley Double-Crossed

Louisville, Ky., July 28.—(P)—The declaration that Postmaster General Farley personally attempted to place United States Senator Logan on a Federal bench and thus leave the way open for Governor A. B. Chandler to run for Logan's seat without major opposition was thrown into Kentucky's red-hot senatorial campaign by State Finance Commissioner Talbot today.

Chandler, in a recent campaign speech, declared Logan and "begged" for an appointment to the Federal bench last spring, and Logan, campaigning for renomination of United States Senator Barkley, favored by President Roosevelt, promptly told an audience Chandler's statement was a "damn lie." Barkley previously had asserted Chandler had tried to "make a deal" to get Logan a Federal judicial appointment.

Talbot, in a statement issued at Chandler's headquarters here, declared he and Chandler and Farley met early this year in Farley's office in Washington, and added:

"I asked Mr. Farley if every proposition concerning Senator Logan and the judgeship had not come from him and the President, and not from Governor Chandler. He replied, 'Yes.'"

"Then I asked Mr. Farley if the shoe which Senator Barkley had attempted to place on Governor Chandler's foot did not belong on his own foot, and the foot of the President. He said, 'Yes.'"

Talbot then expressed the opinion in his statement that "James Farley was double-crossed."

Barkley has charged Chandler with attempting to engineer a "deal" whereby the President would appoint Logan to the Federal bench and Chandler would succeed Logan in the Senate by appointment.

DR. JAMES PATRICK OF BAHAMA, PASSES

Durham, July 28.—(P)—Dr. James E. Patrick, 67, of Bahama, died at his home here this morning after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services will be conducted at Bahama tomorrow at 1 o'clock, and interment will follow at Institute, in Lenoir county.

Dr. Patrick had practiced medicine at Snow Hill, New Bern, Farmville, Seven Springs and Angier before moving to Bahama.

Insurgents Try To Halt Foes' Drive

Hendaye, France, July 28.—(P)—Insurgent plans to blast dams of the Ebro river and its tributaries in a desperate effort to halt by flood a four-day government offensive were reported today.

Dispatches from insurgent cities behind the 90-mile front lines continued to insist the government drive, which started with a surprise crossing of the Ebro Monday, and in which the government yesterday reported the capture of 15 villages and 4,000 prisoners during a thrust into Gandesa, was completely checked, and the entire territory "cleaned up."

But observers with the advancing government armies reported men and guns were poured across the Ebro in support of advanced guard units fighting their way to Gandesa.

Strategically located in southern Catalonia, Gandesa was an important link between the insurgent Catalan line and armies thrusting toward Valencia.

New York, July 28.—(AP)—A general courtmartial at Governor's Island today reprimanded Lieutenant Colonel Stewart S. Griffin and ordered him reduced 100 files, or places, on the army promotion list. Colonel Griffin was tried on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman.

The charge against Colonel Griffin carried six specifications, all relating to drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was found innocent on four of the six, and on the remaining two the language was tempered to read, "wrongfully," instead of "maliciously."

The penalty imposed comes under Article 96 of the articles of war, and is a less serious charge than that under Article 95, for which dismissal from the service is the penalty. The courtmartial had discretion in determining which article would be considered in imposing a penalty.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair tonight; Friday partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers in afternoon and north central portion.

Evacuation Of Hankow Is Ordered

Chinese Government To Move Civilians To Avoid Deaths From Air Raids

Shanghai, July 28.—(P)—Hankow authorities ordered the quick evacuation today of all civilians in that populous tri-city area as the Japanese war machine moved relentlessly northwestward from Kiukiang.

The command showed the growing Chinese fears for the metropolitan Wuhan area and authorities desired to avoid needless sacrifice of non-combatants in expected Japanese air raids.

The Japanese offensive today entered Hupeh province, the eleventh of the 24 Chinese provinces to be involved in the conflict. The Wuhan cities are in Hupeh, which has 71,000 square miles and 29,000,000 population. The entrance to Hupeh was made possible by the Japanese occupation Tuesday of Kiukiang, 135 miles down the Yangtze from Hankow.

Reports of developments on the Kiukiang.

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Eleven Road Bids Passed

Raleigh, July 28 (AP)—The highway and public works commission approved today award of eleven construction contracts to low bidders at Tuesday's lettings, but held up jobs in Wayne and Franklin counties. The bids must now be approved by the Federal Bureau of Roads.

The Franklin project, Route 59, from the Wake county line to near Louisburg, was held up indefinitely due to inability to secure top soil from property owners along the route.

A Mt. Olive delegation was heard this afternoon on the question of location of the Wayne road, between Mount Olive and Seven Springs.

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New Fund Makes Possible Doubling Test Farm Work, Scott Asserts At Oxford

Oxford, July 28.—The North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Tobacco Test Farm here will be able approximately to double its work in research as a result of Federal appropriations secured by the department, Commissioner W. Kerr Scott said today in a speech prepared for delivery at the farm's annual field day.

Research work at the farm includes investigation of tobacco diseases, fertilization and insect work. Credit for the \$80,000 congressional appropriation to improve research facilities and to add new equipment at the test farm was given by the commissioner to Representative William B. Umstead. Scott added that

other congressmen from North Carolina gave the project their full cooperation.

"The tobacco grower deserves and will receive every consideration from our department," Scott said. "Efforts are now under way to improve his income by furnishing him much needed information on proper sorting and marketing his tobacco."

"We lead the world in flue-cured tobacco production and we should provide research programs commensurate with this leadership," he added. Turning to the theme on which he has been hammering so persistently in recent weeks—marketing—the commissioner said that while improved

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Highway Dead In U. S. Off 22 Prct.

Chicago, July 28.—(P)—The nation's motorists are beginning to step on the brakes in time to save lives.

The National Safety Council reported today traffic fatalities for the first six months in 1938 were fewer by 22 per cent than during the same period last year.

By heeding the plea to drive more carefully, American motorists saved 3,676 lives in the first half of 1938, the council said. The steady decline of fatalities was registered in spite of a two-per cent increase in highway traffic during the first five months, the council said.

If the percentage of declines continues the balance of 1938, the council said, the year's traffic toll would be the lowest since 1928, and would represent a saving of 8,700 lives, in comparison with 1937.

Preliminary Market Cards Are Provided

College Station, Raleigh, July 28.—Preliminary marketing cards for growers who wish to sell their tobacco on early markets have been authorized by the AAA, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, has announced.

Unable to complete the job of assigning poundage allotments to individual farms before the opening of the Border Belt markets August 4, committeemen have been furnished instructions for making preliminary allotments.

Producers who grew tobacco prior to 1938 may be issued preliminary allotment cards up to as much as 400 pounds to the acre on their planted acres or their allotted acres, which ever is smaller.

Farmers growing tobacco for the first time in 1938 may be issued allotment cards up to 300 pounds per acre on their planted acres of their allotted acres, which ever is smaller.

"Supervisors of tobacco markets in the Border Belt have been concerned over whether growers planning to sell on these markets will have their allotment cards in time," Mr. Floyd

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