

FALL OF BARCELONA TO REBELS IMMINENT

Election Law Bills Pour Into Assembly Asking For Changes

Salemburg School Has \$40,000 Fire

Salemburg, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A \$40,000 fire damaged the Salemburg school today before it was brought under control. No one was hurt and most of the furniture was saved, but ten tons of coal stored in the basement was still burning today.

State Group Has Plan Of Retirement

Employees May Invite Teachers in With Them, Though Teachers Have Held Out on Other State Workers

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Having waited with patient futility for an invitation to join the teachers in a retirement plan, other State employees have about concluded to extend the invitation themselves and let the teachers go along with them.

Ex-Legislator In South Carolina Is Accused Of Bribe

York, S. C., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The York county grand jury today indicted former Representative Q. E. Britt, of Rock Hill, on charges of accepting bribes or rewards on two occasions.

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Four Measures Sponsored by State Elections Board Ask Repeal of Absentee Law, Smaller Precincts and New Registration; U. N. C. Asks More Money

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Proposals to revise the State's election laws held the center of the legislative stage today. The House got four bills sponsored by the State Elections Board, calling for repeal of the present law on absentee voting, and substitution of a new statute; splitting of larger precincts, a new registration and tightening of laws on markers.

R. W. SANDERS, 48, OF CLAYTON, DIES

Clayton, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Robbie Wendell Sanders, 48, prominent business man and farmer, died at his home early today of a heart attack, after a brief illness.

Ex-Police Chief At Coats Is Tried In Texas Slaying

San Augustine, Texas, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The State began presentation of its evidence today in the trial of Lester Parker, former police chief of Coats, N. C., on trial charged with the murder of Laurie Amie in 1932.

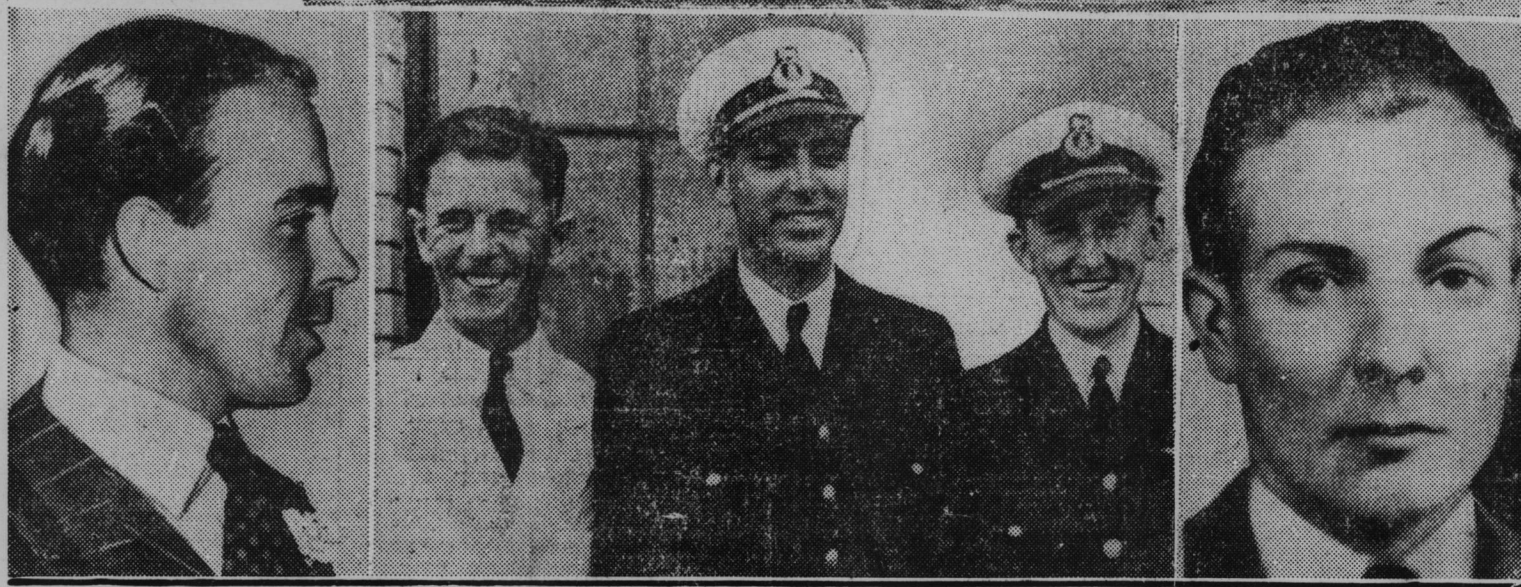
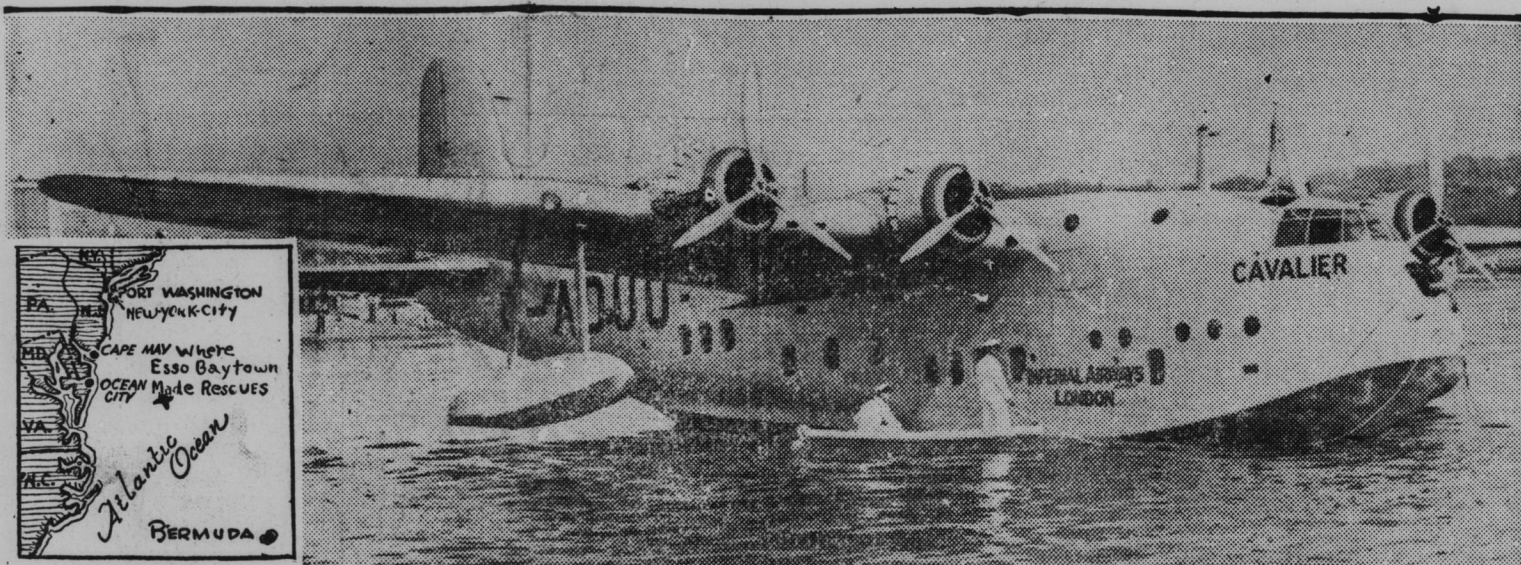
HARNETT COUNTY PEOPLE FURNISH AID TO OFFICER

Duham, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A number of Harnett county officials have signed affidavits attesting the character of Lester Parker, former Coats police chief, on trial on a charge of murder in San Augustine, Texas.

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DRAMATIC RESQUE OF OCEAN PLANE'S SURVIVORS



Rescuers and rescued of New York-Bermuda flying boat Cavalier tell dramatic story of survivors clinging to rubber life belts in stormy Atlantic for 10 hours prior to rescue by the tanker Esso Baytown. Above, ill-fated plane, map of the scene, and left to right. M. R. Alderson, plane's captain, rescued in critical condition; Robert Spence, steward, missing; Patrick Chapman, radio officer who called for aid; Neil Richardson, first officer; and Charles Talbot, Brookline, Mass., one of rescued passengers.

Military Men Arguing Over Guam Defense

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Jan. 24.—Although war experts like Maj. Gen. William C. Rivers, retired, deprecate the proposed American fortification of the western Pacific island of Guam, as a needlessly provocative gesture in Japan's direction, there evidently is a good bit of sentiment in Washington to the effect that now is a particularly opportune juncture for Uncle Sam to denude Japan's militarists.

Senator William E. Borah, notably, among U. S. lawmakers, agrees with Gen. Rivers. Of course all our pacifistic groups take the same position. For that matter, no civilized person dissents from the proposition that the United States should be very hesitant to aggravate Nippon unnecessarily.

THREE PRISONERS SAW THROUGH BARS

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Three prisoners successfully sawed their way through cell bars at the Guilford county prison camp today and escaped, State Penal Superintendent Oscar Pitts said today.

Kansas City Jury Told To Get Head Of Gambling Ring

Kansas City, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Federal Judge Albert L. Reeves, who broke open the 1936 vote frauds, set a grand jury on the trail of another scandal today with an order to get the "big man" in Kansas City gambling. He did not name the "big man" in his 3,000-word charge to the jury.

Roosevelt Approves Postponing Freedom Of The Philippines

President Submits to Congress Report of Committee on Philippine Affairs, Approved by President Quezon; Senator Adams Charges Relief Propaganda

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt submitted to Congress for its consideration today the report of the joint preparatory committee on Philippine affairs, recommending postponement from 1946 to 1950 of economic independence for the Philippines. Mr. Roosevelt said the report, made public last November, had his approval, as well as that of President Quezon, of the islands.

Huge British Bomber Lost In Big Storm

London, Jan. 24.—(AP)—British warships and royal air force planes searched the English channel today for a British bombing plane with six men aboard, missing since yesterday's storm which caused widespread damage to Atlantic shipping. Lloyds, which received SOS signals from 15 ships yesterday, reported that three of them were making for their home ports. There were no reports from the others, including the 7,200-ton Chilean passenger ship Aconcagua, but there was little anxiety because the weather had moderated.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder in extreme east portion.

France Set For Border Emergencies

Strong Guard To Handle Refugees from Spain Is Mobilized as Tenseness Grows In Insurgent Advance

Perpignan, France, Jan. 24.—(AP)—France adopted extraordinary police measures along her tense Spanish frontiers today, anticipating a flood of refugees from the Catalan war front. Primary emergency precautions were taken in an area extending 125 miles inland from the Mediterranean, and some distance north from the border. On all main and secondary roads in that zone, Perfect Dikowski established mobile guard barriers which were in addition to posts on the frontier proper where the guardsmen regularly watch every mountain pass. Police of every village, and forest guards and other local officers in the zone were notified they formed a part of the refugee-watching service.

Reason For Sea Tragedy Still Mystery

New York, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Why the luxurious British air liner Cavalier crashed at sea with the loss of three lives remained a mystery today as ten survivors described how they sang and shouted to keep their courage alive until their epic rescue. They told the story of an eleven-hour struggle with a 40-foot sea.

Government And People Are Leaving

Insurgent Bombs Almost Constantly Pounding City as Public Services Fail and Government Spain's Capital Becomes Military Camp; Defenders Fight on, However

Lerida, Spain, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Insurgent leaders declared today that their forces had achieved "a complete break" in government defenses directly before Barcelona and that the fall of the government capital was regarded as a matter of hours. Barcelona, Spain, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Many government ministers left Barcelona for the north this morning, while the beleaguered capital, pounded by insurgent bombs, and with its public services failing, became a military camp. With an icy wind blowing, refugees crowded the streets leading out of the city. Bombs crashed from the skies at brisk intervals as the insurgent air force heavily attacked the city for the fourth successive day.

United States officials prepared to send some of their nationals out of the war-torn Barcelona area. Government departments began withdrawing from the city despite the cabinet's announcement that it would remain in Barcelona. Meanwhile, Hendaye, France, reported Spanish insurgents announced the encirclement of the town of Gava, only seven miles from Barcelona proper, and said the Spanish government capital was under the direct fire of their artillery. While General Franco's column, driving along the coast from the southwest, bore down on its objective.

Mystery In Army Bomber Crash; 2 Dead

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—(AP)—High ranking army officers sought a cause today for the flaming crash of the nation's newest light bomber, which killed its test pilot and seriously injured a French airman whose presence on the ill-fated flight was mysteriously unexplained. Douglas Aircraft Corporation, builder of the metal twin-engine tricycle-gear plane admitted it was being groomed for War Department competition at Dayton, Ohio. But company officials at first gave an incorrect identity, and then refused explanation as to why Paul Chemidlin, 33, of the French air ministry, accompanied Test Pilot John Cable, 34, when the secretly-designed bomber took off yesterday. Cable's parachute failed to open as he plummeted to earth. Chemidlin stayed with the plane as it crashed into a parking lot near North American Aviation Company's plant at Los Angeles municipal airport.

Britain Mobilizes Army For Industrial Service

London, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Great Britain announced plans for an industrial "overalls" army of more than 6,000,000 men today as the insurgent advance into Spain intensified European concern over what ultimate consequences may arise from the civil war. The government, through the ministry of labor, called the scheme one of "selective recruitment" by which workmen between 18 and 64 would in wartime be placed in reserve occupations, the munitions, defense and public service industries. The list takes in about half the male working population of the country, but roughly 3,000,000 are over 45. Only about one in five of men 18 to 25 is affected. Omitted are most grades of clerical workers, workers in the building trades, warehousemen, porters, packers, store-keepers, entertainment groups, glesmen, hotel and restaurant workers and general laborers. The labor office said the men would be reserved for "armaments, agriculture, textile, essential public services, food manufacture and distribution." Most of the working population not placed in the reserve group is eligible for military service. The announcement followed Prime Minister Chamberlain's appeal last night for volunteers in a civil defense army. The international picture, meanwhile, was watched intently here.