

SPANISH REBEL TROOPS ENTER BARCELONA

Wage-Hour Bill Is Given Legislature

Labor Plan About Same As Federal

Joint Finance and Appropriations Committees Hold Last of Public Hearings; Election Law Reforms Explained to Committee at Forenoon Session

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The legislature received from Senator Gregory, of Rowan, today a bill to provide minimum wages and maximum work hours in North Carolina.

The minimum wage would be 25 cents an hour the first year, 30 cents the second, and a 40-cent level after seven years, while hours would be limited to 44 a week the first year, 42 the second and forty the third and thereafter. A bureau to administer the act would be created.

This afternoon the joint committees on appropriations and finance held the last of their scheduled public hearings. More money for the schools was sought from the appropriations group, while merchants and bottlers appeared before the finance group to attack the sales tax and levies on bottlers.

The joint election laws committee heard members of the State Board of Elections discuss the need of election law revisions and outline the proposals for a new absentee voting statute, new registration, splitting of large precincts and changes in rules for markers.

A sub-committee was named by a House judiciary group to study the bill to regulate tourist camps after State officials had asked that enforcement of sanitary regulations be left to the State Board of Health.

New Senate bills introduced included proposals to: Tighten laws on search and seizure; provide annual dues of \$5 for membership of the State bar and give judges power to enforce payment; give the port authority at Southport power to enter into contracts, etc.

Committees Not Packed With Anti's

Governor Himself Approved House Assignments Before They Were Announced

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Persistent unending rumors that House committees were packed against Governor Clyde R. Hoey and his administration continue to be heard several times daily, although there is an abundance of well-established facts with which to controvert these apparently unquenchable reports.

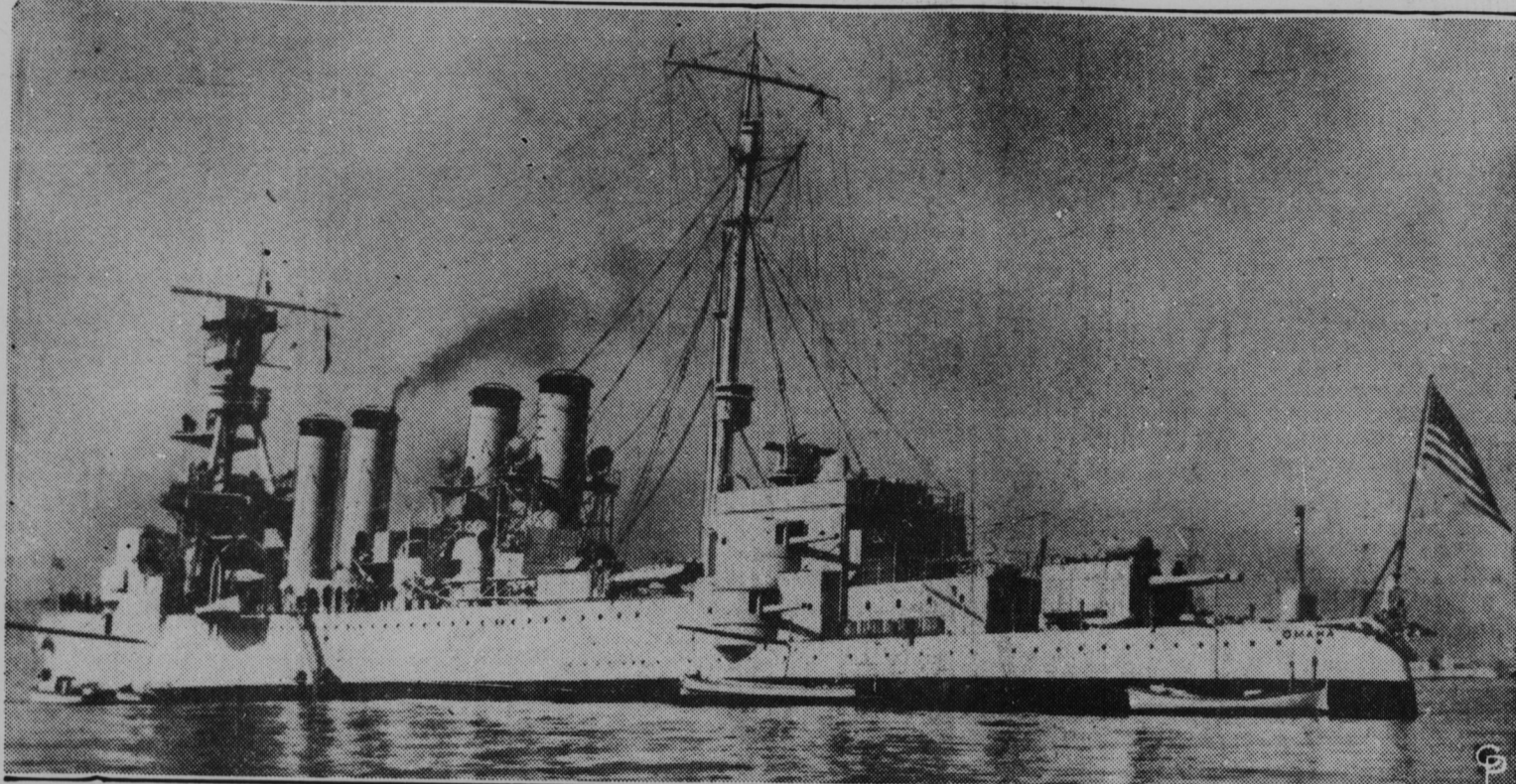
Nobody will take the responsibility for the statement—but almost everybody is willing to say he has heard that a coalition of Graham and McDonald supporters has taken complete charge of the House, primarily through the medium of committee appointments to key posts.

These reports simply will not down despite that every known and established fact contradicts them. For instance, it is certain that the governor and at least most of his principal House supporters were shown copies of the committee assignments before they were announced; and it is equally well established that His Excellency made no objection to the set-up when he was asked point-blank if he had any suggestions to make.

Quite naturally, Speaker Libby Ward has consistently declined to be drawn into the matter, either by public statement or even in "off the record" conversation; but it is indisputable that the governor did see the committee lists before they were officially ratified and that the only suggestion he made regarding any revision was accepted.

Your correspondent has learned on authority so reliable as to be practically certain that the committee assignments were made on the basis of the following facts: (Continued on Page Four.)

Cruiser to Barcelona for Evacuation of Americans



With fall of Barcelona imminent, the U. S. cruiser Omaha was ordered to Caldeas, 20 miles north of the beleaguered city, to evacuate American refugees. Of the American group only about thirty are native born. The others are Filipinos, Puerto Ricans or of Spanish origin.

U. S. Warships Take American Refugees Safely From City

Bomb Falls 100 Feet from Americans Before Naval Vessels Take Them Away; Government Troops Are Still Holding Out in Barcelona

Aboard the U. S. Cruiser Omaha, Near Barcelona, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Fifteen Americans fleeing the beleaguered Barcelona area had to run the gauntlet of bombs today before they reached safety aboard the Omaha and the United States destroyer Badger.

One bomb fell 100 feet from the refugees as they stood on a breakwater waiting for a small boat to take them out to the warships, anchored about two miles off Caldeas, about 20 miles north of Barcelona.

Earlier reports said insurgent planes began bombing the village of Caldeas, where more than 30 Americans, refugees from Barcelona, were gathered to board this cruiser. The bombardment began at 8:30 a. m. (3:30 a. m., eastern standard time) after the Omaha sent out a boat to take off the refugees. The cruiser stripped anti-aircraft guns ready for action, if necessary.

The refugees had gone to Caldeas yesterday and last night. Seven bombers flew over the American, British and French warships anchored off Caldeas and dropped bombs, most of which struck the water near the coast.

Lerida, Spain, reported the insurgent command announced that the western and northwestern sections of Barcelona had been completely encircled by insurgent columns driving into the government capital.

Hendaye, France, reported an insurgent military dispatch said General Franco's troops entered Barcelona this morning.

The advance guard of the insurgent armies marched into the Spanish government capital after tightening a ring around the city on three sides, reports from field headquarters said. Barcelona was still in government hands, however.

A direct communication from the capital at 10:30 a. m. (5:30 a. m., eastern standard time), said government troops still held out in the city proper.

An insurgent dispatch predicted complete occupation by tonight.

The Moorish army corps, which has driven northeastward along the coast from Tarragona, was reported the first insurgent unit to enter the government capital.

JAMES A. CALLAHAN, OF NORFOLK, DEAD

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25.—(AP)—James A. Callahan, 48, prominent Norfolk automotive dealer for the last 20 years, and (Lincoln) sales representative for Virginia and North Carolina, died of a heart attack in Kingston, N. C., shortly after 7:30 a. m. today. He was taken ill about 5 o'clock, and despite medical assistance, failed to rally. He was on a business trip when stricken. Funeral arrangements had not been completed.

WILSON BASEBALL GROUP CHARTERED

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Secretary of State Fred E. Davis issued three charters today. They included: Wilson Baseball Club, Inc., of Wilson, which will own and operate a baseball club. It has 100 shares of no par value authorized capital stock. Three shares of stock are subscribed by Lester Watson, Edward Warren and A. W. Fleming, Wilson.

GEHRIG SIGNS FOR 1939 WITH YANKEES

New York, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Lou Gehrig, durable first baseman of the New York Yankees, signed his 1939 contract today for his 15th season with baseball's world's champions. Although the terms of the contract were not announced, it was believed Gehrig took a slight cut from his last year's salary of \$38,000.

Cotton Higher Around Midday

New York, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened two points higher to one lower. Trade and spot house buying was offset by Bombay and Liverpool trading. Opening losses were cancelled and at the end of the first hour the market was unchanged to two light. October advanced from 7.25 to 7.38 for a net gain of two points. Around noon the market moved up for net gains of one to five points. March was a point better at 8.44, and May two higher at 7.17.

Senate Republicans Join Fight To Hold Relief Grant Lower

Willing To Support Additional Fund Later If \$725,000,000 Is Insufficient; Tobacco Growers Abandon Hope for New Referendum for 1939 Crop

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Senate Republicans united today in an effort to hold the relief appropriation to \$725,000,000. That sum, voted by the House and approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, is \$150,000,000 less than the amount asked by President Roosevelt to continue WPA operations until June 30.

Agriculture Fight Again Threatening

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY G. LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—"I have lived in Wake county all my life," said Senator Ballentine of Wake, "and I never hear anything about this controversy between State College and the Department of Agriculture until the legislature meets." A few minutes later Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott took the floor and explained why that is. "It is part of the fun in the political game," he said. "The head of the department has to be elected every four years, and the citizens of the State get fun out of shooting at him." The college administration does not offer such a shining target.

The occasion was meeting of a joint sub-committee of the committees on agriculture to consider charges of duplication of effort and expenditures by the two agencies. These charges had been made in newspaper articles and letters to legislators emanating from Farm Bureau officials.

Before the committee came Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the department of agriculture at State College, director of farm extension work in the State, and acting director of central experiment station here. Also came Commissioner Scott, elected in 1936 for a four-year term as head of the Department of Agriculture. Both professed no personal feeling in the matter, (Continued on Page Four.)

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, colder in extreme east portion tonight; Thursday fair, with rising temperature.

Rumor 2,000 Are Dead In Chile Quake

President and Doctors and Nurses Leave Santiago for Scene, 250 Miles South

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 25.—(AP)—An army airplane surveying the scene of a disastrous Chilean earthquake today flew low over Chilean, 220 miles south of Santiago, and reported finding the city of 49,000 inhabitants "completely destroyed."

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Three Chilean military planes sped south today to check unconfirmed reports that 2,000 persons had been killed in the Concepcion area by midnight earthquakes which shook a 490-mile strip of Chile's coast and shattered normal communications.

Concepcion is a city of 77,000 inhabitants 250 air miles south of Santiago, the capital. President Cuadra and several cabinet members departed for the quake area on a special train, with 40 physicians, 70 nurses and medical supplies.

First reports said the majority of houses were destroyed in a small town 50 miles south of Concepcion. (Continued on Page Four.)

J. BOWIE GRAY, SR., OF WILSON, PASSES

Wilson, Jan. 25.—(AP)—J. Bowie Gray, Sr., 60, hardware dealer, and chairman of the Wilson County Alcohol Beverage Control Board, died in a Richmond, Va., hospital today of a blood infection. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Lower Taxes Or Ownership By Government For Rails Is Spectre For Committee

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Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Representatives of railroads operating in North Carolina paraded the stark specter of government ownership across the stage of finance committee hearing room yesterday afternoon as they told members of the assembly's money-hunting group that lower taxes for the rails is the only alternative to that situation "with all its attendant ills."

Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern—the big three of Ter Heel rail carriers—sent representatives to the oratorical firing line in an effort to convince committee members that taxes, particularly franchise taxes, have grown beyond all reason and gone beyond all hope.

It even got to the point where W. T. Joyner, division engineer of the Southern, admitted that bus and truck competition is here to stay—has as he expressed it, "a definite place in the economic field". This from a railroad man would not so long ago have been akin to treason.

Fight Air Battle Over French Town

Perpignan, France, Jan. 25.—(AP)—An unidentified Spanish war plane dropped six bombs early today near the French village of Formigueres, 15 miles from a frontier town of Bourg-Madame. The bombs landed in woods and fields close to the village. Mobile guards said there were no casualties.

Robeson Man Dies After Recent Attack

Lumberton, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Lumberman and Robeson county officers speeded up today their investigation of reported robbery and rough treatment of Tom Moore, 62, two weeks ago at his farm in Back Swamp township.

Moore died last night in a hospital. Coroner D. W. Biggs said physicians told him Moore's death was caused by pneumonia resulting from exposure. The coroner empaneled a jury to view the body and ordered an inquest at a later date.

Moore and Harvey Smith, who lived with him, reported to Sheriff E. Clyde Wade a fortnight ago that they were held up by three armed and masked Indians while the house was ransacked and \$20 taken from Moore's clothing. They reported Moore was roughly handled and threatened with torture by fire in an effort to force him to disclose where additional money might be found. The sheriff said today no arrest had been made.



Nelson T. Johnson, When Ambassador Johnson went to the Orient the capital he was assigned to was Nanking. War presently having broken out, Japanese airmen bombed the Nankings out of house and home. Johnson took his medicine with the rest, but finally things got so bad that the Chinese government transferred its headquarters to Chungking, still farther inland. This meant a spell of peace for the Hankow populace, but none for Nelson Johnson, because he had moved his embassy along, to keep up with the government, and as soon as he

expressed to join the Republicans in supporting the \$725,000,000 appropriation, and there were general predictions that the final vote would be extremely close.

Other developments included: The House Judiciary Committee deferred action, at least until tomorrow, on a resolution by Representative Thomas, Republican, New Jersey calling for impeachment of Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Chairman McNinch, of the Federal Communications Commission, and Chairman Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, announced they (Continued on Page Five.)

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