

U. S. HELPLESS WITH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

Hotel And Restaurant People Protest Wage And Hour Bill

France Seeks Relations With Franco Forthwith

Basis for Recognition of Nationalist Regime in Spain Desired, Though Hopes for Ending Civil War Fade; Try to Halt Swing to Fascists

Paris, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The French Foreign Ministry instructed its emissary today to go ahead with negotiations for diplomatic relations with nationalist Spain, despite dwindling hopes for an early end of the civil war.

Senator Barrard, who came to the French border town of St. Jean-de-Luz yesterday after meeting obstacles in his talks at Burgos, received new instructions by telephone from Foreign Minister Bonner during the night.

Power Sought By Labor Unit No Precedent

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Those who seek reconsideration of the vote by which the House killed the bill giving legal effect to Labor Department rules and regulations are preparing to point out that they are not seeking to make any innovation in the State's set-up.

Johnston Asks N. C. Aid To Save Cotton Region

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Complete cooperation by all persons interested in all branches of the American cotton industry can save the cotton belt and the industry, President Oscar Johnston, of the National Cotton Council, asserted here today, and removed "a kankering sore from the body politic of our nation."

Chinese And Japs Claim Air Victory

Shanghai, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Both Chinese and Japanese today reported victory in a great aerial battle over Lanshow, important Chinese military base in north-west China. A Japanese navy communique said 36 Chinese planes, all made in Russia, and piloted by Russian fliers, were shot down in the engagement, which took place yesterday afternoon.

Britain In Protest On Air Attacks

Bombing of Hong Kong Area Incites Vigorous Objections To Tokyo; Answer Also Asked to Inquiry About Japanese Intentions

London, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain today sent a "vigorous protest" to Japan over the bombing of Hong Kong territory by Japanese planes.

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Proposed Measure Would Force Them Out of Business, They Tell Legislators; Law-Makers Ready for Trip to Charlotte for Wednesday Session

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Hotel and restaurant operators charged today that proposed wage and hour laws for North Carolina would force them out of business as legislative activity centered in committee rooms.

The Senate got two bills to provide regulation of the sheet metal, warm air heating and roofing or similar trades. One would amend the present law on plumbing, heating and sheet metal industries to cover hot air heating. The other would create a new licensing body to cover the sheet metal, warm air heating and roofing trades.

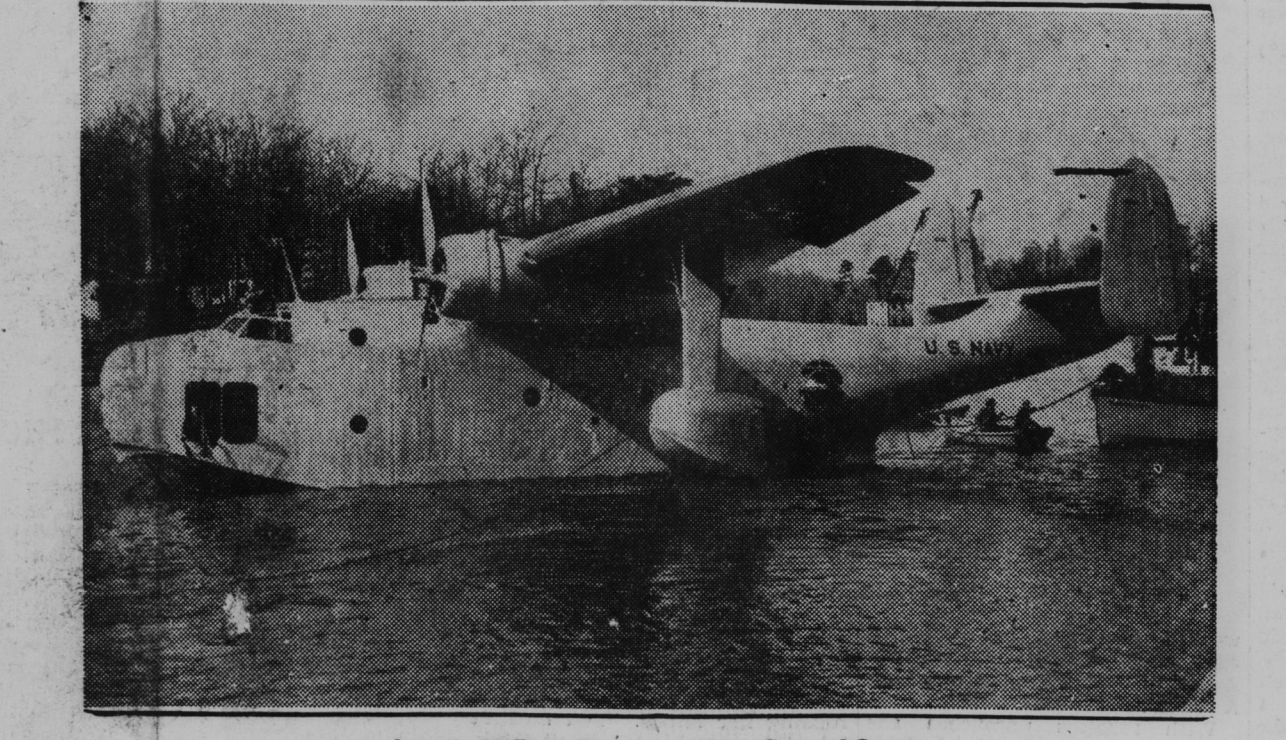
Corbitt Co. Gets Refund \$6,559 Cash

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Senate passed and sent to the House today a bill to pay The Corbitt Company of Henderson, N. C., \$6,559 for damages it claimed from the government for cancellation of a 1934 contract to furnish the War Department 20 scout cars.

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First View of New Type Bomber for Navy



Length, 78 Feet; Weight, 18 Tons; Crew of Seven. New giant bomber for U. S. navy is exposed to public view for first time at Baltimore.

Eight Pensacola Navy Planes Wrecked In Fog; Two Are Dead

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Trapped in a dense fog, eight navy planes were wrecked and two pilots killed on a training flight last night. Rain washed away the fog at dawn today, disclosing the full toll to officers of the Pensacola naval air station.

Field, where land planes are quartered. Lieutenant N. M. Ostergergen was found in his wrecked and burned plane near McDavid, Fla., about 20 miles north of Pensacola. The fog kept his fate a mystery until after dawn, when scouting planes took to the air for a search of the entire section.

students and three instructors took off early last night for a routine after dark flight. Not long after they were aloft a soupy fog rolled in from the Gulf of Mexico. The well lighted landing field was blotted out. Thousands of feet high, the fliers were faced with the choice of hunting an airport that was not fog-bound, or flying until their gasoline was exhausted and jumping.

Charlotte Has First Meeting Ever In West

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—When the General Assembly convenes in Mecklenburg county court house tomorrow, it will be the first time in history that it has met further west than Hillsboro, and the second time since 1794 that a session was held outside of Raleigh. The other outside meeting was at Edenton on March 10, 1937.

Voting for Pope To Start March 1, Cardinals Decide

Vatican City, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Cardinals at the Vatican announced officially today they would meet in conclave March 1 to elect a new pope. They previously had indicated they would start the conclave February 28, with voting to begin the next day after Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, and the two South American prelates arrived.

McCall Attorney In Final Appeals

Raiford, Fla., Feb. 21.—(AP)—Attorneys for Franklin P. McCall, condemned ransom-kidnaper of little Jimmy Cash, left Tallahassee early today after all-night conferences, and C. A. Avirett said he would go to Washington to seek a review of the case by the United States Supreme Court.

Speculate On Meeting Of Party Chiefs

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Persistent rumors that the organization of county Democratic chairman, effected in Durham last week, was designed to give the State chairman more control over local activities, were vigorously denied today by two or three of those active in bringing about the new organization.

Local Government Sells Bond Issues Of Hickory, Wilson

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Local Government Commission made "excellent" sales today, Secretary W. E. Easterling said, of \$175,900 Hickory water and sewer bonds and \$88,000 Wilson county school bonds.

Rail Unions Angered By FDR's Snub

Washington, Feb. 21.—The railroad brotherhoods' official news organ, "Labor," speaks of union leaders as "fighting mad" over the dropping of Frank McManamy from membership on the Interstate Commerce Commission.



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Warrenton Negro Woman Mulcted by Two Gypsy Women

Warrenton, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Ella Coleman, a Negro, warned all in earshot today that "the devil is on the run," while police searched for two gypsies who possessed hypnotic powers. The woman said a gypsy with two gold teeth met her downtown, called her name and claimed to know her. She denied the acquaintance. A second gypsy joined them and the two followed her home.

Would Need 2 Years To Get Enough

Even \$110,000,000 President Asked Might Not Provide Enough Such Guns; Europe Declared Invading South America With "Experts"

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Senate Military Committee heard today that the army cannot obtain in less than two years sufficient anti-aircraft weapons to equip its "initial protective force" of 400,000 men. Chairman Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, said Major General Charles Wesson, chief of ordnance, told the committee in a closed session this morning that day and night shifts would be required in manufacturing plants to turn out sufficient of the heavier types of anti-aircraft guns in two years.

Chamberlain Asks Okay Of Arms Program

London, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain today sought House of Commons approval for raising the level of the limit of Britain's borrowing for her great arms program to 800,000,000 \$4,000,000,000, and warned attentive members that even this huge sum might not be enough.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DEAD NEAR SCHOOL

Windsor, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Danford White, 22-year-old school bus driver, was found dead today on the Asheville school grounds. Coroner G. Byrd said death apparently was of natural causes.

Temperature Nose Dives In The East

Middle West Sees Mercury Slip Far Below Zero in Places; North Carolina Rivers Pass Crest

(By The Associated Press.) The mercury dropped as much as 30 degrees and cut short today an unscheduled visit of summary weatherer to the eastern United States. Snow was general throughout the Middle West, where some sub-zero readings were taken, rain dispelled fog in Florida and raking in the 20's were reported in Texas. New Englanders saw the mercury slide from yesterday's 66 to 36 today, while the Weather Bureau fore-

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Shows this afternoon and tonight; somewhat colder tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy and colder, except clearing on north coast.