

Hatch Bill Signed By Roosevelt

As 3,000 Pickets Battle Police In Fisher Strike



A striker and a strike-breaker engage in a rough-and-tumble individual duel as 3,000 pickets and strike sympathizers at the Fisher Body plant, Cleveland, O., battle with 450 police. Flying rocks and tear gas resulted in injury to 26 before Police Chief George Matowitz requested a truce.

Border Belt Markets Flooded On Eve Of Opening Tomorrow

Report Clarence Poe Is To Enter Governor Race

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Nobody will admit responsibility for it nor confess much knowledge of it, but a quiet campaign is being waged to get Dr. Clarence Poe into the Tar Heel gubernatorial picture as something of a "dark horse" candidate. The Progressive Farmer editor himself smilingly disclaims all knowledge of any such movement and refuses completely to commit himself regarding his intentions in the matter. You can neither assume nor announce anything at all about it, he told your correspondent, obviously playing upon the recent "it may be definitely assumed" statement by Revenue Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell. And so there's just about the end of the matter as far as quotable state-

Public Angry At Bungled Electrocutation

Boston, Mass., Aug. 2.—(AP)—A double electrocution, in which a mysterious executioner known only as "Mr. X" required nearly 40 minutes to put two young hold-up slayers to death, was denounced as an "example of inhumanity" today, while State officials explained that the substitute executioner was not as "expert" as the veteran Robert G. Elliott. The criticism came from Herbert C. Parsons, president of the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, after the early morning execution of Wallace Green, 20, and Walter St. Sauveur, 19, for the \$150 hold-up slaying of William Phillips, middle-aged Somerville grocer, on May 31, 1938. The name of "Mr. X" who was brought from "out-of-State" to substitute for the ailing Elliott, Massachusetts' official executioner, was kept secret at his own request. Elliott was electrocuted last week.

Former Legislator NAMED IN WARRANT Columbia, S. C., August 2.—(AP)—A former state legislator was charged in a warrant issued today with obtaining money from the State treasury under false pretense. G. H. Tompkins, audit clerk in the comptroller general's office, signed a warrant charging Q. E. Britt, of Rock Hill, with obtaining \$450, the amount appropriated this year for the Indian agent, although, Comptroller-General A. J. Beattie said, Britt's commission expired June 30.

Usual Spirit of Optimism Prevails Among Growers and Warehousemen as to Price Prospects; Tar Heel Growers Meet on Friday.

Florence, S. C., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Thousands of farmers who brought huge loads of tobacco flooded the 16 Border Belt market towns today on the eve of the official opening of the 1939 auction seasons. The usual spirit of optimism prevailed among growers, and warehousemen said offerings, which have been piling up since Monday, might cause blocked sales at several points. The farmers believed that their weed would bring higher prices than those in Georgia, where farmers have looked for private and public aid to raise prices. "Fair prices" or "better prices than Georgia" was the general prediction. Growers pointed to the fact that virtually all offerings would be graded and tied this year as a factor to produce better prices. Quality of the crop in the Border Belt is fair, but very light in weight, warehousemen said. Additional warehouses have been built throughout the belt, and all market belt centers were prepared for the heaviest sales in history. Border Belt market towns are Fairmont, Lumberton, Whiteville, Chadbourn, Tabor City, Fair Bluff and Clarkton, in North Carolina.

Rhodes Sees Little Excuse In Low Price

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Despite low prices on the Georgia market and in the face of almost panicky precautions many officials are seeking to take against poor prices in North Carolina, W. H. Rhodes, chief of the statistical division of the State Department of Agriculture, can see no real justification for any excessive depression in this year's tobacco prices. In an exhaustive analysis of crop prospects on the eve of the opening of the Border Belt markets, Rhodes today reached the conclusion that the greater crop production this year ought to be somewhat offset by smaller present stocks on hand and

Man Who Assisted Wright Brothers Is Dead In Ohio

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Charles Webbert, 83, former landlord of Wilbur and Orville Wright, and one of the first men to believe that they might teach the world to fly, died yesterday. Webbert owned the building which housed the Wright brothers' famous bicycle shop, and sold it to Henry Ford in 1937. Webbert also provided the Wrights with the water pump used on their first successful plane at Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903.

Activity Of Government Workers Cut

President Sends Congress Message, However, Advising American People Will Not Stand for "Gag Act"; Exemptions Suggested.

Washington, August 2.—(AP)— President Roosevelt signed into law today the Hatch bill regulating the political activity of most federal employees, but told Congress emphatically the American people would not stand for its enforcement as a "gag act". The chief executive said he was taking the unusual action of sending a message to Congress explaining his position because there had been "so many misrepresentations" of his attitude, which he set out in these words: "It is because for so many years I have striven in public life and in private life for decency in political campaigns, both on the part of government servants, of candidates, of newspapers, of corporations and of individuals, that I regard this new legislation as at least a step in the right direction." Mr. Roosevelt recommended that Congress study next session extension of the measure to cover state and local government employees who "participate actively in federal elec-

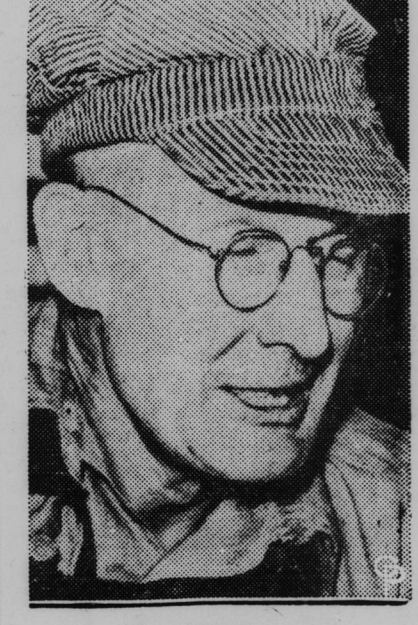
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New Time Of 230 Hours In Air Reached

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Two young brothers, one a veteran flier and the other a fledgling, added additional hours today on their newly-won world's endurance flight record for light planes. Hunter Moody, 25, and Humphrey, 20, of Decatur, Ill., officially shattered the old record of 218 hours, 43 minutes, of sustained flight when they surpassed that mark by one hour at 6:43 p. m., central standard time, last night. "We'll stay up here as long as the motor functions okay and neither of us gets sick," they announced by radio. Previously they reported being divided in opinion over continuation of the flight. The elder brother has been a pilot since he was 14, but Humphrey qualified for a private license only a few days before the take-off July 23.

Weather For North Carolina. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, scattered thunderstorms Thursday.

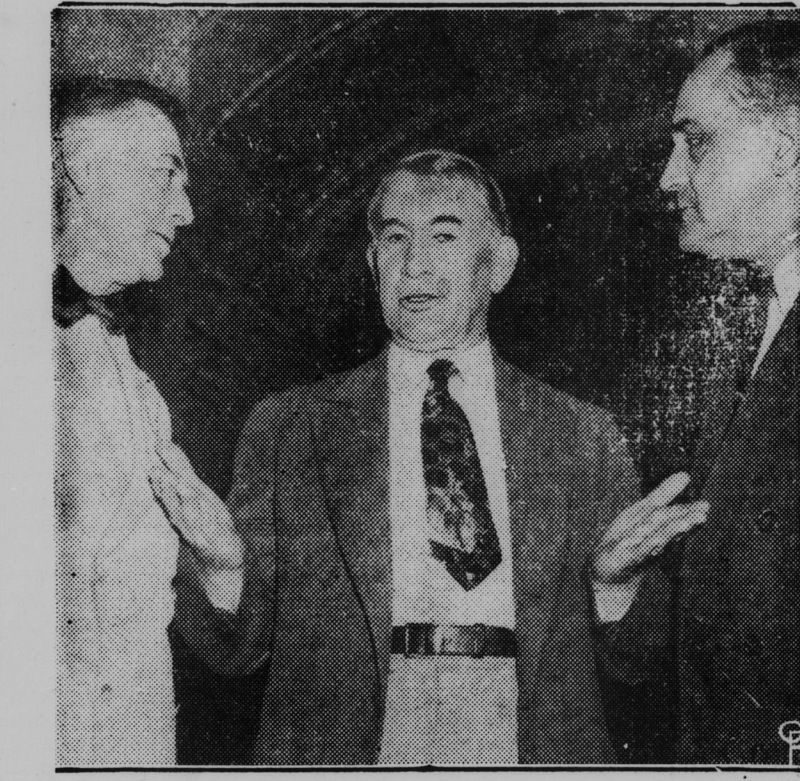
Foils Train Bandits



Earl Boothman An old-fashioned Wild West hold-up of an Illinois Central train carrying a \$65,615 U. S. Army payroll was thwarted near Anarga, Ill., by the sharpshooting of Earl Boothman, railway clerk. He shot one of the gang of four in the chest and is believed to have wounded one of the trio who escaped.

New Protest By United States To Japan Over China Outrages

Senate Passes Lending Bill



Senate leaders celebrate as the chamber passes a greatly curtailed version of President Roosevelt's spend-lend bill. Left to right, Senators Key Pittman of Nevada, president pro-tem; Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader and sponsor of the bill; and Sherman Minton of Indiana, Democratic whip. Sen. Barkley seems to be explaining that, while it wasn't just what the President wanted, at least it passed.

\$150 Million More Cut By House Economy Bloc

2 British Women Forced to Strip

Peiping, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Two British women missionaries who arrived at Peiping today reported they were forced to strip in the presence of a man while being detained by Japanese soldiers at Kaifeng. The women came from the capital of Shensi province in China's northwest with a man missionary. They said they were held at Kaifeng for two days and questioned four hours on July 24 and two hours July 25. The man in whose presence they were forced to strip, they asserted, was either a Japanese or a Korean.

Air Corps Celebrates 30th Year

Washington, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Army Air Corps celebrated its thirtieth birthday anniversary today with mass flights throughout the United States and defense exercises over 1,500 miles of the west coast. Amid these evidences of aviation progress in one generation, the air corps announced its second world record this week—a flying fortress yesterday left Wright Field at Dayton, Ohio, and streaked 625 miles at 259.398 miles an hour, carrying a load of 11,023 pounds. Earlier a similar plane reached an altitude of 8,200 feet with a pay load of 15 1-2 tons. The record-breaking craft being developed in the \$300,000,000 air corps expansion program bear little resemblance to the first American military airplane which a War Department board accepted formally from Wilbur and Orville Wright 30 years ago. It had made a successful trial flight from Fort Myer, across the Potomac from Washington, to

LONG-TERMER FROM CARTERET ESCAPES

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Harry Priddett, 40, serving 13 to 16 years for second degree murder imposed in Carteret county in March, 1934, escaped from Onslow county prison camp yesterday, Oscar Pitts, penal superintendent, said today. It was Priddett's third flight. Fleeing yesterday afternoon with Priddett, Pitts said, was Emmett McLaughlin, 18-year-old convict sentenced in January in Cumberland to seven to eight years for highway robbery.

Deficiency Bill Trimmed Down to \$53,190,056 as \$800,000 Housing Bill Is Boggled in Jam; End Now Very Near.

Washington, August 2.—(AP)—Congress went under a virtual hour-to-hour work schedule today in a rush toward adjournment. In the scramble, economy advocates in the House got in one more big lick by reporting out a much-shrunken deficiency appropriation bill. This measure, third of its nature during this session, was trimmed more than \$150,000,000 in the House Appropriations Committee, and, as presented for debate, contained \$53,190,056. A catch-all bill designed to make up for budget estimates which went awry, it provides for civilian pilot training, improving navy yards, and for many other projects. Speaker Bankhead, who yesterday saw House insurgents rise up suddenly to kill the President's lending bill, said at his press conference that he did not know what would come up tomorrow, and that no determination had been made as to whether the administration's \$800,000,000 housing bill, or wage-hour amendments, would be brought to the floor before Congress adjourns. Asked whether he expected to finish the session by Saturday, Bankhead, replied, "I hope very sincerely we'll be able to do so."

Better Diet Urged Upon Farm Group

Raleigh, August 2.—(AP)—Dr. E. V. McCollum, of Johns Hopkins University, told delegates to the annual farm and home week today to grow more gardens, eat more "protective foods" and "don't depend on pills and other 'drug store' vitamins to supply your health needs." Dr. McCollum is internationally recognized as an authority on vitamins, being a consulting nutritionist for Russia and other nations. He is credited with discovery of Vitamins A and D. He also spoke yesterday at the week's first formal session. The speaker listed, analyzed and fully explained vitamins and urged

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New British Protest Is Registered

London Reportedly Threatened to Break Off Negotiations at Tokyo; Japan Accused of Backing Action of Chinese.

Tokyo, August 2.—(AP)—The United States was reported today to have protested to the Japanese Foreign Office that the anti-British movement in China evidently had broadened into general anti-foreign agitation.

U. S. Charge d' Affairs Eugene Dooman was said by reliable sources to have submitted a protest on seven recent assaults on Americans by Japanese in China, and to have told the chief of the foreign office's American section Yoshizawa, that it was a "reasonable assumption" anti-British activities had been converted into general anti-foreignism. The seven assaults were said to have involved six missionaries and a navy warrant officer, R. A. Baker, who was manhandled at Hankow July 24. The British ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, meanwhile, was said to

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North Carolina's Crop Condition Is Still "Excellent"

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—(AP)—North Carolina's crops "as a whole" continue to show excellent condition, E. Y. Floyd, North Carolina AAA executive officer, said today. Tar Heel farmers in many sections suffered from drought conditions during part of July, but as dry weather caused severe crop damage in many parts of the nation at the end of the month, North Carolina was having torrential rains.

"The rains may have done some damage to some crops and flooded fields caused losses," said Floyd, "but the needed rains also did enough good to other crops and to dry areas to offset the damage, probably." During the last part of July, many sections of the State had four or five inches of rain, some places having two or three inches in a day.

Troops Keep Peace Over Strike Area

Quiet Enforced by Law in Wake of Bloody Rioting in Cleveland, Detroit and Other Centers of Labor Disturbances.

(By The Associated Press.) Strike sieges in four states continued under arms-enforced quiet today in the wake of bloody rioting and emergency police measures to combat violence. In Cleveland, Ohio, scene of a strike by the CIO-United Auto Workers Union at the huge Fisher Body plant, union spokesmen bitterly protested the establishment of a 500-year "strike zone" around the plant. Strikers picketed in front of workers' homes, but there was no recurrence of the strife that sent 46

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