

GENERAL NEWS

MILLION DOLLAR INDEMNITY

Washington, D. C.—Although no punitive sum is demanded, Japan will be asked to pay actual damages ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the sinking of the U. S. gunboat Panay by Jap bombers last December in the Yangtze River north of Shanghai. This reparation includes the value of all property destroyed plus reimbursement for the personal injuries suffered by officers and crew of the craft.

COCKATOO, NOT COCKATRICE

It has been surprising to note how many papers state that the Fai-banks youth claims to have killed his employer, Good, in a quarrel over a cockatrice.

According to the new Merriam-Webster Dictionary a cockatoo is a crested bird of the parrot family; while a cockatrice (pronounced kok-a-tris) is a "fabulous serpent with deadly glance, said to be hatched by a reptile from a cock's egg." One of the things you may read about, but seldom see. And one may be sure nobody has been killed for mistreating a cockatrice.

CIVILIZATION'S TRIUMVIRATE

Nice, France—Wars and rumors of war were weighed in a few words by former British Premier David Lloyd George, who is celebrating his golden wedding anniversary on the Riviera while he puts the finishing touches to his "History of the Peace Treaties". The great war leader of Britain said, "The future of human liberty for many generations depends on what the United States, Great Britain and France do, and whether or not they do it together. If France were invaded by an autocratic power there is not a party in England that would not rally to her side immediately, without even a division of the House of Commons in the lobbies."

ARMY WANTS MORE

Washington, D. C. — Claiming that the allocation of more than half a billion dollars to the naval program seriously cramps the expansion of the land defense of the government, Army supporters are urging an increase of \$25,000,000 to the present budget of \$247,060,318.

HAWAII FEELS EARTHQUAKE

Honolulu, H. I.—Characterized as the "worst earthquake in eleven years," temblors shook this island group so violently that moving picture theatres were emptied and many residents forsook their homes. The little damage that was done was attributed to an unusual activity on the part of Mauna Loa, the volcano which provides one of Hawaii's principal attractions for tourists.

MARITIME LABOR SCORED

Washington, D. C.—In what may be his final report to Congress, Maritime Commissioner Kennedy, newly appointed Ambassador to Great Britain, warns of "chaotic labor conditions" in our merchantile marine, "signalized by demands of crews and slipshod performance of duties". e points out that operations in 1937 were "adversely affected by prolonged strikes in the shipping industry."

FERRELLS SCHOOL P-T. A.

The Parent-Teachers Association of Ferrells School held the January meeting on Tuesday night of this week. The discussion centered around the planting of shrubbery recently bought for the school

grounds and the opening of the lunch room, which had been operated less than two weeks. Detailed reports showed that the lunches fill a need in the school, for children of all classes. Worthy of comment and of imitation is the exchanging of milk and produce for hot food at the noon hour. The room was open to inspection after the meeting adjourned and was most attractive with its equipment and its decoration of blooming potted plants.

Miss Manning of the faculty sang a solo with Mrs. Finch accompanying at the piano. J. H. Bunn, principal, presided in the absence of the president.

Mrs. Theo. B. Davis gave a short talk on Poetry for Everyday Living.

E. C. Stock Show Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 21.—The Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce made announcement of the first annual Eastern Carolina Fat Stock Show and Auction Sale to be held in Rocky Mount on April 7th and 8th in the Mangum Tobacco Warehouse. The show is sponsored by the Livestock Committee of the Local Chamber of Commerce. Co-Chairmen of the committee are J. C. Powell and J. S. Suggs, County Agents of Edgecombe and Nash Counties respectively. Assisting the co-chairmen are H. W. Taylor and L. I. Case of the Extension Service of N. C. State College, V. W. Lewis, General Livestock Agent of the A. C. L. Railroad Company and Paul L. Fletcher of the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Also included on the committee are livestock authorities of the city and surrounding counties.

Rules and regulations of the show are now in the hands of the county agents and may be had by anyone wishing information on the show.

In the swine department there are three classes with a total prize money of \$375.00. In the Beef Cattle department there are seven classes with total prize money of \$405.00. Other departments of the show include judging contest and showmanship classes for 4-H Clubs and Vocational Agricultural Students. The total prize money for the show will range over \$925.00 in cash and many valuable ribbons and prizes. For those who wish to sell their stock an auction sale will be conducted without charge to the exhibitors. A complete set of buyers will be on hand to offer the top market prices.

A large interest has already been shown in the show and indications now point to many exhibitors and visitors for the first annual show.

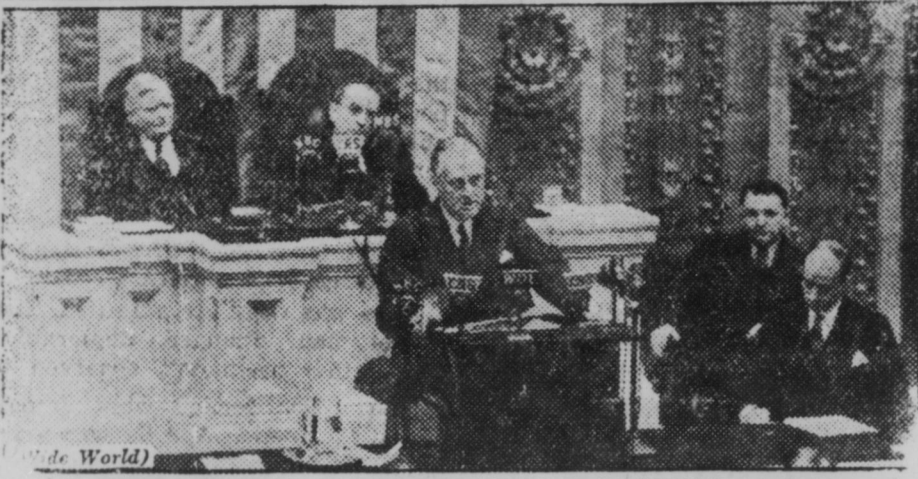
Anyone wishing information may address their county agent or direct to the Chamber of Commerce, Rocky Mount, N. C.

COLD WAVE WIDESPREAD

The recent cold wave extended over the entire United States, this section being less hit than were many others. The northwestern part of the country—Minnesota, the Dakotas and adjacent states, had lowest temperatures. The snow that fell in the north changed to rain farther south and many rivers are flooded. Excessively high winds, at times approaching the velocity of gales prevailed along the Atlantic coast, damaging shipping to some extent, and wrecking buildings in scattered sections. Airlines have canceled dates for several scheduled trips across the continent.

Tobacco growers in southeastern North Carolina have begun the preparation of their plant beds and will go the limit in acreage, report county agents.

People and Spots in the Late News



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OPENS CONGRESS... Chief Executive, in his "state of the union" address, pleaded for cooperation between government, capital and labor to raise national income to \$90,000,000,000 and insure security in "world of disorder."



SIX-HOUR SNEEZE... For that long Elaine Macchi, 19, had been "kachoo-ing" when she was brought to a Philadelphia hospital. Doctors, unable to stop her, attributed her plight to hysteria.



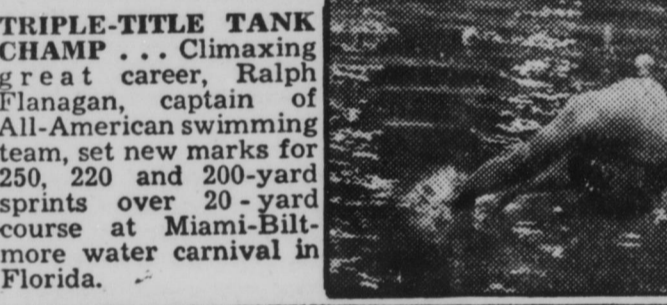
CONSOLES PANAY VICTIM... "Buck up, you're a hero!" George Atcheson, Jr., American embassy official, tells Lieut. A. F. Anders, shown lying in Chinese village refuge after being wounded by fragment of bomb dropped on U. S. gunboat by Jap airmen. This is one of first original pictures of famed Panay incident.



SINGS FOR A SOUSA... Pretty Cobina Wright, New York debutante, warbles her best blues note for John Phillip Sousa III, grandson of late "march king," to earn job with his dance orchestra at Whitehall in Palm Beach, Fla., this winter.



FASHION FLASH... Decked out for sail in waters off British Colonial, this Nassau visitor in marine blue ribbed jersey highlighted with touches of orange is pretty enough to catch any yachtsman's eye.



TRIPLE-TITLE TANK CHAMP... Climaxing great career, Ralph Flanagan, captain of All-American swimming team, set new marks for 250, 220 and 200-yard sprints over 20-yard course at Miami-Biltmore water carnival in Florida.

WAKELON TEAMS WIN

Wakelon basketball teams won three games over Wendell players last week at Wendell. Two games were played by the boys, the other by the girls. Boys' scores were 15-14; 11-10. Girls scored 24-12.

FREE PRESS

Deal Carl Ackerman of Columbia University, has made an exceptionally interesting may, showing how censorship of the press has spread throughout the world.

In practically all of the Far East freedom of the press is unknown—the U. S. S. R., China, Japan, Turkey, Arabia, Egypt and other countries rigidly control their periodicals, and in India, Belgian Congo and French West Africa, there is some measure of government control.

In Europe a truly free press is enjoyed only by inhabitants of England, France, Sweden, Norway and Finland.

On this continent, the press is completely free in the United States, Mexico, Canada (except for the province of Quebec) and part of South America.

A SPENDTHRIFT PROGRAM

The nation's tax bill is advancing steadily to new highs as the national income drops.

The United States Supreme Court has just held that the United States government can loan money to municipalities to build municipal electric plants to compete with private plants, and also that the gov-

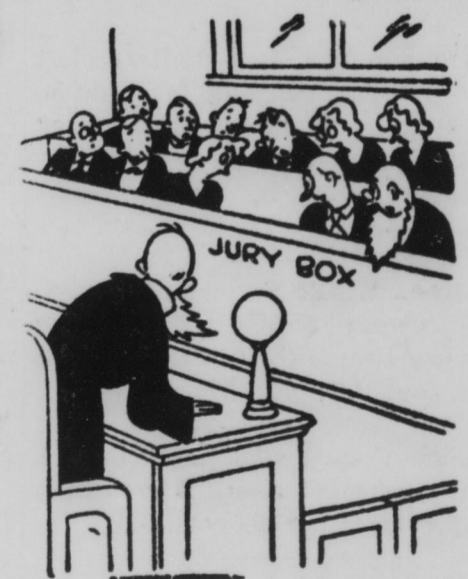
ernment can give donations to municipalities for the same purpose, which need never be paid back, as it is doing through the Public Works Administration.

In an interview in the Portland Oregonian, United States Senator McNary, in commenting on the Tennessee Valley Authority, says: "For more than six months I have endeavored to receive information from the TVA in vain. No one, apparently, knows how much government money has been spent there. Some estimate \$200,000,000. I have run across some figures that are interesting. For instance, these figures say that \$170,000,000 of government money has been spent in TVA. Of this sum, \$148,000,000 has been charged off to flood control and navigation—although navigation is a joke. Another \$8,000,000 has been charged to fertilizer plant, and almost \$3,000,000 to experiments, and so on. Of the \$170,000,000, only \$10,000,000 is allocated to electricity. Think of a project essentially for hydro-electric power in which \$170,000,000 has been expended and only \$10,000,000 charged to generating electricity, and the rate schedule based on this comparatively insignificant amount."

These things are done and are being done at a time when Congress professes that it is trying to economize and encourage private industrial activity. Public money is poured into publicly owned power plants which pay no taxes, absorb the taxpayers' resources and duplicate existing power facilities.

In an eastern county in this state a man has turned loose on his farm jungle fowl. They are about the size of bantam chickens, were raised in captivity by a bantam stepmother, and have been freed in the hope that they will breed wild. They are of the fowls thought to be ancestors of the modern chicken.

Where's Elmer?!



Upon the jury Elmer sat; But now they don't know where he's at. Why should he hear speeches thru On where best values are for you? The verdict he already knows, And swiftly to that place he goes.

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