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Japanese Planes In Bomb Attack on Chinese Army

Wrecking Of Several Chinese Troop Trains Claimed In Japanese Quarters; Japan Would Create Another Manchuquo

Tientsin, August 5.—Japanese airplanes blazed a path of death along the Peiping-Suiyuan railway today while the Nipponese high command in Tientsin and Peiping strove desperately to form an independent pro-Japanese government for North China.

Three-engined Japanese bombers roared over the Chinese central government's 89th division, which was entrenched astride the Sha river and the railway 15 miles northwest of Peiping, and dropped scores of bombs.

The planes then followed the railway northwest and again bombed the Nankou Pass and stations between the Pass and Kaigan.

The Japanese asserted that several Chinese troop trains were wrecked.

Military headquarters here said that five separate troop trains, carrying the Chinese 184th division, were bombed in Chahar province to the south of Kaigan "with heavy losses to the enemy."

Another bombing squadron routed bands of the Chinese 29th division, which originally was stationed in and around Peiping, and remnants of the Tungchow rebel preservation corps which rebelled against the Japanese and slaughtered hundreds of Japanese soldiers and civilians in the former pro-Japanese east Hopei autonomous republic headed by Gen. Yin Ju-Keng.

Japanese land forces also left Peiping and advanced up the railway to confront the 89th division which is composed of veteran Chinese troops commanded by Gen. Tang En-Po.

At Nanking, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek presided today at a conference of the highest military and political leaders in China to prepare coordinated plans for a general war with Japan.

Leaders attending included Marshal Yen Hsi-Shan, pacification commissioner for Shansi and Suiyuan provinces, Gen. Pai Chunghsi, dictator of Kwangsi province, and Gen. Liu Hsiang, war lord of Szechuan province.

Chiang controls central China. Yen's territory is in the extreme north, adjacent to the areas already occupied by the Japanese, and Pai's province is in the extreme south.

Gen. Yung Yun of Yunnan province also arrived by airplane and pledged himself to support the general war program. His territory is adjacent to French Indo-China and French influence is strong there.

He said that Gen. Han Fu-Chu, powerful semi-independent military governor of Shantung province is co-operating with the government and has facilitated the passage of Nanking divisions through his territory towards the Tientsin front.

Reports leaking out of the conference indicated that General Pai, long known for his hatred of the Japanese, was in favor of an immediate resumption of the offensive. Liu Hsiang supported his position. Marshal Yen, whose province would be among the first to be invaded by the Japanese if the war spreads, counseled moderation.

Meantime, throughout the conquered areas the Japanese moved rapidly to impress the permanence of their occupation on more than 10,000,000 persons in Hopei province. Pressure was brought to bear on the emergency committees formed earlier in the week by Chinese chambers of commerce and civic leaders to restore order in the devastated areas around Peiping and in Tientsin.

Japanese agents told the Chinese they should set up an independent North China government at once and appoint Japanese advisers to "assist" all Chinese officials.

Several Chinese leaders feigned illness and retired into hospitals to escape being drafted for the proposed pro-Japanese regime.

Checks Received For Aged, Blind

The first checks under the Social Security Act were received yesterday for Pitt County. Forty-seven of them came under the Old Age Assistance and 14 under Assistance to the Blind.

Many more applications have gone in for approval and returns on these are expected within the next two weeks. The aim of the Welfare Department in the county is to establish the claim of all applicants who have received direct relief from the county before investigating and establishing the claim of other eligible people who have not previously received public aid.

Tobacco Festival To Be In Wilson

Gov. Hoey Will Crown Rulers — Miss Hazel Monk to be Farmville's Queen

Wilson, August 5.—On Friday, August 20th, fifty two girls from every section of North Carolina will compete here for the honor of ruling over the First Annual North Carolina Tobacco Exposition and Festival, to be held here August 19 and 20.

From among some of the most beautiful girls in North Carolina a Queen will be crowned to rule over the Festival for the coming year. The winner will have the honor of choosing her own King to rule with her. The King and Queen will be crowned at brilliant Coronation Ceremonies at the Wilson County Fair Grounds that night, at which time Governor Clyde R. Hoey will crown the rulers of the Festival. Afterwards a colorful Coronation Ball will be held at the Watson warehouse here, at which time Rita Rio and her all-girl Orchestra will play for the Ball. A Grand March, led by the King and Queen and her Court of Princesses, and their escorts, will be held.

Miss Robbie Sue Black has been named "Miss Wilson," and will be in attendance to the Queen, but she will not be allowed to compete for the honor of being crowned Queen, as will other girls.

Among the young ladies of East Carolina to compete for the Queenship will be Miss Hazel Monk of Farmville.

BAN STRIKE NEWSREEL

St. Louis, Mo.—Newsreels of the Chicago steel strike riot on Memorial Day, in which ten persons died, were banned by theatre officials of Saint Louis as "unfit for women and children to see," after a preview for police, theatre men and reporters.

Health Officer Submits Report

A letter from Dr. Ennett, County Health Officer, received by town clerk, R. A. Joyner, contains information regarding the recent venereal disease clinic held here, and reads as follows: Mr. R. A. Joyner, Town Clerk, Farmville, N. C. My Dear Mr. Joyner: As per your request, I take pleasure in submitting a brief summary on the Farmville Venereal Disease Clinic.

This clinic was, as you know, opened on March the 24th and weekly treatments have been given since that time.

The patients are, of course, tested before being treated. The total number of different individuals tested up to July the 28th was 943.

The total patients found to be positive for syphilis out of this 943 persons was 197, or a 21% positive.

The average number of patients treated at each clinic is 53.

The average number tested for syphilis at each clinic is 50.

The cost of the drug per treatment is about 10c.

On this basis, the total cost of the drug to date for the Farmville clinic has been \$95.30.

Each patient who is able to do so is supposed to pay 25c per treatment.

The total amount collected from the patients to date is \$24.35 or a little more than an average of 2c per treatment.

This leaves a deficit of \$70.95 which has been met by the Pitt County Health Department.

It is anticipated that in the near future, the State Health Department will furnish the local Health Department a certain amount of anti-syphilitic drug, free.

The regularity of attendance of the clinic patients has been very good. As Health Officer of Pitt County, I wish to thank the Farmville City officials for their interest and co-operation in an effort to control the syphilis scourge, a scourge which is menacing the health and prosperity in every section of this country.

In closing, may I say that it has been a pleasure to the Pitt County Health Officer to work with you, your City officials and your citizens in general in carrying on health work in your community. With kindest regards, I am Yours very truly, N. THOMAS ENNETT, Health Officer.

Hutson Feels Outlook Is Fair For Leaf Crop

Marketing Holiday Probable If Production Goes Up; Wheat Growers Declared Lucky

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—The outlook for corn and cotton farmers in the United States at present is "not so good". J. B. Hutson, assistant federal AAA administrator, told North Carolina farmers and warm women here today, while the tobacco situation apparently is not running into difficulties and wheat growers appear to be lucky.

Hutson spoke at the annual Farm and Home week session.

"The corn crop may be disastrous to the corn farmers," Hutson said "as the crop may be so big that they can't sell it at all at a good price. The cotton crop may go up to 14,000,000 bales with consumption probably around 13,000,000. You can't foresee the effects yet but it doesn't look good.

"The United States appears lucky in regard to its wheat crop. We have the only big crop in the world this year, it seems.

"The tobacco outlook right now is airy good as both the production and consumption is up some. However, if the production goes up even 50,000,000 pounds more than now forecast the price may drop badly. We may have to have a marketing holiday to ascertain if farmers want a marketing agreement and fix individual quotas."

The agricultural program for the nation for the next two years, Hutson said, should include:

Conservation of land, acreage limitation through some means; and provision for marketing agreements or other devices to handle surpluses.

Land conservation, he said, merely was "good farming". The cultivated acreage, he continued, should "supply the demands, but not create a big surplus to beat down prices" and when exceptionally good weather creates surpluses "marketing agreements or other devices should be used to keep surpluses in line and hold up prices."

Senator Borah, dean of the Senate in point of service, voted against the veto, saying that some farmers would be called to pay five or six per cent, unless the bill was passed and that industrial loans, made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation,

Political Guns Roar At Cotton Road Dedication

Raleigh, August 4.—Yesterday's motorcade and celebration down about Goldsboro, Clinton and way stations was billed as a "Cotton Road" celebration, but the thunder of oratory sounded to many like the booming of big guns along the political front.

There were listed on the program seven "addresses" and at least six of them were made by North Carolinians known to have now or to have had in the past political ambitions. The seventh might be termed non-political in its implications only so far as North Carolina is concerned. It was delivered by Bennett H. Maybank, mayor of Charleston, and Hizzoner's remarks were doubtless relayed to the faithful in South Carolina's biggest city.

The half dozen Tar Heels who appeared on the program with suspected political intentions were Congressman Graham A. Barden, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, Secretary of State Thad Eure, former State Senator Rivers D. Johnson, erstwhile American Legion National Commander Henry L. Stevens, Jr., Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott, Judge Henry A. Grady. In addition there was, of course, Governor Clyde A. Hoey, but his appearance could be attributed more to his official position than to any aspirations to future greatness.

Mr. Barden, naturally, neglected no chance to look out for his fences, the ceremonies being staged in his home district. Rumors that young Charles Abernethy is likely to oppose him next year have been too loud to be ignored. Mr. Barden there, was not unwilling to appear before so many of his constituents.

If everybody paid their debts there would be no debts; what an idea!

It requires a statistician to determine whether new magazines are springing up faster than old ones are dying. There are a great many conclusions (Continued on page two)



ABOUT ADJOURNMENT NO FARM LAW CONVENTION BOOKS PRESIDENT OVERRIDDEN COURT FIGHT HALTED PRESIDENT IS BEATEN SENATORS LOOK AHEAD PRESIDENT SAYS LITTLE ROBINSON, THE LEADER

By HUGO SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

The adjournment of congress, much desired by many legislators, may be nearer at hand than most people think but, if it is, a number of important issues will be left unsettled. With the new Court measure no longer blocking the consideration of other legislation, the Wage-and-Hour Bill, the Wagner Housing law, a bill plugging loopholes in the income tax system, and some parts of the executive reorganization program are being pushed toward a vote. Whether they can be enacted before the demand for adjournment overwhelms all other factors is doubtful in view of the controversy which will inevitably be aroused.

The general idea is that further farm legislation will not develop at this session, particularly in view of hearings announced by the House Agriculture Committee. Chairman Jones of the House Committee and Chairman Smith of the Senate Committee, apparently have their own ideas as to proper measures and are not inclined to push the ever-normal granary plan, proposed by the Farm Bureau Federation.

In view of the indicated production of wheat and cotton this year, some leaders fear that additional farm legislation is necessary to prevent a critical condition from developing, particularly if the 1938 yields bring another surplus. Whether yields this year will lead to lower prices remains doubtful but the threat to farm prosperity is real regardless of the adjournment fever which is heating up Congress. In view of the Supreme Court decision upsetting the AAA, there is some confusion as to what Congress can do to meet the situation.

Representatives Baker, Snell and other Republicans continue to denounce the sale of souvenir convention books by the Democratic National Committee and while the investigation that they seek stands little chance of being voted, they are making some useful party capital. The sale of the souvenir books to purchasers, at varying prices, included some having business dealings with the Government. Office-seekers, corporations and others, no doubt, purchased the convention booklets without pressure or thought of favor, but the opposite may also be true. As a money-raising scheme, the sale of the books by the Party is not to be endorsed. Such a salesmanship device does not fit into the clean record of the Roosevelt Administration in disbursing vast sums of public money.

The House has passed a bill liberalizing pensions for veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition. About 23,000 veterans 65 years or older, will get \$60 a month pension, the increase adding about \$4,876,000 to Government expense, and about 2,500, who require the constant aid of a nurse or attendant, will get \$100 a month which increase will cost the Government an additional \$873,000. Whether the increase voted in the House will become law or not is uncertain but the probability is that both houses of Congress will do as they have always done and pass almost any bill giving money in the form of pensions. The pensions are granted without regard to need or to any injury suffered while serving the Government. Incidentally, when Congress displays the same generosity to World War veterans, the average citizen will begin to understand something more about the burdens of war.

Both houses of Congress voted to override the President's veto of the bill to continue in effect existing reductions in interest on mortgage loans made by Federal land banks. The senate voted 71-19, with staunch economy advocates voting for the measure which the President had declined to sign because it would add \$30,000,000 to the Federal budget and up-set the financial program. Every Republican, except Senator Vandenberg, voted to override, and Senator Smith of South Carolina, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, was "astounded" and declared himself ready not only to reduce the interest rate "but, if necessary, to eliminate carried smaller rates of interest.

There are a great many conclusions (Continued on page two)

Large Profits Realized From Sale of Whiskey

Gross Sales Since Stores Opened Total \$484,544.76

Greenville, Aug. 4.—Charles O'H. Horne, chairman of the Pitt County Alcoholic Beverage Control board, revealed today that the liquor stores in the county had sold \$484,544.76 worth of whiskey since the first units were opened on July 27, 1936.

During the first year, during which time the stores were open only 11 months, the stores had a gross sale of \$230,404.50. During the 12-month period which ended June 30, 1937, the stores sold \$254,150.26 worth of liquor.

The board paid the state of North Carolina a total of \$14,536.64 during the 23 months up to the end of the last fiscal year. In addition the state was paid approximately \$1,000 in chain store taxes.

The fiscal year-end audit shows that eight stores have made a profit of \$95,523.59 during the time they have been in operation.

The Board has turned over to the general fund of the county the sum of \$40,000, in payments of \$20,000, each. It has a paid inventory of approximately \$40,000 in stock and had approximately \$13,000 in reserve for operating expenses on June 30.

The Board has spent about \$5,000 for truck, store and office supplies and equipment and other necessary equipment.

Chairman Horne today called attention to the fact that the stores had shown an appreciable increase in business during the past several months. He said he considered this increase was due to a large part to the fact that the ABC board was granted the privilege by the last legislature to employ special officers and give them the power of arrest. He said that before the board was empowered to employ officers and give them the power of arrest, its hands were practically tied as far as a special law enforcement department was concerned. A good portion of the money spent prior to the granting of this power along these lines was for educational programs.

An indication of the amount of increase in business in the Pitt county stores was shown by the July report. It was revealed that sales during last month were approximately \$8,000 ahead of the same month for last year.

Highway Funds Diversion Still Possible In 1938

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Opponents of highway fund diversion cheered inwardly if not loudly, when the state's big surplus as of July 31 was announced; but they still shuddered at the thought that this escape perhaps portended a double portion of diversion for the fiscal year 1938-39.

The surplus meant that there will be no need for diverting anything from the highway funds to the general funds at this time, but it is recalled that the 1937 legislative enactment on the subject applies to a biennium. The assembly struck out the previous provision for mandatory diversion and provided that there should be no diversion whatever so long as a surplus exists. It permits, however, diversion to the extent of \$2,100,000 annually and it is the opinion of the state officials that this provision is cumulative and permits diversion of \$4,200,000 for 1938-39 should it become necessary.

The new existing law was enacted as the result of a compromise between administration forces and anti-diversionists, a compromise which followed one of the rare occasions on which the dominant group was apparently on the brink of defeat in the house. At the time, most commentators declared the Department of Revenue had gained all the substance and left only the shadow to the Highway Department which opposed diversion, as it appeared almost certain that diversion would be "necessary."

The present outlook, however, is that there will be no need for diversion even in 1938-39, though the possibility of course exists; and so it may well turn out that anti-diversionists were much smarter than they were generally credited with being.

Boll weevils have struck the Wilson County cotton crop in large numbers. On the farm of Howard Watson 32 squares were picked up from the ground and 16 were found to have live grubs in them.

New WPA Set-Up to Cut Administrative Personnel

District Offices To Be Eliminated; 15 per cent Personnel Cut Anticipated Sept. 1; Relief Work Rolls Reduced to 18,600

Expenditures of \$427,172 Authorized By Commissioners For Present Fiscal Year

Raleigh, August 5.—A reorganization of the State WPA administrative set-up, to result in a 15 per cent personnel reduction when it becomes effective around September 1, is being worked out, it was learned yesterday from George W. Coan, Jr., State Administrator.

The proposed plan would eliminate the five WPA districts in the State and carry on administration of WPA through State headquarters and a "county-area office" basis, with possibly two to four zone offices.

This economy step in administrative costs is in line with the reduction of project workers which is gradually being effected. The number of project workers has fallen from 29,378 employed last August to 18,600 authorized for August this year. In July, 19,800 were employed, showing a cut of more than six per cent in one month.

At the same time Federal funds for carrying on WPA work in the State have been reduced from approximately \$1,200,000 in August last year to \$706,000 allotted the State WPA for this month. A carry-over of about \$150,000 from last month brings the August total to about \$850,000. The reduction in Federal funds and project workers in the past year is about 35 per cent.

Consolidation plans for the State set-up are being studied now by State authorities and at the regional office in New Orleans, La. Coan said the proposal involves "the establishment of 18 to 20 area offices which will serve as operating units for an average of about five counties. It is also contemplated to establish either two, three or four zone offices in various sections of the State which will have small office personnel whose duties will be largely supervisory and coordinating."

The plan would eliminate the five district offices now situated in Williamston, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville. Coan said the 100 county offices would be retained and that the area offices would be reduced from the present 25 to not more than 20.

"The larger operating offices in the new set-up will be the area offices," Coan said. "The administrative personnel of these offices will exceed in number the administrative personnel to be set up in the proposed zone offices."

Coan explained that the elimination of district offices would concentrate administration of WPA work in the State office. Last month all finance division offices were moved to Raleigh and the proposed reorganization furthers consolidation efforts.

The present total administrative personnel is about 310, with 150 in the State office and 160 in the five district offices. Dropping of about 40 to 50 persons is expected when the change is effected.

Coan said reductions in administrative personnel made during the past few months have brought about a 17 per cent savings during July and August. For April and May, costs of operating were about \$80,000 monthly, he said, while for July and August, the average administrative expense will be about \$60,000 monthly.

The new plan of operation being worked out for WPA in this State is at present being tried out in Virginia, Mississippi and Georgia, Coan said, with reported success.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the ratio of pedestrian fatalities to traffic deaths?

2. What is the largest artery of the human body?

3. Is there a State which does not grant divorces for any cause?

4. What nation has the largest number of motor vehicles?

5. What two teams played in the World Series last year?

6. What caused the explosion that wrecked the Zeppelin Hindenburg?

7. Will the Government loan money for the construction of a generating plant to serve rural areas with electricity?

8. Is heart disease increasing among young people?

9. How old was Guglielmo Marconi at the time of his death?

10. Which navy is stronger, the French or the Italian?

(See The Answers on Page 4)

People who work too hard do not live around Farmville.

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First Week Sales Average 25 Cents On Georgia Markets

Atlanta, August 5.—The state bureau of markets reported opening week's sales in 51 of the state's 59 tobacco warehouses totalled 12,010, 160 pounds at an average price of 25.28 cents a pound. Receipts from sales totalled \$3,035,920.06.

The bureau said three of the 59 warehouses reported that they had no sales opening week (Thursday and Friday) and five were still to be heard from.

Sales during the 1936 opening week (four days) totalled 25,318,196 pounds at an average price of 25.11 cents. Total receipts were \$6,357,896.43.

"Feed the brutes" is good advice; ask any of the women who serve church suppers.