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## Japanese Forces Do More Damage to U. S. Properties

### Hull Delivers Sharp Protest to Tokyo; Chinese Protests Bombings.

Shanghai, Thursday, June 2. — American interests in China suffered additional losses today as seven Japanese armies struck farther westward along the Lung-Hai railway in their drive on China's provisional capital in Hankow.

An American vessel was pirated at the mouth of the Yangtze River near Shanghai, more American missionary institutions were bombed by the Japanese air force, and American trade in large areas of North China was virtually suspended because of devastation of the country-side by the contending Chinese and Japanese forces.

The pirated American vessel was the S. S. Dollar, of the Dollar Steamship lines, which was seized en route to Shanghai from lower Yangtze River ports.

A dozen of the pirates who had boarded the ship disguised as deck passengers fired pistols in the air overpowered the crew, robbed 300 passengers and stole 1,000 bags of rice which were transferred to pirate junks.

An Indian guard on the ship was shot in the arm and leg but others on the vessel were not harmed.

The pirates escaped after holding the vessel for six hours during which they forced Chinese members of the ship's crew to assist them in transferring the stolen rice to pirate junks.

The Portuguese steamer Bata also reached here tonight and reported she had been pirated and that her master and purser were held for ransom. The second engineer was killed by a hand grenade.

The U. S. Embassy in Peiping received several reports of new bombings of American missions in the Lung-Hai war zone. The Rev. W. G. McLaughlin of the Southern Presbyterian Mission waived enclosure here was bombed several times by Japanese planes and that on May 28 a bomb fell within 34 feet of his residence. Earlier, on the 24th, bombs had fallen near the mission chapel and the girls' school. The missionary said American flags were flying on all the buildings and that no Chinese soldiers were near them.

None was injured in any of the bombings.

The Rev. L. N. Bell of the Southern Presbyterian Mission at Tsin-Kiang-Pu, on the Grand Canal in North Kiangsu Province, said the Mission's school for girls at Suien was damaged by bombs and that the girls' school at Tsin-Kiang-Pu was demolished and the Chinese matron and a gateman killed. Americans were not hurt.

Chinese reported today their troops had blocked efforts of Japanese to send reinforcements to a beleaguered Japanese division near Lanfeng, on the central front.

Capture of three villages north and east of Lanfeng kept Japanese from lifting the siege of the division commanded by Lieutenant General Kenji Doihara, Chinese said.

Cheered by appearance on the front lines of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese predicted the Lanfeng area would become a "second Taier-chang"—a repetition of the Chinese victory over Japanese forces on the Shantung Province front on April 6.

On other parts of the 250-mile central front, where Japanese are attempting to gain full control of the east-west Lung-Hai railway preparatory to a push south to the provisional Chinese capital at Hankow, Chinese gave ground slightly under heavy aerial bombardment.

other American property under the occupation of Japanese armed forces; and that the Japanese government will issue instructions to have removed the obstacles interposed by the Japanese authorities in China against return by American nationals in the areas under Japanese occupation."

### WEDNESDAY WAS FIRST HALF HOLIDAY OF SEASON

Conforming to a custom, which has prevailed here for a number of years, merchants of Farmville closed their establishments Wednesday at noon and probably enjoyed an afternoon of recreation as much as did their employees.

The half holiday on Wednesday marked the initial closing at noon on Wednesdays which will come to an end after Wednesday, August 17. The day was one of much last minute buying by some and of the continued ringing of telephones of grocery stores by distraught and puzzled housewives, who "forgot to remember" the occasion and had to borrow various pantry needs from their next door neighbors.

By next week every one will be accustomed to the half holiday program and very few customers will be inconvenienced while the merchants and their forces take to the fresh air and sunshine.

## Woman Refutes Sons' Testimony

### Bootlegger's Widow Says Sons Testified Falsely Against Pitt Sheriff.

Greenville, June 1. — State and local officials and other citizens testified in Pitt Superior Court today that Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst's character and reputation are good as the defense opened testimony in ouster proceedings brought against the sheriff by county commissioners, as citizens.

The prosecution charges Sheriff Whitehurst with accepting bribes, maladministration, and non-payment of fees due Pitt County.

Mrs. J. D. Tripp, widow of Jesse Smith, convinced bootlegger from whom the sheriff is accused of taking bribes, testified this morning that so far as she knew, Sheriff Whitehurst had no such dealings with Smith. She said that the sheriff and deputies raided the Smith place several times, and that Smith served road terms because of the raids.

She declared false the testimony of her sons, Earl and Charlie Smith, who told the court as the hearing opened that Whitehurst had taken bribes from their father. She said that after they testified, they admitted that their testimony was false and that they had been promised payment for appearing for the prosecution.

Mrs. Tripp said that investigators came to her home to seek information against the sheriff. She said they promised to pay her as much as \$500 if she would sign an affidavit against the sheriff.

George Bowkley, admittedly an ex-bootlegger, testified that an investigator attempted to induce him to furnish information against Whitehurst. Bowkley said that while he was engaged in illicit liquor traffic, the sheriff and his deputies raided his place several times.

Among those testifying that Sheriff Whitehurst's character and reputation are good, and that their dealings with him were satisfactory, were:

Officers J. L. Whichard and A. T. Wooten of Greenville; Sheriff William Rumley, Beaufort; J. L. Outlaw, Grimesland chief of police; J. Gus Stokes, Pitt constable; Sheriff Kirby Cobb of Greene County; John Hill Paylor, Farmville attorney; Paroles Commissioner Edwin S. Gill; Hathaway Cross, assistant paroles commissioner; Clay Carter, Washington attorney; Oscar Pitts, superintendent of State prisons; Deputy G. Powell of Duplin County.

W. L. Bissette, Grifton mayor; S. O. Worthington, Greenville attorney; Brown Hodges, town commissioner; Sheriff W. E. Baden of Edgecombe; Sheriff C. B. Roebuck of Martin County; W. B. Butternut, of Portsmouth, Va., railroad police; Sergeant L. T. Lucas, Farmville, police chief; S. H. Martin, Bethel police chief.

C. W. Evans, Chicod Township constable; Church Moore, Ayden police chief; L. G. Cooper, Greenville lawyer; Julius Brown, local attorney; Captain B. L. O'Brian of Norfolk, captain of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad police.

Charles Whedbee, Pitt County solicitor; J. B. Eura, Ayden recorder of Washington, paroles supervisor; Judge F. M. Wooten; R. T. Martin, Farmville lawyer; and W. J. Bundy, Thurman.

Kirklin, W. S. Tyson, and James L. Green, Greenville lawyers.

## Mr. Debnam Arrives To Take Over Duties Of Market and Town

Farmville's new publicity director and sales supervisor of the Tobacco Market, R. G. Debnam, of Snow Hill, arrived Wednesday to take up his residence here and to assume the duties connected with this position.

Mr. Debnam, of pleasing personality, and bearing recommendations as an alert, energetic and forcible young man, is spending this week making the acquaintance of the business people here.

One of Farmville's greatest assets is its cordial reception of new residents, and another is the traditional spirit of cooperation, which is the mainstay and pride of its citizenry.

In accepting the above mentioned position, Mr. Debnam no doubt took account of Farmville's assets and possibilities for development and growth, and is depending on this spirit of cooperation as the prime factor for success.

May Farmville measure up to all expectations and may the fall of 1938 mark the beginning of a brighter period of business activity and a steady upward trend along all lines.

## Large Surplus In N. C. Benefit Fund

Raleigh, June 1. — Through Saturday of last week, the Unemployment Compensation Commission had collected in contributions and interest \$13,837,424.01 and had paid out in benefits to unemployed workers \$8,590,771.96, which leaves \$9,746,652.05 in the state's benefit fund. The balance got as low as \$9,541,096.28 on May 21, but payments of contributions due May 25 brought the fund back up some. The amount on January 29, when the first check was written, was \$10,024,044.40, which has now been reduced to \$9,746,652.05, or \$277,392.35 less than when payments started.

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Miss Seleta Ann Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Tucker, entertained a number of friends on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being held in celebration of her eighth birthday. Games were played until a call came from the dining room, where the merry group found the birthday cake centering the table and gleaming with green candles. A green and white color note was observed in all decorations and in the ice course. Favours were dolls for the girls and marbles for the boys.

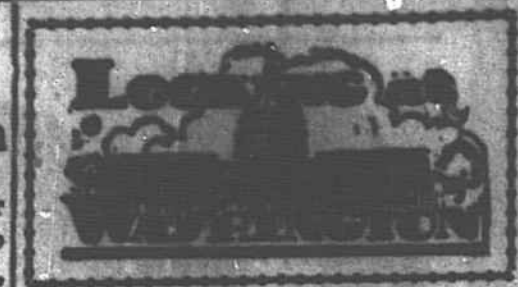
## A STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS!

Due to the fact that reports are being circulated that the Board of County Commissioners have acted solely on their own initiative in their efforts to stamp out vice and flagrant law violations in the County, and in employing certified accountants to make general and special audits of all the County offices, and thereby creating expense against the County, the members of the Board feel that the citizenship should be furnished the following facts:

**From Grand Jury Report of Nov. 5, 1937**  
"We wish to commend the County Commissioners, the A. B. C. Board, and their Enforcement Officers for the efforts they have made and are still following up to rid the county of the illicit whiskey traffic. We are pleased with the success they have made and we are pledging our full support and cooperation in the drive they are making to rid the county of this traffic."

**From Grand Jury Report of Nov. 30, 1937**  
"We wish to express our approval for the action taken by the County Commissioners, the A. B. C. Board, and all County and City officials in their efforts to rid the County of the illicit whiskey traffic, and other forms of vice which now exist in the County. We realize that much good has been accomplished and we ask all County and City Enforcement Officers and the citizens, as a whole, to cooperate in this fight to the end that we may have a cleaner and more wholesome community in which to live."

**From Grand Jury Report of March 21, 1938**  
"In line with the duty of the Grand Jury of Pitt County we have conducted a careful investigation into the affairs of the County and recommend:  
2—That certain apparent discrepancies in the accounts of the various County offices, as shown by the audits of Williams and Wall, be immediately rectified, and that the County Board of Commissioners immediately take such steps as may be necessary to bring about a final and complete settlement of such differences as exist.  
4—That a thorough and complete audit be made immediately of the financial conditions of Pitt County. That such audit delve into the intricacies and ramifications of all the County affairs.



(Huge S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

## PENNSYLVANIA AND OREGON PRIMARIES INTRIGUE THE POLITICAL PROPHETS

Politicians, officeholders, party leaders and newspaper writers have been busy for the past two weeks trying to interpret the results of the primary elections held in Pennsylvania and Oregon.

The returns from Pennsylvania created the greatest interest. Both parties were engaged in bitter fights in the Republican camp, Judge Arthur H. James, backed by the conservative faction, battled Gifford Pinchot, former Governor, identified as a Progressive. The Democrats staged a struggle between John L. Lewis and Senator Earle and State Chairman Lawrence on the other. On the day before the voting, Jim Farley urged the election of one candidate on each side, advocating votes for Governor Earle and Thomas Kennedy, the CIO candidate for Governor.

Republicans Lead.

The Pennsylvania electorate turned out in surprising force, more than sixty per cent of the registered voters going to the polls. The Republican candidates polled approximately 140,000 votes more than the combined total of the Democratic candidates. The Democratic total of about 1,300,000 votes and the Republican total of more than 1,400,000 votes were contrasted with the results in 1936, when President Roosevelt beat Governor Landon by a little more than 600,000 votes, 2,253,000 against 1,690,000.

Taken on its face, the results of the primary indicated that if both parties continue united, the election in November will be close. However, there are factors to be considered. Democrats point out that their total primary vote was more than twice as large as the next highest in Democratic history, in 1934, when 569,744 Democrats went to the polls. The Democrats, moreover, insist that steady increases in Democratic registration in the last few years is evidence that Republicans by the thousands are changing to the Democratic party.

Lewis and C. I. O. Lose.

Considerable interest in the Pennsylvania primary was based on the

## Pool Opening Date Changed To Saturday

Swimmers were disappointed to find the Municipal Pool bearing a more striking resemblance to Blue Monday than opening Wednesday when they assembled this week to follow the Mayor in his initial dive, which was to be the "Open Sesame" for the season.

Although those in charge had many number of excuses as to why the opening date was postponed to Saturday, June 4, some people believe that the Mayor induced the committee to change the date on account of the rather chilly weather, which was inclined to make even those on land shiver.

fact that one of the candidates for Governor on the Democratic ticket was an active member of the CIO and the candidate of John L. Lewis. Mr. Kennedy, the Lewis candidate, failed to win the nomination for Governor but he polled sufficient strength to indicate that the CIO organization, at least, can defeat the successful Democratic nominee if the half million CIO members in Pennsylvania turn against the Democratic party.

The likelihood of such a step is less probable when one realizes that Judge James, the successful Republican candidate, made Mr. Lewis and his CIO a major issue against Gifford Pinchot, attacking Pinchot as a "New Dealer" and "pro-Lewis" candidate. The CIO strength will not be thrown to Judge James. It might under some conditions, go to an independent Labor candidate or follow the new tactics of the economic struggle and "sit-down" during the Fall election.

Is G. O. P. Gaining?

The Pennsylvania vote was hailed by John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican National Committee, as a definite indication of a Republican victory in November. Alf M. Landon, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, expressed practically the same opinion. Republicans generally seem to take the primary results as proof that a united party can win the state from the Democratic candidates.

That Republicans get encouragement from the prospect of winning control of Pennsylvania, a state that for decades has been a foundation of Republican strength, indicates the havoc which the New Deal has made in political alignment in this country. Whether the election this Fall will show that the Pennsylvanians have swung back to their normal Republican preferences remains to be

## President Asks Free Hand In Spending Relief Funds

Washington, June 1. — The Senate tonight added \$175,000,000 to the works relief bill and voted a \$125,000,000 "dole" to the needy after President Roosevelt had warned of a threatened crisis in unemployment this summer and demanded a free hand to combat it.

Attacking wide-spread Senate agitation to ear-mark the \$324,500,000 recovery-relief fund as a safeguard against its use by the administration for political reprisals, the President wrote Senator Alva Adams, D., Colo., floor manager of the measure, insisting on a flexible appropriation.

Leading the ear-marking drive are two consistent foes of the new deal, Senators Royal S. Copeland, D., N. Y., and Josiah W. Bailey, D., N. C. The New Yorker wants to fetter the President's hands on \$324,000,000 of the \$865,000,000 Public Works Administration appropriation. He is fighting to divert this money to rivers and harbors and flood control projects. Bailey has proposed that projects approved by PWA prior to the new appropriation be given priority in allocation of funds.

"Unlimited Power"

Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., today proposed that the Chief Executive be given unlimited power to divert PWA funds to direct relief or the "dole." The House ear-marked \$50,000,000 for that purpose, but Barkley protested it as being too low. He pointed out that it will be impossible to provide WPA jobs for all idle employables in heavily-populated industrial centers and warned that unemployment rolls are swelling in automobile cities in Michigan and in Kentucky coal towns.

There was such strong resentment to awarding the Chief Executive such unbridled control over relief dollars that Barkley whittled the figure to \$125,000,000, an increase of \$75,000,000 over the House provision.

Warning that the "time element" is essential to the success of the recovery-relief measure and that projects undertaken next winter or spring will be of little value in the present situation, the letter said:

## Final Rites Held For David Barrett

Final rites for David Stanley Barrett, 41, whose death occurred in a Wilson hospital Friday evening as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident of Thursday, were conducted from the home of his sister, Mrs. T. E. Joyner, at four o'clock, Saturday afternoon, by Rev. D. A. Clarke, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery beneath a handsome floral offering.

The funeral was attended by a large throng of sorrowing friends. Favorite hymns were rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. C. N. Bostic, Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt, Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. D. E. Ogleby, Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Charles F. Baucum, John D. and Elbert C. Holmes.

Active pallbearers were: C. T. Dixon, B. C. Barbee, J. M. Fitzgerald, J. M. Horton, J. L. Farmer, B. C. Gurkin and J. W. Wiggins, Jr., all of Wilson, and Z. M. Whitehurst.

Honorary pallbearers: D. L. Collins, T. S. Hall, B. G. Field, R. C. Thornton, J. G. Houston, H. S. Watson, Fred Connor, L. H. Stark, C. B. Cunningham, H. L. Fleming, R. H. Fulghum, Jr., A. B. Futtrell, K. C. Moore, Jr., R. A. Stamper, E. C. Powell, V. C. Kibler, P. B. Moore, W. K. Long, A. F. Williams, Ed Nabal, R. Fike, Worth Troutman, J. S. Stroud, C. A. Blue, J. S. Farmer, Jno. Dillard, J. S. Cockfield, Wilbur Turner, Jno. Gardner, F. O. Bullington, Tom Moore, J. O. L. Bailey and W. K. Helms, all of Wilson.

J. M. Stansill, R. C. Thornton, W. A. E. L., R. G., Robert, Jr., and Edgar Barrett, Roy and Alton Barrett, V. Fleming, Hugh Smith, of Greenville; Mr. Hodge, W. K. Long, C. N. Bostic, John King, John T. Thorne, A. C. Monk, Sr., John B., R. A. and J. W. Joyner, Sam Lewis, T. W. Lang, Joe H. Bynum, Dr. Pittman and Lloyd Lucas, of Wilson; Haywood, Fred and J. G. Smith, R. LeRoy and Thomas Rollins, Dr. John M. Mewborn, D. E. Ogleby, O. G. Spell, A. Q. Roebuck, Mark Dixon and John H. Paylor.

Mr. Barrett who was well known and held in highest esteem both here and in Wilson, was the son of Mrs. Nonie Smith Barrett and the late C. L. Barrett of Farmville. He had been associated with the Imperial Tobacco Co., in Wilson, for a number of years. He was a World War veteran, and a member of the Anderson Legion Post in Wilson. Mr. Barrett volunteered for service in the Navy, received his training at the Hampton Roads base and saw service on the battleship Minnesota from July, 1918, to January, 1919, during which time the ship was torpedoed while serving as a convoy of United States transports, but was not sunk. He received his discharge in 1921. He was a charter member of the Farmville American Legion Post.

Surviving are: his mother, Mrs. Nonie Smith Barrett, and sister, Mrs. T. E. Joyner of Farmville, and three brothers, T. Lycurgus, of Roanoke, Va., Mack, of Canton, and Claude L. Barrett, of Farmville.

4-H club members who have been in the work for a few years are in better physical condition than new ones, find the home and farm agents of Cleveland county. This applies particularly to teeth, eyes, nasal passages and the like.

## Senate Critics, Including Copeland and Bailey, Expected to Fight Proposal.

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## ATTENTION VOTERS!

The polls will open at 7:00 A. M. and close at 7:00 P. M. for the casting of votes in the Democratic Primary to be held on June 4.

J. H. Harrell, Chairman of Pitt County Board of Elections.

## ARMY OPENS RECRUITING STATION IN WILSON

The U. S. Army Recruiting Station in Wilson, North Carolina, is now ready to receive applicants for enlistment, it is located on the fourth floor of the post office building in room 410. Vacancies now are open for the Infantry and Coast Artillery in the Panama Canal Zone, young men between the ages of 18 and 35, who are single and with no dependents and, with a good character are instructed to see the recruiting sergeant if they are interested in enlisting.

Announcement is made by Corporal Jennings B. Smith who is in charge of the recruiting office in Wilson.

## WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the nationality of Fritz Kreisler, the violinist?
  2. Who wrote the Elsie Dinmore books?
  3. How long has Cardenas been president of Mexico?
  4. Will the United States build another dirigible?
  5. What has the war in China cost Japan?
  6. Does Great Britain have compulsory military service?
  7. What is the "Bill of Rights"?
  8. When was the TVA created?
  9. Will marketing quotas be applied to wheat this year?
  10. Is there any known cure for Rocky Mountain spotted fever?
- (See "The Answer" on Page 4)

## HULL'S NOTE ACCUSES JAPAN OF "BAD FAITH"

Washington, June 1. — Secretary of State Cordell Hull today revealed that he had sent another sharp note to Tokyo rebuking the Japanese government for bad faith in guaranteeing American rights in the Chinese war zone and demanding prompt remedial measures.

The disclosure came as the State Department awaited official confirmation of press reports that Japanese air raiders deliberately bombed United States mission school properties at Haichow, Suien and Tsin-Kiang-Pu, although each displayed huge American flags.

Hull's Note Sharp

"My government," said Secretary Hull in his latest note, "is confident that the Japanese government cannot but concede that the infringement of and interference with American rights in China by Japanese authorities involved in the situation to which attention is herein brought, are contrary to repeated assurances of the Japanese government that American rights will be respected; that the Japanese government will take immediate steps, in keeping with such assurances, to cause the return to their rightful owners of the property of American citizens."

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