

YANGTZE SCENE BITTER BATTLE

Chinese and Jap Soldiers Locked
In Fight. Area of Panay
Bombing Is Again Torn By
Struggle of Opposing Forces.

Shanghai, Jan. 18. — Chinese and Japanese forces were reported locked in a bitter fight today along the Yangtze river near where the United States gunboat Panay was sunk by the Japanese a month ago.

Chinese said two reinforced columns had arrived in the vicinity of Wuhu, 25 miles up stream from where the Panay sunk, and were pressing the Japanese hard for possession of the important river port.

They said Japanese had rushed four boat-loads of troops to Wuhu to bolster their forces, while two Japanese warcraft shelled Chinese positions above the city.

Japanese reported a Japanese tank unit had occupied Hohsien, nearest town to the scene of the Panay incident, after killing 200 Chinese and driving out 500 others. The unit then advanced toward Hanshan, where the Panay survivors fled after the gunboat was sunk.

Since Japanese troops held Hohsien when the Panay was bombed, the tank maneuver was interpreted as meaning possibly that Chinese had re-captured the town.

(A Hongkong dispatch indicated the Japanese were increasing their activities in South China. The dispatch said Japanese had warned British authorities that they planned to keep the Hongkong-Canton road under bombardment and that any British subjects using the road would do so "at their own risk.")

Chinese counter-attacks and guerrilla warfare were reported slowing down Japanese advances in south Shantung and in Chekiang province, where the Chinese were attempting to retake Hangchow, 125 miles southwest of Shanghai.

The Japanese, however, announced they had occupied Tengshien, about 150 miles south of Tsinan, Shantung capital, and insisted, despite Chinese claims that Tsinan, 120 miles south of Tsinan, remained in Japanese hands.

Japanese also reported their forces, after advancing eastward from Tsinan for 20 days along the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway, had met a detachment of Japanese marines from Tsingtao and now occupied the entire railway.

(In Tokyo the withdrawal of the Japanese ambassador to China was announced as indications increased that Japan eventually would recognize the new Peiping regime as the government of China instead of the former Nanking government, which Japan already has repudiated.)

Fifteen Perish In School Fire

Toll May Reach 30 In Quebec
Disaster, Most of Whom Are
Priests and Children.

St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Jan. 18.—Fifteen persons, most of them children and priests, perished in a fire which destroyed a dormitory at Sacred Heart college early today, and searching crews digging through the smoking ruins tonight feared the final death toll would be at least 30. Black-robed priests aided volunteer workmen in the search among broken timbers and debris for victims of the fire, which made a roaring incinerator of the big dormitory filled with sleeping students and priests. Thirteen bodies, including a priest, were recovered.

Two others died in a hospital and at least 15 others were unaccounted for. Twenty were in hospitals, several expected to die.

Hundreds of townspeople stood by in horror, unable to reach the flame enveloped building, while screaming children raced through corridors, trapped by the fire, or leaped through windows to the frozen ground.

Many were dragged from the edge of the flames, their arms and legs shattered by jumps of three and four stories.

The body of the priest was identified as that of Father Jean Baptiste. Another priest, Brother Alexis, 27, of Woonsocket, R. I., was critically injured. His name before taking holy orders was Tessier. Four other priests were missing.

Many of the bodies were burned beyond recognition and parents of missing children had to wait in agonized suspense as each new victim was brought out, wrapped in a blanket, and added to the grim row of still forms on the floor of a nearby barn.

Officials said they did not know the cause of the fire. It was believed to have started in one of the dormitory wings, and had virtually enveloped half the building when the sleeping priests and children were awakened.

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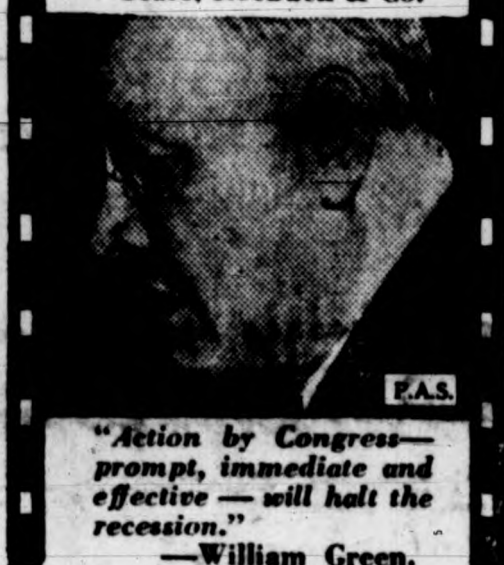
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SENATE QUIZ
SEEKS REASONS BE-
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J. Will Dillard Is Laid To Rest

Large Crowd Gathers To Pay
Last Tribute To Popular Citizen
Who Passes Suddenly.

Funeral services for J. Will Dillard, who died suddenly from a heart attack at his home early last Wednesday morning, were conducted at 2:30 Thursday afternoon from the residence. His pastor, Dr. D. J. Woods, was in charge of the rites and was assisted by the other pastors of the city, Dr. J. C. Roper, Rev. C. B. Betts and Rev. W. N. Long. Interment followed in Rosemont cemetery. Pallbearers were: L. B. Dillard, W. H. Simpson, Dr. M. J. McFadden, A. B. Galloway, F. C. Pinson, T. D. Copeland, W. E. Dillard, and W. J. Duncan. The services were attended by an unusually large crowd from here and elsewhere who had assembled to pay their tribute to a departed friend. Many beautiful floral offerings at the home and banked high upon the grave, bespoke the popularity of Mr. Dillard. He possessed a wide circle of friends who join with the family in mourning his death.

STORE BEING REMODELED

The store room on Musgrave street recently vacated by S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & company, is now being remodeled and an attractive new front added. The building when completed will be occupied by Sadler-Owens Pharmacy.

Tell It To The World

The first rule of salesmanship is that if you have anything to sell, don't keep it a secret. Tell it to the world! That, in Clinton's trade area, means to advertise it in THE CHRONICLE. Every week this paper goes into the homes of this community where your prospective 1938 customers reside. The More People You Tell, the More You Will Sell! The most successful Clinton firms in 1938 will be those who through effective advertising tell the buying public constantly what they have to offer, the values they have to offer, the service they are prepared to give.

County Roads Map Completed

Highway Planning Survey Made
As Basis For Future Building
and Improvement Program.

The Highway Planning Survey was organized a year ago by the State Highway department in cooperation with the federal bureau of public roads to conduct a series of scientific surveys, the primary purpose of which was to unearth facts on which to plan future road building and improvement programs. The department has issued the following report on its work as regards Laurens county:

The rural road inventory, the field work of which is now complete, included a descriptive inventory of every mile of public road in Laurens county. Draftsmen are now at work on field notes, and after several months the most complete map ever made of Laurens county will have been completed.

At selected stations, by a series of scheduled traffic counts covering an entire year, the traffic on all primary highway has been and is being counted. At some of these stations, trucks are being weighed to get a fixed idea of the amount of freight that goes over the highways. Already, an extensive preliminary count of traffic on Laurens county rural roads has been completed. Each month, at representative stations, recounts are being taken, and by 1939, the average traffic on every road will be known for every day in the year.

The financial survey is studying the tax situation in South Carolina to discover how much is paid in taxes each year and for what purposes the taxes are used. Particularly, the survey is interested in the tax expenditures for highways.

In the road-life survey, the "life" of our roads and the actual condition of our present system is being determined, as well as the cost of maintaining it in its present condition and making necessary improvements.

Every important road in Laurens county has been checked to discover all locations where the sixty-mile-an-hour motorist can not see at least 1,000 feet ahead of him. The kind of obstruction was noted in each case so that conclusions could be drawn as to the advisability of removing it.

Existing physical conditions at all grade crossings have been examined, and when these have been considered in the light of the railroad traffic and the highway traffic at each crossing, we shall be one step nearer eliminating some of the danger traps open to motorists.

Science applied to our social and economic life has resulted in building for us the most progressive civilization of all times. Science applied by the State Highway department to our present road systems will probably succeed in developing for us the most useful, as well as the safest highway system ever known to Laurens county and South Carolina.

Thurmond To Hold Court At Laurens

Columbia, Jan. 18.—The two state senators who will be sworn in as circuit judges Thursday open their judicial careers by presiding in Charleston and Laurens counties next month, supreme court records showed today.

L. D. Lide of Marion, succeeding the late S. W. G. Shipp of Florence, will preside over a four weeks session of common pleas court at Charleston beginning the first Monday next month.

J. Strom Thurmond of Edgefield, successor to the late C. J. Ramage of Saluda, will preside at the court of general sessions at Laurens opening the third Monday in February.

HEALTH GROUP TO MEET IN LAURENS

The Piedmont Public Health association will hold its quarterly meeting in Laurens on Friday, January 21, at 10 a. m., according to Dr. R. M. Street, director of the Laurens County Health department. The district is composed of fourteen counties.

Speakers on the program will be Rev. J. Owens Smith, Laurens; W. H. Franks, mayor of Laurens; Dr. J. G. Westrope, Gaffney; Dr. J. H. Teague, Laurens; Dr. D. O. Garvin, Edgefield; Miss Ruby Langston, Pickens; C. D. Jenkins, Greenville; Dr. Wyman, Dr. Ball and Mrs. Ruth George, Columbia.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN WILL MEET TONIGHT

The Men-of-the-Church of the First Presbyterian church will hold their first meeting of the year tonight at 7:30 in the dining hall of the church. A turkey dinner will be served and a large attendance is expected, with the organization's president, Heath Copeland, presiding. Rev. David Boozer of Goldville, pastor of a group of Presbyterian churches in this area, will be the guest speaker. All Presbyterian men are cordially invited.

Executive Saving Urged By Byrd

Virginia Senator Believes Tenth
Can Easily Be Slashed From
Branch's Costs.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator Byrd of Virginia proposed to congress today that it compel the executive branch of the government to make a 10 per cent reduction in all regular expenditures.

Byrd made the proposal in a minority report on the administration's government reorganization bill, approved last year by a majority of a special senate committee. He said he would introduce an amendment requiring that the economies be made when the proposed reorganization is carried out.

Leaders said they intended to bring the bill before the senate after disposing of anti-lynching legislation.

Asserting he was "not an obstructionist"; Byrd declared there is "urgent need for reorganization of the federal government for both economy and efficiency." However, he criticized the administration bill as not promising substantial economies and as giving too much power to the president.

"It should not be difficult to reduce ordinary expenses of the government at least 10 per cent under the powers granted in this bill," he said. "In any reorganization legislation, congress should give a clear mandate that economy is the major objective."

"It would appear that a reorganization bill such as this, which creates new departments, bureaus and officials, gives little promise of economy and simplification possible by the abolition of agencies and elimination of personnel and appalling waste and duplication."

In a statement accompanying the report, the Virginian said the investigation of his own special committee had "disclosed waste, overlapping activities and excessive overhead cost, making immediate reform imperative if the course of continuous deficits and rising taxes is to be altered."

President Roosevelt has said several times that efficiency, rather than economies, was the primary goal of the reorganization bill.

"A mere regrouping and shuffling of bureaus does not mean necessarily an increase in efficiency," Byrd's report to the senate said, "and certainly will not operate for economy."

Byrd said one section of the bill would "provide governmental machinery to entrench relief as a permanent federal function."

He contended the measure would give the president "important powers and functions of congress to a greater extent and for a longer period than is necessary for the accomplishment of ends desired."

Reorganization, he said, "can and must be accomplished in effective measure without sacrificing established and proved principles of democratic government."

"Delegations of power are at best wedges of great potential danger to our form of government and any new authorizations of power must be explicitly defined, safely curbed and definitely limited to the shortest period required for attaining desired ends."

Two Negroes Killed As Car Overtakes

Laurens, Jan. 16.—Two Charlotte, (N. C.) Negroes were killed and a third was seriously injured in an automobile accident near here late Sunday.

Killed were Alexander Craig and William Ruppert Curry. The injured man, Wyman Ravenel, was driving the car, which overturned on a sharp curve.

A coroner's jury held Ravenel blameless.

The accident occurred on the Greenville road about seven miles west of Laurens.

JOHNSON LEADS IN B CLASS DEBATING

Asby Johnson, a Presbyterian college student from Columbus, Ga., received the highest ranking in the Class B debaters in the Annual Strawberry Leaf Practice tournament held recently at Winthrop college. Forensic Coach Hugh Holman announced upon receiving the tabulations of the results of the tournament in, which over 300 speakers took part. Dugald Hudson, a college student from Greenville, also placed eighth, while C. H. McLeod of Ocala, Fla., Johnson's teammate, placed eleventh. Hudson also placed third in impromptu speaking.

Kiwanians Open New Club Year

Ferguson Succeeds Heustess As
President. New Committees
Named To Head Year's Work.

Members of the Clinton Kiwanis club held their first meeting of the new year Thursday evening at Hotel Clinton at which time R. E. Ferguson assumed office as president. He succeeds D. C. Heustess, who headed the club the past year and served faithfully and diligently in that capacity. A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the retiring president, and to Secretary F. C. Pinson, for their services.

Other officers assuming office with President Ferguson are: Dr. A. E. Spencer, vice-president, F. C. Pinson, secretary. The following board of directors will serve with the officers: B. H. Boyd, F. M. Boland, R. T. Dunlap, D. C. Heustess, John H. Hunter, R. L. Plaxico, and H. F. Harris.

The new president asked the united cooperation of the membership for the coming year and outlined a number of matters of interest he and his board of directors will strive to attain.

The death of R. H. McDonald of Columbia, secretary of the Carolinas Kiwanis district, was called to the club's attention and a resolution of sympathy adopted and ordered forwarded his wife, Mrs. Mayzie Little McDonald, a granddaughter of the late Dr. Job J. Boozer of this city.

Kiwanian W. A. Moorhead of Goldville, extended the club an invitation, which was unanimously accepted, to be his guests for the next regular meeting on the evening of January 27th, the meeting to be held in the new girls' club in the Joanna Mills village.

The following committee appointments were announced by President Ferguson to function during the coming year:

Boys and Girls Work—L. B. Dillard, chairman, W. A. Moorhead, and W. E. Monts.

Classification and Membership—W. R. Anderson, chairman, B. L. King, and J. H. Pitts, Jr.

Club Meetings—D. B. Smith, chairman, L. E. Bishop, E. D. Craig, and G. W. Hollingsworth.

Inter-Club Relations—J. H. Hunter, chairman, R. T. Dunlap, and B. R. Fuller.

Kiwanis Education—Dr. A. E. Spencer, chairman, H. D. Henry, and W. H. Simpson.

Program—H. F. Harris, chairman, Geo. W. Holman, Kenneth Baker and B. H. Boyd.

Public Affairs—Dr. J. C. Roper, chairman, D. C. Heustess, Dr. W. T. Martin, and R. W. Wade.

Publicity—F. C. Pinson, chairman, W. D. Copeland, and F. M. Boland.

Underprivileged Child—C. C. Giles, chairman, W. W. Harris, R. L. Plaxico, and Dr. J. Lee Young.

Vocational Guidance—Dr. L. R. Lynn, chairman, G. N. Foy, and Dr. F. L. Webb.

Heckle Editor Blue Stocking

Georgia Student Succeeds Cliff
McLeod As Head of College
Weekly Student Publication.

Louis G. Heckle of Fort Valley, Ga., on Tuesday was elected editor-in-chief of the Presbyterian college weekly publication, The Blue Stocking. He succeeds Cliff McLeod of Ocala, Fla., who retires from office next week. D. M. (Pete) McCormick of Clio, was elected as managing editor, while Julius S. McGregor of Ruby, was chosen as business manager. The complete staff for the new year will be announced later by the newly elected editor.

Messrs. Heckle, McCormick and McGregor have been connected with the news and business staffs of the paper for the past week.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!

So Far This Year There
Have Been

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FATALITIES
from
AUTOMOBILE
ACCIDENTS
in
LAURENS
COUNTY

Let's Strive To Make
1938 a Safe Year On
the Highways.

This date last year, 0.

COTTON HOPES DIM FOR SOUTH

Production of 10,600,000 Bales
Set By Farm Bill Conferees.
Benefit Payments Limited To
Sum Available for Soil Con-
servation.

Washington, Jan. 18.—State agriculture officials apparently have failed in their effort to obtain sweeping changes in cotton provisions of the new crop control legislation.

Chairman Smith, of South Carolina, of the senate agriculture committee, said today that congressional conferees had agreed upon a cotton program "compromising between house and senate bills."

He said this compromise fixed cotton production for this year at 10,600,000 bales and limited benefit payments for cotton growers to the amount of funds previously available under the soil conservation act.

Spokesmen for Southern commissioners of agriculture previously had asked the senate agriculture committee to fix production for this year at 13,000,000 bales and increase benefit payments, by a processing tax on cotton and textiles, or by diverting funds from customs receipts.

"They have a good proposition," Smith said, "but of course we can't incorporate it in the granary bill."

He explained that the conference committee was limited to matter contained in the bills approved by the house and senate at the special session.

Unanimous opposition to these bills had been expressed by the Southern state farm leaders in a resolution which described the granary measures as "totally inadequate to cope with the present distressing condition of the cotton producers."

J. C. Holton, Mississippi agriculture commissioner, said the granary provisions were "a make-shift structure" and failed to consider the thousands of acres of land diverted from crops or workers who would be displaced by acreage reductions.

One senator, who heard the Southern state leaders' complaints, said "everyone who is finding out about this granary bill, is beginning to realize that nobody really likes it."

Conferees pushed ahead, however, with their job of trying to agree on a single bill. They hoped to get a report ready for congress late this week.

Smith said the conference group had accepted a penalty of \$10 a bale, two cents a pound, for cotton sales in excess of quotas, as provided by the house bill.

Smith said suggestions of the Southern states leaders would have to be considered first by the house of representatives because they involved a processing tax. All revenue matters must be considered first by the lower house.

Filibuster Aided By Republican

Bridges of New Hampshire Dis-
cusses TVA As Southerners
Take Few Hours Out.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A New Englander denounced Federal power policies in the Senate today, giving a rest to Southerners filibustering against the anti-lynching bill.

Interrupting the steady flow of Southern oratory against the bill, Senator Bridges (R., N. H.) made a 5,400-word speech criticizing activities of the Tennessee Valley authority.

He said the TVA was selling most of its power to corporations in the Tennessee valley. This was "fostering the very so-called vicious monopolies that the administration claims to be a major cause for the business recession," Bridges declared. Southerners heard with satisfaction that Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, would not seek night Senate sessions this week.

The filibuster now is 11 days old. Senator Van Nuys (D., Ind.) a co-author of the anti-lynching bill, had expressed hope night sessions would be ordered tomorrow or on Thursday in an effort to wear down the Southern speakers and force them to permit a vote on the legislation.

Several Southerners have predicted that passage of the anti-lynching bill would cause a lasting split between Northern and Southern Democrats. Failure of the leadership to call for night sessions has been attributed by several Senators to a desire not to antagonize the powerful Southern wing of the party.

Carrying on the filibuster today, Senator Ellender of Louisiana, continued a speech he began last Friday. Ellender is expected to take the floor again tomorrow.