Wage-Hour Bill Is Given Legislature U.S. Warships Take

Labor Plan **About Same** As Federal

Joint Finance and Appropriations Committees Hold Last of Public Hearings: Election Law Reforms Explained to Committee at Forenoon Session

Ra eigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The legislature received from Senator Gregory, of Rowan, today a bill to provide minimum wages and maximum work hours in North Carolina.

The minimum wage would be 25 cents an hour the first year, 30 cents the second, and a 40-cent level after seven years, while hours would be limited to 44 a week the first year, 42 the second and forty the third and thereafter. A bureau to administer the act would be created.

This afternoon the joint committees on appropriations and finance held the last of their scheduled public hearings. More money for the schools was sought from the appronance group to attack the sales tax and levies on bottlers.

The joint election laws committee heard members of the State Board of Elections discuss the need of election law revisions and outline the proposals for a new absentee voting statute, new registration, splitting of large precincts and changes in rules for markers.

A sub-committee was named by a House judiciary group to study the bill to regulate tourist camps after State officials had asked that en forcement of sanitary regulations be left to the State Board of Health.

New Senate bil's introduced included proposals to: Tighten laws on search and seizure; provide annual dues of \$5 for membership of the fort to hold the relief appropriation tion, and there were general predic-State bar and give judges power to to \$725,000,000. That sum, voted by tions that the final vote would be exenforce payment; give the port au- the House and approved by the Senthority at Southport power to enter ate Appropriations Committee, is \$150,into contracts, etc.

Committees Not Packed With Anti's

Governor Himself Ap- Fight Again proved House Assignments Before They Threatening Were Announced

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.-Persistent unend ing rumors that House committees were packed against Governor Clyde R. Hoey and his administration continue to be heard several times daily although there is an abundance of well-established facts with which to controvert these apparently unquenchable reports.

Nobody will take the responsibility for the statement-but almost everybody is willing to say he has heard that a coalition of Graham and Mc Donald supporters has taken com plete charge of the House. primarily through the medium of committee appointments to key posts.

These reports simply will not down despite that every known and established fact contradicts them.

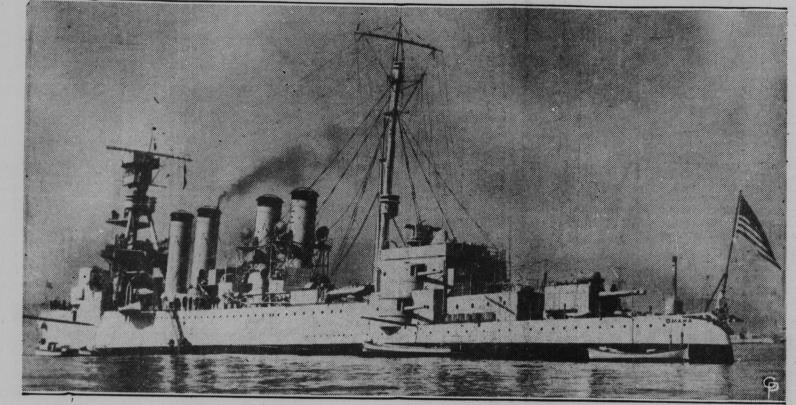
For instance, it is certain that the governor and at least most of his principal House supporters were shown copies of the committee assignments before they were announced and it is equally well established that His Excellency made no objection to the set-up when he was asked pointblank if he had any suggestions to

Quite naturally, Speaker Libby Ward has consistently declined to be drawn into the matter, either by pub lic statement or even in "off the re" ord" conversation; but it is indisput able that the governor did see th committee lists before they were of ficially ratified and that the only suggestion he made regarding any revis-

ion was accepted. Your correspondent has learned on authority so reliable as to be prac-

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Cruiser to Barcelona for Evacuation of Americans



With fall of Barcelona imminent, the U. S. cruiser Omaha was ordered to refugees. Of the American group only about thirty are native born. The Caldetas, 20 miles north of the beleagured city, to evacuate American others are Filipinos, Puerto Ricans or of Spanish origin.

Senate Republicans Rumor 2,000 schools was sought from the appropriations group, while merchants and bottlers appeared before the finance group to attack the sales tax Relief Grant Lower Chile Quake

Willing To Support Additional Fund Later If \$725.000,000 Is Insufficient; Tobacco Growers Abandon Hope for New Referendum for 1939 Crop

000,000 less than the amount asked

At a conference today, Republican the \$725,000,000 figure. Senator Mc- Labor Perkins. Nary, Oregon, the Republican leader, said his party's senators would be the \$725,000,000 is appropriated and merce Committee, announced they exhausted before June 30.

Many conservative Democrats are

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Senate | expected to join the Republicans in Republicans united today in an ef- supporting the \$725,000,000 appropriatremely close.

Other developments included: The House Judiciary Committee deby President Roosevelt to continue ferred action, at least until tomorrow, on a resolution by Representative on a resolution by Representative Thomas, Republican, New Jersey callsenators generally agreed to support ing for impeachment of Secretary of

Chairman McNinch, of the Federal Communications Commission, and willing to vote for additional relief Chairman Wheeler, Democrat, Monfunds to meet any emergency later if tana, of the Senate Interstate Com- strip of Chile's coast and shattered

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Agriculture

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY G. LYNN NISBET. Raleigh, Jan. 25.—"I have lived in

Wake county all my life," said Senator Ballentine of Wake, "and I never hear anything about this controversy between State College and the Department of Agriculture until the legislature meets." A few minutes later Com missioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott took the floor and explained why that is. "It is part of the fun in the political game," he said. "The head of the department has to be elected every four years, and the citizens of the State get fun out of 'shooting at him'. The college administration does not offer such a shin-

ing target." The occasion was meeting of a joint sub-committee of the committees on agriculture to consider charges of duplication of effort and expenditures by the two agencies. These charges had been made in newspaper articles. and letters to legislators emanating from Farm Bureau officials.

Before the committee came Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the department of agriculture at State College, director of farm extension work in the State. and acting director of ecntral experiment station here. Also came Commissioner Scott, elected in 1936 for a four-year term as head of the Department of Agriculture. Both professed no personal feeling in the matter,

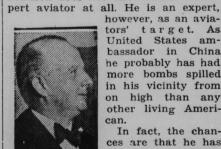
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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, colder in extreme east portion tonight; Thursday fair, with rising temperature.

Aerial Bombs Win No Wars, Johnson Says

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Jan. 25.-Nelson T. Johnson does not call himself an ex-



however, as an aviators' target. As United States ambassador in China he probably has had more bombs spilled in his vicinity from on high than any other living Ameri-

In fact, the chances are that he has been more copiously bombed than the Chinese themselves. Here's the idea:

Nelson T. Johnson When Ambassador Johnson went to the Orient the capital he was assigned to was Nanking. War presently having broken out, Japanese airmen bombed the Nankingers out of house and home. Johnson took his medicine with the rest, but finally lina paraded the stark specter of govthings got so bad that the Chinese government transferred its headquarters to Hankow. Our ambassador went along. Thereupon the Japs let up on Nanking, giving folk there a rest. Johnson did not get any, though, for the Mikado's flyers immediately began bombing Hankow. Ultimately Hankow likewise became too hot for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to hold, so his administration moved on to Chungking, still farther inland. an effort to convince committee mem-This meant a spell of peace for the Hankow populace, but none for Nelson Johnson, because he had moved his embassy along, to keep up with lit even got to the point where W. the government, and as soon as he

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Are Dead In

President and Doctors and Nurses Leave Santiago for Scene. 250 Miles South

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 25.—(AP) —An army airplane surveying the scene of a disastrous Chilean earthquake today flew low over Chilean, 220 miles south of Santiago, and reported finding the city of 40,000 inhabitants "completely destroyed."

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 25.—(AF)— Three Chilean military planes sped south today to check unconfirmed reports that 2,000 persons had been killed in the Concepcion area by midnight

normal communications. Concepcion is a city of 77,000 inhabitants 250 air miles south of Santiago, the capital. President Cuerda and several cabinet members departed for the quake area on a special train, with 40 physicians, 70 nurses and med-

ical supplies. First reports said the majority of houses were destroyed in a small ure. The coroner empanelled a jury

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J. BOWIE GRAY, SR., OF WILSON, PASSES

Wilson, Jan, 25.—(AP)—J. Bowie in a Richmond, Va., hospital today of a blood infection. Funeral arrangements are incomplete

Fight Air Battle Over French Town

Perpignan, France, Jan. 25 .war plane dropped six bombs early today near the French village of Formiguieres, 15 miles from a frontier town of Bourg-Madame. The bombs landed in woods and fields close to the village. Mobile guards said there were no casual-

Frightened populace poured in-to the streets of the hamlet shortly after 1 a. m. Immediately after the bombing, witnesses said they heard machine gun fire above, indicating that at least two planes engaged in aerial battle French territory.

Robeson Man Dies After Recent Attack

Lumberton, Jan. 25. (AP)-Lumber ton and Robeson county officers speed ed up today their investigation of the reported robbery and rough treatment of Tom Moore, 62, two weeks ogo at his farm in Back Swamp township.

Moore died last night in a hospital. Coroner D. W. Biggs said physicians told him Moore's death was caused by pneumonia resulting from expostown 50 miles south of Concepcion to view the body and ordered an inquest at a later date.

Moore and Harvy Smith, who lived with him, reported to Sheriff E. Clyde Wade a fortnight ago that they were hed up by three armed and masked Indians while the house was ransacked and \$20 taken from Moore's clothing. They reported Gray, Sr., 60, hardware dealer, and Moore was roughly handled and chairman of the Wilson County Alco- threatened with torture by fire in an holic Beverage Control Board, died effort to force him to disclose where additional money might be found. The sheriff said today no arrest

Lower Taxes Or Ownership By Government For Rails Is Spectre For Committee

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Jan. 25.— Representatives

of railroads operating in North Carobers that taxes, particularly franchise taxes, have grown beyond all reason

T. Joyner, division engineman of the Southern, admitted that bus and truck competition is here to stay-has as he

expressed it, "a definite place in the economic field". This from a railroad man would not so long ago have been akin to treason.

Incidentally, Mr. Joyner alone of the speakers went exhaustively into ernment ownership across the stage reasons for the desperate condition of of finance committee hearing room the railroads and, with keen, concisyesterday afternoon as they told mem- phrases laid their cause squarely bebers of the assembly's money-hunting group that lower taxes for the for the Coast Line, and W. L. Stanley. rails is the only alternative to that for the Seaboard, opened the statis situation "with all its attendant ills" tical spigot and turned loose a flood Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air of information and important, but Line, Southern-the big three of Tar none-the-less decidedly boring, figures tives to the oratorical iring line in carrying far more than their share of

They proved to a mathematical certainty, if not to the committee's satisfaction that taxes have risen by tremendous leaps and bound to a point where the rails now pay more for the

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American Refugees Safely From City

Bomb Falls 100 Feet from Americans Before Naval Vessels Take Them Away; Government Troops Are Still Holding Out in Barcelona Proper

Aboard the U. S. Cruiser Omaha, Near Barcelona, Jan. 25. -(AP)-Fifteen Americans fleeing the beleaguered Barcelona area had to run the gauntlet of bombs today before they reached safety abcard the Omaha and the United States destroyer Badger. One bomb fell 100 feet from the

Italy Calls Reservists Into Service

60,000 Army Men | yesterday and last night. Seven bomb ers flew over the American, British Summoned with Re-newed Warning To and French warships anchored off Caldetas and dropped bombs, most of which struck the water near the newed Warning To France To Keep Hands off Spain

Rome, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Italy called into the government capital. 30,000 army reservists born in 1901 o the colors today for training and surgent military dispatch said Gennstruction, and at the same time, eral Franco's troops entered Barcevarned France anew against helping he hard-pressed Spanish government. An announcement that a "first more reservists might be called up atter. The announcement did not coners said. Barcelona was still in govnect the summons with current talk ernment hands, however. of friction between France and Italy. and the talked occupation by France of nearby islands. But foreign military observers remarked it was unusual to call reservists for their periodic training in winter.

Authoritative Italians previously had denied men were being called as a precaution against possible French intervention in Spain to save Barcelona. But Italy repeated her warning that French intervention in Spain would result in Italy's claiming her 'liberty of action".

French fears that Italian troops on the French-Spanish border would be dangerous to France were declared 'excessive" by the official bulletin of the Italian Foreign Office

"Responsible Rome circles have followed attentively discussion of foreign affairs in the French chamsaid the foreign office publicaion. "Among many speeches one aroused particular interest, that delivered by Deputy Vallat, a war vetran recently defeated for the vicepresidency of the chamber a place that was given to a genuine Negro."

WILSON BASEBALL **GROUP CHARTERED**

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)— Secretary of State Thad Eure issued three charters today. They included: Wilson Baseball Club, Inc., of Wilson, which will own and operate a baseball club. It has 100 shares of no par value authorized capital stock. Three shares of stock are subscribed by Lester Watson, Edward Warren and A. W Fleming, Wilson.

GEHRIG SIGNS FOR 1939 WITH YANKEES

New York, Jan. 25.— (AP) -Lou Gehrig, durable first baseman of the New York Yankees, signed his 1939 contract today for his 15th season with baseball's world's champions. Although the terms of the contract were not announced, it was believed Gehrig took a slight cut from his last year' salary of \$39,000.

Cotton Higher AroundMidday

New York, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened two points higher to one lower. Trade and spot house buy-Heel rail carriers-sent representa- calculated to show that the rails are ing was offset by Bombay and Liver pool trading. Opening losses were cancelled and at the end of the first hour the market was unchanged to two light. October advanced from 7.25 to 7.38 for a net gain of two points. Around noon the market moved up for net gains of one to five points. March was a point better at 8.44, and May two higher at 7.17.

refugees as they stood on a break-water waiting for a small boat to take them out to the warships, anchored about two miles off Caldetas, about 20 miles north of Barcelona. Earlier reports said insurgent planes began bombing the village of Caldetas, where more than 30 Americans, refugees from Barcelona, were gathered to board this cruiser. The bombardment began at 8:30 a. m. (3:30 a. m., eastern standard time) after the Omaha sent out a boat to take off the refugees. The cruiser stripped anti-aircraft guns ready for

action, if necessary.

The refugees had gone to Caldetas

Lerida, Spain, reported the insurgent command announced that the western and northwestern sections of Barcelona had been completely encircled by insurgent columns driving

Hendaye, France, reported an in-

lona this morning. The advance guard of the insurgent armies marched into the Spanquota" of 60,000 men had been sum- ish government capital after tightennoned for duty February 1 indicated ing a ring around the city on three

A direct communication from the capital at 10:30 a. m. (5:30 a. m., eastern standard time), said government troops still held out in the city proper.

An insurgent dispatch predicted complete occupation by tonight. The Moorish army corps, which has driven northeastward along the coast from Tarragona, was reported the first insurgent unit to enter the government capital.

JAMES A. CALLAHAN, OF NORFOLK, DEAD

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25.—(AP)—James A Callahan, 48, prominent in Nor-folk automotive circles for the last 20 years, and (Lincoln) sales representative for Virginia and North Carolina, died of a heart attack in Kinston, N. C., shortly after 7:30 a. m. today. He was taken ill about 5 o'clock, and despite medical assistance, failed to rally. He was on a business trip when stricken. Funeral arrangements had not been complet-

Homer Martin Is Ousted By CIO's Union

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25,-(AP)-Rival unionism in the automobile industry or a voluntary oblivion for Homer Martin as a labor leader loomd today as possible destinies for the CIO-United Automobile Workers and their erstwhile chief.

Outlawed, in effect, by a CIO verdict holding him guilty of "flagrant" misdeeds, and refusing him recognition as UAW president, Martin stepped to his guns for an open battle with John L. Lewis and co-leaders of the Congress of Industrial Organiza-

A fight likely to make labor history, for which Martin accepted what he interpreted as a "declaration of war by the CIO against me," developed with the ruling yesterday by vicepresidents Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray in favor of the anti-Martin

faction in the auto union. Scorning the decision of the two Lewis lieutenants, Martin said he cared no further for the CIO's "good graces", with the result that previous speculation was renewed whether the former minister would try to lead his UAW adherents into a separate union, independent or under the American

Federation of Labor. Martin kept his plans to himself, out made it plain he intended to fight the CIO heads, waiting to learn the 'attitude" of the whole CIO. If it is against him, he said, he will "resign