

NEUTRALITY BILL HANGS BY MERE THREAD

1939 Cotton Acreage Is Less Than On July 1 Of Last Year

Figure Now
24,943,000
Acres Total

North Carolina Plantings 787,000 Acres This Year, or 89 Percent of Year Ago; Abandonment and Other Deductions Wait

Washington, July 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department reported today cotton in cultivation July 1 totaled 24,943,000 acres, or 99.7 percent of the acreage in cultivation a year ago.

The condition of the crop and forecast of probable production of lint cotton will not be issued until August 3, the department being prevented by law from making public such information prior to the August canvass.

A year ago, the area in cultivation was 25,018,000 acres, abandonment was 1.1 percent; area picked 24,480,000 acres; yield 235.8 pounds per acre and total production 11,944,000 bales of 500 pounds each.

The area in cultivation July 1, and its percentage of the area a year ago by states includes:

Virginia, 36,000 and 85; North Carolina, 787,000 and 89; South Carolina, 1,263,000 and 100.

Barden Seeks Wages-Hours Modification

Washington, July 8.—(AP)—Representative Barden, Democrat, North Carolina, worked today on amendments to the fair labor standards law he expects to introduce, granting wide exemption of agricultural workers from the act regulating wages and hours.

The Barden amendments were said to incorporate features of changes in the law proposed by Chairman Norton, Democrat, New Jersey, of the House Labor Committee, although going much further in respect to agricultural workers.

An authoritative source said the strategy to be employed in getting the Barden amendments to the House floor would be to have the House Rules Committee grant a right of way to the Norton amendments with provision that Barden's proposals could be offered as a substitute. But no other amendments could be proposed.

Such strategy would prevent attempts to offer further amendments to the law and give the House a "yes" and "no" vote on Barden's amendments.

Although details of the Barden proposals were not disclosed, they were said to meet approval of mem-

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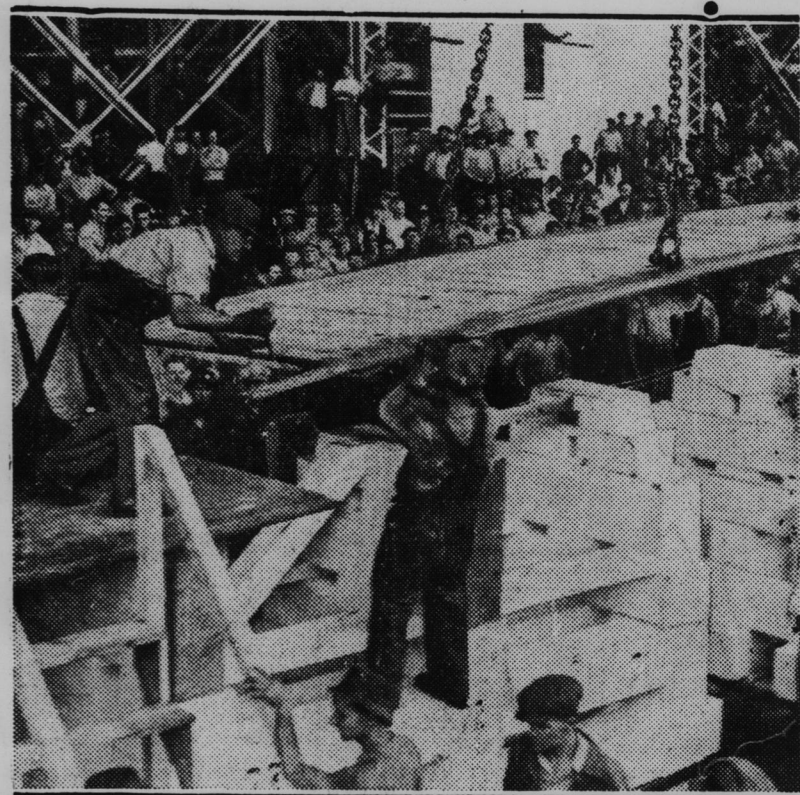
Tobacco Crop In State Is Being Cured Rapidly

College Station, Raleigh, July 8.—North Carolina's 1939 flue-cured tobacco crop unhampered by Federal restrictions, is moving rapidly from field to curing barn, Lloyd T. Weeks, tobacco specialist of the State College Extension Service, said today.

On a basis of observations over most of the producing areas, Weeks estimated that this year's leaf acreage has been increased at least 20 percent or better over that of last year. In some counties the percentage has run considerably higher, particularly in the Border Belt, while in other counties, notably in the Old Belt, the acreage has not varied much from that of 1938.

Curing began nearly a month ago in some communities, and has speeded up steadily since then. Now, most farmers in Eastern North Carolina are putting their tobacco in the barns.

Keel For Super-Dreadnaught



In a simple ceremony participated in by workmen of the New York Shipbuilding Company, the keel was laid for the 35,000-ton battleship *South Dakota*, at Camden, N. J. Workmen who have long-time employment records with the firm guided massive steel plates into place, bolted and welded them, while other workers looked on. The ship will cost \$52,794,000. (Central Press)

Arrests Threatened In Interference With WPA

Spreading strikes and protest walkouts against new wage-hour regulations spread; 100,000 WPA workers estimated idle over nation

(By The Associated Press)

Spreading strikes and protest walkouts by skilled craftsmen on the WPA against sub-union wages and longer hours, today drew an official threat that all persons who interfered with WPA projects would be prosecuted on felony charges.

Simultaneously, under strong pressure from AFL leaders, supported by rival CIO chieftains in a united labor front, a movement developed among some members of Congress to revise the new relief act and restore prevailing union wage standards.

AFL officials estimated 100,000 WPA workers over the nation had been made idle by the mass protests against extension of their work month to 130 hours. The increase, with no wage rise to compensate for it, reduced the pay of skilled workmen from \$1.60 to \$2 an hour to 65 to 70 cents.

WPA officials differed with union leaders on the extent of the strike, but in Washington Colonel F. C. Harrington, works projects commissioner, said the work stoppage was "growing but not very rapidly."

The threat of federal prosecution

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First Passengers On Northern Trip

Shediac, New Brunswick, July 8.—(Canadian Press)—The Yankee Clipper, enroute from New York to England with 19 persons on the first commercial trans-Atlantic route over the northern route, arrived here at 12:24 p. m. today.

Broughton's Foes Linked With Smith

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 8.—Latest political story to get something like general circulation is to the general effect that at least a considerable part of the back-slapping and well-wishing going on round here for Willie Smith, Raleigh lawyer, is not altogether sincere in certain respects.

For instance, it is said in many quarters, many of those who are urging Mr. Smith to get into the gubernatorial swim are really not so much interested in seeing him win as in helping to defeat J. M. Broughton, another capital city barrister of fame and renown.

Also rallying round Smith with loud shouts of "sic 'em" are said to be a group of "wake county" chaps who are at heart supporters of Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, but who cannot afford openly to come out for an out-of-county candidate. They reason, according to the gossip mongers, that Smith will cut Broughton's throat while Broughton is doing the same good thing to Smith, with the Messrs. Smith and Broughton adorning the side lines during the decisive heat.

None of this is official nor is it dished up to you with even the hint of a guarantee of its foundation of fact. It may all be so much political hog wash, slopped around by supporters of Broughton in an effort to discredit the Smith candidacy from the very beginning. As to that, your correspondent and deponent sayeth

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; scattered showers in north portion Sunday afternoon.

WEEKLY WEATHER.

South Atlantic States: Scattered showers most of the week, with temperature near normal.

Japs Claim New Rout Of Soviet Army

Furious Dawn Battle Fought on Mongol-Manchoukuo Border; Both Sides in Need of Reinforcements, Which Are Nearby

Tokyo, July 8.—(AP)—The Japanese army in Manchoukuo announced tonight its forces had routed Mongol Soviet forces and captured strategic heights along the Kholsten river in a furious dawn battle today on the disputed frontier between Outer Mongolia and Manchoukuo.

The Japanese reported they captured 68 Russians and additional Mongol prisoners, and forced the enemy to retreat in confusion westward toward the Khalka river.

A communique also reported a new air battle, in which the Japanese downed 25 Soviet airplanes over Lake Bor without losing a plane.

REINFORCEMENTS NEEDED BY BOTH SIDES IN WAR

With Japanese Troops on the Mongolian Frontier, July 6.—(delayed)—(AP)—With Mongolian troops surrounded by Japanese, who hold parts of two contrasted heights, the future course of current border warfare apparently depended today upon whether Soviet-Mongolian forces used available reinforcements.

A high ranking Japanese officer said 60,000 Soviet reinforcements were in Outer Mongolia. Strong Japanese reinforcements were reported authoritatively to have arrived at Halunarsan, indicating possible extension of the front to the southeast, or a new battle within a few days. The officer said the Japanese had sufficient men and equipment to repel a Soviet attack in any part of Manchoukuo.

(Halunarsan is some 185 miles southeast of Lake Bor, on the eastern frontier of Mongolia. The scene of the present border fighting, which has been intermittent since May 11, has been along the Khalka river, 60 miles east and south of the lake.)

Snagging Work In Neuse River Will Cost \$25,000 Sum

Washington, July 8.—(AP)—The War Department notified Representative Barden, Democrat, North Carolina, today that the expenditure of \$25,000 in flood control funds had been approved for snagging work on the Neuse river near Goldsboro and Kinston, N. C.

Barden said this work would go ahead while army engineers continued a detailed study to determine the feasibility of a general flood control program for the river. He expressed belief the snagging would help lessen the flood threat in the vicinity of Goldsboro and Kinston.

Approval of the \$25,000 expenditure followed a personal tour of inspection by Major G. W. Gillette, district army engineer at Wilmington, N. C.

Senate Holds Swanson Rites Monday 1 P. M.

Washington, July 8.—(AP)—A state funeral was arranged today for Claude A. Swanson in the Senate chamber, where he represented his native Virginia for 23 years before President Roosevelt made him secretary of the navy.

Charles Edison, assistant secretary of the navy, who automatically became acting secretary yesterday on the death of Swanson, announced that the services would be conducted at 1 p. m. Monday. Burial will be in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, Va., that afternoon.

President Roosevelt ordered national mourning and directed that flags on all federal buildings and on naval craft everywhere be lowered to half staff until after the burial. Beginning at noon today, the guns of the fleet anchored off San Pedro, Cal., were to boom out a 19-gun salute.

Swanson's death posed for the President the problem of making another mid-stream change of directors of the administration's vast reinforcement of defense forces. If, as some administration officials expect, he promotes Edison to the cabinet to fill the new vacancy, Mr. Roosevelt must name also a new assistant secretary of the navy.

Signing Monetary Bill



Senator Alben W. Barkley shows Vice President Garner where to affix his signature to the monetary bill giving President Roosevelt control of currency for another two years. The bill also set price of silver at 71.1, was passed after a bitter congressional fight.

2 Senators May Decide Bill's Fate

Gillette of Iowa and George of Georgia Both Have Knifed Administration at Times; Committee Vote May Be Decisive

Washington, July 8.—(AP)—The fate of the administration's efforts arms embargo provision of the neutrality act appeared today to rest largely in the hands of two Democrats who often have opposed New Deal legislation.

They are Senators Gillette, of Iowa and George, of Georgia.

Polls of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee indicated, some senators on both sides of the controversy said, that the administration could safely count on only eleven of 23 committee votes for a motion to strike out the modified arms embargo which the House incorporated recently in legislation to change the neutrality act.

Without committee approval, these senators said, there was little chance of the Senate's reversing the House stand, inasmuch as foes of the administration proposal to repeal the arms embargo provision of the present neutrality law said yesterday 34 senators had subscribed to the statement opposing any change to the statute at this time.

Britain To Support Her Smaller Allies, Cabinet Man States

Education Chief Says "Only Possible Course" Is To Back Powers Guaranteed; De La Warr Discusses Danzig Situation In Speech

London, July 8.—(AP)—Earl De La Warr, president of the board of education, said today Britain's "only possible course" was to stand by the smaller nations she has guaranteed and to make it clear she is "prepared to fight any and every aggressor, however indirect may be the method of aggression."

He was the first cabinet minister to say that Britain was ready to go beyond the letter of her pledges and resist "indirect aggression" as well as the actual use of military force. His statement was considered significant, in view of the widespread belief in Britain that any action to incorporate the free city of Danzig into the German Reich would come from within the city.

De La Warr was discussing the Danzig situation in a speech at a Derby political rally.

Meanwhile, arrangements for a "blackout" over a strategic densely settled 16,000 square miles of southern England reminded Britain of her peril from the air. The six-hour test of extensive air raid precautions, organized jointly by civil defense forces and the Royal Air Force, was planned to begin at 11 p. m. (5 p. m. eastern standard time), and cover all of southern England except London and Devonshire, and Cornwall in the extreme southwest.

London prepared for a separate test but a vitally important one.

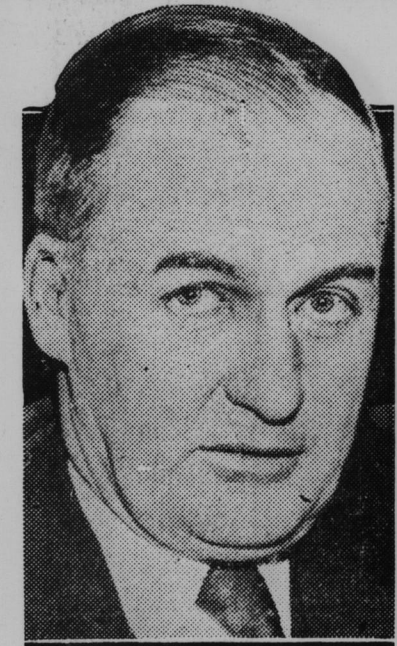
Oaths Are Given To Apprenticeship Council Members

Raleigh, July 8.—(AP)—Five men on the seven-member apprenticeship council took the oath of office today and elected C. L. Beddingfield, of Raleigh, apprenticeship training director.

Commissioner of Labor Forrest Shuford was named ex-officio chairman. George W. Coggins, of Raleigh, State supervisor of trade and industrial education, was chosen vice-president.

Beddingfield will serve as secretary of the group. He will resign as factory inspector in the Department of Labor to accept the new post.

Favors 6-Year Term



Senator Edward R. Burke

Senator Edward R. Burke, of Nebraska, denies his resolution for a constitutional amendment limiting the presidency to a single term of six years has any connection with the third term issue. The resolution was reported favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee. (Central Press)

Silver Group Loses Out In Senate Votes

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist
Washington, July 8.—To say that President Roosevelt was beaten in his effort to hang onto his dollar devaluation authority, his two-billion-dollar international stabilization fund and various other financial powers he has exercised since early in his first term is not strictly correct.

He lost these powers to be sure, but not exactly because he was beaten out of them; rather because his side wasn't given a chance to fight.

Earlier details of this extraordinary campaign have been sketched in a couple of previous chapters dealing with its development. But to recapitulate, for the sake of clarity: The powers referred to were due to expire at midnight, June 30. The President wanted them extended. The House of Representatives voted to extend them. Indications were that the Senate would vote similarly. Republicans and anti-New Deal Democrats objected, but, even combined,

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2 Drownings Occur Friday In The East

Wilson, July 8.—(AP)—Carl Moore, 21, drowned last night in a swollen creek at the Flowers Mill near here trying to save the life of his ten-year-old brother, O. A. Moore, who had been swept over a dam by a swift current.

The younger boy was rescued when washed against logs under a bridge, but Carl, who jumped into the creek below the dam was pulled under by a whirlpool. They were sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore. Efforts to recover the body last night were unsuccessful because of the current. Search was resumed today without success as late as 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

BODY OF GOLDSBORO YOUTH FOUND IN CRABTREE CREEK

Raleigh, July 8.—(AP)—The body of Chester Johnson, 15-year-old Goldsboro youth who drowned near here Thursday afternoon, floated to the surface today. The body was found in Crabtree creek a quarter of a mile from the Raleigh-Wake Forest highway.

ROOSEVELT GOES ON CHESAPEAKE CRUISE

Annapolis, Md., July 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt left the Naval Academy dock aboard the yacht *Potomac* this afternoon for a cruise on Chesapeake Bay. He hoped to get in some fishing before returning to Washington tomorrow evening.

Lie Test For Torso Slayer To Be Given

Cleveland, Ohio, July 8.—(AP)—Authorities ordered a lie detector test for Frank Dolezal today in an effort to close some loopholes in his announced confession to the slaying of No. 3 of Cleveland's 12 "torso murder" victims.

"We're a long way from a case that will stick in court," commented Detective Harry Brown. "We are far from satisfied with his signed confession," supplemented Sheriff M. L. O'Donnell. "We want an air-tight story and we are going to question Dolezal on every angle."

He quoted Dolezal as saying he hacked off the head of Mrs. Florence Polillo, 42, dismembered her body after a fight over money, and threw the head and limbs into Lake Erie. Dolezal later said he did not throw these parts into the lake, and O'Donnell described this as one of the "lies" he wanted to clear up.

While Dolezal told of friendship

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