

\$20,000 IN BONDS STOLEN FROM AUTO

Life Savings of Minneapolis Man Were Going to Buy a Home in Florida.

Stocks and bonds representing nearly \$20,000 savings, with which he hoped to buy a home in Florida, were stolen from his automobile sometime Thursday night, Samuel Taylor of Minneapolis reported to police yesterday.

A rear window of the car was broken while it was parked in the 1400 block of Belmont street and bags containing the papers, most of which were not negotiable, and about \$250 worth of clothing, were taken out.

Taylor said he and his wife had stopped here to visit with relatives a few days while on their way to Florida after selling their home in Minneapolis.

One of the stolen bonds, valued at \$500, was found at Ninth and Q streets yesterday, lying in the street. It was turned over to police.

A daylight hold-up and two purses snatched also were reported to police yesterday.

Dwight Floyd, colored, 748 Columbia road, said a man armed with a revolver held him up in the 1200 block of Seventh street at 2:30 p.m., forced him into an alley and robbed him of \$28.

Half an hour later, three colored boys snatched a purse containing a diamond ring and some small change from Lulu Fowler, 139 Bates street, as she was walking along Third street between N and O streets.

Mrs. Mary Lyon, 1450 Fairmont street, reported that a white youth took her purse, containing only a small amount of change, last night at Fifteenth and V streets.

LUTHERANS PLEAD FOR PEACE POLICY

Federation of Brotherhoods Finish Two-Day Convention Fearful of War Entanglements.

By the Associated Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, October 9.—The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods concluded a two-day convention yesterday with a plea that the Federal Government keep the Nation out of entanglements that may lead to war.

It took its stand in adoption of a much-debated resolution affirming the federation's devotion to peace.

"Under God," the resolution stated, "we believe that our American people do not want war, and we respectfully but earnestly petition our Government to avoid and prevent entanglements in such foreign affairs as may lead to war."

"The federation urges upon its members their full co-operation in the adoption of measures designed to create the will to peace and to this end it recommends thoughtful and prayerful consideration of all suggested possible methods of minimizing the likelihood of our country being plunged into war."

SEVEN LOSE LIVES AT GRADE CROSSING

Cars Collide on Tracks, Train Plows Into Wreckage—Four Are Injured.

By the Associated Press.

GARY, Ind., October 9.—A double crash at a flasher-protected, multiple crossing resulted in seven persons dead and four injured, one critically, here today.

Two automobiles collided first at the crossing in the southwest part of the city, and a few seconds later a Nickel Plate passenger train plowed into the wreckage, throwing the dead, the injured and parts of the cars in all directions.

The accident occurred at the junction of the two heavily-traveled boulevards and the railroad. All of those involved in the crash were Gary residents.

The dead: Mrs. G. Edward Schoon, 25, Mrs. Irene Case, 40, driver of one car; her son, Robert Case, 3, three colored men, A. C. Weatherly, driver of the other car; Perry Brown Spann and Roy Prince, and a Mexican, Sam Chappa.

Mrs. Case's 18-month-old daughter Judith suffered a possible fractured skull, and Methodist Hospital attaches held out little hope for the child's life.

Three other Negroes in Weatherly's car were thrown clear as the train struck and miraculously escaped serious injury.

STORE FIRE DAMAGE HERE PUT AT \$2,000

Blaze in Seventh Street Dry Goods Establishment Starts in Basement.

Fire started by an overheated furnace in the basement of a two-story dry goods store at 1814 Seventh street destroyed more than \$2,000 in assorted merchandise early today, according to an estimate by the owner, Samuel E. Blumenthal. Blumenthal, his wife, Minnie, and 15-year-old son Max, were asleep in an apartment on the second floor when awakened by dense clouds of smoke.

Firemen from No. 7 Engine Company said a pile of cut wood near the furnace evidently became ignited from the intense heat. Flames ate through into the first floor after damaging crates of merchandise stored in the basement.

Chopping a hole through the floor, firemen put out the blaze in about 20 minutes.

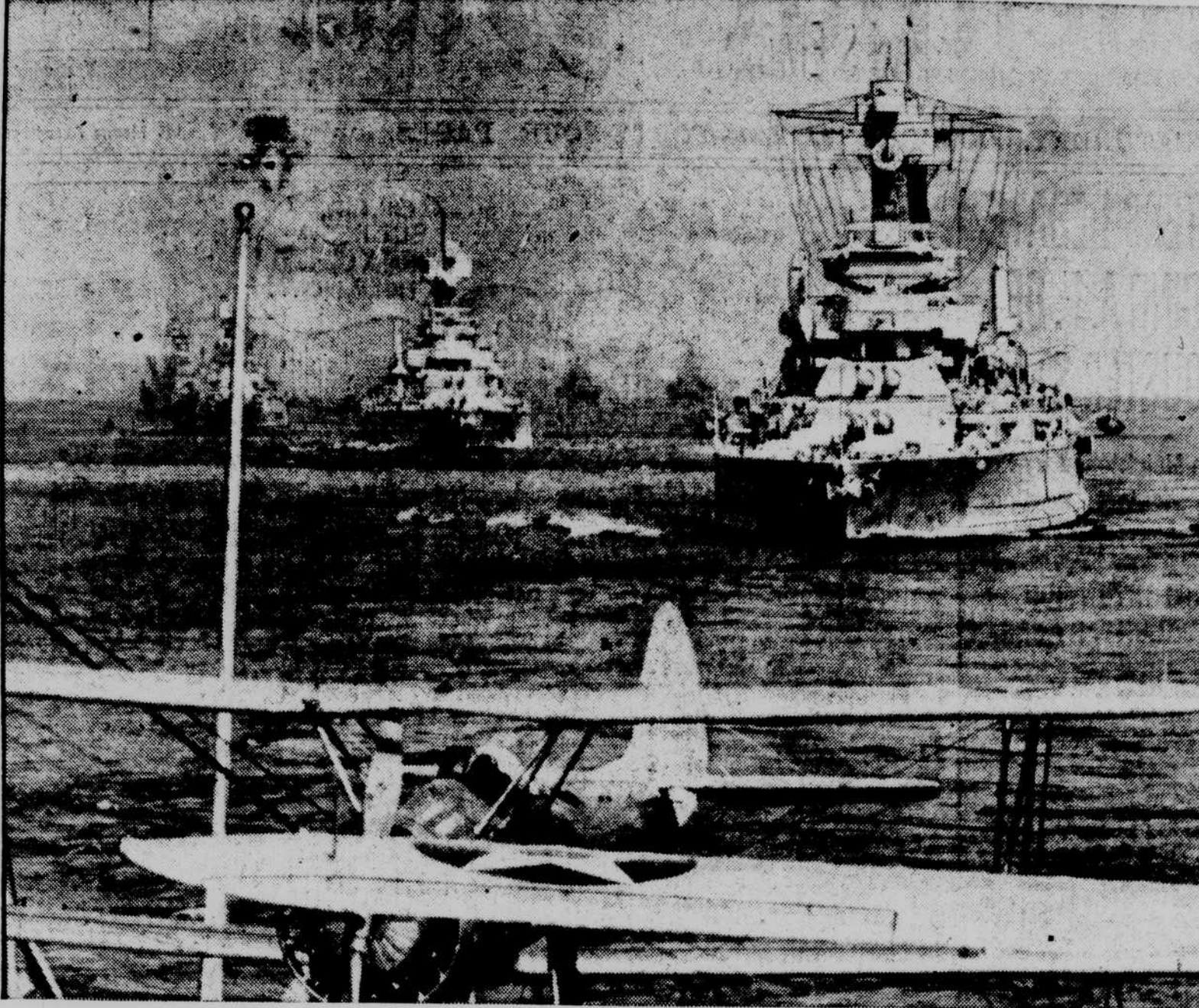
SHIP COMMISSIONED

NEW YORK, October 9 (AP).—Uncle Sam added another powerful destroyer today to his rapidly growing navy—the \$4,000,000, 1,500-ton Fanning.

The destroyer, last of four built by the United Ship Yards at its Staten Island plant, was commissioned yesterday at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in a brief ceremony.

The Fanning, second American man-of-war to bear the name, was named for Nathaniel Fanning, who served with John Paul Jones in the Revolutionary War. The vessel carries a crew of 165 men and 8 officers.

Uncle Sam's Battle Line in West Coast Maneuvers



The big ships of the battle force, "power house" unit of the United States Navy, are shown in column line during the maneuvers off the Southern California coast that took in four days of concentrated scouting and battle drill to test the fleet's new organization plan by which the destroyers are attached to the battle force. This picture, taken from the U. S. S. California, the flagship, shows the West Virginia, Colorado, Arizona, Pennsylvania and other battleships trailing in the California's wake. The planes in the foreground are part of the California's complement.

NEGLECT IS LAID TO CRUISER PILOT

Court-Martial Told Omaha's Navigator Should Have Used Range Finder.

By the Associated Press.

NORFOLK, Va., October 9.—Lieut. Comdr. Edgar R. Winkler, U. S. N., navigator on the cruiser Omaha when she grounded on a reef near Castle Island in July, yesterday heard Lieut. Solomon Isquith, U. S. N., judge advocate of the court-martial hearing charges against the officer, charge him with "neglect of duty in that the defendant failed to determine his position with a range finder."

Lieut. Isquith presented his argument for the prosecution shortly after the members of the court reconvened yesterday afternoon.

"A reading could have been taken on the light (Castle Island) prior to the accident," was the contention of the judge advocate as he continued his arguments which ask for conviction of the defendant on "grounds of neglect of duty and stranding the Omaha."

"Searchlights were available and were powerful enough to illuminate the Castle Island light house had they been used for such a purpose," Lieut. Isquith added in closing his brief argument.

Comdr. Howard A. Hauser, U. S. N., a member of the counsel for the defense, introduced as testimony yesterday morning a letter he received from the Imperial light house superintendent at Nassau, showing that the waters adjacent to the reef on which the Omaha grounded "were the most treacherous currents in the Bahamas," and required the services of a native pilot.

A verdict is expected today.

Monday morning Capt. Howard McCleary, U. S. N., commanding officer of the Omaha, will face court-martial on a charge of "stranding the ship."

C. B. S. IS ACCUSED OF LABOR VIOLATION

Chain and Cincinnati Station Charged With Discharging Writer for Union Activity.

By the Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, October 9.—The American Federation of Radio Artists filed a complaint late yesterday with the National Labor Relations Board charging the Columbia Broadcasting System and Station WKRC, Cincinnati, with violation of the Wagner act in the discharge of William Seymour, a news writer, because of alleged union activity.

Philip G. Phillips, regional director for the N. L. R. B., said that, to his knowledge, it was the first case of its kind to be filed against a radio chain.

Seymour, former Shakespearean actor and once a student at Brown University, Providence, R. I., was discharged from Station WKRC last September 30, the complaint alleges, because of activity in behalf of the union, already active in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He dropped his last name of Eckert upon entering radio and stage work.

RUTH ROLAND'S WILL CONTESTED BY FATHER

Charges Husband of Actress Dictated Document Giving Him Bulk of \$1,000,000.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, October 9.—The will of Ruth Roland, star of silent movie serials, dispoing of her \$1,000,000 estate, was contested yesterday by her father, John R. Roland, sr., who was left \$100.

He charged, in opposing probate of the will dated August 18, 1937, that Ben Bard, husband of the actress, "dictated and suggested the terms of the document and it was not a free and voluntary act." Bard was left the bulk of the estate.

Roland also charged his daughter, who died two weeks ago, "was not of sound and disposing mind."

Precedent, Not Etiquette, Put Miss Perkins at End of Table

Meetings of the President's cabinet are the Capital's only big-time get-togethers where the men seat a lone lady in the most inconspicuous seat.

But that's the way it was again yesterday—Labor Secretary Frances Perkins way down in the left-hand corner of the shiny mahogany table. Precedent, not etiquette, put her there.

Biquette, too, hardly stands a show when the topics are such serious ones as the Sino-Japanese War and the possibility of a special Congress session.

Responsibility for Miss Perkins' ranking must be divided between George Washington and President Roosevelt. Washington appointed the first cabinet, and Roosevelt the first woman member.

The room—smaller than you'd imagine—is a few steps across a narrow hallway from the President's office, not in the White House proper, but in the executive office building nearby.

Walls are of white plaster. Heavy red curtains drape gracefully about four windows, and a fireplace that doesn't light rises behind the Vice President's chair.

Sessions are secret and they ordinarily are held twice a week. No stenographic records are kept of what's said. Discussion generally is informal—a sort of exchange of opinions.

Three portraits—all Democratic—look out from the nearby walls: Woodrow Wilson from behind the Vice President's seat at the foot of the table.

Andrew Jackson from behind Secretaries Wallace and Swanson.

Thomas Jefferson over the shoulders of Secretaries Woodring and Morgenthau.

There's just one thing wrong with the room—stuffed fish.

Though mounted, it hasn't been raised to the wall. With its big eyes turned ceilingward, it's sitting on a small table looking a little sad.

POISONED PANCAKES KILL TRIO IN WEST

Cook and Assistant Mistakenly Use Insecticide—Dozen Are Made Ill.

By the Associated Press.

WINTERS, Calif., October 9.—Pancakes made mistakenly with insecticide were blamed today for the deaths of three migrant tomato pickers and the violent illness of a dozen others.

Sheriff's Deputy Clifford Garrison said Jim Hines, cook at the J. R. Griffin ranch, where the deaths occurred, told him he and an assistant used the poison in the belief it was flour. Hines was detained on an open charge.

Thirty men sat down to breakfast yesterday at the ranch. Fifteen ate the pancakes. Three of the dozen who continued to be ill today were under treatment at Yolo County Hospital.

Hines said George Martin went to the ranch tank house and returned with a poison used for killing spiders. Hines, Garrison said, debated with his assistant, William Sherman, whether the sack contained flour, finally decided it did, and used it.

FIRST NEW BATTLESHIP WAITS ON PLAN DETAILS

North Carolina Will Be Started at New York Yard in Two or Three Months.

Assistant Secretary Charles Edison said yesterday at least two or three months' further work on plans will be necessary before the keel of the first of the Navy's two battleships can be laid.

The North Carolina will be started first, at the New York Navy Yard, he told reporters. The same plans will then be used for the Washington, to be built at Philadelphia. Construction is expected to require more than four years.

Edison conferred for the first time with a five-man board which will advise the Navy on construction of the vessel.

"The design and construction of these ships are of large importance to the country in respect to national defense and public finance," Edison said. "They will be the first ships of their class laid down in nearly 20 years and when completed will constitute vital elements in our first line of defense, the United States Fleet."

D. C. WOMAN'S KIN DIES

Maj. Carpenter-Holland-Griffith Succumbs in Wales.

Word has been received here by Mrs. Leo Kaschagen, 1353 Jefferson street, of the death of her brother-in-law, Maj. Frederick Carpenter-Holland-Griffith, 86-year-old veteran of the Connaught Rangers, at his estate at Carreglyd Anglesey, Wales. He died October 5 of a heart attack.

His wife was the former Rosemund Higginbotham of Montvale, Va. Mrs. Kaschagen's sister. At the time of his death, the retired officer was preparing to go to his winter estate, Bidendenham Close, at Bedford, England.

PLANE OVERHAUL PROBLEMS CITED

Engineer at Naval Base Says Designers Have Neglected This Phase.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, October 9.—The national aircraft production meeting heard today that maintenance and overhaul of naval aircraft are problems "too frequently neglected by the aircraft builders," making it "difficult to design repairs with assurance of their effectiveness."

E. G. Arnold, aeronautical engineer, U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif., told the meeting here that naval overhaul organizations are not provided with stress data on planes they are required to service.

"The overhaul phase is an operation with which the designer is generally unfamiliar," he added.

"Due to this lack of data it is difficult to design repairs or reinforcements with any degree of assurance of their effectiveness."

Arnold described corrosion as "the greatest of all bugs to the overhaul agency." This is especially true of seacraft because of exposure to salt water, he pointed out. He blamed poor heat treatment of plane parts in the factory for one type of corrosion and said "this may be serious as it may progress within the metal with no outward visual sign whatsoever."

"An almost invisible pimple" Arnold explained, "may be observed on the surface of the metal and, if probed into, will be found to be a shell covering the products of corrosion which have been known to extend under the surface for an inch or more."

"This a structural part, poorly heat treated, may deteriorate beyond safe limits before he fault is suspected."

RECKORD OR LEWIS SEEN AS SENATE CANDIDATES

By the Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, October 9.—The Evening Sun says either Representative David J. Lewis of Western Maryland or Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, commander of the Maryland National Guard, may seek the 1938 Democratic senatorial nomination on a primary ticket with Herbert R. O'Connor for Governor.

The paper said "a spokesman for the O'Connor camp" said only these two have been considered as a running mate for O'Connor, now attorney general. It added that neither had been approached about the candidacy.

Will Mark Anniversary.

The 26th anniversary of the Raleigh Haberdasher will be celebrated with a dance starting at 9 o'clock tonight in the Washington Hotel. The entire roof, with the ball room and dining room, has been taken over for the event. A supper will be served.

Duck Hunting Season Opens In 18 States

By the Associated Press.

Gunfire echoing through cool morning air signified today the opening of the 1937 duck hunting season in 18 States.

Sportmen in the Northern zone took first crack at the migrant wild fowl, while those in the Central and Southern zones will have their shooting innings later this fall.

States in which shooting became legal at 7 a.m. were Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York (except Long Island), North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Hunters in this territory may shoot until November 7.

The season in the intermediate or Central zone is November 1 to 30 and in the Southern zone November 27 to December 26.

DAVIDSON MURDER CASE BREAK SEEN

Virginia State Police Expect Early Solution of Mystery.

Virginia State police today expected an early solution to the mysterious murder of Elmer J. Davidson, 52-year-old research expert for the United States Chamber of Commerce, whose body was found early Monday beside a little-used road in Stafford County, Va.

Sergeant E. J. McDermott said he expected a "break at any moment" without revealing his reasons for this belief. Names of service men found in Davidson's notes have given investigators clues to the murdered man's associates after office hours.

Pennsylvania State police are aiding the search for a Pennsylvania motorist who picked up the supposed murderer near Triangle, Va. Sunday night after the latter drove Davidson's expensive roadster into a ditch on the Richmond highway.

State Policeman Maury G. Sneed of Stafford, Va., today continued his search for the murder weapons he believes were hidden or thrown away in the woods adjoining one Widewater road beside which the body was found.

Davidson had been stabbed under the heart and shot through the head. Sneed is convinced the murderer disposed of the knife and gun before driving Davidson's car onto the Richmond Highway.

Davidson, a bachelor, had been accustomed to taking long rides at night in his roadster. On the night of his death he was believed to have picked up a hitch-hiker or some casual acquaintance, perhaps in Washington. He was alone when he left his home at 555 Randolph street.

MORRIS DOW DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Retired Accounting Office Employee Won Distinguished Service Medal.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

SILVER SPRING, Md., October 9.—Morris Erskin Dow, 58, an accountant with the General Accounting Office for many years, died yesterday at his home at 4 Kingsbury drive of a heart attack. He had retired from his position September 1 because of failing health.

A native of Washington, Mr. Dow was the son of the late Jesse Erskin Dow and Clara Copping Dow. At the time of his birth his father was employed in the office of the William Copping, was consul general to Liberia and secretary-treasurer of the American Colonization Society.

Mr. Dow attended Maryland University and later served with the National Guard on the Mexican border. A World War veteran, he was with the Rainbow Division in France for almost two years and was wounded in action at Chateau Thierry. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Medal for his war duty.

At the close of the war he married Miss Agnes L. Thompson of Washington and entered the General Accounting Office. He and his wife lived in Washington until a year ago, when they purchased the house on Kingsbury drive. His widow is his only survivor.

Funeral services will be held at his late home on Tuesday afternoon. Interment with full military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

LIVE STOCK BLUE BLOODS IN COLUMBUS EXHIBIT

Million Dollars' Worth of Animals Ready to Be Judged by Collegiate Teams.

By the Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, October 9.—Curled, combed and marcelled, blue bloods of the animal kingdom went on exhibition here today with the opening of the eight-day National Dairy Show.

Lloyd Burlingham, secretary of the National Dairy Association, estimated that a million dollars' worth of live stock was on exhibit at 8 a.m. when teams from 22 States and 1 Canadian province competed in an international intercollegiate cattle judging contest.

Also on today's program was the grading of exhibits entered by 37 State prize 4-H club teams. Results of both competitions will be announced Monday night.

Formal judging of dairy cattle and Percheron horses will start Monday. Approximately 1,000 cattle and 300 horses will vie for \$20,500 in prize money. An additional \$1,700 has been posted for horse pulling contests.

Kidnaped AMERICAN PRIEST HELD IN MANCHUKUO.



The Rev. Gerard A. Donovan, a former resident of Pittsburgh and a member of the Maryknoll Mission, who was kidnaped from the sacristy of the Roman Catholic Church at North Fushun, Manchukuo, the night of October 5 by bandits who demanded \$50,000 ransom for his release.

SOUTH GETS HALF OF TENANCY FUNDS

\$4,381,107 of \$9,500,000 Total for First Year Allotted in States Below Mason-Dixon Line.

By the Associated Press.

Southern States received slightly less than half of \$9,500,000 allotted by Secretary Wallace today for Government loans in the first year of the Government's farm tenancy program.

Ten Southern States received \$4,381,107 of the total. Congress appropriated \$10,000,000 for the first year, but officials said that about \$360,000 would be needed for administrative expenses.

The loans are designed to enable farm tenants, laborers and sharecroppers to become farm owners.

Tenant purchase activities will be directed by Paul V. Marks of Corvallis, Oreg., formerly a regional director for the discontinued Resettlement Administration.

Allocation of funds by States included \$213,967 for Virginia. Farm security officials said Secretary Wallace would determine the counties within the States where loans will be made after recommendations from State committees.

SNITE WILL GO SOUTH IN MECHANICAL 'LUNG'

Paralysis Victim Will Spend Fall and Winter in Florida—New Respirator Used.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, October 9.—Preparations were completed today for the removal of Frederick B. Snite, Jr., infantile paralysis victim, to Miami, Fla., where he will spend the Fall and Winter in his new mechanical "lung."

The new artificial respirator, constructed of aluminum and rubber, permits greater freedom of his legs and arms. It supplanted a heavy iron one in which young Snite had been inclosed from the neck down since he was stricken in Peiping, China, 18 months ago.

His trip South, to start next week, will take him from the hospital for the first time since he returned from China last June. Snite's father, had of a loan company, said the family home in Miami had been fitted with special equipment in preparation for any emergency.

HAWAII GREET'S PARTY

Spending \$30,000 in New Plea for Statehood.

HONOLULU, October 9 (AP).—Hawaii will pay \$30,000 for its second attempt to convince a congressional party it is entitled to statehood.

A party of 50, including 8 Senators and 13 Representatives, is here to investigate island conditions.

Civic leaders privately admit they expect only a negligible amount of new information to be added to the voluminous data collected during public hearings here two years ago by a congressional committee.

However, the visitors will be shown every major island and all phases of the Territory's life.

Some observers believe the major barrier to statehood lies in Hawaii's strategic importance as a military base.

BUILDING OF SHIPS WOON'T BE DELAYED

Naming of Advisory Board Not to Interfere With Construction.

Appointment of a special advisory board, comprising noted marine architects and engineers, will not delay construction of the two new battleships, North Carolina and Washington, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison declared yesterday. Building of the vessels will proceed according to schedule, he said, although he revealed it may require more than four years.

The Navy is attempting to find some way to compensate the board members, at least by giving them expenses, Edison said. It will be at least two or three months before the keels are laid, he explained.

The New York Navy Yard is making detailed plans for the two vessels, and one set of plans will be given later to the Philadelphia Navy Yard, where one of the ships will be built. The North Carolina will be constructed at the New York yard, while the Washington yard will build the Washington. Each of the vessels, fully equipped, will cost around \$50,000,000.

To Inspect Details.

The consulting board will be asked to look over general plans that already have been made and to inspect details as they develop in construction. Justifying the naming of the board, which is patterned after the Naval Consulting Board set up during the World War and presided over by the Assistant Secretary's father, Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, Secretary Swanson's assistant said the Navy felt the weight of responsibility in building the new battleships, the first constructed by the American Government in nearly 20 years.

Of Large Importance.

Edison likened the naming of the board to the case of a surgeon calling in consultants before undertaking a difficult operation. He said the Navy wanted these eminent outsiders "to reinforce our judgment and knowledge with the experts."

Edison's pronouncement came after the board had held its organization session at his office at the Navy Department. The board will meet periodically as its duties require, officials said.

Big Drop in Stocks Assailed by Jones

R. F. C. Head Says There Seems No Good Reason for Going So Far.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, October 9.—Holding the Nation seldom has been more prosperous, Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., said last night as the stock market fell for the decline in the stock market to have gone as far as it has.

"We have not caught up with six years of neglected construction," he said in a speech prepared for delivery at the annual banquet of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks.

"There is no shortage of buying power. Yet during the last few weeks we have been witnessing a continually falling securities market. Ask a dozen men for an explanation of this falling market and you are apt to get as many different answers, but they will all include 'fear.' Fears that run all the way from the national administration to the boll weevil."

"There are, of course, many contributing reasons, but are they sufficient to warrant so much pessimism? I do not believe so. The market might have been too high. But there seems no reason for it going as low as it has."

National income, he said, "is still definitely on the increase. Such economic factors as may be temporarily out of line, do, in the long run, adjust themselves to new conditions, will be adjusted."

GROUP OF 81 GERMANS VISITS U. S. BUILDINGS

Ambassador Dieckhoff Entertains Architects, Engineers and Builders Today.

Eighty-one German architects, engineers and builders, on a two-day visit to Washington, inspected a number of Government buildings today.

The group started at the new Zoo buildings and then visited the Government Printing Office annex, where lunch was served. Other buildings were inspected during the afternoon.

A reception at the home of Ambassador Dieckhoff, 2929 Massachusetts avenue, was set for 5 p.m. Officials of the Treasury Department's procurement division and of other Federal agencies and local business leaders acted as guides for the visitors.

HITZELBERGER CLAIMS NEW EVIDENCE FOUND

By the Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, October 9.—Edward L. Hitzelberger, police lieutenant, convicted of malfeasance, has asked a new trial.

His appeal to the supreme bench automatically stayed his sentence and he gave bond pending action.

Hitzelberger's motion claimed new evidence had been discovered and charged errors by the court and insufficient evidence at his trial.

A jury convicted him on three counts of an indictment for malfeasance.



Five persons—four passengers and a porter—were injured seriously enough to require hospital attention when seven cars of a Pennsylvania passenger train were derailed near Vandalia, Ill., yesterday. The three rear cars fell against a concrete retaining wall.