

MADRID TROOPS ARE READY FOR FRANCO ATTACK

Expect Action At Any Minute, They Say

MADRID, Dec. 9.—(P)—Government bombing planes blasted the fascist front line along the Casa Del Camp Park today and devastated the insurgent supply base.

Scarcely had the fifteen socialist bombers settled down at Barajas airport when 23 insurgent planes appeared out of the clouds and loosed tons of explosives, in retaliation, on the airport and the government positions.

Socialist batteries blazed away at the fascist lines throughout the early morning.

Puzzled At Delay
Government commanders, an authoritative source said, frankly were puzzled at Gen. Francisco Franco's insurgent strategy in failing to launch the long-expected attack on Madrid.

Worried lest a trap were being baited for them, the socialist officers ordered the continual bombardment to forestall any insurgent maneuver. All militia leaves were cancelled and soldiers were ordered to report immediately to their commands.

Concentrate Troops
The government concentrated all available forces around the capital and ordered the troops to stand under arms in readiness for the threatened "big push."

For days insurgent batteries and planes have concentrated their full firing power on the government lines in what the socialists believed was a large scale preparatory bombardment for the attack.

The activity along the Madrid front in the northwestern university city spread over the entire battlefield as the aerial and artillery engagements developed.

Government militiamen claimed decisive advances, capturing the former civil guard barracks.

Insurgent aircraft rained their "ash-cans" on the Puente De Toledo bridge and government bombers attacked insurgent concentrations.

Seven persons were killed and fifty wounded when fascist planes bombed Alcala De Henares to the north-east, while northwest of the capital insurgents trained their heavy batteries on government positions.

The famous El Escorial Monastery, it was said, had been shelled, despite stringent orders of General Franco that it was to be spared. Other sources reported the historic building unscathed.

No Statement Ready Today

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had offered to abdicate on complicated terms.

One thing was certain — that Baldwin brought back to his cabinet a voluminous report.

Kent With King
King Edward, upon whose decision hung the welfare of five hundred million subjects, clung to his ice-covered fortress.

His youngest brother, the Duke of Kent, was there at his side to console him no matter which heart-breaking course he had chosen.

The royal brothers had been together, almost without a break, for the last 24 hours, despite the fact that Kent's wife, the young Princess Marina, shortly is expecting her second child.

Downing street was crowded but the watchers remained silent and undemonstrative as the sober-faced ministers arrived.

With the climax of the crisis near the people of London had abandoned the rowdy scenes that marked last week-end.

MRS. SIMPSON IS NOT SICK, OFFICIAL STATES

CANNES, France, Dec. 9.—(P)—Mrs. Wallis Simpson, secluded in the Villa of New York friends, conferred today with her London lawyer on arrangements for closing her home in the British capital.

Dr. Douglas Kirkwood, the physician who flew with Attorney Theodore Goddard to Mrs. Simpson's seaside retreat, went to Marseille from Cannes and one report said he planned to fly back to London from there.

Mrs. Simpson, said the King's court official, is "in perfect health," does not require the services of a physician and, in fact, has seen none since coming to the Villa last week-end.

The spokesman explained that he made the statement fully aware of the "implications" surrounding the hurried trip of Dr. Kirkwood from London.

W.O.W. Will Meet To Elect Officers

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the regular meeting of the Woodmen of the World to be held Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 at the W. O. W. hall. A good attendance of members is urged.

Creamery Now Being Expanded

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lawba and Rutherford is brought to the plant where it is first weighed and a two ounce sample taken out for testing. The test is made before his eyes, showing the actual butterfat content and he is paid the cash market price for his 90 or 100 pounds of cream.

\$55,000 Paid Out

More than \$55,000 in cash was paid to farmers in this territory last year, with 175,000 pounds of butter being made. The 15,000 patrons who have about 25 special carriers for their products, are allowed to buy the buttermilk back at one cent per gallon. Most of it is fed to hogs on the farm.

After the cream is weighed and tested, and the big cans thoroughly washed and sterilized in an automatic live steam washer, it goes to a large vat where it is heated by steam to 150 degrees for pasteurization. It is then cooled to 55 degrees in a 2,500 gallon container to be prepared for the churning.

Preparation consists of being pumped through several fine filters to eliminate any impurities.

Then to the churn which rolls steadily for 45 minutes after which the golden yellow butter is removed and packed into 90-pound boxes for cooling in a 35 degree storage. The following morning it is cut and packaged in quarter-pound and pound sizes, labeled and ready for sale.

The local plant has two machines which handle and pack the butter with hardly a touch of the operator's hand. It is placed in Gilt Edge boxes, the trade name for the product. This plant has manufactured approximately 3,500,000 pounds since it began 22 years ago. The creamery has had the same firm name for 14 years.

Personnel includes J.L. Suttle vice president and acting president since Mr. Lineberger's death; J. A. Suttle, secretary and treasurer; Herbert Blanton, buttermaker, with the plant 21 years; T. G. Morehead and C. E. Spangler, assistants; Miss Vertie Hendrick, cashier for 13 years, and Hubert Wilson, acting secretary and manager.

Direct Control Crop Reduction

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plan this year, and diversion from these major soil depleting and surplus crops will be encouraged."

Will Make Deductions

Deductions will be made from payments on any farm where the corn acreage is larger than the quota established by county AAA committees.

Similar deductions will be if the 1937 acreage of cotton, tobacco, peanuts or general crop exceeds the base established for these crops on any farm. These bases are the average of previous production over several years.

(These moves were regarded generally as a direct attempt to block the usual tendency of farmers to expand acreage in certain crops after short yields have pushed prices skyward.)

The average rate of payment for diverting acreage from soil-depleting crops was cut from \$10 an acre this year to \$9 for next year. This was qualified with the provision that \$3 will be deducted unless the acreage is planted to crops classed as soil-conserving in most regions.

Bolivian Proposal Is Up For Debate

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pension of diplomatic relations; cessation of all land, air and water communications; prohibition of any loans or credits; and isolation from postal and telegraphic communications.

By the terms of the Bolivian project, any nation would be adjudged an aggressor which invaded the territory of another, even if war were not declared, or which attacked another by land, sea or air.

Observers said the proposal also would condemn a nation as an aggressor if it aided armed bands invading another's territory or if it refused to submit a dispute which might lead to war to pacific settlement.

Bolivia's plan was said to go further than any yet submitted both in identifying an aggressor and in applying sanctions calculated to prevent hostilities.

Committees also were considering a Peruvian plan to permit American members of the League of Nations to coordinate with the Geneva covenant all existing Pan-American treaties to which they are signatories.

SOCIAL SECURITY PHASES DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 9.—(P)—The application of various phases of the Federal Social Security program to North Carolina was explained to approximately 150 legislators, state officers and other citizens who attended the conference on social security taxes held at the University of North Carolina yesterday.

Ewan Clague and Wilbur J. Cochran, of the social security boards, divisions of research and statistics and legislative aid, led the discussions.

END OF STRIKE PREDICTED NEAR

Seamen At Galveston Beaten Up; Public Rally

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(P)—Partial settlement of the 41-day Pacific coast maritime strike was closer today than at any time since the tie-up began as both sides watched for possible public reaction to an unprecedented discussion of the dispute last night.

The masters, mates and pilots of America called a meeting to vote on settlement proposals offered by the coastwise shippers, who operate more than 70 of the 226 strike-bound coast vessels and carry 10 percent of cargo tonnage.

Tentative Agreement
The coastal operators have reached tentative agreements with all unions but the licensed deck officers and the radio telegraphers. Federal Conciliator E. P. Marsh said agreement with radiomen had been reached on all points except wages.

There still was no sign of agreement between the unions and offshore operators.

Unions and the offshore shippers, carriers of about 65 percent of the coast's marine commerce, are deadlocked over control of hiring. Unions demand control and employers insist it be placed in neutral hands at least.

A crowd of officials estimated at 15,000 overflowed the civic auditorium last night as spokesmen for both union and employers expressed desire for early settlement.

Eight seamen off the tanker W. L. Steed were attacked at Galveston, Tex., by about 15 seamen as they were leaving a beer parlor early today. Eight men were taken to the hospital with cuts and bruises.

Charles E. Kistler Of Morganton Dies

MORGANTON, Dec. 9.—Charles E. Kistler, 37, Morganton capitalist and civic leader, died Tuesday afternoon in the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., where he had been undergoing treatment for two weeks.

Mr. Kistler was a member of a family prominent in the industrial development of Burke county. He was born in Chicago, October 25, 1899, a son of the late Andrew Milton Kistler and Ernestine Heber Kistler, who moved to Morganton when he was a child.

After completing his education at the University of North Carolina, he was connected with the Burke tannery, owned by his father, until its sale to the International Shoe company. He was later manager of the local plant of the Drexel Furniture company, a post he relinquished to be associated with his father in managing extensive business interests in Burke and adjoining counties. Since his father's death in 1931 he had been one of the executors of the estate.

Mr. Kistler was a director in any financial and manufacturing enterprises, was serving his fourth term as a member of the Morganton town council and was past president of the Morganton Kiwanis club. He was active in the affairs of Grace Episcopal church, holding the office of vestryman and treasurer.

A younger brother, J. Frederick Kistler, was killed in 1934 when his airplane crashed, carrying him with his bride of a few weeks to death.

Mr. Kistler is survived by his stepmother, his wife, the former Miss Mary Collett Wilson, of Greensboro, whom he married in 1921; one daughter, Mary Wilson Kistler, a student at St. Mary's at Raleigh, and two sons, Charles Edmund Kistler, Jr., and Andrew Milton Kistler.

Fred Baird Talks Before Lions Club

Fred L. Baird, Lion member, spoke to the Lions Club last night in their regular meeting, held at the Lutheran church, on what the local club is doing and on Lionism.

COTTON LETTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—As the final crop report removes further uncertainty as to the size it seems there may be presently less resistance to an upturn in price based on the supply and demand factors. Certainly the weight of a large percentage of the crop has spent its force on the future market and during the period of heaviest crop pressure the sustained improvement in the domestic textile industry has created a mill demand sufficient to stabilize the market between 11 1-2 and 12c. The advance in prices of manufactured goods has not been followed by an advance in cotton.

Consequently the mills have been able to book forward sales into the spring months on a very profitable basis. The present domestic outlook warrants assumption that the upswing in textile activity may well extend through summer months while Lancashire and other textile centers report greatly improved trade which should provide steady demand for contracts which demand may be supplied on a rising market.

Today's Markets

New York cotton at 2:30 today: Jan. 12.37, Mar. 12.22, May 12.06, July 11.90, Oct. 11.43, Dec. 11.45.

SMALL GAINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—Small gains predominated in today's early stock market dealings, but a number of declines were registered at the moderately active opening.

COTTON UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—Cotton futures opened steady, 8 to 13 points advance on general buying owing to higher Liverpool cables and a constructive interpretation of the government's agricultural program.

GRAIN STRONG

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(P)—Unexpected strength shown by Liverpool quotations led to early upturns of Chicago wheat values today. Opening 5-8 to 1 cent up, Chicago wheat futures then climbed further. Corn started at a small gain and for the time being altered little.

POULTRY EASY

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(P)—Live poultry barely steady. By freight: chickens: Rocks 15-17; fowls: colored 16-20; turkeys 14-22; ducks 14-17; other freight prices unchanged.

Summary Of The Market

Furnished by E. A. Pierce & Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Dow-Jones stock summary for today is as follows:

Production of electricity in U. S. week ended Dec. 5 was 2,243,916,000 k.w.h., a new record high vs. 1,969,682,000 like 1935 week increase 13.9 percent.

Iron Age says steel output this week estimated 76 1-2 percent but is possibly higher in view of fact that actual output in Nov. at 79.95 percent was several points above highest weekly estimates. It can be definitely predicted that operations at present rate or higher will continue at least through Jan. and probably through the entire first quarter.

N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining declares dividend \$1.55 per Dec. 24 and Dec. 14.

\$1.50 Bethlehem Steel common dividend, Dec. 24 and Dec. 17.

J. C. Penney sales Nov. sales increase 4.3 percent, 11 months increase 13.6 percent. Nov. sales highest for any Nov. in company's history.

N. Y. Shipbuilding omits dividend on preferred.

Melville Shoe declares extra dividend \$1.12 1-2 on common Dec. 23 and Dec. 18, calls preferred at 105 plus dividends to Feb. 1, 1937.

B. F. Goodrich declares special dividend of \$1 on common pay Dec. 24 record Dec. 19. First paid \$1 on common in June 1930.

Florence Stove Co. declares dividend of \$4.25 pay Dec. 21 record Dec. 12.

London stock market firm, transatlantic firm, Paris irregular.

Waldorf System declares further dividend 25c Dec. 23 and Dec. 18.

Southwestern Bell Co. declares quarter dividend of \$3 on common pay Dec. 31 record Dec. 24.

Sales of Studebaker passenger cars and trucks in Nov. total 8,944 units, largest Nov. for company since 1924 and comparing with 5,383 in Nov. 1935, 11 months total 84,394 vs. 46,813 year ago, gain 80 percent.

London dispatch says for the first time since the world war Lloyds refused today to issue any more war risk insurance policies for the United Kingdom and indicated the policy would be made world wide Jan. 1.

Penick & Ford declares dividend of 75c Dec. 24 and Dec. 11.

London dispatch says Great Britain and France have decided to try to arrange a joint appeal by 5 or 6 leading powers to the chiefs of the Madrid government and the Spanish nationalists to cease fighting. It was said in a reliable quarter.

American Pete Institute reports for week end Dec. 5 drop of about 10,450 barrels daily in crude oil output in U. S. to 3,002,000 stocks of gasoline gained 323,000 barrels.

Penny Column

LOST: PAIR GOLD RIM GLASSES in black case in Woolworth's or between Woolworth's and Cleveland Drug Store. Mabel Wray Doggett.

Dutch Airliner Falls And Burns

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Seventeen Aboard
The plane, in charge of Pilot Hautman, carried 14 passengers and a crew of three.

The flames were so fierce several houses near the Airdrome caught fire.

A woman living nearby said: "I heard a crash, and running in to the street, saw the plane had crashed on the roof of an unoccupied house. It burst into flames at once and the house caught fire."

Another woman gave this version: "I heard a terrific crash, and thought someone had hit my house."

"I ran out and saw a huge plane burning, with the flames shooting up from the wreckage."

"It was awful. The heat was so terrific we could not get near."

Juan De La Cierva, inventor of the autogyro, began experiments with its predecessor, the helicopter, twelve years ago, witnessing the first flight of the device in March, 1924.

Three months later the Spanish inventor himself made a flight, with King Alfonso of Spain as a spectator.

The first autogyro flew the English Channel in September, 1928 after the "flying windmill" and its previous experimental models had undergone extensive tests in England.

Two Charged With Criminal Assault

Cone Harrington and Broadus Eaker, well known young men of No. 5 Township, were under \$1,000 and \$500 bonds respectively today following their arrest on charges of criminal assault. Preliminary hearings were waived.

Miss Nellie Craft is the prosecuting witness. The alleged offense occurred December 6.

Witnesses Summoned
Witnesses summoned were given Dr. J. T. Ramseur, Dave Dellinger, Lawrence Comer, Ben Wright, Amos Fortenberry, and Wytte Roy-ster.

Among cases were aled in Recorder's Court today was an embezzlement and forgery charge against E. L. Eades. Mr. Eades is alleged to have embezzled the sum of \$68 from W. A. Pendleton in a deal involving a washing machine which was sold to C. W. Parker. Probable cause was shown and found. Eades posted \$250 bond.

Capias was sent out for F. C. Barrett, Kings Mountain merchant who is alleged to have failed to make a sales tax return.

Mrs. W. S. Wilson, 64, Dies In Cherokee

GAFFNEY, S. C., Dec. 9.—Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Lucy Huskey Wilson, 64, widow of W. S. Wilson, former cotton buyer, who died of a heart attack shortly before Sunday midnight.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by six daughters and three sons, as follows: Mrs. O. H. Wheelchel and Mrs. G. O. Lemmons of Gaffney; Mrs. E. E. Vines, Concord, N. C.; Miss Reath Wilson, Greenville; Mrs. Eura Randall and Mrs. H. G. Freeman, Shelby, N. C.; and Stanley and Shell Wilso of Gaffney. Four brothers and two sisters also survive: J. P. Huskey, Cowpens; Rev. R. A. Huskey, Westminster; Chas. Huskey, Spartanburg; Robert Huskey, Whitney; Mrs. Polly Busby, Spartanburg; and Mrs. Nora Bolt, Blacksburg.

American Oil Dealers In Meeting

Fifteen American Oil company dealers in this district gathered here last night at the Hotel Charles for a conference with Messrs. Dassel and Aldridge, refinery representatives from Baltimore. The meeting was for promotion of sales of petroleum products manufactured by this concern. Will Arey is distribution of American Oil in this immediate territory.

CHARLOTTE PHYSICIAN IS DEAD IN FALL

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 9.—(P)—Dr. George David McGregor, about 35, was found dead of a broken neck on the ground under his second-floor bedroom window early today.

Dr. Fred Austin, Mecklenburg county coroner, said the physician had apparently met death in an accidental fall.

Dr. McGregor was a native of Lynchburg, Va. He was unmarried.

Robt. W. Haywood Dies In Raleigh

RALEIGH, Dec. 9.—(P)—Robt. W. Haywood, 63, connected with Raleigh News and Observer in editorial capacity since 1912, Monday while alone in his home here. His wife was visiting daughter at Culepper, Va.

His body was not found until yesterday.

He was a native of Polk county and was graduated from W. Forest College in 1894, took graduate work at Johns Hopkins University and later joined the W. Forest College faculty.

Later he was a reporter for the Greensboro Telegram. He worked for the News and Observer as an associate of Edward E. Britton, editor. His widow, daughter and a son survive.

MRS. J. P. SHUFORD DIES SUDDENLY AT GAFFNEY

GAFFNEY, Dec. 9.—Rites were conducted here for Mrs. M. Humphries Shuford, 65, widow of P. Shuford, Gaffney business man who died unexpectedly at midnight Sunday. Mrs. Shuford leaves two daughters, Mrs. V. H. Lipson and Mrs. D. W. Hicks of Gaffney and Mrs. Hal L. Purlow of Land, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. M. A. S. rat, of Gaffney; and three brothers, Wade and Bryan Humphries Gaffney, and Elie Humphries Hickory, N. C.

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