

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness Thursday night and Friday; possibly scattered light rains.

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GOOD AFTERNOON

Millions smuggled out of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, are sometimes labeled as food and beverages. Skoda pop?

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REVAMPING U. S. FOREIGN POLICY SEEN

City Debt Cut Nearly One Million In 8 Years

TAX REDUCED OVER 24 PCT. SAME PERIOD

City Lives Within Budget 5 Years But For One Equipment Purchase

ALL OF INTEREST PAYMENTS ARE MET

By J. T. FAIN, Jr.

Hendersonville's financial situation, seemingly hopeless a few years ago, has shown very definite improvement in the past eight years.

While the city lacks a good deal of being out of the financial woods, there is some cause for rejoicing on the part of the city officials who have worried over the situation on many a sleepless night.

Enough cancelled bonds are on hand to make a sizeable bonfire, and certain it is that Mayor A. V. Edwards, City Clerk R. R. Arledge, J. Harvey Riggan, fund custodian, J. H. Lampley, who presides in the water department, and J. A. Woodward, who has wrestled over many a statement might be cheered by the glow of a nice pile of cancelled obligations.

The reason for such a celebration: A reduction of \$972,084.55 in outstanding obligations of the city and water department since 1930, not including several hundred thousand dollars of interest paid or cancelled in the process of the debt settlement.

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED IN DEPRESSION YEARS

While many people are aware of the fact that things have rocked along at the city hall and creditors are not in charge, we doubt if more than a very few know that has actually been accomplished in the past eight years, a period of financial depression.

To go back to 1930, we find that the city and water commission owed the sum of \$3,584,769.32.

Broken into component parts, this sum was as follows: Water commission, \$1,342,000. Outstanding city bonds for general purposes such as streets, city hall building, incinerator, and other purposes, \$1,540,000. School district bonds, \$362,000. Tax anticipation notes, \$376,769.32.

Between 1930 and the time when a debt settlement was made this sum was increased by several thousand dollars of defaulted interest, and city officials estimate that at the peak the city and water department debt exceeded \$3,700,000.

To contract this situation with the situation as of July 1, 1938, is encouraging, to further contract it with the situation that will prevail on January 1, 1939, is still more encouraging.

As of July 1 of this year, the water department's outstanding debt was \$1,047,000; the city's refunding bonds outstanding amounted to \$1,353,711.78; and the city school district bonds had been reduced to \$294,000.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS MADE SINCE JULY

Since July 1, however, still further reductions have been made. The city has purchased for (Continued on page four)

ALSIAN STUDENT DEMONSTRATION FOR COLONIES IS STAGED

STRASBOURG, France, Dec. 8. (UP)—Alsiatian students paraded through the streets of this Franco-German frontier city yesterday answering Italy's colonial demands with shouts of "We want Sandinia! We want Sicily!"

COMING FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Louise Corne is expected home soon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Few Corne.

IMPEACHMENT THREAT IS MADE AGAINST PERKINS FOR STAND IN EFFORT TO DEPORT BRIDGES

Wife of Justice Called Smuggler



A federal smuggling investigation led to the indictment of Mrs. Elma N. Lauer, above, wife of Supreme Court Justice Edgar J. Lauer, and the questioning of several noted motion picture and radio personalities.

ELKS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

First Regular Meeting Deferred to Then Because of Legion Dinner Tonight

The first regular meeting of the B.P.O. Elks lodge No. 1616, of Hendersonville, will be held in the W.O.W. hall on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Due to the American Legion dinner on this evening, the Elks Club meeting was postponed.

This is the first meeting following the institution which was held December 2, and all the members and officers are being urged to attend as there is quite a bit of business to transact.

MASONIC LODGE TO CONFER 3RD DEGREE

On Friday evening, December 9th, at 7:30 o'clock, Kedron Lodge, No. 387, A. F. & A. M., will meet in Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree. All officers and members urged to be present. A large attendance is expected as delegations are expected from the Asheville, Biltmore, Brevard and Waynesville Lodges are expected to be present as well as a number of other visiting Masons who may be in the city.

Sees New Deal In Final Desperate Bid For Absolute Political Power

Industrial Conference Head Says Change to "International Emergency" Like "All Dictatorship Drives"

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (UP)—The nation's leading industrialists yesterday heard Virgil Jordan, president of the National Industrial Conference board, compare the United States to Nazi Germany and assert that the New Deal is preparing "a final desperate bid in the name of patriotism for absolute political power over enterprise, property and personal liberty."

As in all drives toward "state dictatorship," Jordan told the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, "this domestic economic emergency has now been replaced by an international political emergency."

"As a slogan," he continued, "we are now substituting for the more abundant life" military preparedness has now succeeded economic depression as a basis both for further inflationary stimulation of business and for its fur-

Comes Following Further Charges of Communism at Un-American Quiz

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (UP) Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, R., N. J., a member of the house committee investigating un-American activities, yesterday threatened to ask congress to impeach Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for her attitude toward attempts to deport Harry Bridges, west coast maritime leader.

He uttered the threat after the house committee had heard Capt. John Keegan, Portland, Ore., police official brand the Australian-born Bridges and Canadian-born Harold Pritchett, head of the Timber and Sawmill Workers union, as communists working for the overthrow of the government.

"I am convinced that Bridges is the blonde-haired boy of the labor department and I'm sick of it," Thomas said. "Unless appropriate action is taken immediately, I'm going to take the necessary steps in the next congress."

He explained to newspaper reporters afterward that by the "necessary steps" he meant he would offer an impeachment resolution directed against Madam Perkins. He said he would offer it "Strecker case or no Strecker case" unless the labor department acted at once.

The Strecker case, now before the supreme court, was chosen by the labor department as an accurate test case of the right of this government to deport an alien solely on the grounds that he joined the Communist party. Action in the Bridges case has been withheld pending the high court's ruling.

Stephen F. Chadwick, national commander of the American Legion, criticized Madam Perkins' inaction in the Bridges case but did not agree with Thomas that she had violated her oath of office. In reply to such an inquiry, he told the committee:

"No, the difference that exists between the American Legion and the secretary of labor is a difference in judgment as to interpretation of the law."

He explained that the Legion is not satisfied "that the hearings on deportation cases should be held up by decisions as doubtful as to theory, finality or entire applicability as the Strecker case."

The Legionnaire praised the committee's disclosures as "serious and important" and its work as "splendid and courageous." He demanded that congress provide additional funds in order that the task may be carried to its conclusion.

Keegan accused Pritchett and Bridges, whose unions are affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, of seeking to carry out communist objectives "under the guise of labor movement on the west coast is becoming a very dangerous condition to our government" and invited the committee to hold hearings there.

"You'll get information that will stagger and shock the country," he said.

John E. Ferguson, also of Portland and a former official of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen, Oil-

the absorption into the state." The convention previously had heard Charles R. Hook, association president, assert that governmental participation in and competition with industry cannot reduce unemployment or hasten recovery. He urged cooperation of business, labor, government and agriculture.

Dr. George W. Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, expressed doubt that President Roosevelt could be elected to a third term.

ITALIANS MASS TROOPS ALONG TUNIS BORDER

250,000 French And Fascist Troops Face Each Other in Africa

MOVE COMES WHILE DISPUTE RAGES

TUNIS, Dec. 8. (UP)—French mounted police today were called out to curb several hundred French students who marked toward the Italian business section shouting against Italy.

The demonstration lasted an hour, after which police dispersed the students.

An hour later 14 French bombers circled the city. The demonstration was the fourth in five days. The outbreak began Sunday when windows of Italian offices were smashed. Later French and Italian students had fist fights and stones. Bottles of ink were thrown on the walls of the Italian consulate.

Marshal Italo Balbo, governor of Italian Libya, last night was reported to have moved up troop reinforcements and motorized artillery to the outskirts of Tripoli, facing France's "desert magnet line" on the Tunisian frontier.

Military secrecy amounting to virtual censorship and the closing of military zones on both sides of the border prevailed as the French colony of Tunis sought with native Arab and Berber resentment against Fascist territorial demands, although the Arabs desire to shake off French rule.

French authorities here took elaborate police precautions to prevent new outbreaks of anti-Italian demonstrations.

Balbo was said to have ordered heavy reinforcement of Italian military posts at Nalut, Sinauet and Gadames and it was estimated that nearly 250,000 Italian and French troops were facing each other across the sandy stretch of border, backed up for 100 miles on either side by modern war equipment.

Italy, with both tanks and motorized artillery, has her famous desert cavalry, the Mehari tribesmen on swift camels, several battalions of Askari infantry trained in Eritrea and hardened in the Ethiopian campaign.

Facing these Italian forces are some of the best battalions of France's famous Foreign Legion and several divisions of colonial infantry seasoned by long campaigns in Morocco against the Rifis.

At the southernmost point of Tunisia the French have reinforced their positions opposite Gadames while in the north colonial troops and Foreign Legionnaires are at full strength along the entire new "desert magnet line" extending from Gabes. The line of fortifications, despite its name, does not resemble the \$400,000,000 magnet line along the Franco-German frontier because there are no permanent steel and concrete fortifications but there is a succession of concrete pill-boxes and gun placements extending on either side of the Ksour Mountains.

French authorities said that Tunisia's well developed agriculture and industry give the French army an important advantage over Balbo's forces, which look back on hundreds of miles of sandy waste.

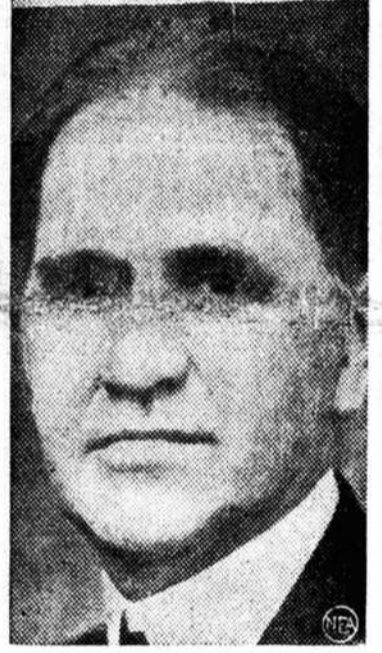
The French army, in excess of 100,000 men, could live off the land, but it was contended that Balbo's forces must carry all their food and water to the border. Tunisia's highways permit the French to use motorized equipment with ease while Balbo, al-

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Italy Is Massing Troops To Help Spanish Rebels

U. S., BRITAIN AND FRANCE SHOULD ACCEPT OPEN DOOR POLICY CHANGE, SAYS JAPAN

Preacher Killed by Wayward Son



Old-time melodrama in Bainbridge, O. Robert Bready, top, is charged with first degree murder, after admitting slaying of his father, the Rev. Russell Bready, lower, who spent 20 years attempting reform of his habitual drunkard son.

Associational B.T.U. Will Meet In City Sunday

Rev. Y. C. Elliott Coming; Session Will Be at Calvary Church

The Rev. Yancey C. Elliott, regional director, will be the chief speaker at a meeting of the Associational B. T. U. to be held Sunday at Calvary Baptist church. The program as announced by Miss Ethen Pressley, associational director, follows:

- 2:30 p. m.—Song service—Junius Huggins, Associational chorister in charge.
2:40 p. m.—Devotional—Rev. George Pennell.
2:50 p. m.—Special music; East Hendersonville quartet.
2:55—Roll call of churches.
3:05 p. m.—Special music—saxophone solo—Junius Huggins.
3:10 p. m.—"The Best B. T. U. President I Know"—Miss Annie Bell Raines.
3:15 p. m.—Special music—Star Bethel colored church.
3:20 p. m.—Address by Rev. Yancey C. Elliott, regional B. T. U. director.
3:55 p. m.—Special music—East Flat Rock B. T. U.

G. W. TIDD, 3 FORMER STUDENTS LISTED IN "MEN OF SCIENCE"

G. W. Tidd, city electrical inspector, is listed in the 1938 publication of "American Men of Science," as a sort of Who's Who in this field of endeavor.

The 1938 publication is the sixth edition of the reference book, and Mr. Tidd has been listed in all editions since the second, published in 1910. The first edition was published in 1906.

Indications Increase That Tokyo Would Make China Part of Asiatic Bloc

TOKYO, Dec. 8. (UP)—Japan today informed the United States and Great Britain that they should accept as inevitable the revision of the open door policy in China, the usually well-informed newspaper Asahi stated.

The American and British ambassadors, Joseph C. Grew and Sir Robert Craigie, attended a conference with Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita, at the latter's invitation, and it was at this meeting that Arita was said to have conveyed Japan's view of the "out-moded nine-power treaty" to the ambassadors.

The newspaper Nichi Nichi, in connection with parliamentary debates, asserted that Japan would not tolerate British efforts to block "the new far-eastern order."

The Japanese press generally is asserting that third powers cannot expect continuation of special privileges in China, which here was described as "a nation unfit to govern backward peoples."

Both the United States and Britain, and France as well, have protested to Japan against closing China's great waterways to their ships, asserting that free commerce was guaranteed by the nine-power treaty affirming the open door principle. Japan's reply was that the rivers were not safe as that military necessity caused their closing to foreign ships.

There are increasing indications, however, especially in view of most recent developments, that Japan does not intend to allow the economic activities of western powers to interfere with Japan's plans to make China a member of her East Asia bloc, economically and militarily.

BAPTIST REVIVAL MAKING PROGRESS

It was stated today that fine progress is being made in the Fellowship Revival in progress this week at the First Baptist church. Attendance last evening was double any previous meeting. Two more evenings are to be devoted to this work. Tonight, Rev. Mr. E. H. Wall announced, special emphasis will be placed on the Sunday school, and leaders hope that every member of the Sunday school will be present.

The concluding session, Friday evening, will be featured by family night. All these services open at 7:30 o'clock.

BASKETBALL BILL SET AT EDNEYVILLE

A doubleheader basketball game has been announced between Edneyville and Fletcher boys' and girls' teams for Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. It will be played at the Edneyville gymnasium.

Bar Association Expected To Favor Reestablishment Of Recorder's Court

The Henderson County Bar association, when a meeting is held for such a purpose, is expected to favor the re-establishment of the Henderson county recorder's court, it was indicated today.

A meeting of the association will be held on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, but what matters this meeting will consider were not learned today. The bar may or may not consider the matter of re-establishment of the court at this meeting.

However, a special committee, named some time ago to consider the court question, has not been asked to be prepared to report tomorrow.

While the bar is expected to favor re-establishment of the court, it is expected to be opposed to re-establishment of the tribunal through members of the county commission.

Youth Indicted on Spy Charge



Held in Los Angeles, Karl Drummond is charged with trying to sell secrets of new U. S. fighting planes to the Japanese.

NO SURRENDER OF COLONIES, IS BRITISH STAND

Nazi Germany Held to Be Unfit to Govern "Backward Peoples"

LONDON, Dec. 8. (UP)—The house of commons last night rejected, by a vote of 262 to 127, the arbitrary surrender of any British colonies or mandated territories to Nazi Germany which was described as "a nation unfit to govern backward peoples."

The overwhelming vote, cast in favor of a conservative amendment to a laborite motion opposing such territorial concessions as the price of European appeasement, followed an announcement by Colonial and Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald rejecting Adolf Hitler's colonial demands.

Great Britain, he said, is "not disposed at present" to forfeit a single acre of her far-flung empire to Hitler.

The 127 votes cast against the motion constituted merely a partisan gesture because the conservative amendment deleted a laborite proposal that all "backward" British colonies be placed under an international mandate perhaps under the League of Nations, to protect them from aggression.

The debate before the vote was marked by violent attacks on the Nazi drive against Jews who, laborites said, had been driven into "slavery more fearful than the world has known since the Roman galleys."

3 BURNED TO DEATH

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8. (UP)—Fire swept through a private rest home here last night, burning to death three elderly persons and injuring seven, two so critically that they may die.

ISOLATION FOR OCCIDENT IS GROWING NEED

Hull Has Cordial Conference With Argentine Minister at Lima

OPEN PAN AMERICAN SESSION ON FRIDAY

BERLIN, Dec. 8. (UP)—The United States embassy today delivered a note to the foreign office asking assurance that Monday's economic decrees against Jews would not affect American Jews.

WORLD CHANGES BRING REVIEW OF POSITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (UP) In conferences with leading American ambassadors to Europe and state department officials President Roosevelt today appeared to be revamping America's foreign policy on the basis of isolation for the western hemisphere behind an impenetrable wall of defensive armament.

A high administration official said the rapidly changing political scene and power balances in Europe forced the United States to review her position in world affairs.

JOHNSON TO REPORT ON ASIA'S AFFAIRS

CHUNGKING, China, Dec. 8. (UP)—United States Ambassador Nelson Johnson will depart Monday for Washington to report to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull on the China situation. Meantime, Chinese military officials announced the opening of a general offensive in Kwangtung province in an effort to recapture the great Canton commercial area of South China from the Japanese. Dispatches said about 600,000 Chinese troops are participating in the offensive.

HULL CONFERS WITH ARGENTINE MINISTER

By HOBART C. MONTEZ United Press Staff Correspondent LIMA, Peru, Dec. 8. (UP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, heading the United States delegation to the eighth Pan American Conference which opens here Friday, following his arrival here yesterday immediately began a series of informal talks designed to line up New World democracies in a common front against totalitarianism.

Hull will speak Saturday afternoon at the first plenary session of the conference and it was believed that he would utilize the opportunity to emphasize the freedom and liberties enjoyed in the New World under Democratic government as opposed to the oppressions prevailing in the dictator states of Europe.

It was said he might even go so far as to specifically name the Nazis in denunciatory terms. He was not expected to dwell in detail, at least in his first (Continued on page four)

14 Shopping Days Till Christmas

U-U-G IS CORRECT AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'!!



NEW CROSSWORD PUZZLE CRAZE HAD AMERICANS GROGGY...

LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS 14 YEARS AGO—The new crossword puzzle craze had Americans groggy. Photos were being transmitted across Atlantic for first time. Chicago gangsters lavished lead and lilies on gang leader Dion O'Banion. Jazz operators and jazz ballets were popular in the east. Salaried people were burning over publication of income tax lists. Death of Sam Gompers marred holiday merriment.