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I. S. AND ARGENTINE AGREE ON DEFEN

Britons Are Studying Jap Trade Reprisals

mberlain Reveals no Specific Committment in Existence

ANCE LOSES ONE

NDON, Dec. 12. (UP)-The vernment experts are reprisals against discriminating against ade in China. It was today that the governnot made any final deapply such reprisals but ame time it was underhat it would do so if the States takes similar mea-

SPECIFIC PACT HELP FRANCE

Dec. 12.-(UP)-Britain has no specific at to assist France milishe is attacked, Prime Chamberlain declared in of commons today. berlain replied to a labor r's question whether any xisted under which Britain ired specifically to give military aid in the event mbarks on warlike operaagainst France or her pos-

YDA THREATENS

OME, Dec. 12. (UP)-Vir-Gayda, who often serves as Benito Mussolini's mouthntimated yesterday that ay use the same methods rmany employed to obtain choslavak Sudetenland un-France agrees to recognize haspirations in the Mediter-

a, writing in the "Voce assailed "French intrane and door slamming." said that if "obstinancy continued "the situation like October when Gernational honor was tainted rose determinedly against orces of intransigeance. The results would not be difin the present case,'

ign diplomats believed that pressure in the form of a dmonition from Ambassaord Perth might have been responsible for a sudden down of anti-French demations in Italy.

lord Perth, when he conferred Friday with Foreign Minister ty" of any electrification of atmosphere before the arrival

GOSLAVIA TURNS CK ON ENTENTE

LGRADE, Dec. 12. (UP)via Sunday turned her the French-dominated he Entente and moved closer the Rome-Berlin axis when 3,-Continued on page six)

tch Crook Succumbs After Operation: Serving

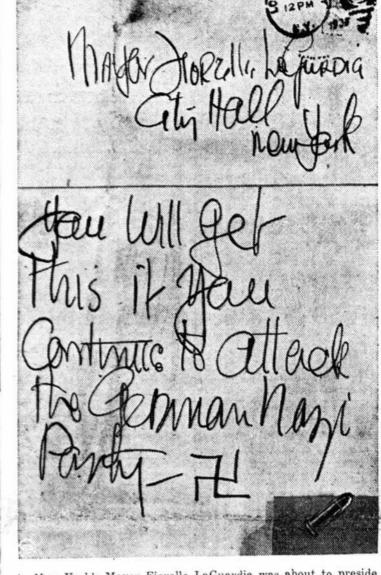
16-Year Term

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 12 Gaston B. Means, arch master liar and gifted died early today. as a federal prisoner servdefrauding Mrs. Eva

McLean, wealthy Hope wher, of \$104,000. had been ill for sev He was brought here worth, Kas., penitenek ago for a gall blad-He died of a heart had shown improvebeing critically ill of operation, it was anlast night at the U. S.

ergh kidnaping.

Threat to LaGuardia Signed With Swastika and Bullet



As New York's Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia was about to preside at an anti-Nazi rally, he received a letter enclosing a bullet, threatening note signed with a swastika, both seen above. The note reads: "You will get this if you continue to attack the German

Argentine Anti-Fascist Leader In Washington Warned Anonymously To Cease Attacks On Nazi Activities

Charges Military Assets of

3 Totalitarians in So.

America Powerful

By OTTO JANSSEN (Copyright, 1938, United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (UP)

Dr. David Efron, noted Argentine educator and one of the lead-

ers of the conference on Pan

mously not to continue his at-

tion in Latin America, he disclos-

He said that since the confer-

ence convened last week he had

Germany, Japan and Italy were

Latin America and that Germany already had 39 "marvelously equipped" airports in South America. He said he is prepared

to present documentary proof of

Efron is now a member of the faculty of Sarah Lawrence col-

lege at Bronxville, N. Y. He

laughed at the warnings and was

"convinced they are from crack-

ture of them it is easy to tell that

they are from people who appar-

pointed a member of the Argen-

tine delegation to the World

Youth congress in New York at

which he organized national anti-

fascist committees from each Lat-

in American nation. The congress

appointed him chairman of a

centralizing group which coordi-

(Continued on page six).

He would not say whether he

"They strike me as fun-

ed last night.

anti-Fascist work.

his allegations.

pots."

FOUR-H CLUB **MEETING SET**

Achievement Day Will Be Observed at Courthouse Wednesday

D. W. Bennett, assistant Henint Galeazzo Ciano, was under- derson county agent, today called to have urged the "inadvisa- attention to the Four-H Achievement day program which has been me, a month from today, of arranged for all Henderson coun-Prime Minister Neville ty club members for the morning Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the courthouse.

at 9:30 a. m., Mr. Bennett stated, and all Four-H club members in have fun" with him. At the same here from Knoxville for treatment the county are requested to be present as awards for the outstanding accomplishments among Four-H boys and girls in the county for 1938 will be made at that

ASTON MEANS NEW YORKERS **BUY RESIDENCE**

B. Weitz Home to Be Occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williams

Sale of the B. Weitz home, at 913 Fourth avenue west, to R. J. Canandaigua, N. Y., was announc- ny," he added. "None of them has ed today by the Staton Insurance & Realty Co. The purchase price

The sale was made for Julius ently are trying to have fun. was not made public. of Savannah, Ga., who Kahn bought the property from Mr.

had called in the police. Last August Efron was ap-Mr. and Mrs. Williams plan to come here shortly and make Hendersonville their permanent home.

MRS. LINN'S MOTHER IS TAKEN BY DEATH

nates and directs the work of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Linn left committees and works closely with was sentenced to 16 today for Washington, D. C., the conference now in session rison for swindling Mrs. where they were called by the here. an outgrowth of the death of Mrs. Linn's mother, Mrs. Asked why he had interested Sarah Fesperman.

Diplomats Look for Lett Town to Become An-

other Danzig ANNEXATION MIGHT

HURT UKRAINE AIMS

By WALLACE CARROLL Copyright, 1938, by United Press

LONDON, Dec. 12. (UP)-Sunday's Memel elections, resulting in a large German majority in the Lithuanian-held territory, are viewed by dipiomats here as a prelude to German control of the Memel area.

Within the next few months Germany is expected either to "coordinate" Memel with the Reich or to annex it outright. Coordination would give Memel

status similar to that of Danzig. Memel would continue to be the principal channel for Lithuanian imports and exports, as Danzig is the chief port for Poland's foreign But Memel, like Danzig, would be under effective German Observers here believe that

Chancellor Adolf Hitler may temporarily freeze the Memel problem in this way if actually he intends to hunt bigger game in the direction of the Ukraine, as has been reported. They point out that he can take Memel whenever he wishes, therefore it would be bad policy to risk a world-wide outcry by seizing it just before he under takes a bigger adventure.

However, an outcry would be his only opposition. After Munich, ly would not seriously concern themselves with small, distant Memel after they had been forced to swallow German absorption of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland. And Lithuania, with present sovereign-

dream of opposing Germany. umph, but annexation would not el territory. (Continued on page six)

American democracy now meet-May Be Unable to Testify ing here, had been warned anonyto Committee on Utiltacks on nazi and fascist penetraity Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (UP) received numerous telephone calls J. A. Krug, chief of the TVA powand letters "advising" lim to er planning division today reveal-"take it easy." He minimized the ed that TVA Director David Lilthreats and attributed them to ienthal is seriously ill here.

time he said that nothing would by specialists. Lilienthal, he adddeter hi mfrom continuing his ed, is suffering from undulant fesession the educator charged that these private utility holdings. laying the groundwork for eco-nomic and cultural domination of

May Succeed to **Highest Court**



Now a federal judge in the District of Columbia, Harold M. Stephens of Utah ingly mentioned as a successor to the late Justice Cardozo of the U.S. supreme court.

Great Britain and France certain- Step Taken After Nazi Landslide in Vote to **Elect Diet**

Kaunas province were put under Hitler might annex Memel if he a state of emergency as German

give great economic or strategic advantages to the Reich. Anneximposed after a sudden surge of ation would be chiefly useful as a demonstrations by students depolitical card inside Germany be- manding return to power of exiled Augustinas Waldemaras, who for years urged close relationship

war and handed to Lithuania. It to make any major change in the must be reinforced and protective and economic ones as well. is now possible that it might be condition of the treasure. demanded by Germany. tion decisively.

KOVNO, Lithuania, Dec. 12 .declared a "state of emergency" throughout Lithuania's capital province and reportedly arrested more (Continued on page six)

City Ministers To **Elect On Tuesday**

The City Ministerial union will ver and will probably be unable to meet Tuesday morning at 11 Efron's organization convened testify before the congressional o'clock at the Methodist church, simultaneously with the eighth committee regarding negotiations Rev. Burt Atchison, secretary, an-Pan American conference at Li- with the Commonwealth & South- nounced today. This meeting will Peru. At Saturday night's ern utilities for the purchase of be featured by the annual election of officers.

SERIAL STORY

SKI'S THE LIMIT

BY ADELAIDE HUMPHRIES

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CAST OF CHARACTERS SALLY BLAIR-heroine. She had everything that popularity could win her, except DAN REYNOLDS-hero. He

might have had Sally but while he was king on skis COREY PORTER was king of the social whirl. So . . . But go on with the story? CHAPTER I

There was really no doubt as to who would be chosen Queen of the Ice Carnival. All bets were on Sally Blair. Sally was the prettiest, the most popular girl to be invited to the winter festival. Sally, herself, would have been more surprised if she had not been chosen than she was when the committee informed her she had been.

As if anyone else could be Queen!" Corey Porter said with smug gratification. For Sally was Corey's girl. For the next few days, anyhow.

It was no small feather in Salley's pretty cap to have been invited by Corey, either. Corey was president of his senior class, best fraternity on the campus, keyman. He was the only son of Peterson Porter. the steel magnate, no mean accomplishment in itself. They made a handsome cou-

ple, Sally and Corey, swinging along, hand in hand, toward the practice hill where contestants would be getting in trim for the big meet the next day. Sally was as small and dark and sparkling as Corey was big and smooth and fair.. More than one head turned to look at them, more than one remark signaled them out. "There goes Corey Porter, senior president, swell guy!" and, "that's Sally Blair. She was voted the most popular girl in her school and now she's to be Queen of the (Continued on page four)

New Deal Deficit for Another Year Seen as Estimate Made

CROPS CONTROL SUPPORT ON WANE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (UP) The NLRB was rebuffed by the supreme court today for the second time within two weeks as the court declined to consider a labor board appeal from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision, setting aside a board order in the maritime labor controversy.

NEW DEAL TO WANT 8 BILLION MORE COIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (UP) President Roosevelt's 1940 budget estimates were expected today to call for expenditures of \$8,000,-000,000 or more in the next fiscal year and to assure another large treasury deficit.

The budget message will be submitted to the new congress during the first week of January, probably January 4, the day after congress meets.

Budget plans are carefully kept secret until estimates are read be fore congress. But upon the basis of known administration plans it does not now appear possible that Mr. Roosevelt will be able to bring government costs in the next fiscal year low enough to justify ope for an early budget balance.

The current fiscal year is budgeted for revenue of \$5,000,270 000, expenditure of \$8,085,157 600 and a net deficit of approxi mately \$4,000,000,000.

Fiscal years begin annually on MEMEL, Dec. 12. (UP)-Kau- July 1 so that there remain almost ty over Memel, is too weak to nas, capital of Lithuania, and seven months of the current pe-

In the first five months and thinks it desirable to impress the Nazis celebrated a landslide in eight days of this fiscal year the German people with a new tri- yesterday's diet election in Mem- deficit has increased daily by an average of almost \$10,000,000

with Germany.

Memel territory was taken affirmative action to reduce govfrom Germany after the World ernment expenditures sufficiently lonial policy French influence of political problems but cultural

Germans swept the diet elec- NEW CROP CONTROL **ROW IS LOOMING**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, (UP) (UP)—The government last night Returns on the AAA referenda among cotton, rice and tobaceo growers promised to precipitate a congressional controversy over the administration's crop control

Returns showed cotton growers voted to invoke marketing re-strictions on the 1939 crop by a smaller majority than last year while flue-cured tobacco and rice growers rejected quotas on their crops. Administration officials claimed that approval of cotton quotas indicated approval of the administration's program.

Opponents contended the rejection of rice and tobacco quotas and decreased percentage approving cotton quotas showed that farmers are losing faith in the crop program.

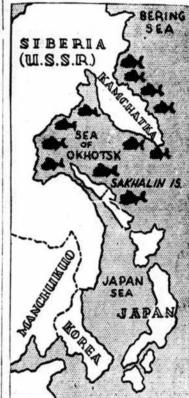
Eugene Parkinson, of near Balfour, was in Patton Memorial the French population which has hospital today as a result of injuries sustained early Sunday morning when a Ford car he was driving was in collision with a large truck, operated by The Transportation, Inc., in front of the Balfour school on the Asheville-Hendersonville highway.

Parkinson's injuries were believed serious. He suffered bruises and cuts about the head

and face. Officers who investigated the vreck said that Parkinson had left his home, turned into the highway from his driveway, and was proceeding toward Hender-sonville. The truck was proceed- Velma Hall, in Druid Hills. ing toward Asheville. Both cars were badly damaged.

The name of the driver of the to the hospital. truck was not learned this morn-

Scene of Latest Russo-Jap Crisis



Map shows the nshing areas where Russia has refused to renew leases extremely important

Would Bar Further Italian Immigration: Strengthen Army Posts

By REYNOLDS PACKARD (Copyright, 1938, United Press) TUNIS, French North Africa, Dec. 12. (UP)—Resident General Erik Labonne and a corps of col-The state of emergency was and from congressional Republi-nposed after a sudden surge of cans and Democrats there is a recommended immediate restricrising chorus of protest and crit- tion of Italian immigration and a strengthening of French mili-There is no substantial pros- tary establishments in Tunisia to pect, however, that congressional cope with Italy's territorial aspi-

> measures taken against Tunisia becoming over-populated with ed to be the busiest week of the Italians," said a report dispatched entire conference, it also was reto the government in Paris.

The recommendations, in the form of a 29-page report trans-Italian demands which precipitat- tlement of that conflict. ed week-long disorders and rioting in the streets of Tunis.

The commission under Resi-

dent General Labonne said that although Tunisia is only a protectorate, it must be "considered to be part of the French North African empire" because "Tunisia is the first line of defense of It was understood on authority

that the report would be followed by another, drafted by military leaders, urging an increase in Tunisia's coastal fortifications because Tunisia "is most likely to be the target of an Italian attack in the near future." The report sent to Paris today recommends that every inch of

Tunisia as well as all other French possessions in North Af-rica be "held at all costs." Regarding immigration, the report suggests that severe restrictions be placed upon Italian citizens both from the Italian main-

land and from Italian Tripoli, "Italian colonists in Tunisia have more cohesive character than become heterogeneous as result of liberal naturalization measures (Continued on page six)

T.C. Johnson Out After Accident

T. C. Johnson, 17, delivery boy, was discharged from Patton Memorial hospital yesterday after being treated on Saturday night for injuries sustained when hit He was riding a bicycle at the time. Mrs. Hall carried the lad He is the son of Mrs. J. B.

on holiday season.

Solemn Warning Will Be Given World Attempts To Be Resisted

LANDS, INSTITUTIONS TO BE PROTECTED

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 12. (UP)-The United States and Argentina agreed on the outstanding objective of the Eighth Pan-American conference. The agreement is for a solemn and forceful warning to the world by 21 American nations to resist as one any attempt at aggression or any outside attempt to subvert American political in-

stitutions.

Jose Maria Cantila, Argentine foreign minister, will leave for Buenos Aires tonight after instructing the Argentine delegation to the conference so as to permit rapid translation into action of the agreement for a definition of the common American defense front.

PAN AMERICA MEET **FACES BUSY WEEK**

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 12. (UP)-U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull will propose to the eighth Pan American conference a plan of consultative action among all the American republics for a common defense of democracy in the western hemisphere, it was reported last night.

Although members of the United States delegation were silent regarding the proposal, it was understood to envisage not only the possibility of armed aggression from outside the new world but also attempts to implant un-American political systems.

In such event, according to the plan, the 21 American nations would consult among themselves regarding the best way to defend

The project, based on the consultative system created at the inter-American peace conference in Buenos Aires in 1936, will not provide for a formal defense agreement, although such would be implied in the wording. A formal treaty of defense would find little support among the South American countries, and Hull, acquainted by experience with the attitude of those countries, was not expected to press for such a

The Argentine delegation also was understood to have a consultative plan, not quite as broad as the United States proposal, and including meetings among the for-

On the eve of what is expectported the delegates, united on a pace program for this part of the world, would be asked to seek an mitted to Premier Edouard Dala- extended armistice in the Spanish dier, took a serious view of the civil war leading to ultimate set-According to an unimpeachable

private source, the Chilean delegation has consulted with other representatives regarding a resolution to be introduced calling for a suspension of hostilities in Spain.
The Chileans, it was said, seek

to have the resolution offered as

the joint action of the 21 Ameri-

can republics at the conference.

All the new worl dcountries, un-

der the Chilean scheme, would of-

(Continued on page six).

Shopping Days Till Christmas



NOY WAS FLYING TO MEXICO AS AMBAGSADOR OF GOOD WILL

OOKING BACK TO CHRIST-Lindy was flying to Mexico as Chicago was shaking his fist at King George. . . . Old-timers in aports were mourning death of Young Griffo. . . Music lovers delighted over new child prodigy, Yehudi Menuhin, 10. . . Death of 40 young men when Submarine S-4 was sunk in Cape Cod Bay cast pall