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Largest Daily Circulation of Any Newspaper in North Carolina in Proportion to Population

An Indian Cherokee on a rampage drove a WPA crew away from their shovels in Medina county, Ohio. What held them up?

SECRETARY ROPER QUILTS CABINET POST

Lima Conferees Revise Defense Program

MEXICO WOULD BAR FORCIBLE DEBT ACTIONS

Seek to Eliminate All Diplomatic Action For Americas

SOUTHERN REPUBLIC STEP IS SIGNIFICANT

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 15. (UP)—The final draft of the United States project for a united American defense front against foreign political or military invasion revised to meet Argentina objections today was submitted separately to 21 delegations at the eighth Pan American conference. The revised draft disclosed changes in the original document prepared by United States Secretary of State Hull. The changes met Argentina's opposition to any treaty or alliance and avoids any language that might be considered a direct affront to any European powers.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 15. (UP)—

Mexico last night proposed that the eighth Pan American conference bar the use of force in the collection of international debts, while Argentina accepted in principle a United States project that would bind all 21 American republics to do everything possible to lower their tariff carriers. The Mexican proposal, submitted simultaneously with a report on pecuniary claims by the committee of experts for the codification of international law, was regarded as particularly significant since the government of President Lazaro Cardenas is involved with the United States and other foreign countries over its expiration policies.

Some observers saw in the project an attempt by Mexico to line up continental support for its seizures of oil properties and lands as well as its failure for several years to meet its international financial obligations. The experts committee recommended that the conference adopt a project banning diplomatic action by a government in behalf of its nationals residents in another country unless there were a denial of justice or a breach of international law. The committee endorsed a proposal by one of its members to outlaw diplomatic intervention for any reason. The Mexican project would appear to aim at placing the conference on record in favor of no diplomatic action of any kind and for any motive.

KLAN OUT TO SMASH C.I.O., SAYS WIZARD

Wage Educational Drive Against "Lewis and His Communists"

ATLANTA, Dec. 14. (UP)—The Ku Klux Klan today threatened to smash the CIO unless the labor organization changes its leadership. Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Klan Wizard, said his followers engaged in war against the CIO because of its alleged Communist leanings. The Klan's anti-CIO campaign is nationwide.

Spokesmen for the CIO and its affiliate Textile Workers Organizing committee, claimed the Klan resorted to violence, but Evans denied this saying that the fight is on an educational basis against "Lewis and his stool pigeon Communists."

PUBLIC INVITED TO FASSIFERN PAGEANT

Climaxing a series of interesting Christmas activities at Fassifern school, the Christmas pageant will be presented by the physical education department under the direction of Miss Catherine Howard at 8 o'clock tonight in the school auditorium. The public is invited.

Christmas Tree Lights Will Be On Here Tonight

The lights on Hendersonville's community Christmas tree will be turned on tonight and it will be illuminated every night through the holiday period. The tree, situated on a vacant lot at Church street and Fifth avenue, will be the scene of a Christmas program at 8 p. m. on Saturday night, December 24, with the Hendersonville Ministerial association in charge. Singing of carols will feature the program. Expense of erecting the tree and burning the lights will be borne by the chamber of commerce, which also is co-sponsor of a contest in which the exterior of many homes in Hendersonville and vicinity will be decorated and lighted. Prizes of \$50 will be awarded.

U. S. MAY FUND SALE OF GOODS TO CHINESE

Arrangement Would Be "Purely Commercial," No War Measure

Copyright 1938 By United Press WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (UP)—The federal government is considering financing sale of between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of American products to China, it was learned last night.

The plan, which officials described as "very complicated," is expected to be announced shortly. It was emphasized meantime that it will be "purely commercial," meaning it will not be a formal loan which Japan, in view of her war on China, might construe as an unfriendly gesture by a neutral power. The program has been taking shape for several weeks in discussions between treasury department officials and members of a Chinese financial mission headed by K. P. Chen, Shanghai banker. The mission came here ostensibly for the purpose of obtaining financial aid in the war with Japan.

A usually reliable official indicated that under the plan the federal export-import bank would establish commercial credits for American exporters, reportedly automobile and truck manufacturers, and that these would be underwritten by the reconstruction finance corporation.

It remained conjectural how China proposed to reimburse the treasury but it was suggested that Chinese silver shipments would provide adequate surety. The treasury has been buying Chinese silver by agreement since May, 1936, at prices ranging from 43 to 47 cents an ounce. More than 300,000,000 ounces have been thus acquired. It was pointed out that there is nothing to prevent a corollary agreement to pay for American exports. The financial mission was reported to have attempted to reach similar agreements with private industrialists, but to no avail.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

TALLULAH, La., Dec. 15. (UP)—Coroner H. C. Sevier reported last night that J. T. Watts, 75-year-old filling station operator, had murdered his wife and then shot himself.

Move To Revoke U. S. Citizenship And Deport Nazi, Kuhn Associate

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15. (UP)—Herman Schwinn, west coast leader of the German-American Bund, and an associate of the New York Nazi leader, Fritz Kuhn, has been threatened with deportation proceedings, federal authorities disclosed last night. U. S. Attorney Benjamin Harrison revealed that steps have been taken to institute proceedings against Schwinn to show cause why his American citizenship should not be revoked. The action would be based on allegations that certain discrepancies existed in the application under the bund leader made out for citizenship papers years ago. Schwinn already has been questioned in the case.

NEW CHARGES MADE GERMANY AND OTHER POWERS FOSTERING U. S. ESPIONAGE; QUIZ TO END

ECUADOREANS FACING LEFT WING REVOLT

President Masses Guns and Planes; Rebel Guns Are Trained on Quito

QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 15 (UP)—President Aurelio Narvaez massed artillery and airplanes to support his demands for the immediate surrender of dissident army units, fortified on Ichimbia Hill, and dominating the capital under leadership of leftwing political chiefs.

Orders for the attack was expected at any hour. Police and soldiers patrolled capital streets and the presidential palace is heavily guarded. Business was suspended and all communications are under strict censorship. Disaffected troops refused all demands that they surrender and in turn demanded the president to revoke his decree dissolving parliament. The government flatly refused to free several left-wing assemblymen who were arrested when the assembly was dissolved and its members "outlawed" by executive decree.

Larrea Alba, a stormy petrel in Ecuadorean politics for several months, who only a few months ago returned from exile, was arrested by soldiers at San Juan, near here. Speaker Arriaza Lique of the assembly also was seized. The soldiers were compelled to use their rifles to subdue the two men, who were locked up in the local barracks. When he dissolved the assembly, President Mosquera Narvaez announced that he would rule by decree and at the same time convoked elections for the second Sunday in May, 1939, when a complete senate and chamber of deputies will be chosen by popular vote.

NEW NOTE IS SENT NAZIS ON JEWS' STATUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(UP)—Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today released a new note to Germany requesting immediate assurance that American Jews will not be discriminated against in the Reich. The note expressed "disappointment" over failure of the German government to give such assurances which had been requested previously.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Kedron Lodge, No. 387, A. F. & A. M., will meet in Regular Communication tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All officers and members urged to be in attendance. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be elected. Visiting Masons will be welcomed.

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Although one source reported the discrepancies had been detected in testimony Schwinn gave to the Dies congressional committee, Schwinn said last night that he had never appeared before the committee. "I telegraphed Dies (Representative Martin Dies, D., Texas) asking permission to appear and present evidence I had in my possession but the telegram was not acknowledged," Schwinn said. He admitted having been questioned by immigration officials, but insisted he knew nothing else about the inquiry which he believed was a "mistake," and one which would "not have arisen if it had not been for my opposition to Jews and communists."

SOLONS MUST ATTACK MANY N. C. PROBLEMS

Face Greatest Financial Needs; May Change Absentee Ballot Law

REVAMPING SCHOOL SYSTEM IS LIKELY

By CHILES COLEMAN United Press Staff Correspondent RALEIGH, Dec. 15.—(UP)—North Carolina's general assembly for 1939 convenes in three weeks faced with a myriad of problems ranging from the largest appropriation request in history to a re-examination of the state's policy in dealing with capital offenders. As always, one of the chief legislative objectives will be raising the money to pay for the widespread activities of the state and determining how much is to be allotted for each specific purpose. Much of the spade work of this enormous task is being done by the advisory budget commission. This group's recommendations to the assembly will not be revealed until after January 4 when the 120 representatives and 50 senators convene in the century-old chambers of the state capitol here, but complete hearings already have been held at which the various departments of government outlined their financial needs for the next two years.

They asked for the general fund a total appropriation of \$95,861,809, more than ever before has been requested. In addition, the highway department estimated its needs from the special highway fund at \$69,203,902. Inseparably linked with the financial problems of the legislature are a number of other questions likely to result in long floor debate and innumerable committee and conference discussions. These include revamping of the state's educational system, social security, modification of the sales tax, homestead exemptions and several others. A special study commission has recommended a sweeping reorganization of the school system, including addition of a 12th grade, salary increases and retirement pay for teachers, and improvement of facilities for vocational education.

Such a program would cost, the commission estimated, approximately \$1,000,000. All of it could not, of course, be put into effect at once, but many persons believe the 1939 assembly will take the first steps. The sales tax has been a controversial issue since it was adopted, and while there are indications the fight over its provisions at the forthcoming assembly will be a hot one.

CONVICT NAZI IN SPY CASE

3 Co-Defendants in Canal Zone Turn Pale as Verdict Rendered

CRISTOBAL, C. Z., Dec. 15.—(UP)—Hans Heinrich Schackow, one of four Germans charged with spying on Panama canal defenses, yesterday was found guilty by a jury in Cristobal district court. The jury, composed chiefly of Canal Zone employees, deliberated two hours before reaching a verdict. Judge Bunk Gardner announced he would not sentence Schackow until he had ruled on a motion for a new trial, for which the defense was given until December 22 to apply. Schackow, who was arrested October 16 at Fort Randolph while taking photographs with three companions, Miss Ingeborg Gutmann, Gisbert Gross and Edward Robert Kuhrig, turned pale as the jury announced its verdict. Judge Gardner previously had warned the courtroom against any demonstration. Schackow and Miss Gutmann were employees of the Hapag Lloyd line office in Cristobal. Kuhrig will be the next defendant to be brought to trial, some time in January.

FASCISTS BOOST ARMAMENTS BUDGET ONE THIRD, FRANCE WARNED OF TUNISIAN DRIVE

BRITAIN AND FRANCE READY TO POOL ARMS

Warn Europe They Will Stand Together in Unprovoked Aggression

PARIS, Dec. 15. (UP)—Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet last night warned Europe's totalitarian powers particularly Italy, that Great Britain and France stand ready "spontaneously" to pool their fighting strength and go to war in event of any unprovoked aggression. Bonnet's statement before the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies coincided with an announcement by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in the British House of Commons pointedly warning Italy against any attempt to upset the "status quo" in the Mediterranean. France has received assurances, Bonnet said, of British collaboration amounting virtually to "automatic aid" if Italy or any other power attempts to tamper with the Mediterranean territorial balance. "I declare in the name of the French government that all our land, sea and air forces would spontaneously and immediately be utilized for the defense of Great Britain in case of unprovoked aggression," he added. Bonnet spoke openly of the danger of war arising from Italy's dangerous, although still unofficial demands against France.

There cannot be the least doubt that France will never cede an inch of her territory to Italy and any attempt to carry out such a pretension could only lead to war," he said. Simultaneously, it was rumored that Chancellor Adolf Hitler's personal adjutant, Capt. Fritz Weidemann, had arrived secretly in Paris with Dr. Fuehrer's answer as to whether Germany would go to Italy's aid in event of war between Italy and France. The German embassy neither denied nor confirmed the report, merely stating that no such visit had been arranged by the embassy.

MOUNT MORIAH WILL HEAR REV. V. D. JONES

The Rev. Wade Worley, pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist church, has announced that the Rev. Vergil D. Jones, of Balfour, will preach at Mount Moriah at 11 a. m. Sunday, December 18. The general public is invited and people of the vicinity are urged by the pastor to attend.

BALFOUR TO HAVE SERMON IN SONG

Rev. C. E. Blythe, pastor, announces that he will preach at Balfour Baptist church Sunday night at 7 o'clock when the service will feature a "sermon in song." The theme will be, "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" (Luke 15:11-24). The children of Rev. Mr. Blythe will furnish the music. The public is invited.

MRS. BANE IS HERE FROM CINCINNATI

Mrs. F. L. Bane of Cincinnati arrived Sunday to spend the week with relatives and friends. Mrs. Bane and Mrs. J. L. Albea are spending today with a sister, Mrs. F. L. Gilreath, in Asheville.

Eden Told U. S. Feels Franco Victory In Spain Contrary To Best Interests

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (UP)—Regardless of the unofficial character of his visit, former British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had received intimations that the Roosevelt administration believes victory for Generalissimo Francisco Franco in Spain would be contrary to United States interests, it was learned last night on the eve of his departure from here for New York. He had also heard plain speaking, always friendly, it was learned, concerning the prevailing American attitude toward the British government's Spanish policy. It is believed, on the eve of his departure for New York, that the most pressing message he will carry home will be one of American antagonism to a Franco triumph, with its implications regarding a possible new, important base for Germany and Italy. Asked point-blank by one of the small, highly-influential groups assembled in his honor here, whether Britain would grant beligerent rights to Spain, Eden replied, "I hope not." "It had been made clear to him, it was said, that British recognition of Franco's status as a belligerent, with its encouragement of starvation-blockade of a Loyalist Spain already coping with hunger, would hardly be conducive to Anglo-American harmony that presumably it is Eden's mission to strengthen and which is no less desired here. Officials of influence here, who (Continued on page three).

CONGRESS TO CONSIDER FEW NEW MEASURES

Legislative Program Likely to Call For Amending Old Ones

ICKES NOT TO QUIT POST FOR MAYORALTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (UP)—The White House this afternoon announced the resignation of Secretary of Commerce Roper, effective December 23.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (UP)—Secretary of Commerce Roper intends to resign from the cabinet in the near future, possibly soon after the first of the year, the United Press was reliably informed today.

For months Roper has denied flatly his resignation was impending. Today he continued to decline comment but it was learned that he had told close friends he contemplated resigning at the end of President Roosevelt's first term but the president prevailed on him to remain.

The death of Roper's son-in-law, David R. Coker, wealthy seed grower, about two weeks ago is believed to have made Roper unwilling to reconsider his decision to quit, even if requested by President Roosevelt.

Responsibilities of handling Coker's numerous business enterprises have fallen on Roper and it is reported that he believes it imperative for him to leave the government service.

ICKES TURNS DOWN CHICAGO MAYORALTY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. (UP)—The headquarters of the "Draft Ickes for Mayor Club" of Chicago today announced that Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes declined to become a candidate in the 1939 city election in Washington. Ickes said he refused the plea to run for mayor because President Roosevelt wanted him to stay "in harness."

U. S. DEFICIT IS TWICE LAST YEAR'S

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (UP)—The treasury today announced that government spending this fiscal year has passed four billion dollar mark. The net deficit was more than a billion and half, more than twice the sum by which the treasury went into the red in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

F.R.'S. CONGRESSIONAL PLANS NOT ELABORATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (UP)—President Roosevelt will confine his program for the 76th congress largely to improving existing New Deal laws and will not recommend a "lot of new stuff," senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., said Wednesday after a White House conference. He said that he discussed with the president the subject of taxes, proposed changes in the Wagner Labor act, the farm program, national defense and kindred problems. The conversation was general, he said, and no final decisions were reached. The chief executive is to review the legislative (Continued on page three)

8 Shopping Days Till Christmas



AMERICA WAS GREETING PROF. EINSTEIN'S VISIT TO NEW YORK. LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS WAS EIGHT YEARS AGO—Young Jersey started country by declaring adoption of the 18th Amendment invalid. . . . Santa was bringing Sinclair Lewis a Nobel Prize. . . . Companionate marriage topic of discussion. . . . Christmas merriment dampened by epidemic of bank failures. . . . King Alfonso of Spain preparing to vacate throne. . . . America was greeting Prof. Einstein uproariously.