

Partly cloudy, slightly warmer tonight; possibly light rains; Sunday slightly colder.

The Times - News

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

Shortage of money in Nippon leaves the Japanese with no yen for war.

FEAR MILLIONS GONE IN MUSICA SWINDLE

Pickets Stop Loading Of Scrap Iron For Japan

TURB ON ISMS IN U. S. IS HELD BIG PROBLEM

Sees Difficult Task in This and Avoiding Regimentation

LEWIS, C.I.O. TO WORK FOR DEMOCRAT PARTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Pickets, encouraged by Lieutenant Governor-elect Ellis E. Anderson today stopped the loading of scrap iron for Japan.

He told them that it was for use for invading armies. "We have to make sure industrialists do not make profit out of the blood of Chinese," Patterson Longshoremen refused to pass a picket line composed of 600 Chinese school children, the school band and 100 sympathetic residents.

MOVIES PICTURES U. S. POLITICAL DILEMMA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (UP)—Senator Dies of the house committee investigating un-American activities today said "the nation faced with serious threats both within and beyond the borders of the land." "We are face to face with the serious social problem of crime, how to stop the invasion of foreign destructive ideologies, without at the same time creating a Frankenstein bureaucratic regimentation, which will endeavor to restrict our historic freedom," he said.

LEWIS WILL CARRY ON WITH DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (UP)—John L. Lewis today announced that labor's non-Partisan league will boycott a third party movement and work within the framework of the Democratic party at least until the Democratic convention of 1940.

GARNER, F. R. CONFERS AFTER SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (UP)—President Garner returned to the capital today for a conference with President Roosevelt, preparatory to the start of the 75th congress on January 3.

P-T.A. TO OMIT ITS DECEMBER MEET; TO HEAR CAROL SERVICE

The P-T.A. will not meet next week because of the holiday activities. Members are urged to attend the carol singing at the Baptist church on Wednesday, Miss Jessie Nielsen, secretary, said in making the announcement.

They Fought for Loyalist Spain



First of the homecoming Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which won acclaim fighting for Loyalist Spain, arrive in New York aboard the liner Paris.

LIMA CONFEREES PLEDGED TO SEEK LOWERED TARIFFS

STORES OPEN AFTER SUPPER

Christmas Holiday Closing Schedule in Effect Monday

Santa Claus came to town again today and, between impromptu conferences, with groups of children, gave out the word that most Hendersonville stores will remain open after supper each night next week to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Officers and directors of the merchants division of the chamber of commerce said that approximate closing schedule for the final week before Christmas will be: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 o'clock; Thursday and Friday, 9 o'clock, and Saturday as late as trading demands.

J. C. WALDROP HELD UP; MAN CAPTURED

A young man who held up J. Carroll Waldrop, former Hendersonville man, in the office of his bottling concern in Greenville, N. C., a few days ago, was quickly captured by Greenville police and identified by Mr. Waldrop, according to reports from Greenville.

Hull to Accept Modified Defense Proposal, if Necessary

By HOBART C. MONTEE United Press Staff Correspondent LIMA, Peru, Dec. 17. (UP)—The second plenary session of the Eighth Pan American Conference last night unanimously approved a declaration submitted by the United States that pledges the 21 American republics to do all possible to lower their tariff barriers.

The action, representing the first direct action taken by the conference on any important question, was hailed by United States delegates as a victory for Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Reduction of world trade barriers has long been advocated by Hull as an aid for peace, and the plenary's unanimous vote was particularly gratifying to him.

Presbyterian S. S. Christmas Event Sunday At 5 P. M.

Christmas Story Will Be Told in Pageant, Pantomime and Music

The annual Christmas service of the Sunday school department of the Presbyterian church will be held in the form of a pageant, "Behold His Star," at the church on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

SOVIET, POLES WILL DEFEND UKRAINE AREA

King Carol Tells Paris He Will Fight to Retain Bessarabia

RESPONSE TO NAZIS ON PROPOSED STATE

PARIS, Dec. 16. (UP)—Soviet Russia and Poland, both of which have mutual assistance pacts with France, have informed the French government that they will fight in defense of the Ukrainian provinces within their borders, it was revealed by authority last night.

The revelation of the readiness of Russia, Poland and Rumania to fight for retention of their Ukrainian populations followed articles in the German press forecasting a vast, independent Ukraine in eastern Europe with Nazis dominating a population of 45,000,000.

This Ukrainian state, according to the Nazi press accounts, would be carved from the territories of Soviet Russia, Poland, Rumania and the autonomous province of Carpatho-Ukraine (Ruthenia) in eastern Czechoslovakia.

White Russian leaders met in Paris yesterday, coincident with the arrival of Grand Duke Vladimir, pretender to the Czarist imperial throne of Russia, and studied developments in the Ukrainian independence movement.

LOCAL POLL ON LAWS FOR CAR AND TRUCK OWNERS PLANNED

2-State Survey to Run Until Jan. 15, When Results Will Be Tabulated and Determine Club Policy

In order to secure a local and accurate survey of the opinion of motor vehicle owners in this territory on a four-point referendum on items affecting automobile and truck owners, The Times-News will join with the Carolina Motor club in making ballots available for any citizen that cares to vote.

VOTE THIS BALLOT TODAY. MARK THIS BALLOT AND DELIVER TO THE TIMES-NEWS, OR TO THE CLUB OFFICE IN THE SKYLAND HOTEL BUILDING. DO YOU FAVOR?: 1. Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Diversion of Highway Funds. 2. Compulsory Mechanical Inspection of Motor Vehicles. 3. Building Walkways Along Highways near Schools and Colleges. 4. 55 mph Speed Limit and Rigid Enforcement.

BRITISH PREMIER IS STIFFENING POLICY TOWARD BERLIN, ROME, AS HOME CENSURE NEARING

May Promise Commons New Concessions To Be Harder to Get

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(UP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain has begun to stiffen British policy as regards Germany and Italy.

It was asserted today in well-informed political quarters that it is believed that the debate on foreign affairs in the house of commons Monday, when the Labor party is to propose a stinging vote of censure against the government, might bring the statements that Hitler and Mussolini would find it more difficult now to extract a concession from the democracies.

Prime Minister Chamberlain, faced with growing British opposition toward further concessions to the dictators, will make a new appeal for withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain when he confers with Premier Benito Mussolini in Rome next month.

It is stated an authority that Chamberlain would tell Mussolini that neither Britain nor France would grant belligerent rights to insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco, permitting him to blockade loyalist ports and frontiers, until there should be "substantial withdrawal" of more Italian Black-shirts from the Spanish battlefronts.

It has been reported persistently that Chamberlain, who persuaded Mussolini to recall 10,000 Italian troops from Spain in order to put the Italo-British friendship pact into operation in mid-November, was willing to give belligerent rights to Franco in hope that it would hasten the end of the Spanish conflict, even though it might mean an insurgent victory.

18 Homes Are In Lighting Contest Announced Here

Lights Will be on Monday; Will Name Cash Prize Winners Friday

Eighteen homes have been entered in the outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the chamber of commerce and The Times-News. Lights will be turned on Monday night and the displays will remain until after Christmas.

Members of the national assembly who were jailed after the body had been dissolved by executive decree will remain in prison for 13 days pending investigation of the rebellion.

Bundsman May Lose Citizenship



Hermann Schwinn, west coast leader of the German-American Bund, is facing proceedings to revoke his American citizenship.

ECUADORIAN REVOLT ENDED

Emergency Government Defense Units Are All Disbanded

QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 17.—(UP).—Provisional President Aurelio Mosquera Narvaez last night ordered the disbandment of volunteer corps which had been organized to defend the government during this week's army rebellion.

Annual City Carol Service Is Planned at 3:30 Wednesday

Announcement was made today that the annual Christmas carol and candlelighting service, a service of many years' standing in the community, will be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon of next week at 3:30 o'clock, and the public was invited to attend.

Baptists Arrange Christmas Event Sunday Evening

A special Christmas service, in the form of a candle light program, Christmas carols and anthems, will be held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. It is stated that this service will be unique in local celebrations of the kind here.

3 BROTHERS ARRESTED; NO BOND POSTED

Storm of State and Federal Investigations Follows Suicide Friday

13,500 STOCKHOLDERS ARE FACING BIG LOSS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (UP).—Federal authorities today feared that 13,500 stockholders would lose \$20,000,000 through the manipulation of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., gigantic drug firm organized by Muscia brothers, who hid their criminal records under new names and duped the masters of Wall Street for 10 years.

Philip, "big brother," and arch schemer who took the name of F. Donald Coster and the presidency of the corporation blow out his brains yesterday when exposed and trapped.

His three brothers, minor executives in the firm are in jail, unable to provide \$100,000 bonds. Evidence that the brothers used the firm to run guns to Bolivia and Spain, to bootleg and to adulterate drugs, engulfed the survivors in a storm of federal and state investigation.

Reputed Aide In Gun-Running Activities Held

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (UP).—John Cantor, 60, of Montreal, reportedly connected with gun-running phases of Philip Muscia's activities, was booked as a "fugitive" last night at police headquarters.

6 Shopping Days Till Christmas

AMERICA WAS BURSTING WITH INDIGNATION, FRANCE HAD JUST DEFAULTED ON WAR DEBT... LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS SIX YEARS AGO—Drys were fighting bill to legalize 3.2... America was bursting with indignation; France was just defaulted on war debt... Airplanes were beginning to ride radio beams. Adding to Yule cheer in depression year, statistics showed fewer people were dying than in any year since 1880. Germany broke rail speed record with streamlined train.