

Fair to partly cloudy and continued cool Monday night and Tuesday.

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MUSICA OPERATED MONTREAL ARSENAL

Landon Puts Monroe Doctrine Above Politics

HE ASSURES LATINOS GOOD WILL LASTING

U.S. to Make "Last Ditch" Fight for Solidarity

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LIMA, Peru, Dec. 19. (UP)—The United States is prepared to fight to the "last ditch" for a declaration of continental solidarity...

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Reports of the United States Attitude Came After Day-Long Efforts by Peru and Brazil to Reconcile the American and Argentine Viewpoints.

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The 1936 Republican presidential candidate and titular head of the G. O. P., who is a member of the American delegation, in a radio speech Sunday afternoon was re-broadcast in the United States by the National Broadcasting company, warned of Nazism and Communism to the Americas.

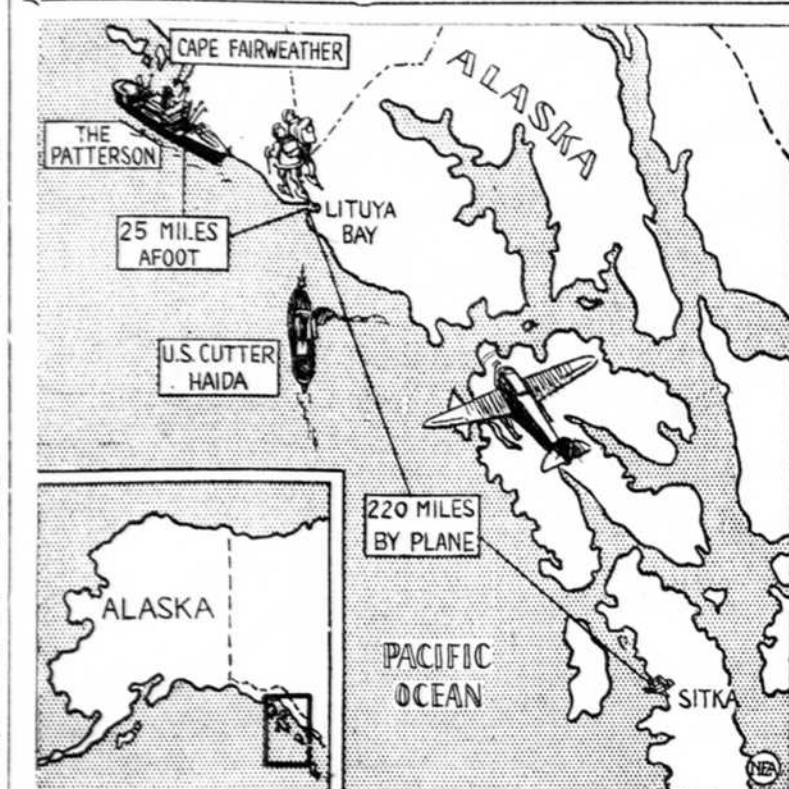
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Picturing Alaskan Rescue Drama



Here's how two sourdough trappers went to the rescue of 18 men on the wrecked trader, The Patterson, on the bleak and rocky shores of Cape Fairweather.

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Labor is Planning No Confidence Motion

LONDON, Dec. 19. (UP)—The Labor party today proposed a blanket lack of confidence vote against the government's foreign policy.

DUCE FAILS PUBLICLY TO MENTION TUNIS

CARBONIA, Sardinia, Dec. 19. (UP)—Premier Benito Mussolini yesterday avoided any reference to Italian territorial demands against France when he spoke to 30,000 Fascists and miners while dedicating this new autarchial "coal city" only 120 miles from French Tunisia.

SWEEPING CHANGES PROPOSED IN SOCIAL SECURITY SET UP BY ITS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (UP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt will send to congress early in January a special message dealing with improving the social security act.

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GAY BANKS IS HIT BY TRUCK, FATALLY HURT

Driver is Absolved; Funeral Held Today

ONE OF SEVERAL ROAD MISHAPS

One man was killed and a number of people injured in several highway accidents over the weekend.

D. G. Jackson, Jr., 12, was in Patton Memorial hospital today, and his father, D. G. Jackson, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson were given emergency treatment at the hospital after two trucks collided on the old Spartanburg road Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock.

In addition, two trucks collided on the Asheville highway about 6:30 o'clock Saturday night, but, as far as was learned this morning, none of the occupants was injured.

Officers reported today that Banks was attempting to stop a truck driven by Leonard Dill and stepped into the path of an automobile driven by Ulysses Randolph Bell.

Bell was absolved of blame by Coroner J. F. Brooks, who said after an investigation that the accident was unavoidable.

Banks came to Henderson county about 20 years ago from Madison county. He was a farmer of the Etowah section and served at one time on the county road board.

Officers said today that Banks was in Asheville Saturday morning and borrowed a Chevrolet coupe from a brother, Gross Banks. Banks, they said, left Asheville about 9 o'clock Saturday morning and was to return not later than 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The officers were continuing a search today for the car, which had not been seen since Banks left Asheville.

Funeral services for Banks were held this morning at 11 o'clock at Pleasant Grove church with Rev. C. E. Blythe and Rev. W. S. Hutchison officiating.

Palbearers were Richard Hamilton, Walter Gray, Vick Orr, James Drake, Eli Dalton and Mitchell Bell.

He is survived by his widow; three daughters, Ruby, Goldie, and Sylvia Banks; seven sons, Creed, Watson, Anderson, Walter, Charlie, William Leonard and D. C. Banks, and two brothers, Carl C. and Gross Banks, both of Asheville.

At Patton Memorial hospital today it was stated that young Jackson would be discharged today.

He was injured when a Ford truck, in which he was riding (Continued on page three)

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow night at the church house.

Supper will be served at 7 o'clock after which Mr. F. O. Clark of the Farmers Federation, Asheville, will be the speaker of the evening.

Women in the Coster Case



Eleanor Lockne informed Washington officials on the true identity of "George Vernard," fiscal agent of McKesson & Robbins, for whom she worked as secretary.

She indicated he was really Arthur Musica, one of three brothers involved in a 1913 swindle.

WEED QUOTAS ARE DEFEATED

Henderson county burley tobacco producers on Saturday voted in opposition to the establishment of national tobacco quotas.

The election was held at the office of the county farm agent.

Only slightly more than half of the growers in this county eligible to vote on this question balloted. The vote was 32 against national marketing quotas and 17 in favor of the quotas.

A total of 91 farmers in Henderson county were eligible to vote and only 49 went on record with ballots.

In 20 Western North Carolina counties farmers voted 5,792 to 2,660 against the establishment of marketing quotas. Of these 20 counties 11 voted against and 9 for the quota establishment.

Madison county, with the largest number of burley producers, voted against the plan by more than 2 to 1.

CROP CONTROL FOES ELATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (UP) Opponents of the administration's crop control program hailed rejection of marketing quotas for 1939 by tobacco farmers as an indication of dissatisfaction with the New Deal's farm policies.

AAA officials minimized the defeat of the proposed tobacco quotas on the grounds that the growers are not in as difficult a plight as cotton farmers who are faced with declining prices, record surpluses, and bumper crops.

Almost complete returns from Saturday's referendum showed that neither growers of burley nor dark tobacco in 14 states gave the necessary two-thirds vote to make the marketing program effective.

On December 10 similar restrictions were voted down by rice and flue-cured tobacco growers while cotton growers by a majority short of last year's, agreed to invoke restrictions.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Made for Nedy's Baskets

Mrs. Frank Yarborough, president of the American Legion Auxiliary today requested all members to leave their donations of food, clothes and toys at English Shoe store, opposite the post-office.

Food especially is needed, she said. The members will meet at the Legion home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to prepare the baskets.

SR. GIRL SCOUTS ARE TO GATHER

Senior Girl Scouts will meet Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock with Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, Jr., at her home, she announced today.

Attention was called to the fact that the girls are to bring with them lanterns and sleigh bells. The senior girls are also asked to bring in all the money that has been obtained in the sale of Christmas cards, while each girl is reminded that she is to bring an inexpensive Christmas gift.

Fire Department Is Called Twice

The fire department answered two calls yesterday, small damage resulting in both cases.

In the morning the department answered a call at a negro home on First avenue.

A call in the afternoon was answered at the home of Henry Reid, corner Beech and Pace streets.

WHITE RUSSIAN EMIGRES IN PARIS CHEER MOVEMENT FOR FREE UKRAINE AND NEW 'CZAR'

PARIS, Dec. 19. (UP)—More than 1,500 White Russians, gathered in Paris to acclaim 21-year-old Grand Duke Vladimir as the "czar presumptive" of all the Russias, yesterday cheered the new Ukrainian independence movement as heralding the first major blow to the Soviet regime which drove them into exile.

The members of the "Union of Russian nobility," meeting in a solemn ceremony at the Maison de Chimie only a half-mile from the Soviet embassy, said they refused to serve as "tools" for Germany or any other foreign power.

He said in his denials that: 1. The Czar of all the Russias cannot reign over one Russian province.

2. The Ukraine is only a frontier region of Russia.

3. The Ukraine is the birthplace of the Russian empire and cannot be detached.

4. The Czar cannot permit infringement of Russia's territorial integrity.

U.S. LOANS FOR INDUSTRY ARE UNDER ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (UP) Acting Comptroller General R. N. Elliott today charged that the Farm Security administration, in lending money to cooperatives for construction and operation of silk hosiery mills was competing both with private industry and the farmers themselves, since the hosiery would compete with domestic grown cotton as material for hose.

CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE IS ARRANGED

Gifts to Needy to be Made Following Carols

The Rev. George Pennell, as president of the city ministers association, which has in charge the preparation of a program to be given at the community Christmas tree Saturday night of this week, today announced that the program will open at 7:30 o'clock Christmas eve, with carol singing led by J. C. Coston, and expressed the hope that all churches in the city and county will send delegations to take part in this carol service.

Rev. Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor of the First Methodist church, will offer the opening prayer.

Rev. Dr. L. T. Wilds, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will read the scripture.

The Rev. Mr. Keesterson, Baptist pastor, will also offer a prayer.

Two more carols will follow and Mayor A. V. Edwards will make the address of the occasion.

Following this will be the distribution of gifts to needy families, concluding the program.

32 Are Killed in Brazilian Wreck

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 19. (UP)—Thirty-two persons were killed and sixty injured last night in a train crash on Central Do Brazil railroad in the state of Minas Geraes.

The crash occurred when a runaway freight struck a passenger express.

5 Shopping Days Till Christmas

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SIX INQUIRIES MERGED IN ONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (UP)—McKesson and Robbins vice president, Frederick Wingersky, revealed today that Philip Musica in the role of drug company president, F. Donald Coster, had attempted to purchase 1,250,000 army rifles as recently as last spring in connection with the munitions traffic he built up—as an illicit sideline.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (UP)—The big scale munitions traffic which Philip Musica built up as F. Donald Coster, president of McKesson, Robbins, Inc., may have been centered in Montreal, where he operated the old United States government arsenal, the attorney general's office disclosed today.

Investigators reported that McKesson and Robbins had operated the munitions warehouse in Montreal for five years.

This disclosure was made by Assistant Attorney General Joseph Ruggieri, who went to Montreal in an attempt to find 18 million dollars worth of assets which Musica, as Coster, falsely listed in the records of his company's crude drug department.

Ruggieri testified at the hearing today as six federal investigating agencies merged their inquiries into Musica's shadowy dealings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (UP) Federal agents, noting the frequency with which McKesson and Robbins trucks had been hi-jacked during the reign of F. Donald Coster as president of the huge drug firm, last night investigated the possibility that he had been stealing his own drugs.

His connections with bootleggers during the prohibition era, when he used a hair tonic business for diversion of alcohol into illicit channels, would have provided an excellent opportunity for arranging the wave of hi-jacking against McKesson and Robbins trucks which occurred during 1934 and 1935 for a total loss approximating \$250,000.

The hi-jackings, occurring in New York state and Connecticut, might have served a twofold purpose for Coster, since they would have reduced taxes, while permitting him to share a personal cut with the gangsters.

Coster, who, as the notorious Philip Musica, swindled New York banks of \$1,000,000 in pre-war days, leaned heavily in recent years on George E. Dietrich, the Musica brother who was assistant treasurer of McKesson and Robbins. Dietrich had a wide acquaintance among former bootleggers, particularly in Bridgeport, Conn., near which Coster lived. Bridgeport bootleggers, it was said last night, used to marvel at Dietrich.

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