The office wag on an off-day rose to remark that Italy seemed to be off-Tunis in its latest international song and dance act.

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MUSICA OPERATED MONTREAL ARSENAL Landon Puts Monroe Doctrine Above Politics

S. to Make "Last Ditch" Fight for Solidarity

ARGENTINE

Peru, Dec. 19. (UP)-States is prepared to "last ditch" for a deccontinental solidarity ighth Pan-American conthat will pledge the 21 an republics to joint ree against "non-American" it was reported last

Secretary of State Corwill insist upon a decover Argentine objecthat specifically differenetween aggression from the western hemisphere ter-American quarrels. Arhas opposed any project ing for unity against "noncan" countries, contending he conference statement of rity should make no refero continents.

unimpeachable source withe United States delegation United Press that the ch between Washington and nos Aires on the wording of declaration, which Argentina sought to shear of all strong directed by implication the European dictator tries, was "fundamental on ch there can be no compro-

deports of the United States ide came after day-long efby Peru and Brazil to recthe American and Argen viewpoints. Today was exed to reveal Argentina's re to the stiffening United

lier, former Governor Al-M. Landon of Kansas, in a ag ground on the democrapresent but they can not for long because they ased on false theories that nd to collapse.

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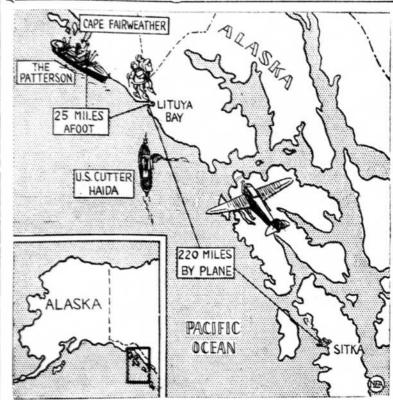
their ascendency comes ty's government. democracies must have fellowship to all man-

was re-broadcast in the pean appeasement. States by the National sting company, warned of , Nazism and Communism Americas. He pleaded for ental solidarity based on ciples of the Monroe Docand cited the danger he described as a fight by cratic "isms" for control western hemisphere. will always unite against ide aggression," he said. n Bay to the Straits of have nothing in comontinued on page three)

lan Christmas **Event Thursday**

Rev. W. S. Hutchison, paschool there will present church a "Christmas Canchurch a "Christmas

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. Naval planes from the new base at Sitka carried the trappers Tom Smith and Vic Manville to Lituya Bay. From there the two men went overland 25 miles in an attempt to lead the crew out to the open waters of Lituya Bay, where the coast guard cutter Haida waited.

TOLD NATION WILL BLOCK ANY

No Confidence Motion

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(UP)speech and in an exclusive day warned Germany that it parently final answer to the agitarian regimes. The latter, would be a "tragic error" to mis- tation in Italy for the surrender a said in the interview, are take that Britain's efforts to preserve peace for a sign of weak- and Red seas. ness. Chamberlain sounded the note of warning in a vigorous de- DUCE FAILS PUBLICLY fense program of appeasement TO MENTION TUNIS

But neither can it be ig-that this is only a tempo-blanket lack of confidence vote against France when he spoke to W. S. Hutchison officiating. situation. Not a single reagainst the government's foreign 30,000 Fascists and miners while

Passage of such a motion, howortunity to stretch the of the big conservative majority. malaria-infested swamps.

1936 Republican presidenit plain that Chamberlain's policy learn whether he would give ofdidate and titular head of would continue, but would be ficial backing to the anti-French O. P., who is a member stiffened by the demand that both demands believed that a discreet American delegation, in a Hitler and Mussolini do some warning by Great Britain had speech Sunday afternoon constructive work toward Euro- served to restrain Il Duce from

Will Not Give Up Any Colonies

Labor is Planning above the frenzied cheers of members of the chamber of deputies, today said France would never surrender an inch of her territory anywhere to Fascist Italy.

Any surprise move intended road board. to oblige France to cede territory can lead only to armed conflict," Bonnet said.

of French territory to Mussolini's day morning and was to return aspirations in the Mediterranean

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- | whether the social security act (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.
Stephen T. Early, secretary
to the president, said the message would deal with extending the coverage of the act and the strengthening of its provisions.

For Mills River By MACK JOHNSON United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (UP)

The advisory council on social se-Mills River Presbyter- curity last night proposed sweep-December 22, at 7:30 provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to unior, intermediate act, chief among them that the

committee to aid it in determining

should be amended. Administration leaders already

have laid plans for revising the act in an attempt to check-mate so-called crackpot pension schemes which President Roosevelt has de-nounced as "short cuts to Utopia." Other important changes suggested by the council call for

start of old age benefit payments beginning January 1, 1940, in-stead of two years later; provisions embracing widows and or-phans, and a \$200 limit on death benefit settlements.

Contrary to expectations, the \$85 a month.

Changes suggested by council include:

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 week-

Gay Banks, 52, died in Patton Memorial hospital early Sunday morning of injuries suffered when hit by an automobile on the Haywood road about 7 o'clock Saturday night.

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 In addition, two trucks collid-

ed on the Asheville highway about 6:30 o'clock Saturday night, but, as far as was learned this morning, none of the occu-pants was injured. Officers reported today, that

Banks was attempting to stop a vas attempting to stop a given by Leonard Dill and into the path of an auto-driven by Ulysses Rantruck driven by Leonard Dill and stepped into the path of an auto-Bell was absolved of blame by

Coroner J. F. Brooks, who said PARIS, Dec. 19. (UP)-For- after an investigation that the eign Minister Bonnet, shouting 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

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 Satur-

ternoon. The officers were continuing a search today for the car, which of the growers in this county had not been seen since Banks left Asheville.

Funeral services for Banks (UP)-Premier Benito Mussolini were held this morning at 11 Pallbearers were Richard Ham-

itarians' philosophy of ecots can succeed. It is based ly and will not permanently and will not permanently the succession of the succes

how this mining town of 12,000 C. and Gross Banks, both of At Patton Memorial hospital

It also was indicated that government spokesmen would make awaited Mussolini's speech to Jackson would be discharged to-

He was injured when a Ford truck, in which he was riding

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PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow ord surpluses, and bumper crops. night at the church house.

Asheville, will be the speaker of the evening.



SATURDAY

Maximum temperature-48 degrees. Minimum - 29 degrees. SUNDAY

Women in the Coster Case



INFORMER

Eleanor Lockne informed Washington officials on the true identity of "George Vernard," fiscal agent of McKesson & Robbins, for wnom she worked as secretary. She indicated he was really Arthur Musica, one of three brothers involved in a 1913 swindle.



Possible new mystery in the tangled McKesson & Robbins case is the true identity of Mrs. Frank Donald Coster. The fictitious "Who's Who" record of her suicide husband gave her maiden name as "Carol Jenkins Schiefflin of Jamaica, L. I."

Legion Auxiliary Plans Made for Needy's Baskets

dent of the American Legion Aux-County Joins Other iliary today requested all mem-**Sections to Kill** Plan

Henderson county burley tobacco producers on Saturday votthe baskets. ed in opposition to the establishment of national tobacco quotas. ment of national tobacco quotas. The election was held at the of-

fice of the county farm agent. Only slightly more than half eligible to vote on the question balloted. The vote was 32 against in favor of the quotas.

vote and only 49 went on record school there on Wednesday with ballots.

In 20 Western North Carolina made later with regard to the counties farmers voted 5,792 to date and arrangements of the as-2,660 against the establishment sociation's meeting. 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

CROP CONTROL **FOES ELATED**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (UP) Opponents of the administration's on First avenue. crop control program hailed rejection of marketing quotas for swered at the home of Henry indication of dissatisfaction with streets.

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, rec-

Almost complete returns from Supper will be served at 7 Saturday's referenda showed that o'clock after which Mr. F. O. neither growers of burley nor than 1,500 White Russians, gath- Czarist throne. Clark of the Farmers Federation, dark tobacco in 14 states gave the ered in Paris to acclaim 21-yearnecessary two-thirds vote to make old Grand Duke Vladimir as the faithful to the principal of Rusthe marketing program effective. "czar presumptive" of all the sia's territorial integrity including On December 10 similar restrictions were voted down by new Ukrainian independence independence nied reports that while in Berrice and flue-cured tobacco grow-ers while cotton growers by a major blow to the Soviet regime reports that while in Ber-lin he would confer with Chanmajority short of last year's, which drove them into exile.

agreed to invoke restrictions.

AAA officials said that tobacco growers have had "good marco growers have had "good marsolemn ceremony at the Maison solemn ceremony at the Maison sol keting" conditions and prices and de Chimie only a half-mile from ing persisted in Paris that his visthat they want to "go it alone" the Soviet embassy, said they re-next year without federal re- fused to serve as "tools" for Ger- tirely unrelated to the Ukrainian strictions. Rejection of a market- many or any other foreign power independence movement. ing quota means that growers of in striving for a Ukrainian state River Presbyterannounces that on ing changes in old age pension announces that on provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions of the social security scale which ranges from \$10 to provisions o As a result of the referenda, sia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia. province. Maximum temperature—52 degrees. Minimum—36 deg

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (UP)

U.S. LOANS FOR

INDUSTRY ARE

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

Made Follow-

president of the city ministers association, which has in charge the preparation of a program to be given at the community Christ-mas tree Saturday night of this week, today announced that the program will open at 7:30 o'clock

States government arsenal, the attorney general's office disclos-ed today.

Investigators reported that Mc-Kesson and Robbins had operatled by J. C. Coston, and express- Montreal for five years. ed the hope that all churches in This disclosure was made by the city and county will send del Assistant Attorney General Jo-

of the First Methodist church, will offer the opening prayer. Rev. Dr. L. T. Wilds, pastor of

the Presbyterian church, will read Mrs. Frank Yarborough, presi- the scripture. tist pastor, will also offer a pray-

bers to leave their donations of Two more carols will follow food, clothes and toys at English and Mayor A. V. Edwards will Shoe store, opposite the post-office. Food especially is needed, Following this will be the dis-Following this will be the disshe said. The members will meet tribution of gifts to needy famat the Legion home Wednesday ilies, concluding the program.

morning at 10 o'clock to prepare SR. GIRL SCOUTS ARE TO GATHER IS POSTPONED

Senior Girl Scouts will meet The East Flat Rock Parent- with Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, Jr., at her national marketing quotas and 17 Teacher association meeting for home, she announced today. Atlin favor of the quotas.

December has been postponed, it tention was called to the fact that A total of 91 farmers in Hen- was announced this afternoon, on the girls are to bring with them derson county were eligible to account of the holiday closing of lanterns and sleigh bells. The of senior girls are also asked to bring in all the money that has this week. Announcement will be been obtained in the sale of Christmas cards, while each girl is reminded that she is to bring an inexpensive Christmas gift.

32 Are Killed in Is Called Twice Brazilian Wreck

RIO DE JANERIO, Dec. 19 .two calls yesterday, small dam-(UP)-Thirty-two persons were killed and sixty injured last In the morning the department night in a train crash on Central answered a call at a negro home Do Brazil railroad in the state of

A call in the afternoon was an-Minas Geraes. The crash occurred when a 1939 by tobacco farmers as an Reid, corner Beech and Pace runaway freight struck a passenger express.

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

Fire Department

age resulting in both cases.

The fire department answered

The members of the "Union of gency of an independent Ukrain-

Asserting that he "remains

Nazi plan to offer him the re-

Despite Vladimir's denials feel-

He said in his denials that:

2. The Ukraine is only a fron-

Had Munitions Depot in Montreal for 5 Years

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 Gifts to Needy to be spring in connection with the munitions traffic he built up—as an ilicit sideline.

ing Carols

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

Christmas eve, with carol singing ed the munitions warehouse in

egations to take part in this car- seph Ruggieri, who went to Montreal in an attempt to find 18 Rev. Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor 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 hear-

ing today as six federal investi-The Rev. Mr. Kesterson, Ban- gating agencies merged their inquiries into Musica's shadowy

> 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 Diet-(Continued on page three)

5 Shopping Days Till Christmas



ASS NAMED WEPSURN WAS MAYING GOOD IN A BIG WAY LOOKING BACK TO CHRIST-MAS FIVE YEARS AGO.

Repeal's arrival was still being toasted. . . . Japan was praying for heir to the throne. . . . Year's outstanding personality in sports, the Giants' Carl Hubbell. . . A red-headed Con-necticut lass named Hepburn was making good in big way. . . "Let 'Em Fat Cake" was wowing New York. . . . Radk fans' pet hate was jazz, pol' showed. . . . Bolivia and Paraguay rowing over Gran Chaco