

Mostly cloudy with probable light rains tonight or Saturday. Warmer tonight.

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There seems to be a new note in the diplomatic exchanges between Germany and the United States.

HOPKINS NAMED COMMERCE SECRETARY

U. S. Not To Weaken In Stand Toward Nazis

GERMAN PRESS SCORES JEWS HONORING F. R.

Welles Says Efforts of State Department Are For Peace—Not War SAYS PEOPLE RESENT ATTACKS ON WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (UP)—A high administration official today indicated that the United States would maintain its strong positive attitude toward the German government even though the resultant events might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations.

The state department's rebuke to Germany through Acting Secretary of State Welles was not calculated to cause a diplomatic breach but amicable relations with Germany are more strained than at any time since the World War because of Welles' refusal to apologize for or to express disapproval of the speech by Secretary of Interior Ickes which caused the protest.

Meantime in Berlin the German press singled out the presentation of a Jewish medal to President Roosevelt as the first Nazi reaction to the stinging diplomatic rebuke. The award of the American Hebrew Magazine medal was termed a "example of the influence in the United States of 'Jewish gangsterdom,'" by the German papers.

The state department's rebuke warned the Hitler government to put its own house in order before criticizing Americans. Undersecretary of State Welles disclosed yesterday.

The German protest was lodged with Welles Wednesday by Dr. Hans Thomsen, charge d'affaires at the German embassy in the absence of Ambassador Hans Dieckhoff, who was ordered home after President Roosevelt recalled American Ambassador Hugh R. Wilson from Berlin.

Judge Fauntleroy Recalls Waltzing With Mrs. Wilson

Memories Are Recalled by Biography of War Time President's Widow

The biography of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, now being published in The Saturday Evening Post, caused Judge Fauntleroy, who lives near Tryon, to remark reminiscently today that he recalled dancing a waltz with Mrs. Wilson in 1889.

Members of his family have been closely associated with the Wilsons, Judge Fauntleroy said. In her story Mrs. Wilson writes relative to her school friends: "The school was small—only about 30 girls as boarders. My roommate was Lucy Day, who afterward married Senator Tom Martin, of Virginia, and in the next room were Maria Lee Evans, of South Carolina, who married Senator Gary, of that state, and Mammie Fauntleroy, from Virginia. We four formed the closest friendship, which lasted ever since."

FRANCO OPENS CAMPAIGN ON CATALONIANS

Four Lightning Thrusts Said to Break Loyalists Defenses

BURGOS, Spain, Dec. 23. (UP)—The long-awaited nationalist offensive against the loyalist armies in Catalonia opened today with four lightning-like thrusts.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco personally was at the nationalist front directing the big offensive, thus disproving reports that he was seriously ill.

Seeking to smash the republican defenses in the loyalist's Catalonia stronghold and speed the civil war to an end, the armies of Franco opened up big scale operations at 8 a. m. The first momentum of the attack carried nationalist troops through four breaks in the loyalist lines, an official announcement reported.

MOMENTARY ARREST LOOMS FOR COSTER'S BLACKMAILERS IN NEW SWINDLE CHAPTER

Suicide Note to Exonerate Family Reveals No New Facts

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (UP)—Federal authorities today were said expected momentarily to arrest persons who blackmailed F. Donald Coster before his suicide by threatening to expose the president of McKesson & Robbins as Philip Musica, the convicted swindler. Eight persons aware of Coster's record are said to be known.

With vague and incoherent protestations that Wall Street and bankers were to blame for his downfall, Coster, unmasked as one of the most incredible swindlers of modern times, sought in a suicide note released yesterday to protect his family from the effects of his crime.

It thus was shown that he took the way out he once demanded of his father, a weak-willed Italian barber dominated by his eldest son, Philip Musica, which was Coster's true name. When the Musica family was caught trying to flee to Honduras in 1914, after Philip had perpetrated the million-dollar "human hair" swindle which distinguished his early career, Philip handed his father a gun and suggested that the old man write a suicide note taking all the blame, then kill himself. The father refused and Philip himself took the blame, going to prison for six months of a one-year term.

OIL WORKERS GASSED, BACK AS PICKETERS

Oklahoma CIO Flareup Is Declared Not to Be Sitdown Strike

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 23. (UP)—Union oil field workers today picketed the huge Midcontinent Oil company refinery in an attempt to stop operations.

GREEN RIVER YULE PROGRAM SATURDAY EVE

R. W. Boys, President of Mill, to Be Host to 325 Children

The annual Children's Christmas party, given by the Green River Mills, will be held on Saturday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock at the Tuxedo school auditorium.

RALEIGH HAS \$1,250 HOLD UP

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 23. (UP)—Two bandits held up the assistant manager of Woolworth's five and ten cent store as he was leaving to make a bank deposit and escaped with \$1,250 in cash.

HOME LIGHTING AWARDS MADE BY COMMITTEE

Miss Sally Tops Prize Winners; Several Honorably Mentioned

PUBLIC URGED TO INSPECT DISPLAYS

After careful consideration of displays at homes entered in Hendersonville's home lighting contest, a feature of the Christmas season, a committee of four persons today made cash awards as follows:

First prize, \$25—Miss Mary A. Salley, 305 Crescent avenue, Hyman Heights. Second prize, \$10—Mrs. Glenn Marston, Rugby. Third prize, \$5—Mrs. Albert Durham, 245 Fifth avenue west. Fourth prize, \$5—Dr. J. S. Brown, Jr., Laurel Park. Fifth prize, \$5—Mrs. George Peebles, 329 Taylor street.

The judges were Mrs. H. Walter Fuller, chairman, Mrs. Walter W. Carpenter, Mrs. Louise Killan, and F. A. Ewbank. Mrs. Killan, former president of the Woman's Club at Evanson, Ill., has lately come to Hendersonville to reside.

No Times-News Issued Monday

Following its annual custom, The Times-News will omit one day's edition in celebration of Christmas. This year that edition will be Monday's.

FLAT ROCK H. S. UNIT TENDERS BASKETS

Agricultural students at Flat Rock High school distributed Christmas baskets following the closing of the school for the holidays this week.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER MAKES DANGEROUS RESCUE OF 20 MEN AND 2 WOMEN IN ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (UP)—The American freighter Schodack radioed today that it completed the dangerous rescue of twenty men and two women aboard the sinking Norwegian oil tanker Smaragd.

THE TIMES-NEWS Christmas Service

The Times-News herewith presents its annual Christmas service, contributed by pastors of the city.

INVOCATION

(By Rev. Jas. P. Burke) O Lord Jesus Christ, who became a dweller in time that man might dwell with Thee in eternity, help us each day, and especially at this Holy Season, to come before Thee with a song of gratitude for all Thy mercies. Bless us to our extraordinary mercies! Grant that the remembrance of them may quicken in us the desire to know and do Thy will. Continue to us, O Lord, Thy providences. Open our eyes that we may behold Thy hand in all Thy works. Bind us to each other by neighborly good-will. Fill our hearts with joy. Give us a measure of the peace that passeth understanding. "Pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh and hasten Thy kingdom. Amen."

HYMN O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O, come ye, O, come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels: O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

HYMN SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

NAPOLEON'S TOMB SAVED AS FAMED BUILDING BURNS

50 Fire Engines Called But Frozen Hose Make Serious Situation

PARIS, Dec. 23. (UP)—Roaring flames last night virtually destroyed the five-story facade of the Hotel Des Invalides, one of the world's most famous buildings, before reaching the tomb of Napoleon beneath the structure's great gilded dome.

The flames, which leaped 100 feet into the air and lighted the left bank of the Seine for blocks, were believed to have destroyed many priceless war archives dating back to the Napoleonic wars as well as American World War records.

Hoses mounted about 150-foot extension ladders brought the flames under control shortly before midnight but billowing smoke still belched from the gutted floors of the monumental facade. Soldiers garrisoned in one wing of the building returned to bed while 10 fire fighting units remained, dousing the smoldering portions of the 268-year-old building.

Although all available fire-fighting equipment in the Paris metropolitan area, including 50 fire engines, were called out by a general alarm most of the equipment was useless because of frozen water lines.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 1-20: 1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.) 3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) 5. To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. 6. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn. 8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. 9. And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them; and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. 10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17. And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18. And all they that heard it (Continued on page three)

TAKES ROPER'S CABINET POST ON SATURDAY

Lasser Sees Choice of Harrington For WPA Chief As Abolition Move

AUBREY WILLIAMS IS NYA ADMINISTRATOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (UP)—President Roosevelt today named WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins as secretary of commerce to succeed Daniel C. Roper, whose resignation becomes effective at midnight.

At the same time the White House announced the appointment of Colonel F. C. Harrington as WPA administrator to succeed Hopkins. Harrington at present is chief engineer for the WPA. Presidential Secretary Stephen Early, who disclosed the appointments, said Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator, had been named administrator of the National Youth Administration and probably will resign from his WPA post. Early emphasized that Harrington had been designated to head the WPA. Harrington is an active army officer and thus was merely detailed from the army to this position. He will continue to draw regular pay as an army colonel rather than the \$10,000 salary of the WPA administrator.

Early said Hopkins was sworn as secretary of commerce tomorrow in the president's study at the White House. It is believed Harrington's designation will not require senate confirmation. Hopkins, however, must be confirmed by the senate. Hopkins' appointment leaves one vacancy in the president's cabinet to be filled, that caused by the resignation of Attorney General Cummings, effective in January.

Vice President John Nance Garner and a group of conservative congressional leaders yesterday sought to force President Roosevelt to appoint an army official as Works Progress administrator in a move designed to quickly abolish the agency, an official of the Workers' Alliance charged.

David Lasser, president of the alliance, an independent union of WPA workers, said Garner and the others had indicated to the president that they would vote against the confirmation of WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, if he were named to the post of secretary of commerce, unless an army man is selected for the relief job.

The men selected by Garner and Senators William H. King, Utah, Burton K. Wheeler, Mont., and Representative Clifton A. Woodrum, Va.—all Democrats—was Col. F. C. Harrington, Lasser said. Harrington at present is chief engineer for WPA on detail from the U. S. army.

Lasser described the vice-president and the congressional bloc as "reactionaries" and said they are "wielding a big stick" over the president in order to assure the naming of Harrington and subsequent "demobilization (Continued on page three)

L. MOOSE IS HEAD OF LIONS

Officers of New Club Are Chosen; Charter Night Set January 26

W. L. Moose, druggist, was elected president of the Hendersonville Lions club at an organizational meeting held at the Hendersonville Inn last night.

8-FOOT SAILFISH

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 13. (UP)—Mrs. Wm. A. Simmons, 82-year-old grandmother of Bellhaven, N. C., caught an eight-foot sailfish while fishing off West Palm Beach yesterday. She was awarded a gold button by officials of the West Palm Beach fishing club.

ZONA GALE ILL

Chicago, Dec. 23. (UP)—Dr. F. B. Jack, resident physician at Passavant hospital said last night that Zona Gale Breese, noted novelist, was in a "very critical" condition from pneumonia and had been placed under oxygen.

ONE KILLED—ONE HURT

AIKEN, S. C., Dec. 23. (UP)—Monroe Genes, of Martin, S. C., was killed and Flem Dears, of Martin, injured seriously when a truck crashed through a bridge yesterday.