

WEATHER

Fair and colder tonight. Thursday, increasing cloudiness and warmer, with probable rain or snow.

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GOOD AFTERNOON

Extra-heavy dew in California; total precipitation during storm was 6.51 inches.

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CHINA MOVING INDUSTRIES FAR INLAND

Loyalists Are Ready To Flee Barcelona

FRANCO ENDS FIRST PHASE OF VICTORY DRIVE

Huge Force Pointed at Barcelona; to Split Catalonia

300,000 MEN SWEEP ON IN CAMPAIGN

HENDAYE. Franco-Spanish Frontier, Dec. 28. (UP)—The first phase of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's end-the-war offensive was completed today and he prepared a second drive to change the map of Catalonia.

Insurgent dispatches claimed continued success along a 60-mile front which gradually was shaping into a huge triangle, the apex aimed almost directly at the loyalist capital, Barcelona, and it was designed to cut Catalonia into halves.

The northern wing of the insurgent army of 300,000 swept across Montsec mountain range, captured villages and prepared to attack Aresa de Segre, the so-called gateway to Catalonia.

Loyalist defenders of Catalonia last night were reported to retreat along a 60-mile front to escape the jaws of Generalissimo Franco's giant pincers snapping shut upon the walled town of Cervera, 48 miles inland from Barcelona.

Insurgent dispatches at the same time indicated that Franco's forces on the southern wing were only 30 miles from the important government seaport of Tarragona on the Mediterranean, but instead of striking on to the southeast they swung north toward Cervera.

Simultaneously, Franco's crack Navarrese and Galicians in the Tremp sector to the north swept southward across 5,000-foot mountain peaks in swirling snow upon the town of Artesa de Segre, key communications center of the government's entire center-Catalonian front.

The security of loyalist Generalissimo Vincente Rojo's entire defense system from Tremp down to Lerida east of the Segre valley was at stake.

From Artesa de Segre on the south bank of the Segre Franco's forces must cut an 18-mile arc to reach Cervera while his southern army, composed largely of Italian Legionnaires and Moroccan cavalry, must drive north and east 17 miles across jagged hills to reach Cervera.

Once this liaison is formed, the insurgents will have bitten off a great bulging slice of loyalist territory from Tremp to Mora de Ebro, trapping loyalist units behind them, and would be massed for a death blow at Barcelona, directly east over a broad highway.

Frontier reports said that the loyalist government was preparing to abandon Barcelona should the insurgents get within striking distance.

Insurgent dispatches said that Premier Juan Negrin and his cabinet were holding a fleet of ships in readiness ready to move the government to the southern section of dismembered loyalist Spain, probably Cartagena or Albacete.

Catalonian dispatches said Generalissimo Franco was laying down the heaviest artillery bombardment of the entire civil war, using more than 500 guns along his lines from Tremp to Segre. More than 3,000 aerial bombs and 8,000 shells were said to have fallen on loyalist positions in the sector during the last 72 hours.

H. S. Class Of 1938 Will Hold Reunion

The 1938 graduating class of the Hendersonville high school will hold its first reunion tomorrow, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Home Food Shop, when the event will take the form of an informal banquet. A large crowd is expected. Sponsors of the gathering today said that all who have not done so leave their plate charge for the banquet with Miss Jane Turner at the Economy drug store.

CITY AND LAKE LURE ALL STARS TO PLAY

Announcement was made today that the Hendersonville All Star basketball team will play the Lake Lure All Stars tonight at 8 o'clock at the Flat Rock high school gym.

JAPS PLANNING NEW CAMPAIGN IN SO. CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28. (UP)—Chinese sources today reported that Japanese troops are massing west of Canton and appeared to be planning a drive into the interior of China, possibly along the border of French Indo-China. Chinese military authorities said that Japanese casualties during the war have totaled 650,000.

F.D.R.'S PLAN TO TRAIN PILOTS WINS SUPPORT

Senator Sheppard Okehs Large Civilian Aviation Reserve

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (UP) Chairman Morris Sheppard of the senate military affairs committee today promised support for President Roosevelt's new program to augment vastly the nation's trained civilian aviator. Sheppard expressed his approval of plans to train annually under the direction of the Civil Aeronautics authority 20,000 youths between the ages of 18 and 25 as air pilots to provide a reserve in case of war.

"We've got to cultivate aviation among civilians as well as among army and navy forces," Sheppard said. "We must encourage civilian aviation as much as possible."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (UP) President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that the government soon would begin training 20,000 college students annually as expert pilots, giving the United States one of the most formidable aerial reserves in the world.

He said at his press conference that preliminary plans call for start of the program in several hundred colleges during the school year 1939-40, under supervision of the National Youth Administration. Details were worked out by the Civil Aeronautics authority, he added.

Mr. Roosevelt's disclosure came after it was learned authoritatively that he plans to send a special message to the 76th congress asking for supplemental military and naval funds to develop a gigantic, long-range air armada.

Military and naval experts now estimate that there are 30,000 to 35,000 pilots and students in civilian aviation who could be conscripted in event of war. Since the president placed no limit on the length of time the new program would run, it is believed the United States may become undisputed in air supremacy within a few years.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the plan would be placed on an experimental basis during the second semester of the present school year in a number of colleges that had pioneered in the field, and that at least 300 students would be trained in this period.

Pending further arrangements the CAA announced that courses in the test semester would be presented at the following colleges and universities: Purdue, Alabama, Minnesota, University of Washington, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical, and Georgia School of Technology.

He emphasized that the complete program would entail an annual cost of \$9,500,000 which must be appropriated through (Continued on page three)

ANOTHER COLD WAVE SWEEPS OUT OF ARCTIC

Warning Comes as Almost Entire Nation Gripped by First One

EXPECTED TO STRIKE ALL EAST OF ROCKIES

(UNITED PRESS)

"Kid Cold" clobbered his fist today for a second punch at the nation, already reeling from his first wintery blow.

United States weather forecaster J. R. Lloyd at Chicago warned that a second cold wave is sweeping down from the Arctic Circle while the first wave held almost the entire nation in its grip.

The fringe of the new wave has reached Montana and Lloyd said by tomorrow night it would blanket the Plains states and the Missouri valley.

The most severe cold wave of the winter stretched icy tentacles toward the eastern seaboard today and penetrated even sections of the deep south.

Intense cold already had spread over the Plains states, the lower Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio river valleys and the Great Lakes region. Blizzards raged across the upper Michigan peninsula and in parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and upper New York.

U. S. forecaster Lloyd expected that the cold would cover every portion of the country east of the Rocky mountains by tonight. He said great masses of Polar air still are sweeping southeastward from the Mackenzie river basin and that the cold might not abate for a week.

Zero readings were reported from the Rockies to Michigan and a line of near zero temperatures stretched northeastward from Pennsylvania across New York into northern New England. Temperatures reached the freezing point in portions of southern Texas and were sub-normal in Florida. The Pacific coast was the only section of the country to escape the cold.

Toledo, O., a city of 300,000 population, faced a threat of a water shortage. High off-shore winds had blown so much water of the Maumee river into Lake Erie the water department was forced to draw upon emergency supplies stored in reservoir. The river is the city's only source for water. Its stage dropped six feet yesterday and the city's intake was cut to nearly one-fifth of normal.

George Schoonmaker, city engineer, said the threat of a famine had subsided but warned citizens to economize rigidly.

"We still may be forced to cut off the water completely at any hour to assure a fire protection (Continued on page three)

HUNGARY WOLVES KILL CARPATHIAN PEOPLE

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 28.—(UP)—A dispatch from the village of Brusturi, in the Carpathian mountains, said today that four villagers were killed in a fight with wolves which, desperate from hunger because of snow, attacked the village stables.

According to the dispatch, all the men of the village, armed with sickles, hatchets and knives, fought 50 wolves for several hours, and killed 14. The wolves had killed sheep and cattle in their raid, it was said.

The cold which brought the wolves down from the mountains affected the entire country. It was accompanied by heavy snow.

Rome Speculates France May Yield Use Of African Seaport Facilities

ROME, Dec. 28. (UP)—Speculation that France might agree to certain non-territorial concessions facilitating Italy's use of the Port of Djibouti developed last night following reports of Italian troop concentrations along the border of French Somaliland.

The Fascist press reproduced French newspaper reports of the Italian troop movements, supposedly with the aim of occupying the Djibouti terminus of the railroad to Addis Ababa, but government officials declined to either confirm or deny the reports.

Diplomats admitted that if the reports of menacing Italian troop

Prayer—As Usual



Forced to live and pray in a stable previously condemned as unfit for horses, this elderly Jewish refugee offers up his devout morning prayers as usual, clad in prayer shawl and phylacteries. He is one of 6000 Jews forced out of Germany and barred from Poland, now living in a frontier "no man's land." His stable-home is near Zlonszyn, Poland.

LIMA PARLEY'S RESULTS ARE SUMMED UP AS EFFORT TO PRESERVE AMERICAN SYSTEM

Argentina Wins Duel to Avoid Definite Alliance of Republics

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 28. (UP)—The United States delegation to the Eighth Pan American conference ended for home today with plans for strengthening the declaration of American solidarity against foreign political or military interference.

The accord unanimously adopted by the conference is regarded as highly satisfactory by Secretary of State Cordell Hull but it is admitted that the work must be continued in future to strengthen this agreement and add concrete achievements to the moral declaration of unity adopted by the 21 American nations.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 28.—(UP)—Foreign Minister Carlos Concha of Peru last night closed the Eighth Pan American conference on a keynote of peace and security in the western hemisphere based on the 21 American republics' declaration of solidarity against foreign aggression or interference with American institutions.

The conference adjourned at 7:42 p. m., the delegates and others present immediately standing to sing "The Hymn of the Americas."

Concha, in summing up "The American Philosophy of Life" told the delegates that "All we seek is to strengthen our existence by means of ties that guarantee the perpetual existence of our institutions." He said the solidarity declaration "supports the existence of a purely American system which tends to conservation of peace and proscription of war."

Foreign Minister Luis Lopez De Mesa of Colombia, as the representative of the country which will be host to the Ninth Pan American conference in 1943, also spoke.

All the nations had signed the "final act" of the conference, containing 111 resolutions but not a single treaty or convention, before the closing ceremony was called to order by Concha in the Peruvian chamber of deputies.

Signing of the final act, printed in the four official languages of the American republics—Spanish, English, Portuguese and French—began at 9:50 a. m., when Foreign Secretary Narciso Garay of Panama affixed his signature and the seal of that republic to the document. Other delegates followed suit throughout the day in the order of their arrival at the Congress building.

To all intents and purposes the conference, which began Dec. 9, closed at 10:12 p. m. Saturday when the final plenary session adjourned after approving unanimously (Continued on page six)

COUNTIES MAY RUN RELIEF TO SHUN POLITICS

Roosevelt Studies Scheme for Non-Partisan Local Operation

WOULD WARD OFF INQUIRY ON WPA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (UP) President Roosevelt is considering today the establishment of non-partisan boards in every county to keep politics out of relief.

The plan, it was learned, was outlined at recent White House conferences. One usually well-informed source said that it was designed to answer congressional criticism of the Works Progress Administration and to soften demands for an investigation of that agency.

New attacks on WPA were expected to follow publication of the report of the senate campaign expenditures committee, which investigated charges of political activity among federal employees during the last elections.

It was learned that the report, covering inquiries made in 15 states, would contain serious charges involving politics in relief in several states, notably Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania. A coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats planned to use these charges as ammunition in a fight to prevent WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins' appointment as secretary of commerce.

A recent White House visitor, commenting on the relief situation in his state, drew from the president an outline of the proposal to create non-partisan boards to investigate complaints of political coercion and other charges, and to advise the federal agency. Actual administration of relief would remain in control of WPA. Members of the boards would serve without salary.

Congressional opponents of the present relief set-up contended that Mr. Roosevelt, in considering such a plan, was admitting weakness in the WPA which, they said, permitted federal employees in many states to play politics with persons on relief rolls.

A strong group of senators, including Carter Glass (D., Va.), Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), Josiah W. Bailey (D., N. C.), Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) and Ellison D. Smith (D., S. C.), planned to renew attempts to abolish WPA and turn its administrative functions over to the individual states.

These efforts may be strengthened by the findings of the campaign expenditures investigators. Chairman Morris Sheppard (D., Texas) said he hoped to make the committee's report public on (Continued on page three)

U. S. FLEET DIVISION TO MAKE GOOD WILL TRIP TO S. AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (UP) The Navy department today said it plans to send a division of cruisers on a good will trip to South America next spring.

Naval officials said details of the proposed cruise are not available but it is understood that Division 7, with the exception of the Vincennes, probably will make the trip.

Other ships in the division are the San Francisco, Tuscaloosa and the Quincy. The Vincennes' overhauling schedule prevents her from making the trip.

Nazis Say Any Break Fault Of U. S.; Hold U. S. 'Defeated' In Lima Parley

BERLIN, Dec. 28. (UP)—Nazi leaders last night indicated Chancellor Adolf Hitler probably would let the matter of the United States' recent rebuke to Germany drop and leave it to Washington to take any initiative which might lead to a definite break in German-American relations.

Hitler had had ample opportunity to study the rebuke, which answered a Nazi protest against a speech by U. S. Secretary of Interior Harold I. Ickes, but no official announcement or even a hint as to Germany's course of dealing with the matter has been forthcoming.

Would Adolf Approve This?



Herr Hitler might not like just now—his favorite Leni Riefenstahl wearing a 100 per cent American cowgirl outfit on a ranch near Santa Barbara, Cal.

SEEK 5 MORE IN DRUG CASE

Two Men and Woman Now Being Held in Black-mail Charge

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (UP)—Police held a woman and two men today and sought five more persons, all on suspicion of having blackmailed F. Donald Coster, the swindling president of McKesson and Robbins, Inc., who killed himself when he was exposed as Philip Musica, an ex-convict.

The prisoners, belligerent and uncommunicative, were Mary Brandino, 37; her brother, Joseph, 61, and Walter H. Cragg, 56, a disbarred lawyer imprisoned in 1914 for embezzling a client's funds.

The other suspects were not named. Together, they were believed to have extorted most or all of the \$150,000 a year that Coster-Musica swindled from his company.

The three were held on federal charges of using the mails to defraud and "conspiring with others to extort sums of money from Philip Musica." They were among the few persons who knew of Coster-Musica's 18-year masquerade, during which he invaded Wall (Continued on page three)

UNEXPLOITED PROVINCES TO BE OCCUPIED

Unprecedented Transfer Financed by United States, Britain

'RED' AND RIGHTIST CLEAVAGE GROWING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28. (UP) The Chinese government, partly with the aid of United States and British loans, is undertaking an almost unprecedented mass transfer of industrial resources into the unexploited provinces of western China.

Millions of dollars worth of machinery and equipment, hundreds of thousands of laborers and many hundreds of skilled technicians and engineers are moving westward as Japanese bayonets cut off China's great coastal commercial areas.

The movement may be one of the most significant developments of the Far Eastern struggle which recently has resulted in mounting Japanese resentment against the United States and Britain, because of their financial aid to China for the purchase of agricultural and industrial machinery.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28. (UP)—Followers of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said in Chungking today that any thought of peace between Japan and China on the basis of Japanese Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye's statement of December 28, is impossible.

Simultaneously it was denied officially that former Premier Wang Ching-wei has been empowered to sound out the Japanese on the possibility of a truce and present to them certain "minimum conditions for peace" on behalf of the generalissimo.

Reports persisted, however, that Wang either is or soon will be talking with Japanese representatives in Hanoi, French Indo-China, or Hong Kong, on the possibility of finding some formula for an end of the war.

The newspaper Tsung Pao in Hong Kong secretly on Monday night and added that Chen Kung-Po, chief of the Nationalist (Kuomintang) party in Szechuan, was flying from Chongqing, the Szechuan capital, "to inquire about Wang's health."

Generalissimo Chiang, however, in addressing the weekly memorial meeting to Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Nationalist party, at Chungking, denounced Prince Konoye's declaration of December 22 and indicated there has been no slackening in his determination to continue fighting to the bitter end.

Far Eastern observers were convinced that some peace move was under way but they believed it might be several weeks or months before anything definite would develop.

Wang is close to many right wing leaders of the Kuomintang who feel that Generalissimo Chiang gradually is permitting the Chinese Communist party to gain control of the masses, thus opening the way for a "red" government in which the interests of the conservatives would be wiped out.

Roy C. Bennett, finance committee chairman of the First Baptist church announced this morning that the larger finance committee will hold an important meeting at the church tonight following the mid-week prayer service.

Mr. Bennett stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make final preparations for the every-member canvass that will be conducted for that church next Sunday.

Baptist Finance Group Will Meet

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HOME FROM RALEIGH

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W. Bennett have returned from Raleigh, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

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