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China's Historic Relics Face Jap Fury

Ultimatum To Nanking; "Quit Or Face Death"

Shanghai, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Japanese command issued an ultimatum today demanding surrender of China's abandoned capitol, Nanking, by noon Friday which is 11 P. M. (E. S. T.) and threatening that otherwise, the city "will become the scene of the horrors of war".

The ultimatum was issued by the commander of the Japanese forces, in the Shanghai-Nanking section, to the Chinese commander. A Japanese warplane dropped a further communication to Nanking. "Abandonment of resistance will spare the city its historic relics and spots of beauty", it promised.

Japanese tanks were reported to have entered the southeast gate of Nanking and the Japanese army spokesman predicted capture of the city within twenty-four hours. The spokesman declared the Chinese still were resisting and added that there would be a major battle if resistance continued. He declined to state whether Japan expected the defenders to fight to the last or surrender in order to escape a heavy toll of life and property.

Domei (Japanese) news agency, said observers in airplanes saw tanks entering the southeast city gate. Domei also said the Japanese had entered Wuhu, Yangtze river port, sixty miles upstream from Nanking.

Chinese artillery, firing from strong fortifications on Temple mountain, which overlooks Nanking, kept the Japanese forces from a frontal attack on the eastern walls of the city where reports were that fourteen Americans remained. Shanghai, itself, heard the boom of anti-aircraft guns after days of quiet. The Japanese flagship fired 25 shells into overcast skies, Japanese and foreign reports were to the effect that two Chinese planes had flown over the ship.

Nanking, Dec. 9.—(AP)—From 7 A. M. until 6 P. M. (E.S.T.) Japanese aircraft pounded this capitol of China all day long but tonight China still held position around the city. Chinese defenders hammered steadily at the Japanese closing in from the south and southeast. Thus far the Japanese have been able to bring only their lightest artillery into play against the capitol defenders.

Promotions In Highway Office

T. J. McKim, district engineer of the sixth district highway department with headquarters in Asheboro, has been promoted to assistant division engineer, succeeding W. H. Foushee, who recently resigned to accept a position with a large oil company. W. H. White, formerly resident engineer of the highway department in Albemarle has been named to succeed Mr. McKim. Both Mr. White and Mr. McKim have been with the state highway department for 16 years and were selected for promotion because of their long and efficient service it was stated at the local office today.

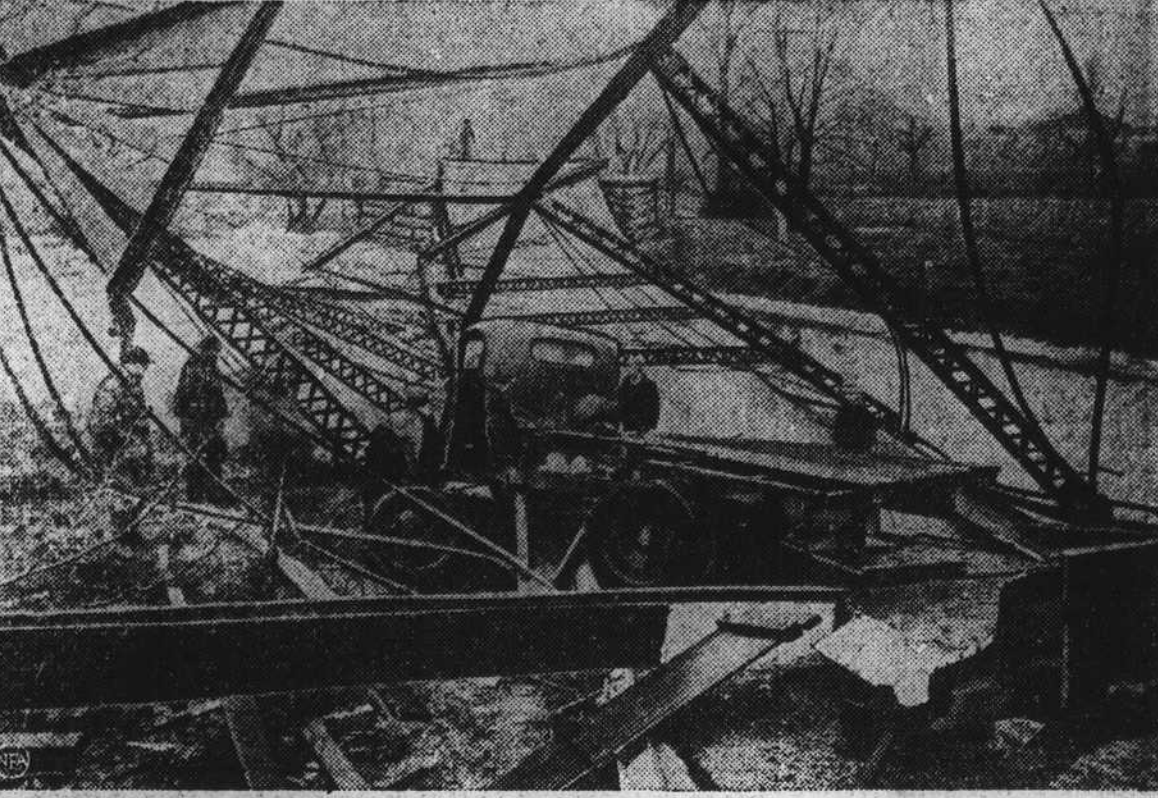
CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS



A dread superstition in Bohemia is that if a housewife should be so unlucky as to burn a cake on Christmas Day, it is a sign she will die within the year.

13 Shopping Days Till Christmas

What One Light Truck Did to a 120-Foot Bridge



Frankfort's bridge—not London's—has fallen down and the light one and a half-ton truck, shown in the foreground of the above picture, caused it all. When the truck, driven by Landis Thompson, Sedalia, Ind., hit an end support, the entire bridge collapsed leftward. The roadway, center, shows the original line of the bridge, while the girders which formed the right side of the structure now lie across the floor and the superstructure is a mass of twisted wreckage, half submerged in the stream. The truck was damaged slightly, the driver bruised, and it will cost Indiana \$20,000 to replace the bridge.

Seven Children Burn to Death In Tenement House; All Trapped

Winter's Second Cold Blast Due South Tonight

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The second cold wave of the week moved into the south today marked by snow falls in many sections. Coming from the northwest it sent the mercury tumbling in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

Weather bureau observers predicted sub-freezing temperatures tonight in the northern part of Florida.

Trade Balance In Favor Of U. S.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Roper estimated today that United States exports will exceed imports this year by \$100,000,000 or more. He said he expected the total volume of foreign trade to be \$6,400,000,000, an increase of 31 per cent over 1936 and 118 per cent over 1932, low year of the depression. A \$100,000,000 favorable trade balance would be three times as large as last year's. Roper said improved American agricultural conditions contributed most to the better outlook. Agricultural imports have declined sharply, and exports of farm produce have increased.

Underwood Again Heads Duke Alumni; Coach Speaks

William A. Underwood, Jr. was reelected as president of the Duke Alumni in Randolph county last night at a dinner meeting at which Eddie Cameron and four members of his Duke basketball team were guests, Coach Cameron making a short speech before the 23 members present. Previous plans for the entire Duke team to be guests at the meeting last night in the M. P. church here failed to materialize, only four of the boys accompanying Mr. Cameron. Other officers elected for the next year were Reginald Turner, vice-president; Miss Marion Steadman, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. I. C. Moser, representative of the alumnae council. Coach Cameron paid tribute to Duke and the teams produced there, stating that it was the purpose of the athletic officials of the university to stick to the old adage that holds, "It's not whether you win

Two Mothers In Midnight Blaze

Pokesville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Firemen dug the bodies of 9 victims—seven of them children—from the ruins of a flame razed tenement house early today. The long search of the shambles failed to reveal any other victim in the old 2-story structure described by fire chief C. M. Johnson as a "fire trap". The identified dead included: Mrs. McKinley Commaster, 35, and three of her children. Mrs. Cora Tate 56, her son, Eugene Tate and her three grand-children. Fire swept the building shortly after midnight and trapped the victims as they lay asleep. Twenty-two others, mostly children, ran or jumped to safety. Gordon Tate 22, son of Mrs. Tate, said from a hospital bed he escaped by jumping to safety from a second story window. He sustained only a few minor bruises. "The others were to follow", he sobbed, "I jumped and they were supposed to be coming but they didn't. They must have been trapped before they could get to the window." The blaze apparently started on the second floor, possibly from a defective flue, firemen stated.

Government May Bid Cotton To 12 Cent Price

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Senator Smith (D.-S. C.) announced today that a group of southern senators would ask government purchase of cotton in an effort to raise prices to 12 cents a pound. The chairman of the senate agriculture committee said he would offer an amendment to the pending farm bill to require the Commodity Credit corporation to buy cotton until the average market price reached 12 cents a pound—or middling 7/8th inch cotton. Smith announced this plan after a lengthy conference with senators and chairman Jesse H. Jones of the reconstruction finance corporation. Smith said Jones was "in practical accord with this." He also claimed support of Senators George (D.-Ga.), Hatch (D.-N. Mex.), Ilibo (D.-Miss.), Bankhead (D.-Ala.), and Thomas (D.-Okla.). The chairman explained that the amendment would force the government controlled corporation to enter the open market and buy cotton as long as the price remained under 12 cents a pound with required purchases up to 6 millions of bales. Smith said none of the cotton could be released nor none of the cotton now under government loan could be disposed of if prices went below 12 cents unless ordered by the President after recommendation of the RFC. The cotton group, Smith said, was unable to compute the cost of the proposal. He declared, however, the "government would not lose a cent because it would put prices up to 12 cents." The veteran chairman said the RFC had ample funds to finance the proposal.

Mamie Isley Will Serve Four Years In State Prison

Mamie Isley, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of her mother, Mrs. Mac Tilley and the latter's twin sister, Mrs. Martha Burrows, pleaded guilty to second degree manslaughter in Superior court today and was sentenced to serve from 4 to 6 years in state's prison. The defendant, according to testimony offered in the Randolph term of Superior court today, was driving an automobile hauling a trailer loaded with melons when it collided with another machine on the High Point highway. Both Mrs. Tilley and Mrs. Burrows were killed.

B. P. Jenkins Is Named Assistant County Agent

Following the announcement yesterday of the resignation of L. L. Ray, assistant county agent, the director of extension in Raleigh, with the approval of the Randolph county commissioners, appointed B. P. Jenkins, Jr. to assume the duties of this office. Mr. Jenkins, a farm reared boy, comes to Randolph county highly recommended by officials at State college, where he graduated recently. While in school Mr. Jenkins was a member of the crop judging team which took second place at the Chicago judging contest, in competition with 37 other states. He will take over his office here January 1, 1938. Following is what E. S. Millsaps, whom Mr. Ray worked with, has to say concerning his assistant: "Mr. Ray, a native of Alamance county, has been in our county for the past five years, three years as vocational teacher at Farmer high school and for the past two years as assistant agricultural agent here. During this time Mr. Ray has made friends wherever he has gone. Farmer community could accept his resignation only, due to the fact that he was not leaving the county, or them, but would enter a wider field of service, for to a man he had their confidence and respect. "In his work as assistant agent, he has had direct supervision of the 4-H club work, and the terrace program, as well as assistance and cooperation with every line of work conducted through this office. During this time the club work has made rapid strides, and Randolph county has made a record in the terrace program, not equaled by any other county in the state, according to Mr. David S. Weaver, extension agricultural engineer. "Mr. Ray has been a tireless worker, a congenial companion, a sympathetic friend and advisor to those with whom he has worked. Indeed, he numbers his friends by his acquaintances; and, in his going, we his co-workers, are losing both an efficient officer and a tried and true friend. In his going the farmers of the county lose a sincere friend and advisor, one who was always ready to serve, and his advice was always backed by facts and sound reasoning. "Though we feel deeply his loss, as he enters on his new duties as agricultural engineer with the Duke Power company, we cannot but rejoice in the fact that talent is still appreciated, and that the promotion has been well merited by the efficient way in which he has handled the tasks of his office. We still are glad that we again do not lose him entirely, as his work will be with farmers throughout the state in an educational capacity sponsored by the Duke Power company.—So with this thought in mind, we wish for him every success in his new field of endeavor."

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