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LEAGUE OF NATIONS JUNKED BY ITALIANS

Seventy-Seven Known Dead In Winter's Blast

Homes Isolated; In New York

(By The Associated Press) Paralyzing blizzards in the east, and rising storm floods in California, linked with gales at sea, caused at least 77 deaths last night Saturday, as winter struck most of the northern hemisphere.

Grand Jury Condemns Sale of Liquor; Says Records In Danger

Southern Mills Oppose Wage-Hours Bill

Opposition of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers association to federal regulation of wages and hours—opposition embodied in a resolution adopted by that body at the closing session of its annual meeting in Winston-Salem yesterday—is based on a seven-point platform, J. T. Ryan, of High Point, secretary-treasurer of the association, pointed out today.

- 1. The impossibility of administering the law in small establishments as was proved by the failure of the NRA.
2. Labor's living standard would not be improved since real earnings are based on production quality rather than on the money wage rate paid.
3. Arbitrary fixing of wages would increase living costs without increasing farm income or professional incomes which would ultimately result in a reduction of goods consumed.
4. Monopoly would result from the law since wealthy, highly organized concerns would be favored at the loss of small businesses.
5. Regulation would result in unbalanced concentration of industry near large consuming centers of the country.
6. Centralized federal control will eventually destroy individual initiative.
7. The proposed law will not accomplish its objectives and will result in further necessity for increased regulation of industry.

Other Nations' Viewpoint Of Italy's Act

London, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Italy's departure from the League of Nations was accepted in British circles tonight as a move to give new power to the anti-communist agreement recently signed by Italy, Germany and Japan.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Informed American and Italian sources agreed tonight in believing Italy's withdrawal from the League of Nations would not materially affect the European political situation.

Robbins Chapel. Rev. Lee R. Spencer, Jr. pastor preaching service at Robbins Chapel, formerly Mount View, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Lee R. Spencer, will conduct the service to which a cordial invitation is extended to all.

W. H. Moore Dies In Hospital

W. H. Moore, farmer of route 10, died at Randolph hospital in Asheboro Thursday afternoon as a result of a stroke of paralysis a short time ago. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Zeb Yow of Thomasville route 10, and Mrs. Rexie Freeman of Ear Star; two brothers, Zeb and Frank Moore of Star; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Dora Maness; and two grandchildren.

New Government In North Carolina

Peking, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Chinese restoration of the former Republican National government in north China by the Japanese army within a few days was forecast today by well informed China sources.

Where Was The Winner? Mr. Winningham

When a City Employee wins a turkey—that's a story. When two other city employees put their heads together and cook up a story to "git" the winner to stage a turkey dinner with the two plotters agreeing to share the expense—that's another story.

Miss Edie Calcutt. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Presnell. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Yow. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lowe. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Winningham. Several of the city council were unable to attend, as the word, thru error it seems, went out that "formal dress would be required."

Highlights in Grand Jury report. Urged all officers of county and towns to exert more effort to stop sale of liquor in Randolph. Condemned the number of persons indicted for driving automobiles while intoxicated. Advocated new toilet facilities in court house. Suggested more filing space in Court Clerk's and Register of Deeds office. Suggested many physical improvements to buildings at county farm. Praised the manner in which the county jail is maintained—its cleanliness and food.

The Randolph county grand jury of which Zeb Rush was foreman, completed its work late Friday evening and handed Judge Julius Rousseau, presiding at the December term of criminal court a detailed account of its findings.

The report is appended. We the Grand Jury for the above named term of Superior Court respectfully submit the following report: We have finished all the business presented before our body in so far as it was possible to do so.

In a body we visited the County Home and Prison Camp, and found the following conditions to exist: The County Home appeared to be clean and the inmates satisfied and well treated. There is in all 35 inmates, composed of 10 white women, 14 white men, 4 colored women and 7 colored men.

The buildings are in bad need of the following repairs: Three sets of door steps are dangerous and rotten. These steps are of wood, and it is recommended that they be replaced with steps of brick, stone and concrete, since the building itself is of brick construction.

Several window lights are broken and should be replaced. A number of locks are broken on the doors. In two rooms especially the plastering has fallen from the ceiling and should have immediate attention.

We found 2,000 pounds of pork recently killed and well taken care of, and 250 pounds of lard. There are three milk cows, two good ones, and one that should be disposed of and replaced with a better cow. The cow in question is not worthy of her feed. We find one extra fine, and very large mule in excellent condition.

A majority of the members of the Grand Jury being farmers, and in conversation with the superintendent of the County Home, we recommend that this very large mule be disposed of and replaced with two smaller mules. It is agreed by the members that better farming can be done with two small mules and with one very large mule, and the expense of this change would not be material.

We found approximately 100 bushels of corn, and enough rough feed to winter the live stock on hand. We recommend, at his request, that two window shades be placed in the room occupied by Ducky Kearns, a paralyzed negro who has lain helplessly on a cot in the County Home for the past 15 years.

We next visited the Prison Camp, and report the following: The premises are in as good condition as could be expected, since no more work will be done there due to the fact that a new prison camp is in process of construction, and will probably be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

At the time of our visit we find 92 prisoners, all colored. The superintendent, Mr. E. F. Millikan is to be congratulated on the appearance generally of the place in spite of such a congested condition. We found one good cow, 6 brood sows and 30 pigs. Also 1500 pounds of pork recently killed.

We next visited the jail and found at the time of our visit 34 male prisoners, and one female. The jail is in a fair state of repair and exceptionally clean. The prisoners are warm, have very good beds and good food.

The members of the Grand Jury by unanimous consent feel that the keeper of the jail be given a vote of thanks for the excellent condition in which the jail is kept, despite the fact that it is overcrowded, and there is a great amount of passing in and out, since the county jail is also

Asheboro Will Be Decorated Again To Greet The Yule Season

The Asheboro Women's Club is again sponsoring a Christmas decoration contest for the holiday season, for the second time. It is requested by the officers of the club that every resident of the town cooperate in this movement and make Asheboro lovely throughout for this, the most sacred and beautiful season of the whole calendar year.

Attention is called to the fact that there are three highways leading through the principal residential sections of the town and families on these streets who decorate will not only decorate for themselves, but send out a Christmas wish to all wayfarers, in the real Christmas spirit.

The club lays out no rules for the type of decorations, rather allows each person's imagination to rule the type and spirit of the season's greetings that adorn the outside of their premises. The final judging will take place on Wednesday and Thursday nights, December 22-23.

The limits for judging will start: north—from King Tut to Charlie Hasty's Cafe in South Asheboro; west—from Dogwood Acres to Graystone Terrace, which is the eastern limit, and all homes included within the city limits.

The judges' names are not announced, but all citizens are urged to participate in this Christmas event.

House Leaders Predict Hours Wage Passage

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—House leaders predicted today the wage would approve the wage-hours bill quickly next week.

They said privately they believed the controversy over administering the program and over the exact kind of control of wages and hours would not endanger final adoption of the bill. Representative Rayburn (D-Tex.) majority floor leader, said he expected the legislation to be approved by Thursday. The house will spend four hours on general debate Monday.

Local Attorney Quits Practice

B. F. Brittain, Asheboro attorney, appealing from a disbarment order of the North Carolina Bar association, yesterday withdrew his appeal during submission of evidence before Judge Julius Rousseau and a jury.

The appeal opened yesterday morning after a jury had been agreed upon by the state and Mr. Brittain. Under provisions of the state laws, Mr. Brittain will forfeit his attorney's license.

Liner Hoover Aground; 380 Passengers Landed On Barren Volcanic Island

Manila, Dec. 11.—(AP)—All passengers of the broken, helpless Pacific liner Hoover were landed safely on barren volcanic Hoishoto Island near Formosa today several hours after the \$8,000,000 luxury vessel went aground.

Radio dispatches said the passengers numbered at least 380. Two U. S. destroyers, meantime, streaked north-westward from Manila, approximately 500 miles from the ship and the liner, Empress of Asia changed her course

All Are Safe Passengers of President Hoover Huddled On Small Island.

Manila, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Passengers of the broken, helpless President Hoover huddled together on two small sub-tropical islands, in the far western Pacific tonight awaiting the arrival of four rescue ships.

The \$8,000,000 liner, was reported bumping on the rocks of the island where she ran ashore this morning. A skeleton crew remained aboard to keep her from breaking up. Three U. S. destroyers and the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia were nearing the scene, a volcanic spary settled, bit of land, 500 miles north of here.

Rotarians Hear Of Library Work

At the weekly meeting of Asheboro Rotarians, Cleveland Thayer was in charge of the meeting. Mr. Thayer is chairman of the committee on community service. In his discussion of the work accomplished by other agencies than his own club, Mr. Thayer praised the work of the Kiwanis club as to the distribution of milk for undernourished children at the schools, mentioning that receipts from a recent basketball game between High Point college and McCrory teams went to this milk fund.

Mr. Thayer then introduced Mrs. Harris Coffin who gave a most lucid and interesting sketch of the work of the Randolph county library. Mrs. Frank McCrory also brought out a few points on the library work. Mrs. Coffin's history of the library is published elsewhere in this newspaper today.

J. A. Cheely was added to the roll and welcomed as a member of the club at this meeting. Further reports added to the program at this meeting were given by W. H. Grimes who reported a satisfactory number of Rotarians attending the twin-city Rotary meeting held at Sanford last week and a report from Frank McCrory, Mr. McCrory read an appreciation from the Coleridge bulletin, for what the local club is doing in providing glasses through the eye clinic for school children.

Railroads' Plea For Rate Kite Brings Action

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission evidenced concern over the railroad situation today and action on petitions of the road for higher freight rates moved forward, three weeks, the date for taking closing testimony.

The commission refused yesterday to act immediately on the carriers plea for a half million more increase in freight revenues. Today it announced that closing arguments on the application would be started January 17 instead of February 7.

Mills Convicted. Lloyd Mills, colored, convicted of second degree manslaughter in Superior court, Friday, was sentenced to serve 12 to 16 years in state's prison at Raleigh.

Mills, along with several other prisoners, will be taken to Raleigh by a deputy sheriff Monday.

Life Sentence Is Started By Negro

Goldboro, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Daniel Bruner, 31, a negro, began serving a life sentence today after he pleaded guilty on being an accessory before the fact in the slaying of his 12-year-old daughter, Marie.

The plea was submitted after a mistrial. The state had sought the death penalty for the crime but agreed to the accessory plea when Judge Henry A. Grady ordered the jury dismissed.

Chinese Holding Off Japs; Keep Invaders From Extending Grasp

(By The Associated Press) Shanghai, Dec. 12. (Sunday)—Three Japanese columns of heavy siege guns and bombers pounded Nanking today as other Japanese forces threatened complete encirclement of the capitol.

A Japanese thrust downstream, along the Yangtze, endangered the last avenue of escape from Nanking, where 16 Americans remained inside the walls. As the Japanese military machine tightened its grip, stubborn Chinese resistance prevented the Japanese from extending the foothold gained within the city walls Friday.

Nanking dispatches late Friday said the stout walls had not been breached. Two anchored balloons apparently were getting the artillery range, however, as several Japanese shells crashed near the main east gate.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.—(AP)—While Japanese troops still pounded Nanking's wall and five gates tonight, another Japanese column captured the important river port of Wuhu, 60 miles up the Yangtze from the capitol. Japanese army commanders, who reported the capture of Wuhu, said occupation of the city would make impossible a Chinese retreat from Nanking along the south bank of the Yangtze.

They said it also would put Japanese forces in an advantageous position for a march on Hankow whenever a campaign was ordered against the city further up the Yangtze where the Chinese have shifted their seat of government. With fighting reported in the north bank of the Yangtze there was fear felt for the safety of two American missionaries, Miss B. F. Stamps of Huntington, W. Va., and Richmond and Mary Demerit of Emerson, N. J.

High School Band To Give Concert This Afternoon

A concert will be presented by the Asheboro high school band, under the direction of Pat Leonard, director, this afternoon at 2:30 in the high school auditorium.

The program this afternoon will include the following selections: March "Harding", by J. J. Richards; Magna Cum Laude Overture, by W. J. Skeat; March, The Pilot, by F. O. Griffen; Waltz, La Golondrina, by N. Serradell; March, The Footlighter, by Henry Fillmore; Waltz, Over the Alps, by F. O. Griffen; finale, The Star Spangled Banner.

The members of the band are as follows: Clarinets, Harold Walton, Arthur Presnell, Kitty Lee Fritz, Glenn Pugh, Jimmy Moore; Alto saxophone, Harold Crawford and Wallace Black; C Melody Saxophone, William Brittain; Tenor Sax, Ann Lewellen; Soprano Saxophone, John S. Lewis, Max Nance; Alto, Jimmy Lee Fields and Brinford Bulla; Trumpets, Billy Moore, Westcott Moser, James Nance, Bill Allred, Harris Lamb; Trombones, John McGlohon, John Bunch, Willis Hooper, Fred Glass; Basses, Jack Pugh, Paul Blackman; Bass, Dick Milks; Snare Drum, Bob Milks; Bass Drum, Clayton Milks.

Johnny Revolva Leads In Open

Coral Gables, Fla., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Johnny Revolva pushed ahead of former PGA champ Sam Snead at the half way mark in the \$10,000 Miami-Biltmore open today with a second sub-par round, a 70, for a 36 hole total of 139.

Boy Scouts to Canvass City For Toys; Theatre Assists

There'll be a number of needy children in Asheboro Christmas morning that will wake to find there really is a Santa Claus, regardless of what they've been told, and all because about 300 of the more fortunate kids in Asheboro attended the toy matinee at the Carolina theatre yesterday morning and brought with them old and new toys to be distributed by members of the Sorosis club and the Boy and Girl scouts.

Some brought books, some singing tops, others guns and dolls, chairs, cars, trucks, everything in the toy line was represented in the miscellaneous pile of play-

Il Duce In Defiant 7 Minute Session

Rome, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Italy withdrew tonight from the League of Nations and announced her determination to act for peace. The action, decided upon at a 7-minute meeting of the Fascist council, was proclaimed by Il Duce from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia.

Duke's Plans University to Have Great Celebration Next Year.

Durham, Dec. 11.—(AP)—On the 13th anniversary today of the founding of the Duke endowment that made the development of Duke university around long-established Trinity college possible, plans were announced for the celebration next year and in the spring of 1939, of the centennial of the colleges' origins.

Upwards of 500 persons, members of the board of trustees, the administration, faculty and students, friends and representatives of civic groups gathered at a luncheon this afternoon to note the endowment anniversary and to hear the centennial plans. The celebration will be broad in scope to include symposia in which leading authors are to be invited.

Criminal Cases Scheduled For Tuesday's Court

Criminal cases scheduled to come before Judge Julian Rousseau in Tuesday's session of Randolph Superior court are Marvin Hinson, assault with intent to kill; Ray and John Cecil, assault with intent to kill; Charles and Carr Lee Whitehead, assault with intent to kill; Marvin Hinson, assault with intent to kill; Jacob Eames, forcible trespass; Tyson Trogdon, driving intoxicated and driving well; Shube Robbins, pulling intoxicated; and Tom McCollum, larceny and receiving.

Judge Rousseau announced yesterday afternoon that he would expect all state and defense witnesses to be present Tuesday morning. Only criminal cases will be tried Tuesday.

Administration Gains Lever In Congress Jam

Washington, Dec. 11.—(AP)—House passage of the crop control legislation gave administration forces today their first effective lever for breaking up the legislative jam which has blocked President Roosevelt's special session program.

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Rev. G. W. Holmes Funeral Today

Rev. George W. Holmes, Methodist Protestant minister, died yesterday at 1 o'clock at his home 10 miles south of Graham. Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bethel church.

Rev. Mr. Holmes was a well known Randolph county minister and a former teacher of Rev. S. W. Taylor.

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Italy, thus followed in the footsteps of Germany and Japan, with whom she is joined in an anti-communist pact. Membership in the League will not end until two years after formal notice of withdrawal but Italy for more than a year has pursued "a policy of non-cooperation with Geneva."

This act, dated to May 11, 1936, when the Italian delegation walked out of a meeting of the league council after it had voted to continue sanctions against Italy. Il Duce was in a fighting mood when he appeared upon the balcony of his palace.

Arraigning the league in a vigorous attack, he shouted: "It is necessary to choose whether to be in the league or out of it." Then he cried a question, "Is it?" "No" answered the multitude. Boos resounded when Il Duce spoke derisively of the democracies.

With lips puckered out and hands held tightly against his lips, then he pounded the balcony railing like a trip hammer to emphasize his point. Assailing the league as "preparing for war" rather than working in the interest of peace, he said Italy would adhere to her policy of "acts for peace."

"It is believed abroad that pressure was brought on us from outside" he said. "This is not true. It cannot be. Our comrades of the Berlin-Tokyo axis have preserved absolute discretion. Immediately after the grand council session, foreign minister, Ciano notified the secretary general of the league of nations of Italy's resignation as of December 11, 1937.

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The house, meantime, will begin debate Monday on the wage and hours bill which has aroused even greater controversy than the farm program.

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Dividing the town into precincts, Harris Coffin, Ryan Neely, Ed Miller, Carmon Parks and Hinton Pierce, scoutmasters, will lead the house to house canvass for toys tomorrow afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock.

The toys collected will be turned over to the Boy and Girl Scouts for repairs and then distributed by the Sorosis club.