

Must Recognize **"Facts Are Facts"**

Washoington, Dec. 29,-(A)resident Roosevelt's announceent of the projected constructof two new battleships and 16 ser craft left a distinct impresn today his "growing concern" er international conditions might mpt him to ask congress for n more naval arms.

"Facts are facts and the United ites must recognize them", he aid, in a letter to Chairman Tay-(D-Colo.) of the house approriations committee.

Mr. Roosevelt said at his press opference, however, that the proed increase in this country's eet was not a part of a "prepardss' program.

Some observers interpreted his ction as reflecting a desire to sten the plan for maximum navstrength, which under present osals would not be obtained 11 1942

The number and types of the w vessels, which maybe recomended by the chief executive, still re a subject of study.

Asheboro Woman **Reports Loss Of** \$100 To Police

The Asheboro police are follow-ing a clue, which they believe may rove productive, in attempting to locate a pocketbook, containing ap-proximately \$100, lost by Mrs. L. . Jordan, yesterday.

kidnapers released their victims when Banker John Bryan, lower According to Mrs. Jordan's releft, organized a tighting-mad port to the police, she left the pockposse instead of complying with etbook on a counter in an Asheboro a demand of \$3800 ransom for

Look To Japan For New Market

Washington, Dec. 29 .- (.P)-The agriculture department said today a slight decline in Europe's purchase of American cotton, which have been relatively heavy this season, might be expected in the neav future.

Exports to Europe have been considerably in excess of mill consumption the department reported. Some of the cotton being used, it said, is to replenish stocks which were running low.

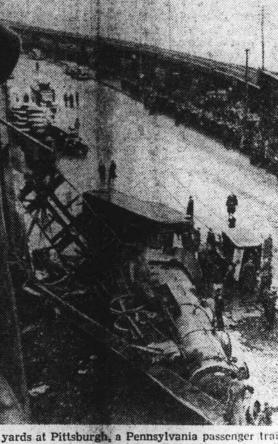
"Apparently with the outlook for the European cotton textile industry becoming somewhat less favorable", the department said, "any increase in the rate of export of cotton from the United States during the remainder of the present season will depend upon the extent to which Japanese import restrictions are relaxed so as to permit a larger importation of American cotton by that country.

Japanese purchase of American otton has been only about 1-8 as arge as last season.

Federal Probe Of **Unlicensed Hydro Plants Expected**

the search for two kidnapers of laughing 3-year-old John Bryan, Washington, Dec. 29 .- (A)-The pover commission's investigation of unlicensed federal electric pro-Jr., top photo, snatched from his Centerville, Ind., home on Christmas Eve with his nurse, jects will place under scrutiny nerrly 1,400 plants in every section of the country.

The investigation is to determine whether an unlicensed hydro plants are located on streams subect to federal control. Power commission figures disclosing the approximate number of hy-Jro electric plants said they in-cluded 49 in North Carolina and 22 in South Carolina.



Puffing into the yards at Pittsburgh, a Pennsylvania passenger train struck a boulder which had rolled onto the tracks, leaped the rails and plunged 30 feet over the retaining wall shown at left to shatter into the wreckage pictured here. Engine, tender and diner went over the wall, killing Engineer Oscar E. Rhoads and Fireman William H. Strous. Several porters were injured.

Court of Honor and Scout Course Scheduled for City

A court of honor, one of the most insportant events in Boy Scout work, will be conducted in the Presbyterian church, Asheboro, tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

This work will be preceded by a special meeting of Scouts and scoutmasters, in the rch at 7:30

when several talks on Scout

work will be given by out-

The speakers tonight include

Ben W. Hackney who will talk on "Objectives of the Course";

C. F. Carrol, superintendent of

schools of High Point, who will

talk on "Scouting and What It Is", and C. Delk Smith, "A

this district.

ed by a troop set up for the purpose and a closing talk by Mr. Hackney on "What Scouting Can Do For Us and Our Boys."

The course will prove interesting not only to Scouts but to all adults interested in Tieup All Traffic In French Capitol

Paris, Dec. 29 .- (.P)-A strike of 120,000 public service employces began in the French capitol early today, forcing upon the peoples' Front government of Camille Chautemps, a vital test of strength.

Chautemps condemned the strike and inferred hidden reasons lay behind it-especially in the light of recent Rightists allegations that communists plotted to overthrow the government in mid-November.

The walkout, with the endorsement of the French communistic party, halted bus and subway service for the city's 3,000,000. Street cleaners, sewer workers, water, gas and electric employees and rarbage collectors walked out.

Taxi drivers did a rushing bus ness and created a traffic tieup in taking Parisians to work. Others, without normal transporation service, walked.

The water, gas and electrict services ran on reserves but there was danger, that by nightfall, a crippling shortage would result.

Hospital employees decided up on a two hour demonstration daily. Funeral workers, on strike, limit ed activity to "urgent burials."

All struck in protest against a wage economy section of the 1938 French budget. It could curtail automatic wage increases promised public employees to cope with the increasing cost of living.

There was no disorder, but Chautemps designated mobile guards men to patrol the city, bolstering the police force.

To Be On Strike

Troops were ready for action necessary.

Big Business Attacked; Said

CALLED STRIKE





Everything supposedly was sweet and lovely when Lefty Gomez of the New York Yankees, and his wife, June O'Dea, former Follies star, staged this little celebration after the world series last fall, but now the star southpaw is reported in

Mexico seeking a divorce. Don Marquis, Poet

Playwright, Dies;

oreigners live. A Japanese army spokesman contended troops could enter for-eign sections and arrest and try all persons suspected of crimes against the Japanese armed forces. Japanese and Chinese troops are fighting, bitterly, in two of the nation's richest provinces-Shan-

Tokyo, Dec. 29 .- (.P)-The British embassy today inform-

ed the Japanese foreign office that it could not accept the Japanese military version of attacks on the British gun-

The military section of imper-

ial headquarters yesterday had

issued a statement explaining

that the attacks were a "mis-

take" and expressing regrets.

One British sailor was killed

in the incident which took

place on the Yangtze river on

the same day the United

States gunboat Panay was

(By The Associated Press)

Japan's move to cash-in on their

Chinese conquest intensified the at-

mosphere of foreigners today over

their economic future in the Orient.

were penetrating deeper and deep-

er into China's territory, Nipponese

merchants were landing cargoes at

Shanghai, duty free and without

custom examinations at Japanese

Foreigners also feared China

would be unable to pay her debts

to the United States and other

ountries since her interior and ex-

erior debts, estimated a \$800,000,-

000, is guaranteed by customreve-

Another cause for concern was

he attempt of the Japanese army

to extend its military laws into

Shanghai's international setlement

and the French concession where

housands of Americans and other

While Japanese armed forces

bombed.

ontrolled docks.

UPS.

boats Lady Bird and Bee.

store. She walked away from the counter, she said, and then realizing she had left it, returned but

failed to locate the purse. The police are investigating the affair. State Grange To

Aged County Man Dies In Oklahoma

Greensboro, Dec. 29 .- (AP)-Se-Randleman, Dec. 29 .- News was lection of Oxford as the State conreceived here last week of the death vention city of the North Carolina of Isaac P. Farlow, 80 years.oid, grange in 1938 was announced here private music teacher who died Delast night at the conclusion of the cember 17 in a hospital in Oklahoannual meeting of the state officers ma City, Oklahoma, following a and state deputies of the organiza- next week. When he takes his post, stroke of paralysis. He had been seriously ill for the last four ion. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro,

Indiana state police followed a

cold trail and meager clews in

Norma Schroy, lower right. The

his son's return.

Meet At Oxford;

Elect Master

Fined; Jailed

two Federal statutes.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29 .- (.P)-

U. S. District Judge Charles G.

Briggle, expressing regret that

heavier punishment could not be

given the leaders, imposed yester-

day the maximum of four years

imprisonment and \$20,000 fines up-

on 36 men convicted of violating

The three-dozen men, all but

two of whom are now or were af-

filiated with the Progressive Min-

ers union, were convicted recently

of interfering with interstate com-

the mails in connection with a se-

fields between 1932 and 1935.

merce and conspiring to obstruct

ries of bombings in the Illinois coal

Hero May Get Reward Washington, Dec. 29.—(A)—War department officials indicated today that Captain Frank N. Roberts

would be recommended for a deco-

ration for heroism for the part he

THE WEATHER

Panay was sunk.

emperature.

played when the American gnbouat trick of balancing a tea cup and

North Carolina: Partly cloudy lar. The University of Colorado's

tonight and Thursday. Probably All-American back plays his last

light rains in the mountains game of American football against

Thursday. Not much change in Rice in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas,

January 1.

months.

state master, said that Oxford was Mr. Forlow was born in Sophia, chosen as the meeting place for have been intrusted to career dipin 1857, the son of Joseph and Eli- next year at a session of the execu- lomats rather than political apzabeth Branson Farlow. He will tive committee of the North Carobe remembered in that community lina grange in Raleigh December and other various communities of 13. The next state convention will

Randolph county as "Singing Ike be held October 26, 27 and 28. Farlow." He held singing schools Herman Frick of Rowan county in all sectins of North Carolina. In at the meeting here today was elec-1890 he moved to Texas, where he lived for several years. He then returned to North Carolina in 1921 to W. K. Behune of Robeson counmoved to Oklahoma City where he ty.

was making his home at the time of his death. Although he was a chiropractic years ago, he was bet- Union Members ter known for his vocal and instrumental lessons. His only immediate survivor is his wife, Mrs. Minnie Farlow of

Oklahoma City. He has several nieces and nephews in Randolph county.

HISTORY!

Have you been just a bit too lazy to satisfy that urge for re-cording history while it's hot?

Then here's your chance!

A series of 12 illustrated articles-one for each month-on the great drama of 1937 are running in this paper.

We suggest you clip them one by one and paste them in a scrapbook.

A few minutes' work will live you, in permanent form, a fast-moving story of the year.

1937-Month by Month-1937

By Volta Torrey News Review Editor, (P) Feature Service

Wilson Named To **Diplomatic Post**

Successful Troop Program". This talk will be demonstrat-Washington, Dec. 29 .- (.P)-The nomination of Hugh R. Wilson, now assistant secretary of state. to be ambassador to Germany is expected to reach the Senate early in the regular session beginning all corners of the Rome-Berlin-

in the troubled world scene will pointees.



Byron White

fingering a wafer, as he will have

to do when he arrives in England

to attend Oxford as a Rhodes scho-

Byron (Whizzer) White tries the

Tolyo triangle which bulks largely

The bodies of the three other heroic father who tried to save The father, Theodore Oestrith ruins of their home, two miles

Administration Plans To Fight All Business Foes

Meanest Man

Unidentified Person Destroys Bulbs On Church Tree,

Asheboro today had a new nomination for the "meanest man" in town.

He is that unidentified person, who sometime last night, apparently took keen delight in shooting the decorative electric lighted bulbs off the Christmas tree in front of the Presbyterian church.

When persons connected with the edifice arrived at the church this morning they found the grass, around and under the Christmas tree, strewn with broken colored glass.

Upon investigation, they discovered that virtually every bulb, which graced the tree and enhanced the beauty of the church and grounds had been destroyed.

"A low crime-by a lower person," was the just expresgiven the affair by those believe in the Christmas who spirit.

scouting. The public is invited to attend both events. The Court of Honor is schedstanding workers in scouting in

upled for 7 o'clock tomorrow night. The Court of Honor committee includes Frank Mc-Crary, chairman and the Rev. H. P. Powell, the Rev. C. G. Smith, the Rev. S. W. Taylor, the Rev. L. R. O'Brian and Hinton Pierce.

Scoutmasters include Ryan Neely, Carmon Parks, Waldo Cheek and Harris Coffin.

uidate the New Deal." "They wish," he added, "to liquilate the New Deal and go off all ncorporated initiative."

Four Children and Heroic **Father Die as Home Burns**

Belmont, N. Y., Dec. 29.-(P)-1 after his son, Theodore Jr., 10, A farm house fire claimed the lives died of burns. of four small children and their

children, Lucile 6, Jack 3, and Ruth Eva 2, were recovered from the

Washington, Dec. 29.-(.I)-

Three developments gave fresh

support today to the belief express-

ed by many officials that the Roose-

velt administration would make an

active and aggressive campaign

from high administration sources

that the President at the recent ca-

binet meeting endorsed the princi-

ples of the Borah-O'Mahoney bill

1. Reports reached congressmen

against his business critics.

43, died in a hospital a few hours east of here early this morning.

In Nanking With Ropes for Walls add one more mail box to the sy

New York, Dec. 29 .- (.P)-Don tung and Chekiang-with Tsingmer newspaperman died at his immediate danger of capture. home in Forest Hills today after an illness of several years. He was Philadelphia, Dec. 29.-(A)-As-

Former Editor

istant Attorney General Robert J. Marquis health had been failing Jackson accused "big business" to-day of going on a "strike" against had been cared for by his male of insurgent soldiers and civilians the government in an effort to "linurse

ed a severe stroke and his doctor

The case and effect, of a concrete

tem in vogue in Asheboro.

Heflin Placed

Under Oxygen

is ill of lobar pneumonia.

terday.

Lafayette, Ala., Dec. 29.-(A)-J.

Thomas Heflin, 64, former senator

was placed under an oxygen tent

Dr. Albert Wheeler described

Heflin as "some sicker than the av-

erage man suffering with lobar pn-

eumonia" but said he was resting

omewhat better than he did yes-

today at Wheeler hospital where he

Tent Today

government interference in their any time.

Jackson said the government was the only agency with power to condition capitalism and industrialism to survive and suggested busiism to survive and suggested busi-ness was blind to the advantage it New Mail Box On derived from the process.

Measles Takes Drop

Raleigh, eDc. 29.—(.P)—New measles cases in North Carolina ost, which had been deposited on last week, as reported to the state board of health today, dropped to 242 from 484 reported the previous today. week.

'hitching" post for a new United Many reasons were advanced, nofficially, for the post, but today

Only a short time ago, he suffer-

then said death might occurr at



Marquis playwright, poet and for- tao, Shantung's main seaport in Two United States warcraft stood by to evacuate Americans. Heavy fighting was still going on

n Spain for possession of the city were beseiged and cut off from in-

surgent troops around the city.

Parks Arrested On Charge Of Non-Support

Morganton, Dec. 29.-CP-Ed Parks 24, came home today and submitted to service of a warrant charging him with non-support of he court house lawn, near the his son, born to Mrs. Martha Bark-Lawyers building was ascertained ley Ryan, 6 weeks before her marriage to Basil (Pat) Ryan, member

ot a wealthy New York family. The post will be used for the The warrant was signed by the States mail box, to be placed at the southwest corner of the lawn. 21-year-old Mrs. Ryan prior to her marriage, attaches of the sheriff's office said.

it was learned definitely that "Jim" Roper Comments **On Jap Boycott**

Washington, Dec. 29 .- (AP-Secretary of commerce Roper, commenting on moves to boycott Japanese goods asserted today the department's official attitude, was to "stimulate trade with ever coun-

"That attitude", he added to re-porters, "can be changed only by the state department."

Roper declined to predict the course of business in 1938 but noted there are several signs of strength in our economy not present in past recessions.

Baby Contest

The Annual Courier Baby Contest ,open to any family residing in Randolph county, will conducted again this year, the prizes to be offered by the various merchants in Asheboro to be announced later this week. All that is necessary to win is to report, with sufficient proof, that your entrant was the first baby born in this county in 1938.

New York, Dec. 29 .- (.P)-Justice Willis Van Devanter, who retired from the Supreme Court last June, bombs and snells as Japanese battered at the gates of China's will temporarily return to active service as a trial judge in this discapital, Dr. Mmer Searles Bates. above, of Hiram, O., professor of trict next Tuesday.

history at Nanking University and adviser to the Chinese central government, refused to leave his post inside the walled city. The U. S. embassy fur- 81st anniversary of Woodrow Wilscaling ropes to permit nim to escape at the last moment.

Undaunted by the thunder

Honors War President Washington, Dec. 29,-(A)-President Roosevelt observed the

to license interstate corporations. 2. Senator Norris (Ind. Nebr.), Roosevelt backer, suggested the senate renew its investigation of obbying, in an effort to offset what he termed "organized propaganda" against the President's leg-

islative program. 3. Secretary Ickes announced he would make a radio speech tomorrow night in "It is happening

here." Associates predicted he would liscuss relations between the gov-

ernment and business. Reports concerning Mr. Roosevelt's views on corporation licensng led its friends to believe it might become the chief vehicle for

the administration's attack on the onopoly problem. Italic type was first used in 1501 by Aldus Manutius, an Italian

printer.