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Ickes Attacks Ford, Rand and Tom Girdler In Big Business Talk

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes, continuing the administration's attack upon "big business", asserted last night that the power of concentrated wealth "must be compelled to conform to our laws" at the coming session of Congress.

An "irreconcilable conflict" between "the power of money and the power of the democratic instinct" has reached such an intensity in recent months, he said, that it is "clear that it must be fought through to a finish—until plutocracy, or democracy—until America's 60 families, or America's 120 million people—win."

His speech was the third assault upon "big business" to come from within the inner administration circle within a week. Two such addresses were delivered previously by Robert H. Jackson, assistant attorney general. All are regarded as a prelude to President Roosevelt's message to Congress, and a drive for antimonopoly legislation.

Like Jackson, Ickes accused concentrated economic power of going on a strike against the administration, or threatening to do so unless, unless governmental restrictions upon business are removed. Referring throughout to capital as "America's 60 families," a phrase borrowed from a book by Ferdinand Lundberg, he said:

Threaten Strike
"To the 120 million people of the United States, they have made the threat that, unless they are free to speculate, free of regulations to protect the people's money; unless they are free to accumulate through legal tricks, by means of corporations, without paying their share of taxes, unless they are free to dominate the rest of us without restrictions on their financial or economic power; unless they are once more free to do all these things, then the United States is to have its first general sit-down strike—not of labor—but of the American people—but of the 60 families and of the capital created by the whole American people, of which the 60 families have obtained control."

"If the American people call this bluff, then the America that is to be will be a democratic America, a free America. If the American people yield to this bluff, then the America that is to be will be a big-business fascist America—an enslaved America."

In addition, he called attention to a recent labor board decision against Henry Ford. He said the board charges Henry Ford, the beneficent, with what amounts to a refusal to comply with a duly enacted statute. He called upon business to purge itself of "its Fords, its Girdlers, and its Rands," before "it presumes to tell the people what they should or should not, do about troubles caused by labor laws."

Roosevelt Note May Temperate Strife Between Warring Units

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes contended that a finished fight must take place between America's millions and an asserted plutocracy of "sixty families" drew quick rebuttal today from several members of congress.

Some legislators expressed agreement with Ickes' view but others in both major parties, commenting his speech, called for greater co-operation between the government and business.

The address followed two denunciations of "big business" by Robert H. Jackson, head of the department of justice anti-trust division, who with Ickes were guests on President Roosevelt's recent fishing trip off the Florida coast.

These addresses have created wide-spread speculation over what President Roosevelt would say in his annual message to Congress Monday.

One cabinet officer, after a White House meeting yesterday said the message—unless changed during the weekend—would be plainly worded but would be more temperate than the addresses of Ickes and Jackson.

In the background of all speculation of the present attitude was the current business downspin and what it may mean to those who support and those who oppose the administration's recommendations.

Bitter Fighting Between Spain's Warring Armies

Madrid, Dec. 31.—(AP)—More than 200,000 insurgent and government troops and 200 airplanes today were thrown into the greatest battle of the civil war outside Teruel.

The bitterness of the fighting developed from powerful insurgent offenses to take the city into which the government fought last week. More tanks, airplanes, artillery and men than in any other previous battle were thrown together into the conflict which began Wednesday.

Government lines on the right and center of the front were holding under terrific pressure. The government gave ground on the left however losing some positions which officials here said were unimportant.

Thirty insurgent tanks participated in one engagement along the railroad tracks yesterday. Government observers counted more than 190 insurgent airplanes in the air at one time. About 150 insurgent pursuit planes were sent up to protect 40 bombers which were attacking government positions in the west and north of Teruel.

Moffitt Auto Stolen From McLaurin Mill

A 1936 Ford automobile owned by John T. Moffitt, employed as a bookkeeper at the McLaurin Hosiery mill was stolen from its parking place near the mill yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Chief Dewey Bulla, who is investigating the theft said the license number was 257-424.

Teddy Roosevelt Quoted By FDR on Business Attack

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated with a parable today that anti-monopoly attacks on business by administration officers were directed at only a small minority in the business world.

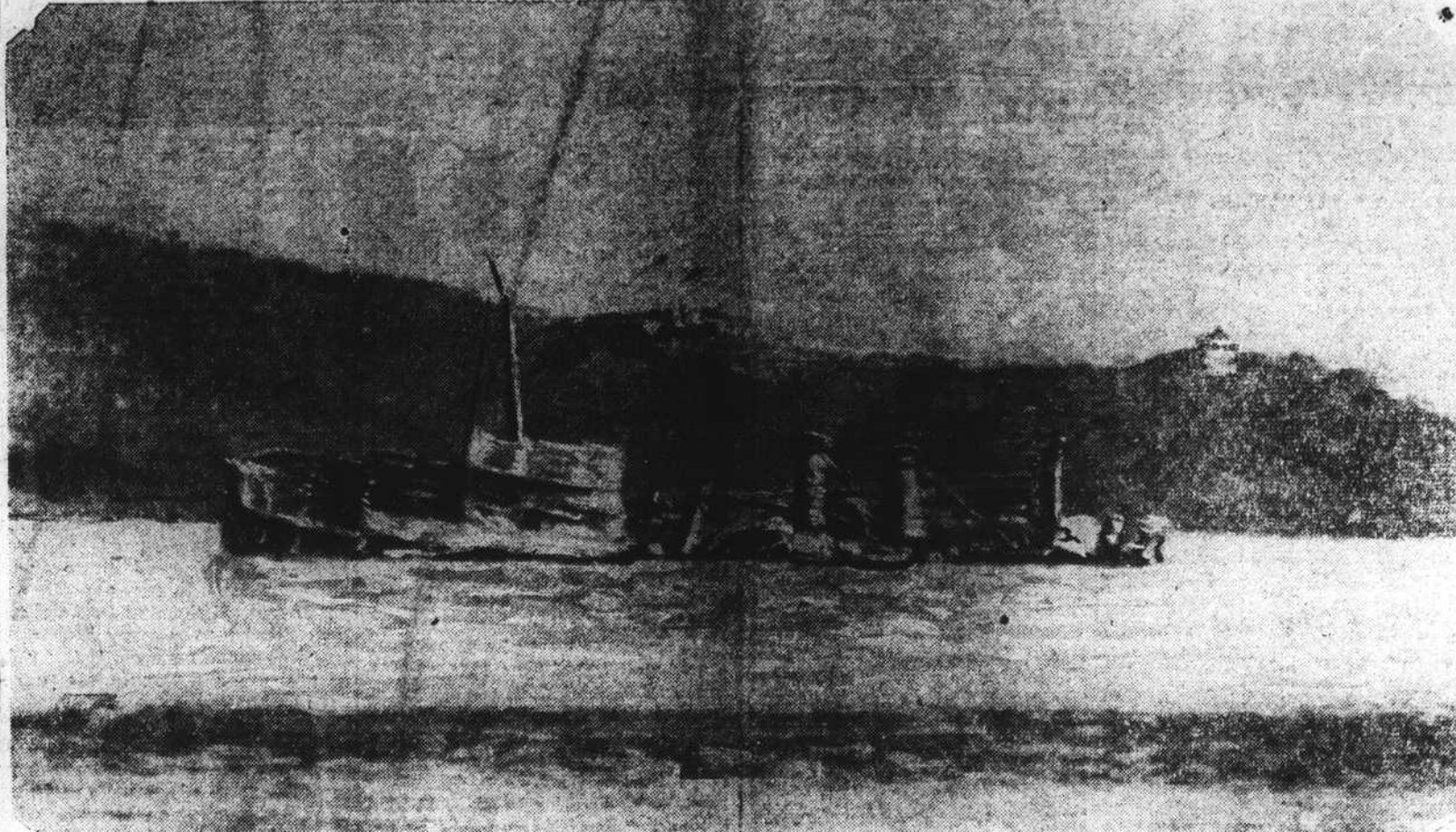
He was asked at his press conference to comment on two speeches by Robert H. Jackson, assistant attorney general and one by Secretary Ickes. They charged "60

wealthy families" instituted a strike of capital against the administration.

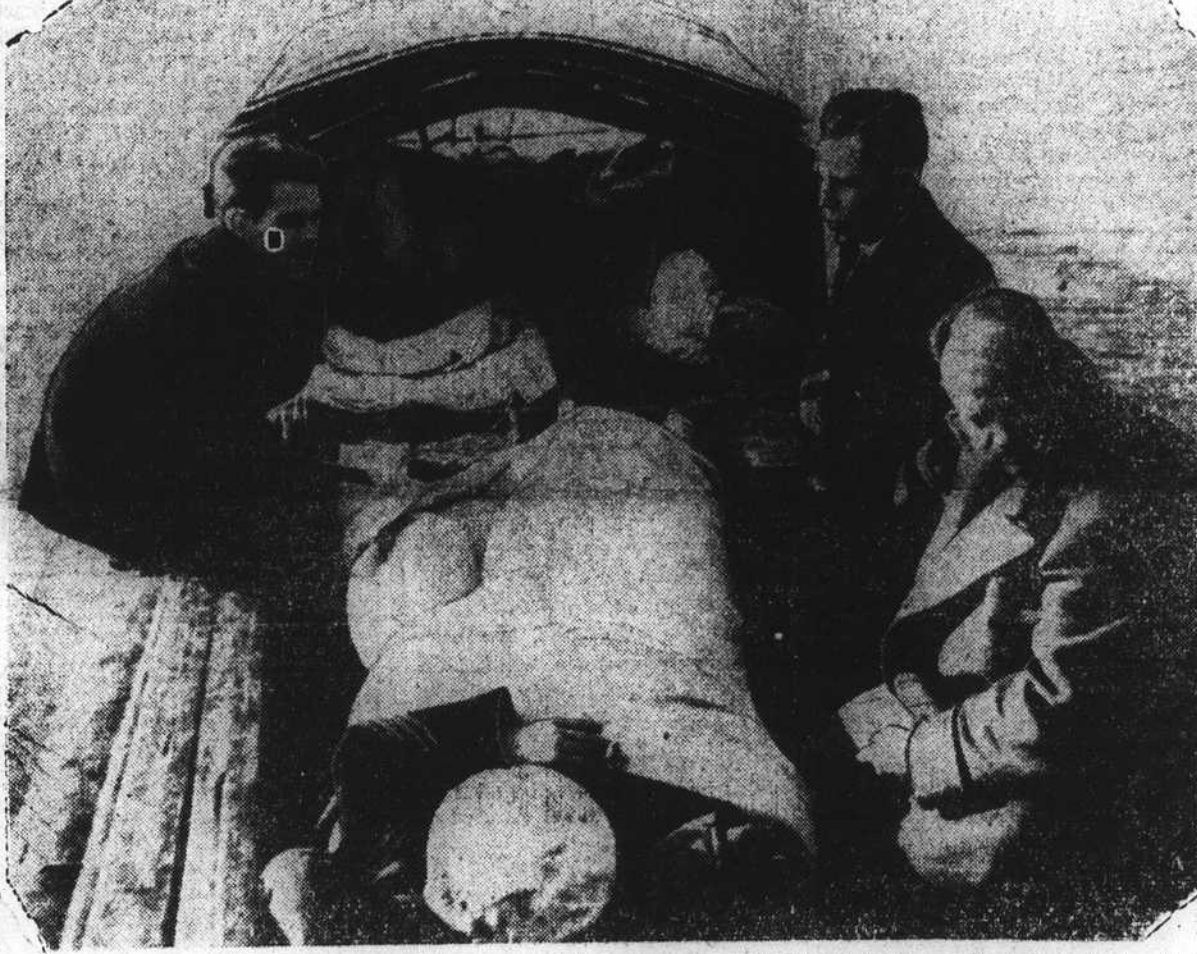
The president recalled a speech by Theodore Roosevelt, in which he spoke of some individuals as malefactors of great wealth.

He added that certain people charged that his distant relative with calling all wealthy people as malefactors. This was not the case, he said.

Death Throes of U. S. Gunboat Japanese Bombed



Here is the dramatic record of an historic moment—the sinking of the bomb-wounded U. S. gunboat Panay, target of a succession of Japanese air raids as it was carrying American officials and citizens toward safety up-river from Nanking. Listing badly and rapidly filling with water, the ship poises briefly before its final plunge into the yellow waters of the stream. The picture was made by Weldon James, United Press correspondent, who was aboard the vessel during the bombing that brought death or injury to more than a score of the passengers and crew.



Attended by able-bodied companions, wounded survivors of the U. S. S. Panay bombing find refuge aboard a river junk at Hanshan. Writing in their agony, two of the more seriously wounded men can be seen sheltered by the low decking at the bow. In the foreground another wounded man lies on a stretcher, wrapped in a blanket. This picture was made by Weldon James, United Press correspondent, himself a survivor of the Japanese air raids.

Urge Motorists To Use Caution Over Holiday

State and local police today, through The Daily Courier, advised all motorists to use extreme caution tonight and early tomorrow morning in driving.

Many persons, they pointed out, will celebrate the incoming year in an hilarious manner, probably adding danger to all vehicle traffic.

The nation's death toll, which already has reached a new peak, is expected to be kited over the week-end.

Mexico Enters "Show-down" In Oil Industry

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Mexico's \$400,000,000 foreign controlled oil industry called for a showdown with the government today by refusing a wage award, which it declared, "imposed terms impossible of fulfillment."

The sixteen British and American companies notified their 18,000 employes that wage increases decreed by a government board to become effective tomorrow would not be paid.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The United States and Mexico agreed today to maintain a stable rate of exchange between the United States dollar and the Mexican peso.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today the whole process of receivership, both federal and state needed extensive revision.

Boy Scouts Receive High Honors; David Stedman, Gold Palm

David Stedman, outstanding boy scout of Randolph county, was awarded the Gold Palm, at the Boy Scout Court of Honor in the Presbyterian church last night.

Other distinguished awards made by the court included bronze palms to Bob and Bill Allred.

The court, one of the outstanding events in scout work, was conducted by Bunn Hackney, head of the district and the local committee which includes Frank McCrary chairman and Rev. H. P. Powell, the Rev. C. G. Smith, and Rev. S. W. Taylor, the Rev. L. R. O'Brian and Hinton Pierce.

Other awards included Tenderfoot badges and 1st and second class awards.

Among the scouts who received awards were:

Tenderfoot badges: L. L. Cox, Jr., Thomas Cole, Leo Cole, Joe Hinley.

Second class badges: Max Bulla, Bobby Lloyd and Billy Cox.

Life saving and swimming: Larry Steed, Graham White, Harold Walton and Truett Frazier.

Life saving: L. B. Burkhead.

Others whose work during the past year merited awards and who were recognized by the court included the following:

Robert McGlowhorn, merit and 1st class badge.

Curtis Robbins, 1st class badge.

William Rush, merit badge.

Leon Saunders, tenderfoot badge.

Harper Thayer, tenderfoot badge.

At the conclusion of the court the scoutmasters and committee members were given a short course of instruction in scout work. The in-

Asheboro Plans Greeting For Randolph's First Baby

During the past summer people from North Carolina and from many states in the union met at Manteo to celebrate the founding of the first colony and passed to pay homage to the memory of the first white child born in America—Virginia Dare. Randolph county is prepared to honor her first baby of 1938 and, while the celebration will not be widespread, the little newcomer will be warmly welcomed.

A group of business folk of the town have joined with The Daily Courier in a contest, and a welcome for the first baby of 1938. Physicians are interested also and will gladly cooperate in reporting births to this office. The exact hours of the birth is important. Then, of course, we want the name of the parents and the name of the baby, if named.

The merchants and business folk of Asheboro are planning a gift shower for the child and the parents. Practical Jess Pugh, of Pugh's Funeral Home, offers, if the lucky baby is born at the Randolph Hospital, to take mother and baby home free of charge. Then, comes Reid Hannah of the Old Hickory Cafe, always considerate and offers a free dinner to the father and other children, if any.

Realizing the importance of gentle soap for baby's tender skin, Miss Williams and Miss Huggins of the Cinderella Beauty shop understand how important to a woman is the way she looks and offer to give a finger wave before she goes to collect baby's presents.

Entertainment is important, as Roy Champion knows, and offers a month's pass to the parents at the Carolina Theatre. Mr. Hasfins at H. & H. Clothing company makes a generous offer and promises \$2.00 in trade to the parents of Baby 1938. Franz Strickland at Rogers deems it a pleasure to offer a silver spoon to this child, in case it is not already born with one in its mouth.

Mr. Bonkemeyer of the Asheboro Dry Cleaning plant makes an interesting offer. If this first baby is a girl, he will clean the mother's dress; if a boy, he will clean the father's suit. Garland Pritchard makes a generous offer and will give twelve quarts of grade A milk, if this first baby be born with the city limits of Asheboro.

Henry Jones of W. W. Jones and Sons, offers an all wool crib blanket to wrap the Baby Bunting in. Then, the Bank of Randolph, thinking of a future good citizen, would install the principle of saving early in this new baby, and offer a nest egg of \$100 to start him off with money in 1938.

There is no trick to this contest—simply report your baby's birth or have your doctor or nurse to do so.

Meanwhile, The Courier awaits little Miss or Mr. 1938 and wishes for the baby and the parents Safe Sailing!

The Weather

North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight. Saturday, cloudy.

Show-Down Expected On Roosevelt Policy When Congress Meets

Chinese Wreck Jap Buildings; Foreigners Arm For Protection

Shanghai, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Chinese devastation squads marched out of Tsingtao today leaving undefended the once rich northern Chinese capital marked for conquest by advancing Japanese armies.

A corps of foreign vigilantes, armed with clubs, attempted to maintain order in the city from which an exodus of Americans and other foreigners was under way.

When Chinese police started leaving, however, looters ran into the Japanese business section. They ransacked what Japanese property had not been destroyed in nearly two weeks of systematic destruction.

Chief aim of the corps of foreign vigilantes was to prevent damage to foreign property.

The departing Chinese units started a dozen new fires.

A Japanese silk factory, and a Japanese tobacco company's building were among the structures in flames.

There was no new explosions during the day.

Arrival of Japanese forces were expected any moment.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Hill Taxicab

A Plymouth sedan owned by Hill's taxi, Asheboro, and driven by Eugene Williams was destroyed by fire early this morning near Central Falls.

Williams said today that he had discharged a passenger near Central Falls and, later, when he was approaching a bridge, the lights on the machine went out and before he could stop the car it crashed into a bridge, then burst into flames.

Williams said he was not injured. He stated he understood the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Peace Plans Of Japan Seek Stiff Terms Of China

Shanghai, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Reports that Japanese peace overtures were being conveyed to China through the German government gained ground in official circles today.

The reports were that the German ambassador to China would present the proposals to the Chinese government.

The German ambassador to Tokyo was said to have received them from the Japanese government.

Terms of the peace proposals were said to include an economic agreement under which Japan would participate in the development of China's resources, aviation, transportation and communication; increase Japan's voice in Chinese affairs, establishment of Japanese garrisons and demilitarization of Japanese zones.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A Marine inspection board reported today that it found no criminal evidence in connection with the destruction by fire of the steamer City of Baltimore on the night of July 29.

Murder and Piracy Unfolds In Wake of Pacific Cruise

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Murder, piracy and retribution on the high seas—a stranger than fiction story written with the blood of two men—was unfolded to government agents today by six survivors of a cruise on the schooner Aufic.

Dwight L. Faulding, 49, Santa Barbara hotel man and the schooner owner is dead, his bullet-riddled body dumped overboard off the south California coast.

Jack Morgan, the man accused of the slaying by the federal bureau of investigation is also dead. Two members of the crew told the

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The forthcoming congressional session, administration friends and foes agreed today will bring a show-down over President Roosevelt's half dozen requests for major legislation.

After a few weeks holiday between the special and regular session, legislators will convene Monday to hear Mr. Roosevelt deliver, in person, his annual message on the state of the nation.

The president is expected to re-outline already known objectives and ask that the legislative track be cleared for their realization.

Early in the week he will send to Capitol Hill the annual budget. The important item of relief probably will be delayed until March to permit a thorough survey of quick changes of economic conditions.

A heavy administration program has been held over from the special session.

Mr. Roosevelt is expected to add to this at least one other—anti-monopoly legislation.

Bus Companies May Establish New Line

A number of the leading business folk of the town are standing squarely behind James York, manager of the local bus station, in a movement to establish a bus line from Lexington to Raleigh. There has been a great need in this section of the state for some time and citizens are unusually interested in Asheboro and at various places along the proposed route.

The new bus route will start at Lexington and run to Raleigh, via Asheboro, Siler City and Pittsboro over highway 64. The Carolina Coach Co. and Greensboro-Fayetteville Bus Line, Inc. are prepared to establish this new route and are decidedly pleased with the response of the citizens on the route.

Convict Tells Of Murder Nearly 4 Years Ago

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Elkins Lewis, chief of detectives reported today receipt of a confession from a South Carolina convict to the slaying of Carl Petterson, Nashville taxi driver, March 7, 1934.

He said William Woods 24, accused of fatally stabbing a prison guard captain during an attempt to break from the state prison at Columbia, S. C., December 12, signed the confession.

Labor Board In New Complaint Against Ford

Buffalo, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Henry J. Winters, regional director of the National Labor Relations board announced today a complaint had been issued against Edsel Ford and the local Ford plant charging "three violations of the Wagner act."

The complaint, Winters said, charged the Ford company with interfering with the rights of employes to join, form and assist in labor unions, with spying on meetings and with destroying a sign advertising a union meeting.

A hearing has been set for January 11, Winters said.

agents they threw Morgan into the sea after five days under his mad rule.

The ill-fated cruise was marked by death on the very afternoon the boat sailed out of San Pedro, December 20, bound for Catalina Island, 20 miles away.

Faulding, at the helm, the crew reported, heard an order "get away from that wheel, I'm taking command here."

It was Morgan. Faulding started towards him but three bullets tore into his body.

Late that night Morgan forced his terrified companions to drop Faulding's body overboard.