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MARITIME FORECAST
Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Moderate northwest winds becoming variable, cloudy Thursday, probably followed by rain.

THE WEATHER
N. C.: Rain and slightly warmer Thursday; Friday partly cloudy.

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Strike Turmoil Goes On

French Liner Must Take Cargo Back Across Ocean

Manhattan Sails

Gets Away After Turmoil at Dock Only to Anchor to Await Full Crew

New York, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—The French liner Champlain, which was to sail for Europe today, was delayed at the dock only to anchor to await full crew.

The Champlain arrived from Europe and American longshoremen promptly refused to unload 25 tons of heavy cargo because of the boycott of American ships at French waters. The French liner said the ship would sail for Europe returning the cargo to France at a huge loss.

Joseph Curran, leader of the strike, said delegation of French seamen was expected momentarily at a strike headquarters. He said the French seamen would be expected to take possession of the ship in protest of Joseph P. Ryan's vicious strike-making tactics.

The action represented a complete reversal on the part of the strikers. When Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's association, announced that his men would not unload the Champlain, striking seamen indicated they would do so themselves.

It was indicated that the giant liner Normandie is due Monday and it is expected her 120 to 6,000-ton cargo will not be unloaded.

Simultaneously the United States liner Manhattan left her port at noon en route to Europe but dropped anchor off Esdloe's and lacking five able seamen.

Boatmen Here Disagree With Dist. Engineer

Deny That A. & C. Canal Route Is Shorter As Major Cole Says

Local boating men queried by the newspaper last night were inclined to disagree with Major H. E. Cole, acting district engineer of the War Department at Norfolk, who this week declined to approve the working of the sign that local civic leaders wish to erect at the Elizabeth River entrance to Deep Creek in an effort to bring more yachts thru here.

Major Cole approved all of the proposed wording for the sign except the sentence reading "Shortest route protected route to the mouth of Alligator River."

The engineer said it is his opinion that the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal route is actually 10 miles shorter than the Dismal Swamp Canal route.

Local boating people disagree with the Major, of them being of the opinion that the two routes are of equal length, and a sign asserting that the Dismal Swamp Canal route is several miles shorter than the other.

Be that as it may, Major Cole has spoken, and what he says goes. The wording will now be changed in an effort to win his approval of the sign. It is likely that the word "shortest" will be dropped and the depth of the Dismal Swamp Canal inserted in its place.

Permission to erect the sign on the property on the south side of the entrance to Deep Creek has been obtained, and the sign will be built and erected as soon as the wording is approved.

As forwarded to Major Cole the sign carried an arrow at the top pointing up Deep Creek with the following wording: "Shortest—most protected route to mouth of Alligator River." It was to Elizabeth City, N. C., for printing facilities.

Roosevelt Ends His Three Day Visit To Argentine Capital

In Parting With President Justo He Voiced Expectation That "Good Neighbor Policy" Will Apply to Commercial As Well As Political Relations

Buenos Aires, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt ended his three-day visit to Buenos Aires today with a hope for negotiation soon of a "mutually profitable" trade agreement between the United States and Argentina.

The President, in a statement he read at a luncheon to President and Senora De Justo at the United States embassy, said that he expected his "good neighbor" policy to be applied to commercial as well as political relations among the American republics. It was a reiteration of his statement in Rio de Janeiro, and repeated in his address to the inter-American peace conference yesterday, that "each one of us has learned the glories of independence. Let each one of us learn the glories of inter-dependence."

The luncheon preceded the President's departure for Montevideo, Uruguay, after three days of the greatest and most tumultuous reception ever accorded a foreign visitor to Argentina. It was the only official event on his final day's schedule.

Attends Funeral of Bodyguard

Prior to the luncheon, Mr. Roosevelt attended simple funeral services at the embassy for August Gennerich, his personal bodyguard and friend of many years, who died of a heart attack early yesterday. After the services, the flag-draped casket containing Gennerich's remains was conveyed to the North Basin and placed aboard the U. S. S. Indianapolis.

Off for Montevideo

A welcome for the President equal to that accorded him in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires was in preparation in Montevideo tonight.

All streets have been decorated with Uruguayan and American flags and President Roosevelt's picture is displayed everywhere.

Spencer Case In News From Three Angles

Rumor Spreads; Joe Spencer Issues Statement; Morse Explains

The Spencer case—a classic example of the revolt of youth against parental interference and opposition—made news yesterday from three different angles.

The feature angle was a report from reliable but unofficial sources that J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., attorney for Mrs. Carroll Spencer, Jr., 16-year-old bride around whose marriage the storm of litigation and publicity has centered, will appear in recorder's court Saturday morning and move for withdrawal of his client's warrant charging J. C. Spencer, Sr., her father-in-law, with assault upon his son and her husband.

Another angle was a statement sent to this newspaper by the elder Spencer in which he asserted that he is not reconciled to his son's marriage.

The third angle was an explanation by Recorder W. C. Morse, Jr., of the part he played last Friday in the rescue of the young bridegroom from his father's home, where he had been imprisoned for five days.

"I have been criticized for what I did," said Judge Morse, "but I acted in good faith. The girl (Mrs. Spencer, Jr.) came to my office and there, in the presence of her father and her attorney, told me a story of the treatment her young husband was receiving which smacked of a medieval torture chamber. Then she asked for a warrant charging his father with assault. I felt it to be my duty, in view of what she had told me, to issue a subpoena for the boy and have him brought to police headquarters for questioning."

"In questioning him, I found that his wife had exaggerated matters, but that he had been confined in his parents' home with no clothing except his underwear, and that he had been struck with a razor strop. He said he would be sixteen years old in two more days, and that he intended living with his bride. I felt that I had no alternative but to instruct the officers to release him to go where he pleased."

Merchants are prepared to fill any demand in Christmas trade.

That Elizabeth City merchants expect an excellent Christmas season was evident yesterday from a survey made of retail store stocks for the holiday trade.

With larger and more complete lines of goods on hand and shipments coming in every day, local stores will be able to afford a greater variety of gifts than ever before.

So great is the demand for manufactured products this season, that many lines of business are having difficulty in having their orders shipped on time, with salesmen for some products merely stopping by to pass greeting and advise their customers that they are unable to sell anything due to the heavy demand until factories can catch up on inventory.

In Elizabeth City's business section, practically any desired article was in hands of dealers yesterday, with Selig's showing the new shape in watches, which this year are taking a trend to the small round and square models with aviation dials. Pearls, too, are coming back in the jewelry line, with that store offering a complete selection of these stones and also of gift novelties, luggage and dresser sets.

Among the strictly men's wear stores, Sawyer Co., reports stocking of the largest line of pajamas and shirts in several years in expectation of a great demand for these items. Featured also by Sawyer Co. are the new personalized bath robes so well portrayed in "Esquire", in addition to their usual lines of men's haberdashery.

P. W. Melick Company yesterday was in the process of setting up its large toy department with all kinds of mechanical playthings for the kiddies along with games, dolls, books, Christmas

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Telephone Users To Save Twelve Millions Yearly

Second Reduction Follows Continued Investigation by Federal Commission

Washington, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—The American Telephone and Telegraph company has agreed to rate reductions that will save long-distance telephone users \$12,000,000 a year, the federal communications commission announced today.

The rate cuts, to go into effect not later than next January 15, bring to a total of \$22,000,000 annual reductions made since the FCC began its special investigation of the world's biggest corporation more than a year ago.

Commissioner Paul A. Walker, head of the FCC telephone commission, said he hoped there would be a series of further reductions in the interstate phone rates and that there would be no let-up in the A. T. & T. inquiry.

Public hearings will be resumed next Tuesday and will continue to the end of December, Walker said. The commission will ask Congress for more money to continue the investigation after February 1 when its present funds will be exhausted.

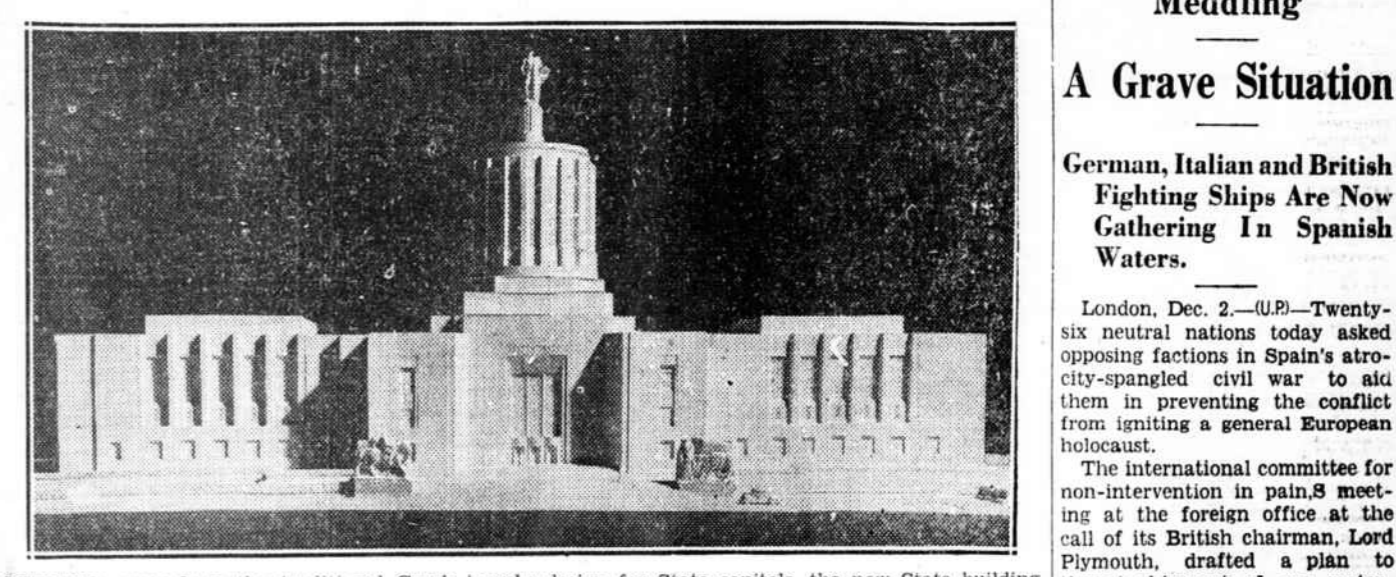
By that date the inquiry will have cost \$1,150,000 and Walker said he believed Congress would consider the \$22,000,000 annual public saving that has resulted made it a "good investment."

A. T. & T. engineers are now busy drafting rate schedules to effect the new reduction, Walker said. The amounts of specific cuts have not been determined. They will range from 5 cents on a 42-mile call up to about 75 cents for a transcontinental call.

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26 Nations Move To Prevent Spread Of Spanish War To Continental Europe

American Architecture for American Capitols



GETTING away from the traditional Greek temple design for State capitols, the new State building at Wilson Park, Oregon, reflects the modern trend in American architecture. This design by Trowbridge & Livingston and Francis Kealy was selected from 125 in a nation-wide competition. It will cost \$2,500,000.

King Edward Said To Have Abandoned Plan To Make Mrs. Wallis Simpson Queen

Young Ruler May Be Ready to Yield to Cabinet

London, Thursday, Dec. 3.—(U.P.)—King Edward's struggle with the cabinet over his wish to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson today reached a stage where the resignation of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin was an imminent possibility.

Buckingham Palace attendants said that Baldwin has given the King 48 hours to decide his future relations with Mrs. Simpson or be prepared to have Parliament take the "strongest measures." These measures might include a request for Edward's abdication.

London, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—King Edward left Buckingham palace by motor tonight for an unknown destination. He was alone and it was reported that he planned to call on Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson at her Cumberland Terrace home to inform her of his conversation with Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

London, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Buckingham palace courtiers understood tonight that King Edward has surrendered conditionally to the cabinet and has abandoned his plan to make Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson Britain's queen.

The report followed an hour-long conference between his majesty and Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin at the palace.

The conditions attached to Edward's abdication are being discussed by the cabinet.

Rep. Roy Davis Is For A State ABC Authority

But Wants Lion's Share of Profits to Go to City and County

An enabling act whereby any county which so voted could establish an ABC store, all such stores to be under the regulation of a central authority, is advocated by Roy L. Davis, member of the general assembly from Dare county, who was a visitor here yesterday. The lion's share of the profits from such stores, he believes, however, would go to the county and city where located, and the state's "take" should be limited to a percentage sufficient only to cover administrative expenses.

What the next session of the legislature accomplishes will be dependent entirely upon its ability.

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Englehard Bank Opens a Branch in Columbia

Columbia, Dec. 2.—The Englehard Banking and Trust company opened its branch in Columbia yesterday. The building in which the bank is located was the old Merchants and Farmers bank building. This bank was Columbia's first bank. It was established in 1902, merged with the Carolina Banking and Trust company in 1922, and went entirely out of existence with the failure of that bank. It is one of Columbia's old landmarks, and has played quite an important part in the progress of the county.

Columbia is very fortunate in getting the Englehard Banking and Trust company to establish a branch here. It is a very sound banking institution. And while its personnel is conservative, they are at the same time experienced in all of the problems surrounding an agricultural community like this. They are good business men and speak the same language we do. They have grown up with the same problems we have facing us.

Mr. Matthews, the cashier, is from Clinton, and has been a banker all of his life. Mr. Coley, assistant cashier, is from Beaufort county and has been associated with the bank for several years.

Weather Statistics

December 2, 1936

TEMPERATURE	Average for December	44.70
	Highest today	60.00
	Lowest today	35.00
	Average today	42.50
	Average for the year	60.60
	Excess today	Minus 2.20
Barometer		30.00
PRECIPITATION (In Inches)	Average for December	3.90
	Amount today	1.02
	Total amount this month	1.55.04
	Total amount since Jan. 1	55.04
	Average for the year	47.50
	Excess since Jan. 1	7.54
Wind Direction	—Southeast.	
Character of Day	—Cloudy.	
	W. H. SANDERS.	

TIDES

Thursday, December 3	High	Low		
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Ore. Inlet	10:56	11:27	4:39	5:25
C. Hatteras	10:36	11:07	4:19	5:05

Friday, December 4

High	Low		
a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Ore. Inlet	11:45	5:49	6:20
C. Hatteras	11:26	5:20	6:00

A Dime In Salaries Sells A Dollar's Worth Of Goods

It costs an Elizabeth City merchant a little less than ten cents in salaries to his sales force to sell a dollar's worth of goods, it would appear from sales and payroll statistics of local stores, released yesterday to the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants association by the Bureau of Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

A wage total of \$327,000 and a sales total of \$3,537,000 for the year covering 175 stores divided into twelve business groups showed a considerable increase over the 1933 totals which were given for comparison.

Largest payroll sum was in the automobile group with \$93,000 for 86 employees and more than a million dollars of sales. Next largest wage group was

the food stores employing 120 persons who received \$52,000 out of the second highest income of \$687,000.

Third place in wages went to wearing apparel stores which employed 56 persons at wages totaling \$39,000 for the year with the third place sales of \$96,000. Lowest total wages paid were in drug establishments at a figure of \$10,000 divided among 16 workers who helped sell \$117,000 worth of merchandise.

In 1933, 298 full and part-time workers received \$248,000 for selling \$2,587,000 of merchandise in 174 stores covered in the survey. Five hundred and twenty-four employees of 175 stores shares in the sales work and wage receipts of the 1933 figures.

Alarm Is Felt Over French - German Meddling

A Grave Situation

German, Italian and British Fighting Ships Are Now Gathering In Spanish Waters.

London, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Twenty-six neutral nations today asked opposing factions in Spain's atrocity-spangled civil war to aid them in preventing the conflict from igniting a general European holocaust.

The international committee for non-intervention in Spain's meeting at the foreign office at the call of its British chairman, Lord Plymouth, drafted a plan to thwart shipment of war materials to Spain from foreign countries.

The representatives of neutral powers, alarmed by evidence that thousands of Frenchmen and Germans have arrived in Spain to bear arms also called for an investigation of foreign volunteers fighting with the Loyalist and insurgent forces.

A sub-committee meeting at 11 a. m. Friday will start the investigation.

Lord Plymouth announced that Great Britain looked upon the surge of foreign fighters to the Spanish fronts with "grave anxiety" and asked that some immediate action be taken in regard to these menacing events.

His plea was coincident with disclosure that Britain has received news that between 5,000 and 6,000 Germans, who joined General Francisco Franco's insurgent armies last week were recruited with the tacit consent of the Berlin government.

Germany Helping Rebels Headquarters of the German army helped find volunteers for (Continued on Page Three)

Rebels Drop Tons Of Bombs On Madrileno

The City's Hospitals Are Jammed With the Wounded Citizens Panicky

Madrid, Thursday, Dec. 3.—(U.P.)—Red Cross authorities estimated today that 11,500 men, women and children have been killed in Madrid during the month-long Rebel siege.

Madrid, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Rebel bombers dumped tons of bombs on Madrid today in two murderous raids. Scores of mangled bodies littered the streets. Hospitals were jammed with wounded.

The bombers appeared shortly after noon, zooming low and dropping 30 incendiary bombs. Men, women and children ran screaming towards shelter as thunderous explosions rocked the city.

At 3.45 the planes reappeared, and dropped 10 more bombs while militiamen and Red Cross crews still dazed among burning, crumbled (Continued on Page Three)

Husband Of Three Weeks Is Offended

"Chisel" Wilcox Breaks News That Wife Will Divorce Him On Grounds of Impotence.

That Mrs. Charles Parker Wilcox will file for a divorce from her husband of three weeks was news confirmed last night by Mr. Wilcox himself.

"And what makes me sore," said young Wilcox, "she says she is going to sue under the statute allowing a divorce for physical impotence. She says I'm impotent."

Mrs. Wilcox, formerly Miss Fanny Mather Lowe, was married to C. P. (Chisel) Wilcox in Suffolk, Va., on Thursday, November 12. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Frederica Niles Earle, formerly of Ohio, but for several months past a resident of Elizabeth City.

Both of the contracting parties are young and popular about town, and the bride's family gave the newlyweds a brilliant reception a few nights after the wedding.

Mrs. Wilcox pleaded being "very busy" when called on the telephone by a reporter for this newspaper last night. She could not be interviewed for a statement and this newspaper has only "Chisel's" word for it that a divorce action is to be instituted this morning.

SERUM ARRIVES IN NICK OF TIME

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 2.—(U.P.) A precious supply of serum, rushed here by ocean liner, airplane and train from Paris, France, tonight stood between 26-year-old Jaypee Easley and death from a deadly and rare streptococcus veridans infection.

Physicians attending the attractive young artist agreed her only hope for life was Vincent's serum, an emergency supply of which arrived today as she apparently was sinking into the coma that precedes death.