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### MARITIME FORECAST

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Fresh to strong winds, mostly northeast; rain Thursday.

### THE WEATHER

N. C.: Mostly cloudy, misty with possible occasional light rains; Friday showers.

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## Madrid Is Circled By Forts

### Entrench While Fog and Cold Delay Assault

### Street Barricades

### Only Intermittent Shellfire

### Heralds Expected Rebel General Attack

By LESTER ZIFFREN  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Madrid, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Loyalists built a fortified ring around Madrid today to resist the anticipated "Big Attack" by General Francisco Franco's forces.

At every street-head barricades were thrown up and machine gun nests planted. The fortifications extended from University City on the north to the Toledo bridge, in the Tago Valley, on the south.

Only intermittent shell fire was heard around the city. Authorities believed the sudden severe cold and poor visibility was preventing the enemy attack.

While soldiers, swathed in mufflers and sweaters, built barricades a public subscription was started to buy Christmas eve dinner for the men in the trenches.

In the north Basque militiamen from Bilbao and Santander fought in the snow-capped Cantabrian mountains in a thrust against the Rebel base at Burgos.

The insurgents retaliated with attacks on Sobornaya but were repulsed.

Seven Loyalist planes engaged in an air battle with six Rebel pursuit planes over Vittoria. Three of the Rebel crafts were shot down it was reported, and a Loyalist transport bomber was forced to land at Yurre after being hit by Rebel machine gun fire near Villalar.

London, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Joachim von Ribbentrop, German ambassador, (Continued on Page Three)

## N. Y. Bankers Took Big Loss To Save Taxes

### Sick of Putting Money In Van Sweringen Rail Enterprises

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Powell New York bankers headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., sold control of the Van Sweringen rail-industrial empire at a sacrifice of millions of dollars in 1935 to lower income tax payments and because they were "sick of putting money into" the senate railway investment committee was told today.

The admission came from William (Continued on Page Three)

## Hungarian Pigeon Fanciers Holding Annual Show Here

### Club President



J. E. JUSTICE, above, of Villa Park, N. J., is president of the United Hungarian Pigeon Club, which will open its 1936 show and meet at the Virginia Dare Hotel here this morning. Mr. Justice will present the trophies to the winners in the show at the banquet tomorrow night.

## Argentine-U.S. Get Together In Conference

### Two Nations Compose Differences On Details of Pact Against War

Buenos Aires, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The first difficult problem confronting the inter-American peace conference was solved tonight when the United States and Argentina were reported to have agreed in principle on the scope of the proposed pact against war.

The Argentine delegation, headed by foreign minister Carlos Saavedra Lamas, has opposed isolation from Europe or the League of Nations while the United States has been inclined to favor restriction of a peace agreement to the American continent. This divergence of views was feared likely to impair any pact's effectiveness and the reported agreement between the two delegations was hailed by other countries represented here.

The United Press was informed that a result of lengthy conferences yesterday and today between Saavedra Lamas, secretary of state Cordell Hull, chairman of the United States delegation, assistant U. S. secretary of state Sumner Welles and other conference leaders, the following agreement was reached on the outstanding points of the new peace plan:

1. The American nations would

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## Post Office Department To Crack Down On "Sex" Clubs

### Hold Exchange of Pornographic Pictures and Letters On Large Scale Has Inspired Many Unsolved Sex Murders; Received by Childrep

By JOHN R. BEAL  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The post office department tonight announced a nationwide drive against correspondence clubs sending obscene matter through the mails, revealing that at least 10,000 persons belong to such groups and regularly send each other pornographic pictures and letters.

With a room full of files bulging with letters, drawings, and photographs gathered during a year's inquiry, the postal inspection service decided on a national campaign after Gayle R. Cleveland of Pensacola, Fla., drew a 15 year federal penitentiary sentence for sending obscene matter through the mails.

Postal inspectors said the immorality disseminated by these clubs, which number perverts among their membership, probably is responsible for many of the unsolved sex murders of the nation.

They added that among those rounded up are persons who have sent advertisements of pornogra-

### Show Opens at 1 P. M. Today; More Than 400 Entries Entries In All

The eyes of Hungarian pigeon fanciers of the United States center today upon Elizabeth City as the sixth annual meet and show of the United Hungarian Pigeon club, held in conjunction with the Carolina-Virginia Hungarian Pigeon club, gets under way.

The pigeons, on display in coops in the main dining room of the Virginia Dare hotel, may be inspected by the public after one o'clock this afternoon.

Close to 300 hundred birds had arrived up to last night, and this morning's arrivals are expected to swell the total number of entries to between 400 and 450. Thirty-odd fanciers have birds entered in the show.

The pigeon show, third such show held here and the city's first major show, will continue through Saturday.

The judging will begin this afternoon, with J. R. Dick of Greensboro, N. C., as judge. Awards will be presented by J. E. Justice, of Villa Park, N. J., president of the United Hungarian Pigeon club, at a banquet at the Virginia Dare tomorrow night.

The Hungarian pigeon, exalted ruler of pigeonhood, comes in eight colors: yellow, red, dun, silver, blue, white bar, black and check.

Officers of the United Hungarian Pigeon club are: J. E. Justice, Villa Park, N. J., president; L. P. Heinemann, Belleville, Ill., first vice-president; M. B. Krebs, Mercersburg, Pa., second vice-president; H. C. Weber, Hagerstown, Md., secretary-treasurer, and E. F. Brown, Cincinnati, O., publicity director.

Officers of the Carolina-Virginia Hungarian Pigeon club are: J. H. Newsom, president; C. H. MacDonald, first vice-president; M. B. Brothers, Jr., second vice-president, and J. H. Webster, secretary-treasurer.

## "Hunk" Anderson To Attend Alumni Dinner Tonight

One of the most cursed and discussed men in North Carolina this fall, Heartley "Hunk" Anderson, North Carolina State College football coach, will be one of the speakers at the State College Alumni Dinner at the Virginia Dare hotel tonight at seven o'clock it was announced yesterday by Graham Bell, who is in charge of arrangements for the affair.

Besides Coach Anderson, there also will be on hand Acting Alumni Secretary Fred Dixon, and Col. J. W. Harrellson, president of the college.

Mr. Bell urges all State alumni in this section who have not already done so to get in touch with him at once regarding reservations for the dinner.

Local State alumni attempt to hold a dinner each year, and tonight's affair is the 1936 annual dinner.

## Enact Repeal Bill In Bone Dry Alabama

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 9.—(U.P.) The House of Representatives of Alabama, long a bulwark of prohibition in a state "bone dry" for 21 years, tonight approved a repeal bill in a tumultuous session and sent it to the state senate.

Backed by the Gov. Bibb Graves' administration to provide much-needed revenue for schools, the repeal measure was approved by a 54-32 vote.

## Vincent Leary



CAMDEN county's young representative, who is seeing his first legislative service as a member of the General Assembly, now in special session.

## Nations Move To End War

### Britain and France Ask Other Nations To Join Them

By RALPH HEINZEN  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Paris, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—The foreign office tonight announced that Britain and France have invited Germany, Italy, Russia and Portugal to join them in an attempt to end the Spanish civil war by mediation.

Soviet Russia has accepted the proposal, but no answer has been received from the other nations.

The fact that they have given no indication of a negative reaction, however, is cheering.

The proposal, if accepted, might end the long controversy among "rightist" and "leftist" powers.

## Inventor Of Gyro Dies In Plane Crash

### Fourteen Killed In Worst Accident of English Aviation

London, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Fourteen people, including Juan de la Cierva, 39-year-old Spaniard, who vowed to make aviation safe when he saw his first plane crash, were burned to death today in England's worst plane disaster.

Two of three survivors were reported dying.

The plane was a giant twin-engined Douglas DC2, now used by a majority of American airlines and was owned by KLM-Dutch Royal airlines. It crashed during a dense fog into a row of houses a mile from Croydon airfield.

Among the dead was former Prime Minister Salomon Landman of Sweden. Only survivors were Walter Schuback, German passenger; Jon Van Bemel, radio operator, who were reported dying, and Miss Dongerstan, stewardess, who was not injured seriously.

There were no Americans aboard.

Commander Hautzmayr, an Austrian and a veteran pilot, was at the controls. The plane roared down the airfield and took off quickly climbing into fog-filled

## Replace AAA By A New Plan

### Wallace Gives Outline of a New Program

### Improve On AAA

### For Stabilization of Farm Prices and Income Parity with Wage-earners

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Outline of an agricultural program apparently designed to replace the outlawed agricultural adjustment act, keystone of the new deal's farm program, was given to the American farm bureau federation's national convention today by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace.

Referring to the AAA, declared unconstitutional by the supreme court, the secretary said:

"Good as that program was, we want to see it improved upon. A better program can and will be built."

He then outlined the following tentative 11-point farm program which presumably will guide enactment of new legislation for farmers at the next session of congress.

1. Right of farmers effectively to organize in their own interest.
2. Stabilization of "fair farm prices" on a basis of "reasonable equality with non-farming income."
3. Foreign policies to provide export of American farm products.
4. Regulation of farm production with respect to domestic and foreign demand.
5. Soil conservation.
6. Retirement of sub-marginal land from cultivation and its "use for purpose for which it is best suited."
7. Crop insurance.
8. Storage of reserve supplies of food and fiber.
9. Security for farm tenants, and opportunity to acquire ownership of land.
10. Increased opportunity for farmers whose "standard of living is now barely on a subsistence level."
11. Industrial policies to encourage abundance of wage and salary earners for farming.

## King of Hoboes To Sue, Not Abdicate

Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Jeff Davis, dapper "King of the hoboes" called down the law tonight on rivals pretending to sovereignty over the 815,000 wanderers of the world who live by mooching free meals and travel furtively on freight trains.

Davis, nattily attired as usual, visited the U. S. copyright office, looked over the letters copyright which protect the registration and membership cards of his organization to make sure they were in order, and announced he would sue several rivals for infringement.

Then he departed for the Cincinnati "jungle" which he makes his headquarters, accompanied by his wife and one of his 14 assistant secretaries.

"Some of the phoneys who claim to be king of the hoboes have been stealing my copyrights," Davis explained with an wave of his cigar. "They've been using my oaths and faking memberships."

## Carolina Pupils Are Killed In Bus Crash

Fayetteville, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Three high school students were killed and 14 injured, three seriously, when a grocery truck crashed into the rear of a school bus at Vandeg, eight miles east of here.

The dead: Ernestine Johnson, 15; Mack Williams, 16, and Inez Bulla, 15. Harlen Haywood, Stanley Parham, and Gracie Owen were brought to Fayetteville hospitals, where their conditions were reported "serious."

J. M. Gibbs, driver of the truck which struck the bus as it stopped to unload passengers, was detained by police. He said his "gears locked," making it impossible to avoid the crash.

FORMER PRESIDENT MAY RETURN TO CUBA  
Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 9.—(U.P.) Early return of Dr. Gray San Martin, exiled former president of Cuba and Leftist leader, to his homeland to reorganize revolutionary political factions, appeared a strong possibility tonight.

## England In Suspense As It Waits Decision Of The King

### Comes the Moment to Decide



THE British Empire remains on tenter-hooks of suspense, awaiting the decision of its as yet uncrowned king, as to whether or not he will renounce a throne for love.

## War Threats Give Impetus To Our Neutrality Plans

### Administration Leaders To Seek a Quick Passage For New Law

By GARNETT D. HORNER  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
Washington, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—Impelled by the threat of war in Europe, administration leaders tonight planned to seek quick enactment by the new congress of a permanent neutrality law giving the president broader powers to keep this country out of foreign conflicts.

Chairman Sam D. McReynolds, D. Tenn., of the house foreign affairs committee, said he would introduce the new legislation immediately after congress convenes Jan. 5 and hoped for passage by Feb. 1. He already has discussed its provisions with President Roosevelt.

Disturbed world conditions, McReynolds said, make quick action imperative to solidify the present temporary neutrality law which expires May 1. This law empowers the president to embargo shipment of arms to nations at war and bans loans or credits to belligerents.

McReynolds' new bill would give the president additional authority to:

1. Restrict shipments of materials like oil or cotton that might be used for war purposes.
2. Forbid commercial transactions with nations at war by American citizens except at their own risk if such commerce might tend to involve this nation.
3. Apply provisions of the act in case of a ramified civil war such as Spain's.

"It is very necessary to have immediate action," McReynolds said. "It is difficult to pass a neutrality bill when other nations are engaged in war as shown by our experience last year during the Italo-Ethiopian conflict."

"We are anxious that some legislation pass before such a con-

Mr. Hubbard is a writer, Mr. Shepler is an artist, i. e., a painter. Mr. Olsen is an interior decorator. Mr. Rust is the scion of a family of lumber barons. Mr. Covell is a man of leisure.

Whither they are bound and (Continued on Page Three)

## All Indications Are Now Pointing to Abdication

### Goes To Windsor

### Visit May Have Been to Bid Good-bye to His Sorrowful Family

London, Thursday, Dec. 10.—(U.P.) Announcement this afternoon that King Edward has decided to abdicate the British throne for the love of Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson was confidently expected today by press, public and most members of the House of Commons.

## STEPS TO ABDICATION

1. The King would sign and present to his ministers a notice of his desire to abdicate.
2. The cabinet, through the Prime Minister, would communicate the King's notice to Parliament.
3. Parliament would approve the abdication and pass an act establishing the line of succession, or, in fact, naming the new monarch.
4. The privy council would meet and wait upon the new monarch to notify him of his ascent to the throne.
5. Parliament's action would be communicated to the Dominion Parliaments which would ratify or reject it.

Usually reliable sources of information told the United Press late last night that Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin had informed the cabinet, in an emergency session, that the King would quit the throne. Word went out to churches throughout Great Brit-

## Arranges To Begin Post Office Work

### Contractor Makes Preliminary Arrangements for Work On Annexes

Preliminary arrangements for the construction of the additions to the post office and Federal courthouse here were made yesterday by C. C. Miller, superintendent of construction for the W. F. Martens company of Newport News, general contractors for the work.

While here Mr. Miller arranged for water and plumbing connections for the company's temporary office, which will be located on the rear of the post office grounds, and engaged D. T. Singleton, local stone mason, to saw out a block of the limestone of the present building to assure delivery of new material of the same grade and appearance.

Actual work upon the additions will begin as soon as the government gives the word to proceed, according to Mr. Miller, who hopes that he will be able to make a start next week. In the meantime, the company is assembling material and equipment preparatory to having it shipped here. The number of men to be employed upon the work will vary with the stage of construction.

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## State Senate Votes To Limit Action To Security Measure

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—(U.P.)—In an uproarious session the House of Representatives tonight named R. Gregg Cherry, the "Iron Major of Gaston," to the speakership at the Democratic caucus on the eve of convening for the special session of the General Assembly.

In the Senate, where a more sedate atmosphere prevailed, A. Hall Johnston of Buncombe was nominated pro tempore. It was the first time that the nomination had gone west in 20 years.

While the house adjourned without motion on any special action, in the Senate a resolution was introduced by W. G. Clark of Tarboro, that the special session discuss only the bill pertaining to Social Security for which the session was called. The resolution was adopted unanimously by a roll-call vote.

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