

# THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

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## THE WEATHER

S. C.: Occasional rain Saturday, colder in west and central portions; Sunday, colder with occasional rain.

## MARITIME FORECAST

Sandy Hook to Hatteras: Moderate shifting winds becoming fresh to strong northerly in afternoon and overcast weather with rain Saturday.

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## Assembly Slows Up On Work

### Senate Already Discards Six-day Week

## State Fair Up Chain Store Taxation Is In for Much Discussion Pro and Con

Elizabeth, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—House committee consideration of the federal child labor legislation today was postponed until next Wednesday to permit members of the constitutional amendments committee, one of whom is known to oppose ratification, to speak before the committee.

Reps. T. P. Dellinger of Gaston and Walter Murphy of Rowan were absent today when the committee met to formulate recommendations on the proposed amendment, and the committee ordered the postponement to permit them to be heard before final decision is made. Dellinger is opposed to ratification of the federal amendment which was requested recently by President Roosevelt in a letter to Gov. Clyde R. Hoey.

Meanwhile, House and Senate adjourned through brief sessions and adjourned until tomorrow morning. The senate gave indirect notice of revolt against the six-day week for the legislature by voting to meet at 8 p. m. Monday, the usual time during the past session, instead of at 1 p. m.

### Local Measures

Only local measures will be considered at tomorrow's sessions.

Seven local bills were introduced in the house today, and one statewide measure, a bill by Rep. George Izell of Rowan providing for a commission to study classification of property for taxation, was presented. Property classification for tax purposes were permitted under the constitutional amendment adopted by the people last Nov. 3, the bill was referred to the finance committee.

In the senate, a measure looking to state operation of the annual state fair by providing a fund to cover a possible deficit was presented by Sen. Clarke of Edgecombe. The measure permits the governor and the council of state to set aside not more than \$25,000 annually to cover a deficit.

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## Congress Is Working On Partisan Vote

### Big Majority Puts Administration Measures With Little Opposition

Washington, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—The House today cleared away the last congressional obstacle to continuation of the temporary federal lending agencies due to expire on Jan. 29, when it approved and sent to the White House a bill extending the Reconstruction Finance Corporation until June 30, 1939.

The bill was no record vote, an attempt to send the bill back to committee failed 176 to 9. The bill also extended the electric home and farm authority, the RFC mortgage corporation, the export-import bank and the emergency credit corporation, all

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## Crisis In Japanese Govt. Is Expected

By H. O. THOMPSON  
Tokyo, Saturday, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—A showdown between militarists favoring a fascist government for Japan and their parliamentary opponents was imminent today.

Some Japanese feared a new military coup d'etat this week. Following Thursday's riotous scenes in the diet, when an attack on the army because of its demands for huge appropriations for enlargement of the military establishment and for government reform which would give the general staff virtual control of all national affairs, resulted in a two-day suspension of parliament, army leaders issued a declaration of intent refusing to cooperate with the political parties.

## Sloan Defies Lewis; President's Rebuke Is Directed At Both

### GMC President Determined to Reopen Closed Plants

New York, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—Hurling a challenge to auto union leaders, President Alfred P. Sloan of General Motors tonight declared that "every effort will be made" to reopen strike-locked General Motors plants.

His statement was a direct answer to Chairman John L. Lewis of the committee for industrial organization, who warned that "labor is on the march" and that the unionization drive in the auto industry would be intensified.

### Unlawful Possession

In crisp staccato words, Sloan blamed the United Automobile Workers of America and "unlawful possession of our plants" by sit-down strikers for preventing a strike settlement, asserted that the corporation was ready to bargain collectively and estimated that the strike was costing workers \$1,000,000 daily in wages.

"The present deadlock cannot go on indefinitely," Sloan warned. "Our men wish to work. They are prevented by a small group of sit-down strikers and their leaders, who are willing to jeopardize the country's recovery in order to impose dictatorship on our country and on our people."

"Our duty is plain. We have a responsibility to our employees. This strike is costing a million dollars a day in wages. Our duty to them is to do everything possible to save them from further loss of income and from being thrown on relief."

### Must Be Solved

"The situation must be solved and I am sure that a way will be found."

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## Californians Defending Citrus Fruits From Cold

### Burn Smudges to Protect Trees From Unusually Cold Temperatures

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—A gray blanket of smudge rolled over this city tonight in the wake of the severest cold spell that has struck southern California in a quarter of a century, damaging the huge citrus crop inland as far as imperial valley.

Citrus growers burned more than 1,000,000 barrels of oil throughout the night, lifting temperatures ranging from 23 to 28 degrees. A sharp upturn was predicted for tomorrow.

No estimate of crop damage was obtainable, although Imperial valley, worst hit by the freezing spell since it normally has no need of "smudging," reported more than \$1,000,000 loss.

Losses there this month alone, due to freezing temperatures, mounted to over \$3,000,000, according to B. A. Harrigan, county agricultural commissioner.

Total losses in southern California, including the rich Coachella valley grapefruit producing country, was estimated at nearly \$25,000,000.

Losses this winter have exceeded the record damage of 1913, when half the citrus crop was destroyed, but due to the larger crop the percentage of damage has been smaller, officials of the California fruit growers exchange reported.

Cost of "smudging" ran into tremendous figures, growers said, estimating the consumption of oil alone at approximately \$1,000,000 a day.

## TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDAR

A. M.  
8:30 Mens Christian Federation

P. M.  
2:30 Local 119 AFHW  
Library Hours: 10-12, 2-6.

## SUNDAY CALENDAR

A. M.  
9:30 Church schools  
11:00 Morning worship

P. M.  
6:45 Young Peoples Leagues  
7:30 Evening worship; Christ Church YPSL.

7:45 Christian Science services 702 Boston Ave., on subject: "Truth"  
Library closed.

## Jim Farley Begins A New Term

### But May Resign Soon and Return to Private Life

### Few Changes Seen Believe There Will Be No Shake-up Before Reorganization Plan

Washington, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight sternly implied that capital and labor should seek peace in conferences and not victory through newspaper headlines as efforts to mediate the General Motors strike collapsed here in a burst of angry statements.

The issue of presidential intervention in the automobile crisis was placed squarely before the White House when John L. Lewis, "rebel" C. I. O. leader demanded that the administration come to the aid of workers who rallied to the support of Mr. Roosevelt in his campaign for re-election.

### President Quoted

Today the president continued in his refusal to be drawn into the situation. It was significant, however, that he deviated from his usual custom to permit newspaper reporters at his press conference to quote him directly on his views of the strike problem.

"I have no further news than what's yours," Mr. Roosevelt began. "Of course, I think in the interest of peace there come moments when statements, conversation and headlines are not in order."

The president met further questions as to whether he intends to intervene and whether he would comment on Lewis' statement, interpreted by some as a demand for repayment of a political debt, with the observation that both queries had been answered by his direct quotation.

### Sharp Rebuff

Reporters viewed the chief executive's remarks as a sharp rebuff.

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## Form Bloc In Behalf Of Govt. Ownership

### Washington, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—Rep. John E. Rankin, D. Miss., co-author of the Tennessee Valley Act, and Rep. Knute Hill, D., Washington, today organized a House bloc to fight for continued government ownership and operation of existing power projects and against pooling TVA power with private utilities.

They predicted a majority of the House would join the fight within a few days, and issued a formal policy statement.

The action came as a committee headed by secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes sought to draft national power policies for President Roosevelt.

## Body Was Recovered from Creek at Edenton Yesterday Afternoon

Edenton, Jan. 22.—The body of L. A. Kramer, aged 44, was found about 3:40 p. m. Friday, on the bottom of Queen Anne's creek near the mouth. Albert Lassiter, who found the body, had volunteered to help drag the waters after a note found in Kramer's coat pocket which had been left on a barge nearby, indicated he had committed suicide.

The coat was noticed Tuesday by Ervin Deens, watchman on the dredging barge. Being unclaimed and wet with rain, Deens had taken the coat and hung it over the boiler with the intention of wearing it when dry. Today he put it on and discovered in one of the pockets a note which read as follows: "Dear Gladys—I am sorry for all the things I have done and said. This applies to Carroll too and my friends. I hope everything will be for the best." (Signed) "Laurie." Deens turned the note over to Pugh Roberson who in turn placed it in the hands of the right parties and dragging operations were begun which shortly produced the body.

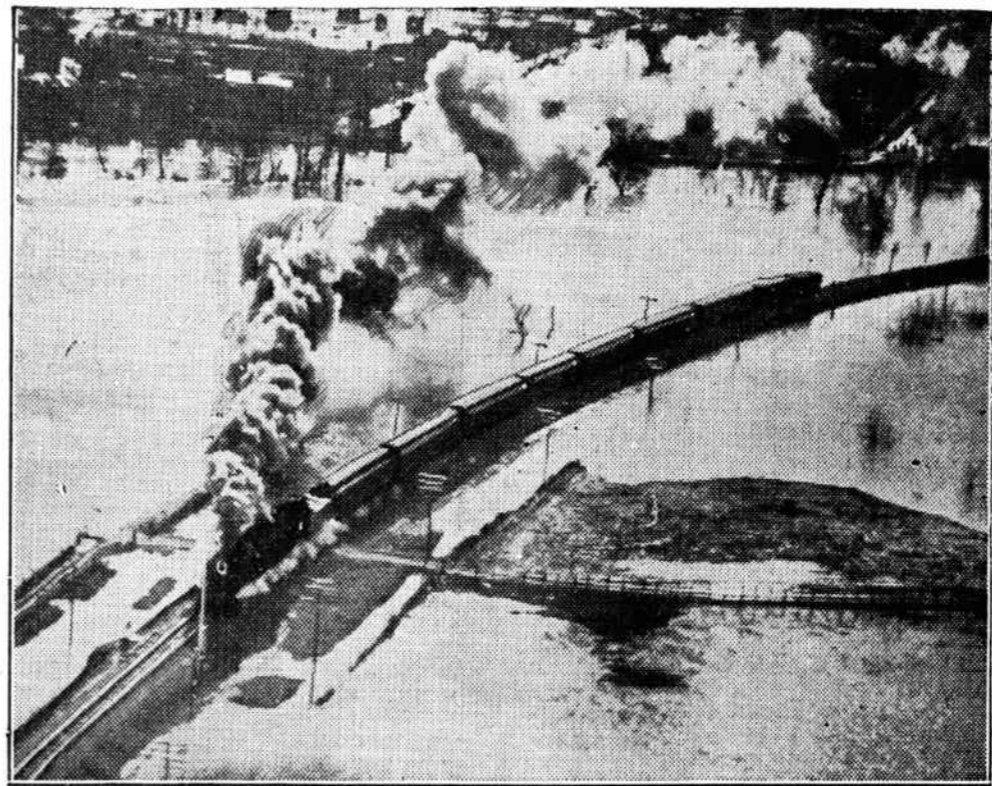
In the past Kramer had been a member of the town council and was associated with the Edenton Peanut Co., as secretary and treasurer. Later he was half owner of the Edenton Feed and Fuel Co. Recently he was unemployed and it is thought that financial matters were probably the cause of the act.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kramer of this city and is survived by one brother, C. E. Kramer, postmaster of the Edenton post office; one sister, Mrs. W. P. Warren of Norfolk; two half-sisters, Mrs. Lyn Wool of Nags Head and Mrs. Joseph Barrett.

At the time of this writing, funeral arrangements had not been completed.

# Thousands Flee Before Steadily Rising Floods

## Flood Waters Spread In the Mid-West



RAINS steadily pouring thousands of tons of water into Mid-West rivers and streams are causing serious flood peril in many states, Ohio, White, St. Francis and other rivers already have reached flood proportions, making thousands of refugees homeless. This air view shows a Missouri Pacific train making its way across a flooded area near Poplar Bluff, Mo. The scene is typical of thousands of farmland acres.

## Minstrel Well Received By Large Crowd

### Seventh Dixie Land Minstrel Is Said To Be the Best Yet

The seventh annual Dixie Land Minstrel, presented by the students of S. L. Sheep School, was enthusiastically received last night by a crowd that overflowed the S. L. Sheep School auditorium.

Last night's presentation was declared by members of the audience to be by far the most spectacular, the most colorful and the most smoothly performed Dixie Land Minstrel yet given here.

All the number were good, especially the solo numbers, but the numbers that were most favorably received were "In a Little Gypsy Tearoom," with Martha Pinner and Jack Stevenson; "Military Man," with Julia Fearing and Soldiers; "When a Lady Meets a Gentleman," with Katherine Jeaukins and Sam Griffin; "Organ Grinder Swing," with Carolyn Hill and Chorus; and "The Way You

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## Seventh Dist. C. G. To Aid Flood Area

### Spanish War Developments

By UNITED PRESS  
Developments Friday in Spain's civil war:

Madrid. Twenty Loyalist planes bombed their former airport at Gatafe to prevent its use by Rebels. Other Loyalist planes attacked enemy lines on several fronts and bombed the Rebel port of Cadiz sinking a ship.

Paris. Rebel General Francisco Franco was reported to have brought 6,000 fresh troops from Spanish Morocco for a new drive on Madrid.

Geneva. League of Nations promised the Loyalist government to aid in evacuating the civilian population of shell-torn Madrid.

## Pope Pius Rallies; In Cheerful Mood

Rome, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius was in a cheerful mood tonight, refreshed by much-needed sleep, but his fundamental condition remained serious and Vatican recovery is impossible.

The pontiff was allowed to sit up in his wheelchair for a while today and was promised by Doctor Aminta Milani that he might spend a maximum of an hour or two out of bed each day so long as his condition does not become more serious.

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## Auction Market Meeting Held Minus Reporters

Reporters were excluded from the "round-table" conference on the subject of the proposed auction market held at the Chamber of Commerce-Merchants association offices last night. It was later explained by Secretary G. C. Meads, that, due to the fact that County Agents G. W. Falls of Pasquotank and T. L. Carr of Camden had declined to attend the meeting, R. B. Etheridge, chief of the division of markets, did not wish to be quoted in any way in the course of the discussion. Mr. Falls and Mr. Carr declined to attend on the grounds that a survey had shown that a large percentage of the farmers of this section favored the cooperative marketing idea rather than the auction market.

While not quoting Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Meads said that those present were of the opinion that there would be no conflict between the two ideas, and that both might be operated with the grow-

A contingent of Seventh District Coast Guardsmen, under the command of Capt. W. H. Lewark, of Kill Devil Hills station, left here early this morning en route for the flood area in the Ohio Valley, where they will engage in life saving and rescue work until the flood now threatening the valley has subsided.

The men, 25 in number, assembled their equipment and made their departure within 14 hours after their orders were received at District Headquarters here yesterday at 4:00 p. m. They left here this morning at 6:00 a. m. In view of the amount of equipment they had to assemble and pack and the extent and nature of the area over which they were scattered, their embarkation was a miracle of speed and efficiency.

Life boats and men from six stations in this district are being rushed to the flood area. The Nags Head, Oregon Inlet, Chicamacoco, Cape Hatteras, False Cape and Virginia Beach stations are each represented by a boatswain's mate and three surfmen. Each life boat will be manned by four men.

The men and boats from False Cape and Virginia Beach stations went direct to Norfolk late last night without reporting to headquarters here. The men from the other four stations had to report

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## Waters of the Ohio and Mississippi Spread Havoc

### Dire Privation

### Pittsburgh, Louisville and Other Ohio Valley Towns Share Toll of Damage

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—Sleet and snow whipped across the middle Mississippi basin tonight as 20,000 men, women and children fled from raging waters of the roaring Mississippi and its tributaries.

The flood was growing to proportions that may make it the worst in the basin's history as stories of indescribable privation trucked in from water-soaked refugees in Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi.

### New Levee Breaks

Raging murky floodwaters, which for days have battered against their barriers, smashed three new breaks in levees on the St. Francis river and on a little river drainage ditch tonight. The engulfing floods poured through the new breaks to cover hundreds of thousands of acres in the world's richest cotton section.

Seven cities and towns in the danger zone were under water. Several others were isolated and their only contact with the outside world was by boat.

Suffering among the more than 20,000 homeless refugees was accentuated as sleet and snow replaced the endless rains tonight. On the heels of the snow came sub-freezing temperatures which dropped as low as 18 degrees above zero.

### Mid-South Submerged

Virtually all highways in the rich mid-south section are closed by two to 10 feet of water. The few that remained open were sheathed with ice and dangerous.

So severely frozen they no longer could walk, nine women and children were carried into a hospital at Jonesboro, Ark., tonight. Rescuers who brought them to shelter from nearby Black Oak said scores of others were marooned and facing the same privations. A woman near Black Oak gave birth to a child late today without medical aid. Doctors who sought to reach her to attend the

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## Mobilize For Assistance To Flood Victims

### President Directs the Coast Guard, Red Cross and Other Agencies to Give Relief.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt tonight directed that all resources of the government be mobilized for the aid of refugees in the midwestern and southern flood areas.

He acted after Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman of the Red Cross, informed him that 120,000 persons were temporarily homeless in the flood regions and that the situation was approaching a crisis.

Grayson's report was tendered at the president's cabinet meeting. The chief executive immediately directed that all government departments involved give full cooperation.

### Mobilizing

Meantime, the Red Cross, Coast Guard and works progress administration mustered airplanes, boats and trucks to rush supplies to the stricken areas to aid in rescue work and otherwise care for the cold and homeless.

Sixty Red Cross relief workers were hurried to the inundated regions to direct rescue work. The coast guard and 8,000 WPA workers "on emergency duty" cooperated.

The titanic battle against human suffering was concentrated in the tri-state area of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

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There is no form of nerve disorder that may not be caused or aggravated by eye strain. For a thorough eye examination see DRS. J. D. HATHAWAY. (adv.)