

DECISIVE BATTLE IS NEAR IN AFRICAN WAR

RELIEF OFFICES IN STATE TO CLOSE ON THURSDAY EVENING

All Local Headquarters
Will be Locked Tight
Against Their Clients
on Friday

OFFICE WORKERS
REMAIN A WHILE

Final Records Must be Clos-
ed up by Personnel Already
Cut 60 Percent Since Sep-
tember; 44,423 Families
on Relief Nov. 30, Mrs.
O'Berry Asserts.

Raleigh, Dec. 4 (AP)—All relief of-
fices in North Carolina will be closed
Thursday night, when direct relief
work in the State is discontinued.

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief
administrator, said today all local
relief headquarters scattered over the
State would be locked tight against
relief clients Friday morning and
thereafter.

Office workers, however, must fix
records and other matters which
need to be straightened out in liq-
uidation of the ERA after Thursday
night.

The administrative personnel of the
relief organization, already reduced
about 60 percent since September,
will be steadily reduced as the liq-
uidation proceeds.

There were 44,423 families on relief
rolls November 30.

Livermore To Seek Custody His Two Boys

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 4 (AP)—A
court fight over custody of the two
sons of Mrs. Dorothy Wendt Longcor
and her divorced husband, Jesse Liv-
ermore, may arise out of the shooting
of Jesse Livermore, Jr.

The 16-year-old boy still was in a
critical condition from a bullet
wound allegedly inflicted by his
mother in a drunken quarrel. She
was under a physician's care after
suffering a nervous breakdown after
her release on a \$6,000 bond.

Her younger son, Phil Livermore,
14, was with his father, the stock

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Two Army Fliers Killed When Plane Falls at Capital

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—
Two army fliers from Mitchell
field, Long Island, crashed to
their deaths today in a plane
which plowed into a hill near Bol-
ling field, the army's capital air
station.

Officials of Bolling field said
the plane was making a flight
from Mitchell field and crashed
from a still undetermined cause
while seeking a low altitude pre-
paratory to landing.

New Support For New Deal Farm Set-Up

Two Beet Growing
Associations File
Briefs With the U. S.
Supreme Court

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Sup-
port for the New Deal's farm pro-
gram on the ground it provides "eco-
nomic as well as political democracy"
was contained in a brief filed with
the Supreme Court today by the Moun-
tain States Beet Growers Marketing
Association and the National Beet
Growers Association.

The organizations filed the docu-
ment as a "friend of the court," pre-

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German Spy



First picture of Dr. Hermann Gortz
since his arrest by British agents as
the alleged chief of a German spy
corps in England.

(Central Press)

TOWNSEND PENSION MAY WIN BY 1939

Foes Say It Would be Ulti-
mate in Taxes, With End
to all Income

SITUATION QUEER ONE

Liberals Find Themselves Lined Up
With Bankers and All Scared;
Pessimists Are Gloomy
Over the Outlook

By LESLIE EICHEL
New York, Dec. 4.—By 1939 the old-
age pensioners will have power
enough in Congress to put through a
drastic pension plan. That seems to
be the outlook now to men who have
made a study of the situation. The
Townsendites assert they will control
the 1937 Congress (elected in Novem-
ber, 1936), but that seems improbable.
Both old parties are beginning to be
alarmed, as are far-seeing business-
men.

Between now and 1939 an attempt
will be made to "educate" the people
against the Townsend plan, with its
turnover tax. A tax on every trans-
action would snuff out business, joint-
ing business authorities are agreed.
That would be the ultimate of taxes,
the tax to end all taxes—by ending
all income, business leaders believe.
In the meantime, other inflationary
processes may beat the Townsend
plan to the debacle, according to the
views of the most gloomy. Every ten-
dency is toward the expansion of cre-
dit and money, in the belief that this
will spread wealth all around, these
observers believe.

The people seem hell-bent upon
finding an easy road to the distribu-
tion of wealth. They thus may bind

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WEATHER

Fair and colder, with hard freeze
to coast tonight; Thursday partly
cloudy and not so cold in north
and west portions.

Charges Arms Shipments Being Made On Disguise

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Rep-
resentative Ludlow, Democrat, Indiana,
said today that "from an absolutely
dependable source," he had heard
many shipments of materials for war
use were being "camouflaged" under
disguised foreign names.

He said he had asked the State De-
partment for names of American ex-
ports supplying materials to foreign
belligerents in violation of the spirit
of neutrality, intending to put them
in the "pitiless light of publicity."

In China Command



Brig. Gen. Charles E. Kilbourne,
rushed from the Philippines, now is
in command of the U. S. Army de-
tachment stationed at Tientsin, in
new Sino-Japanese trouble area.

(Central Press)

DEMOCRACY'S FATE HELD IN ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM

Must be Assured for Aver-
age Citizen if America is
to be Spared from
Fascism

OPINION OF ICKES GIVEN IN ADDRESS

Secretary of Interior Tells
Detroit Audience Com-
munism is Hauled out as
Mere Bugaboo While Fas-
cist-Minded Men Further
Their Own Interests.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4 (AP)—Sec-
retary Ickes declared today that eco-
nomic security must be assured the
average citizen if democracy in the
United States is not to be supplanted
by Fascism.

"Our rugged individualists have al-
ready undertaken an active and well-
financed campaign looking toward a
return to power that will make it
possible for them to continue to grow
ever richer while the great mass of
the people becomes poorer and poorer,"
he said, "I warn them that they are
putting a lighted match to a keg
of powder."

"The issue is fascism or the Amer-
ica of the founding fathers," Secre-

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Landslide Deaths Are Put at 27 in Ecuador Village

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 4.—
(AP)—The first official reports
on a landslide which buried the
village of Verde Cocha, in the
Andes region, said today at least
27 persons were killed and 14 in-
jured.

Some of the bodies of residents
were found a mile or more from
the village as the government
pressed its relief work.

The fall of a mass of earth and
rocks nearly two miles wide from
the mountainside onto the village
yesterday was attributed by au-
thorities to subterranean infiltra-
tions.

ETHIOPIANS SHOW MORE RESISTANCE TO FASCIST ARMY

Selassie's Troops Pressing
With Considerable Force
On the Northern Front

OPPOSING ARMIES VIEW EACH OTHER

At Makale They are With-
in Sighting Distance; Mus-
solini, Meantime, Is Hold-
ing Home Troops There
And Strengthening His
Naval Forces.

(By The Associated Press)
Italian and Ethiopian troops gird-
ed themselves today for a long-hear-
ded decisive battle on the East Afri-
can war front.

From Asmara, port of entry in the
fascist colony of Eritrea, came a re-
port that skirmishes between the op-
posing armies on the northern front
were becoming hotter, and the major
engagement seemed nearer at hand.
Italian officers said periodic ex-
changes of fire showed the forces of
Emperor Haile Selassie were press-
ing in considerable force against the
Fascist front lines beyond Makale.

The new commander of the Italian
forces in East Africa, Marshal Bag-
dolio apparently is preparing for a
decisive thrust southward in keep-
ing with a desire of Premier Mus-
solini to close the period of relative
inactivity and pursue the campaign of
occupation with more vigor.

At Makale the main armies of the
two nations maintained positions
within sighting distances of each
other after a first encounter from

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New Disorder In Detroit's Strike Seen

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Viol-
ence broke out again today at the
Motor Products Corporation plant,
where 21 persons were injured last
night and two policemen and two
strikers were added to the list of
casualties.

Carrying out police orders forbid-
ding the formation of picket lines,
more than three score policemen
drove back 75 strikers who attempt-
ed to resume picketing of the plant
entrance.

Announcing that picketing of the

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Officers At Tulsa Club Are Killed

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 4.—(AP)—A
Federal revenue agent, Louis Pappan, 42,
and George Stewart, 39, former Tulsa
detective captain, were shot to death
at the swanky Sheridan night club
here early today after they had been
thrown from the place by two "boun-
cers."

After a preliminary investigation,
County Attorney Holly Anderson de-
clared the shooting was "worse than
murder."

"I haven't found out exactly what
is behind all this, and I may not be

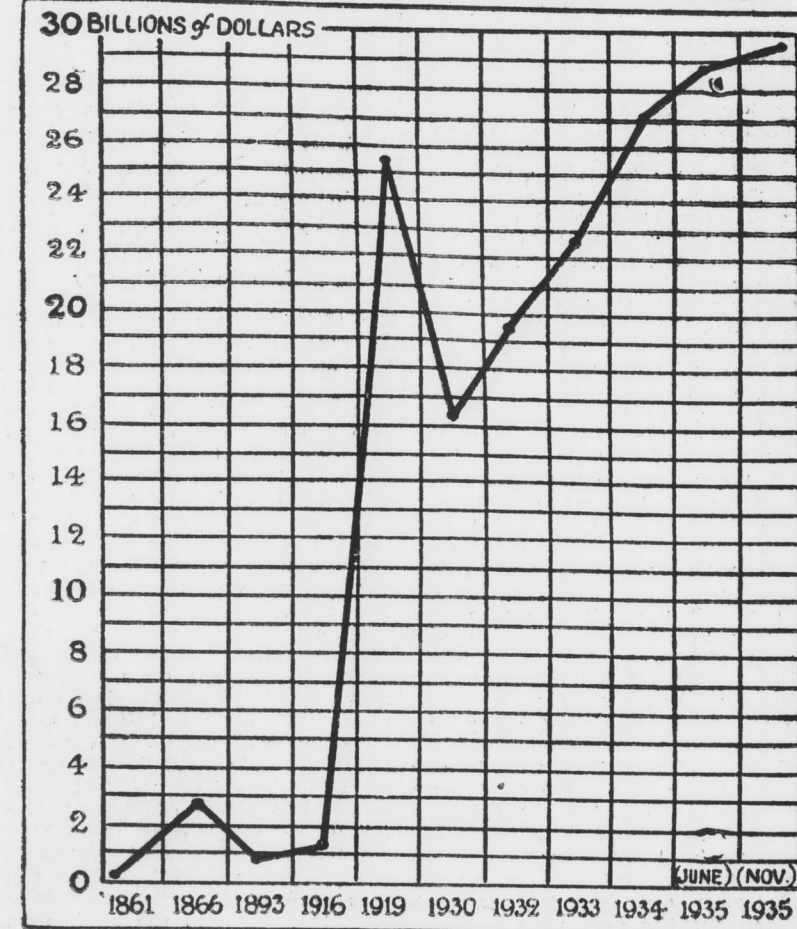
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17 shopping
days until
Christmas

TOYS

Hull Re-States U. S. Plan To Halt War Shipments To Both Italy And Ethiopia

Public Debt at Record Total



The line showing rise and fall of public debt of U. S. since War Between
the States will go down now, President told nation in speech declaring
heavy spending days of national government were over. But first the debt
will cross the 30 billion mark, due to 900 million new emergency
financing of Treasury.

(Central Press)

Lethal Gas Chamber Is Believed Torture House

Warden Honeycutt Hopes He Never Has to See Human
Being go Through Struggle Suffered by Two
Dogs Put to Death in Experimenting
With Cell.

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—The new lethal gas
chamber, just completed in the Cen-
tral Prison here, is a veritable tor-
ture chamber, most of those who wit-
nessed the testing of it with dogs as
victims, are convinced. For while the
gas death chamber was pronounced
the best of its kind in the world and
virtually perfect from an engineering
and scientific standpoint by the two
doctors and one technician from the
Industrial Hygiene Division of the U.
S. Public Health Service who saw it
tested out here Tuesday, using an-
other dog as its victim, those who saw

the second test were more than ever
convinced that a human being would
suffer intensely for several minutes
before losing consciousness and dying
from the inhalation of the deadly
cyanide gas. They are convinced that
while the 1935 general assembly, in
passing the bill fathered by Dr. Char-
les A. Peterson of Spruce Pine, Mit-
chell county, thought it was substitut-
ing a more humane form of execu-
tion for the electric chair, it actually
decreed a form of death far more
painful and decidedly more horrible to
both the victim and the witnesses

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PRISON HOSPITAL IS MOST MODERN

Remodeled Department in
Central Prison Good as
Any in The Country

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—The remodeled
prison hospital, in the west wing of
the Central Prison here, is now one
of the most modern and complete pri-
son hospitals in the entire United
States according to both health and
prison authorities. As a result of this
new hospital wing, located in the por-
tion of the prison which has been
completely fireproofed, it is now pos-
sible to provide whatever medical and
surgical attention is needed for the
more than 8,000 prisoners in the State
Prison System without taking them to
any outside hospital, according to Dr.
George S. Coleman, prison physician,
and in charge of the prison hospital.
The operating room, on the fourth
floor, has the floor and walls and the
most modern equipment, including
steam sterilizers, scrub-up room for
doctors and nurses, shower baths and
the latest type of focused lighting
from the ceiling, so that it is possible
to operate any time of day or night.

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Industrial Heads See Big Upturn

New York, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Ameri-
can industry was told today the coun-
try is emerging from the economic
 doldrums, bolstered by faith in demo-
cratic government and the sensibili-
ties of its business men.

Private industry can and will bring
about the nation's comfort, happiness
and culture, Robert L. Lund, chair-
man of the board of directors of the

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Air Mail To Europe Soon, Farley Says

Washington, Dec. 4 (AP)—Post-
master General Farley said today he
will ask the coming session of Con-
gress for funds to start trans-Atlantic
air mail service.

He said experimental flights will

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CHANGE IN POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT OCCURRED

Reports A re Legislation
May be Sought in Con-
gress to back Govern-
ment's Stand

PRESENT NEUTRALITY LAW IS MANDATORY

Requires President to De-
clare Embargo on Arms,
Ammunition and Imple-
ments of War; General Op-
inion is Rule Does not
Touch Oils and Coppers

Washington, Dec. 4 (AP)—Secre-
tary Hull reiterated to the press to-
day this government's determination
to do all it can to discourage all ab-
normal sale of commodities classed
as war materials to warring Italy and
Ethiopia.

The State Department head made
this statement in replying a direct
question on whether new legislative
authority would be required to em-
bargo war materials as distinguished
from actual arms and munitions.

Without commenting directly on
reports that legislation must precede
any official step to halt shipments of
such commodities as oil and cotton,
Hull said there had been no variation
from government policy as set forth
in previous announcements aimed at
our curtailing excess shipments of
war supplies to the belligerents.

The present neutrality law makes
it mandatory upon the President to
declare an embargo on exports of
arms, ammunition and implements of
war. It has been the general opinion
in responsible quarters that this does
not permit an extension of the em-
bargo to materials such as copper
and oil, despite their value in the con-
duct of military campaigns.

Strike Not Stopped By Pay Boost

Key West, Fla., Dec. 4 (AP)—A
boost in income for longer working
weeks failed to end the strike of 1-
500 Work Progress Administration
employees here today.

Quitting yesterday in protest
against a monthly wage of \$24.60, pro-
ject workers refused at a mass meet-
ing to return despite an offer of 25
percent increase in wages for a five-
day work week instead of four.

Louis Avila, chairman of the strik-

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Gas House Ready For Executions

Waynick Says it Will
be Certified to Gov-
ernor; Rapist May
Be First.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Capus M.
Waynick, chairman of the State
Highway and Public Works Commis-
sion, said today testing of North Car-
olina's new lethal gas chamber has
been completed, and it will be cer-
tified "at once" to the governor as
ready for use.

Two dogs have been put to death in
the chamber, and though both howled

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