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Cuba's President

Jose A. Barnet

Jose A. Barnet, 71, is serving

as provisional president of Cuba

until May 20, following his selec-

tion by the cabinet and council of

state meeting jointly as an elec-

toral college. A constitutional

president of Cuba will be elected

Jan. 10, but the victor will not be

inaugurated until May 20. Bar-

net, as secretary of state, took

over the reins of government

when Carlos Mendieta resigned.

Her Nearness to North

China Gives Everything

In Favor of Program

Admit of Clipping; Seizure of

Open Road

By CHARRLES P. STEWART

Central Press Staff Writer

perts, asked how Japan's expansion

in northern China can be stopped

practically are unanimous in expres-

land coast opposite, tells the story.

Between the islands and the main-

areas. Soldiers "ad lib" can be fer-

ried across it from Nippon at the rate

The coastal mainland soil is Japanese

also; there can be no resistance to

At each end of the Sea of Japan

there is a very narrow strait. There

ship to try to run any one of them.

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LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS

of three or four hours per shipload.

can't be done.

their landing.

Chinese Territory Offers

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# Philadelphia Scion WPA TO SPEED UP Believed Victim Of N. York Kidnapers

Caleb J. Milner, 4th, Been Missing Since Last Saturday Night From Apartment

NOTE BEEN RECEIVED ASKING SUM MONEY

Federal G-Men Join In Search With New York's "Scotland Yard" for Member of Wealthy Philadelphia Textile Family; Brother Gets Kidnap Note

New York, Dec. 16 .- (AP)-Spurred tailor's story and the growbelief of relatives Caleb J. Mil-4th had been kidnaped for ranals today intensified their the 21-year-old scion of one of Philadelphia's first families.

The youth's grandfather, Caleb Mil-, retired textile magnate reluced with the kidnap theory had previously scoffed at abduc-

While Federal G-Men joined New York State's "Scotland Yard" in the ch for the handsome young actor. J. Schwartz, whose tailor shop is the street from the modest Murray Hill apartment of Caleb and his brother, Frederick: told how a inge man accosted them last Monday night. It was through Frederick "ransom" note indicated Caleb was kidnaped on his disappearance last Saturday night.

We have your prother in the counthe letter postmarked Poughkeepsie, N. Y., said then added "keep touch with your grandfather in Philadelphia and have a sarge sum of ash available."

The note was written in newspaper tters pasted on a sheet. It was signd also in newspaper type "Zwttler. Clarence D. McKean, New England hief of Department of Justice agents, aid at Boston that Federal men had peen called in. The investigations vere conducted in utmost secrecy. deral authorities here refused to discuss the case.

### Patrol To Start Punching License First of the Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, Dec. 16-State highway patrolmen will start punching the drivers' licenses of all drivers we are arrested, stopped or warned for various traffic law violation on and after January 1, Captain Charles D. Farmer said today. In addition, the name and address of every driver, the number of his driver's license and the violation will be taken down and sent in to the central of the office of the partol here, where it will be made a part of the record of that driver in the files where the duplicate licenses are kept.

In addition the driver's permit of every driver arrested or stopped will be punctured or marked according to a special code so that any patrolman in any part of the State can look at the driving permit and tell whether or not the driver has been arrested before and if so for what violations.

## **VERMONT'S ACT ON** INCOMES INVALID

Taxed Incomes From Investments Outside Higher than Those Within

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)-On the ground they "violate the life of na-tional citizenship," sections of the Vermont income and franchise tax act of 1931 that impose larger tax on income from investment outside the state than on those within the state, were held invalid today by the Supreme Court.

Justice Southerland delivered the six-three opinion. Justices Stone, Brandies and Cardezo dissented. Vermont Supreme Court had upheld

Southerland said the section violated the constitutional provision that no state should abridge the right of citizens of United States.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, slightly cooler in central portion tonight; Tuesday cloudy and unsettled; possibly rain Tuesday night.

# PAY FOR WORKERS FAST AS POSSIBLE

State Administration Attempting To Cut Red Tape That Is Gumming up Operations

PROSPECTS ARE NOT **VERY HOPEFUL NOW** 

All Pay Checks Written in U. S. Treasury Disbursing Office in Raleigh Which Is Not Directly Under WPA at All, But Is Operated As Separate Unit

> Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Dec. 16-The Works Progress Administration offices here are doing everything possible to speed up the issuance of pay checks to workers and permission is being sought from Washington to establish some branch disbursing offices so that every payroll will not have to be sent here to Raleigh in order to get the pay checks made out, it was stated at the State WPA offices here today by W. H. James, director of the division of information. But unless the authorities in Washington agree to the establishment of two or three branch offices for the writing of pay checks, some delay is bound to result in the payment of WPA workers,

"Under the present system, a minimum of five days is required to issue pay checks to WFA workers after they have completed two weeks work." James said. "This means that they cannot possibly get their pay checks by the British government. in less than 19 days after they first start work on a project, although they should get their checks every 15 or 16 days thereafter if there is no other We are hoping however that some plan can be evolved whereby the pay checks can be issued within a shorter time.

The reason five days are now required even with no delays, for WPA workers to get their checks, are as ceived the storm of criticism at

foremen to make out their time in emergency session. sheets and turn them over to the pay- News of the distinctly

which requires another day.

One day is required in the Depart-Line of Communications Could Hardly sheets and payrolls to see if they are

The time sheets, from which the checks for the payroll are made out. are then sent to the Disbursing department, where another day is re-Washington, Dec. 16.-Naval ex- quired to make out the pay checks. When the checks are finally writ-

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### sion of the opinion that it simply A glance at a map of the mikado's island chain, and of the Asiatic mainland is the Sea of Japan, a narrow body of water not much greater in area than the Great Lakes' combined

List Narrows Down to Chicago, Kansas City and Cleveland for Meet

Washington, Deca 16.-(AP)-Bidalso are a few narrow, tortuous, ding for the 1936 Republican conventreacherous passageways between the tion definitely narrowed down today islands. All authorities agree that to Cleveland, Chicago and Kansas

these channels easily could be so min- City. ed as to make it suicidal for a hostile As a decision neared Chairman Henry P. Fletcher drew applause from the National Committee with The Japanese, then have a line of the assertion that "We all know that communications dependably open to the New Deal is slipping" and we them, to what they seek to make their "got the Democrats on the run." sphere of influence in northern main-Anxious to have convention city land China-a line of communications chosen quickly Mark L. Reuna, Caliwhich naval officers say couldn't be fornia committeeman, pushed through interrupted by the combined sea force a resolution to have the order of business changed so applications of the

bidders could be heard this morning.

# Rush For New Licenses Is Heaviest On Record

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hoter, By J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, Dec. 16-Automobile Owners are rushing to buy their new 1936 license plates as never before and sales by the motor vehicle bureau here Saturday, both direct to owners and by mail, were the largest on record for any opening day, Department of Revenue officials said today. The lobby of the revenue building is crowded again today with owners standing in line waiting to get their new licenses, in spite of the

nearness of Christmas. "It certainly looks as if the depression is over-and it certainly looks good to me," said George Scott, director of the Division of Accounts. And every mail is bringing in thousands of checks for licenses to be sent by mail. If this only keeps up, we will be able to get all the licenses sold and mailed out to car owners before January 1 and be able to avoid the rush that usually develops the last few days. But that is almost

too much to hope for.

# Great Britain Preparing Counter Attacks On Critics Anglo-French Peace Plan

CRITICS SAY PLAN **WILL BREAK DOWN** SELASSIE KINGDOM

British Cabinet Called Into Emergency Session As Serious Situation Arises

**FASCISTS TAKE THE** DEFENSIVE IN SOUTH

Italy's Weary Southern Forces Brace for Attack of 40,000 Ethiopian Warriors; General Says Henry Ford Has Held Up Shipment of 800 Tractors

(Copyrighted by The Associated Press.)

A counter attack on critics of the Anglo-French plan for ending the Italo-Ethiopian war is in preparation

In receipts of a crescendo of protests against what sharp shooters of the plan contend is a formula for dismembering the kingdom of Haile Selassie, Prime Minister Baldwin, informed sources said today in collecting material for presentation to the House of Commons.

The British cabinet, in token of the seriousness in which Britain has re-Geneva and in various European cap-One day is required after the work- itals, invoked by publication of the ers complete 14 days of work for the Paris scheme for ending the war, met

These time sheets are then sent in southern front, the area which Preto the office of the district director | mier Mussolini would garner many of the WPA, who must check them thousands of square miles if the and approve them and send them to Franco-British plan is accepted withthe Department of Accounts of the out reservations—that it will not be naped a week ago and held for \$500,-WOULD BE EXPENSIVE central WPA office here in Raleigh, was regarded as a foregone con- 000, ransom was found alive today by

> There, where General Graziani a ment of Accounts to check the time few weeks ago was pushing persis- whether the huge ransom had been tently northward to establish an Italian corridor between northern and southern Ethiopia, the Fascists conceded that it had taken the de- groups. Thousands of men had been

> > Italy's weary southern forces were braced for an attack expected momentarily from a mass of 40,000 Ethiopian warriors.

The Italian commander on the Southern front attributed to Henry skirts of Havana Ford, the American automobile manufacturers "Private sanction," which he said, has held up his northern drive. Ford, he said, railed to deliver 800 catapiller tractors, which had been contracted and paid for.

### Grocer Norris Guilty



George W. Norris

Convicted of perjury, "Grocer" George W. Norris, formerly of Broken Bow, Neb., faced a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine. He was charged with testifying falsely before a U. S. senate committee which investigated his attempt to become a candidate against Senator George W. Norris of Nobraska in the 1930 primary eier tion campaign. He was put for by some of the opponents of deal

FIRE RUINS U. S. DOCUMENTS

Aerial view of new \$10,000,000 building

Legislative investigation into possible incendiary origin of an eightand-one-half-hour fire which swept through the sixth floor file room of the new \$10,000,000 postoffice department building in Washington, was indicated as government officials began reviewing the damage. Forty firemen were overcome by smoke as they battled the fire, which broke out in the offices of the reclamation bureau of the department of the interior and federal communications commission.

### **Upswing To** Continue In BEEN FOUND ALIVE Nocolas Castano, Kidnaped Coming Year

Week Ago, Found by Army Searchers

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 16 (AP)-Nicolas Castano, millionaire, who was kidthe Cuban army.

Details of Castano's recovery or paid were not immediately available. Police believed that the kidnaping was staged by Leftist revolutionary called into the search for the wealthy-From Bolo came a report that snatch victim, including national army, natives and police.

Army headquarters announced soldiers had found Castano and his pany, most widely quoted of the busichauffer hidden in a house near the town Santiago De Las Decas on out-

Two men guarding the prisoners were arrested, it was stated. Castano appeared to be in good health. Army officials announced the two captured were Lilio Esteze and Vincent Martinez

## PRISON POPULACE 8,513 DECEMBER 1

Releases Greater Than Number of Prisoners Received in November

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, Dec. 16.-There were 8,513 prisoners in the North Carolina prison system December 1, while 10,180 prisoners were handled during the month of November, according to the figures made public today by Acting Director Oscar T. Pitts of the prison division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. A total of 1,594 new prisoners were received during November, while 1,667 prisoners were released, of which only 61 were paroled.

Only 41 prisoners escaped during November as compared with 76 escapes in October, a decrease of 46 per cent, Pitts pointed out, while 56 escaped prisoners were captured and returned-or 15 more than escaped. There are several reasons for the reduction in the number of escapes, according to Pitts. The first factor is greater vigilance on the part of guards and prison camp superintendents, Another is better morale among the prisoners, due largely to the better food and more carefully prepared food upon which the prison division is now insisting. Still another factor is that it is winter time and the prisoners are assured of a warm, comfortable place to sleep and three good meals a day-more than many would

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### And Higher Prices Will Prevail, Ayres Thinks; Would Re-Elect Roosevelt

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

New York, Dec. 16.-Business staisticians and economists are predicting increased business and higher prices for 1936. Colonel Leonard P. Ayres of the Cleveland Trust comness statisticians, looks for an approximate 10 per cent increase in 1936. If so, President Roosevelt can go before the country with the old Republican slogan, "A Full Dinnerpail." But will prices hold up till November, 1936?

Stimulation of business now is looked all over the world.

FARMERS BETTER OFF Farmers now are better off than

the end of the World War. The latest estimates of farmers' inthe first 10 months of 1935, farm in- jects. come from marketing was \$5,099,000.-Hamilton Institute.

power of farmers showed a .6 per cent

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## JAPANESE SEIZE VITAL RAILWAY IN DEEP NORTH CHINA

Student Demonstration Breaks Out In Peiping: Hostilities Renewed In Chahar

ATTACKERS DRIVE OUT LAST OF CHINESE

Last Element of Central Chinese Government Gone From Hopei, Says Japanese; Few Casualties On Both Sides In Taking Of Hangku, Vital Seaport

(By The Associated Press.) Kalgan, Chahar Province, China-Japan extended its way deeper into North China today, incoming troops armed with bayonets and machine guns taking posts around the railroad station of this interior gateway city on the Great Wall.

Swift coup by Japanese gave them control of the vital railway here. It accompanied seizure by arm forces of the Japanese appointed Hopei autonomous of Hangku, strategic seaport and railway center, 300 miles to the south.

Student demonstrations against the establishment of a semi-autonomy government for Charhar and Hopel provinces broke out again in Peiping, Hopei province. Chinese reports said hostilities weer renewed in eastern Chahar between Chinese forces and forces of the north Japanese advised state of Manchoukuo.

Action at Hangku brought the military force of Hopei autonomons state into action for the first time.

The attackers moved into the port twenty-seven miles east of Tientsin, after a brief battle with the retiring garrison. A few men were reported killed on both sides.

Japanese reports said the result was complete withdrawal of Chinese forces from Hangku, removing the last element of central Chinese government authority.

The leaders of Hopei autonomy stated a score of counties distinct from the semi-autoonomy government set up later for all Hopei and Chahar operation with Japanese military. Informed sources anticipated that Japanese wishes would be carried out speedily under the new Hangku re-

# ERA SURPLUS FOOD MAY NOW BE USED

Hopkins Asked To Permit Distribution in WPA Emergency Here

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hote, By J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, Dec. 16 .- Not only has the North Carolina Works Progress Administration announced that it will ed upon by conservative economists increase the wage scale on city proas artificial. When the stimulation jects 10 per cent effective January 1, wears out, will prices crash one more? but it is also seeking permission from A few days ago the United States Washington to distribute surplus supgovernment failed to support the sil- plies, such as food and clothing which ver price—and the silver price crash- were still on hand when the old Emergency Relief Administration closed There cannot be an endless support up all its activities some ten days ago. it was learned here today. WPA of-But the question remains - will ficials were reluctant to talk about prices hold up till after the 1936 electithis proposal to distribute the leftovers from the old ERA to those who have been cut off relief and for whom no employment has yet been providthey have been at any time since the ed, saying that nothing definite has beginning of their depression. Their been done as yet. But several admitdepression began immediately after ed that the request has been sent to Washington for permission to extend some kind of assistance to those who come are at hand up to Nov. 1. For have not yet been placed on work pro-

Whether National WPA Adminis. 000, an incerase of 5.8 per cent over trator Harry L. Hopkins will agree to last year, according to the Alexander this suggestion, no one knows. But in view of his oft-repeated statements to And, on top of that, the purchasing the effect that the Federal government is not going to let any one starve or go hungry and similar assurances by the President, a good. many here believe that Hopkins will ten, they must be returned to the paymasters, requiring a fifth day-if the mails are prompt.

> If the district offices could be given the authority to issue the payroll checks, or even if two or three branch offices of the accounting and disbursing department could be established, say, at Asheville, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, to handle the payrolls for the counties in those sections, the Raleigh offices could easily handle those for all the eastern counties it is pointed out, It is estimated that with an arrangement of this sort, the paychecks could be issued within a period of two or three days at the most. Since the writing of all WPA pay checks is done in the disbursing office of the U.S. Treasury establishment here, and is hence not under the WPA at all, it is regarded as doubtful if the method of payment will be

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