

## NINE-POWER MEET TO INVITE JAPS AGAIN

### ROOSEVELT VOTES AS OTHERS DO IN HYDE PARK BOOTH

Answers Questions as Others as to Identity and Occupation as He Ballots

### U. S. REFUSES HAND IN SPANISH STRIFE

Refuses Invitation of Cuba to Help Mediate, Pleading Previous Determination Not To Interfere In Civil War; Hopes for Peace, However

Hyde Park, N. Y., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Franklin Roosevelt was voter No. 299 in the State, county and town elections here today.

Just as the rest of the 749 registered voters of the third Hyde Park district had to do, the President went to the town hall, satisfied election inspectors he was qualified to vote, and operated the voting machine.

"What is your name?" Miss Alma Van Curan, district election board chairman, asked with a smile when the President appeared.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt," he answered with a smile as broad as hers.

"What is your occupation?" she asked.

"Farmer," Mr. Roosevelt replied emphatically.

At Washington, meanwhile, the United States declined an invitation from the Cuban government to participate in a proposed all-American mediation of the Spanish civil war.

The American government turned down the invitation on the grounds it repeatedly had expressed an intention of refraining from any interference in the Spanish situation.

After setting forth this principle was applied in a similar manner toward a mediation proposal put forward by Uruguay more than a year ago, Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, said in a formal note to the Cuban government:

"The government of the United States feels confident that, in the light of the foregoing, the government of Cuba will fully appreciate the considerations which preclude it from associating itself with the action proposed by that government."

The note expressed, nevertheless, the "very earnest hope" of the American government and people "that a peaceful method of terminating this strife may be found."

### Watchers In Gotham Fear Fraud

New York, Nov. 2 (AP)—An army of anti-fraud election watchers, 26,600 strong, mobilized at polling places today as the vanguard of New York's 2,443,257 registered voters recorded their choices in the mayoral contest between the incumbent, Fiorello La Guardia, Fusion candidate, and former State Supreme Court Justice Jeremiah Mahoney, the Democratic nominee.

Widespread talk of vote-stealing aimed by candidates of both camps in the five-borough election, led to the

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### TRIAL BALLOON ON SHUPING SENT UP

Favorable Reaction Might Propel Him Into State Senatorial Race

Daily Dispatch Bureau.  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.  
Raleigh, Nov. 2.—A trial balloon, designed to test which way the senatorial wind is blowing, has been sent up for C. L. Shuping, Guilford county man, one of whose chief claims to political fame is that, as Democratic national committeeman from North Carolina, he refused to attend a reception for President Roosevelt.

There may be some doubt as to Frank Hancock's attitude toward the New Deal, his record being strongly pro in most respects, but there isn't the shadow of a doubt about Mr. Shuping's views on the subject and nobody doubts that he would be the unanimous, enthusiastic support of such Liberty Leaguers as North Carolina harbors.

The question is how many of this

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### Mediterranean Tension Increased By Blockade Of East Spanish Coast

Insurgents Throwing Tight Air and Naval Cordon To Cut Valencia Government Off from Outside Help; Three Insurgent Ships Already on Hand

London, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Mediterranean tension was heightened today by reports that Spanish insurgents were throwing a tight air and naval blockade along the entire eastern Spanish coast to cut the Valencia government off from outside help by way of the high seas.

Insurgent General Francisco Franco's strategy sharply increased the danger of international complications in the Mediterranean. He was believed planning to rely largely on planes based on the Balearic islands and Mallorca to rule shipping lanes and cut off Valencia and Barcelona from food and ammunition.

Franco's naval commander, Vice-Admiral Francisco Fernandez, at

Palma, Mallorca, had 35 ships at his command to build the sea blockade. Three were sighted off Valencia last night.

While thus seeking to wall up government Spain by sea, insurgent air and land forces were pressed either to split the frontier connections between Valencia territory and Franco or drive a wedge in government territory, or both.

The appearance of the three insurgent warships off Valencia and the sinking of the British merchantman, Joan Weems three days ago by an insurgent bombing plane as she carried a food cargo from Marseilles to Barcelona apparently marked operation of a more stringent blockade.

### Off-Year Elections Are Watched To Show Trends

Voters in 15 States Ballot on Local Issues; Virginia Electing Governor; New Jersey and New York Results May Affect 1940 Presidency

(By The Associated Press.)

Voters in 15 states cast ballots today in local elections which may provide an indication of national political trends.

Personalities rather than national issues, however, dominated the off-year elections of mayors in more than 30 cities, legislatures in five states, governors in Virginia and New Jersey, and four congressmen to fill vacancies in New York and Virginia.

Detroit's non-partisan election shared attention with the New York City mayoralty battle. Patrick O'Brien, endorsed by the CIO, contested Richard Rooding, supported by the American Federation of Labor, for Detroit's mayor's post.

Some of the winners in today's bal-

loting may receive consideration as 1940 presidential timber.

Political observers mentioned three men especially in that connection: Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York, seeking re-election with the backing of an unusual coalition of Republicans, Laborites, Socialists and Communists.

United States Senator Harry Moore and State Senator Lester Clee contesting for the governorship of New Jersey. Moore, a Democrat, has been governor twice. Clee, a Republican, is a Presbyterian minister.

Opposing La Guardia was Jeremiah H. Mahoney, running on a Democratic ticket with the support of Tammany Hall, Democratic Chairman James Farley, Governor Herbert Lehman, and Senator Robert Wagner.

### Washington Prepares For Coming Visit Of Windsors

British Ambassador Confers With Sumner Welles, Now Acting Secretary of State

### ROOSEVELT WILL RECEIVE COUPLE

Extent of American Entertainment Not Assured As Yet; State Department Official Will Meet Duke and Duchess at Boat in New York on Their Arrival

Washington, Nov. 2.—(AP)—British Ambassador Sir Ronald Lindsay conferred with Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, today on arrangements for the forthcoming visit to the United States of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Although the envoy said afterwards that plans are still subject to change in accordance with the wishes of the royal visitors, it was learned they plan a 36-hour stay in Washington.

During this time they will be received by President Roosevelt. The British Ambassador and Lady Lindsay will be the first representatives of Britain's royal family to entertain Edward, Duke of Windsor, and his American bride. He indicated only general matters in connection with their trip were taken up with the acting secretary of state.

It was learned authoritatively, however, the President has given personal orders that the protocol section of the State Department assist in making any arrangements the Windsors desire for inspection of government housing projects, in which Edward is

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### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder in north and west portions Wednesday.

### DECLINING DEMAND ON FARM PRODUCTS

1938 Expected To See Recession, Agriculture Bureau Reports

College Station, Raleigh, Nov. 2.—A falling demand for farm products in 1938 has been forecast by the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In a report sent to the N. C. State College extension service, the bureau pointed out that:

It is unlikely that business will recover from the present recession soon enough in 1938 to bring the average of industrial activity and consumer income up to 1937 level.

However, there is no definite way of telling exactly how long the business recession will continue. Some improvement in 1938 is entirely possible.

The downward trend of wholesale

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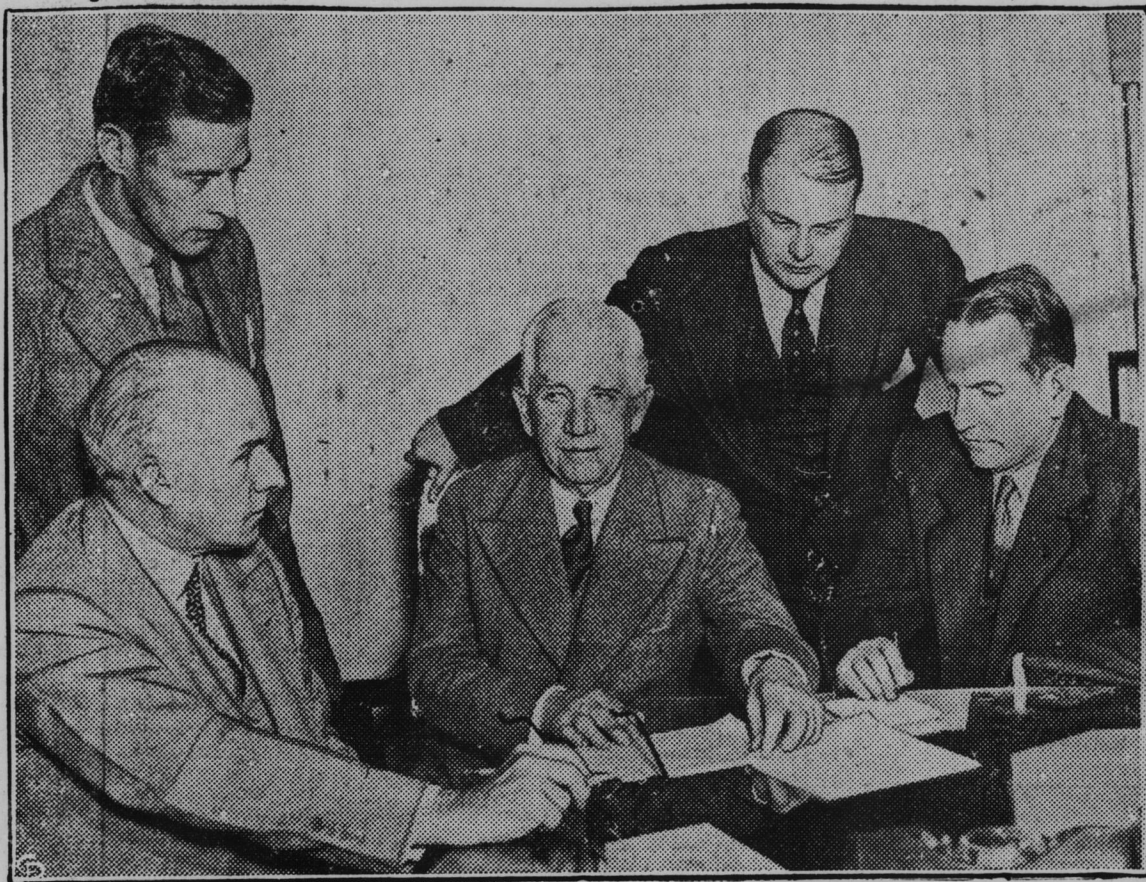
### York, S. C., Yeggs Get About \$5,500 In Bank Robbery

York, S. C., Nov. 2 (AP)—Yeggs broke into the First National Bank of Sharon, rural community near here, during the night and stole cash estimated at from \$5,500 to \$5,700. Sheriff C. A. Moss, of York county, said the robbery was discovered by Cashier J. S. Hartness when he opened the bank for business this morning.

The sheriff said the yeggs apparently entered the bank through a window.

Moss expressed the belief there were "three or four of the robbers." He said Federal authorities had been notified.

### U. S. Delegation to Nine-Power Peace Conference



Here is the U. S. delegation to the nine-power peace conference to be held in Brussels, Belgium, beginning tomorrow, in the attempt to bring peace to the far eastern crisis. From left to right, seated are Stanley K. Hornbeck, head of far eastern division of state department, adviser; Delegate Norman H. Davis, America's "roving ambassador," and Pierpont Moffat of Hancock, N. H., adviser. Standing are Charles E. Bohlen of Ipswich, Mass., secretary, left, and Robert T. Pell of Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y., press officer. All are members of the U. S. state department.

### GOVERNMENT WILL LEND FIFTY CENTS BUSHEL FOR CORN

Details of Credit for Growers Will Be Announced in Few Days by Mr. Wallace

### RFC WILL FURNISH MONEY FOR LOANS

Some \$85,000,000 To Be Available for Loans on 170 Million Bushels of Corn; House Agriculture Committee Finishes Draft of Crop Bill

Washington, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Informed officials at the Agriculture Department today said the government would lend 50 cents a bushel on this year's corn crop.

These informants said details of the loan program would be announced by Secretary Wallace in a few days. They said the loans would correspond in general to previous government corn loans.

The 50-cent loan will be made on corn sealed on the farm, testing 14 1/2 percent moisture content or less.

Farm organizations had asked a 60-cent-a-bushel loan on this year's crop, and Secretary Wallace said a loan of about 46 cents would correspond to the nine-cents-a-pound government loan on this year's cotton crop.

President Roosevelt paved the way yesterday for the loan by ordering financial machinery set up by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Agriculture Department spokesmen said about \$85,000,000 would be provided shortly by the Commodity Credit Corporation for the new corn loan.

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### U. S. Neutrality Menaced Now As 1917, Nye Feels

Chicago, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Senator Gerald P. Nye, Republican, North Dakota, contended today "the same forces which were at work destroying our spirit of neutrality and peace 20 years ago are once again engaged at that task."

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Chicago Rotary club, the North Dakota senator professed to see a similarity between events preceding United States entrance into the World War and current discussions on the nation's neutrality policy.

A desire to retain foreign trade with belligerents, he contended, led to the abrogation of America's pre-war neutrality policy. Senator Nye declared Secretary of Commerce Koper recently stated the United States would "lose a lot of foreign trade" if its policy of neutrality were invoked in connection with the Sino-Jap conflict.

### Large Japanese Shells Explode Near American Battleship In Shanghai

Married Her Brother



The marriage of Mary Lee Williams (above) and Ben Yocum was annulled at Mountain Grove, Mo., when it was discovered that they were brother and sister. Twenty years ago their parents died. The brother and sister were placed in an orphanage. The girl was adopted by Ben Williams, of Cihowee, Mo., and the boy by a farmer named Yocum. He got a job recently on the Williams farm, fell in love with Mary, married her in secret. A chance remark by Mrs. Williams resulted in the discovery of their relationship. (Central Press)

### DECLINE FORESEEN BY RESERVE BOARD

Government Attitude Toward Basic Industries Blamed In Report

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist  
Washington, Nov. 2.—Apparent, the recent "recession" (as New Dealers call October's 25-billion-dollar stock market crash) came as no surprise to the Federal Reserve Board.

More than six months ago board members noted that recovery was not

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### 44 Shopping Days Until Christmas

Cruiser Augusta Clears Decks and Battens Port-holes, as Protection for Crew

### BOMBARDING AIMED AT CHINESE GUNS

Explosions Shake Buildings as Far Away As Shanghai's Bund; Shell Crushes Roof of University Gymnasium Occupied by British Soldiers

Shanghai, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Huge projectiles from Japanese warships in the Whangpoo river burst along Shanghai's waterfront tonight menacingly close to the new United States cruiser Augusta.

The Augusta, close to the cruiser Idzumi, Japanese flagship, cleared her decks and battened port holes as a precaution for the safety of her crew.

The bombardment was aimed at Chinese batteries in industrial Pootung, across the Whangpoo from the international settlement. It was an answer to Chinese artillery shelling of Japanese forces in the Yangtze and Hongkew sectors of the Shanghai front.

The international settlement and French concession, refuge of thousands of Americans and other foreigners, were shaken during the day by intensive Japanese bombardment of Chinese positions only a short distance to the west.

Exploding bombs and shells shook buildings as far away as Shanghai's Bund, but no projectiles fell within the settlement or concession boundaries.

At St. John's University, in a park area, just west of the settlement, a

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### NASH YOUTH DEAD IN CRASH OF CAR

Odle Joyner, 21, Suffers Broken Neck as Machine Overturns Near Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Odle Joyner, 21, of Nash county, was killed when the roadster in which he was riding turned over on a dirt road near here about midnight last night. His death was Nash county's eighth highway fatality in the past six weeks.

Roger William Batts, 21, who State Highway Patrolman T. R. Burdette said was driving when the accident occurred was reported this morning at a local hospital to be suffering from the shock, but was not believed seriously injured. Joyner was thrown through the top of the roadster, Burdette said, as the car turned over, apparently five times, after striking a soft spot in the road.

His neck broken, Joyner was dead when brought to the hospital here.

### BRUSSELS PARLEY STARTS TOMORROW ON FAR EAST ROW

Japan Rejected Original Invitation on Grounds Meeting Was Inspired by World League

### DELEGATES DESIRE PRESENCE OF JAPAN

Hold View That Only Free Exchange of Opinions Can Accomplish Results Sought; U. S. and Britain Delegates Confer for Over Two Hours

Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 2.—(AP)—A movement was under way today to give Japan another chance to participate in the Brussels conference on the Chinese-Japanese conflict. Several delegates indicated they favored sending another invitation to Tokyo following the start of the conference tomorrow.

(Japan rejected the original invitation on the grounds the conference was inspired by the League of Nations, which already had condemned Japanese military action in China.)

The idea behind renewing the invitation was that a frank, free exchange of views looking toward restoration of peace in the Orient could be had only with Japanese participation.

Supporters of this line of thought stressed the friendliness of such a move and the hope that Japan would understand it as such.

The United States and British delegations conferred for more than two

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### FUNERAL TOMORROW FOR WRECK VICTIM

Carl D. Smith, of Charlotte, Fatally Injured in Crash at High Point Last Night

High Point, Nov. 2 (AP)—Funeral services for Carl D. Smith, of Charlotte, who was fatally injured when a car in which he was riding went out of control here last night, will be conducted here Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

Paul Hulin, Carl and Otis Cain and Luke Bottoms, other occupants of the car escaped with minor injuries. Surviving Smith are the widow, and two children, of Charlotte, and several brothers and sisters; and the father, H. D. Smith, of Kannapolis.

### Two Postal Holdup Men Are Killed

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 2 (AP)—A squad of sheriff's deputies and postal inspectors shot it out with two men they trapped in the Smith Creek post office at 1:30 a. m. today, killed both of them and blew the one story frame building full of holes.

An alert village policeman who sensed a post office hold-up, or burglary, last Saturday, made the show-down possible.

Sheriff William Van Antwerp, who led the raiding party, said the dead men were Detroit hoodlums who had been under surveillance since Saturday.

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### Troops Out In Election In Kentucky

Harlan, Ky., Nov. 2.—(AP)—National Guardsmen went on duty in the Harlan coal fields today on orders of Governor A. B. Chandler, who said he had reports that "deputy sheriffs, armed with rifles, were taking charge of the election."

The governor said at Frankfort these reports came from representatives of both Democratic and Republican parties, and State Senator B. M. Williams and Advisory Highway Commissioner Herb Smith, both of Harlan, were among those who had communicated with him. Feeling over the election was reported tense.

"The troops have orders to disarm any one found armed at the polls and interfering with the election," Governor Chandler declared. No violence was reported at Harlan but there were several arrests.