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## SWEEPING PURCHASE | FIFTEEN PERSONS, OF NEW COTTON BY GOVERNMENT URGED

Senator Smith Wants Federal Buying Up To 6,000,-000 Bales for 12-Cent Level

PENDING FARM BILL FURTHER DENOUNCED

Will Cause More Strife Than Ku Klux Klan, Oklahoman Says; Hike in Current Relief Bill Proposed; Copeland Says Business Slump Urgent

Wasnington, Dec. 9 .- (AP)-Senator Smith, Democrat, Sooth Carolina, announced today that a group of southern senators would ask government purchase of cotton in an effort to raise prices to 12 cents a pound.

The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said he would offer an amendment to the pending farm bill to require the Commodities Credit Corporation to buy cotton until the average market price reached 12 cents a pound on middling seveneighth-inch cotton

Smith announced this plan after a lengthy conference with Southern senators and Chairman Jesse Jones. of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Smith said Jones was "in practical accord with this." He also claimed support of Senators George, Georgia: Hatch, New Mexico; Bilbo Mississippi; Bankhead, Alabama; and Thomas, Oklahoma, all Democrats.

The chairman explained that the amendment would force the government-controlled Commodities Credit ion to enter the open marke and buy cotton as long as the price was under 12 cents a pound, with required purchases up to 6,000,000 bales. Smith said none of this cotton could be released or none of the cotton now under government loan be disposed of if prices went below 12 cents, unless

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### MODERATE ADVANCE IN COTTON MARKET

Prices Are Five to Six Points Net Higher Around Midday Period of Trading

New York, Dec. 9 .- (AP)-Cotton futures opened steady, up eight points on higher cables, trade and foreign buying. A few local offerings appeared, but scattered covering developed in sympathy with early firmness of wheat, and March advanced from 8.06 to 8.08, leaving quotations shortly after the first half hour 5 to 9 points net higher. Around midday, March five to six points net higher.

### SEABOARD MEDICAL MEN PICK OFFICERS

Dr. W. I. Wooten, of Greenville, Elected President; To Meet There Next Year

Virginia Beach, Va., Dec. 9.—(AP) -The Seaboard Medical Association of Virginia and North Carolina will | install Dr. W. I. Wooten, of Greenille, N. C., as president today before its 42nd annual meeting ends.

Other new officers included Dr. G. B. Woodard, of Wilson, N. C. Green ville, N. C., was chosen as the place contest with Wilmington and Golds- State and district offices which will

### Farm Income Far Over 1936 Level

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimated today the cash income of American farmers during the first ten months of 1937 was approximately \$351,000,000 above income for the same period last year. It estimated the total income, including government payments, at \$7,-087,000,000 this year, and \$6,336,000,-

October income was placed at \$911.000,000 this year and \$904,000,-000 last year.

The bureau said November and December incomes might not equal those of the same months last year because of lower prices and smaller marketing of some major commodities.

Estimates for states for the tenmonth-period this year and last, respectively, included North Carolina, \$188,523,000 and \$153,374,000.

Meeting To Plan Changes In Bill Unable To Reach Any Agreement

Washington, Dec. 9.-(AP)-The House Labor Committee failed today to reach an agreement on proposed sweeping changes in administrative provisions in the wages and hours bill.

Committee members said the group was "all split up," but would resume consideration later in the day of the proposed changes, which would substitute a single administrator for the present five-member independent board. Coincident with the committee meeting, about 75 House members

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### RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO ENTER POLITICS

Amishmen and Mennonites In Pennsylvania Resent Increasing Tax Burdens Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 9 .- (AP)-A

group of Amishmen and Mennonites was selling at 8.03, and the list was today broke a 161-year-old precedent by proposing to join with "all independent groups of citizens" in forming a Statewide farmer-labor party. A statement signed by 13 members of the two religious faiths said that for 161 years the Amish and Mennonite tax-payers "had considered politics beneath the dignity and of little concern to proud independent debtfree citizens. But politically controlled officials have during the past eighteen months imposed taxation without representation and ruthlessly interferred with our religious obser-

The statement referred to the new consolidated school built near Lancaster, Pa., to which the two groups objected. They proposed in their for the 1938 meeting in a three-day statement a ticket of candidates for be filled next year.

## Wallace Thinks Most Of Cotton Farmers Anxious For Voluntary Control

growers next year would be sufficient to give the nation a total supply of to achieve a reduction in the cotton 24,900,000 bales.

Washington, Dec. 9 .- (AP) -Secre- comply with next year's acreage retary Wallace expressed confidence to- duction program. Soil conservation in the case of John W. White, chief day that at least 85 percent of the nation's cotton farmers would cooperate in a voluntary program to hold next year," the secretary said, comnext year's crop to 12,000,000 bales menting on the government's final re or less. He said he believed that government subsidies to be available to 746,000 bales, the largest in history,

acreage from 34,383,000 acres this year to 27,000,000 or less next year.

24,500,000 bales

He predicted a surplus of 12,000,000 bales when the 1938 crop starts to Congress has appropriated \$130,000,- market. "Consequently, it is essential 000 for price adjustment payments that growers reduce their acreage, on this year's crop to growers who he said.

MOSTLY CHILDREN, PERISH IN BLAZES Seven of Nine Victims in Knoxville Tenement Fire Are Younger Children MOTHER AND FIVE

Father Gets Out on Roof To Save Them, But Slips On Ice and Falls to Ground; Building at Knoxville Had Been Condemned Before As Fire Trap

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—(AP) -Firemen dug the bodies of nine victims, seven of them children, from the ruins of a flame-razed tenement house early today.

The long search failed to reveal any other victims in the old twostory structure described by Fire Chief C. M. Johnson as a "fire trap."

Fire swept the building shortly after midnight and trapped the victims as they lay asleep. Twenty-two other occupants, most of them children, ran or jumped to safety. Gordon Tate said from a hospital

bed that he escaped by jumping from a second story window, suffering ony minor bruises and shocks. "The others were to have followed me," he sobbed. "I jumped and thought they were coming out, but they did not. They must have been trapped before they could get to the

McKinley Connaster, husband and father of four victims, seized his fivemonths-old son and jumped from a

second story window "I screamed for my wife to follow

### TOBACCO MARKETS **OPENING UP WELL**

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Auction Centers in Virginia And Tennessee Report On First Sales Wednesday

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—(AP)-Opening sales on the Abingdon burley tobacco market totalled approximately 495,700 pounds at an average of about \$22.39 per hundred yesterday. Bennett Hooks, sales supervisor of the market, the fourth largest in the state, said the prices were "higher than anybody expected. Farmers were well pleased with the opening prices." The Danville bright market sold 617,482 pounds at an average of \$16.02 per hundred, with common types pre-

dominating

The dark-fired market at Lynchburg disposed of 119,740 pounds at \$19.12. The average on 30,000 pounds sold on Richmond's sun-cured market was slightly over ten cents per pound. With the opening of three more burley markets in Middle Tennessee the state's 1937-38 tobacco season was in full progress. Sales were heavy in the five east Tennessee markets yesterday, with prices generally lower than on last year's opening day. Averages in both sections of the state, however,

### topped the \$20 level in most cases. FASCISM GAINING GRIPS IN BRAZIL

Forces Expulsion Even from Argentina of New York Correspondent

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Dec. 9.-When dictatorially-governed Brazil becomes so dominant in South America that 3 North American news correspondent is ordered out of the Argentine Republic because Brazil disapproves of him the Latin American Fascist trend begins to appear so obvious that one would think Uncle Sam really must start to do some worrying concern-

Recent dispatches relate that such an expulsion decree had been issued

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair, much colder to night, except unsettled on coast: moderate cold wave in east and central portions; below freezing near coast; Friday generally fair but continued cold.

# Tobacco Market Up To Christmas Will Exceed Entire 1936-37 Season

### DEMOCRATIC FUND IDEA DISAPPROVED DIE IN ILLINOIS

Not 500 in State Who Would Give \$25 To Eat Jackson Day Dinner

hally Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The plan by which the Democratic National Committee expects to raise \$12,500 in North Carolina is by no means approved by all the Democratic hosts of the State. The national group, through Treas

urer Quayle, proposes that 500 Norti Carolinians contribute \$25 each, no more, no less. It's the "no less" feature that irks a number of good Democrats whose hearts are right, but whose purses are light—if a lapse into rhyme may be pardoned.

The objectors point out that the campaign is to be climaxed by a Jackson Day dinner on January 8, with the subscribers to the fund the participants. There is a decidedly emphatic belief that this sort of thing is discrimination of the rankest sort against the poorer Democrats who are frankly unable to put up \$25. As a matter of fact things are in

something of a mess as far as the campaign is concerned. R. L. McMillan, who was named chairman, has been out of the State practically ever since he was named, "Lon" Folger, national committeeman who is one of the "honorary" chairman of the drive, hadn't been in evidence around Raleigh until late Wednesday afternoon. It resulted that everything has been up in the air, though headquarters of the campaign have been opened.

Up until last night almost nothing at all had been done, and it was just one month until the Jackson Day

Another angle that is bothering not only the committee, but many other

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### RYAN MIGHT SPEND HOLIDAYS IN NORTH

Copper Heir from New York Still In Hickory Hospital; Married Morganton Girl

Hickory, Dec. 9 .- (AP) - From the hospital room, Basil (Pat) Ryan, New York copper heir, who recently married a young Morganton girl, the mother of a three-months-old son, disclosed today he might spend the Christmas holidays in New York.

Ryan, who has said he remembered nothing of the night of the marriage, added, however, that should he spend the holidays in New York, he would return here soon afterwards. Ryan has been admitted to a hospital here for treatment three times since his marriage the night of November 4 to Miss Martha Barkley, whom he had

known only a short while. At Morganton Solicitor Morgan Boger said that Ned Parks, former Morganton store clerk, would be given a hearing January 3 on charges of non-support of Mrs. Ryan's baby. Boger said Parks' counsel had promised to produce him at the hearing. A warrant was issued for Parks sometime ago but has never been

### REFUSAL OF HELP DENIED BY SKIPPER

Controversy In Boston Arises Over Foundering of Greek Ship off Cape Hatteras

Boston, Mass. Dec. 9 (AP)—Charges that the American tanker Swiftsure failed to lend all possible aid to the Greek steamer Tzenney Chandris when the latter foundered off Cape Hatteras, with the loss of several lives brought a denial today from Captain Albert Allen, of the American vessel. Denying charges of Captain Kousopantelis, of the Greek ship, that his

vessel remained at the scene only ten minutes, Captain Allen told a United States Bureau of Marine and Navigation Inspection Board of inquiry that his vessel stood by for more than two and a half hours until relieved by the coast guard. Allen said he did not know the Greek vessel had foundered until he

came upon the form of a man in the sea after a terrific storm. Then, he said, he picked up others. After he was relieved by the coast guard cutter Mendota, that boat, he said, picked up the captain and other members of the crew of the ill-fated ship. The Tzinney Chandris wa senroute

to Rotterdam, Holland, from Morehead

City, N. C., when she foundered.

More Money Already Paid Out Than for Whole Selling Period of 1936 Crop

PRICES CONTINUING HIGH LEVELS HERE

Medium and Better Grades Showing Surprising Strength for This Late In Season; McFarland Gives Credit for Market's Suc-

Hen erson Sales Supervisor. When this tobacco market halts its eles next Wednesday for the Christmas and New Year ho'idays, it will ave sold more tobacco than the market sold during the 1935 scason, which ended the latter part of January, 1937. Already it has paid out to the farmers \$282,387.37 more money than they

BY R. W. McFARLAND,

received for last year's crep of tobacco and from best information railable, when the market re-opens in January, 1938, it will sell 2 1-2 or three minon bounds hore.

Judging from the sales of good to bacco made this week, not only the medium grades of tobacco are still commanding fair prices, but the high grades show an activity on this market unlooked for ty the writer. To illustrate, among the many good sales made this week of high class tobacco as recited in the Dispatch of yester day, was one lot of 2,112 pounds which brought the seller \$885.14, making an average for the whole of \$41.91, and another lot of 888 pounds, which sold Prices ranged in these market to sell, the owners of this good tobacco had to pass through from three to five markets, still selling tobacco, but were so well pleased with their sales (as they expressed it) that they will sell the remainder of their crops here. Of-ficial figures for the sales on the NOBODY COULD SAY Henderson market through yesterday, are as follows:

Season sales, 20,619,762 pounds money, \$5,468,807.33; average for the

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### INSURGENT DRIVE REPORTED HALTED

Government Claims To Have Pushed Back First Rebel Drive In Many Weeks There

Madrid, Dec. 9 .- (AP)-Fierce insurgent infantry attacks that shatand Madrid fronts were reported today by government military authorities to have been beaten back.

Dispatches from the Aragon region of the northeast were that government armies have been arrayed for weeks to block the insurgent big push her husband disappeared December toward the Mediterranean and told of 2, but she was not alarmed. desperate fighting from the Ebro river to Martin del Rio. A half hour of bitter hand-to-hand

combat about fifteen miles southwest of Zaragoza ended in an insurgent Later insurgent field guns blasted

at government positions at Zapatero Insurgent positions along the Ebro river were menaced by floods. Other dispatches reported intensive

insurgent activities along the whole line from the Ebro to about 30 miles northeast of Zaragoza. Ninety min utes of severe fighting which brought machine guns, grenades and artillery into play on a salient near Quijorna about 15 miles west of Madrid, brok? the lull on the central front. A government communication said

the insurgent attackers were turned back.



# Will Destroy City Unless It Gives In By Friday, Is Plan

Second Cold Wave Spreads In South

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The econd cold ware of the week moved into the south today, marked by snow flurries in many areas. Coming from the northwest, it

sent the mercury tambling in Louisiana, Alabama. Mississippi and Georgia. Weather observers predicted subreezing temperatures tonight in the northern part of the Florida penincula. Recovering from a wintery season that ended yesterday, growers have not determined fully the extent of damage to vegetable

Latest information indicated the aluable citrus industry escaped with minor damage.

Approximately one-half inch of snew fell in Atlanta last night and remained on the ground in suburban sections. From Amarillo, Texas, to the Atlantic, sub-freezing temperatures were recorded in many cities.

Donald Robinson Disappeared December 2 and Wife Was Told He Was At Hospital

WHERE HOSPITAL IS

Then Wife Fades Out of Picture Just As Strangely; American Embassy To Take Matter to Soviet Foreign Office As Authorities Seem Stalled

Moscow, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The mysterious disappearance of an American couple who were named as Mr and Mrs. Donald Robinson, of New tered weeks of quiet on the Aragon York, was reported today to the United States Embassy.

The disappearance was reported under circumstances which investigators found baffling. Acquaintances learned last night that Robinson was missing. Mrs. Robinson told them Officials at the hotel where they

were staying had told her, she said, that her husband had been taken to a hospital where he had developed pneumonia, and had been placed in an "iron lung."

Both Mrs. Robinson and hotel officials, however, said they did not know the name of the hospital. The hotel officials declined to discuss the case and said they were unable to

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Message Dropped from Air Promises To Spare Great Capital if It Capitulates

CAPTURE EXPECTED **WITHIN 24 HOURS** 

Major Battle Predicted If Chinese Continue Resistance; Jap Tanks Reported by Airplanes To Be Entering Suburbs; Chinese Guns Spray Enemy

Shanghai, Dec. 9 (AP)—The Japanese command issued an ultimatum today demanding the surrender of China's capital, Nanking, by noon Friday (11 p. m. Thursday eastern standard time), and threatening that otherwise the city "will become the scene of the horrors of war" A Japanese war plane dropped a further communication to

"Abandonment of resistance will spare the city, its historic relics and spots of beauty," it promised. Japanese aerial attackers pounded Nanking all day long, but tonight Chi-

ese still held positions around the Chinese defense artillery hammered steadily at the Japanese, closing in from the south and southeast. Thus

bring only their lightest artillery into play against the capital defenses. The Japanese army spokesman pre dicted capture of the city within 24 hours. He said there would be a major battle if the resistance continued. He declined to state whether Japanese expected the defenders to fight to the last or surrender in order to escape

a heavy toll of life and property. A Japanese news agency said observers in airplanes saw Japanese tanks entering the southeast city gates. The agency said the Japanese had entered Wuhu, Yangtze river port, 60 miles

upstream from Nanking.
Chinese artillery, firing from strongly fortified Purple mountain, which overlooks Nanking, kept Japanese from a frontal attack on the eastern wall of the city, where latest reports were that 14 American re-

### Railroads Demand Freight, Passenger Rates Be Boosted

Washington, Dec. 9 (AP)-The Association of American Railroads today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for an immediate increase in freight rates and

passenger fares. The motion was made by R. V. Fletcher, general counsel for the association, during arguments on the carriers' petition for a 15 per cent flat increase in freight rates and an increase of from two to two and a half cents per mile in passenger fares in the eastern territory.

## German In Paris Admits Murder Brooklyn Dancer, Also Four Men As Well

by a 29-year-old German. The German, police said, confessed slaying her and four men because he and three officers were dispatched to

The police said the confessed slaver was Eugene Weidmann, who had money," Weidmann was quoted. come to France to escape German After a night of questioning at pomilitary service. He led investigators to the villa outside Paris, saying two prisoner, "Who else have you killed?" of his then victims also were buried

Weidmann was arrested yesterday on a scrap of paper.

Versailles, France, Dec. 9 .- (AP) - after a gun fight with police. He ad-The body of pretty 22-year-old Jean Dekoven, Brooklyn dancer, missing since last July, was found today of a rental agent's body in the cellar buried under the porch of a St. Cloud of the villa that put authorities on villa, to which police were directed the trail of a German who had made an appointment with the agent. Detectives finally located Weidmann

arrest him. "I shot him because I needed

lice headquarters, police asked the Then, the investigators said, Weld-

mann wrote the name of the dancer