

JAP ULTIMATUM ASKS NANKING SURRENDER

SWEEPING PURCHASE 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

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Senator Smith, Democrat, South 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.

Smith announced this plan after a lengthy conference with Southern senators and Chairman Jesse Jones, of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

MODERATE ADVANCE IN COTTON MARKET

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

SEABOARD MEDICAL MEN PICK OFFICERS

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

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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 \$71,000,000 above income for the same period last year.

LABOR COMMITTEE SPLIT OVER WAGES

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.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO ENTER POLITICS

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A group of Amishmen and Mennonites today broke a 161-year-old precedent by proposing to join with "all independent groups of citizens" in forming a Statewide farmer-labor party.

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FIFTEEN PERSONS, MOSTLY CHILDREN, PERISH IN BLAZES

Seven of Nine Victims in Knoxville Tenement Fire Are Younger Children

MOTHER AND FIVE DIE IN ILLINOIS

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-raised tenement house early today.

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

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TOBACCO MARKETS OPENING UP WELL

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.

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 a 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 concerning it.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Generally fair, much colder tonight, 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

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

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 Treasurer Quayle, proposes that 500 North 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.

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, disdained today he might spend the Christmas holidays in North Carolina.

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 Trenney Chandris when the latter foundered off Cape Hatteras, with the loss of several lives, was denied today by Captain Albert Allen, of the American vessel.

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 Success

BY R. W. MCFARLAND, Henderson Sales Supervisor.

When this tobacco market halts its sales next Wednesday for the Christmas and New Year holidays, it will have sold more tobacco than the market sold during the 1936 season, which ended the latter part of January, 1937.

INSURGENT DRIVE REPORTED HALTED

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

Madrid, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Fierce insurgent attacks that shattered weeks of quiet on the Aragon and Madrid fronts were reported today by government military authorities to have been beaten back.

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

Versailles, France, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The body of pretty 22-year-old Jean Dekoven, Brooklyn dancer, missing since last July, was found today buried under the porch of a St. Cloud villa, to which police were directed by a 29-year-old German.



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

Second Cold Wave Spreads In South

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The second cold wave of the week moved into the south today, marked by snow flurries in many areas.

AMERICAN COUPLE ARE MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING IN RUSSIA

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

NOBODY COULD SAY 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 York, was reported today to the United States Embassy.

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.

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."

"Abandonment of resistance will spare the city its historic relics and spots of beauty," it promised.

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Detectives finally located Weidmann and three officers were dispatched to arrest him.