

DEMOCRATIC BLOCS FIGHT FOR CONTROL

16 VIOLENT DEATHS FOR N. C. CHRISTMAS AND 500 IN NATION

Eight Duplin Negro Tenant Farmers Drown When Car Goes Into North-east River

ROCKY MOUNT DEATH DECLARED SUICIDE

Occasion One of Most Expensive Christmas Celebrations for Nation at Large; Highways Are Crowded With Many Home-Coming Travelers

(By The Associated Press) Sixteen persons died violently in North Carolina over the Christmas holidays, eight of them when an automobile plunged through a bridge guard 14 miles south of Wallace. Eight Negroes, all Duplin county farm tenants, drowned when the car dropped 30 feet to a Northeast river shoal and overturned. His gun accidentally discharged and W. G. Nixon, ten-year-old son of Ben Nixon, hunting guide at New Holland, near Washington, N. C., was killed instantly. Jake Horton, Negro, was killed when he fell or jumped from a passenger train near Bonsel, in Wake county. Ashley Hawkins Crisp, died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Pinetops. His uncle, Thomas Crisp, was killed in the accident. Gwendolyn Arent, 23, was found dead in the kitchen of her home in North Rocky Mount last night and Police Chief O. P. Hedgepeth said it was a "plain case of suicide" by gas. John Guthrie, 44, a barber, was fatally slashed in an altercation near his shop at Hickory. Officers said Marshall Johnson, also of Hickory, would be given a hearing January 5 on a charge of murder. Virgil Bentley was fatally injured in an automobile driven, officers said.

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FILMS OF BOMBING RUSHED EASTWARD

Cameraman Took Movies of Japanese Attack on American Gunboat

North Carolina Burning Bonds; Faces Lower Tax

Constitutional Amendment Prohibits Issue of New Bonds Above Two-Third Vote of People In an Election

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—North Carolina is burning its bonds, not its bridges, behind it. As a result, the State faces the cheerful prospect of reducing taxes in coming years, rather than raising them, as so many other states are certain to be forced to do. As the bonded indebtedness of the State comes down, the sum needed annually for interest and amortization will become less and less. That the trend will continue downward is assured by the debt and bond limitation amendment to the Constitution adopted in 1936. North Carolina is the only State in the nation which has a section making this reduction mandatory through the provision that the State and all its sub-

Japan Jails Liberals



Kanju Kato, proletarian member of the Japanese parliament and chief executive of the all-Japan council of labor and farmer unions, 35 one of 370 members of liberal and labor groups who have been arrested in Japan. Many leading citizens have been seized in what many interpret as the beginning of all-Fascist regime. Oppositionist parties virtually have been wiped out.

Murchison Sees Upturn For Textiles

Returning Prosperity, Rising Prices and Firmer Basis Predicted

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Cladius Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute, predicted today 1938 would be a year of "returning prosperity, gradually rising prices and establishment of a firmer basis of operations in the industry." "The foundation for greatly increased consumer buying definitely was laid this year," he said. Murchison said he believed the "present downward trend in business would be halted in a short time. Most factors which had a destructive effect this year on our industry have been taken out of the picture. We look forward to a year with the least degree of interference from legislation we have had in many years." Four factors, he said, have been removed as "handicaps" to the industry during 1937. He listed them as: House action in sending the wage-hour bill back to committee; removal of the threat of processing taxes; indication the undistributed surplus profits tax would be modified; and elimination of the threat of wholesale labor disturbances. The cotton textile industry, he de-

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TAX PLAN WOULD AFFORD RELIEF TO SMALLER BUSINESS

Firms With Less Than \$25,000 Earnings Would Be Exempt from Profits Levy

Washington, Dec. 27 (AP)—Members of a House sub-committee said today, they had decided to divide corporations into three tax groups, according to the size of their incomes. The plan, they said, probably would involve increasing a proposed income tax on corporations showing profits of between \$20,000 and \$25,000. It would exempt additional firms from the undistributed profits tax. These groups were to be established: 1. Corporations with incomes of \$25,000 or less would pay a normal income tax on corporations showing profits of between \$20,000 and \$25,000. It would exempt additional firms from the undistributed profits tax. 2. Companies with large incomes would pay an undistributed profits tax of 16 to 20 per cent. 3. Firms with medium-sized incomes ranging up from \$25,000 would be placed in what sub-committee members termed a "notch." Their taxes would be lower than the 16 to 20 per cent undistributed profits tax of the big corporations, but somewhat higher than the levies of firms paying only the normal income tax.

Eight Lynchings For 1937 Same As For 1936 Period

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Eight persons, all Negroes, died by lynching in 1937, the Tuskegee Institute department of records and research, reported today. The 1936 total was also eight. Deaths by states this year: Florida 3; Mississippi, 2; Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia one each. In 56 instances, the institute said, officers of the law prevented lynchings. Five of these cases occurred in northern states and 51 in the south. The eight 1937 and 1936 lynchings compared with 20 in 1935 and 15 in 1934.

JACKSON ADDRESS MAY BE FORECAST

Attack on Monopoly by Assistant Attorney General May Point to FDR Program

INSURGENTS STILL BATTERING MADRID

Christmas Week-End Shelling of Old Spanish Capital Continues

Madrid, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent artillery batteries continued today to shell Madrid, still shaking from a Christmas week-end bombardment, the worst and most prolonged the capital had suffered in a month. Official figures said that in the last 48 hours, 400 shells had poured into the city, killing eight persons and wounding 60. A government dispatch reported four insurgent warships had bombarded Castellon and Vinaroz on the Spanish coast Sunday without inflicting much damage. The shelling of Madrid followed one last night in which two persons were killed and 12 wounded. Meanwhile, insurgent troops and

Americans Are Subject To Death Penalty Regulations Fixed By Japs At Shanghai

RIGID LAW SET UP BY JAPS ALL OVER CONQUERED CHINA

Treaty Rights of Other Foreign Powers Apparently Involved In Regulations

JAPANESE TROOPS' SHIP IS ATTACKED

Invading Army Announces Complete Occupation of Tsinan, Shantung Province Capital; Objective of Movement Across Yellow River

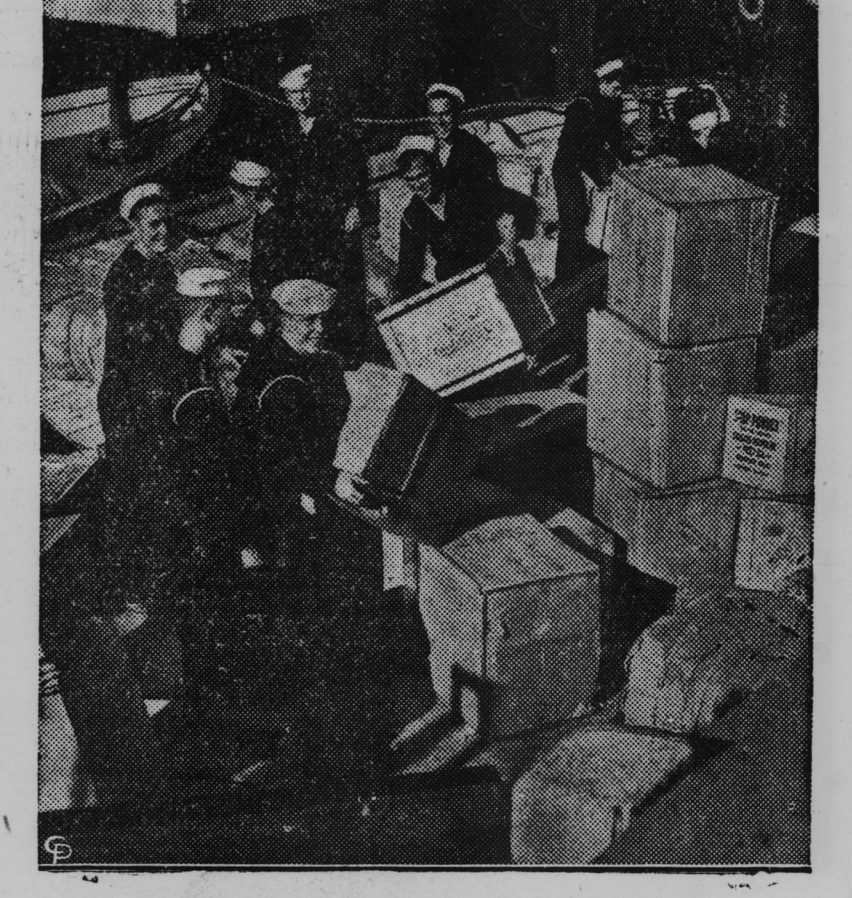
CUBAN GOVERNMENT LIBERATES MACHADO

All Charges Against Former President, Ill in New York, Dropped in Amnesty

PANAY LOSS IS SETTLED DEFINITELY

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The State Department reiterated today it considered a "closed incident" the international situation arising from the bombing of the gunboat Panay, although the indemnity remains to be fixed. Officials made it plain that this government would watch closely to see that Japan carries out its assurances that there would be no unlawful inter-

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Bluejackets load supplies in Los Angeles harbor

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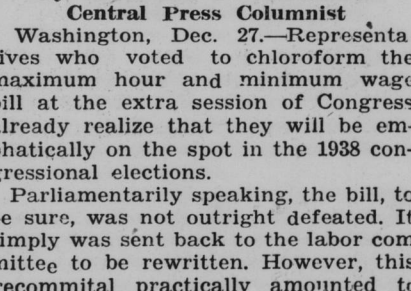
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PRESENT SPLIT IN PARTY RANKS WILL CARRY INTO 1940

Seriousness of Division Among Democrats Acknowledged Generally Privately

ROOSEVELT COURSE TO DECIDE RESULT

Belief in Some Quarters Is Fight Will Be Carried on More Openly in Next Congressional Session; Roosevelt Wants His Wage-Hour Bill

Fish Hits Landon On War Views

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Former Governor Alf M. Landon's recent endorsement of President Roosevelt's foreign policies brought a sharp rebuke today from Representative Fish Republican, New York, ranking minority member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "Governor Landon, who knows less than nothing about international issues, and amply demonstrated that fact in the last campaign," Fish said, "rushed to the defense of the President, slamming members of Congress without the faintest knowledge of the situation." Although he asserted "all Ameri-

New Year's Resolutions For Business Next Year

Labor Wars Must Stop and Administration Must Stop Persecution of Business if Recovery Is To Be Resumed, Babson Declares in Predictions

- By ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1937, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. ROGER BABSON'S HOPES FOR 1938 1. LABOR: That wage workers and employers will resolve to stop quarreling. 2. TAXES: That Congress will resolve to modify and repeal taxes. 3. UTILITIES: That President Roosevelt will resolve to make peace with utilities. 4. RAILROADS: That the I. C. C. will resolve to grant a reasonable freight rate increase. 5. BUILDING: That the building people will resolve to lower construction costs. 6. FOREIGN TRADE: That manufacturers will resolve to help negotiate trade agreements. 7. CONGRESS: That politicians will resolve not to pass new half-baked "reform" or spending laws. 8. RELIGION: That we resolve to do more for the good of the world as a whole and try to love our neighbors as we do ourselves. Washington, Dec. 27.—The season for resolutions is right at hand, so I have prepared a list of "business resolutions" for 1938. This is not a catalogue of trifling and annoying personal habits which must be abolished.