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Daladier Gets New Vote Of Confidence

Three Courses Left Open to French Premier as Deputies Split Over Strike Measures and Fight With Italy

Paris, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Premier Daladier called out a new but fragile majority in the Chamber of Deputies today, enabling him to carry on his strike measures and his fight against Italy's colonial ambitions.

The "strong man" of France, nevertheless, appeared to be the political prisoner of his own divided radical socialist party.

In a session of the Chamber, which lasted until 2:25 a. m., the best Daladier could reach from the quarreling, shouting deputies was a majority of 71 votes out of the Chamber's 618.

The vote of confidence was 315 to 211. His new majority was based on conservative support, ranging all the way from his own moderately conservative party to the extreme right French social party.

The socialist and communist, who formerly joined with radical socialist to form the people's front, voted solidly against Daladier. The premier seemed to be faced with three possible roads, all fraught with danger.

1. He may continue with the present shaky majority.

2. He may ask President Lebrun and the Senate to dissolve the Chamber and go back to the people for new elections.

3. He may resign in the hopes of forming a new government, based on more solid ground.

The last two steps, however, would only be "last resorts," his associates indicated.

The South Votes on the Farm Program



The South, called by some the nation's economic problem child, voted today in a test of the New Deal farm program in a referendum to determine whether cotton, rice and tobacco growers want marketing quotas for those crops next year. A "no" means unlimited production in a market already glutted. At the head of the New Deal program is Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace (left). Pictured below is a farmer and helper harvesting this year's bumper tobacco crop. Top, cotton pickers.

Reorganization Defeat Again Is Predicted

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Some of the Senators who opposed the administration's reorganization bill in the last congress predicted today the defeat of any new proposal to give President Roosevelt a free hand to reshuffle Federal Bureaus.

The president told a press conference yesterday that he would recommend to the new congress enactment of a reorganization bill, but said he had no idea whether there would be any fundamental changes from the measures which evoked a heated controversy last session.

In that connection, Mr. Roosevelt commented that every one agrees that the government's machinery should be more efficient.

Senator McNary, Republican of Oregon, the minority leader, echoed this view but added:

"Everyone is for reorganization if it will promote the efficiency of government and reduce the cost thereof. Everyone is willing to give a president the power to abolish offices and bureaus, transfer and amalgamate the function of bureaus."

"But in my opinion majority of congress wants to have some control of arbitrary decisions by the president."

Seeds, Feeds Analysis Are Much Too Low

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Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Thirty-one seeds and 15 feeds were found to be too low in analysis or mislabeled during the month of November, according to reports from Seed Laboratory and Feed Division of the State Department of Agriculture.

In some cases the violations were more technical than flagrant, it was reported.

List of manufacturers whose feeds were found to be low in analysis or mislabeled follows:

East Coast Fertilizer Company, Wilmington; Feedright Milling Company, Augusta, Ga.; J. M. and T. O. Gwaltney, Jr., Inc., Norfolk, Va.; Hermitage Feed Mills, Nashville, Tenn. (2 samples); Interstate Milling Company, Charlotte; Miller and Proffitt Feed Co., Hickory; J. Havens Moss Flour and Feed Mills, Washington, N. C.; Norfolk Tallow Company, Inc., Norfolk, Va.; F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va.; Sanford Milling Co., Norfolk, Va.; S. D. Scott and Co., Norfolk, Va.; Star Milling Company, Statesville; and Valley Milling Co., Portland, Mich.

The following seed wholesalers were found to have mislabeled seeds: E. C. Blair, Raleigh; Blount-Midette Co., Washington, N. C.; W. B.

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Broadening Security Act Seen Likely

Sweeping Recommendations Made by Council Studying Old Age Insurance System; Will Include Many Under Act

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Social Security Advisory Council drafted today sweeping recommendations for broadening the government old age insurance system.

While the council's official report will not be made public until sometime next week, informed persons said its principal recommendations would include:

- 1. Provisions for monthly payments for widows and dependent children of workers covered by the Social Security Act, and for \$200 funeral expense to the families of "covered" who died before reaching the age of 65.
2. Some provision for the wives and dependent children of those over 65 receiving monthly payments.
3. Move the date for beginning old age payments up from January 1, 1942 to January 1, 1940.
4. Broaden the act to include im-

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Big Slump In Pounds, Price For Tobacco

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—(AP)—North Carolina farmers through December 1 had sold 484,406,530 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$23.15 per hundred pounds, compared with an average of \$25.12 for 530,706,765 pounds marketed by the same time last year, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

W. H. Rhodes, chief of the department marketed their crop more rapidly this season than last, and a larger percentage of the crop had been sold by December 1, than had been disposed of by the same time in 1937.

Last year's crop brought North Carolina farmers \$141,060,367.

During November, producers sales totaled 51,263,239 pounds for an average of \$21.09, compared with 90,036,736 pounds sold in November 1937 for an average of \$23.65.

Last month, producers sales and averages were reported as follows by the belt, with comparative figures a year ago:

Old and Middle Belts — 41,966,453 pounds for \$21.36, compared with 52,200,789 pounds for \$23.01, and New Belt 9,296,781 pounds for \$19.82, compared with 37,835,947 pounds for \$24.52.

Foreigners At Kuling Resort Are Removed

Shanghai, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Evacuation of 92 foreigners, about one third of whom were Americans, from the former mountain resort of Kuling, was completed today.

Despite a raging storm, the party of men, women and children descended the winding 19 miles path carved out of a mountainside and boarded a Japanese army transport at Kiukiang. They had been isolated in their refuge since last July.

Officers of the U. S. Gunboat Monocacy reported the successful evacuation to the cruiser Augusta here.

The transport was expected to start for Shanghai as soon as the weather abated.

With the Kuling refugees evacuated, the work of the United States gunboat of that region of the Yangtze river was considered to be virtually completed and the Monocacy was expected to start soon for Shanghai.

Conserving Holly Supply Being Urged

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Careful cutting of holly by landowners and conservative use of it by the public was urged today by State Forester J. S. Holmes, of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Holmes pointed out that the supply of berry-bearing holly trees is steadily diminishing as a result of the careless cutting or downright slaughter of these trees in the past. If any appreciable amount of holly is to be preserved for use in future, the attitude of the public as well as of the farmers and landowners, must undergo a decided change, according to Mr. Holmes.

"One thing that needs improvement is the attitude of many people towards holly and other greens growing along the highways," Mr. Holmes said. "They must get over the old idea that anything that grows in the woods or along the roadsides is public property of free plunder. I think there has been marked improvement here in North Carolina the last few years. But there are still entirely too many

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair slightly colder in northeast portion tonight; Sunday partly cloudy and slightly warmer, followed by light rain.

WEEKLY WEATHER. South Atlantic States: Showers at beginning of week and possibly again in latter part; colder about Tuesday, warmer Wednesday and Thursday and colder near end of week.

Italy Seeks Part Control Of Suez Canal

Demands Are Made Through Newspaper; Student Demonstrations for Tunisia Somewhat Subside

Rome, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The authoritative editor, Virginia Gayea voiced an Italian demand today for a share in the control of the Suez canal, after citing figures showing that Italian traffic through the Near East artery was second only to that of Great Britain.

"Administration of the Suez canal must no longer be composed of a private group of capitalists but by representatives of all nations that make use of the canal in proportion to the extent of their traffic," Gayea declared.

In most other means of expressions Italian claims for gratification of her desires in French Tunisia subsided suddenly.

A small group of students marched again on the French Embassy in Rome but lost their enthusiasm for the demonstration when they encountered

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Another Man Taken In Bank Robbery By Shelby Officers

Shelby, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Sheriff Raymond Cline said today a man booked as Erwin Williams, of Morganton, had been taken into custody for questioning in connection with the \$1,111 robbery of a bank at Fallston yesterday.

Cline said Williams was owner of an Oldsmobile coupe bearing Michigan license plates used in the robbery. It was understood yesterday the car had been reported stolen.

The sheriff said Williams "had a title to it in his pocket." He said no formal charge had been brought against the man, pending investigations.

14 days till Christmas SHOP EARLY! Advertisement featuring a cartoon character and a portrait of a man.

Mexico Plans To Sell Oil To Germany

Daniels Asked for Full Report from Mexico; Oil Taken from Wells Seized by Government from American Companies.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(AP)—State Department officials concerned by reports that Mexico has arranged to barter oil to Germany for machinery and chemicals, asked Ambassador Josephus Daniels today for a full report.

This government interest arises from the fact that the oil was produced by wells seized from American owned companies, and no compensation has been given.

While there was no official comment, officials here were understood to take the attitude that the disposition of the oil was of extreme interest to this government, no laws as claims of the former American owners was unsatisfied.

President Cardenas, of Mexico, has recognized that country's obligation to pay and has invited the owners to discuss the question but there has been no progress towards a settlement.

Coal Miners Body, Riddled By Bullets Found Along Road

Harlan, Ky., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The bullet riddled body of Chris Patterson, 35, peg-legged coal miner was found on the roadside six miles from here early today.

Patterson was under \$5,000 bond on a charge of murder for the roadhouse killing of Frank White, 36, former Harlan deputy sheriff last July 6.

Chief Deputy Sheriff C. C. Nolan said there were eight bullet wounds in the miner's body, and expressed the opinion that Patterson had been killed elsewhere and his body dropped in a heap along the road.

Hoey To Pass 61st Birthday Without Pomp

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Governor Hoey will celebrate his 61st birthday anniversary tomorrow without a cake and candles. Instead, he will follow his usual Sunday routine of teaching a men's Bible class at the Edenton Street Methodist church. Before the class meets, he will speak to the young people of the Sunday school.

Reminiscing with newspaper men this morning, the governor commented that "time certainly passes in a hurry."

The chief executive recalled that 40 years ago, he was elected from Cleveland county to the State House of Representatives when he was 20, but reached the required age of 21 before he took his oath. He was named to the State Senate at the age of 24, but reached 25, the age required by that office before the general assembly met.

Next Congress Will Be Mildly Conservative One

Many Good Laws Enacted Under New Deal Need Changing and Liberals Seem Ready To Meet That Need; Party Realignment Is Progressing

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, who has about as many intelligent "hunches" as almost all the rest of Congress put together, takes the position that political and economic liberals have a virtual monopoly upon worthwhile ideas but that it takes conservatives to make them work. A conservative isn't necessarily a reactionary any more than a liberal necessarily is a radical. Our incoming national legislature promises to be mildly conservative. Its members are beginning to pile into Washington, and predominantly they talk that way. They don't want to repeal the laws en-

Portrait of a man with the name 'Capper' written below it.

Hull One Keynoter Before Conference

Under Fire



Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins is pictured in a typical speaking pose. Madame Perkins is under Congressional fire, led by Rep. Thomas, of New Jersey, who said he would introduce a resolution for her impeachment unless she took "immediate action," in connection with his demand for the deportation of Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader.

Foreign Ministers of Argentine and Peru Scheduled to Address Pan-American Session at Peruvian Capital

Lima, Peru, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Pan-American conference looked to Secretary Cordell Hull and the foreign ministers of Argentina and Peru today for keynote speeches, charting a course for the 21 Republics of the western hemisphere.

Delegates thronged this hill rimmed Peruvian capital, evincing deep interest in the three speeches scheduled for a late afternoon session, which was expected not only to call for a closer Pan-American cooperation, but perhaps indicate how far the respective governments were willing to go in that direction.

With Secretary Hull on the second day conference program were foreign Minister Jose Marie Cantillo, of Argentina, and Dr. Carlos Concha, foreign minister of Peru.

Peru's dynamic president, Oscar Benavides, opened the conference amid colorful pageantry yesterday, with the assertion that the western hemisphere "wishes to be strong in order to be respected."

Not stressing the community of ideals and interest that link American nations he was careful to say such unity did not cut the western hemisphere off from the rest of the world.

Soon after the formal opening, assistant secretary of State, Adolf Berle, Jr., told a radio audience that the United States was not seeking military alliance with the Latin American republics.

Such a course was "out of the question," Berle asserted, denying rumor he said were current.

Va. Trooper Says Kelly Is Man Shot Him

Virginia Officer Shot Down As He Approaches Car He Halted for Investigation Near Stewart

Stewart, Va., Dec. 10.—(AP)—L. E. Thomas, a Virginia state trooper, was shot and critically wounded on a snow covered mountain road near here early today by a man who Thomas said he believed was Roy Kelly, escaped North Carolina convict.

Kelly had been sought by police of two states in the killing of a sheriff and a police officer at Burlington, N. C., early Wednesday.

Patrick county commonwealth attorney, F. T. Burton, who was allowed a brief interview with Thomas at the hospital early today, said "he is confident that Kelly shot him."

Thomas, on the watch with other Virginia officers, saw Kelly, started pursuit of a sedan which led through Stewart last night.

Near Lovers Leap, which stands 3,300 feet in the Blue Ridge, near the headwater of the Dan river, the trooper overtook and stopped the car. As he got out of his automobile he told Burton, a man in the other car fired, the bullet striking him near the heart.

Though seriously wounded, the trooper managed to get into his own car and drive to the home of Henry Caswell, about two miles away in the mountainous country.

The reason is simple enough. Rural electrification projects in the State quite naturally fall into three groups:

(1) Those which cover sufficient territory and serve a sufficient number of customers to be profitable, or at least, financially feasible to operate; (2) those projects which are right along the borderline of financial desirability for operation; and (3) those which are obviously impossible from the standpoint of paying their way.

Those projects in group one have been practically completed, either by private utilities, municipalities or co-operatives under Federal REA auspices.

It is, therefore, clear that further progress in the State is strictly limited to projects in group two, as those in group three clearly cannot now be undertaken.

All of which raises the question of a subsidy. Also the question of whom to subsidize, and how.

Those who favor private utilities are seriously planning to introduce a bill at the coming session of the legislature authorizing exemption from taxation (for a period of years, at least) of rural electrification projects undertaken by private utilities.

If and when they do, the storm will break and the 1939 General Assembly will be the scene of one of the noisiest if not bitterest, debates on record.

The State Rural Electrification Authority is keeping just as far away from participation in any such wrangle as humanly possible; but it is not in the least difficult to get from either its Director Dudley Bagley or its Engineer J. M. Grainger the flat statement that the point has been reached where further extension of rural electric lines in North Carolina depends upon a change in present policy—either by the state or by the Federal authorities.

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