

ROPER RESIGNS AS COMMERCE SECRETARY

U. S. Proposes Pact For Combining All American Treaties

Mex Stormy Petrel



New political storm is believed brewing in Mexico as result of manifesto published recently by General Manuel Perez Trevino (above), said to be a disciple of former President Plutarco Calles. Trevino is violently opposed to the Cardenas government.

No Fundamental Changes Made In Existing Agreements Except as to Arbitration; Argentine and Brazil at Loggerheads On Non-Aggression Pact

Lima, Peru, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States laid before the Pan-American Conference today a project for unifying all existing Pan-American peace, conciliation and arbitration agreements into one fundamental constitution of peace for the Western Hemisphere.

The proposal formed a 12-page document containing 23 exhaustive articles. It does not carry existing agreements any further, and makes no fundamental changes except in regard to arbitration. This followed disclosure by Argentine delegation leaders that Argentina had taken a dominant position in negotiations over a plan for continental solidarity and that the United States had abandoned all hope for a pact against outside aggression in favor of a mere declaration of policy.

Talks on the continental defense issue among delegates have shown that Brazil and Argentina were in opposite camps, with Brazil generally supporting the United States viewpoint, favoring a treaty or convention. In the face of Argentine opposition to that commitment, the Brazilian delegation has made it clear that it would continue to favor a treaty providing for a continental defense organization based on the principle of the equality of all American states.

RESETTLEMENT BODY TO CONDEMN LANDS

Wilson, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Upward of 130 persons were defendants today in condemnation proceedings brought by the Federal government to acquire some 710 acres of lands to add to its Roanoke Farms resettlement project.

Pennsylvania Fraud Cases Before Jury

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Seven specific charges against Democratic officials of the State government were placed before the grand jury today for investigation. Judge Paul Schaeffer listed among the charges:

Macing of state employees for political campaign funds; compelling architects on state building projects to "kick back" one-third of their fees; purchasing trucks at a figure above the fair market value, and turning the difference over to the Democratic State Committee; sale of legislation and irregularities in the construction of State buildings and other charges pertaining to manipulation of State contracts.

He told the jurors, 13 Republicans and eleven Democrats, "the proper administration of justice and the proper conduct of your state government are all involved" in the investigation of charges fired seven months ago in the Pennsylvania Democratic campaign.

16 Americans Moved From Inner China

Shanghai Dec. 15.—(AP)—Thirty-five foreigners, including sixteen Americans, arrived at Shanghai today on the Japanese transport after months of isolation at the former health resort of Kuling, in central China. The foreigners, some of whom had been stranded at Kuling more than a year, had boarded the transport at Kiukiang, Yangtze river port below Hankow, after special arrangements had been made for their trip through the hilly no-man's-land to the river.

One hundred and sixty-five foreigners remained at Kuling. Those arriving here said the voyage down the Yangtze was just like peace time, with good food and comfortable cabins. They reported those still at Kuling had plenty of supplies for the winter. Chinese guerrillas were said still to be moving freely about the Lushan mountains, but not bothering the refugees.

Included among those arriving here was Laura Clark, Scotland Neck, N. C.

Vance Road Funds Are Allocated By Coan For \$14,106

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—George W. Coan, Jr., State WPA administrator, announced today the allocation of \$427,150.92 for 15 projects to employ 1,057 persons.

Included in the group were: Vance county, \$14,106.42, and Warren county, \$29,744, both for repairing and improving roads not in federal aid highway systems.

\$10 Millions Spent By Passing Autos In State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

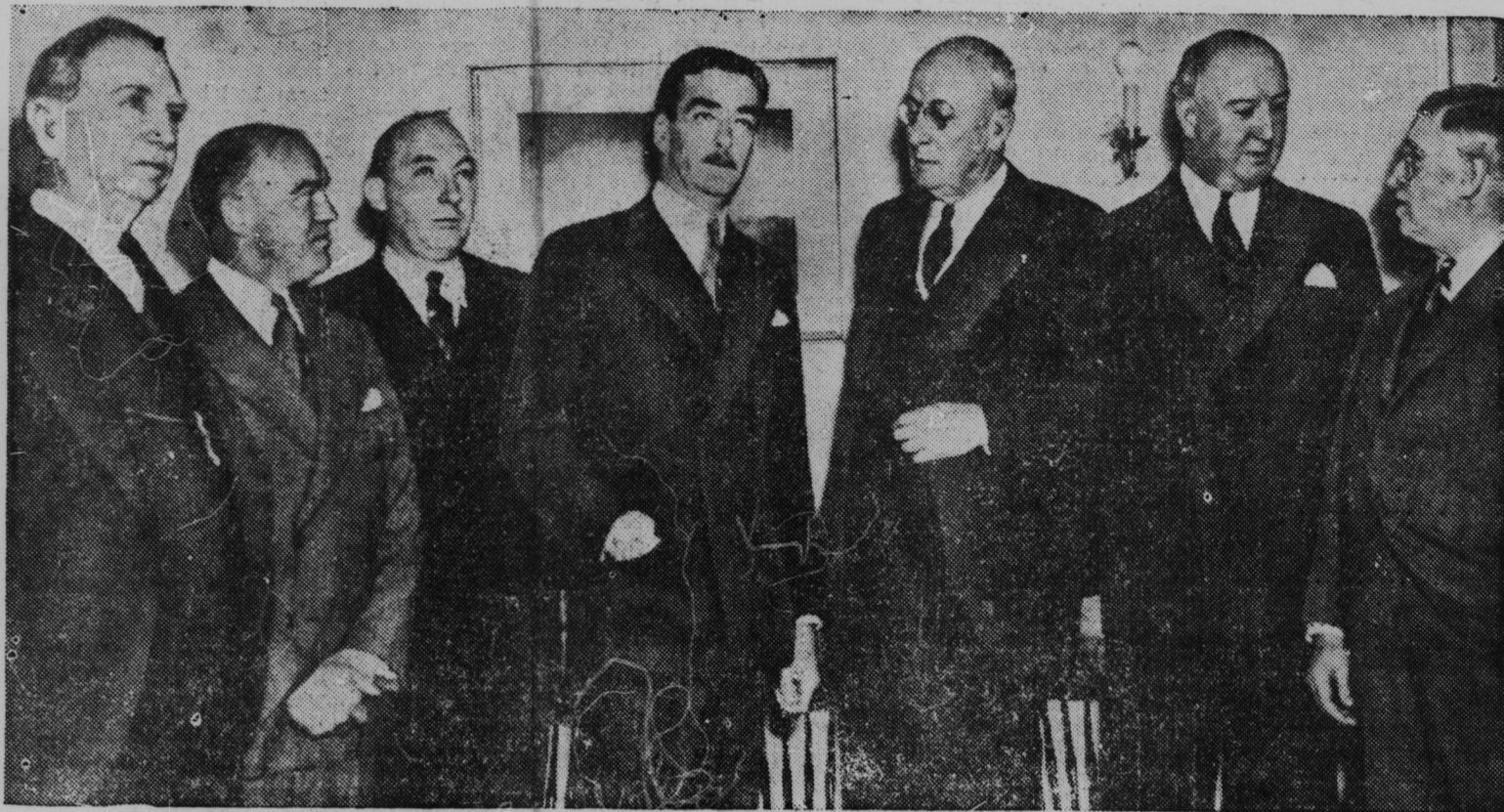
Raleigh, Dec. 15.—During the fiscal year ended June 30, 955,205 out-of-state passenger cars, carrying 3,104,416 persons, crossed North Carolina for 151,238,780 car-miles with a cash expenditure of \$9,961,248 in transit, according to the summary of a factual survey of the State's cross-State traffic made by James S. Burch and B. E. Petroff, of the division of statistics and planning, N. C. State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Also during the year 142,715 out-of-state trucks crossed the State for 23,329,510 truck-miles, with a probable cash expenditure of \$696,960.

The probable total expenditure in North Carolina by out-of-state vehicles moving through the State is \$10,658,208, and these vehicles contribute \$704,110 in gasoline taxes to the highway fund, the survey re-

(Continued on Page Two.)

Eden Meets Cabinet Members At Press Club Luncheon



Captain Anthony Eden, former British foreign minister, and member of the United States Cabinet met in Washington as guests at a National Press Club luncheon. Eden later visited President Roosevelt. Left to right, Secretary of Commerce Roper, Secretary of War Woodring, Harold Brayman, president of the Press Club; Capt. Eden, Attorney General Cummings, Postmaster General Farley and Secretary of Commerce Ickes.

Admits Price Fixing



F. G. Smith, president of the Hartford-Empire Company, of Hartford, Conn., is pictured before the Senate Finance sub-committee, in Washington. He said his concern has a "monopoly" on machinery which produced 67.4 percent of glass containers made in this country last year, and largely stabilizes prices through licensing arrangements.

France Will Fight, Italy Is Informed

Daladier Accompanies Huge Arms Budget to Parliament With Warning to Il Duce and Hitler

Paris, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Premier Daladier's national defense cabinet, warning Italy and Germany that France would fight to protect her empire presented to Parliament today the greatest arms budget since the World War.

Debate on the subject, scheduled to begin immediately, was expected to begin Daladier's opposition with a new opportunity to attack his policies, and to open the way for a new test of his strength in Parliament.

The portion of the budget earmarked for the army is \$1,000,000,000.

(Continued on Page Four.)

9 days till Christmas SHOP EARLY!

Money Resources Of Britain Curb Germany, Premier Says

Nazi Statesmen Reflect on England's Financial Power When They Think of War, Chamberlain Says

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain, in a new outspoken reference to Germany told a luncheon audience today that Britain's financial power was a curb on Nazi statesmen when they thought of war. The prime minister said:

"We may take it that when German statesmen—I will not say the German people—reflect on the possible consequences of a conflict, if ever a conflict should arise between our two countries, they think not only of our armaments, but of our great financial resources, which in a war of long duration might well prove to be a deciding factor.

"It is this sense which is always with us, and which I am sure is in itself a very great influence in preserving the peace of the world."

Chamberlain's brief reference to Germany seemed to indicate a somewhat stronger line toward the Nazi leadership since the German ambassador and other Nazi representatives boycotted his Tuesday night speech, in which he rebuked the German press for its attack on Earl Baldwin.

(Continued on Page Two.)

TRAFFIC IS DELAYED BY SOUTHERN WRECK

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Railway officials who declined to be quoted by name reported a slight accident to a through Southern railway freight train near Auburn causing two cars to be derailed. None was hurt, they said, and the main line was cleared in about two hours.

Survivors Of Alaska Ship Furnished Aid

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Eighteen survivors of the stranded motor ship Patterson, given temporary relief yesterday when food was dropped to them from the air, waited on the beach at Cape F air Weather, Alaska, today for further rescue attempts. Two of their comrades perished when the ship went aground early Monday morning.

Rescue resources of the far north, used many times to aid those in distress, will be utilized to the fullest extent in an effort to reach the men.

Two experienced guides will be flown from Juneau to Lituya Bay to attempt to reach the sailors. The guides hope to lead the party back to Lituya, a distance of 30 miles. A plane can land in the bay but not on the beach. Coast guardsmen in a cutter standing by the wreckag watched the barometer hoping that the weather would moderate and that raging seas, which have prevented them from going ashore, would subside.

Italian Veterans Quit French Body

Rome, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Achille Starace, secretary general of the fascist party, ordered fascists today to resign from an association composed of French and Italian war veterans, as well as from the Italy-France parliamentary group.

The order was linked with the current Italian clamor for territory or greater privileges in French possessions in Africa and the Mediterranean.

The newspaper Il Piccolo said that by forgetting sentimental relations with French veterans, based on their service as allies in the World War, Italians could better keep their eyes open to the "plain truth" of Premier Mussolini's expansion program.

Third Term Talk Enrages New Dealers

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 15.—Had President Roosevelt known in advance that Senator Joseph P. Guffey was about to inflame a third term boom for him, it is no secret in Washington that the White House tenant would have hushed the Pennsylvania for all he was worth. It is perfectly obvious that presidential strategy is to keep folk guessing for some time to come on the third term issue. If it be in the Democratic party, not to mention the equal certainty that the Republicans will make a lot of capital out of it. If it's definitely announced that he won't accept a third nomination under any circumstances, he is bound to lose considerable influence



comes apparent that "F. D." is third termishly receptive a terrific row over the question is certain to start within the Democratic party, not to mention the equal certainty that the Republicans will make a lot of capital out of it. If it's definitely announced that he won't accept a third nomination under any circumstances, he is bound to lose considerable influence

(Continued on Page Two.)

14 APPEALS HEARD OVER ASSESSMENTS

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The State Board of Assessments heard 14 appeals today from tax valuations fixed by county and city authorities at various places in North Carolina. Appealing were Branch Banking and Trust Company of Wilson, in two cases, and others.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair in the interior and unsettled on the coast tonight and Friday; slightly colder in east and central portions tonight.

Regrets Of FDR Written Cabinet Man

White House Says Roper "Wanted To Return To Private Life"; President Lauds Thomas Jefferson at Ground-Breaking for Memorial Shrine

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt accepted today the resignation of Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper, effective December 23. The President said in a letter, made public by the White House, that he knew the "impelling personal reasons" which prompted Roper to ask to be relieved of his duties, and "I accept your resignation with very sincere regrets."

Roper's resignation was the second among cabinet members within recent weeks. Attorney General Cummings has resigned to resume law practice.

Rumors of other changes in the cabinet have circulated ever since the November 8 election.

The White House announcement said Roper wanted to return to private life to attend to personal affairs. Roosevelt praised Jefferson.

Meantime, President Roosevelt, speaking at ground-breaking exercises for a memorial to Thomas Jefferson, praised Jefferson for "establishing the practical operation of the American government as a democracy and not an autocracy." Mr. Roosevelt said that millions of Americans who visit the capital yearly will have in days to come a sense of gratitude that an adequate national memorial to Jefferson at last has been created. "For more than fifty years," he said, "Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, has been recognized by our citizens not only for the outstanding part which he took in the drafting of the Declaration of Independence itself, not only for his authorship of the Virginia statute for religious freedom, but also for the services he rendered in establishing the practical operation of the American government as a democracy and not an autocracy."

Secretary Ickes said he definitely would not be a candidate for mayor of Chicago next year on a liberal Democratic ticket. His decision, he said, had been influenced by the White House.

Insurgents Start Drive On Loyalists

Hendaye, France, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent forces launched simultaneous attacks today against government lines in northern and western Spain, accompanied by heavy artillery bombardment.

Artillery batteries in the mountains near two places in western Catalonia began raining shells on government fortifications in the Seo de Urgel sector. The area is important as a source of hydro-electric power for Barcelona chief city of government Spain and center of its war industries.

At the same time, insurgent infantry opened an offensive in the far western part of Spain near a point about 30 miles west of Pozoblanco.

Earlier reports that General Franco's offensive had been held up because insurgent officers had crossed to government lines with complete plans of the drive caused great excitement in the border region. Insurgent sources denied the reports, declaring the drive would be launched "on schedule."

(Continued on Page Two.)

German Jews Pay Fourth Of Penalties

No Excitement or Disorder Noted; Most Jews Had Already Made Their Payments

Berlin, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The first of the four installment days on which German Jews must pay \$400,000,000 tribute for the slaying of Ernst vom Rath, Paris legation secretary, was a drab matter-of-fact affair entirely lacking in drama.

Berlin banks had comparatively little to do with today's \$100,000,000, as the Jews had taken pains to arrange all details so the payment would strike no snags. There were no special

(Continued on Page Four.)

Revolt Halted In Ecuador Republic In South America

Quito, Ecuador, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Mounted police patrolled Quito today as a tense political situation developed after a gun battle last night between police and leftist opponents of President Narvez. The president ordered the arrest of a number of leftist legislators, dissolved the parliamentary assembly and called new elections.

He promised a manifesto would be issued shortly, explaining his actions to the people. The dispute revolved about the assembly's promotion of Colonel Laera Alea (who assumed the presidency briefly in 1931 in an army revolt) to be a general. The president declared the appointment unconstitutional; the assembly rejected his message 31 to 17.

War Vets And Dependents Get \$6 Millions In Year

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Living veterans of four wars, nearly 10,000 of them, received \$5,016,975 in compensation and pension benefits in North Carolina during the fiscal year 1938, according to the biennial report of Jack P. Lang, State service officer of the Veteran's Division, Department of Labor.

In addition, dependents of 3,434 deceased veterans received \$1,485,497 in pensions and compensation. The wars in which these veterans served were the World War, Indian

Wars, Civil War and Spanish-American. In addition, dependents of deceased Mexican war veterans are still on the rolls, while both living and dependents of deceased veterans of the regular establishment received payments.

The World War, naturally, showed by far the highest total. In this category there were 6,969 living veterans who drew \$3,828,678 of whom 5,663 suffered service-connected disabilities while 1,132 were being paid for non-

(Continued on Page Two.)