

CONGRESS FACES SESSION OF COMPROMISE

Lima Parley Ending With Declaration Of Pan-American Unity



New WPA Chief?
Colonel F. C. Harrington (above), assistant WPA administrator and chief engineer, is expected to succeed Harry L. Hopkins if Hopkins is chosen as secretary of commerce by President Roosevelt, according to word in Washington. Colonel Harrington, an army engineer, is a close friend of Hopkins'. (Central Press)

Peruvian Minister, Host and President of Conference, Final Speaker; Hull Speaks at Farewell Dinner; Germany Says U. S. Is Disappointed

Lima, Peru, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Delegates of the American republics affixed their signatures today to the 130 resolutions and declarations adopted by the Pan-American Conference at the closing ceremonies of the eighth meeting.

First to sign the documents, the most important of which was the declaration for continental solidarity for defense against aggression, was N. Garay, of Panama.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Delegates of 21 American republics today wrote the final chapter of the eighth Pan-American Conference, which was capped by a declaration of continental solidarity for defense against aggression.

The last scheduled act before the final session this evening was the signing of the meeting's fruits, embodied in approximately 130 resolutions and declarations.

In four languages—French, English, Portuguese and Spanish—the acts were designed to link American republics closer in mutual defense, facilitate their communications and improve their cultural relations.

Foreign Minister Córdova of Peru, as president of the conference, is to speak at the final session at 6 p. m. eastern standard time.

A farewell dinner given by President Oscar Benavides will follow, with Secretary Hull making a brief reply to a speech by the Peruvian executive.

Many delegates will go from the

PRISON DOCTOR AT ROCKINGHAM NAMED

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Dr. T. Boyce Henry, of Rockingham, succeeds the late Dr. A. C. Everett, also of Rockingham, as Richmond county prison camp physician. Robert Grady Johnson, penal division director, said today. Dr. Everett died after a heart attack yesterday.

Building For November Is Above 1937

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—While building in North Carolina during November took a jump over the corresponding month of 1937, it dropped well below the high level set by October, according to a report of November building permits in 21 cities, prepared by the statistical division, Department of Labor.

Last month permits were issued for 198 residential buildings, an increase of 55.9 per cent over the 127 authorized in November, 1937, but a drop of 30.3 per cent from the 284 total for October. Estimated cost of these buildings shows \$514,570 for November, 1938, against \$463,155 in November, 1937, and \$1,311,853 for October.

Non-residential buildings totaled 78 last month, 81 in November, 1937, and 83 in October. Costs were estimated at \$64,408 this November, \$801,863 last,

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Nazis Assail Reply



The government-controlled Nazi press has assailed the U. S. with renewed vigor because of rejection by Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles (top) of protest delivered by Dr. Hans Thomsen (below), German charge d'affaires, over speech of Secretary of Interior Ickes.

Italy Sends Soldiers To French Line

Troops Being Massed at Somaliland Frontier in Africa; French Warship Is Sent to Djibouti, Capital of That Distant Colony

Paris, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Dispatches today from North Africa reported that Italy was massing troops on the frontier of French Somaliland. French colonial officials expressed fears that this might be the start of a campaign to threaten Djibouti, French Somaliland seaport on the Red Sea, which is the only rail outlet for Italy's Ethiopian empire.

Travelers reaching Egypt from Djibouti said dispatches to the French press reported that the governor of Djibouti had demanded and obtained troops and naval reinforcements from France.

Foreign office officials said they were unable to confirm or deny these reports.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS SENT WARSHIPS TO CONGO

Paris, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The French government today ordered a warship to speed to Djibouti, strategic Red Sea port, while dispatches from Africa reported that Italian troops were concentrating on the frontier of French Somaliland, of which Djibouti is the capital.

Man And Woman In Norfolk Apartment Found To Be Dead

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—(AP)—James Davis and an unidentified woman were found in the gas-filled room of Davis' apartment shortly after noon today. Dr. C. D. J. McDonald, city coroner, after viewing the bodies, said death was accidental and due to carbon monoxide gas. The windows and doors were closed and gas was escaping from a heater in the room.

Investigation was continued this afternoon to determine whether an inquest was necessary.

Worst Cold Wave Of Season Overspreads Eastern Areas

Sub-Zero Temperatures in Northern Tier of States; Freezing in North Carolina, With Minimum Around 20 Tonight Is Forecast

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The most severe cold wave of the season advanced across the northern half of the nation today. Temperatures ranging to ten below zero prevailed from the Pacific Northwest to the Great Lakes region as the frigid blasts moved eastward.

Temperatures will below freezing over a wide expanse of the continent after a comparatively mild Christmas holiday.

Weather observers predicted the full force of the cold wave would reach the Atlantic seaboard tonight or tomorrow, and that the bitter weather would stay for several days.

Snow and sleet accompanied the Arctic wind into the midwest and northwest. The cold dipped into Oklahoma and forecasters said it would be felt as far south as Florida.

Sub-zero weather plagued the Dakotas, Minnesota, Montana and Wyoming, with lower temperatures in prospect. Snow, rain and stiff winds heralded the approach of the cold wave in the east.

Helena, Montana, shivered in ten below zero weather, and the same temperature was forecast for the entire state of Nebraska.

Several inches of snow fell in western North Carolina and southwest Virginia. A heavy rain hit New York City, while up-State New York received a heavy fall of snow. Many fatal automobile accidents in Ohio were attributed to heavy wet snow and rain.

MINIMUM AROUND 20 PREDICTED FOR STATE

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The United States Weather Bureau here announced today it expected "much colder weather tonight," with a cold wave and minimum temperatures of 20 degrees in this vicinity by tomorrow morning. The forecast was for generally fair weather.

Winston-Salem reported snow, the heaviest of the winter blanketed the mountains of northwestern North Carolina.

The snow began falling yesterday and ranged from several inches at North Wilkesboro to nearly half a foot at Boone and West Jefferson.

Weather Man Lee Denson at Raleigh forecast a mercury reading of around 25 degrees in the Raleigh area for tomorrow, with freezing weather extending to the coast.

Death Toll Is Over 500 For Nation

Automobile Leads As Chief Cause; 22 Killed by Fire; Eleven Violent Deaths in North Carolina

(By The Associated Press)

Violent deaths marred the nation's three-day Christmas celebration with a total cost of more than 500 lives. A national survey placed the figure today at 508.

The toll was approximately the same as that of last year, but in 1937 Christmas fell on Saturday, and in 1938 was only a two-day observance.

The automobile was the biggest single death factor, accounting for at least 395 fatalities.

Twenty-two persons were killed by fire, 19 died by suicide, 12 by railroad crossing crashes and six drowned. Homicides and miscellaneous accidents were responsible for the remainder.

Ohio led the death parade with 42, other large State tolls including Texas 40; New York 39; Pennsylvania and California 35 each; Michigan 28, and Illinois 22.

Five states and the District of Columbia reported no violent deaths.

ELEVEN VIOLENT DEATHS REPORTED IN THIS STATE

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Eleven

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair, much colder tonight and Wednesday, with a cold wave; temperature about 12 to 16 in mountains and freezing on the coast tonight.

The New Commerce Chief



Pictured in the President's study in the White House, Harry L. Hopkins, former WPA administrator, is shown as he took oath of office as secretary of commerce, succeeding Daniel C. Roper, resigned. Associate Justice Stanley Reed, of the United States Supreme Court, administered the oath. (Central Press)

Hancock Appointment Is FDR Bid For N. C. Vote

Roosevelt Catering to State Machine Which Will Control Delegates to 1940 Convention; Doesn't Hesitate To Snub Reynolds To Do It

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—Most stories written about the appointment of Frank Hancock to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board have construed it as a "kick in the pants" or a "slap in the face" for Senator Robert R. Reynolds who overruled Hancock in this year's primary, and who recommended George W. Coan for the post the Oxford man won.

These stories are perhaps correct, but only in an incidental way. All the logic of the situation points to the appointment of Hancock as primarily an administration bid for North Carolina's votes in the Democratic national convention of 1940.

It wasn't that President Roosevelt

Old Musica Company Has Small Volume

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Assistant State's Attorney General A. V. McCall indicated today that Girard and Company, the drug concern operated by the late F. Donald Coster-Musica before he got control of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., had only 25 customers.

McCall suggested this while questioning John H. McGloin, of Fairfield, Conn., vice-president in charge of accounting for McKesson & Robbins, in the State's investigation of the financial affairs of the corporation.

Federal and New York county authorities also are investigating the corporation's affairs as a result of disclosures that about \$15,000,000 in crude drug assets were missing or

Nash Negro Held For The Death Of Negro At Bailey

Nashville, Dec. 27.—(AP)—John Davis, 30-year-old Nash county Negro was in jail here today while officers investigated a shooting and cutting scrape which claimed a Negro's life and resulted in serious injuries to another at Bailey Sunday night.

C. A. Brown, Nash deputy sheriff, said Davis had been charged with the fatal shooting of Albert Morgan, 31, and inflicting serious injuries on Robert's brother, Paul, with a knife, during an affray.

FDR To See Way Blocked Frequently

How Soon Showdown Will Come Between Liberals and Conservatives Is Not Clear; Wheeler Sees Rail Legislation Important Business

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The set-up of the new Congress and its committees betokens a session filled with compromises.

At many turns toward expansion and bolstering of his program, President Roosevelt will run into a committee chairman or other influential Senate or House Democrats whose views do not exactly agree with his own. The power of these men, in the opinion of many returning legislators, has been augmented by the November election returns. The reinforced strength of the Republicans has given a new talking point to Democratic conservatives. Members say it tends to turn to mind of all Democrats, conservatives and liberals, more sharply toward compromise than toward intra-party fights.

How soon a showdown will come scarcely can be estimated, but it will probably occur before the session is very old.

Other developments: Rail Legislation Looms

Chairman Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, said after a White House conference, he believed the report of the President's railroad rehabilitation committee would constitute a "working basis" for legislation. Wheeler said he and Mr. Roosevelt discussed the committee's findings generally, and further conferences would be held next week, with Chairman Lee, Democrat, California, of the

Karl Chadwick, 40, Kills Himself With Gun At New Bern

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Acting Craven county Coroner U. W. Daugherty advised in a telephone message today from New Bern of the death of Karl Chadwick, 40, a wood worker and former Washington resident, who died instantly about 8:30 o'clock this morning when a blast from a single-barreled shotgun tore away the rear half of his skull in what the coroner said "seems a plain case of suicide."

Daugherty said Chadwick, a native of Pollockville, had been "despondent" for the "past sixty days," indicating the man's family and friends recently had expressed fear he might attempt to take his own life. Survivors, in addition to his wife and a small son, about seven years of age, and three sisters and three brothers.

Line-Up In Congress Is Big Puzzle

Roosevelt May Have Uncontrollable Democratic Majority on His Hands; Many Blocs Exist in New Session

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 27.—Political Washington is always at fever heat the last few days before a new Congress convenes. The lawmakers virtually are all in the capital by that time but their alignment cannot accurately be determined until the session opens and they start voting on a few things. Party groups nominally classify understandably. However, there invariably are quite a number of semi-independent elements of uncertainty as to actual parliamentary disposition.

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France Will Show Italy Her Powers

Great Display in Tunis Planned for Daladier's Visit as Mussolini Threatens To Seize Djibouti

Paris, Dec. 27.—(AP)—French fears that Premier Mussolini may try to seize Djibouti by force were reported today to have inspired a plan to show the Duce the power of France's Tunisian forces.

The French general staff, informed sources said, has arranged a powerful display of fast French motorized forces for an inspection trip next month by Premier Daladier into Tunisia, French North African protectorate. These units, military sources said, will serve to remind Mussolini that he must count on the defense of Tripoli, capital of Italian Libya, should he threaten Djibouti, Red Sea port in French Somaliland and terminus of the railway to Italian Ethiopia.

A large part of the French Mediterranean fleet is scheduled to greet the premier when he goes to Corsica and Tunisia early in January. Italians started agitating for Tunisia, Corsica, Nice and Savoy November 30. Yesterday France told Italy she accepted an Italian note denouncing an Italian-French accord of 1935 regarding Italian rights in Tunisia, but that the accord must remain the basis for Italian-French negotiations.

FIRM STAND OF FRANCE ANGERS MUSSOLINI PRESS

Rome, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Formal

Hendaye, France, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Powerful insurgent fighting columns, banded everywhere by fierce Catalonian counter-attacks, forged their way slowly eastward today over rugged territory toward the heart of the government stronghold in northeastern Spain.

On the fifth day of Insurgent General Franco's offensive, aimed ultimately at Barcelona, the government capital, casualties on both sides were well above 10,000 of the 500,000 total fighters. An exact record of ground won by the drive was obscured by communications flatly contradicting each other.

In the north, however, France's mountain troops appeared to have taken a town at the end of an impenetrable highway leading to Artesa, "the key to Catalonia." In southern Lerida province, according to insurgent radio bulletins, issued under strict censorship, the Franco command was said to have announced the capture of a village about 35 air miles from Taragona.

This village, unimportant in itself, would give Franco a foothold on the broad national highway between Lerida and Taragona, thereby disrupting government communications and supply lines.