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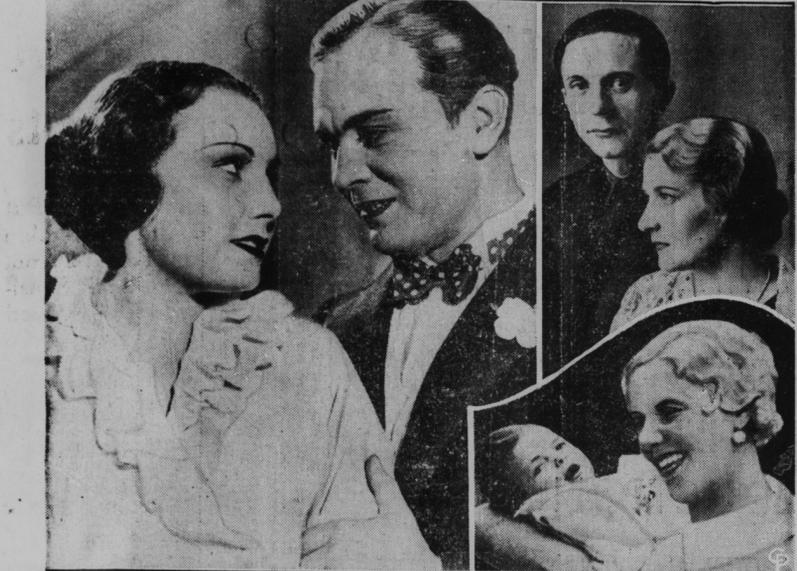
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CONGRESS OPENS TOMORROW, FACING FIGHT

Hitler, Goebbels to Break Over "Love Theft"?



A rift between Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany and Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels was reported following world-wide rumors (except in Germany) that Goebbels had been severely beaten as an "actress love thief." The beating allegedly was given by friends of Gustav Froelich, German film star and husband of Lida Baarova, Czech actress. Froelich was imprisoned last October after he had challenged Goebbels to a duel because of his rumored attentions to Baarova. Goebbels' wife was said to have gone to Denmark to seek a divorce. Upper left, Froelich and Baarova. Upper right, Goebbels and Mrs. Goebbels. Below, Froelich's first wife, Gitta Alpar, whom Goebbels allegedly caused Froelich to divorce in 1934 because she was Jewish, and their baby.

New Offensive Of Insurgents Begun

Men'aye, France, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Spanish government dispatches said three insurgent battalions clashed against government fortifications guarding the road to Valencia early this morning in an attack apparently presaging a new offensive against the Mediterranean seaport. The attackers struck at fortifications along the Segorbe-Valencia road at Castillo-Noguera, near Nules, continuing throughout the morning. Insurgent sources declared that Generalissimo Franco's troops, renewing activity on the coastal front, gained key positions twelve miles north of Sagunto after bitter fighting with the government defenders. Smashing attacks Sunday in the region of Villanova de Moya, between Tremp and Vallaguer, won at least a dozen important villages and positions for Generalissimo forces on the front, which is from 75 to 90 miles from Barcelona itself.

Weather Is Cloudy, Cool In Pasadena

Capacity Crowd of 90,000 Spectators Sees Duke and Southern California Battle for Rose Bowl Football Classic Honors In Afternoon

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Low-hanging clouds obscured the sun and provided crisp, cool weather today as Duke University and the Trojans of the University of Southern California collided in the Far West's football titanic in the Rose Bowl. Duke, the only team in 24 years of Rose Tournament football to enter the classic with an unbeaten, untied and unscored upon record found itself in the strange position of the short-ender. Before a capacity crowd of 90,000 spectators, these sturdy Blue Devils from Durham, N. C., were taking the field to prove that their record was no fluke, and convinced the majority of the guessing guys that they were wrong. In their favor was the fact that the team on the thin edge of the odds has won all but one of the games in the last five years. Added to this, was the edge of four victories to two that the grid evens from the South hold over the West's best in the Wars of the Roses. Yet few except the partisans from the South gave Coach Wallace Wade's team the nod. Those men of Troy, who broke the long victory string of last year's Rose Bowl winner, were two-to-one favorites to add Duke's impressive scalp to their collection. Meanwhile, Pasadena opened a flower-bound memory book to celebrate the 50th Tournament of Roses with a five-mile parade of 65 blossoms.

Election Board Proposal Receives Wide Approval

Governor, However, Silent Over Absentee Ballot Repeal or Rigid Safeguards on Its Use; Extensive Revision Urged by Board

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Jan. 2.—While Governor Clyde R. Hoey and most others who will be concerned with carrying through its recommendations have kept silent regarding the report submitted Friday by the State Board of Elections, the general tenor of such comment has been heard in almost an unanimously commendatory of Chairman Will A. Lucas and his associates. Even those who might be expected to oppose complete repeal of the absentee ballot law speak highly of the energy and effort put into the report by the State Board. The proposed safeguards against abuse of the absentee ballot, advanced in the board's suggested substitute for the present law, drew especial praise. These safeguards place responsibility for the absentee ballot administration squarely upon the county election board chairmen and are so manifold and strict as to lead members of the State Board feel that they are well-nigh a fraud proof. As listed in a supplementary statement accompanying the board's report, these safeguards are: 1. Duties, responsibility and limitation on Chairmen, County Boards of Elections: 1. He is the sole custodian of absentee ballots and supplies. 2. Issuance is his non-delegable responsibility. 3. He can issue only upon written, sworn application filed with him by the voter. 4. He can deliver ballot only to the voter applying for same. 5. He must enter applications upon

Speakership Fight In The Legislature Is Nearing Climax

Gossip Is Libby Ward Has Shade Better of Race With Victor Bryant and William E. Fenner; All Three Are Claiming Success, However

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A hot campaign for speaker of the 1939 House of Representatives neared a climax here today as each of three candidates claimed he led a race only one could win. The race will be finally decided at the Democratic caucus Tuesday evening. It appeared wide open. Victor S. Bryant, of Durham; D. I. (Libby) Ward of New Bern, and William E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, had established quarters in the Sir Walter hotel, and they and their adherents were busy lining up Assembly vanguardsmen who were arriving early. Fenner and Bryant emphatically reiterated expressions of confidence they have made during the past few days, but were careful to appear either over or under-confident. Bryant for weeks was considered well in the lead, but observers say Fenner and Ward have picked up votes recently. From Ward there came this optimistic statement: "There's been a definite swing toward me in the past few days. I think I'm going to win. And that's honest." Ward's workers, too, appeared optimistic and more willing to declare their allegiance than supporters of the other two. These included Representative John W. Caffey, of Guilford; William T. Hatch, and Charles B. Park, of Wake, and Fred R. Seeley, of Wayne.

Churches In Frisco Probe FHA Offices

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The San Francisco Federation of Churches opened a campaign today through 1,066 churches in Northern California to force the United States Senate to investigate charges of immorality and heavy drinking in the San Francisco offices of the Federal offices of the Federal Housing Administration. The charges were similar to those voiced by J. O. Davis after he was ousted as FHA regional director. W. J. Lockwood, deputy FHA administrator for the Far West, investigated and reported that Davis' charges were unfounded. The church federation, however, in a letter to clergymen signed by Rev. Ralph Knudsen, president, and Rev. Otis Linn, social relations commission chairman, alleged its own investigation of FHA offices here, revealed "deplorable conditions." It said "it is the unquestionable duty of the churches of this State to assert their moral leadership in an effort to cure these conditions."

TARBORO'S LIQUOR TRUCK IS LOCATED

Tarboro, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A. B. Bass manager of a trucking company here said today a truck which was hijacked early Saturday near Chester, Pa., had been found near Princeton, N. C., but no trace had been found of its 10,000 load of liquor. The liquor was being brought to Tarboro to be placed in the Edgecombe county bonded warehouse for re-shipment to County ABC stores.

One Of Five Men Escaping Criminal Ward Re-Arrested

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Cleveland police today arrested Russell Nuckles, of Cleveland, one of five desperate inmates who escaped yesterday from the State Hospital for the Criminally Insane at Lima, Ohio. Details of the arrest of Nuckles, formerly a Mansfield reformatory inmate could not be learned immediately. Meanwhile, authorities widened their search for the four other inmates, who with Nuckles, overpowered the guards and escaped in a stolen automobile.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair, slightly warmer in mountains of southwest portion tonight.

Relief And Defense Are Tough Spots

Crucial Session To Put Roosevelt Leadership To New Tests; Democrats To Back President, Despite Reduced Majority; G. O. P. To Fight

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Immediate clashes over relief and defense policies were in prospect today as members of Congress began assembling for a crucial session which will put President Roosevelt's leadership to new tests. Vice-President Garner and Speaker Bankhead will call the session to order at noon tomorrow. The President will deliver his annual message Wednesday and the battle will be on. Even before the formal opening, however, members of the strengthened Republican minority were demanding a reorganization of WFA activities and were urging caution in developing an armament program. Democratic leaders, on the other hand, expressed confidence that their reduced majority would carry out the President's wishes on these and other issues. Representative Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, unopposed for re-election as Democratic floor leader, commented: "I think our party is going to work together this session and be very harmonious." Rayburn and other veteran Democrats were greeting new party members in advance of the House Democratic caucus this afternoon. Offices and Capitol corridors were filled with legislators renewing acquaintances, discussing the November elections and speculating on the 1940 presidential campaign. Republican House members, whose total of 169 is nearly double their number in the 1938 session, will meet tonight to choose a minority leader. Representative Martin, of Massachusetts, far in the lead for the position, said "the rubber stamp days are over; gone are the days of court packing, rackdown and purge. The American people once more are the masters of their own government and are, therefore, free."

Tariff May Be Issue In Farm Battle

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The tariff, an issue over which many historic legislative battles have been waged, may be debated again during consideration of the farm problem by the new Congress. Administration farm leaders have indicated they would use tariff protection now accorded many products of American industry as an argument in favor of a proposal of Secretary Wallace that processing taxes be re-nacted. Receipts from such taxes

Treason Of Ex-Premier Stirs China

Hong Kong, China, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Expulsion of former Premier Wang Ching-wei from the Kuomintang (Chinese government) party raised speculation today as to how far his efforts for peace with Japan might have been aimed at splitting China's military unity. A special session of the party committee read Wang out of the party yesterday at Chungking, temporary Chinese capital, for "deserting his post and spurring for peace in contrast."

200 Government Party and Military Leaders Arrested as Result of Peace Plan

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Daladier Pledges Corsicans Complete Defense Of France

New Year's Celebration Fatal To 193 In Nation

(By The Associated Press.) Accidents caused at least 193 deaths in the first two days of the nation's 1939 New Year celebration. A generally snar and unusual observance indicated that the number would be substantially less than that of the three-day Christmas celebration a week ago, when more than 500 persons died violently. Automobile crashes resulted in more than 150 fatalities. Five drownings, homicides, asphyxiations and plane crack-ups accounted for most of the rest. The number of suicides was large as is usual. Depressed instead of exhilarated by the seasonal festivities, 14 persons, nine men and five women, killed themselves in the New York metropolitan area alone. Among them was a 67-year-old dentist from Livingston Manor, N. Y., who shot himself to death in a Times Square hotel as 1,000,000 revelers in the streets below hailed the advent of 1939. The most tragic single incident was the plunge of a heavily loaded automobile into a creek near Greenville, Ala. Seven of eight persons, on a family outing, were drowned. Four high school students were burned to death near Roanoke, Ala., following the collision of a school bus and another car. More than a score lost their lives in fires. Five were fatally burned in a (Rumford, Md., hotel, and five in Pennsylvania. Ten or more were shot accidentally. Falls killed several. Few deaths from alcoholism were reported.

East-West Air Mail In State Nearer

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—(AP)—North Carolina's congressional delegation will receive next week a "master brief" presenting the needs for an east-west air mail route in North Carolina. L. H. Duncan, Secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, said today. The "master brief" to be presented to Federal authorities, will be prepared from briefs furnished by towns along the proposed route setting forth the advantages and needs of the service. Duncan said. The secretary explained that the proposed route would run from Norfolk, Va., through

Judge Henry Grady And Mrs. Outlaw, Of New Bern, Married

Durham, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Judge Henry A. Grady and Mrs. Grace S. Outlaw, of New Bern, will be married here this evening. The wedding will be performed by Rev. George Matthis in the mansion of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian church. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 o'clock, and will be quiet and simple. The attendants will be members of the families of the bride and bridegroom, including Lieutenant Edward Outlaw; Mrs. Outlaw, from Florida; Henry A. Grady, Jr., and Graham Grady of New Bern, and Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Grady, of Mooresville.

Ministry Of Defense For U. S. Talked

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Jan. 2.—With Congress up to its ears in consideration of the biggest military program in the country's peace-time history, several of Capitol Hill's best authorities on the subject are urging the formation of a joint committee of senators and representatives to determine just what are Uncle Sam's army, naval and aviation needs—and to deal with the whole thing as a single issue. It isn't a bad idea. At present there are four congressional committees wrestling with questions relating to our potential fighting strength: Chairman Morris Sheppard's and Andrew J. May's army groups, respectively of the upper and lower legislative chambers; Chairman David I. Walsh's and Carl Vinson's navy aggregations, likewise respectively senatorial and representational. These committees do not cooperate worth a cent. That is to say, perhaps there is a certain community of interests between the two army set-ups on one side, and the two navy crowds on the other side, but there is not a bit of it between the army and the navy men. They are at least mutually indifferent and maybe a trifle jealous of one another.

Will Decide Where Kelley Will Be Tried

Richmond, Va., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Virginia and North Carolina officials will confer this week on which state will first try Roy Kelly, 20, an escaped convict charged with killing two Burlington, N. C., officers and with wounding a Virginia State trooper. The young man, object of an intensive police hunt in several southern states since Sheriff M. P. Robertson and Officer F. W. Vaughan were killed in a Burlington gun battle December 7, was surprised and captured Saturday as he left a South Hill, Va., lunch room. With in an air of resignation, Kelly said in his jail cell here that he expected to be carried back to North Carolina on a Federal warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice. Oscar Pitts, North Carolina superintendent of prisons, said the matter would be discussed with Virginia officials here Wednesday.

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