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North Carolina Feels Cold Wave

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Convict Kills Fellow Felon

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and Young slipped in- trip.

Commission \$1,834,953

Recommended Retirement Annuity System Would Include Teachers and Employees Who Had Served Ten Years or More.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A special commission recommended today that the 1941 legislature provide a retire-ment of tem based on beint contributions by employes and the state which would give retirement annuities based on years of service to all teachers and general state employes

60 or more years of age. A disability benefit feature of the plan would provide disability benelits for teachers and employes who had served 10 years or more. Teach-ers in North Carolina are direct em-

ployes of the state. Present employes, tonelors offer, retiring at the age of 60, or older would receive a 75 per cent credit for service rendered prior to the effective date of the proposed

This commissoin expects, with the aid of a committee representing teachers and general employes, to present a model bill to the legislature. Governor-elect J. M. Broughton

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Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—William P. Buckner, 33. once familiar figure along New York's Broadway who was sentenced to two years for mail fraud, is scheduled to be pa roled from the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa., December 20.

This was reported authoritatively today and at the same time it was disclosed that Felipe Buencamino, Sherma anti-trust convicted with Buckner in a case in panel working manipulation of Philippine railway bonds, was released November 17 so he might catch a boat that would get him home to the Philipnines for Christmas. Buencamino was sentenced to 18

months in the summer of 1940 when Buckner drew his two year term. Buckner's release, it was said, will be conditioned upon satisfaction of a \$2,500 fine which had not been paid when he began serving his sen-

GOLDSBORO MAN IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

Goldsboro, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Relatives here were informed today that W. P. Sineath, 46, of Goldsboro, injured in an automobile accident near Newport, Tenn., died early morning in a Newport hospital. Maurice Friedman, 51, of Greens-boro, was killed instantly in the ac-

Sineath was president of the

Goldsboro baseball club, secretary-treasurer of a towel supply company and operator of a laundry.

Destination Of President Still Secret

lied Convict Rufus Me-lied Convict Rufus Me-losa, carrying President Roosevelt, and two destroyer escorts were somewhere off the Florida coast to-Aboard U. S. S. Mayrant, At Sea,

pulled away from Miami yesterday, the President left the newsmen aboard the Mayrant in the dark as to where the cruise would carry occurred yesterday them. All that was konwn was they would by Warden James would sail into the Caribbean sea in telegrams to the and that the President said that there would not be much fishing on the

In the Caribbean sea are numerous by hidden in his clothing sites for United states air and avail at McCain before bases acquired from England in the

British Finances Sets Cost At To Be Described For U. S. Treasury

Army Theft Foiled



James L. Allegretti

Smashing an amazing plot to seize the \$400,000 U.S. Army payroll at Fort Ord, Calif., under cover of machine guns, police arrested James L. Allegretti, whom they described as leader of the plot. He is wanted in Chicago in connection with a \$100,000 Chicago Tribune payroll hold-up last July.

(Central Press)

Jesse Jones Says Britain is "A Good Risk" and Ordinarily He Favors Lending Money for "A Proper Purpose".

Washington, Dec. 4. - (AP) Treesury Secretary Morganthan an-nounced today that Sir Frederick Philips, undersecretary of the British treasury, was scheduled to arrive in the United States today "to place the latest available information (on British finances) before the United States Treasury."

Morgenthau's statement followed by only a few minutes a statement by Secretary of Converce Jones, speaking as Federal Lean Adminis-trator, who said that the Pritish government was "a good risk" for loans. It was learned that the mission of Sir Frederick was one of the chief causes of a meeting yesterday of

nine important government officials. Jones said the British government was "a good risk" and that ordinarily he favored lending meney to "good risks when they need it for a proper

He declined at a press conference to amplify these two remarks. He specifically refused to say that he favored loans to the British for war purposes now or in the future.

Admiral William D. Leahy, new U. S. ambassador to France, is helped from the liner Borinquen as he arrives in New York from Puerto Rico, where he served as governor. He is conferring with President Roosevelt releaving for Vichy. There is a report Leahy may succeed Joseph P. Konnedy, who resigned as envoy to London.

New Envoy to France Arrives

Farm Prices Are Higher

Gain in Cotton Returns inent Seattle insurance Peanut Prices.

dex for mid-November, but this was offset by declines in tobacco and tion of Fire Insurance Executives.

Prices received for cotton in midhigher than a month earlier despite ance on the Lake Washington float-Market prices of cotton, it said, av- rows bridge crash. eraged 9.38 cems a pound November 15. They were 9.35 in mid-October and 8.80 a year ago.

It said prices of miscellaneous pro-ducts were down 8 points from November, 1939, reflecting lower prices

Some November 15 prices received by farmers included: North Carolina cotton 9.5 cents per pound, tobacco 14.5 cents per pound.

Young Woman Shot To Death

der brunette, was shot to death to- change for certain concessions to day in the heart of Louisville's re-tail business district while Christ-

abdomen ripped by the day, their course and destination underlying the attack. Authorities was long to the spike died several the attack. Authorities was long to the spike died several thank to the spike died several the attack. Authorities was long to the spike died several thank to t The man who killed the young wo-

man fled after shooting six bullets into her body and in a running gun battle with County Patrolman Pat Ross wounded the officer in the The man, however, outdistanced pursuers.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and warmer tonight: Thursday increasing cloudiness becoming unsettled in moun-

Insurance Agent Held For Larceny

Over 1939 Level Off- a grand larceny charge today on the state's allegation that he sold insurset by Lower Tobacco, ance for the ill-fated \$6,400,000 Narrows suspension heiden at Transport rows suspension bridge at Tacoma but failed to report the insurance or the premiums to his company.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Gain in cotton returns over the 1939 level highlighted the coupling from in highlighted the southeastern farm in- social circles and head of the Seat-

The superior court filing charged This was pointed out by the Agri- larceny of \$1,217.88 of the premium culture department's mid-month local on a \$150,000 policy on the bridge market price report. It said the aver- which crashed last month. The deage agricultural prices for the country were the same as the month earlier but 2 points above those of No-\$650,000 on the bridge.

Ralls said French further admitted November averaged only slightly writing another \$800,000 of insurupturns in prices of specific grades ing bridge, but that premiums were at spot markets, the report said, returned to the state after the Nar-

Munich Meet Is Imminent

Bern, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources here reported today that another axis conference was imminent —this time at Munich, with Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop of Ger-many, Foreign Minister Count Ciano of Italy and Foreign Minister Count Cland of Italy and Foreign Minister Laval of France the chief participants. The conference is expected to clarify the French position toward

Louisville, Dec. 4.—(AP)— Mrs. both the axis powers, ending with further public expression of France's Nadyne Heady Maas, 21, pretty, slen- collaboration with the axis in ex-Vichy, the informants said.



Rumania Takes Over All Oil Properties

Seattle. Dec. 4.—(AP)—A prom- New Step In Aid To Britain Believed Near

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)— Imminence of an important new decision in the aid for Britain program-perhaps on a par with the dramatic destroyer trade or the release of giant bombers-

was strongly indicated today. Positive information was lacking as to the exact nature of the matter under consideration, but high significance was attached to the fact that it brought nine of the most important officials in the government together yesterday for a special conference.

Thrice in recent months similar extraordinary meetings have been held and each time, it was pointed out a major step in aiding Britain followed quickly.

First surmises were that the meeting was concerned with the question of supplying Britain with enough tonnage to replace some of her recent heavy shipping losses.

One informed official said. however, that if merchant shipping was discussed "it wasn't the big thing."

Cold Wave Moves To Sea

(By The Associated Press.) The first coid wave of the month moved seaward today with a parting slap at the eastern states. Arctic blasts pushed the mercury down to record lows for the date in

New York state today and to sub-zero marks at many New England

American and Other Nation Aware Foreign Countries Hit By Expropriation De- Of War Danger creed by Antonescu; River Vessels Ordered

Bucharest, Dec. 4 .-- (AP) -- Premier General Ion Antonescu of Runania decreed today the expropriation of all oil pipelines, pumping sta-tions, reservoirs and all real estate on which they are situated.

Seized.

One of the companies hardest hit by the expropriation was the Ramono Americano, owned by Standard Oil. It has several hundred thousand

of all Danube river barges, tugs, tankers and sea-going ships owned and used by companies with Jewish stockholders.

he wishes, since they have Jewish that our freedom, our existence as

oil praction in Rumania had dropped since summer from 1,700 to 1,400 tank cars. The official reason given for this was the inability to transport

the full production, but informed quarters said the disorders in Rumania were responsible. Three Killed

As Building Collapses

persons were killed and five were injured today when the huge Rail- tools were included in the project-

Twenty and 30 below zero read- sands of persons from all parts of the sire to minimize restrictions on nor-

Conscript Its Labor

Ian Campbell Hannah, Conservative Member of Parliament, Asks Direct Appeal For U. S. Navy to Help Patrol Trade Routes.

(By The Associated Press.) A direct British appeal to the United States "to help patrol trade routes of the Atlantic with her own nayy" was tieged in the house of common in London today even as the Rome-Berlin axis reported direet new smashes at Britain's sea

"I do not see how this nation can bear the tremendous burdens of earrying on a great war which, after all, is just as much to the benefit of America as for our own empire," said Ian Campbell Hannah, Conservative member of parliament, in making the appeal.

The house was also sold that the government may have to enforce compulsory mobilization of British labor to rebuild the nation's bombwrecked industrial centers-one of which, Birmingham, was again the target of a heavy overnight attack. Nazi fliers returning from the raid

said they set 25 big fires raging in the English midlands city. Minister of Economic Warfare Hugh Dalton gave parliament a brighter victure of the war, declar-ing British bombers had attacked 90 percent of Germany's oil refineries and 80 percent of her oil plants—with the result that Germany now is using more oil than she is pro-

Premier Mussolini's high command said three British warships had been torpedoed—two cruisers by fascists torpedo planes in Suda Bay at the Greek island of Crete, and a destroy-

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Patterson Says

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—(AP)— Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson asserted today that the people of the United States had "at last awakened from our beautiful dream of universal disarmament" to face the "cold, hard reality that the neighborhood we are living in is a tough neighborhood x x x where military weakness is taken by the aggressors as nothing more than an invitation to linvade, conquer and

Speaking before the fall rally of the South Carolina department of the American Legion, Patterson said that several number that searcely a year ago some of that searcely a year ago some of affected. A second decree ordered seizure need military strength, that it was all Danube river barges, tugs, enough if we gave no offense, and they asked us to look at Norway, de-

fenseless, inoffensive and safe."
"We have looked at Norway, to It was pointed out that this will enable Antonescu to seize American and British empanies' properties if and France, and the sight tells us and France, and the sight tells us The companies under the decree a nation depends on the strength of will be reimbursed over 25 years, being paid by bonds bearing 3 percent interest.

An official announced that daily

More Tools Under Export License Plan

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Word came today that many additional types of machine tools would be placed under the export licensing system after December 10 to conserve equipment needed for the national d-fense program.

Colonel Russel L. Maxwell, ad-New York, Dec. 4,-(AP)-Three ministrator of export control, said that 41 different types of machine lief to the middle west after a frigid road Exposition building of the New spell that saw records broken for York Worlds' Fair coliapsed.

The building of the New system. These types had hitherto

Wisconsin.

Sub-freezing temperatures prevailed throughout Pennsylvania. And the cold wave touched the northern fringe of the South yesterday. It was 15 phove at Bristol Tenn.

country during the two years of the fair, was known as "Railroads on The shown as "Railroads on The said, "that placing an article under the export control plan simply subjects it to the licensing procedure and in no sense implies an embargo."