

## ENTIRE PROGRAM OF AAA IS INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED

## Franco-British Fleets Concentrate In Mediterranean

Expect To Block  
Any Movement Of  
Italy's WarshipsHaile Is Winning  
Against Italians

(By Associated Press)

Sudden orders for large scale movements of French and British battle fleets in the Mediterranean today assured the greatest naval concentration yet in those waters by the time the League of Nations council convenes for further action on the Italo Ethiopian war.

The council meets January 20. Whether it will add new sanctions to those already imposed upon Italy is uncertain.

But on that day 92 French warships will be cruising the Mediterranean along with a possibly augmented British fleet.

The British Admiralty, in recalling four ships now in the Mediterranean, announced a mid-January cruise of 4 other battle craft and a destroyer flotilla, with even greater tonnage than the craft withdrawn.

Haile Asks Aid.  
Ethiopia asked the League of Nations to step into Italy's "policy of merciless extermination as official sources at Rome predicted Premier Mussolini may dispatch 100,000 more men into his African campaign. Emperor Haile Selassie's government.

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Foster Elliott  
Of Polkville Is  
Dead At Age 39

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Polkville Methodist church for Foster Elliott, prominent young farmer of that section, who died in the Shelby hospital Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Elliott had been sick with a heart trouble and other complications. He was the son of the late Bob Elliott and was married to Lois Gold, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Gold. Surviving are his wife, a half sister, Mrs. Bate Blanton and mother, Mrs. Bob Elliott.

Funeral services were conducted from the church at 2 o'clock by Rev. Barber and Harrelson and interment followed in the Elliott cemetery.

Recently Mr. Elliott had been working for a road contracting firm on the Shelby-Grover road.

Deny Britains In  
Armaments 'Ring'

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(P)—The secretary of Vickers Limited, J. R. Young, denied flatly before the royal commission on private manufacturers of arms today that the great British munitions makers, which employed him, was a member of "An international armaments ring" with business ramifications through out the world.

Morning Cotton  
LETTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Cotton prices were affected by rather general selling yesterday, apparently induced by the action of foreign markets and a more bearish interpretation of the court's decision than at first realized. However, the demand broadened later in the day and the market showed more resistance to the selling. Ideas are naturally at variance respecting the immediate trend following such a drastic change in the situation.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

**THE MARKETS**  
Cotton, spot — 11½ to 12½  
Cotton seed, wagon, ton — \$33.00  
Cotton seed, car lot, ton — \$36.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Jan. 11½, Mar. 11½, May 10.90, July 10.55, Sept. 10.20, Dec. 10.20.

## Landslide Warped This Road



Telephone poles snapped, pavements buckled, and streets collapsed when a night landslide on Lone Mountain in San Francisco, Calif., endangered the San Francisco College for Women. The huge twisted blocks of concrete shown above reveal the damage done to the roadway leading to the college. Just 60 feet back from the edge of the slide, a dormitory housing 25 women was threatened by the collapse.

Board Makes Plea To WPA  
For Roads, School BuildingsEntire Board Will Go To Mecklenburg To  
District Office Will Study Mecklenburg  
Permanent Tax Listing

Investigating the possibility of obtaining other WPA projects for Cleveland county and assuring final action on the ones already promised, the entire county board of commissioners and the county auditor will go to Charlotte tomorrow or Friday for a conference with district officials there.

While in Charlotte the commissioners will also investigate the permanent tax listing system of Mecklenburg, with end in view of changing the annual transferring method now used here.

Decision to make the trip for the benefit of the county was made in the board meeting Monday and Chairman J. L. Herndon, Joe E. Blanton, J. D. Morris and Auditor Troy McKinney made the trip.

**Work Outlined**  
WPA projects to be investigated will be the original application from this county, a community building for the Beulah area in No. 5 township, the county agricultural building, a proposed recreational project, and seven small colored school buildings, estimated to cost about \$14,500.

They will also ask for consideration on the farm to market roads which have been built in a number of counties. Such a road is any road which leads from any farm in the county into the state highway, which in turn leads to a market. The permanent system of tax listing is a real objective, declared the commissioners. It will save a tremendous amount of clerical work, will be more accurate and will leave only the personal property in the township for the eleven lists to tabulate and report.

Methodists Plan Echo Meeting;  
Parties Back From Conference

Methodist young people of this county are invited to attend an echo meeting, to be held Friday night at the Main Street Methodist church in Gastonia when reports of the Southwest Methodist Young Peoples conference at Memphis last week will be heard.

This announcement was made this morning by Miss Nettie Rayle of the Central Methodist church here who along with four others attended the conference. The others were Robert Stamey, Eliza Stamey, Nelson Nesbit, of Fallston, and Miss Thelma Hubbard, district leader of young people.

The conference held in Memphis

Dramatic Session  
Of Court Nearing  
Close Of DocketShoplifters Are Given  
Light Sentences

Shoplifters Get Varied Sentences; John Watts Cleared Of Rape.

An uncrowded but highly dramatic docket of superior court was being rapidly cleared by Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling and Judge Wilson Warlick today, as only a few more cases remained to be disposed of before Friday.

In the spotlight yesterday was the shoplifting case uncovered and brought to light a few weeks ago by Sheriff Cline, after four persons had been discovered in a sweet racket of stealing drygoods from local merchants and selling the same goods back for cash.

The following sentences were given: Charles Wesley Frame, 18 months in the state penitentiary; his wife, Sue Frame, eight months; B. F. Chestnut, 12 months; Mrs. B. F. Chestnut, four months.

The Frames were formerly from Little Rock, Ark., and Mr. Frame said he was a school teacher. The Chestnuts were from Charlotte, N. C., but all four were living for the present in Asheville, N. C., where their headquarters were in a small cabin outside the city limits and where Asheville officers found nearly \$1,000 worth of stolen goods. Other charges are expected to be faced by the Frames when the Cleveland sessions are done.

The afternoon was taken with one of the most sordid and revolting cases ever tried in Cleveland county when John Watts, 35, said to be a negro, but appearing like a white man, faced charges of raping Selma Spake, 14-year-old alleged demitted white child of the West Shelby community.

The negro was found "not guilty as charged" but enough evidence was brought out in court to show that he was a possible sexual pervert, and that he was causing a serious state of affairs in that community.

Attention from the county welfare office will also be given the child.

Jackson Dinner  
On For Tonight;  
Hoey To Speak

With politics warming up, fully 200 are expected to attend the Jackson Day dinner tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Hotel Charles at which Clyde R. Hoey will be the principal speaker.

President C. C. Horn of the Young Democratic club says Mr. Hoey will be introduced by O. M. Mull, former chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. A local stringed orchestra will furnish music.

Tickets are going fast for the banquet tonight, in spite of the bad weather which will prevent many from the rural sections from attending.

Judge Wilson Warlick who is presiding over a term of Superior Court here, will be the guest speaker at a Jackson Day dinner to be held tonight at Gastonia.

PWA Inspectors  
Say Construction  
Will Begin Soon

Dwight H. Cook, of Kingston and PWA engineer is expected to arrive in the city within the next few days to begin personal direction and supervision of the building of the numerous rural school buildings and additions, scheduled under PWA provisions.

The work will begin within the next few days, just as soon as record breaking January rains make it possible to do so.

A Mr. Owen of Newton, assistant engineer is here now to direct the activities of the first few days. The engineers are expected to be located in the Lineberger building at an office formerly occupied by relief forces.

## Question Mark



Is Al Smith drawing father away from his old friend, President Roosevelt? The question arose when Al declined a Roosevelt invitation to be a White House guest Jan. 25 when he speaks in Washington before the American Liberty League. Al will stay with friends at a total two blocks from the White House.

Thugs Rob Man  
Of Automobile  
In Rutherford

RUTHERFORD, Jan. 8.—(P)—S. M. Smith, foreman of the Kings Corporation at Camden, reported to officers today that three men held him up near Asheville, took him to near Forest City late last night, bound him and fled with his automobile. Smithers was found early today walking toward Forest City by Patrolman Speed, who brought him here while police began an investigation.

Smithers said he was not harmed, that the men took nothing except his new Ford and drove off in that and in a Packard coupe with which he was forced to the side of the highway. He cut his bonds with the knife on his watch chain.

Officers believed the trio wanted only the machine, since they had reports of a Packard's having been stolen in Tennessee, and that the robbers would abandon the Packard and continue their flight in the smaller car.

Late Bulletins  
Capital Flames

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 8.—(P)—Flames broke out in the basement of the state capital building today, but state employees check them before they could spread.

## Flood Waters

RALEIGH, Jan. 8.—(P)—A third rise or at least a prolonged flood from the second rise, was forecast for eastern Carolina streams today as rains fell generally in the state. L. A. Denison, in charge of the U. S. weather bureau here said the rains forecast for today and tonight will cause all streams to at least maintain high levels caused by rains over the week-end.

## Vote Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(P)—House consideration today with a vote probable tomorrow was assured cash bonus legislation today as the rules committee gave right of way on the floor to the full payment bill.

## Santee-Cooper Loan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(P)—A \$5,500,000 loan to the South Carolina public service authority for the Santee-Cooper power project was approved today by the Public Works administration. This boosted to \$10,550,000 the total of work relief funds allotted for the project, estimated to cost \$37,500,000.

Order To Transfer  
Received By CCC  
In Surprise MoveSpells Doom for Work  
In This County

Camp McMurtry Contingent Goes To Huntersville; Buildings Will Be Left.

YOUR COMPANY WITH SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ORDERED TRANSFERRED TO CAMP N. C. S. C. NO. 10 HUNTERSVILLE UPON DISSOLUTION OF THAT COMPANY.

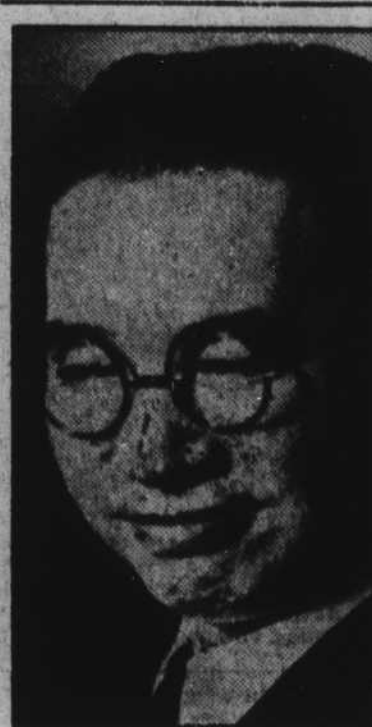
Above is the telegram late yesterday to Lieutenant H. H. Vestal, commanding officer of the care and housing of Shelby's CCC camp. The wire came from General Manis McCloskey, state commanding officer at Fort Bragg.

**Explosion**  
The possibility of retaining Camp McMurtry, at least for three months more exploded unexpectedly, and dismantling of the local camp will begin at once.

All supplies and equipment will be taken to the Huntersville camp where a white contingent has been

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## Tours America



Detained for a time by immigration authorities because he suffers from a virulent eye disease, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, famed Japanese Christian, poet, author, labor leader and welfare worker, was granted special permission by the secretary of labor to tour the United States, lecturing and expounding the creed of brotherly love.

Parity Payments  
Stopped, Started  
In Much ConfusionAAA Suspended  
In Surprise Move

All AAA work in Cleveland county was suspended indefinitely yesterday by an order from Dean I. O. Schaub, state supervisor, the order throwing farm leaders and officials here in a state of confusion for the time being.

Payment of parity checks was begun again this morning, however, on a second order from the state AAA headquarters which was coincident with a statement in Washington in which President Roosevelt said he will ask congress for enough money to make all payments of contracts with the government.

Suspension came suddenly and ordered that County Agent Wilkins discontinue all work now being done under the Agricultural Adjustment program, that he incur no additional expense, and that all records and materials in the work be impounded until they will be taken in charge by a federal official at an early date.

**Office Closed**  
The office of the agent was closed yesterday afternoon while hundreds of farmers who were seeking their parity payment checks crowded at the door to read Schaub's telegram which was sent as a safety move following the adverse decision of the supreme court on Monday against the AAA.

Approximately \$50,000 in parity checks are still to be delivered to Cleveland farmers and will go out in regular order, Mr. Wilkins said today. They will go to some 1,600 growers.

**Much Uncertainty**  
Mr. Wilkins was uncertain about the adjustment payments due hundreds of farmers here in the 12 cent guarantee which will make up for the difference in the average

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New Deal Leaders  
In Effort To Find  
New Farm Program

Five New Proposals Advanced To Take Place Of AAA; No Hint Yet Of President's Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(P)—New Deal leaders speeded efforts today to find a new farm program. President Roosevelt and Secretary Wallace met at lunch to discuss the possible effects of the court's destruction of AAA.

The house agriculture committee was summoned to an unexpected meeting by Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas—one of those who has conferred with Mr. Roosevelt. Jones is directing the drafting of five new proposals to take the place of AAA.

1. The domestic allotment plan.  
2. The export debenture proposal.  
3. Appropriations to various states on condition that such states establish an adjustment program similar to AAA.

4. Appropriations for land leasing program.  
5. Conditional appropriations to individual farmers who comply with the conditions.

"We feel that ways can be found under the limits set out in the decision to fashion a farm program that will, at least in a measure, offset the disadvantages which farmers have under the national tariff system," Jones said after the closed session.

The chairman said he did not know when the committee would get down to work on the tentative proposals but emphasized it would be as quickly as possible.

Asked if any of the proposed suggestions discussed originated at the AAA, he said, "We will welcome any suggestions from any source."

There was no outward hint of President Roosevelt's own plan about farm relief.  
Secretary Roper predicted to a press conference that "We are going forward and solving the AAA and other difficulties. We are not going to build this country in the interest of one segment or two segments but in the interest of America." The commerce secretary said he could not interpret the effect of the AAA decision on foreign trade.

Green Death Mars '36 Sheet  
With First Auto FatalityBonus Payment  
Recommended By  
House Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(P)—In a formal report to the House the Ways and Means committee today recommended cash payment of the bonus as an essential part of the recovery program and capable of increasing national purchasing power.

The committee planned to seek a rule to bring before the house the bonus measure, backed by three veterans' organizations. It expected to call the bill up tomorrow, looking to a vote Friday.

"In the judgment of the committee immediate cash payment of the adjusted service certificates will increase the purchasing power of the nation," the report said. "It believes that it is an essential part of the recovery program. That the President's policy looking toward recovery argues strongly that this debt, which is just due, and unpaid, should be paid in cash to the defenders of our country, who rendered services, and paid in their lifetime."

The committee said the additional money necessary for payment would be about 1 billion dollars, "that the certificates are an acknowledgment that the war service of the then flower of our manhood should be recognized in a small adjustment of their service pay" and that the veterans should receive that adjustment in their lifetime.

Dinner Tonight Is "Go" Signal  
For County Political Gunfire

The Jackson Day dinner tonight will be the signal for the county political pop gun to be mounted and begin showering the populace with fireworks of salutes to the coming election year, with particular reference to the primary in June.

Apt observers, in addition to noting the loyal force of county politicians who will swarm around Clyde Hoey who will soon launch his campaign for governor, will also keep an open ear to see who will run for the eight offices in the county government.

No one has said anything openly, and only whispered intimations

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