

### TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Genius always gives its best at first; prudence at last."—Lavater.

### GEOGRAPHY LESSON

President Roosevelt's visit to South America will, at least, cause many citizens of the United States to understand the geography of that continent better. Few of us realize how much further east the connecting continent is or that Mr. Roosevelt, when leaving Charleston, had to look southeast to cast his glance in the direction of his goal. If he had looked due south he would have missed the entire continent, excepting a small tip of Ecuador, although his gaze would have been almost straight to the Panama Canal.

Which reminds us to remind you that if you go through the Canal, from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, you will travel almost directly southeast, because of a little kink in the Isthmus coast lines. This may not be as much of a surprise as the fact that from New York to Buenos Aires is just about 300 nautical miles shorter than from Buenos Aires to Liverpool, England. So you see the United States has a little advantage in position when it comes to trading with the Argentine.

### LARGEST LATIN CITY

Incidentally, the capital of the Argentine nation is one of the world's ten biggest cities. Excepting Paris, it is the largest Latin-American city in the world, being twice as big as Rome or war-besieged Madrid. It contains 2,500,000 of the 12,000,000 people who live in Argentina. For many years Argentina was the hotbed of anti-U. S. sentiment in South America and newspapers and political leaders vied with each other in assailing the policies of this country. Happily, however, since the inauguration of the "good neighbor" policy and acts that have convinced South America that it is real, the temper of the people has changed. The welcome the President was given attests to the fact.

Meanwhile, Secretary Hull and the delegates at Buenos Aires are grappling with the problems of the conference. The effort to work out formulas in the interest of American democracy is somewhat difficult because some of the twenty republics have what looks like dictator governments at this time. In the end, however, no one doubts that that great progress will be achieved and that, when the diplomats leave for their homes, they will have achieved something along the line of Pan-American solidarity in the face of likely perils of the future.

### DISTRIBUTING MONEY

Coming back to happenings in the United States, the nation has witnessed a remarkable flood of dividends and wage increases from the large corporations of the land. Some attribute these moves to the new tax on corporate surpluses. Whether or not, we do not know, but the man in the street certainly so defines them. Meanwhile, the talk continues along the line of amendment, with many corporate chieftains believing some changes are possible. While there may be minor adjustments and some correction to help corporations with debt problems, no major amendment seems likely. Regardless of what the corporate interests may believe about the levy, the mass of public opinion is in its favor.

### NO NEW TAXES

From Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, chairman of the Finance committee, comes the opinion that no new taxes will be levied at the next session. He declares, however, that all existing levies will be retained because the government needs the revenue in order to arrive at a balanced budget as soon as possible. Some of the so-called nuisance taxes, which cost more to collect than they yield, will be abandoned. Improved business conditions, resulting in better collection of taxes, is taken to promise greater yields in the new year. Besides, a "rational" reduction of emergency agencies is expected although not on the wholesale scale that some conservatives would like to see.

### STUDENTS AT AIRBELLOWS SCHOOL ON HONOR ROLL

Students on the Honor Roll of the Airbellows school, near Whitehead, for the third month of the 1936-37 term follows:  
First Grade: Muriel Richardson.  
Second Grade: Faye Caudill and Helen Caudill.  
Third Grade: Ethel Reynolds and Marie Caudill.  
Fourth Grade: Junior Caudill and Ruth Richardson.  
Fifth Grade: Mack Richardson.  
Sixth Grade: Ruby Caudill.  
Seventh Grade: Albert Pruitt.

## Vice President Arouses Anger Of House Democrats

### Texas Is Accused Of Seeking To "Dictate" Choice Of Majority Leader For Body

### IS BACKING RAYBURN

### Congressmen Nichols And Dingell Voice Protests Of Those Who Resent Stand

Washington, Dec. 1.—Vice President John N. Garner was accused tonight by angry Democrats of seeking to "dictate" the election of a new House majority leader for the seventy-fifth congress and warned tartly that he would be allowed to "trample on the dignity" of the chamber over which he once ruled.

The verbal "spanking" of the vice president came in sharply worded statements issued by Representatives Jack Nichols (D), of Oklahoma, and John D. Dingell (D), of Michigan, a few hours after Garner announced he would "do everything possible" to win the House post for his close friend and fellow Texan, Sam Rayburn. Nichols and Dingell are supporters of Representative John J. O'Connor (D), of New York, one of the leading candidates for the leadership job.

Garner, in town a month early to carry out secret orders from President Roosevelt, stepped boldly into the House fight with the announcement that he was "200 per cent" for Rayburn because "he is the best equipped man for the place."

"My guess," added Garner, "is he will win and I'll do everything possible toward that end."

Quick resentment flared on Capitol Hill. O'Connor said tartly: "I expected that." But his followers were not inclined to let the issue drop so lightly. O'Connor, Nichols and Dingell went into conference and the blistering statements followed.

Predicting that Garner's entrance into the House struggle would serve as a boomerang and result in O'Connor's election, Nichols said:

"The dignity of the House and its right to organize itself cannot be trampled on, even by such a distinguished man as the vice president of the United States. . . I feel confident that Mr. Garner's statement, wherein he attempts at least to take part in, if not dictate the organization of the House . . . will have exactly the opposite effect."

Both congressmen said the House, which in the past has been accused of being a "rubber stamp" for President Roosevelt, "will not now surely admit that they are the 'rubber stamps' of the vice president."

Dingell reminded Garner bluntly that he has "a big enough job on his hands as presiding officer of the Senate without interfering with organization of the House with which he has no connection whatsoever." He described Garner's announced plans as a "gratuitous intrusion" into the affairs of another body of Congress and added:

"If such an intrusion had been suggested while he was a member of the House, I can hear his very emphatic and cryptic rebuff to those who dared to attempt to interfere."

## 4-Year Lease For Sparta Restaurant Building Signed

A lease, covering occupancy of the building where Lee's Grill is now operated, for the next four years, is reported to have been signed by Mr. and Mrs. Lee, with the owner of the building, D. C. Bledsoe.

The restaurant has been operated for approximately a year and a quarter, it having been opened in September, 1935. In view of the fact that the lease has been signed for occupancy of the building for another four years, it has been pointed out, the venture seems to have been quite successful.

## Conservatives In Republican Party Opposed By Fish

Washington, Dec. 1.—A revolt against the conservative leadership of the Republican House minority, reduced to 88 out of 435 by the last election, was proclaimed today by Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-NY).

Unless Republican congressional policies are liberalized, Fish said, there will be new leadership.

## Bodyguard And Close Friend Of Roosevelt Dead

### Drops Dead After President Retires Monday Night In Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, Dec. 1.—While visiting a restaurant with friends after President Roosevelt had retired, August Adolph Gennerich, 55, bodyguard and close personal friend of the chief executive since 1928, dropped dead early today.

Gennerich, who had had a busy day accompanying the President on a strenuous round of official functions, remaining never more than a few feet from his side as was his usual custom, went to a restaurant with George Fox, of the White House staff, and Charles Claunch, chief yeoman, U. S. Navy.

They relaxed from the day's activities, dined and listened to the Latin-American music featured there. Suddenly Gennerich—always called "Gus" by Mr. Roosevelt—fell to the floor.

A physician was called hurriedly but Gennerich was dead when he arrived. President Roosevelt was not immediately told of his death, the staff deciding to wait until he awakened.

It was expected that President Roosevelt would cancel his drive around the city scheduled for today, in respect for his friend's death, but that it would not otherwise change his schedule for opening the Inter-American Peace Conference.

For years Gennerich has been constantly at the President's side during public appearances.

## Governor Landon Optimistic As He Travels To Fla.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 1.—Enroute by train to Monticello, Fla., for bass fishing, Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, radiated optimism during a brief stop here yesterday.

"Are you going to catch any fish, governor?" he was asked.

"I've got more chance than I had in the last campaign," the recent Republican presidential candidate replied with a smile.

Landon was accompanied by L. E. Phillips, Oklahoma oil executive, his host for the fishing party.

"You are in a Democratic stronghold, governor," a friend reminded.

"Tell me where there isn't one, will you?" Landon laughed.

## Roosevelt Is Not Expected To Run Again

New York, Dec. 1.—According to what has been described as an authoritative article written by George Creel, well known author, on the plans and purposes of President Roosevelt, the president has no intention of seeking a third term.

The article, released last night prior to publication in a forthcoming issue of Collier's magazine, quotes the president himself as saying:

"On January 21, 1941, when a new president takes over, I will be in Hyde Park having the time of my life."

## Walker Scheduled for Farley's P. O. Job?



WASHINGTON.—Persistent echoes which rebound through the halls of the new and modern Postoffice Department building here, carry the news that Frank C. Walker, (left, above), is the man whom President Roosevelt will ask to take the cabinet post of Postmaster General when James A. Farley, right, resigns around the first of the year to return to private business. Walker was a staunch administration supporter through the first Roosevelt term. Farley will of course remain chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

## France May Pay One-Eighth Of War Debt To U. S.

### First Defaulted At Time She Refused To Make Payment Due Dec. 15, 1932

Paris, Dec. 1.—The possibility of wiping out her war debt to the United States by paying roughly one-eighth of what she owes was considered tonight by France.

Legislators, who must ratify any agreement the government of Premier Leon Blum may make, discussed 12 billion francs as a tentative figure which they thought France could pay and which they hoped the United States would accept.

This figure, approximately \$586,000,000, compares with the total French indebtedness, with interest, as of November 15, of \$4,961,238,000.

France first defaulted when she refused to pay the installment due December 15, 1932. Blum, then a deputy, voted for the default which wrecked the cabinet of Edouard Herriot.

The payment France owes this month is \$23,308,312. When she refused to pay the semi-annual installment of \$74,787,725 due last June 15, she was in default \$250,292,292.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Diplomatic feelers by the French government looking toward a possible settlement of its war debt to the United States raised hope today that this long standing source of ill-will between nations might be removed.

A State Department announcement said French Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos had discussed the \$4,061,234,000 debt informally with American Ambassador William C. Bullitt in Paris, expressing his government's desire to arrange a settlement but presenting no specific proposals.

Should this preliminary step result in successful negotiations, it would mark the first break in a five-year long default by 12 nations on more than \$12,000,000,000 in war-time obligations.

## Dr. Ivan Lee Holt Says Church Must Be Given Unity

Winston-Salem, Dec. 1.—Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, president of the Federal Council of Churches, Protestant Churches at Centenary Methodist Church here Sunday speaking at a mass union of afternoon, declared that "we need a new release of spiritual energy above everything else."

"We can't meet the forces of irreligion unless we come together," the eminent minister said, using as his subject "The Churches and the Church." His message was delivered as a part of the national preaching mission, which has been conducted in the large cities in America this fall.

## N. C. Authority Says Federal REA Seeking Trouble

### Says State Has Not Been Given Anything By National REA But Was Promised Much

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—A charge of "looking for rows with power companies" was hurled today at the federal REA by members of the North Carolina rural electrification authority.

J. L. Horne, Jr., Rocky Mount newspaper publisher, and member of the state board, asserted the federal REA "deliberately" had attempted to parallel power company lines in Johnston county.

He added that North Carolina had built two-thirds as many rural lines in the last year as the federal authority had built in the entire country.

"They've promised us everything, but when it comes to a showdown the federal REA hasn't given us anything," W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture-elect and state board member, said.

The charges were made after Hunter Martin, attorney for the Caldwell county group, had requested the state authority to approve the cooperative's petition for a \$480,000 loan from the federal REA.

The loan petition already has been approved by the federal REA.

"It's been unfortunate for us there has been friction between this board and the federal authority," Martin said.

Martin, who previously had announced he intended to withdraw his petition for a certificate of convenience and necessity from the state utilities commission, said he had reconsidered and would apply for the certificate at a hearing now scheduled for December 18.

## Cars Collide At Intersection In Galax Thursday

In an automobile collision at the intersection of West Oldtown and Adams streets in Galax last Thursday morning, four persons were more or less painfully injured.

One car was driven by J. T. Moore, Galax, while the other was being driven by Alonzo Tidline (colored), who was accompanied by Ernest Higgins and Gid Young (also colored), all of Galax. James Alfred Johnson, Sparta, is said to have been standing on a running board of the car driven by Tidline at the time of the collision.

Mr. Moore had come down Adams street and the car occupied by the colored persons was traveling east down West Oldtown street. The car which had come down West Oldtown street struck a tree on the north side of the street after striking the rear end of Moore's car.

## Roosevelt Challenges The American Nations To Work For International Peace

### Jordan Child Dies At Cherry Lane Tuesday Morning

A three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jordan, Cherry Lane, passed away Tuesday morning, December 1, after having been ill with pneumonia and heart trouble. Further details concerning the death of the child or the funeral have not been learned.

## Jobless Insurance Laws Are Speeded By Security Board

### Analysis Of State Laws Already In Existence Made. Conn. 17th To Act

Washington, Dec. 1.—Aiming to spur the movement for unemployment insurance, the social security board tonight made public an analysis of state laws already enacted.

Connecticut yesterday became the 17th state to act, bringing the estimated number of workers covered to over 9,000,000. The subject is under study in 15 others.

Oklahoma is expected to enact a law this week. The Pennsylvania legislature met for the same purpose today. The Maryland and New Jersey legislatures have been called into special sessions December 15 and 21, respectively.

In those states having laws on December 31, the employers can credit against the federal unemployment tax—up to 90 per cent of it—the taxes paid under the state law. If the state pays out of the system beyond the year-end deadline, the revenue from the one per cent federal levy on 1936 pay rolls will go into the general fund of the United States treasury.

Partly because Ohio may lose up to \$15,000,000 under this arrangement, Governor Davey urged today that the legislature reconvene from a recess taken last summer and act.

## New High In U. S. Public Debt Seen In Current Plans

Washington, Dec. 1.—Despite administration talk of balancing next year's federal budget, the treasury's financial operations pointed today toward a \$2,500,000,000 deficit and a new high in the public debt this fiscal year.

Speculation over the possibility of balancing next year's budget was based on steadily mounting revenues and hints of curtailed relief expenditures.

The new peak in the public debt this fiscal year was foreshadowed by Secretary Morgenthau's statement that heavy drains on the treasury from drought relief would necessitate upward revision of borrowing estimates.

## Libraries In 46 Cities Are Built With PWA Money

Washington, Dec. 1.—As a result of the PWA program, 46 cities now enjoy improved library facilities and more projects of this kind will be approved when additional funds are made available.

J. E. MAINER TO GIVE PROGRAM IN GALAX, VA.  
The Junior class of Galax high school is sponsoring a program to be given in the high school auditorium Saturday night, December 5, by J. E. Mainer and his group of musicians from radio station WSOC, Charlotte.

### New World Arrayed Against Aggression Of Wars Of Conquest Portrayed In Speech

### PROGRAM IS 3-FOLD

### U. S. Executive Is Heard In Stately Hall Of Deputies Late Tuesday

Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, Dec. 1.—In the historic moment of a hemisphere bent on peace, President Roosevelt portrayed the Americas here tonight as "shoulder to shoulder" against aggression and pledged forever against a war of conquest—stern warning to an Old World "where catastrophe impends."

His words gave the vivid breath of life to a solemn congress of 21 American republics as he told them of "others who, driven by war madness or land hunger" might strike "against us."

Standing in the stately hall of Deputies of Argentina's Congressional Palace, Mr. Roosevelt formally opened the Inter-American Peace Congress, which he fathered, in a dramatic climax to two days of unending color.

Hard off the palm-fringed Plaza Del Congreso, the United States President, hailed in the passionate tempo of Latin fervor as American Democracy's savior, met with the peace-seeking delegates of the continent in a setting of luxuriant summertime splendor.

The congress heard President Roosevelt outline this three-fold program:

1. Strengthening and unifying the processes of constitutional, democratic government in the Western Hemisphere, and making clear to "war mad" nations that the two Americas stand ready to consult together in the event of aggression from abroad.

2. Steps to prevent creation of conditions that give rise to war, including establishment of the highest possible standard of living and political, religious and educational freedom.

3. A more free exchange of goods among American nations, removing what Mr. Roosevelt termed "suicidal" barriers that lowered living standards and obliterated democratic ideals.

The wave of popular enthusiasm for the President's good will mission, which followed his trip down the South American coast, reached its climax as he reached the Congressional Palace.

As the two presidents entered the chamber by a side door—Mr. Roosevelt in a cutaway coat and Justo in the white uniform of a general, with a blue and white sash across his chest—the delegates who filled the hall burst into ten minutes of cheering and applause.

President Roosevelt took the place of honor in the center of the platform in the flag-draped room, with Justo at his left and Argentine Foreign Minister Carlos Saavedra Lamas at his right.

James Roosevelt, the President's son and Felipe Espl, Argentine ambassador to Washington, also sat on the dais.

## ALMANAC



He who knows others must not be particular about the answers he gets.

DECEMBER

1—President Hoover announces his second term. American election, 1933.

2—Henry Ford's famous "Peace Mission" ship sails to Europe, 1914.

3—Phi Beta Kappa, first fraternity in the United States, organized, 1776.

4—Columbus discovers the island of Haiti, 1492.

5—The African Methodist Episcopal church is organized, 1816.

6—Congress orders gold medal of struck for General Grant, 1862.

7—Wilson families found settlement on site of Washington, 1819.

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