

### SOCIAL SECURITY UPHELD

The decision of the Supreme Court last week, upholding the constitutionality of the unemployment insurance provisions of the Social Security Act, under which more than three-fourths of the States have set up unemployment insurance laws, definitely lines-up the high Court on the liberal side of interpreting the laws of the land. The five to four vote apparently indicates a permanent liberal policy for the Court, as now constituted, and added another to the string of ten favorable decisions which have been given New Deal laws since the present term of the Court began.

### COURT TURNS LIBERAL

Just exactly what this means becomes clearer when we reflect that before the present term of the Court the New Dealers had lost 11 of 13 cases. With persistent conservatism the justices overturned the efforts of the administration to widen the field of Federal activity, which the President maintained was necessary under modern conditions, and there developed much the feeling that the Court was the last bulwark of freedom, or (as the individual might prefer) the last barrier to progress. This state of affairs was serious because of the close division between the justices and the plain clash of theories that were expounded in conflicting opinions that did not much conceal the deep feeling of the judges.

The President's court reform proposal, about which a bitter struggle has been waged since it was announced in February, evidenced the Chief Executive's protest against legal interpretations which did not, in his opinion, take cognizance of new conditions or of the people's will. It was resorted to as the only practical method of accomplishing what Mr. Roosevelt demanded, a Court that would be in harmony with present-day objectives. While constitutional, and within the powers of Congress, the proposed increase in the number of justices has been attacked as an assault on an independent judiciary and assailed as the wedge of dictatorship. The battle for the court reform bill is still on with the lines holding, but with the situation greatly altered.

### COURT PLAN WEAKENED

To be plain the present outlook is not favorable to the passage of the President's measure, as submitted. This develops from several causes. First and foremost is the changed attitude of the Court itself, which in the women's wage and Wagner cases, through the altered opinions of justices, reversed earlier decisions. Whether the President's crusade against the Court had anything to do with persuading the justices that "conditions which have intervened" called for new reasoning, or not, the decisions were rendered some weeks after his drastic action. Next in line, is the resignation of Justice Van Devanter, one of the conservative justices, whose retirement will enable the President to strengthen the newly discovered liberalism of the Bench regardless of the court reform measures.

### OPPONENTS' STRATEGY

The strategy of the opponents of the court reform bill has been delay and this was acquiesced in by proponents, fearful of the charge of rushing the measure through Congress under executive pressure. The adversaries of the President's proposal were hopeful that the Court, in its current session, might deliver opinions which would, of themselves, ease the tightened situation and they also hoped that some of the justices might avail themselves of the opportunity to retire under the terms of new legislation which guaranteed the justices full pay for life. In both of these hopes they have been justified.

The timeliness of Justice Van Devanter's letter to the President, giving notice of his intention to retire from active service, has been noted by many observers. It was delivered just before the Senate committee voted an unfavorable report on the court reform bill. Opponents hailed it as a master stroke in the battle. Whether it was or not, it opened the way for senatorial colleagues of Senator Joe Robinson to launch a boom for his appointment to the high tribunal, in which members of both parties joined. The President, while declining "con-

## New Problems Face Europe In Alarming Crisis

### Forces Are Laboring For Quick Solution Of The Crisis Brought About By Bombing Of Warship

#### GERMANY RETALIATES

### Secretary Of State Hull Urges Germany and Spain To Refrain From Going To War With Each Other

Forces laboring for a quick solution of the European crisis over Spain confronted new problems Tuesday night. The uneasy situation, product of a Spanish airplane attack Sunday on the German pocket battleship Deutschland, 26 of whose sailors died, and Germany's avenging bombardment Monday of the Spanish seaport of Almeria, in which at least 30 were killed, was:

Rome — Italian warships, no longer a part of the international sea patrol around Spain, were stated by a highly informed source to be under orders to halt at sea Russian ships carrying supplies to the Spanish government. Premier Mussolini flew to Rome where Germany's minister of war, Marshal Werner von Blomberg, will consult Italian officials tomorrow.

London — Return of Germany and Italy to cooperation with the "hands-off Spain" committee appeared to depend upon that body's decision whether to use force against Spain in preventing interference with neutral shipping. Britain meantime protested to the Spanish government against a recent attack against the destroyer Hardy, off Mallorca, in which aerial bombs fell near the ship. Police dispersed 2,000 demonstrators who surged around the German embassy to protest the bombardment of Almeria.

Berlin — Germany's controversy with the Vatican over criticisms of the Nazi regime by George Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago, overshadowed the Spanish crisis. Germany took what appeared to be the first step toward ending relations with the Vatican. The cruiser Leipzig, however, was dispatched to Spanish waters and several other men-of-war were ordered to follow shortly, ready for any eventualities. Britain's ambassador urged Germany to follow the road of peace.

Valencia — The Spanish government drafted a protest to the non-intervention committee over Almeria bombardment. It was expected to embody the government's contention that the Deutschland first fired at the airplanes which bombed the warship and that the attack was the culmination of an unadmitted but proved German and Italian invasion of Spain.

Washington — Secretary of State Hull disclosed he had urged both Germany and the Spanish government, in effect, from going to war with each other. His plea was made to the ambassadors of the two countries.

Madrid — Government troops in a new offensive northwest of the capital started shelling the insurgent stronghold of Segovia in a drive designed to remove pressure from besieged Bilbao. Near the Basque capital, secondary fighting centered in the Orduna sector, 22 miles south of Bilbao.

### Officers Seize "Still" Saturday Near Piney Creek

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin and R. D. Gentry seized a "still" on Saturday, one and one-half miles west of Piney Creek high school. The outfit comprised a 50-gallon steam boiler, a 50-gallon "still" and a 50-gallon condenser. The officers poured out four 300-gallon boxes, and four 50-gallon barrels, of mash. None of the operators of the "still" were on the scene at the time of the discovery. Evidently they were waiting for the mash to ferment, as the "still" apparently had not been operated for a few days.

### Association Meet Of Baptist W. M. U. To Be Held Here

On Tuesday, June 8, the Sparta Baptist Women's Missionary union will be hostess to the annual association meeting of the Alleghany Baptist Women's Missionary union, at the Sparta Baptist church. The program will open at ten o'clock and continue throughout the day. Visiting speakers will be Mrs. Clyde Turner, state W. M. U. President, and Mrs. Edna R. Harris, of Raleigh.

## Congress Plans To Act Against Tax Evasion

### Conditions Which Were Cited Recently By The President To Be Probed By National Legislature

Washington, June 1. — The double barrels of publicity and legislation were leveled tonight by Congress at wealthy persons whom President Roosevelt accused of dodging taxes. Soon after Mr. Roosevelt demanded that the "evil practices" be stopped, the senate adopted a resolution for an investigation. Leaders said the inquiry would lay the facts before the public and furnish the basis for laws to circumvent the "clever little schemes" by which tax payments are avoided.

The measure was introduced in the house as well, with favorable action there expected in a day or so. In his message, President Roosevelt included a letter from Secretary Morgenthau relating some of the methods of the alleged tax dodgers—numerous personal corporations, incorporation of yachts, racing stables and the like.

Congress, as well as the president, was plainly indignant. From every faction came quick statements of sympathy with the chief executive's purpose and of determination to end tax evasion. "What the facts set forth mean to me," said the president, "is that we have reached another major difficulty in the maintenance of the normal processes of our government. We are trying harder than ever before to relieve suffering and want, to protect the weak, to curb avarice, to prevent booms and depressions—and to balance the budget."

"Taxation necessary to these ends is the foundation of sound governmental finance. When our legitimate revenues are attacked, the whole structure of our government is attacked. 'Clever little schemes' (he quoted Secretary Morgenthau) are not admirable when they undermine the foundations of society."

Mr. Roosevelt asked that congress bear in mind a distinction between the action proposed and legislation revising the tax schedules. Recommendations to the latter end will be sent to congress shortly before the next session he said. Hardly had the president's message been read when the speaker said:

### Teachers Named For Dist. No. 1 In Alleghany

Teachers for District No. 1, 1937-38 term, have been selected, as follows: Sparta Charles R. Roe, principal, Mrs. Julia West Roe, Mrs. Ida J. Warren, Ina Jean Reeves, Bryan Taylor, Ralph B. Cheek, Mrs. Lucy L. Halsey, Mrs. Grace C. Rector, Mrs. Thelma O. Richardson, Mrs. Bessie McMillan, Annie Sue McMillan, Clyde Higgins, Gertrude Andrews, Mrs. Rebecca O. Choate and Burton McCann; Airbellows, Muriel Caudill; Cherrylane, Hazel Burchette; Chestnut Grove, Vada Mae Duncan; Glade Valley, Mrs. Rachel H. Thompson; Irwin, June Crouse; Liberty Knob, Grace Wagoner; New Hope, Arnold Jones; Stratford, Ivazelle Taylor; Tolliver, Donna Jones; Pine Swamp, Mrs. Vera W. Edwards and Mrs. Lella G. Wagoner; Whitehead, Fred Hart and Mrs. Rose F. Grayson; and Wolfe Branch, Hugh Choate and Mrs. Reba C. Howell.

### All Four Feet in the Air



MINEOLA N. . . . Hanover Mettle, four-year-old trotter driven by Miss Barbara Field of Chicago, is caught in an unusual action picture with all four feet off the ground. For many years this was a debatable question among harness racing devotees. At one point in his stride, the trotting horse has all four feet in the air, as shown by the rapid action camera which is much faster than the human eye.

## Relief Measure Revolt Crushed By House Leaders

### Earmarking Amendments Stripped From Bill Before It Is Sent On For Action In The Senate

Washington, June 1. — A house revolt, aimed at earmarking more than one-third of the \$1,500,000,000 work relief bill, was crushed tonight by embattled administration leaders, who passed the measure along to the senate. Acting Speaker Vinson, (D, Ky.), announced shortly before midnight that tabulation of the roll call showed 323 for the huge bill and 4. against.

Working many hours overtime—most of them dinnerless and weary—house members stripped from the bill amendments which would have set aside \$505,000,000 of the total for WPA undertakings, highway construction, flood control and kindred projects. These amendments previously voted, would have tied the president's hands, restricting his freedom to allot the money to such work relief projects as he deemed advisable.

The house also defeated an amendment previously approved which would have cut \$2,000 from the \$12,000 salary of Harry L. Hopkins, works progress administrator. The vote to restore the \$12,000 figure was 272 to 96.

Final passage of the big fund for relief for next fiscal year came after rejection, 296 to 78, of an attempt by Representative Bacon, (R., N. Y.), to turn the relief problem back to the states and limit the federal government's participation to financial contributions. Just before the ballot on passage.

### Mrs. Roosevelt In Favor Of Woman High Court Member

Washington, June 1. — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt would be delighted to see a woman on the Supreme Court bench but only if she were chosen as an individual "outstandingly fitted" and not because of her sex, she said at her press conference today.

Mrs. Roosevelt was asked her views in connection with the retirement of Justice Willis Van Devanter. She replied: "If there is a woman who is outstandingly fitted, and she is chosen as an individual not as a woman, I should be delighted to see a woman on the Supreme Court. I think Supreme Court appointments should be based on fitness to serve."

"It is natural to expect that a person chosen for the Supreme Court should have a record, not only as a lawyer, but perhaps also as a judge, of disinterested and broad-minded knowledge of the law and public questions. He should also have an unimpeachable reputation for honesty and intellectual integrity, as well as other kinds of integrity."

## Rural Carriers Of Alleghany Hold Meet Here

### Banquet Is Outstanding Feature Of Event Held At Sparta High School; W. C. Irwin Toastmaster

On Saturday evening, May 29, the Rural Letter Carriers' association of Alleghany county met in annual session at the Sparta high school building. Of the ten carriers, nine were present, Wilbur Estep, Whitehead, sending his regrets at not being able to attend. Besides the carriers and their wives, several visitors were guests of the association.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was a banquet held in a large classroom of the building. At the request of the carriers, the Women's Missionary society of the Sparta Methodist church prepared and served a delicious dinner. W. C. Irwin, president of the association, acted as toastmaster. Throughout the occasion, excellent string music was furnished by nine-year old Wade Irwin, and another small boy, Cleo Reeves.

Mr. Irwin, who has been referred to as an energetic and tireless worker in the association, had compiled some statistics and information, which he read during the business session. It was disclosed that the ten carriers of Alleghany county, while serving their routes, travel annually 89,658 miles, serve 948 boxes, patronized by 5,144 persons. It was further revealed that during the first fifteen days of May (annual count) these carriers handled 24,289 pieces of mail. Using this as an average basis, these men collect and deliver annually some 600,000 pieces of mail. Mr. Irwin also laid special emphasis upon the fact that the Carrier's Association of Alleghany had re-

### Roosevelt Is Back In Capital From Hyde Park

Hyde Park, N. Y., June 1. — President Roosevelt left here by special train at 11:01 o'clock (est) tonight for Washington. He is expected to confer with State Department officials tomorrow on the European situation. Before winding up a three-day visit at his home here, the President received additional reports from the capital on the Spanish-German crisis which officials described as more encouraging than earlier advices. Mrs. James Roosevelt, Sr., the President's mother, motored with him to the station. "Oh, dear, I should have worn a hat," she remarked when cameramen took photographs of her talking to the President in the back seat of the open car. "I'm coming back soon this time," the president said as the small group of villagers said goodbye.

### Community Library To Be Opened In Sparta Today

A community library will be opened here today (Thursday), over the Sparta Supply store. This library is a WPA project, sponsored by the state and county. It will be open from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. The donation of books will be appreciated. Old books are acceptable, as they will be repaired by the WPA bookmenders. Plans for a children's story hour will be announced later.

## Two Are Injured In Big Fire At Elkin Monday

### Fire Originates In Cafe When Explosion Of Oil Range Occurs; Two Are Trapped In Rear Of Cafe

Elkin, June 1. — When fire, originating from the explosion of an oil range in a cafe, spread through an entire business block here Monday afternoon, two persons were severely burned. The blaze did damage estimated at about \$10,000. Phillip Maudling, employee in the L. and L. Cafe, where the fire originated and Mrs. Luffman, who operates the cafe with her husband, were badly burned. Flames from the explosion enveloped Maudling's body and Mrs. Luffman was trapped in the rear of the cafe, and was rescued by firemen. Both were taken in an ambulance to the hospital.

Buildings damaged by the fire included the L. and L. Cafe, Reis and Baker garage, Surry Furniture company, Davis Barber shop, Greenwood Service station, and G. and S. Plumbing company. In addition to the business houses occupied in the block, three new store rooms almost completed with residential apartments on the second floor were damaged by fire and water. The entire block was owned by Andrew Greenwood. It was not learned whether the loss was covered by insurance. Only nominal damage resulted to the stock of the Surry Furniture company, which was removed from the building.

## Severe Hailstorm Hits Mount Airy Tues. Afternoon

Mount Airy, June 1. — The hardest hail storm in a decade, accompanied by a miniature tornado, wreaked heavy damage in Mount Airy and the surrounding vicinity late this afternoon as hailstones as big as marbles cut farm crops to pieces. The tobacco, only a small part of which has been set out in this part of the leaf belt, suffered very little, but early garden crops were almost totally destroyed in many places.

In towns the hailstones and sudden freak winds broke out window panes and tore down a large number of awnings. The hail, believed to have been the heaviest here since 1926, struck Mount Airy about 4 p. m. and covered streets like snow for a few minutes but was quickly swept away in the heavy rain which followed.

## Memorial Services To Be Held Sunday At Shiloh Church

Annual memorial services are to be held at Shiloh Methodist church, near Sparta, next Sunday morning, June 6, at eleven o'clock. Rev. T. J. Houck, a former pastor of the Sparta Methodist charge, but now pastor at West Jefferson, is to be present and deliver the sermon. ELK CREEK CEMETERY TO BE CLEANED SATURDAY The cemetery at Elk Creek is to be cleaned on Saturday morning, June 5. All persons who are interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery are requested to meet there at nine o'clock to assist in the work.

## Mrs. Warfield To Be June Bride Of Duke Today

### Wedding Is Scheduled For 5:30 A. M. (E. S. T.); To Spend Honeymoon In Secluded Spot In Austria

#### HOURLY IS ADVANCED

### Avalanche Of Gifts For Wedding Reaches Monts From Palace In London; Royal Family Friendly

Monts, France, June 1. — The first actual recognition of Mrs. Wallis Warfield by Britain's royal family was seen tonight in the avalanche of wedding gifts sent from Buckingham Palace to her as the bride-to-be of the Duke of Windsor. A veiled hint of this was dropped by Herman L. Rogers, the duke's spokesman, at a press conference tonight. Asked whether the royal family's gifts to the couple would be described tomorrow, he said: "I will include those details in the list of other gifts which have arrived for Mrs. Warfield and the Duke."

Arrival of the royal gifts constitutes the first time since Edward's romance began that his family has taken any official cognizance of Mrs. Warfield. It also logically indicates that King George VI and Queen Mother Mary are still on good terms with the duke despite the opposition to his marriage by the British government and the Church of England.

The former King Edward VIII and Mrs. Warfield will climax their history-making romance Thursday in the flower-bedecked music room of the Chateau de Candé. Time for the wedding ceremony has been advanced from high noon to 11:30 a. m. (5:30 a. m. est), it was announced tonight. Dr. Charles Mercier, mayor of Monts, will perform the rites and he will be the first person officially to address Mrs. Warfield by her new title—the Duchess of Windsor. Very thin and plain, the ring for the ceremony is reportedly inscribed on the inside with the message "E to W"—"6-3-37."

At noon today Edward's car spurted out of the chateau's driveway carrying 30 pieces of luggage and boxes containing presents, some still unopened. All are being sent to Wasserleonsburg Castle, Austrian honeymoon retreat for the couple.

## High Court To Review Federal Power Loans

Washington, June 1. — The government failed today to obtain a "go ahead" signal from the Supreme Court for federal financing of municipal power plants. Before completing an epochal term and adjourning until next October, the tribunal overruled a government request that it refuse to review litigation challenging the constitutionality of such financing.

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At the old bird sings so the young ones twitter.

JUNE

- 1 — Mexico declared war against the United States, 1845.
- 2 — Registration day of draft for American National Army, 1917.
- 3 — Governor John Murray of Virginia took refuge on board a British man-of-war, 1775.
- 4 — The first patent on a monotype machine granted, 1827.
- 5 — Ex-President of the United States Andrew Jackson died, 1845.
- 6 — San Francisco, Calif., formed its first vigilance committee, 1851.
- 7 — S. S. Niagara began to try the Atlantic cable, 1858.