

PROBLEMS REMAIN
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MORGENTHAU VS. ECCLES
TRADE PACT SIGNED
WILL STIMULATE TRADE
20 YEARS FOR WPA
TRY PROFIT-SHARING
THE LIMA CONFERENCE

With the President away from the capital and Congress not in session, Washington officially has something of a lull from the standpoint of news, but there are problems that are constantly in the forefront as the nation seeks to solve various problems.

Readers are familiar with the difficulties that have presented themselves as efforts to reduce the unemployment have been continued, and are aware of the rocky road that has beset the effort to make secure the economic condition of American farmers. These are two great domestic question marks, which have the best minds perplexed. Reviving business may take care of some of those out of work and help the farm situation as well. At the same time, Americans have to face the facts that indicate existence of these issues for some years to come.

Along the line of this endeavor is the recent appointment by the President of a board to survey the spending policies of the government with reference to their effect upon production and national income. The board includes Secretary Morgenthau, of the Treasury; Marriner S. Eccles, of the Federal Reserve Board; Daniel W. Bell, Acting Director of the Budget, and Frederic A. Delano, of the Advisory Committee on National Resources. They will make a study before reporting to the President and the chances are that it will be some time before they have a report ready.

The fact that Mr. Morgenthau is inclined to a conservative attitude in regards to budgets and governmental finance, and that Mr. Eccles is an advocate of direct government action to put money in circulation arouses interest. The other members of the board have not, as yet, been generally identified with policy making functions.

The retirement of Attorney General Cummings in January will mark the first break in the original Cabinet of the President by resignation. Former vacancies have been occasioned by death. Immediately upon announcement of Mr. Cummings' intention, the air was filled with rumors of other Cabinet alterations, with the finger being put specifically upon Secretaries Roper and Woodring. There may be something to the reports although we recall very well the wild flock of rumors that filled the newspaper columns after the 1936 election. It was said that several Cabinet members would resign but we discounted the suggestions then and they proved groundless.

The trade pact that goes into effect January first between the United States and Great Britain, New Zealand and fifty non-self-governing colonies of the British Empire, will last for three years and may mark an epoch in inter-national commerce. Both countries made concessions in the hope that both will secure trade advantages. We reduced duties on items described as "complementary rather than competitive" with American products. In 1937 the value of the trade covered by these concessions was \$141,000,000. In turn, Great Britain's concessions, including a number of agricultural products, affected exports that were valued at \$200,000,000 in 1936.

At the same time, Canada and the United States enlarged their trade agreement, with the Canadians lowering duties on American products which it imported in 1937 to the value of \$241,000,000. In addition, Canada abolished a 3 per cent. excise tax on 47 items, on which \$18,000,000 revenue was collected last year. The United States reduced duties on certain farm products, minerals and lumber which, it is expected, will give Canada access to some of our markets for these things.

The signing of the trade agreement marked a reversal of British commercial policies for the first time since the World War. During the war days the British abandoned their traditional free trade policy and began the erection of stiff tariff walls, which, it must be admitted, came after this country adopted the Smoot-Hawley Act which raised our tariffs considerably.

Harry L. Hopkins, Administrator of the WPA says that the Federal Government, in its efforts to provide jobs for the unemployed (turn to page four, please)

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Six more elevens will play in "bowl" contests

—on January 2, announcements of acceptances having been made by the teams Tuesday. The acceptances followed closely on the selection of Duke and Southern California Monday as rivals for the Rose Bowl classic at Pasadena, Calif. The latest additions to the list of "bowl" combatants were: Texas Christian and Carnegie Tech, Sugar Bowl at New Orleans; Tennessee and Oklahoma, Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.; Texas Tech, with no rival named as yet, for the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex., and New Mexico, also looking for an opponent for the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.

Four of the six are unbeaten and untied—T. C. U., Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas Tech—and three of the four still have a game each to play. Tennessee, champion of the Southeastern conference, has Mississippi to dispose of on Saturday, while Oklahoma, Big Six title winner, and Texas Tech have engagements the same day with Washington state and Centenary, respectively. Texas Christian and Tennessee, while they have accepted bids, must await final approval of their action by the other members of their conferences. In each case, however, this is regarded as a mere formality. Holy Cross was being sought as the opponent for Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl, with Utah, champion of the Rocky Mountain Big Seven, the leading candidate for the Sun Bowl game with New Mexico. Meanwhile, New York promoters, because of poor weather conditions, postponed until next year their plans for an "Eastern Bowl" game tentatively set for December 10.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

FOUR GIVEN LIFE TERM
Olympia, Wash., Nov. 27.—Dr. Kent W. Berry, 50, and three other men were convicted by a jury today of kidnaping and assault in the "jealousy" abduction and torture of Irving Baker, handsome automobile salesman. The jury recommended life imprisonment for all four.

JAP-SOVIET WAR SEEN
Tokyo, Nov. 28.—Japan's vice minister of war warned arms manufacturers today that a "Soviet-Japanese conflict apparently is inevitable." "It is absolutely necessary," Lieut. Gen. Eiki Tojo said, "that Japan expand her munitions output. Therefore, the army is demanding that the government enforce, article by article, the national mobilization law. The real war is still to come."

POINTS TO BETTER BUSINESS
Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 25.—President Roosevelt pointed with gratification today to improved business and employment conditions, but warned relief rolls might continue high for some time.

Asked about labor department reports of increased private employment and payrolls, the President told a roadside press conference there was no question that business and job-giving had picked up.

DALL LICENSED TO WED
Media, Pa., Nov. 26.—Curtis B. Dall, former husband of President Roosevelt's daughter, obtained a license today to wed Miss Katherine Miller Leas, of Haverford, Pa.

The bridegroom-elect, a New York broker, gave his age as 42 and his fiancée's as 21. Their engagement was announced in September.

EDEN TO SPEAK IN N. Y.
New York, Nov. 28.—The National Association of Manufacturers announced today that Anthony Eden, the former British secretary for foreign affairs, had agreed to come here to address its annual convention December 9. Eden's talk, which will be broadcast (10-11 p. m., NBC and Mutual Broadcasting system) will be on the subject "Democracy and the Modern World."

An apparent case of cattle poisoning has developed

—in Alleghany County during the past few days. When Dr. L. L. Long, Laurel Springs, recently went to take his cattle off his mountain grazing boundary, he found one of his three-year old purebred Shorthorn heifers dead, apparently poisoned.

On the next day, Dr. Long found another one dead. He took the remaining cattle to his home, where still another one died.

Another one of Dr. Long's cattle is almost dead, it is reported, apparently from the effects of some kind of poisoning. Dr. Long is said to be of the opinion that the animals have had poison.

Sparta and all of Alleghany County were hit by snow

—and the coldest weather of the season Thanksgiving Day, and the aftermath of the cold wave remains today (Thursday), although it is much warmer now. Sunday night was perhaps the coldest of the season thus far in this section.

Rain began falling Thanksgiving Day about noon, and the precipitation turned to snow about the middle of the afternoon. The white flakes continued to fall until after darkness settled, but sometime during the night, the snowfall ceased, the sky cleared and residents of this section arose Friday morning to find themselves in the grip of a very cold wave. Highways, which were somewhat hazardous Thursday after the snow began falling, because of poor vision and the wet condition of the roads, were still more so Friday morning, for most of them in Alleghany County, according to reports, were more or less covered with a sheet of ice. This condition prevailed until later in the day, when the sunshine melted some of the ice. Friday and Friday night saw a rush of motorists to many service stations for radiator anti-freeze compounds, and many sought service batteries to replace those that the freezing weather had caught in a weakened condition, causing many motorists to have much trouble getting their cars started.

The weather prevailing in Alleghany County since Thursday seems to be fairly typical of that dished out by the weather man Thanksgiving Day and since over a large portion of the nation.

Alf M. Landon was named to a peace committee

—Monday by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, as the two, together with other members of the American

delegation, were enroute to Lima, Peru, to attend the coming Pan-American conference. The former Kansas governor and Republican presidential nominee of 1936 was named to a committee charged with studying the problem of strengthening peace machinery at the Pan-American meeting.

As chairman, Hull convoked the first full meeting of the United States delegation en route to the conference. The committee to which he appointed Landon was one of eight he set up to study topics likely to come before the parley.

Others named to the peace committee were:

Adolf A. Berle, Jr., assistant secretary of state; R. Henry Noweb, United States minister to the Dominican republic; Green H. Hackworth, legal advisor of the state department, and Professor Charles G. Fenwick of Bryn Mawr college, with Laurence Duggan of the state department as advisor.

Although President Roosevelt has disclosed he would ask the new Congress to increase the United States' air force sufficiently to cope with any foreign aggression against either of the American continents, high officials have made it clear that the administration had no intention of proposing a Pan-American military alliance at Lima.

Celebrates 50 Years Of Writing



WEST CHESTER, Pa. . . Hometown friends of Mark Sullivan turned out to see the political writer celebrate his golden anniversary as a journalist, by holding down a reporter's job on a country newspaper, the West Chester Daily Local News, where he began newspaper work in 1888. He is shown with Frank Simmler, foreman (left) and Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

Five persons met death when an air liner went down

—into the Pacific ocean about 35 miles north of San Francisco, early Tuesday morning, after the plane's gasoline supply had become exhausted. Two other persons, including the pilot, escaped to the shore before the land ship was crushed against the rocky coast in an accident attributed variously to gales and too good radio reception.

An ironic twist of the tragedy developed many hours later when investigators and news photographers entered the cabin of the plane, rocking in the surf on the stony beach, and found it quite dry. Some officials expressed belief all might have been saved had they remained inside.

Three persons were known to have reached shore, but one of them, the only woman aboard, was swept back into the boiling surf when she dodged the swinging wing of the plane.

The only known survivors were Charles Stead, veteran 42-year-old pilot, and passenger Isadore Edelstein, 51, a paroled Washington state convict on his way to Honolulu to start life anew.

Missing after a day-long search by plane and boat were: Phillip Hart, 52, president of the Pacific Bridge company, Portland, Ore.

Sydney L. Shonts, San Jose, Calif., engineer.
Ivan B. Heflebower, San Francisco bond broker.
Frona Clay, 24, stewardess, of Alameda, Calif.

Co-pilot Lloyd Jones, 30, Seattle. The plane was forced down when gasoline was exhausted in five and a half hours of flying from Medford, Ore. The flight normally takes two hours and 40 minutes.

Future relations between Germany and the U. S.

—were charted Sunday night by President Roosevelt, at Warm Springs, Ga., where the Chief Executive has been resting since before Thanksgiving. The President surveyed at length with the United States ambassadors to Germany and Italy the nation's future course toward Nazi Germany, as well as toward Fascist Italy. Before a log fire in his Pine Mountain cottage, President Roosevelt conferred with Hugh R. Wilson, ambassador to Germany, and William Phillips, ambassador to Italy.

Physical violence and severe economic measures against Catholics and Protestants as well as Jews were said officially to have been covered in the parley which was aimed primarily at shaping this country's future diplomatic relations with the Hitler regime.

Phillips' visit came as a surprise to observers at Warm Springs, as there had been no previous indication he would join Wilson for the conference.

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 29.—America's diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany will remain in status quo, at least until further official conferences in Washington, President Roosevelt indicated today.

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 28.—The United States will continue normal diplomatic relations with Italy.

Talking with reporters just before starting back to Washington, William Phillips, ambassador to Italy, said he would sail December 10 or 14 to return to his post in Rome. He has been in this country 10 days conferring at the state department.

OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



"So he won't dim his bright lights, eh! Well, I'll give him mine, the idiot!"

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The Duke Blue Devils will play in the Rose Bowl

—January 2, having been invited by the University of Southern California's Trojan gridders and having

accepted the invitation. The invitation was received Monday, and the acceptance was announced the same day by Coach Wallace Wade, of Duke. Southern California had been chosen to represent the West in the annual Tournament of Roses New Year's football classic only Monday, also.

Duke, whose perfect season is the first among major college teams since Andy Kerr's Colgate Red Raiders pulled the trick in 1932, clinched the invitation Saturday when they defeated Pittsburgh 7-0 to end the season unbeaten, untied and unscored on.

It will be Duke University's first trip to the Rose Bowl—and the fourth for Coach Wallace Wade who has never been defeated in a Rose Bowl game. While coach at Alabama, Wade brought back two wins and a tie from Pasadena.

Coach Wade was elated over the invitation, but his sole comment was "I think it's all right. All right."

Southern Conference rules prohibit a member from playing post season games, but it has long been understood that members would vote to suspend the rules should one of the teams in the conference be invited to a post season "bowl game."

Duke opened the season with an 18-to-0 victory over V. P. I., defeated Davidson 27 to 0, and then took Colgate 7 to 0. Eric (The Red) Tipton, Duke's great back whose accurate punting was a vital factor in the win over Pitt, was injured in that game and played only a few minutes during the next two weeks in which the Iron Dukes defeated Georgia Tech 6 to 0 and Wake Forest 7 to 0. They won their traditional game with North Carolina 14 to 0 and went on to defeat Syracuse 21 to 0 and North Carolina State 7 to 0.

It will be the fifth football trip to California for Wade, who made his first excursion to the West Coast Rose Bowl game as a guard on the Brown University team in 1916.

France resembled a nation that expected war

—early yesterday (Wednesday) as heavily armed troops patrolled strategic centers, ready to enforce

Premier Daladier's orders to smash the general one-day strike against his decree laws.

Long before dawn long files of steel helmeted soldiers, mobile guards and police took positions inside and outside the country electric, water and gas plants.

Subway stations in Paris and bus terminals, railway stations and lines throughout the country were patrolled by armed men.

The nation's public services were turned over from civilian to military operation without disorder at midnight, with the workers under military supervision and under threat of court martial if they disobeyed government orders to work.

The strikers, apparently still defiant, showed little activity early yesterday morning. It was expected actual extent of the strike could not be determined until the morning wore on toward regular hours of work.

Premier Daladier declared his drastic methods were necessary because the strike was inspired by elements "rising against the laws of the republic"—that it was a test between a "proletarian" minority bent on dictatorship, and France's democratic institutions.

The general Confederation of Labor, with its 5,000,000 members, contended the premier's decrees doing away with the 40-hour work week and imposing other measures, discriminated against the interest of the worker.

Four local unions outside Paris decided Tuesday night not to take part in the strike.

A Thanksgiving banquet was served Thursday

—November 24 (Thanksgiving Day), at four o'clock, at Glade Valley High School. Place cards were

arranged for 90 persons, including students and visitors. Bill Cook, a member of the Junior class, was toastmaster.

Former students present for this occasion were: Ivalene Moxley, Statesville; George Blevins, North Wilkesboro; Roscoe Collins, Cumberland, Md.; and Tom Greene, Ted Wyatt and Claude Farrington, Glade Valley. Other visitors present were Misses Mary Sapp, Charlotte, and Ellen Corey, Covington, Ga.

The closing program of the Thanksgiving Day activities at Glade Valley High School was in the form of the play, "A Fortunate Calamity," which was presented Thursday night by the Junior class. This enjoyable event was well attended, despite the inclement weather.

A Thanksgiving message was delivered Thursday morning, in the Glade Valley Presbyterian Church, by Rev. C. W. Ervin.

Final surfacing on the Blue Ridge Parkway

—from Bent Mountain, Va., near Meadows of Dan, in Patrick County, Virginia, a

stretch of about fifty miles, has been nearly completed, and the barricades have been removed. While the Parkway is not officially opened, travel will be permitted at the drivers' risk during the late Fall and Winter. Sections of the Parkway in North Carolina, between the state line and Boone, are partially completed as to surfacing and will be opened on the same basis.

Official opening of the Parkway is set for early spring in Virginia and July 1 in North Carolina where mileage of completed roadway will total one hundred odd miles. No opening ceremonies are planned for next spring, but the official opening will be widely announced and an invitation extended to the tourists to drive over the road. Next year's issues of the various road maps published by oil companies and travel bureaus will show these sections of the Parkway as being opened to traffic.

The official opening is being delayed until next Spring in order that a number of items of work may be finished which will be required before the Parkway is considered safe, including placement of traffic and informational signs, construction of log guard rail and guard wall, and painting of the Parkway centerline stripe. Also during the Winter and early Spring work will go forward in the landscaping of the Parkway roadside. Plans for this work will mean that, by Spring, portions of the Parkway will be very nearly a completed sample of what the final roadway of five hundred miles will be for its entire length. The opening planned for next spring will see completion, or near completion, of three of the recreational parks with facilities for picnicking, camping, hiking, and other sports ready for use. These are Rocky Knob, in Virginia, and Cumberland Knob and the Bluffs, in North Carolina.

A number of signs along the way advise a speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour for the present time. This is for the protection of the public, because warning signs and guard rail have not been placed. Also, traffic is urged to move slowly to insure the safety of women along the Parkway roadside. While in a few places it is necessary for local trucks to cross the Parkway pavement, its use by commercial or business traffic is prohibited. During the winter rebuilding of certain secondary State roads paralleling the Parkway will make it possible then to remove trucks from the Parkway entirely.

REV. W. C. COOPER PREACHED SUNDAY

—night, November 27, to the Young People's League at Glade Valley. The Rev. Mr. Cooper resides at Mocksville.