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Baseball has its winter leagues, where the fans sit close to warm stoves in freezing weather and discuss the prospects of the coming season, and politicians, on days when action is slow, follow much the same routine. Newspaper writers and columnists, when they have nothing definite to write about, resort to their speculations about future events, regardless of the fact that their predictions rarely come true.

Much of the same state of affairs exists in regards to the next session of Congress, with even an experienced political leader like Senator Charles L. McNary talking about what the Republicans will do when they "join with conservative Democrats." This is a favorite indoor speculation at this date. Politicians and writers estimate how many anti-Administration Democrats will join with so many Republicans and undo the President's New Deal program. Even Mr. McNary says there are three parties represented in Congress, "Democrats, Republicans and New Dealers."

It is not our business to whom it up for either party but, just the same, if our readers want to know what is going to happen in the next Congress, they need not fall for this coalition talk. It simply won't exist, except in a few isolated tests. In fact, both of the major parties have their factions, as the Republicans found out at their meeting in Washington last month. The Democrats, it is true, are not unanimous; neither are the Republicans. There are liberal wings and conservative wings in both parties, and also a faction that wants to be successful at the polls, regardless of liberal or conservative principles.

The prospect is that both parties in Congress will attempt to outdo the other in taking care of the farmer, the veteran, the old age group, and the union labor program. When it comes to national defense, the chances are that both parties will favor a larger navy, a modernized army and thousands of new planes. Everybody will be talking about relieving the taxpayer and taking the burdens off of business so that private capital will get going. The differences will be mostly in method, in administration and side issues that will be argued hotly for their political value in the 1940 election. There is going to be no drastic change in the policies that have been underway for the past few years, regardless of the coalition talk and political prognosticators!

After six months of elaborate preparation the Government's investigation of monopoly got underway last week with the idea of surveying the national economic machinery. It is expected that the work will continue for many months. Sensational headline news is not to be the rule, nor is the committee, headed by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, interested in witch-hunting. The evidence, so far, indicates that the purpose of the fact-hunt is to discover, if possible, what makes business tick and what, if anything, is the matter with the economic plant.

The committee, created at the request of the President, is a Congressional-Executive creature, to make an investigation into monopoly and the concentration of economic power in and financial control over production and distribution of goods and services. The committee will attempt to determine the causes of the concentration and control and the effect upon competition and the effect of the existing price system and price policies of industry upon the general level of trade, upon unemployment, long-term profits and under-consumption. It will examine the questions relating to existing tax, patent and other governmental policies upon competition, price levels, unemployment, profits and consumption.

The committee has a stupendous job. It is said that if the work is carried out on the scope indicated it will be the most important study ever made of the American economic structure. The committee, says Senator O'Mahoney, will try to do a constructive job, not as a prosecuting attorney, looking for violations of law, but, we gather, more as a doctor, looking over a patient, anxious to discover the true state of the patient's health and sincerely hopeful of being able to outline a treatment that will do the patient good.

The Pan-American Conference at Lima, Peru, which begins on Friday of this week, will be followed by greater interest on the part of the people of the United States than any preceding conference (turn to page four, please)

## Sheriffs and Coroners will serve 4 years

—if they were elected on November 8, of this year, Attorney General Harry McMullan held Saturday in

Raleigh, in a ruling interpreting provisions of a constitutional amendment extending the terms of those officers from two to four years.

Likewise, he ruled, the terms of sheriffs and coroners elected in 1936 were to end Monday December 5, when the newly-elected officials took office.

The ruling was made in a letter to J. D. Larkins, Jr., chairman of the Sheriffs Constitutional Amendment Committee, which campaigned for the change.

The amendment was adopted November 8 by a vote of 206,069 to 197,593. There had been some question whether it applied to sheriffs and coroners elected this fall.

"It seems to me," McMullan commented, "that those who voted for the amendment and those who at the same election elected the sheriffs and coroners, must have contemplated that those elected should hold for the term provided by the amendment."

When sheriffs and coroners were inducted into office Monday, the amendment had been adopted, certified by the governor, enrolled in the office of the secretary of state, and "in full force and effect."

The attorney general explained that the ruling was made "for guidance of public officials," pending action on the matter by the state supreme court.

"It may be well reasoned and argued that if the general assembly contemplated that its change of policy should be postponed for so long a period as two years after it had become a part of the constitution," the opinion said, "some language would have been incorporated in the act to this effect."

To conclude that the amendment is effective for the newly-elected officials, it was said, is not to interpret it as retroactive, but, instead it operates "concurrent" with the election of the officers.

McMullan asserted that "no question exists" but that the sheriffs' association of state, which campaigned for the amendment, expected that the terms would be immediately extended.

## Saturday marked the end of the football season

—for a number of colleges and universities of the nation that had not closed their grid season a week or

so earlier. Notre Dame came tumbling off football's highest peak, knocked down for the first time this year by Southern California, the Rose Bowl hope of the Far West, in a savage game in Los Angeles that ended in a 13 to 0 victory for the USC Trojans before a crowd of 101,000.

Beaten twice this year but determined to carry no more defeats into the Rose Bowl against Duke January 2, the warriors of Troy upset the Notre Dame hopes in two lightning-like thrusts that spelled gloom for the Irish.

The power valve on the University of Tennessee gridiron machine remained wide-open Saturday, at Memphis, Tenn., and the Orange Bowl selection roared to a 47 to 0 triumph over a hapless Mississippi rebel team, before 20,000 fans.

It was the Volunteers' tenth consecutive victory of the season. Oklahoma's Sooners, gridiron champions of the Bix Six, crushed Washington State's Cougars, 28 to 0, in Norman, Okla., Saturday, with a last-half surge that carried them to the end of an all-victorious season and ran their victory string to 14 in a row.

A crowd of 15,000 fans watched the Sooners score three touchdowns in the third period after drilling deep into enemy territory time after time without finding the double stripe in the first half.

Another team that was toppled from the unbeaten and untied class was San Jose (Calif.) State College,

## The annual Christmas Jewish Refugees Hail America On Arrival

—December 11, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Glade Valley High School auditorium, by the Young People's League.

The public is invited to attend.

## Many Alleghany persons joined the Red Cross

—during the recent annual Roll Call drive. A list of those whose memberships were received by the Roll

Call Chairman and his co-workers follows:

William J. Siebert, Charlie Brown, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Rev. L. F. Strader, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Guy C. Wallace, J. T. Inskeep, G. P. Crutchfield, Mrs. A. V. Choate, F. H. Jackson, Mrs. J. M. Doughton, Mrs. R. H. Hacker, Rev. Howard J. Ford, D. C. Bledsoe, Ben G. Reeves, Modern Dry Cleaners, C. A. Roe, Glenn C. Nichols, C. C. Castevens, Eugene Transeau, D. E. Sturdivant, T. R. Burgess, E. C. Williams, Alton Thompson, Rev. R. L. Berry, Rev. C. W. Erwin, George Reeves, Robert M. Gambill, Nora Helen Doughton, W. C. Thompson, Jay Hardin, Graham Myers, George Cheek, Isom Wagoner, Blanche Pugh, Mrs. Hazel H. Taylor, Alice Taylor, Carrie Fender, F. T. Hart, Dr. L. L. Long, E. J. Pugh, R. L. Pugh, Mrs. E. J. Pugh, Mrs. F. Miller, Ivazelle Taylor, Mary Rizotti, Dr. Robert R. King, Mrs. Dwight Greene, Rosamond Reeves.

Burton McMann, W. B. Taylor, Annie Sue McMullan, Elma Waddell, Mrs. Grace C. Rector, Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Mrs. Rush Thompson, Mrs. Clay Thompson, Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, Mrs. Vera Edwards, Claude Holloway, Mrs. Ralph Gentry, Lillian Cooper, Annie B. Correy, Mrs. Edd Lundy, Mrs. Walter Taylor, E. F. Chester, Dr. C. A. Reeves, Polly Daugherty, Gertrude Andrews, Aileen Perry, Dona Jones, Senior Class of Glade Valley High School, A. B. O'Mohundro, Mrs. A. B. O'Mohundro, Mrs. Mary O'Mohundro, John Osborne, John R. Crouse—donation, Silas Nichols R. F. Crouse, Add McMullan, Lon Mac Reeves, Mrs. Edwin Duncan, Oder Joines, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Jean McMullan, Gladys Robbins, Mrs. Elizabeth Francis—donation, L. K. Boyer and Mrs. Bert Choate.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, Roll Call Chairman, wishes to extend special thanks to those who assisted with the roll call, namely: Mrs. James Toms, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. Dwight Greene, and Miss Blanche Pugh, Chairman of the Junior Red Cross chapter.

## Anti-Fascist demonstrations were staged

—in French-governed Tunisia and Corsica Sunday, and these, together with new verbal blasts in Paris and

Rome, added coals of fire to long-smouldering French-Italian friction.

Blood flowed when 500 French colonists in Tunisia demonstrated angrily against Italy's apparent campaign for gratification of her "aspirations" in that north African protectorate of France.

Thirty thousand Corsicans milled around the Italian consulate at Ajaccio Corsica, shouting "long live France, kill Mussolini" in a mass demonstration of indignation against unofficial Italian claims to that Mediterranean birthplace of Napoleon.

The Fascist press in Rome kept to the fore Italy's cry for "unsatisfied" national aspirations; in Paris a number of organizations adopted fiery resolutions aimed at Italian colonial ambitions.

France's internal worries continued with French line workers at Le Havre defying the government a second time by voting to continue a strike in sympathy with 60 discharged fellow employees. Some 5,000 marine workers, including the crew of the laid up liner Normandie, were among the strikers.



HOBOKEN, N. J.—A happy group are these Jewish refugees waving American flags on their arrival in the United States aboard the liner Westernland. They are part of the contingent of seventy-three who arrived from Vienna, Berlin and Hamburg. The refugees are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glatzer and their daughter, Marlene, 4 years old, and Mr. Adolph Glatzer with his son, Mario, 2 years old.

## James Roosevelt has accepted a movie position

—in Hollywood, Calif., having joined Samuel Goldwyn Productions, Inc., as vice president. Goldwyn, gray-

haired veteran of the motion picture business who has organized and headed more major companies than any other man in Hollywood, announced young Roosevelt's appointment in a brief formal statement:

"It is with great pleasure that I announce that James Roosevelt has joined my organization as vice president," he said.

Goldwyn refused to go into details as to what the duties of the President's son would be. Roosevelt recently underwent a major operation for a stomach ailment at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., and has been recuperating in Hollywood.

His resignation as secretary to his father was announced last month at the White House. Roosevelt was employed as one of the President's \$10,000-a-year secretaries, a job he took over early this year after relinquishing a profitable insurance business.

The lanky, 32-year-old son of the President had conferred several times with Goldwyn and two weeks ago, when he left by airplane for a brief trip to Washington to clear up his White House desk, he was asked if he intended to enter the film business.

"Nobody has offered me a job yet," he replied.

After Goldwyn's announcement Sunday, young Roosevelt issued a brief statement in which he said he was "very happy to be associated with Mr. Goldwyn," but gave little indication as to what his new duties would be.

The motion picture industry is the third field of business which young Roosevelt has entered.

## Jews were sent into isolation by a Nazi order

—issued recently in Berlin, Germany. The new orders forced Jews deeper into isolation from German life

Sunday amid the beginnings of nation-wide Christmas festivities.

In the mended windows and showcases of stores taken from Jews after the Anti-Semitic demonstrations that followed the slaying of Ernest Vom Rath, German embassy secretary, in Paris, new Christmas goods appeared.

But the new proprietors were warned that they must make a complete new start, erasing any ties with their stores' Jewish origins.

"The transfer from Jewish to Aryan hands," the official order declared, "marks a definite break with the past. The new owner starts afresh and must not refer to the previous standing of his business."

Local orders in Nuernberg and the neighboring town of Fuerth warned that new Jewish arrivals would be imprisoned unless those who intended to remain more than 48 hours reported to police.

## An annual meeting of the North Carolina Home Economics

—Association was held at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3.

The local Home Economics club was hostess at a tea on Friday afternoon, December 2, of which Miss Mattie Lou Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, Whitehead, served as hostess chairman. Miss Edwards is also chairman of the Arts and Decoration committee, as well as one of the council members of the club.

## OUR FELLOW DRIVERS

By Mueller



"What a guy! He stops me to ask what time it is, and because my brakes don't hold he gives me a ticket!"

## President Roosevelt spoke Monday at the University of N. C. in Chapel Hill

—and while rain drummed on the roof of the new Woollen Gymnasium on the chilly December afternoon, the Chief Executive reaffirmed the

liberal philosophy of the New Deal and asserted in his internationally broadcast address that many other democracies look to the United States for leadership, that world democracy may survive.

## German-French friendship was pledged Tuesday

—in Paris, France, when Nazi Germany gave France a signed pact of friendship, and sealed it with a promise

of at least a temporary respite from territorial claims.

The promise embraced France's colonial possessions as well as her frontier on the Rhine.

Foreign Ministers Joachim von Ribbentrop of Germany and Georges Bonnet of France put their signatures to a three-point accord formally burying ancient enmities, which pledged good neighbor relations, recognized the existing Rhine frontier, and called for consultation on all problems except those dealing with "particular relations with third powers."

In conversations following the ceremony, it was learned from quarters close to the foreign ministry, Ribbentrop also gave Bonnet assurance Germany would not immediately press any claims for return of her colonies lost to France under mandates after the World War.

The colonial question was the most important among many discussed by the diplomats in a general conversation.

The German foreign minister is said to have maintained Germany's "theoretical claims" for return of her colonies, but to have pointed out that the reich had made no formal demands and did not intend to do so for the time being.

A similar attitude was understood to have been taken toward the recent Italian clamor for recognition of her "interests and aspirations" in French Tunisia and Corsica.

The foreign ministers also reviewed the problem of the Spanish civil war in their talks, and the possibilities of developing mutual trade, but no definite decisions were reached.

Bonnet and Von Ribbentrop affixed their names to the five-paragraph pact with a golden-plumbed pen of Louis XVI style under the crystal chandeliers of the famous clock room at the foreign ministry.

There the Kellogg-Briand pact outlawing war was signed 10 years ago.

## Alfred M. Landon was initiated as a Shellback

—Saturday by Father Neptune as he crossed the equator on the S. S. Santa Clara, enroute to Lima, Peru, to attend the Pan-American Conference, as a member of the United States delegation.

The mock ceremony was conducted beside an open air swimming pool with Neptune impersonated by Eugene P. Thomas of the foreign trade council, New York.

Neptune found the 1936 presidential candidate guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors, including republicanism and political aberrations." Landon was sentenced to be shaved by the royal barber of Neptune's court. The shaving consisted of liberal bespangling with a flour paste, then shaving with a threefoot razor. Landon escaped being tossed into the swimming pool, part of the usual procedure.

Secretary of State Hull, head of the delegation, and ship's Captain Anderson presented Landon a certificate to show he had crossed the equator and been initiated. Three newspapermen who followed Landon in the initiation revolted and tossed most of Neptune's attendants into the pool.

REV. HOWARD J. FORD WILL PREACH SUNDAY—morning, December 11, at eleven o'clock, at the Sparta Baptist Church.

Speaking before the University of North Carolina Political Union the Chief Executive declared his strongest conviction is his abiding belief that "the security and well being of the American people can best be served by the Democratic processes which have made this country strong and great."

"Mr. President," began the Governor, "we welcome you into our borders, to this seat of higher learning. We hail you as the first citizen of the world."

There was stillness of hands and voices as Mr. Roosevelt gripped the speaker's rostrum and smiled and began speaking.

Confining his remarks to domestic issues and the future mostly, the Chief Executive did touch on the international situation, but his remarks were caustic, spoke of regimentation and dictatorships.

"There may be those in the world who believe that a regimented people, whose very thought and action is directed by one man, may give some type of people a security which is pleasing to them," Mr. Roosevelt declared. "But whatever convictions I have none is stronger than my abiding belief that the security and well-being of the American people can best be served by the Democratic processes which have made this country strong and great."

It was dark, and the rain was drumming harder onto the roof of the gymnasium when the President finished his address.

The crowd yelled and applauded, swarmed toward the platform where he was, but secret service men and state patrolmen kept them back until Mr. Roosevelt could get to his automobile.

From Chapel Hill, the presidential party motored to Durham where the presidential special waited to carry the party to Washington Monday night.

Among those who heard Mr. Roosevelt Monday were Representatives Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany County, Harold Cooley, Frank Hancock, and William Umstead, and Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

## National And World NEWS At A Glance

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN" BAN—Berlin, Dec. 3.—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" is not a suitable book for German moppets to read, in the opinion of present-day Nazi educationists.

In the course of a "book week" held at Weimar, various Nazi leaders, from Propaganda Minister Joseph Paul Goebbels down, have been telling the people—for their own good—what books they should read, and what avoid.

OUTLINES LABOR POLICY—Grand Lodge, Mich., Dec. 5.—Michigan's Republican governor-elect, Frank D. Fitzgerald said in an interview today that "neither labor organizations nor employers will dictate to the government" when he assumes office January 2.

CACHETS ARE IN DEMAND—Bethlehem, Md., Dec. 4.—A brisk demand was reported today for the special Christmas cachet of letters and cards that will be mailed from this little Caroline county town, bearing the postmark "Bethlehem."

MOONEY MOVES FOR PARDON—San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Thomas J. Mooney's 21-year court fight for freedom reached a dead end today before the United States' highest tribunal and he promptly took the first formal step toward seeking a pardon from Governor-Elect Culbert L. Olson. Confidence that the pardon would be granted was expressed by Attorney George T. Davis, who described the court's failure to act as "the great tragedy of the Mooney case."