

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18-An optimistic note for the future of business in the United States is sounded by John D. C. Weldon, Magazine of Wall Street economist, who makes a highly informative analysis of the trend and implications of the current revival in business activity. He writes: "For the first time since the great boom of the peoriod 1923-1920, we are in a major cycle of economic expansion characterized by sustained activity in capital goods at new high levels of pro-

'In addition to a continued boom in capital goods, durable goods activity will reflect itself creased employment and pay-In the two months, August ember, more than 1,000,000 jobless persons got in private enterprise. The Department of Commerce now estimates the 1940 national income at approximate ly seventy-five billions, which in terms of present prices exceeds the purchasing power of the 1929 national income.

Campaign expenditures of both parties are to be investigated, and charges that big business tried unsuccessfully to buy the election may cause much rancor. As a partial offset, the Administration may press latent investigations of some of the more corrupt local political machines, both Democratic and Republican. Amendments to the Hatch "clean politics" act may be in order, since there are complaints from both parties that it has not operated as it should.

What course will the President follow during his third term? Will he look upon this vote of confidence as a mandate, as in 1936, to press ahead the program of social reform, or will he view his decreased popular majority as a signal for a breathing spell and for a program to bring about national unity? Or will he try to do both at once?

Germany's position has considerably changed since size over ran the Western European States and subdued France. Her failure to overcome the British has chained her to the continent. Every move to break through to Africa and the Near East is fraught with the greatest risk-which thus far Hitler has not succeeded in ninimizing. At the same time, as matters have developed, France has become much more important is being said that Mussolini is in great fear of being sacrificed to German necessity. Surrounded by the hatred of conquered nationsobliged to woo a weak and elusive France-distrusted by his axis partner-Hitler turns to Russia for relief. It is true that his occupation of Rumania points a dagger at the most vulnerable sections of Russia yet we doubt whether he can count on a Russian agreement as anything more than a diplomatic victory which he will use as a plaster to cover his recent wounds.

A total of 25,000 bales of cotton were graded and classed under the supervision of the State Department of Agriculture's warehouse division in 1939.

ACTORS JUST

SPOTLIGHT ...

GIRLS DON'T OBJECT TO BEING DAZZLED WITH DIAMONDS.

NO DRIVER ENJOYS

LOOKING INTO THE GLARING LIGHTS OF AN ONCOMING CAR WHOSE DRIVER IS TOO SELFISH OR TOO DUMB TO DIM THEM!

Our world ...

Italians on Defensive Lose Ground

Athens, Nov. 18 .- More than 30,000 Italian troops, fighting a desperate defensive battle to save themselves and huge military stores in the Fascist base city of Koritza in Albania, called up their airmen to cover their retreat, a Greek government spokesman said tonight. Italian counterattacks against the Greek mountain troops who threatened to cut the only road of escape for the Fascist legions had ceased late to- 52nd. Year. No. 14. day. More Italian prisoners and war equipment fell into Greek hands, and the Italian air onslaughts were of "no importance," the Fascists losing an average of eight planes to one in the fighting, the spokesman reported.

Big Boast by Benito

Rome, Nov. 19 .- Premier Benito Mussolini, in a vigorous speech, described as the most realistic he ever made, foreshadowed still closer German-Italian He Learned 3 Rs. co-operation yesterday in the axis task of destroying the British Empire. Observers saw in it the first axis hint that the war will not be short. Il Duce minimized a worn copy of Fowler's Ariththe time element in the campaign against Greece, metic and an old-time slate under whose backbone he promised to break. "Once I have his arm, John L. Joines, 76, started, no one can stop me," Il Duce asserted, boastto fulfill a speaking engagement ing that Italy had an additional 8,000,000 men. Although Mussolini gave confident assurance that the The aged pioneer of axis "holds victory in its fist," he admitted that the grew up in the picturesque sur-British scored a victory at Taranto. "Greece is a tricky enemy," Il Duce said. "The Greeks hate Italy more than any other nation. "We will break the backbone of Greece; whether it takes two weeks or two and tricky enemy."

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Can Japan Be Weary?

Hong Kong, Nov. 18.—After 40 months of war fore a student body, he put his in China, Japan was reported today to be seeking message across to the attentive direct peace negotiations with Chinese Generalissimo pupils with the art of a veteran Chiang Kai-shek. These reports, attributed to Tokyo platform speaker. Mr. Joines sources, lacked any official confirmation. Rumors of Japanese peace feelers were circulated last week in from time to time he would do a Chungking, but Chinese military spokesmen there said little pantomiming to illustrate that, instead of thinking of peace, China was preparing some point, much to the delight for three years more of war if necessary. The Japan- of his young audience. ese decision to make peace overtures, the Tokyo re- He pointed out that education ports said, was reached November 13 by the Imperial and advancement are attained by conference, which includes Japan's highest military hard climbing, not all at once, and political leaders.

Britain's Bombers Range Far

London, Nov. 18.—The heavy bombardment of fire and study the three Rs. He an Italian port in Africa and a bomb attack on an cited the great progress education Italian base in Albania were reported by the British has made since his day, and retonight in a series of far-ranging blows apparently minded the pupils that they were intended to help their Greek and Ethiopian allies as the statesmen, governors and even well as to defend the empire against the Axis. The presidents of tomorrow, and that Admiralty announced that blazing guns of light naval units took a heavy toll of port services at Dante, Italian Somaliland. The Admiralty only yesterday in the future. said light naval units had bombarded Mogasdiscio, Very few speakers have the principal port of Ralian Somaliland, and well down ability to hold in such rapt atthe Indian ocean coast from Dante. Almost simultan-tention so large a group of comeously today, the Air ministry news service announced bined grammar grade children and that R. A. F. bombers raided Elbasani, an Italian base in Albania, south of Tirana. Far to the north, British bombars at the street of the north, British bombars at the street of the s that R. A. F. bombers raided Elbasani, an Italian base High School youth. Mr. Joines bombers struck through a gale on the English channel and pounded German batteries on the French coast while the bad weather cut German air attacks on of both the faculties' and stu-London almost to zero.

to the Nazis than Italy. And it More Mysterious Explosions

explosion within a week in a plant of the American Cynanamid and Chemical Corporation did damage estimated at \$250,000 at the company's factory at Bridgeville near Pittsburgh. This building, one of the largest of 45 on the 65-acre grounds, was shattered by the blast. Two workmen were injured.

Stormy Leader Plans to Resign

EVEN THE FISH CAN BE LURED

BY THE BRIGHT LIGHTS -

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 18.—With the mist of tears in his eyes, John L. Lewis solemnly told his C. issued by the Blue Ridge Park- be given to the British Red Cross. possible way. I. O. legions today that he was stepping down as their way Service it is learned that Hundreds of London children, leader and fervently bid them to carry on with unified well over three quarters of a babes in arms and small toddlers, Alien Registration of the Depart- So I bot a steel whistle, leader and tervently bid them to carry on with unified million persons have used the have come under the care of the ment, suggests that those aliens But steel it wooden whistle. leadership the militant organization he founded five Parkway to the end of October. Women's Voluntary Services, the who have not yet registered do Then I bot a lead whistle, years ago. In a hall packed with 500 delegates to July saw the heaviest travel, with Red Cross has been informed. The so as soon as possible and avoid Steel they wooden lead me whistle. C. I. O.'s third national convention, Lewis gave notice 164,430. that he was fulfilling his pre-election promise to retire Officially the Parkway closed air raids, parents killed, or else offices. as C. I. O. president if President Roosevelt was with the first of November, but rushed off to hospital with wounds. re-elected.

A Sad Accident Near Stratford

Last Friday morning Mrs. the winter months. s held for her recovery.

ALLEGHANY

STARATIMES

OVER HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Sparta, N. C.

Thursday, November 21, 1940.

Sparta Pupils How

With his old Blue-Back Speller,

The aged pioneer of Alleghany

auditorium of students about perpetuating individual liberties and present day opportunities." Although this was said to be the old gentleman's first address be-

but "step by step." Striking a reminiscent mood the bearded speaker harked back to the days long ago when he would sprawl out before a raging pine-knot

dents' appreciation of the elder Alleghany farmer.

a fine climax to Sparta High been orphaned or made home-

Of Local Interest

Nursing Services.

Shelter for British children unolder, Mr. Joines' address came as der five years of age who have and be fingerprinted. Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 18. The third mysterious School's observation of American less during the recent air raids be registered by their parents or. After the meeting the society is provided in a gift of \$50,000 guardians. granted in the nation of American Registration takes place at the raising fund for a project the children by the American Red post offices.

Announcement of the gift was connected with alien registration. made following a grant of \$336,-000 by the Red Cross for the im- warns aliens to beware of rackmediate purchase of warm cloth- eteers. ing for English evacuees and the

From the monthly news sheet lances and fifty motorcycles to willingly assist the alien in every babies are found at the scene of the Christmas rush at the post So I bot a tin whistle, no barricades will be erected, and The orphaned or homeless infants, having registered, they are rethe public may use the Parkway protected by W.V.S. girls or air quired to report any change in this train goes to Omaha and at-your-own-risk. During times of raid wardens, later are transfer- their permanent residence address points west". snow and ice the Parkway should red to the newly established shel- within five days to the Immigrabe avoided, as no effort is made ter cottages in the English coun- tion and Naturalization Service train to Oshkosh and I don't care to keep it clear and open during tryside, there to be reclaimed of the Department of Justice in which way it points." later by parents or relatives.

Among the notes regarding the During the summer, thousands pose are obtainable at all post Sarah Sturgill suffered a stroke, Parkway Rangers is found this of American children gave their offices. fell into an open fire and was item of interest to Alleghany pennies or the contents of their savings banks, staged benefits, for the questions he will be asked. "New also is Morrison King conducted lemonade stands and Sample registration forms which Irwin School building, Stratford, Park, assisting Ranger Coombs. can Red Cross war relief fund. show him exactly what information he will need at registration with her son, George. She had King is a Carolinian and not so These gifts from children were are available in all post offices. box and while she was alone the while ago came Granville Liles ren's Fund of the Junior Red stroke came and she fell into the who resides at Spruce Pine and Cross, and from this fund the siasm when you tackled your open fire. Her head, face and who ranges the territory of the contribution was made to establish first job?" shoulders were badly charred and Parkway between Blowing Rock 25 shelters for the orphaned babdisfigured and only slight hope and Buck Creek Gap in North ies and under-5-years-olds in Eng- so glad to get rid of me in my

43,000 Strong

Red Cross Nursing Reserve Called For Defense Duty



All Aliens Must

Register by Dec. 26

Alien children, under 14,

Earl G. Harrison, Director of

Washington. Forms for this pur-

No alien need be unprepared

"Were you fired with enthu-

"Was I? I never saw a man

Tom W. Smith **Found Dead in Car** Near Roaring Gap

Tom Walter Smith, 35, of Roaring Gap was found dead in his automobile at the fire lookout tower near Roaring Gap, Saturday morning, it is reported.

There was no question but that Smith, who had brooded much of late over a protracted illness, had taken his own life by carbon monoxide poisoning. When he was discovered, the motor of his car was running and gas fumes from the exhaust were flowing inside the car through a piece of garden hose which had been attached to the exhaust pipe and squeezed through the window.

A note addressed to his wife was found in his pocket intimiating that failing health had driven him to use suicide as the way out of suffering.

Smith is reported to have been seen Saturday morning by friends at a filling station near the entrance of the Roaring Gap resort grounds. They described him as being in a "highly nervous condition." Less than an hour later his lifeless body was found in the parked car.

His widow and two children are the immediate survivors.

The funeral was held at Antioch Methodist Church, near the Smith home, at 11 o'clock Monday morning. His body was interred in the church graveyard.

Woman's Christian Society Meets at Dr. Choate's Home

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held its monthly meeting at Dr. Burt Choate's residence, Thursday, Mrs. Dobbinse presided. Mrs. Vergie Burchette Alien registration will end on and Mrs. Leonard Halsey both December 26 and all non-citizens presented missionary readings. who have not yet registered are Miss Imogene Choate favored the warned that severe penalties will gathering with a solo, "I am an follow failure to comply with this American," accompanied by Mrs. Genevieve Mead at the piano. Cli-All aliens, 14 years of age and maxing the afternoon's program did talk on foreign missionary

> ladies have in mind. Delicious refreshments were served by the

The Department of Justice Woman's Society of Christian Service is slated for 2 p. m. on Friday, Dec. 13, at the home of The Post Office Department placing of orders for 300 ambu- and the Department of Justice will Mrs. Reeves, Four Oaks Tavern.

> I bought a wooden whistle, but it wooden whistle.

And now I tin whistle.

All aliens are also warned that, Information Clerk: "Madam,

Lady: Young man, I want a

Koy J. Barker

ELKIN, N. C.

INSURANCE That Protects and SERVICE That Satisfies

severely burned. Mrs. Sturgill County. lives at the old home near the sent her son's wife to the mail far from home. From Sparta a segregated in the National Child-

NAPPY HOW TH'OTHER





