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BRITISH ARMY EGYPT CUTS OFF MAIN LINE

Report Capture of
4,000 Italians in 75-
Mile Dash

BULLETIN
LONDON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The government announced tonight the capture of Sidi Barrani, Egypt, from the Italians. Three generals, many prisoners and large quantities of material were taken.

By the Associated Press
Britain's desert troops, striking in a blitzkrieg-like dash across the sands of Egypt, were reported last night to have captured 4,000 Italian prisoners, cut the main lines of communication and driven to the Mediterranean sea coast behind Sidi Barrani.

Sidi Barrani is the chief Italian base established by Marshal Italo Graziani, 75 miles inland from the deepest point of the invasion.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill disclosed in the house of commons that British troops, in a starting Saturday night, had reached an inland oasis, reached the Mediterranean, 35 miles west of Sidi Barrani.

This is the beginning of the end for Mussolini! Cairo news- men declared.

Behind the traditionally conservative reports by London officials, it appeared the British have launched a major offensive in Egypt, aimed at driving the Italians out of the war—and that the bloody campaign in the desert last spring is in the making of the ancient kingdom of the pharaohs.

late bulletin from Cairo reported from the fighting front, said British combat forces had isolated a large number of fascist troops in a vast encircling movement, cutting the main Italian camp at Sidi Barrani.

Off Escape
At the same time, the British lay off Sidi Barrani, lobbing shells into the Italian base—and trying to cut off any fascist attempt at a "Dunkirk escape" to sea.

Italian reports from the Egyptian desert acknowledged only a small-scale action: A fascist army of 30 machines in a sand-dune south of Sidi Barrani.

The British African command entered with a report that 22 planes were shot down in the desert battlefield yesterday.

An exultantly cheering house of commons Prime Minister Winston Churchill remarked crisply it was too early to forecast the scope of the British offensive.

But, he said, "we can say at rate that the preliminary move has been successful."

Beyond stating that advance elements of the British army of Nile have cut behind Sidi Barrani and reached the sea, Churchill cautiously declined to say definitely that the main Italian army estimated between 72,000 and 80,000 soldiers—had been cut off.

Linked with the British offensive in Egypt came reports from Athens of new Greek victories against Premier Mussolini's "invincible" armies in Albania.

Windsors Arrive In U. S.



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrive in Florida aboard the yacht Southern Cross with Mayor Alexander Orr, Jr., of Miami.

British Reject Offer Of US Organization

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The British government Tuesday night rejected plans sponsored by private American organizations for sending food to German-occupied countries.

The action was announced here by Lord Lothian, the British ambassador.

He disclosed he had reported in a proposal by former President Herbert Hoover and on other similar plans during his recent visit to London.

The British government, he said, had decided it was "not able to give permission for the passage of food through the blockade."

The British government, his statement said, had been "reluctantly forced to the conclusion that under present conditions any such scheme must be of material assistance to Germany's war effort and would thereby postpone the day of liberation of these peoples from German subjugation."

Asserting any shortage of food in the occupied countries "is solely due to German action" Lothian's statement said that from the information at the British government's disposal "the risk of starvation has been greatly exaggerated."

"It would be of no service to these peoples," he added, "to send foods if it means the prolongation of their slavery."

The statement said, however, that the British government was prepared "to facilitate the passage through their blockade of medical supplies destined for distribution in territories occupied by Germany and in unoccupied France by approved bodies."

**Library Adds
Many New Books
To Collection**

A number of new books have been added to the already large list in the Cisco public library. Mrs. L. D. Wilson, librarian, has announced the following new books on hand and their authors:

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter, McCullers; New England—Indian Summer, Brooks; The Family, Fedorova; Dr. Dogbody's Leg, Hall; Tree of Liberty, Page; Dr. and His Patients, Hertzler; Nice People Don't Kill, Bronson; Turn of the Table, Stagger; Star Spangled Virgin, Heyward; Whiteoak Heritage, DeLaRoche; Flying Yorkshiresmen, Knight; I Accuse, Simone; Stars on the Sea, Mason; Quietly My Captain Waits, Eaton, and World's End, Sinclair.

Books which have been ordered and will arrive very soon are: Fountain Stone, Lella Warren; (Continued on Page Two)

DOBBS WELL IN CARBON POOL STARTS FLOW

Await Developments
of R. C. Morris Well
In Same Area

The Dobbs Oil corporation No. 2 Thomason, in the South Carbon pool, after drilling the plugs Tuesday came in flowing for an initial production estimated at between 300 and 600 barrels daily, it was reported here today.

The well, shot Monday, at the beginning had only a slight showing of oil, but on the basis of production of adjoining wells, was expected to make good.

Meanwhile, the Gallagher and Lawson No. 1 R. C. Morris, in the same area, was pulling pipe this morning and it was hoped that drilling would begin this afternoon.

The well has produced the best showing of oil of any of the new wells in the promising field, and considerable interest is centered around its development.

Th Mahaney No. 1 Jackson is drilling at 1,200 feet, it was said, carrying a hole full of water, while the Fox, et al, Vaughn No. 1 is still fishing for rods and tubing.

**Ciscoans Named
Officers In
Association**

Two Cisco girls were elected to positions at the quarterly Baptist Young People's association convocation held Tuesday night in Albany.

Miss Dorae Collins was elected secretary of the YWA group of young people's work for the association, and Miss Billie Cole was elected chorister. The 127 delegates attending the meeting represented churches in Ranger, Cisco, Breckenridge, Albany and Olden.

A feature of the evening's entertainment was a sermon in song by the Hardin-Simmons university male quartette, accompanied at the piano by Miss Leta Fielder. A supper for the young people was served by the Albany church.

Attending from Cisco were Misses Dorae Collins, Jeanne Snowden, Willie Frank Walker, and Miriam Gormley. Mrs. J. Y. Culwell, Sunbeam leader, Mmes. M. F. Underwood, W. I. Gormley and Judson Prince. The group was accompanied by Mr. Underwood and Dr. Gormley.

**Kidnaping Story
Almost Credible**

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 11 (AP)—When a seven-year-old boy told a story of being kidnaped by an old man, his mother immediately called police.

At headquarters he related how though bound and gagged he managed to free himself and escape from a car when the "old man" went into a store.

Just when some of the detectives were beginning to believe him he said:

"You know, sometimes I get all mixed up. I think about these stories so much I think they are true."

**Texas Crude Output
Takes Sharp Jump**

TULSA, Dec. 11 (AP)—Daily crude output in the United States increased 276,275 barrels to 3,602,000 for the week ended Dec. 7, the Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

Britain Adds to Egyptian Forces



This scene from an English war office film shows a detachment of newly-arrived British soldiers leaving their camp in Egypt on a drill to accustom them to their new surroundings. It is possible that these are the same troops taking part in Britain's large scale offensive against Italy in the African war theater.

GREEKS HOT IN PURSUIT OF ITALIANS

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 11 (AP)—The retreating Italians suffered "heavy blows" along the northern front today, a Greek government spokesman said Tuesday night, and left more prisoners in Greek hands.

Over the entire front, the spokesman declared, it was a familiar story: a continued fascist retreat, with rear guard fighting by the Italians "overthrown" as it developed.

At Delvino, he said, "large quantities of all kinds of materials" abandoned by the Italians were collected by Greek troops.

The Italian retirement north of Argirocastro was pictured as hasty.

Units of the ninth Italian division were said to have suffered severe casualties in fighting at close quarters apparently on the Italian left wing.

A Greek spokesman pictured Italian resistance as crumbling since Sunday night on the northern front after stubborn defense of "peaks and heights very important from a strategic viewpoint."

Take Flight
"These forces," he said, "were obliged not only to retreat, but to take up flight. If these forces have been able to avoid annihilation it will be due to bad weather which has prevailed."

"Still more to the north, other units of the enemy also are in flight."

Along that inland front, the Greeks are heading toward Elbasani, road junction 25 miles south of Tirana, the Albanian capital, from their bases in the captured region around Lake Ochrida.

Greek forces on the southwest front were said to be pressing an Italian retreat toward Chimara, in an advance toward the port of Valona.

Military reports in London said that the greatest Greek gains yesterday were in the southern sector and that advance forces had reached the town of Piqueras, 15 miles north of Porto Edda on the coast road.

(Stiffer Italian resistance and heavy snow were said to have impeded Greek progress in the north. On the central fighting front, these dispatches said, fascist forces have quit the town of Kelycyre, on the road north from Premet to Berat.)

ACTING MAYOR KILLED

EAGLE PASS, Dec. 10 (AP)—Isaac Castellanos Carranza, acting mayor of Piedras Negras, Mexico, was killed Monday night in a shooting in a saloon. Mrs. Angelina Gonzales, 30, struck by a stray bullet, died Tuesday. The assailant escaped.

Quintet Drills For Tournament At Morton Valley

Under the coaching of Johnnie Edwards, the Lobo basketball quintet has been undergoing stiff workouts this week, in preparation for the round robin tournament which begins in Morton Valley Friday night. It was pointed out that the tournament will not affect the team's conference standing.

Polishing up on offense mainly, the team has been working out with a group of ex-lettermen and ineligible players, including Gibby Donovan, Rosie Qualls, Alton Lomax, J. V. Heyser, W. R. Miller and football line Coach Drake Cathey.

Coach Edwards emphasized that the practice games have been excellent training for the boys, putting them up against players who are experienced and fast, and that the Lobo team has in more instances than one taken the ineligible for a cleaning.

13 New Notaries In Eastland County

EASTLAND, Dec. 11 (Sp)—County Clerk R. V. Galloway has received notice from the secretary of state at Austin that the following 13 persons in Eastland county have been confirmed for appointment as notaries public.

Galloway has mailed notices to this effect to each applicant and when the applicant has made bond, and paid the filing and recording fee of \$2.50 to the county clerk the appointment is complete.

Eastland—J. Leon Ball, Evan Barker, N. E. Grisham, Marie Gustafson, May Harrison, J. W. Joyce, H. L. King, Rita Mathena, Howard Upchurch, Mrs. W. Q. Verner.

Gorman—Mary F. Kimble, Ranger—Christine Mills, Cisco—Ann Rutledge.

Notary appointments made at this time under the new law hold good until June 1, 1941, when such appointments, as well as all others, must be renewed.

Those who are now qualified as notaries do not have to be re-appointed at this time but will have to be re-appointed on June 1, 1941.

WAR COSTS MOUNT

LONDON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The British government spent the record sum of 15,739,191 pounds sterling (about \$62,956,764) daily last week, published exchequer returns disclosed Tuesday night.

FUNERAL OF RECTOR HELD

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 11 (AP)—Funeral services were held Tuesday for Dr. Fuller Swift, 72, former rector of an Episcopal church in Kansas City, who resigned from St. Clement's parish in El Paso and came here in retirement in 1923. Dr. Swift died last Friday. His widow, Anna, survives.

FDR ORDERS CONTROL OF ORE EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt Tuesday ordered iron ore, pig iron, ferro alloys and "certain iron and steel manufactures and semi-manufactures" put under export license control.

The action was announced by the White House. The order was made effective as of December 30.

The president announced today that national defense requirements for iron and steel have increased to such extent that it has become necessary to subject, as of December 30, 1940, iron ore, pig iron, ferro alloys, and certain iron and steel manufactures and semi-manufactures to the licensing requirement.

"Licenses will be granted for exports to the British empire and the western hemisphere; and for the present, so far as the interests of the national defense permit, for exports to other destinations in quantities approximating usual or pre-war exports."

Since Japan has been the largest purchaser of iron ore, pig iron, and other iron and steel manufactures and semi-manufactures from the time an embargo on steel scrap and iron scrap shipments was placed in effect, the president's announcement today is expected further to decrease shipments of vital iron and steel to Japan.

Indications were, however, that it would not stop any exports of such metals to the British empire or to the American republics.

Commission to Meet With CofC On Market Plan

A committee composed of Commissioners W. J. Leach, A. V. Clark and Edward Lee was appointed to confer with the chamber of commerce regarding a proposed city market. The appointment was made at a meeting of the commissioners at the city hall Tuesday night.

W. E. Brown, recently elected justice of the peace, requested, and was granted, use of the corporation courtroom in conjunction with the police department.

Various city bills were presented and approved, and it was decided to issue city employees' salary checks on December 15 for the entire month of December.

All the commissioners were present.

Argentina has 24,532 miles of railroads.

JAYCEES HAVE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. B. Osburn Named
Head of Group For
Coming Year

The Junior chamber of commerce met in the Blue room of the Laguna hotel Monday night for the regular monthly dinner, and in installation of the following officers for the coming year: President, M. B. Osburn; first vice president, Gordon Davis; second vice president, Jim Sauls; secretary, Wilson Davis; treasurer, James McCracken, and state director, Sutton Crofts.

Osburn, who succeeded Sutton Crofts as president, was in charge of the remainder of the meeting. Various business matters were discussed, including Christmas lighting of the blocks included in the business district on Eighth street.

W. E. Dean and Gordon Davis were appointed a committee to work with Joe Clark, secretary of the chamber of commerce, to work out these details.

The remainder of the meeting was given over to discussion of possible affiliation with state and national units of junior chamber of commerce work.

Bert L. Lovett of Denton, associated with the Whaley Mill and Elevator company there, was the guest of M. B. Osburn.

Applications for Mattresses Will Be Made Saturday

Miss Ruth Ramey, county home demonstration agent, announced today that the 1941 campaign for applications for government mattresses would start here on Saturday, December 14, at the chamber of commerce offices at 1:30, at which time Mrs. W. B. Starr and Mrs. Ray Judia will be on hand to take applications.

It was pointed out that anyone desiring to make application for a mattress, who is unable to be at the designated place on Saturday, may secure a blank by writing to Miss Ramey, home demonstration agent, in Eastland.

O'Daniel Plans for Quiet Inauguration

AUSTIN, Dec. 11 (AP)—In contrast to the colorful spectacle staged at his first inauguration, the second induction into office of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel on January 21, will be a simple, quiet affair.

A secretary to the governor yesterday informed an inaugural committee of Austin businessmen that O'Daniel, because of "strained world conditions" preferred a quiet inauguration.

The ceremony will take place on the capitol steps and invitations will be issued by press and radio.



PRESENTS, LET NONE
BE NEGLECTED...
FOR TIME'S GETTING
SHORTER THAN WE HAD
SUSPECTED...
11 SHOPPING DAYS
TILL CHRISTMAS

Weather

EAST TEXAS: Cloudy with occasional rain, colder in west and north portions Wednesday; Thursday considerable cloudiness with occasional rain in east portion, colder in south portion with moderate to fresh southeasterly winds on the coast becoming northerly Wednesday night.

WEST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness with intermittent light rain, south and central portions Wednesday; Thursday decreasing cloudiness, slightly colder in extreme southeast portion Wednesday.

SAILS FROM URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 10 (AP)—The Carnarvon Castle, British's shell-battered, 20,122-ton auxiliary cruiser, her more urgent repairs completed, sailed at 4:45 p. m. (2:15 p. m. EST) Tuesday for an undisclosed destination.

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Out in the Darkness and the Silence

WE moderns take pride in the fact that the
world is known to us today. We like to
think that to the past belong the vast dark
seas believed haunted by monsters, great
tracts which cartographers could only label
"terra incognita," the unknown land. In
our pride, we have believed we had changed
all that—that the world was one, that lands
and people were known one to another.

Pride, always dangerous, comes here to
yet another fall. For the brutal fact is that
today we know almost nothing of what goes
on in the major part of the world.

Three million men, says Tracy Strong,
general secretary of the World Alliance of
Y. M. C. A.'s, are prisoners of war today.
Had you known that? Do you picture three
million men behind barbed wire? Where
are all these men? How fares it with them?
We do not know.

Most of them, of course, are somewhere
within Germany; some are in Canada, Eng-
land, Greece. But all are behind a veil of
mystery, withdrawn from the land of the

known. Three million men suddenly snatch-
ed away into the darkness!

WHAT goes on in Czechoslovakia and Po-
land? No one knows, at least no one in
the general world. Here teeming millions
of people have been removed from the
world's consciousness like figures erased
from a blackboard. They exist, they go on
somehow, one believes. But how, and even
where, we know not. The veil has blotted
them out.

What happens in that vast third of the
occupied world known as Russia? We do
not know. There travelers cannot go with
freedom, reporters cannot send out the pit-
iful scraps of information they may glean.
Here another veil has been drawn around
multiple millions.

How do they fare in Holland, in Belgium,
in Denmark and Norway and Sweden? We
do not know—only mere slivers of light pen-
etrate this curtain. Normal travel, normal
intercourse between peoples of the world is
shattered.

THE United States is probably the best in-
formed country in the world about the
peoples of the rest of the world. Yet even to
us whole sections of that world, whole seeth-
ing populations are as unknown as were the
lands of Tartary to Europeans before Marco
Polo.

What then must be the ignorance of
these veiled regions of the rest of the world?
They talked, when war broke out in
1939, of a "New Dark Age" to come. Is it
not, perhaps, already here?

There are times when it's okay to trump
an ace. The R.A.F. did it to Germany's No. 1.

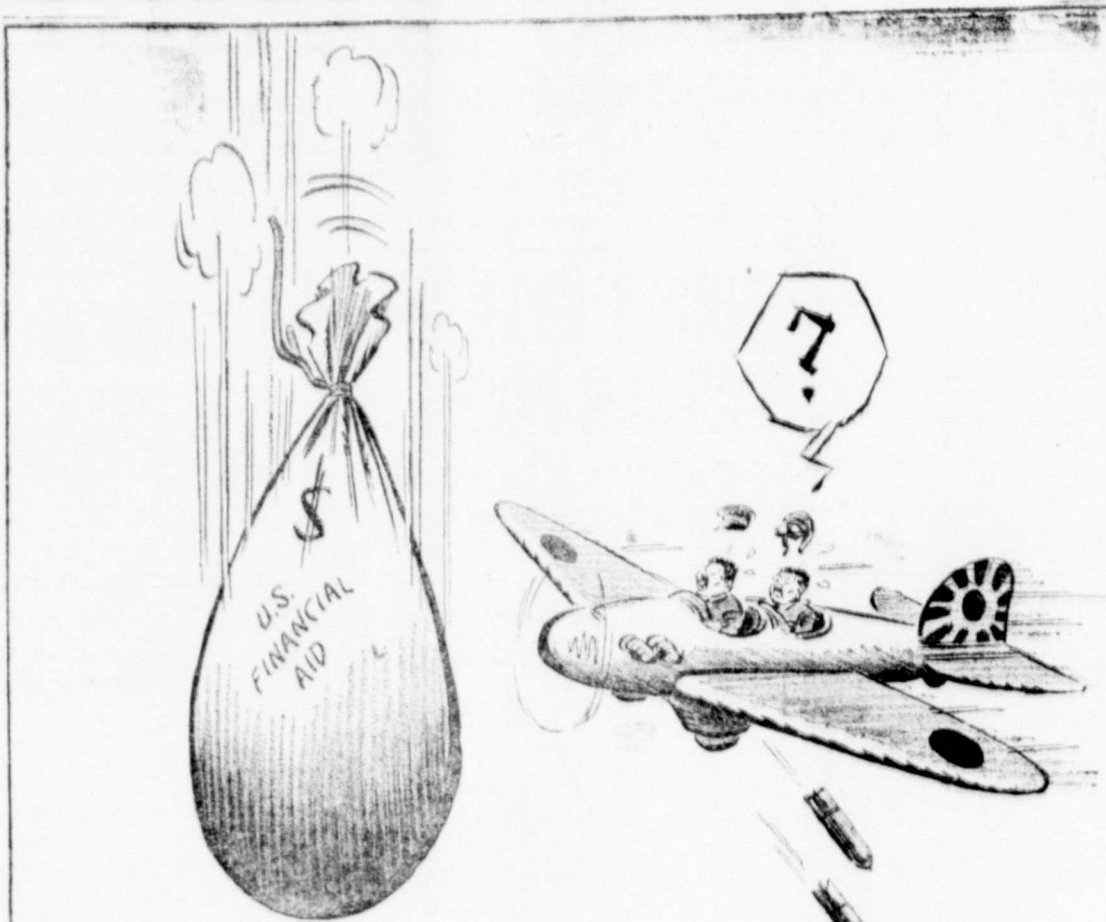
Italians may think rationing macaroni
and spaghetti is a foul blow but it's really
hitting just above the belt.

Missionary at Igloolik penninsular in Can-
ada says Eskimos can't understand why
nations go to war. Will the Eskimos please
move over!

Italian chief of staff was sent from
Rome to Albania to inspect the Italian
fighting front. If he had waited maybe the
front would have come to him.

Weigh well any extra hard knocks you
get. It might be opportunity.

Something Else Landing in China



War Dims His Bright Raiment



War has "blackened out" much of Britain's famed pomp and cere-
mony. One whose brilliance has been dulled is George Grainger,
69, coachman to the lord mayor of London. At left, above, he is
seen in his former ceremonial raiment of scarlet and gold. Today
he appears as at right wearing dull workaday clothes in his job
as back gatekeeper at the Guildhall.

McDonald Urges Allotment Plan for Cotton Crop

AUSTIN Dec. 11 (Spe)—A most
urgent appeal to extend the do-
mestic allotment two-price parity
plan to cotton was made here
Tuesday by J. E. McDonald, com-
missioner of agriculture, with a
warning that unless it is done
bankruptcy and ruin is inevitable
for the cotton farmer, the gin-
ner, the oil mill industry and the mer-
chant in cotton areas.

McDonald pointed out that with-
out an adequate price for cotton the
nation's farmers prosper, as cotton
is the "King-Pin" of agriculture.
Without it they despair and are
headed for peasantry, he asserted.

If cotton is abandoned and the
southern farmer plants his fields
to other products this country will
see the greatest demoralization of
agriculture that has ever occur-
red, McDonald warned, as he de-
clared that the fate of cotton is
the barometer of the farming
world. Because of this he insists
that the farmers of the nation
have a major interest in the pros-
perity of cotton or the lack of it.
He asks that all farmers and busi-
ness generally support an amend-
ment to the national soil conser-
vation and allotment act to ex-
tend the latter principles to cot-
ton and return to good prices and
decent living.

month ago, 237.9 pounds produc-
ed last year and a 10-year aver-
age of 198.1.

January Draft Call Delay Is Anticipated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The
war department was reported to
be preparing a general revision of
schedules for mobilization the re-
mainder of the national guard,
with the intention of delaying
calls for most of approximately
126,000 men who were to have
donned uniforms in January.

Lags in the construction of
camps due to bad weather, strikes
and other factors were blamed.
In some cases an inadequate wa-
ter supply has made it necessary
to alter plans for handling an in-
creased number of troops at sev-
eral cities.

Military circles heard that con-
fidential instructions to alter or-
iginal plans had gone out to di-
vision and other commanders pre-
paring to mobilize between Janu-
ary 3 and January 19, but the
war department refused confirma-
tion.

Secretary Stimson announced on
October 17 that the war depart-
ment program then called for mo-
bilization of a fifth group of na-
tional guard units composed of
eight divisions and 81 regiments
or other units, January 3-19. The

sixth and final contingent
was to be ordered into service about
February 3.
Original schedules were fur-
ther delayed to a great extent by the
units already mobilized, although
a few units called to active duty
last month had to be held at
home stations pending completion
of camp facilities.

Library Adds...

(Continued from Page One)
Hildreth, Estes; One Foot
Heaven, Spence; On the
Tide, Laura Krey; I Want
Munger, Rinehart, and 30,000
the Hoof, by Zane Gray.

According to recent figures
there were 25,800 more
flyers in September, 1940,
there were in the same month
1939.

Daily Press Want Ads

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Put a few drops of Vicks Vapo-
rizer up each nostril at the very first
sign of a cold, or sneeze. Its stimulating action
Nature's defenses against colds.

VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

COURT DECISION ON JURISDICTIONAL STRIKES MAY AFFECT ROW BETWEEN A. F. OF L. AND C. I. O.

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA service staff correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The whole
controversy between the A. F.
of L. and the C. I. O. may be
greatly affected by a decision the
Supreme Court is expected to
hand down before the end of
the year.

The case does not involve the
C. I. O. directly, but concerns a
jurisdictional fight between
two A. F. of L. unions—the
Brotherhood of Carpenters and
the International Association
of Machinists.

It hinges, however, on the ques-
tion whether legal protection of
the right to strike extends to a
union which is waging a jurisdic-
tional strike.

Case arose at St. Louis, where a
little over a year ago the Depart-
ment of Justice indicted William
L. (Big Bill) Hutchison, head of
the Carpenters' Union, and three
associates, as the result of a jurisdic-
tional scrap on the premises of
the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co.

Anheuser-Busch had contracts
with both machinists and carpen-
ters. Trouble came when the car-
penters demanded the right to as-
semble and install machinery in a
new building. They struck, and
the indictments followed. U. S.
district court in Missouri threw
the indictments out, and the case
is now before the high court on
an appeal.

LOWER COURT SIDED WITH UNION

THE lower court held, in sub-
stance, that no conspiracy to
restrain trade and commerce was
shown, that the real purpose of
the union leaders was not to re-
strain commerce but to win a
labor controversy, and that the
Norris-LaGuardia act modifies the
anti-trust law sufficiently to pro-
tect a union which is employing

lawful means to wage a jurisdic-
tional strike.

If the Supreme Court upholds
Justice's campaign against the
building costs will be restricted
at least in so far as such costs
be traced to union boycotts and
banks. Anti-trust division ex-
pects union activity is largely re-
sponsible for prevention of the use
of cheap building materials and pa-
viment house sections.

Even more interesting is the
possible effect on the A. F. of L.
C. I. O. controversy if the court
should rule that union leaders
may be indicted for restraining in-
terstate commerce in a jurisdic-
tional fight. A Department of
Justice which chose to follow
the decision by bringing indictments
against jurisdictional strike lead-
ers could very quickly rub out
jurisdictional strike completely
of the picture. If that should
happen, the two rival labor groups
would have no weapons left to
fight each other with.

EMPLOYER HELD POWERLESS

THE government's brief in
the Supreme Court sharply
denounces the jurisdictional strike.
"An employer who finds himself
the victim of such a strike is pow-
erless to remedy the situation,"
says. "There is no concession
can make which will stop their
tack on his business. Similar
the union whose relations with
the employer the other union seek
to disrupt... has no weapon
other than ruthless economic warfare
defend itself against the aggressions
of those who would destroy it."

"If unions grow with the
efficiency and ability of their lead-
ers to gain advantages for labor
good union leadership may be
perpetrated. But if a union is per-
mitted to expand through the
brutal use of power against
neutral employers, there will be a
premium on ruthless and con-
cealed leadership. Consequently, it is
essential to the growth of an in-
tellectual labor movement that
competing unions should not suc-
ceed or fail solely with reference
to their ability to bring pressure
against each other."

Pre-Holiday Fire Check Suggested By Commissioner

AUSTIN, Dec. 11 (Spe)—Faced
with the danger of a mounting
death toll brought on by the wide-
spread use of highly inflammable
Christmas decorations, Marvin
state fire insurance com-
missioner, today urged Texans to
inspect local firemen to make a
pre-holiday check of fire hazards
in the home.

"Where at all possible, firemen
will welcome the opportunity to
inspect the hazards," Hall de-
clared. "Firemen have a special
responsibility to guard against fire
hazards at Christmas, and the
owners of homes and business es-
tablishments should call upon
them to make inspections when
in doubt as to the safety of their
holiday decorations."

A Christmas tree kept in a
bucket of water will retain much
of its normal dampness and thus
cut down the danger of a hot
blaze. However, the commissioner
warned against placing trees in
such a way as to block exits, and
admonished against their use near
stoves and steam radiators.

They should be decorated only
with asbestos, glass and metal.
The tree alone will make a dan-
gerous fire, without the added
fuel of paper, cotton snow and
pyroxylin decorations.

The wide use of electric exten-
sion cords, Christmas tree lights
and lights in windows bring new
hazards to every home. The use
of tinsel on lighted trees creates
a danger of short circuit. Some
of the load should be cut off cir-

cuits when fuses begin to blow,
but fuses should not be bridged
under any circumstances.
Exits and aisles must be kept
unobstructed, and every effort
should be made to dispose of
packing materials as quickly as
possible.

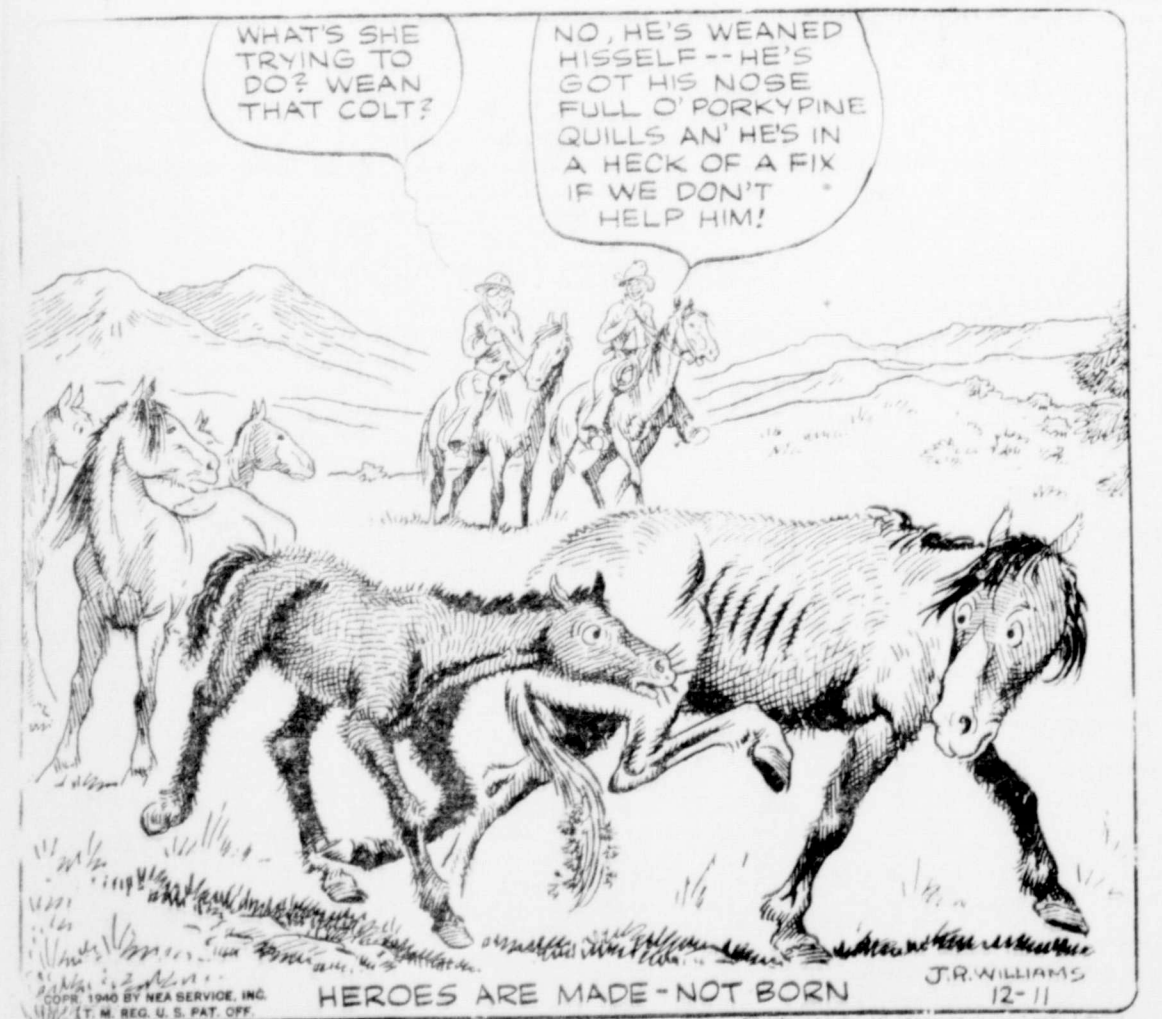
Cotton Estimate Lowered Slightly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (P)—
The agriculture department esti-
mated the 1940 cotton crop at 12-
686,000 bales and declared a con-
siderable portion of the 1 per cent
decrease from the November 1 de-
crease was due to lateness of boll
development from Alabama to
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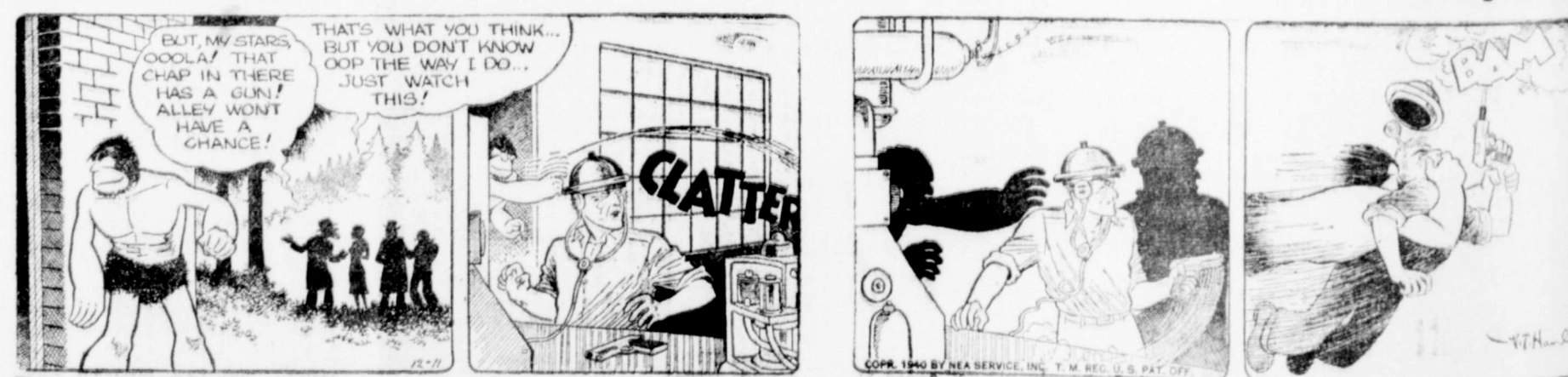
The estimated production still
is well above last year's total of
11,817,000 bales and the 1938 crop
of 11,943,000 bales, but below the
10-year 1929-1938 average of 13-
347,000 bales.

The department estimated the
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Foot-Bull Session for Aggies



It's hard to tell the topic of this bull session from the expressions on the participants' faces, but you can pretty well bet that when the Texas Aggies get to talking, they're talking about beating the Fordham Rams in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's Day. That's "Jarrin' Jawn" Kimbrough, No. 39, who's laughing; Earl ("Bama") Smith No. 32; and end Jack Kimbrough, No. 40, John's brother.

SERIAL STORY

DUDE COLLEGE

BY OREN ARNOLD

YESTERDAY: Wes links Lona's visits to Rainbow canyon and her friendship with Andre, and the bombing tests. But he has no basis for suspecting anyone. He rides out one evening, surprised when Lona passes, without seeing him. He trails her, then he realizes someone is trailing him. He is unarmed, but catches the rider with his lariat.

RONNIE FIGHTS BACK

CHAPTER XXI

WESLEY'S lariat loop had snaked out gracefully and true despite the darkness. It settled over the rider's shoulders. Wes whipped his right arm backward to jerk it tight and thus in an instant the rider's arms were pinned to his sides. Wes dug in his heels.

"Oh-hu-u-uh!"

The response was a weird little staccato squeal of fright, almost feminine. Plump-down the unsaddled rider fell. The horse snorted and jumped off to one side.

Wes was already running. The last few feet he literally dived and landed squarely on the dark form there on the ground.

"Take it easy!" he growled.

But the victim declined to obey. The person became a wildcat of flailing legs. One knee struck Wes a terrific blow in his ribs. A heel drove hard into his ribs. The defender was far from helpless, even if arms and body were in a tight lariat loop.

His victim, however, was noticeably smaller than Wes had expected, and in spite of the writhing, breathing, scrapping resistance Wes found that he could hold the rope tight and finally get a half-inch around the ankles. He drew it tight too, but—already he was beginning to sense something.

The victim gasped that much while struggling and Wesley Yuck froze.

Standing now, he suddenly was motionless, mouth open in astonishment. The figure at his feet still fought the rope furiously, and for an endless moment Wes just stood there disbelieving his own

home. Wes led them there before going to the stables. He went inside a moment and came out carrying a pearl-handled gun.

"Ronnie," he spoke calmly, seriously "take this pistol and carry it with you whenever you go anywhere. Do you hear me?"

"But, Wes—"

Ronnie didn't answer.

It was, in truth, the first time any man had ever talked to her in such tones. Any New York man who had tried thus to give her orders would have had a saucy reprisal at once. But—oddly—Ronnie Bailey was secretly elated. She didn't even mention that she already owned a pistol. She just let him escort her to the stables and then to her car, and she bade him good-night with a new note of respect.

And in his own right, Wesley Yuck was also elated.

DOCTORING facial wounds for a second time—and for a second time making lame but accepted explanations to his mother—the young college instructor reflected that the student Ronica Bailey, for whom he was faculty adviser, was the most extraordinary somebody he had ever met. She fitted into no known category of co-eds. She was utterly different—and delightful. Courageous? She had done a daring thing, alone; and in a crisis she had fought back like a wild beast. And yet half an hour later she

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

CATHRYNE RUSSELL, Editor
Phone Numbers 344 and 608Mrs. Hayes Is
Circle Hostess
On Tuesday

The Elizabeth Truly circle of the First Baptist Women's Missionary society met in the home of Mrs. W. H. Hayes Tuesday afternoon.

The devotional was given by the hostess, and taken from the 15th chapter of Acts. Mrs. A. D. Estes led in prayer, after which Mrs. L. A. White, chairman, presided over a business session. Mrs. Myers recently of Brownwood was welcomed as a new member of the circle.

Mrs. J. R. Burnett, teacher, then brought an interesting lesson, taking her topic from the two books of Chronicles. Mrs. O. G. Lawson dismissed the business meeting with prayer and a social hour followed, during which members exchanged gifts from a Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served by Mmes. J. R. Burnett, A. B. Cooper, J. Y. Culwell, E. R. Dunaway, A. D. Estes, Roy Farley and daughters, R. D. Jones, O. G. Lawson, E. C. McClelland, Don McEachern, F. E. Shepard, D. E. Nix, L. A. White, Myers and little daughter, and the hostess, Mrs. Hayes.

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Members Bring Gifts
For Pres-Mex School

Mrs. T. C. Williams was hostess Tuesday afternoon to Circle Three of the First Presbyterian auxiliary when it met in her home at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. J. E. Caffrey presided and Mrs. Rosalie Pentecost brought the devotional. The lesson, taken from the Presbyterian paper, "The Survey," was directed by Mrs. Elizabeth McCracken. "Listen, the Wise Men Have Come," was the title of an article given by Mrs. W. W. Wallace, and Mrs. McCracken read "The Coming of the Wise Men."

An attractive miniature scene of the manger where Jesus was born, of Mary and Joseph and the wise men, was arranged in the room, and each member brought a gift and placed it near the manger. The gifts will be presented later to the Pres-Mex school at Taft, a school for Mexican girls.

After the benediction the hostess served refreshments to Mmes. J. J. Tableman, W. W. Wallace, R. F. Weddington, John Garrett, J. G. Jones, Sr., Elizabeth McCracken, H. L. Jackson, Leith Morris, J. E. Caffrey, John Rupe, Rosalie Pentecost, C. O. Pass, Guy Brogdon and Pruitt.

Christian Group in
Meeting Tuesday

Group Three of the First Christian Women's council met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Theresa Weddington, Mrs. Edward Lee, chairman, presiding.

A mission program was directed by Mrs. Jack Elkins, with parts taken by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Roy Fonville and Mrs. Elkins. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Present were Mmes. George

Two TCU Girls
Spend Holidays
In Cisco

FORT WORTH, Dec. 11 (Spe).—Miss Ruth McKissick and Miss Edleen Armstrong, both of Texas Christian university, will return to their homes in Cisco to spend the Christmas holidays, which begin Saturday, December 21 and close Monday, January 6.

Miss McKissick, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McKissick of Cisco, is a junior. She is majoring in elementary education at T. C. U., and is a member of the Student Christian association, and the Meliorist club.

Miss Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Armstrong of Cisco, is a sophomore. She is majoring in journalism, and is a member of Les Grenouilles, the Women's Choral club, the Mixed chorus, the Student Christian association, the Leti club and Dana Press club.

Mrs. Jackson Circle
Hostess Tuesday

The Ann Margrett circle of the First Baptist Women's Missionary society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. L. Jackson, Mrs. O. J. Russell presiding. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Algie Skiles, after which Mrs. J. E. Burnam brought the lesson from the second book of Chronicles.

After a short business session the hostess served refreshments to Mmes. J. E. Burnam, O. J. Russell, Ira Robinson, James Lee, Algie Skiles and Frank Blackstock.

Atkins, Jack Elkins, James Flournoy, H. R. Garrett, Edward Lee, L. C. Moore, Rex Moore, Fred Steffey, Roy Fonville, J. L. Latimore, J. R. Wright, Sam Kimball and the hostess, Mrs. Weddington.

British Fascist
Gets an Airing

Dapperly dressed, but wearing a prison-grown beard, Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist leader, is pictured attending London law courts to deny he and Lady Mosley were pampered in jail. He testified following charges by London newspapers that rich Fascists live luxuriously in their cells, with chicken, champagne and private servants.

Circle Four Meets
With Mrs. Ghormley

Circle Four of the First Baptist Women's Missionary society met in the home of Mrs. W. I. Ghormley Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. M. F. Underwood, chairman, presiding. The lesson, taken from the 21st chapter of John, was brought by Mrs. C. P. Cole.

The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting to Mmes. C. Pittman, M. F. Underwood, H. L. Kunkel, S. B. Parks, E. J. Poe, C. K. Padgett, C. P. Cole, Joe Brittain, Monte Stivers, Leon McPherson, W. C. Shelton, W. D. Hazel, G. B. Langston, Miss Willie Frank Walker, Miss Miriam Ghormley, a visitor, Mrs. Bertie Carmichael, and the hostess, Mrs. Ghormley.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING
OF CREDITORS

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas in Bankruptcy, Abilene division.

In the matter of A. Grist Hardware Co., Bankrupt, No. 1898 in Bankruptcy. Abilene, Texas, Dec. 10th, 1940.

Before D. M. Oldham, Referee in Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of A. Grist Hardware Co., a firm composed of A. Grist and Fred T. Grist, as a firm and as individuals, of Cisco in the county of Eastland and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of Dec., A. D. 1940, the said A. Grist Hardware Co., firm and individuals was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in the City of Abilene, Taylor county, Texas, on the 23rd day of Dec., A. D. 1940, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, appoint a committee of creditors, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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SDC Club Meets
With Miss Putnam

The SDC club had its regular meeting Saturday evening in the home of Miss Patsy Jim Putnam. Routine business was disposed of, and the hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Present were Miss Dorothy Jackson, Frances Jean Hanrahan, Bonnie Jo Mapes, Helen Childers, Jeanette Myrick, Gloria Benson, the sponsor, Dorothy Childers, and the hostess, Patsy Jim Putnam.

The Notebook

Thursday

The Cecilian singers will meet at the studio of Hjalmar Bergh at 7 o'clock.

The Music Study club will have a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. S. Cope, beginning at 9:30.

The Philathea Sunday school class of the First Methodist church will have a Christmas party in the class room, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Philathea Class
To Have Party

The annual Christmas party of the Philathea class of the First Methodist church will be held Thursday evening, December 12, at 7:30 in the class room. All members and teachers are urged to attend and bring a small inexpensive gift.

Co-hostesses for the party will be Mmes. Ed Huestis, W. W. Edleman, D. P. King, B. D. Barnard, B. E. Morehart, Roy Westfall and Miss Lela Latch.

Circle Three Meets
With Mrs. Eddleman

Circle Three of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. W. W. Eddleman, Mrs. C. E. Hickman, circle chairman, presiding over the meeting.

The devotional was brought by Mrs. W. E. Ricks, after which Mrs. John Shertzer and Mrs. John Brown read interesting articles.

The meeting then took on a party atmosphere and gifts were exchanged. The house was artistically decorated for the occasion in a Yuletide theme. Miss Louise Flaherty gave an appropriate Christmas reading.

Members present were Mmes. W. L. Boyd, J. N. Duncan, A. R. Westfall, Swan Elliott, John Brown, Jim Moss, William Reagan, S. H. Nance, John Shertzer, W. E. Ricks, W. M. Joyner, C. E. Hickman, O. W. Hampton, Roy Langston, J. J. Porter, Ed Huestis and the hostess Mrs. Eddleman.

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