

# WASHINGTON FORECAST

Cloudy tonight and tomorrow; colder tonight with minimum about 40; north winds. (Details on Page 22.)

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# Sabotage Reported on U. S. Cruiser Vincennes

## Britain Yields To Mussolini in Spanish Crisis

PARIS, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.).—Premier Camille Chautemps suddenly called an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet this afternoon—the second of this critical week. Indicating that some major move might be forthcoming, the premier also ordered the heads of the army, navy, and air force to be present.

Immediate reopening of the Pyrenees frontier to permit sympathizers to give aid to the Spanish loyalists is believed to be the most likely outcome, although no formal announcement is looked for before a third cabinet meeting tomorrow.

### Protest on Volunteers Delayed

By KINGSBURY SMITH

LONDON, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.).—Drastic action against Italy for her continued refusal to withdraw Italian volunteers from Spain was deferred by the British cabinet today at a two-and-a-half-hour meeting.

## Writer Tells Of Chinese Rout

By JOHN GOETTE

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JAPANESE ARMY ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS, PINGSHAN, HOPPEI, China, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). China's defense of the northern front turned into a wild debacle today.

Pillaging and often killing fellow-countrymen as they go, the huge Chinese army of 200,000 is retreating in disorder to the south with such precipitation that the Japanese are hard put to keep up with their rear guard.

### RESISTANCE WEAK

Everything I have seen on the Pingshan front indicates Chinese resistance has been extremely slight since the last stand at the ancient walled city of Chaocho. Japan's forces have advanced 175 miles in 30 days. Troops of General Count Juichi Terauchi are now across the Huto River on a wide front and less than 90 miles from the great Yellow River, the natural boundary line of north China.

Yet Japanese claims that 26,000 Chinese troops were slain below Paoching are unconvincing, because of the very fact that little Chinese resistance has been put up.

### RETREAT DISORDERLY

Paucity of the fighting is further shown by the fact that I saw no Japanese wounded being taken back to the rear in the two days of my trip towards Shihchiachwang.

The Chinese army is in such disorder that the troops are failing to cover up their retreat by blowing up bridges and otherwise impeding the Japanese advance along the Peiping-Hankow Railroad.

Cities are being plundered, and houses throughout the retreat area are being stripped of their woodwork, furniture, bedding, food, and cooking utensils.

In many cases civilians who resist the fleeing army are shot. China's northern "Hindenburg line" north of the Huto River did not last two days.

(Other Details on Page 4).

## Artist's Prince Handicap Winner

NEWMARKET, England, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.).—Artist's Prince, paying 13 to 1, won the historic Cambridge Handicap today. Red Squaw at 25 to 1 was second and Incketh, at the same price, third. Twenty-six ran.

## For Peace!



—International News Photo.  
BARON KONSTANTIN VON NEURATH, German foreign minister, announced today his country has agreed to observe perpetually the neutrality of Belgium, to preserve peace.

## REICH, BELGIUM IN PEACE PACT

BERLIN, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). Reich Foreign Minister Baron Konstantin von Neurath and the Belgian Minister to Germany today exchanged letters in which Germany recognized the territorial inviolability of Belgium.

Von Neurath's letter stated that in view of the time needed to replace the Locarno Pact, Germany now wished to give neutrality assurances to Belgium, "in a desire to strengthen peaceful relations between the two nations."

The exchange of letters amounted virtually to a declaration of non-aggression and was interpreted by some observers as a reply by Germany to President Roosevelt's condemnation of war and "international anarchy."

In it Germany guaranteed Belgian neutrality and territorial integrity "under all circumstances"—meaning in the event of war as well as in time of peace. The declaration took the form of an exchange of letters, rather than a formal pact, following negotiations which proceeded on the basis of Chancellor Hitler's Reichstag speech January 30, assuring the inviolability of Belgian territory.

## Lanigan Speaker At K. of C. Dinner

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 13. Thomas W. Lanigan, special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, was the guest speaker at the Columbus Day dinner of Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, at the George Mason Hotel last night.

## Mrs. Mussolini Loses 60 Pounds; Tells How

By WALTER KIERNAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.).—When Mussolini wags an expressive finger, an apprehensive world of men sits on the edge of its chairs and pays attention. When Signora Mussolini drops 60 pounds, a world of women crowds down front and begs for the secret.

"Steam cabinets, massage and diet—especially diet," says Miss Rebecca Dean, who got it from Antoinette Citrano in Italy, and Miss Citrano got it from another lady in the toning-up-thinning-down trade, who had Signora Mussolini for a client.

A year ago, traveling in Europe, she met Miss Citrano, also a female form moulder. A friendly

argument developed over American vs. European reducing. Miss Citrano played her ace—Signora Mussolini had peeled 60 pounds and was still peeling under a system applied by a friend of hers and in which diet played a large part.

Signora Mussolini's diet appears on Page 2.

## WILSON ERRORS CALLED "HELP" BY PRESIDENT

Point Way in Peace Work, He Says

Full text of President Roosevelt's speech on Page 11.

By GEORGE DURNO  
HYDE PARK, N. Y., Oct. 13 (I.N.S.).—President Roosevelt today retired to Hyde Park for a week, after assuring the Nation he had been close enough to the Wilson Administration from 1913 to 1921 to profit by errors of those then conducting our international relationships. He emphasized that "America hates war; America hopes for peace; therefore, America actively engages in the search for peace."

In his "fireside chat" from Washington last night, the President carefully divided his address into sections—the latter part amplifying, and, in many respects, conciliating the startling speech he made in Chicago last week warning of the possibility of war and pointing an accusing finger at Japan, Italy and Germany.

### WILL JOIN IN PARLEY

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that the United States was willing to attend a conference of the signatories to the nine power treaty of 1922 to solve the Sino-Japanese problem but he added "it is our purpose to co-operate with the other signatories to this treaty, including China and Japan."

China will be present at the conference table. Dispatches from Tokyo indicate Japan will not.

Still hammering at the ominousness of the international situation, however, the President asserted: "I want our great democracy to be wise enough to realize that aloofness from war is not prompted by unawareness of war. In a world of mutual suspicions, peace must be affirmatively reached for. It cannot just be wished for. It cannot just be waited for."

### TO SHUN MISTAKES

And then, Mr. Roosevelt reassured the public that mistakes of the Wilson Administration would not be his.

"Remember," he admonished, "that from 1913 to 1921, I was fairly close to world events, and in that period, while I learned much of what to do, I also learned what not to do."

The President did not retreat from his position as outlined at Chicago.

## W. Irving Glover Enters Hospital

BALTIMORE, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). W. Irving Glover, 58, Assistant U. S. Postmaster General under the last three Republican administrations, has entered Bon Secours Hospital for treatment. Physicians said today he is suffering from a mild paralysis. Glover, whose home is in Englewood, N. J., spent most of the summer on Gibson Island, Md., on the Chesapeake Bay. He had planned to spend the fall months in North Carolina.

## Honey's Son Dies In Ship Plunge

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). Robertson Honey, Jr., of New York, son of the one-time American consul to Bermuda and member of a Wall Street law firm, fell or leaped to his death yesterday from the Monarch of Bermuda returning from a Bermuda cruise, it was disclosed yesterday.

## She'll Watch That Clock Now!



LITTLE JOAN BLAKLEY is only 6, so she forgot to watch the clock yesterday while playing near her home at 528 Kennedy St. N. W. She was missing nine hours. The neighborhood was aroused and husky policemen looked everywhere—to find her only three blocks away, playing happily. (Story on Page 2.)

## Local Laws Studied For Special Session

Hard on the heels of President Roosevelt's call for an extra session of Congress, Congressional leaders in District affairs today began preparations of a program of local legislation to be placed before the session which starts next month.

## Harris Dead Of Gunshot

William Morgan "Bill" Harris, 27, of the 1200 block Eleventh St. N. W., one of two brothers who were shot yesterday in a Ninth Street restaurant by a man they are alleged to have beaten, died in Casualty Hospital early today of a wound in the abdomen.

James Fred Harris, 29, of the same address, the other brother, was reported to be recovering at Casualty Hospital. He was wounded in the hip.

Meanwhile, police are holding Louis Jack Tapponier, 28, of the 400 block of P St. S. W., who, according to witnesses in the lunch room at the time of the shooting, fired the shots that struck the two brothers.

All three of the men involved in the case have police records. Department of Justice records show that the two Harris brothers were released from the Moundsville (W. Va.) penitentiary less than two months ago. Tapponier has been arrested by local police several times, once for assault with a dangerous weapon.

## Plane Crash Kills 9 Off Java Coast

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). Nine persons were killed today when a Dutch naval plane crashed into the sea off Brongdong on the Javanese north coast during a night flight from Sourabaya to Batavia.

## 4 KILLINGS TOLD BY BRADY THUG

BANGOR, Me., Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). Smoking cigarettes incessantly, sole surviving member of the notorious Al Brady gang, today revealed an astounding story of four ruthless Midwestern killings and many robberies committed by the Indiana desperadoes.

With the bullet-riddled bodies of Brady and Clarence Shaffer, Jr., on marble slabs at a local morgue, Dalhove confessed, police said, that the bandits had slain three policemen and a grocery clerk in Indiana and Ohio. This was during one year of their mad crime career after breaking out of jail.

G-men were silent, but Bangor Police Capt. Frank Foley said he saw the Federal operatives, work.

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## Residence in Kent Is Eyed By Lindys

LONDON, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.). Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh may purchase a home in the Seven Oaks district of Kent, where they are now tenants in the estate, Longbarn, it was reported today.

## Nazis Say Vatican Bows to Roosevelt

BERLIN, Oct. 13 (I.N.S.).—Charging the Vatican with "kow-towing" to President Roosevelt, the Nazi newspaper Der Angriff today criticized Archbishop Mooney, of Detroit, for silencing Father Charles E. Coughlin, the "radio priest."

"The Vatican's new bow to Roosevelt, occurring simultaneously with its praise of his Chicago speech," the newspaper said, "indicates that relations between the Vatican and the United States are going to be closer even than they were after Cardinal Pacelli's mission to America."

"The Vatican expects that diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the United States will soon be reestablished."

## BOARD TELLS OF DAMAGE TO SHIP AT DOCK

Other Serious Cases Are Recalled

(I.N.S.).—Evidence of sabotage on the Navy's newest heavy cruiser, Vincennes, was reported today to the Navy high command by a board of investigation.

The board held its investigation after extensive damage was done to the reduction gears in the heavy cruiser while the warship was undergoing dock trials at Boston.

### NOISES DEVELOP

While undergoing the trials, strange noises developed in one set of reduction gears. The gear box was opened, and a stray piece of metal which the board found could not have become detached from any portion of the interior was found to have stripped the gears.

The other three gear boxes were immediately opened and while two were found in perfect condition, in the third a file was found. This tool, the board found, was not of Navy issue.

In its finding, the board stated the foreign bodies were "possibly placed there by a person unknown, but that it could have been accidental."

### BUILT BY BETHLEHEM

The Vincennes was built by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation's Fore River (Mass.) plant. It was launched February 24, 1937, and is the newest of the Navy's heavy cruisers.

It was recalled at the Navy Department that the Vincennes' sister ship, the cruiser Quincy, also built at the Fore River plant, likewise had gear trouble under similar circumstances while on trial.

The Quincy was undergoing trials off Boston when its gears were stripped, and when the gear box was opened up it was found that a spanner wrench was in the gear box. Also while the Quincy was being built a fire of mysterious origin developed in the auxiliary machinery room and spread to the aft engine room. This was in August, 1935.

### OTHER CASES RECALLED

Two other serious cases of sabotage have been discovered in American warships in the past few years, both occurring in the New York Navy Yard.

The cruiser Indianapolis, while undergoing overhaul, developed an electrical fire. The cables were replaced and on first inspection appeared in good shape, but on being put through a high voltage test under which the warship would have to function at high speed operations at sea, a serious short circuit occurred, and upon investigation the new cables were found to have phonograph needles and small nails embedded in them.

A similar occurrence to the Colorado in 1930 at the same yard caused a fire which resulted in damages of \$250,000 to the ship.

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