

WEATHER

South Carolina: Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; somewhat cooler Tuesday; moderate to fresh northeast winds.

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PEE DEE FAIR OPENS ITS 19TH. SHOWING TODAY

China Makes Threat Of War Over Japanese Conflict

Did You Ever Stop To THINK?

THAT Florence people do not patronize the Pee Dee Fair as they should. This is one time in the year when the business and professional people of Florence should throng the grounds to meet and mingle with their visitors.

THAT—This complaint came to the ears of The Morning News from one of the outstanding farmers of South Carolina, a man who is considered and has proved himself to be one of the leading citizens of the state. It was Melver Williamson who told us we are not backing the fair. This is something Florence business men may well ponder. Melver Williamson does not speak idly.

THAT—In these times of stress people are being called upon to pay their taxes or lose their property. Household goods and lands are being advertised for sale. Counties and state are making themselves land owners. What they will do with the lands no one knows. What the farmers will do without them no one knows.

THAT—It does seem that some arrangement could be made to pay taxes by the month or by the quarter, and let the whole thing fall due at one time. It used to be that cotton paid taxes but that time is past. Even tobacco has failed to satisfy the tax collector. The thing to do now is to put taxes on the installment plan.

THAT—Form letters from the city tax collector's office have gone out to all those arrears. Taxes must be paid or levy will be made. The comptroller general has told county authorities they must get the money or the property. After all the government can't run unless the taxes are paid.

THAT—Now more than ever is a time for calmness and reason, for courage, faith and hope. There is no use to get excited. This is not the first time things have been back and it won't be the last.

THAT—One of the worst infractions of the parking laws these days is the tendency toward double parking, the police officials say. With cars lining both sides of the street there is not room for the third car.

SITUATION IN MANCHURIA IS AT HIGH PITCH

President Chiang Kai-Shek Makes Threatening State Of War LEAGUE MEETS TODAY Japan Fails To Take Kai-Shek's Move As Being Serious

(By The Associated Press) A threat of war was made by the president of China Monday on the eve of consideration by the League of Nations Council in Geneva today of the Manchurian controversy between Japan and China. An unofficial conference of Chinese and Japanese in Tokyo was also considering the situation. President Chiang Kai-Shek threatened war against Japan unless the league obtained a "just settlement" for China. The Chinese president charged Japanese troops were occupying Manchuria without justification. Chiang's statement was not taken seriously in Japan where a foreign office spokesman said it was merely an effort to force the league and the United States to intervene in Manchuria. The foreign office spokesman said the matter was one for Japan and China to settle and that China must protect Japanese residents in Manchuria before soldiers would be withdrawn. Japanese and Chinese officials, meeting informally in Tokyo to consider terms of a settlement, did not comment on the war threat.

In Washington it was understood in official quarters that the American government was awaiting action by the league before taking any new steps to end hostilities. No reports of further fighting in Manchuria were received during the last 24 hours.

Nanking, Oct. 12.—(AP) War against Japan was threatened by President Chiang Kai-Shek of China today, in a "just settlement" of the Chinese-Japanese controversy over Manchuria is not obtained by the League of Nations Council.

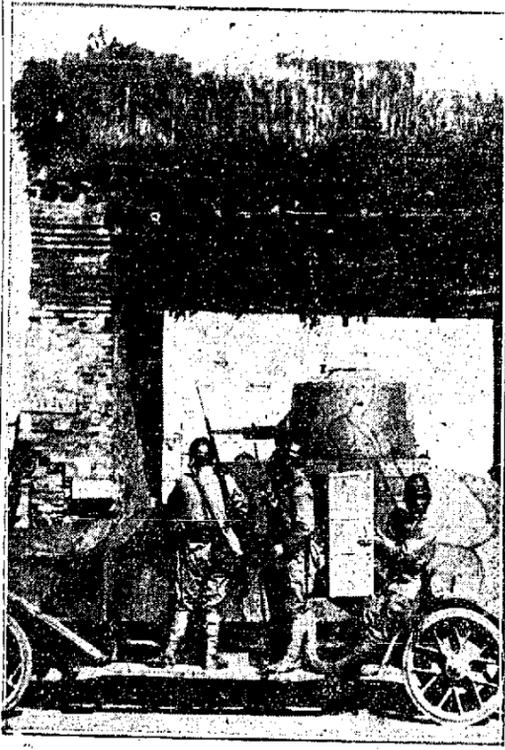
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Nation's Safety Experts To Meet

Twentieth Annual Meeting Opens In Chicago Tomorrow

(By The United Press) CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—The question of what makes a traffic accident repeat and methods for its cure will be examined at the Twentieth Annual Congress and Exposition at the Stevens Hotel starting tomorrow. Services will continue through Oct. 16. An operators' study revealed that about one-third of some 1,200 drivers had no accidents. Another thirty-third had one or two accidents each and the remainder had from three to ten accidents. The 1931 congress will consist of 127 sectional sessions embracing practically every known field of safety endeavor. There will be 359 speakers, all leaders in industrial, home and highway safety. Safety in the air is to be featured in an interesting program arranged by the aeronautical section of the National Safety Council. Approximately 7,000 are expected to attend. The Street and Highway Traffic Section, under the general chairmanship of Edward Dana of Boston, vice-president in charge of Public Safety, National Safety Council, will open tomorrow. Just what can be done with the man who has frequent accidents will be discussed by two men who have studied the problem thoroughly. George R. Wellington, Chief Clerk, Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Department, will discuss it from the viewpoint of a state commissioner, while W. F. Hanna, United Railways and Electric Company, will speak from the angle of the public utility operator. On Tuesday there will be an open meeting of the Committee on the Driver. It will be devoted to technical papers and discussions of methods of detecting, examining and curing accident-prone drivers of motor vehicles and street cars. On Wednesday Judge Levi M. Blinn, chairmanship of the Committee on Enforcement of the Street and Highway Section, will preside. There will be a symposium of new developments in traffic law enforcement, including use of radio attaching of motorcycle patrolmen and the motor plan of accident investigation. On Thursday there will be a joint session with the Institute of Traffic Engineers, featuring a discussion of Traffic Control Equipment.

JAPANESE ON GUARD AT MUKAEN



Japanese military operations in Manchuria have resulted in protesting notes by China to the league of nations, with Japan replying that the movement was caused by anti-Japanese sentiment in China. Here a Japanese armored car is shown on guard outside the walled city of Mukden, a major center of hostilities.

TOGS COSTLY TO GANGSTER

Al Capone Continues On Trial For Evading Tax Payments

(By RAY BRENNAN (By The Associated Press) Federal Building, Chicago, Oct. 12.—What the well-dressed gangster wears, including a \$135 custom made suit and \$795 diamond belt buckle, was brought out in full detail today at Al Capone's trial on income tax evasion charges. Also, the prosperous gangster is expected to do his Christmas shopping early, extensively and without stint, the testimony of a dozen Chicago department store clerks indicated. Capone, for instance, was said by the clerks to have selected such gifts for friends as \$400 silverware sets, \$150 overcoats and \$30 beaded bags by the score. Capone's biggest tempter of them all, was said by the clerks to be a diamond watch worth \$700 worth of fine jewelry. His customary dress, according to the testimony, included a \$27.50 shirt with \$1 morganite \$195 tie, \$2 collar, \$135 suit, \$150 overcoat, \$275 hat buckle, \$10 suit of silk underwear, \$23 hat, \$20 shoes and \$2 socks. Because he usually was busy with pressing affairs—which the prosecutors charge were gambling, liquor and vice—Capone bought his fine quality suits by the half dozen and his expensive shirts in even larger numbers, the clerks said. And when the testimony was completed for the day, it was revealed that Capone started out in life at a rather lowly position, tending bar in a saloon at Coney Island, New York. That evidence was given by Henry E. Keller, of Miami Beach, Florida, who built a hotel for Capone's winter estate, and often lunched with "Mr. Al." The testimony appeared to in-

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CHERAW MEN FOUND DEAD

Five Jailed Result Finding Two Bodies On Railroad Track

(By The Associated Press) CHERAW, S. C., Oct. 12.—Five men were jailed today for questioning in the deaths of two men whose bodies were found about a mile south of Gillespie Sidings, seven miles from here, last night after Seaboard Air Line passenger train number 2 had passed over them. The men were identified today as Lucas Smith, 33, and Fred Chewning, 24. Officers made the arrests after being informed, they said, that five men and two dead ones had engaged in a "free-for-all" fight yesterday afternoon. C. Lee Melton, a state constable attached to the governor's office, was assigned to the case and at noon arrested Simon Boan, Lacy Furrill, John Perdue, Sid Purvis and Ben Purvis for further investigation. They were taken to jail at Chesterfield, the county seat. A coroner's jury was impaneled and an inquest opened. It was

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CITIZENS CALLED TO MEET ON THURSDAY

For the purpose of hearing the report of the citizens committee, following its meeting with city council recently, a mass meeting of the citizens of Florence has been called to meet Thursday night, October 15 in the auditorium of the high school. Notice of the meeting was announced last night by W. Marshall Bridges, chairman of the citizens committee, selected at the last citizens meeting.

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CONDITION OF EDISON PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED

Associated Press Staff Writer WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 12.—(AP)—The stupor which has closed over Thomas A. Edison became more pronounced today as the aged inventor neared a state of coma which his physician said would precede death. Mr. Edison, said Dr. Hubert S. Howe, is "definitely failing from day to day, but it is a very gradual loss." The inventor's usual attempt to smile when Mrs. Edison has entered the sick room was missing this morning and Dr. Howe said the inventor made no effort to signify either by mental or physical expression that he recognized the physician. "Mr. Edison's condition was practically unchanged this afternoon. He sat up for two and a half hours during the day

PLAN TO AID BOND VALUES TAKING SHAPE

Some Officials Expect Announcement Within Next Few Days

OTHERS DISAGREE

President's Proposal To Buy Values Of Railroad Bonds Debated

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—President Hoover's plan to buy the value of railroad bonds is nearing completion. Some officials expect an announcement within a few days. Others, however, disagree, explaining the intricacies of the problem and its many ramifications may cause some delay. Word came today from high administration quarters that Mr. Hoover has a number of other plans under consideration to inject life into the sluggish veins of industry. One was said to involve the general mortgage situation. The president has been at work on a proposal to strengthen the finances of the railroads and help hundreds of small savings banks since his project was launched for improving credit conditions by the establishment of a \$500,000,000 private corporation. No definite agreement has yet been reached but one is looked for shortly. Whatever is decided upon, it is likely congressional action will be required. A railroad revolving fund from which loans would be made to the carriers is one of the proposals under consideration. Suggestions have been received from private subscription of the funds and for government appropriation. No decision has been reached. Both savings banks and insurance companies owning rail bonds have been affected by the decline in railway earnings. Under conditions to be removed from the list of securities which state laws make eligible for savings bank and insurance investments. Some improvement, however, already has been obtained through state banking departments enabling the banks to retain the bonds

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FIRST SCORES IN BIG DRIVE APPEAR TODAY

Candidates Urged To Take Advantage Opportunity Period Now Open

Nominations are open in The Florence Morning News big "Everybody Wins" Campaign and no doubt many new entrants will be enlisting within the next few days. The present Opportunity Period offers prospective candidates the most opportune time to enlist and utilize their spare time to mammoth profit. First Week Coupon and Opportunity Period Coupons pave the way for new entrants to climb to the front with lightning rapidity. The big campaign is just starting, there yet remains more than three weeks of the first period, the biggest vote period of the campaign and it behooves prospective candidates to make the start now, in order to capitalize on the maximum credits. This campaign is an opportunity for workers. It is an opportunity to get within a very few weeks something that can usually be obtained only by years of patient toil. Have you found it altogether easy to save \$1595 for that car that you wished? Opportunity Now Here Candidates in The Morning News automobile campaign as well as some of those who have not yet entered the race are busy with pencil and paper these days, figuring what it would take in subscriptions to acquire the leadership for one of the grand prize cars which will soon be awarded to them. Candidates further down the line today or for that matter entirely new candidates could by a little special effort and immediate action, make themselves important factors and winners of the grand awards. Votes are the only thing necessary to win and they can be gotten by the thousands, yes, tens of thousands. On every subscription turned in a certain number of votes are allowed, depending upon the size or rather length of the subscription. And in addition to these regular subscription votes 100,000 special votes are allowed

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MCDONALD MAKES PLEA FOR SEAT IN COMMONS

Prime Minister Carries Fight To Constituents On Birthday

IOWA FARMERS COMBAT LAW

Open Rebellion Breaks Out As Inoculation Of Cattle Sought

NEW LONDON, Iowa, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Hostility of Southern Iowa farmers to the state compulsory bovine tuberculosis test law again burst into open rebellion today as veterinarians sought to begin inoculating Henry county cattle. About 500 embittered men marched on the New London jail and freed Roland Hart, 20, arrested for scoffing at Iowa National Guardsmen engaged in dispersing 150 farmers who had gathered to hinder work of the tester on the farm of one of their leaders. The arrest of the young man followed that of Mike Hennessey and Henry Connor who, likewise were among the group who headed the military escort near the McKinnon farm. Hennessey and Connor were taken to Mount Pleasant, Henry county seat, under guard while Hart was placed in the New London jail. Two others arrested were released on their promise to return home. As the soldiers were attempting to disperse the crowd near the McKinnon place, some of the protesters returned here with more than 400 farmers from Cedar and Muscatine counties, where testing was finished in the last three weeks, and from Des Moines county, where it is now being completed and paraded to the jail. There, they overran the fire hall forming the front part of the municipal building and broke jail lock and cell bars to free the men. In the ensuing disturbance, it could not be learned where Hart was taken. The throng took with them for a short distance the New London marshal, Earl Brewer, but released him unharmed. The soldiers arrived quickly at the municipal building, but many of the farmers already had disappeared and the militia directed its efforts to scattering groups of farmers and outcrops, they said. Hart was not being sought. Today's disturbance recalled similar recent attempts to hinder tests in Cedar county, notably the open defiance shown by 200 farmers towards 65 sheriff's deputies presiding veterinarians. This precipitated the mobilization of 1,100 Guardsmen September 21 to enforce the law. Again, when the troopers and veterinarians moved into Muscatine county, several farmers' leaders were arrested following like demonstrations. The veterinarians today were approaching the McKinnon farm when their escort of soldiers was stopped by the 150 protesters. A detail of 20 troopers, followed by a machine gun squad and 200 more soldiers, marched upon the angry mobbers. "They refused, however, to disperse and Brigadier General Park A. Findlay, commanding the Mt. Pleasant camp, ordered the detail to move upon the crowd with drawn bayonets. Henry Connor cried out: "Hang me! Shoot me! Arrest me! I'm just a farmer here, standing on my rights. I am not trying to resist." The big crowd and the crowd was subdued. The burning buildings, McKinnon's herd of thirty-five cattle to be tested, and seemingly the rebellion was crushed.

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MINING TOWN Model Village

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Industrial and state health engineers have turned the town of Odruan, a mining village near here, into a model of community sanitation. The Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company spent \$104,000 in the sanitary improvement project, headed by the Pennsylvania State Department of Health. First of the activities in the sanitation campaign was the removal of 546 loads of rubbish. The rubbish was provided around edge of the houses' sides and roofs were renewed for 105 dwellings; 80 sanitary toilets were installed; and every house was provided with covered garbage containers. Measures were taken to protect the water supply from all possible contamination and other steps taken to complete the sanitation project.

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Highway Patrolman Killed In Accident

COLUMBIA, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A state highway patrolman, on his way from Chester to join a squad of 12 patrolmen here for duty at the Yorktown, Va., celebration, was killed today when his motorcycle collided with a mail carrier's automobile in Fairfield county, about eight miles from Carlisle. The patrolman, Ralph W. McCracken, of Branchville, was 28 years of age and had been with the patrol since July, 1929. Reports received here said the motorcycle snared over the crest of a hill and crashed into the car of Judge Shelton, mail carrier, from Shelton. McCracken's body was badly bruised and broken.

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BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED HERE FOR FIRST DAY

Most Of Exhibits Have Already Been Placed In Buildings

KID'S DAY TOMORROW

Amusement Program Is Better Than In Several Years

The Pee Dee Fair will open at 9 o'clock this morning with most of the exhibits already in place. It is expected that from a standpoint of exhibits the 19th annual show will be one of the best in its history. Last night the midway was open wide and there was a large crowd on the grounds. Exhibitors were busily making their arrangements. Live stock and hog barns were rapidly filling up. In addition to the exhibits many attractions have been offered for pleasure seekers. These will include free attractions and fireworks every night. Football games notably between Florence and Kingslee on Wednesday and Clemson and Citadel on Friday will offer the chief athletic interest. The main exhibition building is filled with exhibits of the most interesting character. They include commercial as well as farm enterprises. The "Live-at-Home" idea is being carried throughout the scheme of the fair exhibits. Wednesday will be children's day at the Pee Dee Fair. As usual the grounds will be crowded with school children from all parts of the county. They will be admitted free. The attraction for the day will be the football game between Kingslee and Florence high schools. The game begins at 1 o'clock. Although the gates to the

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Avers Convention To Unite On Beer

Proposal Will Be Acted On Later By Labor Delegates

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12.—M. J. McDonough, head of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, predicted today that 51st annual convention of the Federation here "will unite on beer in order to make labor's stand definite." Advocacy of the modification of the Volstead Act to legalize beer of 2.75 per cent alcoholic content was included in the program of the executive council and will be acted upon this week. Although there has been considerable discussion among delegates on prohibition, many favoring a more drastic change than light beer, indications were that all shades of opinion would be consolidated to ask only congressional modification of existing laws without any attempt to disturb the 18th Amendment. "Beer is within the possibilities

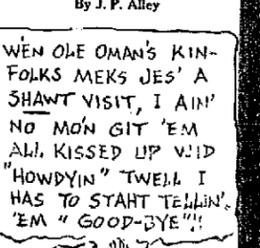
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HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

By J. P. Alley

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