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THIS MORNING

by JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES, II

"Madelon, emplis ma verre,
Et chante avec les poileaux,
Nous avons gagne la guerre—
Hein, crois tu qu'on les a eux!"

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TWENTY years ago today in Paris more strangers were kissing each other than ever before in the history of that city of fraternity, liberty and equality. Madelon herself broke an alleged warlong rule and kissed a few. In the Place de la Concorde the sandbags were covered over with captured German helmets or withdrawn from view. The vin rouge vied with the vin blanc. French generals saluted American corporals. English Tommies stopped picking fights with doughboys in cafes. A. E. F. officers and men, rich in cigarets, white bread and chocolate, became generous with the stuffs. And Woodrow Wilson was coming over.

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They called it armistice, but they were sure it was the end of war-to-end war. The joy of it was measurable only in the awfulness to which it gave halt. But armistice was the word, only a space between hostilities.

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Whose fault is it that the joy of that day has faded and the promise been betrayed? The fault, it seems to us, lies with those who have not been fair and with those who have not been brave. The right thing between nations and peoples has not been so obscure in these 20 years that it could not have been discovered and done if those upon whom obligation rested had been willing to be fair. Nor has the brave thing been so taxing or the alternative so satisfying that those who might have stayed war's cycle with firm stands may be excused. Woodrow Wilson came to Paris but the things for which he stood there, the fairness, the courage, the concert, have all been lost.

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It was only a day of armistice, a "little space between battle," and the space was all too little. War has come back again and again, and it will come now in most terrible degree unless Woodrow Wilson's Paris baggage can be recovered, unless the naitons can be fair to each other and the peace-lovers will be brave enough to fight.

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A mighty parade is scheduled for Birmingham this afternoon, with Gen. Persons in command and the army, the navy, the veterans, the civil police and many other organizations in line. Thousands will line the streets, for "there's something about a soldier that is fine, fine, fine." To march in unison, to serve something beyond one's self, to adore a flag and thrill to sounding brass, to be utterly loyal and in action—these are experiences good for soul, heart and body. Experiences so valuable that philosophers have said there must be a "moral equivalent" for war, for the thrills and disciplines and de-

Winners In Schoolgirl Beauty Contest

Meet Jefferson County's most beautiful schoolgirls! After wading through stacks of pictures of pretty high school and college girls of the county through most of Wednesday night and Thursday, The Age-Herald and the Empire Theater present these five winners of the "most beautiful schoolgirl" contest. The young beauties are, left to right, top, Doris Farmer, Woodlawn High School, and June Webb Jaynes, Birmingham-Southern College; left to right, bottom, Betty Scott, Jones Valley High School; Kelly Houston, Bessemer High School, and Helen Galloway, West End High School. The most beautiful schoolgirls will be presented to their public on the stage of the Empire Theater at 9 p.m. Friday and are asked to wear evening clothes and to come to the theater shortly before the presentation time. There Manager Johnny Douglas will present them with six-month passes to all the featured attractions at the Empire and they will be guests at the showing of the highly interesting new picture, "Girls School," now playing at the Empire. Scores of pretty girls from Birmingham and all parts of the county entered the contest, sponsored by The Age-Herald and the Empire Theater and open only to girls attending high schools and colleges.

REPUBLIC PLANS NEW WIRE MESH MILL IN GADSDEN

General Expansion In South Is Anticipated By Steel Firm

A new plant for the manufacture of welded wire mesh, to be built at Gadsden about April 1, was announced Thursday by the Republic Steel Corporation.

Wade H. Oldham, Southern manager for the corporation, said nearly $1,250,000 had been appropriated by Republic directors for plant improvements and expansion throughout the country, and that the Gads-

Pearl Buck Wins Nobel Award For 'Good Earth' Novel

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 10—(AP)—An American, Pearl Buck, author of "The Good Earth," and an Italian, Enrico Fermi, of the University of Rome, discoverer of a new element, Thursday won the 1938 Noble prizes for literature and physics—$37,975 each.

The literature award went to Mrs. Buck for the novel on Chinese life, one of her several novels dealing with the China she came to know as the daughter of missionary parents.

Observers commented on the fact that "The Good Earth" was published in 1931 and Nobel prizes usually are restricted to works published in the year preceding each award. "The Good Earth" also won the 1932 Pulitzer prize.

Mrs. Buck, who now lives at Great Neck, N. Y., was born in

HEADS OF CHEST DISCUSS PLANS TO SPEED DRIVE

$234,571 Is Subscribed As Campaign Halfway Mark Passed

Robert Gregg, general chairman, and A. Key Foster, cochairman of the sixteenth annual appeal of Birmingham and Jefferson County's Community Chest, were busy all afternoon Thursday consulting with the division and group leaders on plans for the prompt completion of their campaign.

Having passed the half-way mark

G. O. P. MAY WARN F.D.R. OF BRAKE

Demand To Veer Right Or Face Stalemate In Congress Looms

CONTEST IS SLATED ON VAN NUYS COUNT

Ickes Pictures Possible Third-Term Effort To Preserve New Deal

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prominent Republicans, flushed by their party's victories at the polls, appeared Thursday night to be getting ready to serve a virtual ultimatum on President Roosevelt in some such words as these:

"Veer to the right, or face two years of stalemate in Congress!"

They expressed confidence that, combined with Democrats critical of many Roosevelt policies, they could block the president if he insisted on following a "leftward" course.

On the other hand, prominent New Dealers were declaring that the election was not a repudiation of President Roosevelt's "liberal poli-

F. D. R. STILL SILENT

EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—(AP)—President Roosevelt Thursday night deferred until his regular press conference Friday morning in Washington any comment he might have on the widespread Republican victories in Tuesday's elections. It was not certain he would express his reaction then.

As he traveled toward Washington after an eight-day stay at his Hyde Park, N. Y., home, it was announced that a special press interview would be granted after the special train left New York City.

After the train passed New York, however, Secretary Marvin McIntyre said the president had decided to hold his regular press conference Friday morning, but would receive reporters 15 minutes earlier than usual so as not to interfere with plans to attend the Armistice Day wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

cies." Secretary of the Interior Ickes spoke of the possibility of Mr. Roosevelt's being drafted for a third term drive in the interests of continuing the New Deal.

"Meanwhile, returns from Tuesday's balloting showed that 81 Republican votes had been added to that party's roster in the House, and eight in the Senate. The House figure is based on the assumption that the last contest to remain in doubt was won by the incumbent, Representative Knute Hill, Washington Democrat. With several precincts and absentee ballots untabulated, Hill was ahead by 630 votes.

Van Nuys Wins

In the Indiana senatorial race, which was so close that it was decided only Thursday afternoon, Senator Frederick van Nuys, Democrat, finally beat Raymond E. Willis. In Iowa, scene of another nip-and-tuck contest, Senator Guy M. Gillette, Democrat, was the apparent winner over former Senator

Carnival King Selected

Presenting Birmingham's new royal ruler, Joe Brady, who has been chosen king of this year's Christmas Carnival. Selection of Brady was announced Thursday. He is president of Barnett Lumber Company and a widely known young business man.

Old King Cole was a merry old soul, but he wasn't half as amiable as King Joe Brady, newly elected monarch of Birmingham's Christmas Carnival.

Notified officially Thursday of his selection as king of this year's carnival, Brady told reporters shortly after that it was definitely a surprise to him that he had been selected.

A six-footer is Brady, who is possessor of a big grin, a powerful frame and a keen sense of humor. He is 35, a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and former member of the Birmingham Aero Club.

Naturally, the king-elect is a bachelor. Asked if he had any particular girl friends, Brady drawled, "None to speak of." Then added smilingly, "I must not be a very good salesman."

Brady has been a member of the Junior Chamber since one month after it was organized in 1920. He was a local president in 1932-33.

The new king, who succeeds Erskine Ramsay on the throne, is president of the Barnett Lumber Company and lives at 2824 Clairmont Road.

'BURGLARY RING' PROBE RESULTS IN SIX ARRESTS

Tuscaloosa Police Nab Five And Another Is Held Here

State, federal and city police investigating what they described as "a notorious, state-wide burglary ring," Thursday announced the arrest of five men in Tuscaloosa Wednesday night and the simultaneous arrest of a sixth man in Birmingham.

Three of the men were booked at the Tuscaloosa City Jail as Johnny Valekis, 23, of 704 South Twelfth Street; Curtis Whitler, 3839 Thirty-Eighth Avenue, North, and John E. Hunter, 21, Springville, Ohio, for-

E. A. L. TO OPEN AIR ROUTE HERE AFTER PROTESTS

Immediate Service Set As Plan To Sell Route Is Dropped

Eastern Air Lines will begin immediate service on the Tallahassee-Memphis route through Birmingham, Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, president of E. A. L., announced Thursday night, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Montgomery.

The airline president said "public protests" over a suggested transfer of the route to Delta Air Lines had brought about a withdrawal of the proposal.

NAZI FURY AGAIN AIMS AT JEWS

Synagogues Burned And Shops Battered In Wave Of Hatred

HITLERITE'S DEATH IN PARIS IS CAUSE

Defenseless Folk Lose Millions At Hands Of Looting Bands

BY LOUIS P. LOCHNER

BERLIN, Nov. 10—(AP)—The greatest wave of anti-Jewish violence since Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 swept Nazi Germany Thursday and Jews were threatened with new official measures against them.

Millions of dollars worth of Jewish property was destroyed by angry crowds. Jewish stores were looted. Synagogues were burned, dynamited or damaged in a dozen cities.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, calling for a halt in the demonstrations, declared that "the final answer to Jewry will be given in the form of laws or decrees."

It was a nationwide day of vengeance for the death Wednesday of Ernst Vom Rath, secretary of the German embassy in Paris, who was shot Monday by a 17-year-old Jew, Herschel Grynszpan.

Bands of youths roved the streets of Berlin and other cities from early morning on, smashing windows of Jewish shops. In many places crowds which gathered after daybreak pushed into the establishments and came out with loot. Most of Berlin's 1,000 Jewish stores were plundered.

Sounds of breaking glass and shouts of looters died away only near midnight. Hundreds of Jews voluntarily spent the night in jails fearing worse violence as reports of burning and looting continued to come in from many cities.

At the height of the demonstration few police were seen. One detachment of police in the heart of Berlin was charged by a mob, which pushed them aside and began plundering.

After more than 12 hours of violence Goebbels appealed to the people to refrain from further demonstrations.

The appeal was issued at 4 p.m., but at first apparently had no effect in the west end of Berlin. Three hours later it was repeated by radio. Then police appeared on Koenigstrasse, where a number of Jewish shops are situated, arrested 21 looters and cleared the street.

"The justifiable and understandable indignation of the German people over the cowardly Jewish murder of a German diplomat in Paris has resulted during the past night in extensive demonstrations," Goebbels' appeal said.

Widespread Violence

"In numerous cities and communities of the Reich, acts of violence were committed against Jewish buildings and businesses.

"The entire population is now, however, strictly requested to desist immediately from all further demonstrations and actions of whatever nature against Jewdom. "The final answer to Jewry will be given in the form of laws or decrees."

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