Snow Probable for To-

night, Friday Full Weather Report Page 3

DOCTOR'S SLAYER HALTS MURDER TRIAL

City Tax Rate to be Reduced FLOOD DAMAGE Paul Nathaniel Dwyer

Hayes Is Hopeful Slash Of One Mill May Be Realized

This Would Make Tax Rate of 301/2 Mills-No Fears For Welfare Department-Old Age Compensation Is About to Start

Reduction of the tax rate for 1938 is virtually assured, The Democrat learned today. The city administration headed by Mayor Frank Hayes is hopeful of setting up a tax rate of 30 1-2 mills, a reduction of one mill from the 1937 tax rate. Mayor Hayes, interviewed by The Democrat, said he was unable to give any assurance as to the amount of the tax rate drop, but that he felt certain that a decrease would be made. Preliminary figures for the 1938 budget were to be discussed at a meeting of the board of finance at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Borough Fireman

(Special to The Democrat)

Naugatuck, Dec. 2—Because he's eld-fashioned enough to

he's old-fashioned enough to wear long winter underwear, Lieutenant James Grant of the local fire department yesterday escaped suffering severe body burns when his clothing caught fire while he was cleaning an engine at the hose house. Lieutenant Grant suffered minor hand burns, but the long undles saved him from possible burns about the body and legs. Fire Chief Milton Galvin selsed a new chemical recently purchased. "S now freeze" and sprayed it on Grant, quickly extinguishing the blase. The lieutenant claims gasoline ignited the cloth he was using to clean the engine. He was treated immediately by Dr. Walter Reilly. He resumed his duties this morning.

LABOR LEADERS

Will Attempt to Bring

Group Peace

hospital after the 10 year old boy crawled to a window and called for

Boston, Dec. 2—(U.P.)—Captured only after police discharged five tear gas bombs and one tear gas gun, Ernest Zeoli, 44, was confined to Boston Psychopathic hospital to-

HELD OFF POLICE

CRAZY MAN HAD

this afternoon.

Executive Secretary Tohmas P.

Relly, asked if present economic conditions would not make necessary an increase in the welfare department appropriation fo mext year, said that he believed the beginning of old age unemployment compensation by the state after the first of the year would lessen demands for welfare department assistance. He said it appeared that the welfare department appropriation for next year would be approximately the same as for this year, which was \$374,510.

This year's budget included ap-

This year's budget included appropriations of \$6,401,188.87. To reduce the tax rate a full mill, appropriations for next year would have to be cut approximately

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November Record Is Greater Than In Same Month of Last Year

Postal receipts in November were larger than in the same month last year, Postmaster Charles A. Babin revealed in his monthly report today. Receipts' last month totalled \$44,462.25. as compared with \$43,-895.05 for November of 1936.

The gain in receipts is considered especially noteworthy since it came during a month of local business depression, with factory employment declining. The gain over the same month last year was \$567.24, or 1.28

Last month's receipts were divided as follows: stamps, \$34,976.90; second class, \$240.30; metered permit matter, \$7.150; non-metered permit matte, \$2.065.61; box rents, \$6.34; miscellaneous, \$18.97; telephone, \$4.17.

Postmaster Behin expressed him-

Postmaster Babin expressed himself as highly pleased with last month's post office receipts. Early Christmas business at the post office has been heavy, with the real rush to come later in the month.

TWO NAVY FLYERS FELL INTO OCEAN

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2 — (U.P.) —
Navy airplanes, coast guard cutters and land parties began searching at dawn today for two Navy flyers whose plane crashed in the ocean off Virginia Beach last night.
Officials at the Hampton Roads Naval Air Base said there still was a "definite possibility" that Cadet James J. Jones of Washington and Machinist Troy W. Blanton of Lafayette, Ala., were alive. Officials said the flyers might have leaped from the plane before it crashed. Wearing life belts, they might have drifted into the swampy land along the Virginia coast, or might still be bobbing about in the Atlantic near Virginia Beach, Navy men believed.

9 More Days to Buy Christmas Seals



Did you know ...

day.

Armed with a cleaver, he stood off police for 45 minutes last night until, weakened by the gas, he toppled from a coping over the front door of his home to the cement sidewalk that Wilhelm Konrad and was captured.

His six children had escaped by leaping from the coping into a fire net.

Zeoli, a former inmate of Boston State hospital, was to have been returned there today at request of his wife. Wursburg, Bavaria, discovered the X-ray in

Senate's "Big Shot"



John N. Garner discovers one way for the vice president of the United States to become a "big shot" despite the obscurity of his job—by turning his trusty double barrieled shotgun in the direction of deer. He is trying out the sights before setting forth to the hunting grounds at St. Marys, Pa., with a group of senators.

Southbury Bund Mess Takes On New Activity ED

IN CONFERENCE Heinz Greis, Chairman of New Haven Chapter Makes Protest-New Milford, Representative Citron of Middletown Voice Opposition to Bund

Wm. Green, John L. Lewis While Heinz Greis, janitor at Yale university and chairman of the New Haven chapter of the German-American Bund, protested that no activity of military nature is planned at the 178-acre Kettletown camp, 121 of New Milford's 4,700 citizens (1930 count), spread a petition today asking the government to prevent BY C. L. SULZBERGER (United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, Dec. 2.—(UP)—Wil-liam Green and John L. Lewis meet today to seek either a truce or a asking the government to prevent establishment of the Southbury Bund enterprise.

declining. The gain over the same month last year was \$567.24, or 1.25 per cent.

330,000 in 11 Months

Total recipts for the first 11 months of this year are approximately \$30,000 ahead of the same period last year. Consequently, if December postal receipts are anywhere near normal the complete near normal the complete near normal the complete postal receipts are anywhere near normal the complete one of the labor groups, incidentally, were the greatest the local post office had enjoyed since the depression that began in 1929.

Last Month's Receipts

Last month's receipts were divided as follows: stamps, \$34,976.90; second class, \$240.30; metered permit matter, \$7,180; non-metered permit matter, \$7,180; nonpermanent peace between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial or-

man of the younger C. I. O., will attempt a reunion of the 7,300,000 workers they claim as members to present a united front to the current business recession.

Only two other men will be in (Continued on Page 4)

THREE PERSONS

HAD CLOSE CALL

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 2—(UP)—
Three persons, including two small children, narrowly escaped death from carbon monoxide fumes late yesterday, averting a second major tragedy of this type here within 10 days.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Raymond

Meanwhile, at Southbury, First Selectman J. Edward Coer and his associates, continued plans for the meeting of the zoning commission December 14 at which Southbury residents will have opportunity to pass upon by-laws drawn up by the newly-formed commission and the town officers remained reticent over possibility that these by-laws will "exclude a camp," more specifically, the German-American Bund camp at Kettletown.

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Y. M. C. A. Secretary Raymond
C. Yeoman, his wife and three children died last week from effects of
illuminating gas poisoning.
Overcome yesterday hy monoxide
gas from an oil burner were Mrs.
Simone Didio. 20. Fred Lajoie, 10,
and Ronald Lajoie, 5, who live together in a two-story, four-from
house. be American citizens, at least to have taken out first citizenship pa-pers. He said that there would be no military activity at the Kettle-

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Prince

Cleveland, Dec. 2 — (U.P.) — The Greyhound Bus Lines resumed normal, service in 16 states today after federal Conciliator John L. Conner negotiated an agreement providing pay increases for more than 1,000 drivers and ending a week-old strike called by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Set-tlement was reached at a conference between Conner, T. J. Mc-Grath, Union attorney, and Ivan Bowen, counsel for the nine lines affected by the strike, a few hours after the deadline set by the man-agement for drivers to return to work or "be considered as having

One Year Contract The conferees agreed to a one-year contract, containing wage in-creases of orie-fourth of a cent a mile for all drivers, effectoive July 1, 1938, but refusing the union's de-mand for a closed shop. All parties expressed "satisfaction" with the ac-cord.

The strike was called at midnight November 24 to enforce demands for a closed shop and a minimum wage scale of 5.5 cents a mile, with a guarantee of 200 miles a day. The former rates ranged from 2.5 to 3.65 cents a mile, and under the contract these rates will be raised to from 2.75 to 3.9 cents a mile plus a one-quarter cent bonus for drivers (Continued on Page 4)

Austria

SUITS APPEAR Pleads Guilty--Surprise HIGH COURT To Crowded Court Room

They Had Been Thrown Out Earlier By Court of Common Pleas

WOODBRIDGE, NEW HAVEN INTERESTED

Sidney S. Platt of Southbury Brought Smile to Lawyers in Case

Two cases involving alleged damage by flood on the Housatonic river in March, 1936, thrown out by the court of common pleas, finally marked "special" on the docket of the Superior Court, were at long last in the court of Judge Edwin C. Dickinson today. A jury was being impanelled. First, the two cases are those of John M. Beauton, New Haven, for \$2,500, and of Jennie Drapau, of Woodbridge, for \$5,000, both naming the Connecticut Light and Power Company as defendant. On March 12, 1936, it is alleged that the Stevenson dam overflowed and sections of the crib washed down river, striking various cottages and causing great damage thereto. Several similar suits have been entered and

await trial,

Eight jurors had been passed by

J. Warren Upson, of Bronson, Lewis
and Bronson, for the plaintiffs; by

Attorneys Walter F. Torrance and

John E. Thoms, of Carmody and

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Former Resident Here Is Accused of Rolling Farm Hand For \$20

Federal Conciliator Conner
Brings Attorneys To
gether in Peace Pact

Edward Moriarty, a former resident of this city, but who gave his address to police as 86 Charter Oak avenue. Hartford, was bound over to superior court today on a charge of their from person, when arraigned before Judge John F. Mc2 Grath in city court. He is held in bonds of \$1,000, pending the superior court trial.

\$20 from Farmhand Moriarty took \$20 away from William Salmon, a South Britain farm-hand on Monday night, according to the testimony of Patrolman Jerry Kenney, who with Pairolman Anthony Stango arrested the accused. Moriarty denied having had \$20 on that night, but Howard Saunders, night clerk of the Bank Hotel, fied that Moriarty showed him a \$20 bill and said, "If I had anything smaller I'd give you a tip." Police have been unable to recover the

2 o'Clock in Morning The theft took place at about 2 The theft took place at about 2 o'clock in the morning, after Salmon had spent several dollars on drinks for Moriarty and some other friends. Salmon took the money from his pocket to show it to Moriarty and the latter wrested it from him, dropped a \$1 bill on the sidewalk, and ran from the scene. Steve Fotos, night man at the Coney Island lunch, Grand street, testified that he had seen the two men tothat he had seen the two men to-gether after 1 o'clock.

W. J. TRACY DIES

Bristol, Conn., Dec. 2—(UP)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for William J. Tracy, 68, president of the Connecticut Baseball League from 1906 to 1910, who died late last night of a heart ailment. He leaves his widow, four sons and

Testify On Housing Finances Judge Emory Closely



Lower interest rates on housing mortgages are impractical, Stewart McDonald, federal housing administrator, told the committee conducting public hearings on the Steagall Housing Bill, because the government agency was not lending funds, only guaranteeing mortgages. Private financing required the higher rates, he said. McDonald, right, is pictured with Theodore B. Nickson, FHA comptroller, at the hearing.

Adolf Hitler Tries To Pacify Japan, China

Attempts to Accomplish What Most Powers Failed to Do - His Ambassador Is Now Conferring With General Kai-Shek, Chinese Dictator

Late News

Bulletins

BACK IN BED

New York, Dec. 2 — (UP)—Mrs. Amanda Sie-

bert, 57, was back in her

and neighbors who heard

the thump, guessed its cause and called police.

carnival patrons as "Jolly Irene," weighs 650 pounds.

NOT GENEROUS

New York, Dec. 2—(UP)

— A well-dressed man
jumped aboard Moe Gom-

berg's taxicab last night,

pointed a gun at his head and made him hand over

kids?" Gomberg asked.

cents and fled.

League.

"How about eats for my

The bandit tossed him 75

CANTWELL SOLD

In another deal announc-

ed at the Minor League meeting the Cincinnati Reds sold Outfielder Hub

Walker to the Nashville Southern Association club.

The Reds announced they

had formed a "working agreement" with the Al-bany club of the New York-Pennsylvania League.

MONUMENT TO FELLOWS

New Britain, Conn., Dec. 2-(UP)

New Britain, Conn., Dec. 2—(UP)
—A movement was underway todato erect a monument here to Derter Fellows, 66, famous circus preagent, who died late last week
Hattiesberg, Miss. Fellows was b
ried yesterday. Plans for the morment originated with a circus growthe New York tent of the society
Saints and sinners. They will i
discussed at a Fellows Memoriservice at New York, Dec 14.

Mrs. Siebert, known to

By EDWARD W. BEATTIE United Press Staff Correspondent) Shanghai, Dec. 2,—(UP)—Impor-tant political developments, possi-bly involving the initiation of peace negotiations between Japan and China, were reported today in dis-patches from scattered parts of China.

Foreign diplomats here attached considerable importance to the visit in Nanking of Dr. Oscar P. Trautman, German ambassador to China. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, bed today, thanks to five policemen. Suffering from a cold, she fell from her bed China's dictator, has remained in Nanking although most of the gov-ernmental departments have been moved further island, to Hankow, Changsha and Chungking.

Before Capture of Nanking The diplomats considered it "not improbable" that such an effort, at least by a foreign power and per-laps by the Chinese themselves, would be made before the Japanese capture Nanking.

They pointed out that it was typical of Adolf Hitler, for domestic as well as foreign propaganda purposes, to want to succeed in mediation efforts where the democracies The German ambassador has left

The German ambassador has left Hankow, about 350 miles up the Yangtse river from Nanking, aboard the Chinese customs river boat Haishing and is due at Nanking sobn. His mission ostensibly was to seek an agreement between the Chinese and Indiana for the neutral nese and Japanese for the neutral zene in Nanking which all combat-ants would respect. Usually in-formed sources pointed out, how-ever, that such a mission was not important enough to require the presence of a diplomat of ambassa-

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Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 2 — (UP)—Pitcher Ben Cantwell was sold today by the Brooklyn Dodgers to Montreal of the International Weds Famous Actress

(United Press Staff Correspondent) guests, including the bride's col-leagues of the stage, the doors of the church' were locked. Vienna, Austria, Dec. 2-(UP)-Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg, leader of the outlawed fascist heimwehr guards, and Nora Gregor, popular actress of the Bourg theater, and mother of his four year old son, were married today.

A prelate from Graz, Josef Grossauer, an old friend of the bride's family, performed the ceremony. The bride's witness was Baron Scudi. The prince's mother, Princess "Fanny" von Starhemberg, who was understood to have opposed the match, was conspicuously absent.

The semi-private ceremony, per-formed before 20 invited guests, took place in a suburban church at his-toric Kahlenberg on a mountain overlooking Vienna and the Danube

After the arrival of the 20 invited

The prince was expected to announce shortly that their son will become his heir and will bear his name and title. The bride said she may return to

The bride said she may return to
the stage. Her last appearance was
two nights ago as Thassa in Shakespeare's Pericles. She once refused
to go to Hollywood and, responding
to von Starhemberg's pleas that she
remain in Vienna, signed a long
term contract with the Bourg
theater.

She had been married to the German planist, Mitja Mikisch, and
soon after he died five years ago, she
soon after he died five years ago, she
soon after he died five years ago, she
signed a five years ago, she
often seen kwith the German
dictator, von Starhemberg had been
bitterly anti-clerical as well as
anti-semitic.

It was partly because of the birth
of a son to Miss Gregor that von
Starhemberg was pushed into the
political background. The prince,
the actress and the child were so
often seen together that the clerical
wing of the government campaigned
against him. match, was conspicuously absent.

Now that he is married, Austria and the panube river.

Miss Gregor, who became one of Austria's foremost actresses largely through the influence of the prince before he was ousted as vice chancellor by Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigs a year ago, wore a gray fur coat over a gray dress and a silver-colored hat.

The prince, descendant of an 18th century feudal baron, wore a black coat, striped trousers and top hat, Count George Thurn Valsassina was

match, was conspicuously absent.

Now that he is married, Austria and the world will hear more of the prince, politically, according to personnent members of his heimprominent members of his heimpr

passed on to the Rota court of the Vatican a petition to annul his 1928 an annulment but the Vatican told an annulment but the Vatican told him that as vice chancellor of an ultra-Catholic state he could not possibly expect one. He finally obtained it when he filed a petition with the Salzburg arch-Episcopal court.

During the early days of Nazasm before Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany and for many years after his break with the German dictator, von Starhemberg had been bitterly anti-clerical as well as

Youth About Plea OUICKLY SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Ouestioned 18-Year-Old

Dwyer Had Killed Dr. Lit-

tlefield, His Wife in **Roving Auto Trip**

South Paris, Me., December 2. — (UP) — Eighteen-year-old Paul Nathaniel Dwyer's murder trial ended abruptly today when he pleaded guilty. Superior Judge George L. Emery immediately sentenced the former Hebron Academy student to life imprisonment—
the mandatory penalty—for
the murder of Dr. James G.
Littlefield, 66, of South Paris, Dwyer
also strangled Mrs. Littlefield but
was on trial charged specifically
only with the doctor's murder. A
packed courtroom witnessed the only with the doctor's murder. A packed courtroom witnessed the surprise ending of the trial, which came at 10:04 a. m., soon after the case reopened fo rthe third day. The pale defendant showed no emotion as he changed his plea to guilty, nor was he outwardly affected when the judge immediately imposed the life sentence.

Yesterday the confession made by

Yesterday the confession made by Dwyer following his arrest at North Arlington, N. J., October 16, was Dwyer following his arrest at North Arlington, N. J., October 16, was read to the jury. It was in that community that Dwyer was found at the wheel of an automobile that contained the bodies of his viotims.

Surprise Begins to Break
Dwyer had been brought into the courtroom at \$130 o'clock, the scheduled hour for opening.

He took his usual seat.

Twenty minutes later Defense

Counsel E. Walker Abbott and Peter

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WAGES, HOURS **BILL COMES OUT**

Long Battle to Get It From Committee Was Won Today

By JOHN R. BEAL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 2—(UP)—The
administration today won its fight
to free the wages-hours bill from to free the wages-hours bill from the house rules committee which pigeon-holed the measure last Aug-ust. A total of 218 representatives signed a petition descharging the rule committee from further con-sideration of the bill and automatic-ally bringing it up for floor consid-

rule committee from further consideration of the bill and automatically bringing it up for floor consideration December 13.

The petition to break the rules committee impasse was filed Nov. 16 by Chairman Mary T. Norton of the house labor committee. Work by house whips and labor supporters completed the petition with only 48 hours to spare if the bill was to be acted on at the special session.

The drive to obtain petition signers gained last minute momentum under a threat by wages-hours backers to sabotage cotton provisions of the farm bill unless southern representatives ceased their opposition to the labor bill.

Fish Starts Fight

The petition was completed in the midst of a house fight precipitated by charges of Rep. Hamilton Fish. R. N. Y., of long-rolling by adherents of the labor measure.

Fish introduced a resolution call-

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TREASURY BALANCE

Washington, Dec. 2—(UP)—Government expenses and receipts for the current fiscal year, through Nov. 30th, compared with a year asol. This Year Expenses Last Year \$8,089,329,400.72 \$2,885440.104.65 fiscaling \$2,810,580.246.85 \$1,640,862,173.92 Deficit \$1,244,597,991.73 \$2,608,228,140.44 \$1,408,614.615.48

