

Weather Forecast:  
FOR OHIO—Fair and warmer today;  
cloudy tomorrow; colder  
tomorrow night.  
High yesterday, 43; low, 21.  
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## MAURICE MASCHKE DIED OF PNEUMONIA

### FUND LAGS; TOTAL NOW \$1,414,803

Despite Valiant Record of  
Metropolitan and School  
Divisions, Success  
Is Not Assured.

'WE'RE AT CROSSROADS,'  
BURTON TELLS WORKERS  
Increased Pledges Needed  
to Avert Possibility  
of Failure.

#### Filling the Chest.

Goal ..... \$3,300,000  
Amount raised ..... 1,414,803  
Still needed ..... 1,885,197  
Campaign Ends Tuesday.

BY ROELIF LOVELAND.

Mayor Harold H. Burton, speaking yesterday before Division A of the Cleveland Community Fund, currently engaged in attempting to raise \$3,300,000 to help the helpless, pegged the situation correctly.

"Cleveland once more is at the crossroads," he said. "We have the opportunity to take the road that will help us or injure us. We must decide whether to go up—or whether to go down."

The total amount raised last night was \$1,414,803, which included first reports from the Metropolitan and Schools Divisions, which met at Hotel Statler.

Despite good work on the part of the allies of Division A, it is as certain as death and taxes that unless Cleveland, within the next few days, definitely resolves that children and old people and those who are sick and blind and crippled and in trouble shall have aid—the Fund will fail.

The Metropolitan Division last night reported 8,357 pledges for \$68,289.59, a gain of \$12,979.82 over the amount reported for the corresponding period a year ago, and a gain of 1,519 in pledges.

The Schools Division reported 78,430 pledges for \$23,436.68, an apparent loss over last year of \$1,403.62—but actually no loss at all, for last night's report was from 150 schools, incomplete, and last year's report was from 176 schools, complete. And last night's report showed a gain of 12,742 givers, which should indicate the trend. The schools are supporting the Fund!

But one should not be lulled into false security, despite the valiant record of the Metropolitan and Schools Divisions, and the fact that the great Industrial Division, which last year raised \$735,450, does not make its first report until tonight at Hotel Carter.

In the last analysis, Division A is the deciding factor in the drive. This splendid unit of the Fund Army—(Continued on Page 16, Column 3)

**Akron Is \$251,800  
Shy of Chest Goal;  
Canton Ahead of '35**

(From Plain Dealer Bureau)

AKRON, O., Nov. 19.—No extension of Akron's fund campaign had been announced tonight as workers buckled to the task of raising the \$251,800 needed if the goal of \$651,800 is to be reached by noon tomorrow.

The estimated sum in cash and pledges raised tonight was \$200,000, which E. J. Larriek, Better Akron Federation executive secretary, said was backed by contributions of which fund leaders were sure.

"With Akron pounding ahead at full steam financially," Roy H. Nesbitt, an attorney, told the team workers and captains at today's get-together, "it is unthinkable that the fund should fail."

In the industrial division, the Cuyahoga plant total hit \$22,890; Firestone, \$21,664; Goodrich, \$20,719, and General Tire, \$2,997.

Workers' contributions were lagging behind those of last year and fund leaders agreed that the final spur required to reach the goal must come from that quarter.

BARBERTON, O., Nov. 19.—A little under the two-thirds mark, the Barberton Community Chest tonight held \$19,837.07, with another week to go.

Largest aggregate of new gifts reported today came from the industrial employers' division, which raised \$7,251.85.

Corporation contributions topped \$1,000, while school children's and (Continued on Page 13, Column 4)

### A. & P. RAISES SALARIES OF 2,000 IN CITY

Boosts Up to 20%  
Add \$250,000 to  
Annual Rolls.

After more than a year of peaceful negotiations an agreement was reached yesterday affecting 2,000 employees of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. in Greater Cleveland, whereby they were given wage raises and improved working conditions.

The negotiations were between officers of the company and the A. & P. Employees Industrial Union, an independent organization representing workers in all departments, according to C. J. Elghy, union president.

Wage increases granted will add about \$250,000 annually to the company's Greater Cleveland pay roll, it was said. Some individuals will receive as much as a 20 per cent. increase. This applies mostly to those in the lower wage brackets. Shorter hours with no reduction of pay will be granted workers both in the product warehouse and egg department. The former will in the future work 41 instead of 48 hours, and the latter, 40 instead of 44 hours.

An innovation that will apply to all employees is a half day weekly holiday, Wednesday afternoon, regardless of whether other stores observe it or not, and from one to two weeks' vacation with pay, depending on the length of employment.

Vacations Established.

Those who have worked one year will be given one week and those who have worked for three years or more will be given two weeks vacation.

The contract which dates from Nov. 1 and will be retroactive to that date runs for one year. It was signed by D. F. Meier, general superintendent for the Cleveland division of the company, and Elghy, union president.

All of the 6,000 employees in the Eaton Manufacturing Co. will share in a special cash distribution Dec. 15, it was announced yesterday by Chairman J. O. Eaton. The extra compensation is based on length of service and ranges from \$5 to \$30. Employees with the organization two years will receive \$30. Those from one to two years get \$20, six months to a year \$15, three to six months \$10 and all others \$5.

Eaton has two plants in Cleveland in which 1,000 are employed, three in Massillon and seven in Michigan. The large majority of its (Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

### POISON FLOOD HITS VALLEY; HUNDREDS DIE

TOKYO, Nov. 20.—(Friday)—(AP)—More than 1,000 lives were feared lost today when the banks of a reservoir in Akita Prefecture collapsed, releasing a poisonous flood.

The whole town of the Oosarawa copper mine, below the dam, appeared to have been washed away.

The muddy torrent contained poisonous copper sulphide solution.

There were only eighteen known survivors. About 300 corpses were found and the rest of the population of about 1,200 was missing.

Rescue and relief parties were rushed to the town.

Must Die for Newspaper Blast.

HAVANA, Nov. 19.—(AP)—An urgency court today sentenced Ramon Garcia Pujol and Mario del Toro Rondon to death before a firing squad on conviction of dynamiting the newspaper El Pais last Sept. 20. Pujol was chief customs inspector of Havana.

Germany Takes Refugees.

KOENIGSWINTER, Nov. 19.—(AP)—More than 3,000 refugees from war-torn Spain are being distributed among towns and villages of the Rhine Valley for the winter.

About 400 are of school age. They are being enrolled in schools connected with the Hitler Youth Movement.

Lee Reisman Band, Donald Novis at Auto Show Starting Tomorrow in Public Hall. (Adv.)

### Glimpses of Party Chief, Who Loses Last Battle



BACK IN 1914



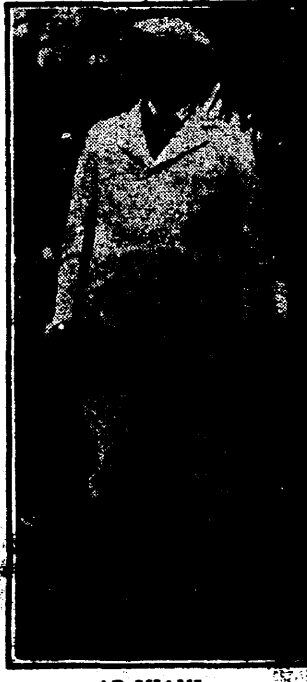
WITH HIS WIFE AT BIRTHDAY PARTY



PLAYING BRIDGE



AS HE APPEARED RECENTLY



AT MIAMI



SPEAKING



GETTING ELECTION RETURNS



AT THE RACES

### FASCISTS READY FOR MADRID PUSH

Complete Occupation of University City, Wheel Up Cannon.

BY REYNOLDS PACKARD.

WITH FASCISTS, one mile from Madrid, Nov. 19.—(U.P.)—Fascists tonight completed occupation of all buildings in the University City district, a vantage point from which they may push into the center of the capital.

Madrid is still a burning city. Looking through field glasses I can distinguish the Montana Barracks and the palace of the Duke of Alba, both of which are smoldering.

I also can see heavy Fascist artillery being dragged into advance positions just outside Madrid.

An armored train which the Leftist troops have been using very effectively in the Punte de los Frances district to shell Fascist positions in the Casa de Campo was put out of commission today.

A wounded soldier with whom I talked told me the Socialist forces were much less aggressive yesterday than on Monday and Tuesday. He also said most of the fighters in the governmental infantry lines were foreigners. He referred, presumably, to the so-called "International Legion" composed of foreigners who are sympathetic to the Socialist cause.

Another soldier, who had returned from the University City front, told me women took part in its defense. He said when he entered the Science Building the first thing he saw was a nude girl of about 18, lying on the floor with a bullet through her heart.

Fascist Bombs Hit.

MADRID, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Fascist aerial bombs struck in the heart of Madrid again today, partly wrecking the postoffice.

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### DIG UP BODY, SAY 'SUICIDE' SLAIN BY .32

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Reid Russell was killed by a bullet from a .32-caliber pistol, the same caliber as the weapon clutched in his hand when the body was discovered.

Coroner's surgeons reported tonight after examining his exhumed corpse.

The body of the 28-year-old automobile salesman was found Sept. 25 in a garden swing at the Manhattan Beach estate of his friend, Gouverneur Morris, writer. It was taken from its grave today under a court order obtained by district attorney's investigators.

Assistant County Autopsy Surgeon Frank Webb reported the fatal shot was fired at extremely close range.

Two months ago authorities investigated the case, observing the wound in Russell's head and the pistol in his hand.

This and other circumstances, including powder burns inside his scalp, had led police, sheriff's deputies, the coroner and autopsy surgeons to decide Russell killed himself, as witnesses said he had threatened to do.

In the re-opened inquiry which Russell's mother asked, Chief Investigator Clyde Plummer of the district attorney's office said he believed Russell may have been the victim of a "love slaying." He would not say how he evolved this theory.

He also said he had new information about Russell's activities before his death, but would not discuss it.

He reported Detective Lieut. Harry Hansen had disclosed that, at a party a week before Russell was found dead, Russell told Hansen he was about to obtain a \$300-a-month job connected with smuggling of arms and munitions either to Mexico or China.

FAST DRIVER-THINKER GAINS.

Judge Pays \$5 to Speeder for Original Excuse.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 19.—(U.P.)—Bored by the sameness of alibis offered by speeders, Police Chief Owen W. Kilday offered \$5 for an original excuse.

Shortly afterward, a San Antonio banker admitted driving 65 miles per hour, excused his speed by saying: "I was afraid someone would bump me from behind."

Kilday paid off.

### WEGER FLARES UP AT WORD 'RACKET'

Testimony Closes With Promoter Telling of 'Gold Machine Venture.'

BY JOSEPH M. GAMBATESE.

The evidence in the securities case of Charles J. Weger, aeronautical enterprise promoter, and his aid, Walter L. Ehlers, was completed late yesterday with Ehlers refusing to take the witness stand and Weger testifying that he is in a "gold machine venture" in Detroit.

The case will go to the jury of six men and six women in the court of Common Pleas Judge Frank S. Day after final arguments by Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas A. Burke, Jr., and Defense Counsel John J. Hynes this morning.

Until Weger, the last witness, took the stand, the trial, which opened yesterday, was confined chiefly to issues involved in the sale and purchase of promissory notes by two investors in the Weger enterprises.

Burke proceeded on the policy that the only issues to be decided by the jury were whether the promissory notes given by Weger, through Ehlers, were registered with the State Division of Securities and whether the promoters were licensed to deal in securities. The testimony was that they were not.

The 56-year-old engineer who, with his neat attire and pince-nez glasses, (Continued on Page 7, Column 1)

### Suffers Burns in Plating Plant Fire

One man was critically burned and others possibly injured at 1:30 this morning when fire of undetermined origin broke out in the Tvedos Bros. Plating Co. plant, 14421 Elderwood Avenue, East Cleveland.

The man found burned, as yet unidentified, was taken to Huron Road Hospital suffering from severe burns about the face and body.

Firemen, under Chief Harry King, found flames making headway to the second floor of the two-story building and at once sought to discover if any workers were trapped inside. The plant houses a metal polishing works.

### WEST SIDE BARTENDER SHOT DOWN

Earl Fitzgerald, 34, of 15805 Chalfield Avenue S. W., bartender in the Carnation Club, 3106 W. 73d Street, suffered probably fatal wounds when a customer with whom he had argued over a debt, fired a repeating rifle into his left side at 8:20 last night.

At City Hospital, where Fitzgerald was taken, it was said the wounded man had little chance to recover.

Fitzgerald and the customer, a former policeman, were alone in the club when an argument started about money the former policeman asserted was owed by Fitzgerald, according to police.

After arguing for a time the customer turned and walked out. As he was leaving the place, three men entered. They were Marty Eaton, 7611 Clark Avenue S. W., owner of the club, and John Fleming, 10910 Clifton Road N. W., and Harry Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, customers.

In a short time the former policeman returned with the rifle in his hand. When he was 30 feet from Fitzgerald he raised the weapon to his shoulder and fired twice, witnesses said.

Fitzgerald's wounds extended from the region of his heart to his left shoulder. His assailant turned and ran from the place and escaped in his automobile.

The former policeman was caught a short time later by Detectives Orley May and Emil Musil, who were searching the neighborhood in cruisers. He was taken to Central Police Station.

### Kasson, Organizer in Textile Union, Hurt

William H. Kasson, 49-year-old organizer for the United Textile Workers of America here, was thrown from his auto and injured last night when it left the road on a sharp curve ten miles west of Port Clinton.

Kasson was semi-conscious when found several minutes later by a passing bus driver. His scalp lacerated and suffering from shock, he was found lying several feet from his overturned car.

New cars, gorgeous fashions, famous entertainers at Auto Show, opening tomorrow. (Adv.)

### FRIENDSHIP PAVED WAY FOR MASCHKE

G. O. P. Leader Prospered  
Because He Kept Word,  
Had Level Head.

BY RALPH J. DONALDSON.

Maurice Maschke was a kindly man who prospered in politics because he made friends, because he remembered his friends, because he kept his word, because he was a keen judge of human nature, because he knew when to compromise and when to fight and because he kept his head regardless of whether he was being showered with praise or denounced with bitter and frequently unfair criticism.

All of these qualities made Mr. Maschke the leader that he was and kept him the leader until his death, regardless of who held the office of party chairman. His leadership was based on the gratitude that came from years of doing favors for countless friends; on the confidence, born of experience, that he meant what he said; on the respect with which years of success had cloaked his political judgments and on the evidence of the ruined political careers and chastened spirits of those who disregarded his advice or dared to oppose him.

Three years ago Mr. Maschke started writing his memoirs for the (Continued on Page 6, Column 1)

### CHARITY FOOTBALL TICKETS

50c RESERVED SECTIONS  
(75c at the gate)  
at  
Marshall Drug Stores  
Shell Gas Stations  
Clerk's Restaurants

STUDENT TICKETS  
at Schools

RESERVED SEATS \$1-\$1.50  
BOX SEATS.....\$2-\$3.00  
Reserved Sections.....50c

at  
Bond Clothing Company  
The May Company  
1905 Guarantee Title Bldg.

### SATURDAY, Nov. 28 STADIUM

### FAMILY AT BEDSIDE AS END COMES

Veteran Leader Clings Tenaciously to Last Hours of Life, but Strength Ebbs as Night Falls.

HELD PARTY POWER IN  
COUNTY FOR 30 YEARS

Political Star Rose With  
Successes of McKisson  
and Senator Burton.

Maurice Maschke died of pneumonia at 8:30 last night at his home, 2489 Guilford Road, Cleveland Heights.

The veteran Republican leader, 66 years old, who spent 40 years of his life in political activity here, passed away peacefully in the presence of his wife, his son, Maurice, Jr.; his daughter, Helen, and his brother, Dr. A. S. Maschke. He had been unconscious for several days.

Mr. Maschke is also survived by two other brothers who live in New York, Dr. George M. Maschke and Hugo Maschke.

Mr. Maschke's funeral will be Sunday, but definite arrangements will not be completed until today when members of the family confer with Rabbi A. H. Silver of The Temple.

Scores of friends who learned last night of Mr. Maschke's death telephoned and telegraphed condolences. Many called at the residence.

The last time Mr. Maschke left his home was on Oct. 17, when he attended a party at Republican headquarters in honor of his 60th birthday. It was a gala event, with much excitement, and he was visibly affected by the tributes paid him. He went to bed with a cold the next day. Pleurisy developed, then went into bronchial pneumonia and influenza.

Hope Abandoned Monday.

All hope of Mr. Maschke's recovery had been abandoned since Monday when it became evident that his condition was steadily becoming worse. He was frequently given opiates and doctors and nurses were at his bedside constantly.

Mr. Maschke had been in ill health and confined to his home most of the time since February when physicians discovered a bone cyst on his right leg and an infected kidney. For several months he underwent X-ray treatments and in May he was operated on for the removal of the kidney. During the summer he appeared to be in good health, but he never regained his strength and did not have the resistance necessary to overcome pneumonia.

Tuesday night he was placed under an oxygen tent. All day yesterday he clung to life with desperate tenacity, his remaining strength slowly ebbing.

As it became obvious that the end was a matter of hours, numerous telephone inquiries came to the Plain Dealer, asking about his condition.

### Boyhood Neighbors Gave First Political Strength.

Maurice Maschke was born in Cleveland on Oct. 15, 1869. He was the son of Joseph and Rose (Saling) Maschke. His father owned a grocery and the family lived on lower Woodland Avenue. His first political strength.

Mr. Maschke attended Central High school, prepped at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., and was graduated with an A. B. degree by Harvard University in 1890. Returning to Cleveland he read law in the office of a friend and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1891.

While he read law he earned money by searching titles at the Cuyahoga County Court House. It was an occupation which appealed only to an orderly, tenacious mind and to an individual with markedly intellectual tastes. Modern recording methods were only in their infancy and title-searching meant tedious hours of reading dusty, hand-written (Continued on Page 4, Column 1)

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