

NOVEMBER EXPORTS HIGHEST FOR YEAR

Department of Commerce Shows Exports for Last Month Totalled \$383,000,000, High Record for Year.

TOTAL IS GREATER THAN LAST NOVEMBER

In Comparison With November, 1913, the Increase Was More Than \$138,000,000 the Report Shows.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—American exports in November reached the highest point of the year, according to official overseas trade statistics made public today by the Department of Commerce, showing total exports of \$383,000,000.

The November total is \$12,000,000 greater than the value of October exports, and \$90,000,000 greater than the value of commodities shipped abroad in November last year.

A brief statement by the department declared the November returns showed that American agriculture and industry generally benefited from the increasing export business.

BANDITS SECURED ABOUT \$200,000 IN DENVER RAID

Rob Messenger in Front of Federal Mint and Escape in Automobile.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Three bandits today shot and probably fatally wounded Charles Linton, a Federal Reserve Bank guard, and escaped with about \$200,000 in currency of \$5 denominations, which was being loaded into a Federal Reserve truck in front of the Denver mint.

The money was being transferred from the mint to the local reserve bank.

The robbers seized the money and sprang into an automobile. As their car sped away the armed government guards inside the mint building fired from the windows at the robbers.

While the robbery was going on, according to witnesses, a second automobile loaded with masked men, armed with shot guns and rifles, stood 20 feet from the hand car, apparently ready to give aid if needed.

Sheriffs in nearby counties were quickly notified by the police in an effort to apprehend the robbers.

Ladies to Give Money to Church Building Fund.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church has turned over to the building committee the sum of \$3,100 on the new church, and they expect to turn over an additional amount shortly, which will make about \$4,000 on the new church for the year.

Christmas Play.

"Up the Chimney," is the title of the play to be given by the children of the Second Presbyterian Church on Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock.

Blanche Funk Miller, who has been elected a justice of the peace in Tacoma, objects to being called "judge."

WALLACE REID NEAR DEATH

Famous Motion Picture Star—How Did It Happen? Says Actor.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Wallace Reid, motion picture star, is on the verge of death, and for several days has not been expected to live, according to Mrs. Wallace Reid (Dorothy Davenport) in an interview today in the Los Angeles Examiner, given at a Hollywood sanatorium last night.

One of the physicians, according to the Examiner, corroborated Mrs. Reid's statements saying: "Mr. Reid has been near death for the past five or six days. His temperature has repeatedly reached 102, and his pulse 150. His heart action is irregular and weak. He has fainted on an average of three times daily, and has lost 70 pounds in weight. Laboratory findings at the present time indicate he is suffering either from a condition of complete exhaustion or from influenza."

The physicians describing the illness, according to the Examiner said: "His present illness has no connection with over indulgence in alcohol or narcotics, although such indulgences have undoubtedly undermined his system in months gone by."

Mrs. Reid in describing his condition just before the breakdown said he went mad and said: "How did it happen to let myself go? Why couldn't I stop long ago? I thought I was strong. I thought I knew myself so well; I can't understand it."

Indignant denials of the published reports of "orgies" in the Reid home were made by Mrs. Alice Davenport, mother-in-law of the actor, to whom those reports had been credited.

"I know there are dope parties in Hollywood—everyone knows that," she said. "And I suppose Wally has attended some of them; I don't know. I do know that I have talked with him after he returned from parties at the homes of some of the people in Hollywood, and I have seen him sadly shake his head and say: 'Mother, I don't like it. That isn't the way to have pleasure. It's all so false, so artificial.'"

Prohibition Booms Trade in Pocket Flasks.

New York, Dec. 18.—If the Christmas rum run reported to be bound for New York from the Bahamas succeeds in running the blockade of the dry navy, it should find New Yorkers amply supplied with receptacles for toting the forbidden liquor.

Several manufacturers today declared that the demand for flasks had trebled since the advent of prohibition. Shop windows with their Christmas decorations feature clandestine drinking vessels which they "wet" days through a slender from society.

Stores are selling thousands of flasks—large ones for roomy coat pockets and small ones gracefully curved for the hip; expensive containers of silver and gold and cheaper ones covered with imitation leather.

Flasks are not the only drinking apparatus on display. Shown in abundance are hollow canes, decanters, glasses, never blown for milk, and elaborate cocktail shakers.

Tehitchevkin Makes a Proposal.

Lausanne, Dec. 18.—By the Associated Press.—Foreign Minister Tehitchevkin, of Russia, proposed today to the Near East conference a commission studying status of the Turkish straits, a plan providing for international board of control on which would be represented Germany, United States, France, England, Italy and eleven states bordering on the Black Sea.

Killed When Auto Overtaken.

Racford, N. C., Dec. 18.—L. A. Potter, 35, local insurance man, was killed last night when the automobile in which he was riding overturned at Rock Ridge bridge, one mile from Racford. His neck was broken. No one was with him at the time of the accident. He leaves a widow and two small children.

FRIENDS OF SHIPPING BILL WIN FIRST POINT

Bill Will Not Be Sidetracked in Senate For the Norris Agriculture Financing Bill.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Proponents of the administration shipping bill won the first victory in the jockeying in the Senate today over the move of the opponents to displace the bill with the Norris agriculture financing measure.

When the Senate met it had pending before it the motion to displace the one bill with the other, which was made Saturday by Chairman Norris of the agriculture committee. While supporters of the Norris motion were attempting to get the floor Senator Haischild, of Louisiana, a democratic supporter of the ship measure, claimed recognition in accordance with a motion given last week, and launched into a speech in behalf of the bill.

BUTLER GETS APPROVAL BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Unanimous Approval of His Nomination As Member of Supreme Court Given by Senate Committee.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The nomination of Pierce Butler, of Minnesota, to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court, was ordered reported to the Senate by a unanimous vote of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The committee acted after receiving a report from a sub-committee which inquired into the nominations and recommended favorable action.

Chairman Nelson announced that he would make the report on the nomination at the first legislative session of the Senate and call it up at the first opportunity. Senators LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and Norris, of Nebraska, republicans, have indicated that they will fight confirmation.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN CAR; DRY AGENT IS BRING HELD

Claims He Was Attempting to Cross Creek and Went Over Embankment.

Greensboro, Dec. 17.—G. F. Alberti, prohibition enforcement officer, reported to the police here late tonight that while attempting to cross Buffalo creek, 10 miles from Greensboro in his automobile in which was Mrs. Edna Glenn, wife of Stamey Glenn, of this place, he missed the bridge, went over a 15 foot embankment into the water; that he scrambled from under the automobile and that he fears Mrs. Glenn is under the machine dead.

City and county officers went to the scene and found the machine partially submerged in water, and found Mrs. Glenn dead in the car. Alberti was placed under arrest and locked up pending investigation.

THE COTTON MARKET

Market Was Active and Rather Excited at the Opening Today.

New York, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was active and rather excited at the opening today. Relatively firm Liverpool cables and private reports of rapidly improving general trade conditions in England evidently stimulated the buying movement which started at the publication of the government crop estimate last week and the opening was firm at an advance of 22 to 43 points.

KELLER'S ACTION WILL BE INVESTIGATED AT ONCE

Committee Appointed to Determine What Action, if Any, Will Be Taken by the House.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The House Judiciary Committee appointed a sub-committee today to investigate what action, if any, should be taken in connection with the refusal of Representative Keller, republican, of Minnesota, to testify before the committee as to the information on which he based his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

JUDGE REFUSES TO DISMISS CHARGES AGAINST MRS. BRUNEN

In Connection With the Killing of "Honest" John E. Brunen.

St. Holly, N. J., Dec. 18.—Justice Kallsch today refused the motion of Mrs. Dorris Brunen's attorney to dismiss the charges against her in connection with the killing of "Honest" John E. Brunen, carnival owner. Justice Kallsch declared that although "it may be that the testimony in this case be very meager as far as Mrs. Brunen's connection may be concerned" the question must be settled by the jury.

No Fireworks Allowed in City.

Chief Taubert this morning declared that the police were going to enforce the law in regard to shooting fire-crackers in the city during the Christmas period. There is a city law against the cracker, Chief Taubert stated, and it is the duty of the police department to see that it is enforced. His officers have been instructed to enforce the law, the Chief added.

BIG CHARLOTTE FIRE STARTS FROM FURNACE

The Six-Story Trust Building on Tryon Street Was Destroyed Early Sunday With a Loss of \$440,000.

KEITH VAUDEVILLE HOUSE IS RUINED

Fire Was Burning Fiercely When Discovered.—Fire Started in Furnace-Room of Trust Building.

Charlotte, Dec. 17.—The six-story Trust building on South Tryon street containing the Keith vaudeville theater and a large number of offices was destroyed and two other structures seriously damaged by fire early today with a total loss estimated at approximately \$440,000.

The roof was burned off an adjoining three-story building occupied by Brockman's retail and mail order book stationery store, and a number of offices and practically all the contents of the structure were a total loss due to fire and water.

The fire was believed to have originated in the furnace room of the Trust building and had gained great headway before it was discovered. Save for one or two minor injuries to firemen, there were no casualties in the fire which attracted hundreds of persons. One of the heaviest downpours of rain Charlotte has had this year began to fall about the time the fire was under control.

Had it not been for the heavy rains of the last week which left nearby buildings soaked and the aid given by the torrents of rainwater, that fell this morning, Fire Chief Wallace said the blaze might have proved as disastrous as the recent one at New Bern.

Tons of water were thrown into the smoking ruins throughout the day and South Tryon street was blocked to traffic until the late afternoon as parts of the front wall of the Trust building fell into the street. The scene was a fire was between Third and Fourth streets, on the west side of South Tryon, within a block of where the famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is said to have been signed.

In addition to the losses to business men and others whose offices and equipment were destroyed, the lodge room of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, which were in the Piedmont building, were water soaked. The Trust building, which also was damaged, was a brick structure. With in recent months it had been purchased by C. W. Johnston at a price said to be \$253,000.

Total loss in the building occupied by Brockman's store and offices was placed at more than \$100,000, while thousands of dollars of damage was done by water in the Piedmont building. Other nearby structures escaped with a few panes of broken glass or scorched awnings, from the flames, which were discovered about 4:30 a. m. The losses generally were said to be well covered by insurance although there were numerous individuals who had no such protection against fire.

Mayor Walker announced today that he would turn the city auditorium over to those whose offices were destroyed and would erect temporary partitions in the main hall of the buildings.

A check-up of injuries tonight showed that Captain Al Moody of the fire department suffered painful cuts from falling glass and that R. W. Stokes was knocked down, apparently by contact with an electric wire, but not seriously hurt. Electric light and power was turned off in downtown Charlotte for several hours during the fire.

Survey of Prohibition Enforcement Conditions in West.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Plans have been completed by the prohibition bureau for a survey of enforcement conditions in the far western states similar to that just completed by Commissioner Haynes in the south. Mr. Haynes accompanied by several of his Bureau chiefs will leave here on January 18.

Community Christmas Tree.

A community Christmas tree will be erected on the lawn of the Y again this year. The tree will be erected in time for the exercises, which will be held on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. For the past several years the community tree has been erected on the lawn of the Y, and the programs rendered have been greatly enjoyed. The public is invited to attend the exercises this year.

The Lithuania is Reported Aground.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Danish steamship Lithuania, which left New York December 6 for Danzig and Libau with a cargo of passengers, is reported aground on Bernhold Island in the Baltic Sea.

Dead Body of Robert Malone Found.

Staten Island, N. C., Dec. 18.—J. Robert Malone, 36, disappeared from his home in Shiloh township December 9, and nothing had been heard of him until his body was found in a branch near his home late yesterday afternoon, with a gash in his throat. Malone was insane, and application had been made to have him admitted to the state hospital. He leaves a wife and three children.

SPECIAL CENSUS WILL BE OFFERED FARMERS

Consent in Fruit and Vegetable Growing to Be Offered at State College.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Special courses in fruit and vegetable growing at the North Carolina State College, January 8 to 10, will embrace "new and timely features of interest to progressive farmers," according to an announcement today by Professor J. P. Pillsbury, head of the department of horticulture.

An outlined, the work will be offered in the form of three two-hour demonstration lectures during the forenoon, and by demonstration and practice in grading and packing later.

Boiling Halk of Waynesville, will be in charge of the work with fruits during the first week, it was stated. The grading and packing of vegetables, to be given the second week of the short term, will be under the direction of Grenell Shumaker, of the bureau of markets.

"The demonstration lectures of the first week will cover such timely subjects as improvement of farmsteads; choosing varieties for the orchard; orchard planting; establishing the orchard; peach problems; pruning apples and peaches; grapes and small fruits; pean and fig culture, and farm woodlot management," it was stated.

"The second week will be devoted chiefly to vegetables and will include the following topics: truck crops for North Carolina; production problems with the Irish potato, sweet potato, lettuce, tomato and onion crops; disease of vegetables; irrigation and marketing. A packing and judging contest, open to all who attend will be held at the conclusion of the course."

MORE TEACHERS NEEDED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mid-Year Resignations and Other Causes Have Resulted in Shortage.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Mid-year resignations and other causes have resulted in a serious shortage of teachers in North Carolina, resulting in a demand for well-qualified instructors for the opening of the new school year in January, according to an announcement made today by officials of the placement bureau of the Education Association.

"There is an unusually heavy demand for teachers at this season of the year," reads the statement. "Some of these vacancies are occurring in the larger school systems of the state, but there are many openings in the rural sections of different counties.

"The fact that many of the mountain schools, which opened early in the fall or late summer, are completing their work at Christmas time will help relieve the situation, but, even with these additional there still are vacancies which cannot be filled with the registrations with the bureau at present.

"Well qualified teachers can secure places through the placement bureau. Teachers holding lower grade certificates can find places also, if they have had successful teaching experience. Prospective teachers who do not hold certificates should take up with the certification bureau of the state Department of education the matter of what certificates they will be entitled to before they begin looking for work.

"Superintendents and school committees are not willing to employ teachers who have not had the training and this is one of the causes of the shortage," the statement concludes.

COMES BACK FROM THE GRAVE'S SHADOW TO TESTIFY

Dan O'Rourke Tells His Story in the Trial of the Men in Herrin, Ill.

Marion, Ill., Dec. 18 (By the Associated Press.)—Dan O'Rourke, who died on a lonely roadside in O'Rourke returned today to tell his story at the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riot. That O'Rourke, who still bears the scars left by his injuries, had come back from the very shadow of the grave to testify for the prosecution was announced by the counsel of the state at the opening of court this morning.

VALUE OF THE GERMAN MARK IS INCREASING

Mark Fell From 8,300 to 5,600 to the Dollar in the Course of the Last Five Days.

Berlin, Dec. 18 (By the Associated Press.)—In the midst of their Christmas shopping, German consumers of all classes were jubilant today at the unprecedented drop in the dollar represented by mark exchange, falling from 8,300 to 5,600 to the dollar in the course of five days. This rise in the mark has already produced a drop of from 10 to 25 per cent. in wholesale market prices. The retailers are reluctant to make reductions because they are stocked up with goods bought when the market was much lower.

INFLUENZA CASES ARE REPORTED AT TRINITY

School Will Close Today Instead of Wednesday—Thirty-Six Cases Reported.

Durham, Dec. 18.—It was announced today that Trinity College would be closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays, two days earlier than usual, because of a number of cases of influenza among the students. A total of 36 cases had been reported on the campus today.

LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

Forty Needy Cases Discovered in City By Committees of King's Daughters and Elks.

Forty "Opportunities" have been found in Concord, and the people of the city are asked to adopt them for Christmas. The "Opportunities" represent needy families and persons in the city, and the following list has been submitted by members of the committee investigating the situation in the city:

Opportunity No. 1.—Two children who would appreciate toys and confectioneries. Boy aged 10 and girl 6 years.

Opportunity No. 2.—Father ill three months. No support. Mother and baby of two years, girl 7 years. Need fuel, food and Xmas things for children. Taken.

Opportunity No. 3.—Mother has tuberculosis, father in jail, boy 2 years, boy 7 and girls 9 and 12 years. Fuel, food and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 4.—Mother and father, lady 4 years. Little crippled girl 8 years, girl 14. Fuel, food and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 5.—Colored woman has tuberculosis, ill for a year. Fuel and food. Taken.

Opportunity No. 6.—Mother and father, boy 12 years and grandmother who has tuberculosis. Fuel and food and Xmas things for boy.

Opportunity No. 7.—Young girl 17 years old has tuberculosis, in bed three months. Flowers and fruit. Taken.

Opportunity No. 8.—An ex-soldier has tuberculosis, confined to bed. Fuel and flowers.

Opportunity No. 9.—Grandmother 60 years old, has cancer, cares for two grandchildren. Baby 3 years, little girl 12 years. Fuel, food and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 10.—Father sick. Mother works in mill. Boy 7, girls 8, 12 and 18 years. Fuel and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 11.—Father and mother, girl 11 years, boys 13, 9 and 1 years. Fuel, food and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 12.—Widowed mother, 2 children in orphanage, 1 boy 4 years old with his mother. Fuel and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 13.—Old lady 70 years old. Fuel, food and confectioneries.

Opportunity No. 14.—An old lady with orphaned grand-daughter 13 years old. Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 15.—Mother and father, lady 2 months old, boy 3 years, girls 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 years old. Fuel and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 16.—Mother and father, lady 18 months, girls 10 and 5 years, grandmother 60 years. Fuel and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 17.—Father in hospital, oldest boy 18, unable to work at all times. Mother works. Boys 16, 13, 6 and 1 years. Girl 9 years. Fuel, food and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 18.—Widowed mother works in mill. Girls 10 and 4 years. Boy 13 years. Fuel and Xmas things.

Opportunity No. 19. Old lady 80 years old, alone in the world. Fuel and confectioneries.

LAKE SUPERIOR NOW CLAIMS MANY LIVES

Sailors Who Are Trying to Bring Back to Safety Boats on the Lake Take Great Risk With Lives.

FORTY PERSONS SO FAR HAVE PERISHED

And Before Last Ship is Carried to Port or Given Up For Lost, the Total Will Be Larger.

Chicago, Dec. 18 (By the Associated Press.)—Battling foot by foot through towering seas and freezing spray, the men who go down to the seas in ships are fighting a battle across the icy waves of Lake Superior to keep navigation open far beyond its usual time and bring down the lake the last cargoes of the year.

Already the fight has claimed its toll of lives and before the last ship has been accounted for—or been given up for lost—that toll may be greater.

Nearly a dozen died a few days ago when a Canadian steamer was dashed to pieces within a stone's throw of safety at the mouth of the Portage Lake Ship Canal.

Saturday night 27 more were added to the probable death roll when survivors of the tug Reliance, wrecked Wednesday on Lizard Island, reached Sault Ste Marie after almost indescribable hardships.

INADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES FOR FARMERS

Is the Cause of Their Troubles, Says Former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Distribution facilities and not inadequate credits have caused the present troubles of the farmers, R. C. Leffingwell, former assistant secretary of the Treasury, declared today at the Senate Banking committee hearings on farm credit proposals. Insisting that "there is no such thing as stability prices," he contended that the farmer's troubles were largely traceable to purchases made by them of farms, equipment and other supplies at inflated prices.

Orphan Children Brought Back to North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Homes are being sought for five children, who were brought from Virginia, when an orphanage there was abolished owing to alleged irregularities, by the North Carolina Bureau of Child Welfare. The children now are being held in the detention home of the bureau and originally came from this state.

Soviets Order Consuls to Leave.

Vladivostok, Dec. 18 (By the Associated Press.)—The soviet government of Vladivostok, which recently took over the administration of the city and surrounding territory, known as the Primoria, today ordered the consuls of France and ten other countries to close their consulates and leave the Primoria within a week.

Houston F. Fible and Company Fails.

New York, Dec. 18.—Announcement was made today by the New York Stock Exchange of the failure of Houston F. Fible and Company, of Kansas City. The firm which was admitted to the exchange in 1900 consists of W. R. Houston and W. M. Fible.

A proposal is made that Wellesley College shall follow the example of Bryn Mawr and open its doors for summer courses to women in industry.

This is impossible the committee in charge will deliver. Also, when a person wants to take a part of an opportunity and does not feel they can furnish fuel, that will be looked after by the committees.

Bags of confectioneries will be furnished to 80 men on the chain gang, 60 persons at the county home, and 14 in the county jail, and all children needing clothing will be cared for also.

IT COSTS NOTHING TO JOIN OUR Christmas Banking Club NOW AND HAVE IN THE BANK NEXT CHRISTMAS COME IN — WE WILL TELL YOU HOW TO DO IT 1923 CLUB OPENS MONDAY DECEMBER 18th, 1922. WELLESLEY BANK COMPANY CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE Gloria Swanson — IN — "Her Gilded Cage" STAR THEATRE TODAY AND TOMORROW.

ONLY 5 MORE DAYS TO GO