

## Germany Would Enter League Of Nations

### But Trying to Modify Certain Sections Which in the Opinion of League Supporters in America Would Practically Make Organization Powerless

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Washington, Dec. 23.—Germany's effort to have the covenant of the League of Nations modified so as to permit her to have freedom of action as well as freedom from obligation to preserve peace by physical or economic force is regarded here as likely to give the Americans who have been debating the subject their first concrete idea of what the League really means.

From the first the United States has balked at the thought that the League might, if America joined, involve a moral obligation to use force. The League itself did not interpret its covenant on that point and American entrance to the League to a large extent has been prevented by that very point.

Now Germany's request will bring forth a definite expression not only of the opinion of the League but a treaty between Germany and the League which defines the limit of Germany's obligations.

Should the League insist that Germany must agree to use physical or economic force when some nation has been unanimously declared by the Council to have violated the Covenant and broken the peace of the world, then the anti-League debaters in the United States will feel that their long fight against American entrance was well worth while and that the "unconscionable" viewpoint of war absolutely right.

Should the League, on the other hand, admit Germany and give her the right to act as she pleases with respect to assistance in a military way, the biggest argument made against American admission will have been punctured.

It is interesting to note that the principle in the famous reservation to article ten penned by the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge is made the main condition by Germany though she asks not only a limitation of the obligation to preserve peace but brings out the implications of another article in the Covenant relating to penalties to be imposed by the several powers against a state which has started or threatened a war of aggression or injustice.

These provisions have never been invoked but in the United States this has not been accomplished as indicating their lack of validity or potential value in a crisis.

Germany's contention that article 16 of the Covenant which outlines the penalties to be imposed on a state breaking its pledges or carrying on a war of aggression may bring on a state of war as an interesting sequence to the debate in the American

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## Young Banker



"If you fire enough shots at a target, one of them is bound to hit it. Thus, in aiming at the target of success, you must keep plugging away." This is the advice of H. R. Empe, 27, who rose in seven years from office boy to vice president of the Oklahoma National Bank, Oklahoma City.

## CHRISTMAS JOY AT CHILDREN'S HOME

Pasquotank Tribe No. 8, Improved Order of Red Men, will have charge of the distribution of Christmas joy at the Children's Home Christmas Eve night.

Every child will be substantially remembered together with the mother, father, cook and roustabout. The home also will be supplied with some needed and attractive fixings, a committee has been busy for several days in the buying of presents and clothing as well as the setting up of a Christmas tree.

"Many of the children at the home," said Mrs. Anna Lewis, welfare officer, "have never seen Santa Claus and his visit is looked forward to with anticipation of overflowing joy. When the prospects of this Christmas are compared with those of the past years in the lives of these children there develops a contrast of unbelievable difference. Some of these children were sleeping on the floor a year ago. But today they are receiving Christian training, are comfortably clad and are receiving wholesome and strengthening food."

## RECORD BUSINESS FOR POSTOFFICE

The largest business in its history is being done by the Elizabeth City post office this Christmas. In the 24 hours between 7 a. m. Tuesday and 7 a. m. Wednesday 25,679 letters and cards passed through the canceling machine. This number does not include many that were too large or thick and were hand stamped, of which there is no record. The large increase may be seen by comparing this with the figures of last year, which on the biggest day were 14,860. But there has been no hold-up of any package or dispatch and all incoming mail has gone out promptly.

The post office will be closed on Christmas day except the general delivery and stamp windows from 10 to 11 in the morning. There will be no rural deliveries during the day except the Star Routes of Wekesville and South Mills, which will go out as usual as they are not permitted this holiday.

## JAP PARLIAMENT MEETS

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—Parliament assembled today after organizing. It will adjourn on Friday until January 20.

## IN POLICE COURT

There was only one case in Wednesday morning's session of police court. C. E. Williams was found not guilty of a charge of possession of liquor for the purpose of sale.

## McCOY'S VERDICT AFTER HOLIDAYS

### Prosecution Asks for Return of Verdict of Murder in First Degree for Former Beau Brummell.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Prosecution of Kid McCoy, former ring man charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Moors, closed court late today by demanding that the jury return a verdict of first degree murder, punishable by death. Court adjourned over the Christmas holidays and Judge Crail will read his instructions to the jury next Friday.

## W. H. WEATHERLY, SR. DONATES VALUABLE BOOK

A valuable addition to the files of the Chamber of Commerce was received Wednesday morning in a book on the "South's Development." This gives a glimpse in the past, of the present and a forecast of the future in the entire South. This book deals with practically every industry, including agriculture, and will be found very interesting. It was donated to the Chamber of Commerce by W. H. Weatherly, Sr., of the W. H. Weatherly Company.

## GOLD SEEKERS WARNED OF RIGORS OF WINTER

Ketchikan, Alaska, Dec. 24.—"Stampedeers," travelling by automobiles, dog teams and afoot to the Cassiar placer district strike, British Columbia, have been stopped on the international boundary line northeast of Wrangell, Alaska, by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and refused permission to travel to the scene of operation by way of Stikine, Telegraph Creek and the Dease Lake trail until March. The order to travel received here. The order to head off the winter rush was issued to prevent hardships and privations, without proper provisions at Cassiar.

## ANTI-KLAN LEGISLATION WAS ABOUT TO BAR SANTA

Shreveport, La., Dec. 24.—(Special)—Santa Claus has won the first big battle he has had to visit the homes of any American state. He will be allowed to enter Louisiana, whose law and officers but a day ago obstinately arrayed against his coming.

Life seemed hard for kiddies, merchants and collectors for Christmas-dinner-giving organizations when they realized that the anti-Klan law passed by the legislature last June, prohibiting the wearing of masks and hoods in public places or on highways, forbade old Saint Nick's entering the state.

Then some youngster pulled an eye-ful of tears before District Attorney A. C. Blanchard of the first judicial district and the word went out to welcome Santa, whiskers, mask and all—provided he violates no other state laws.

## Recognition Is Given Former Sheriff Reid

Former Sheriff Charles Reid Tuesday received a watch charm and chain from the Elizabeth City bar and court officials.

Mr. Reid was asked to stop in the office of the Clerk of Court, E. L. Sawyer, Tuesday evening about 7:30. Much to his surprise he found an informal gathering of members of the bar of this city and court officials. Ernest L. Sawyer, as spokesman, presented the gift to Mr. Reid as a memento of their regard and appreciation of the cordial relation existing between them and the former Sheriff during his long years of service.

## CALIFORNIA SHORE BOAT OVERTURNS U. S. SAILORS

San Pedro, California, Dec. 24.—A shore boat from the United States battleship California overturned in the outer harbor here throwing a number of sailors into the water. Whether any were drowned was not determined in first reports.

## MCKENNA TO RESIGN

Washington, Dec. 24.—Associate Justice McKenna of the Supreme Court expects to retire within a few weeks.

## ROBBERS MAKE GETAWAY FROM HOTEL EMPLOYEES

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Two youthful robbers held up the employees and guests of the Parkway Hotel and rifled safety deposit boxes in the safe of more than \$100,000 and escaped.

## OBSERVES HOLIDAY

The Western Union will observe holiday hours on Christmas day, remaining open from 9 to 10 a. m., and from 5 to 6 p. m.

## COTTON REPORT

New York, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 23.24-00. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 23.50-52, Jan. 23.90-95, March 24.25-30, May 24.35-40, July 23.97-30.



## JOINT SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY

### Men's and Women's Christian Federations Will Join in One Hour Christmas Service.

The Men's Christian Federation and the Women's Federation will hold a joint Christmas morning service at the First Baptist Church at 10 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to be present at this service.

The Men's Federation will not hold their regular morning services in the Junior Order Hall.

Both federations have had a remarkable record of growth since their organization here during the Ham-Ramey evangelistic campaign and it is believed that the First Baptist Church will be crowded at the joint service on Christmas morning.

## COAST HOLDS NO TERRORS FOR ENGLISH PRINCESS

London, Dec. 24.—Princess Marie Louise, King George's cousin, has decided to leave London in February for a month's visit to the Gold Coast of West Africa, where she will take part in some big game shooting.

Until recent years the Gold Coast was known as the white man's grave, but owing to the progress which has been made in the conquest of malaria and other tropical diseases, the district is now comparatively healthy.

The princess, who will be accompanied by a woman friend, will go to Accra, the seat of government, as the guest of the local governor.

## PLANS BEING MADE FOR JUNIOR ORDER HOME

High Point, Dec. 24.—Architects of this city are working on the final plans for five of the buildings to be erected at Lexington as the National Junior Order Orphan's Home. It has been announced here. The National Council of the Junior O. U. A. M. and the North Carolina State Department of that fraternity are co-operating in the erection of the home.

The first payment by the North Carolina department to the funds for the home was made some weeks ago, it was said, and other funds are expected from this state soon.

## SIGNS PENSION BILL

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge signed the omnibus bill granting pensions to a number of individuals who have served in armed forces of the country.

## Hundred Women Battle for Her



Motherless and deserted by her father, but little Constance Ellen Black's bewitching smile brought more than 100 mothers to a Chicago court room to battle for the privilege of giving her a home. Mrs. John T. Agar, wife of a wealthy Chicago packer, won out.

## A. WILLIAMS OF BUXTON IS DEAD

### Lost Life With Three Other Naval Men When Seaplane Swamped at Hampton Roads.

Norfolk, Dec. 21.—Damage sustained in a previous take off in rough seas is believed to have caused the swamping of the Naval ambulance seaplane at Hampton Roads Naval Air Station yesterday, which resulted in the death of three Naval men and Andrew Williams of Buxton, North Carolina. An official inquiry was ordered by Naval authorities today to determine the cause of the accident which befell the plane on descending to the water after returning with Williams from the North Carolina coast. The pilot was suffering from pneumonia and was being brought to the hospital here.

## SPECIAL RATES FOR WINDSOR DELEGATES

The Chamber of Commerce has been informed this morning that a special rate will be given to those attending the bridge meeting at Windsor to be held December 31. All automobiles, regardless of the number of passengers, will be taken over the Coastal Highway Ferry for \$1.00 each. It is expected that a great number from Elizabeth City will attend the meeting.

## SPECIAL PICTURE AT ALKRAMA TODAY

"Extend to our friends greetings for a Merry Christmas," John Burgess, manager of the Alkrama said Tuesday afternoon when his feature show for Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Common Law," failed to arrive. "The picture has arrived and will be shown tonight," Mr. Burgess said in response to phone calls to the theater. As is the custom of the Alkrama a Christmas feature picture, "Not One To Spare" will be shown on Christmas afternoon and night.

## ANDERSON CHARGED WITH LARCENY AND EXTORTION

Quincy, New York, Dec. 24.—Released from Sing Sing, prisoner on parole after serving nine months for third degree forgery, William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was arrested immediately on indictments charging grand larceny and extortion.

## MRS. SALLIE ANDERSON WINNER CHRISTMAS TREE

The beautiful Christmas tree which for several days has adorned the lobby of the First Citizens National Bank, now belongs to Sallie Anderson at the Elizabeth City Hosiery Mills. This tree, about 12 feet high and decorated with a number of nice purses, were distributed by the bank Tuesday afternoon to members of the National Bank 1925 Christmas Savings Club.

Distribution of these gifts, in accordance with previous notice published by the bank, was made by drawing from a box containing all the names of Christmas Club savers.

Others, whose names were drawn, entitling them to handsome purses, were Mrs. Sadie Twiddy, Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Mrs. Mary Chambers, Mrs. H. C. Harris, Stanley Simpson, Mrs. J. C. Wood, Paul D. Ives, Bobbie Munden, Emily Hall Brock, Mrs. D. S. Munden, John W. S. Johnson, Ross Harraves, Maggie Page, H. L. Robertson, Henrietta Whiteley, Clarkie Rice, Margie Perkins, James Fletcher, Sophie S. Martin and Daisy Whedbee.

A bank officer explained to a reporter Wednesday "that the distribution of these gifts was intended as a reminder of appreciation to Christmas Savers who made their largest club in the city, rather than as an inducement to join the club. The club has proved very popular, and numerous inquiries about the Christmas tree in the lobby last year suggested this method of giving it away in time for Christmas, and to show further consideration for the other 900 names in the box."

The bank makes special mention of the progress of thrift among the employees of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Mills and they say that this is spreading to the employees of the cotton mills, Pasquotank Hosiery Company and other industrial plants in the city. This not only means a happier Christmas for these people, it is pointed out at the bank, but with these accumulated savings they purchase more durable and worth while things, all of which adds to their contentment and happiness. The accumulation of some property and a little savings usually make better citizens and the bank points with pride to the thrift movement among these people, whom they believe are fast making for themselves ideal communities of industrial workers.

Those entitled to receive purses may get them by calling at the bank.

## Riders Of Mail Planes Have Life Of Hardships

### Unnoticed and Unheralded They Have Been Venturing Alone in the Night Skies in Order That Christmas Packages Might be Delivered on Time

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## Wins Ring

"You'll never get me, but if you do I'll buy you a diamond ring," Dick Buttery, suspected bookkeeper of Salt Lake City, told Sheriff Ben B. Harries. "If I don't arrest you within 15 months," replied the sheriff, "I'll buy you the diamond ring." The sheriff won. Here he is shown with the ring.

## SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS RECEIVE TWO MILLIONS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—More than \$2,000,000 has been collected during the year 1924 by the Board of Finance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the campaign for \$10,000,000 for the permanent fund for superannuated ministers of the denomination, according to a statement issued here today by Dr. Luther E. Todd, secretary of the board and in charge of the campaign.

Keep the superannuated candles burning" is the campaign slogan set by Dr. Todd and he is issuing an appeal to all Methodists to contribute to the cause during the coming year.

As a reminder of the need of keeping the superannuated candles burning, Dr. Todd called attention to the condition that there are 2,300 men and women, "worn out in the service," that are dependent on the results of this movement for the comforts and necessities of life in their old age.

By way of emphasis and symbolical of the need of brightening the lot of the superannuates, the secretary states that he is sending each every Methodist throughout the Southland by Christmas day. On each card, he asserts, are five candles, one for each year that the superannuate campaign is scheduled to run. The 1924 candle burns brightly signifying that more than \$2,000,000 were collected during the year 1924.

Dr. Todd is urging all Methodists to redouble their efforts in this campaign in order that the 1925 candle may burn even brighter than the 1924 light.

## SAVINGS "BANK" GIVES GOLD TO CLUB MEMBERS

A group of happy club members left the Savings Bank & Trust Company Wednesday morning when five lucky members were given from \$2.50 to \$10 in gold.

Mrs. S. M. Hughes, 606 Pennsylvania Avenue, won the first prize of \$10. Patience Alexander, 415 Harney street, and R. M. Sawyer, 923 Second street, won second and third prizes respectively, each getting \$5 in gold. The fourth and fifth prize winners were Mary Cherry, colored, and Mrs. W. M. Gary, of Richmond, Virginia.

Vice President and Cashier H. G. Kramer expresses himself as being pleased with the large number who had joined the 1925 Christmas Savings Club and he believes that next year's membership will surpass that of this year by considerable margin.

The Savings Bank & Trust Company boasts of the "original" Christmas Savings Club in Elizabeth City.

The Savings Bank has been an attractive corner during the holidays. An electric sign has flashed cheer to friends and relatives in all parts of the far-flung British Empire, and officials estimate that the early mailings are 60 per cent above the normal Christmas average.

For some remote parts of the empire, Christmas mails have already closed but to the others of thousands of letters, hundreds of descriptions and other gifts are still on their way in ever increasing quantities.

By the middle of November, 50,000 parcels had gone to India, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Straits Settlements, East Africa, Ceylon, Hongkong, Peru and Central America.

## THOUSANDS OF PARCELS FLOOD BRITAIN'S P. O.'S

London, Dec. 24.—The post offices of Great Britain are flooded with scores of thousands of Christmas parcels, carrying yuletide cheer to friends and relatives in all parts of the far-flung British Empire, and officials estimate that the early mailings are 60 per cent above the normal Christmas average.

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## WASHINGTON NOT TALKING ON JUSSEBRAND ADDRESS

Washington, Dec. 24.—An inclination in some quarters to make a diplomatic incident out of the White House comment yesterday on Ambassador Jussebrand's recent public address on the French debt led to a White House statement today disclaiming any intention on inflating controversy.

## DUAL MURDERERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Mount Vernon, Illinois, Dec. 24.—Lawrence Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin were found guilty by the jury of the murder of Mrs. Sweetin's husband, Wilford Sweetin. Hight was given life imprisonment and Mrs. Sweetin was sentenced to 35 years in the penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Overman, Winke Apartments, West Church street, will be at home at their usual "open house" Christmas day from 4 to 8 p. m.

## EVACUATION COLOGNE IS IMPOSSIBLE SAY FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 24.—Evacuation of the Cologne area of the German occupied region on January 10 as conditionally set by the Versailles Peace Treaty is deemed impossible by the French cabinet in view of reports from the International Military Control Commission.