

Fair Thursday and Friday, not much change in temperature. Stage of water at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m., 26.6 feet, rising.

FINANCE CORPORATION TO RELIEVE FARMERS IS URGED BY GOVERNORS

Liberal Renewal Policy For Banks Also Advocated in Report Adopted

HELP IS ESSENTIAL Mobilization of "Spiritual Assets" Urged Upon People of the Country

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—The conference of governors today adopted a committee report urging the federal government to create a finance corporation which, through loans to foreign countries, will permit export of American goods and other products to relieve the critical situation confronting the nation's farmers.

Three recommendations:—Let every individual do all he can to help and encourage his neighbor. Let there be a complete mobilization of the financial and spiritual assets of every community.

COLBY LEAVES CAPITAL FOR SOUTHERN VOYAGE Will Sail From Norfolk On Battleship Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Secretary Colby plans to leave Washington tomorrow on the first stage of his voyage to South America to return the recent visits of President-elect of Brazil, Epitacio Pessoa, and President Baltasar Brum of Uruguay.

DECLARE PUBLIC DEBT WILL SHOW REDUCTION Treasury Officials Explain Increase Announced Yesterday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Despite the increase of \$12,648,571 in the public debt during November, announced today, treasury officials declared tonight that at the end of the year a reduction of \$300,000,000 could be expected from the gross debt of \$24,937,000,000 as it stood on September 30.

AFFIDAVITS IN SHEPARD CASE PROMISED BY STATE Declared That the Case Will Be Established

MACON, Ga., Dec. 2.—The state will prevent affidavits in "sufficient number" to "establish a case" when a petition for bail for those arrested in connection with the death of Fred Shepard, comes up next Tuesday, according to Solicitor General Garrett.

RESERVE BOARD HEAD STANDS BY POLICIES Denies Owen's Charge That Government Is in Position of Profiteering

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—An appeal by Senator Owen, Democrat, of Oklahoma, to the Federal Reserve board for general lowering of its re-discount rates brought a response tonight from W. P. G. Harding, the board's governor, which declared that the organization was "reluctant to discuss proposed changes in discount rates, because such discussion would have an unsettling effect and give those best in position to form an opinion as to the probable action of the board an advantage over those not thus situated."

Senator Owen's letter said that reserve bank earnings from present discount rates were running at 150 per cent per annum, "putting the government in the position of profiteering."

LEAGUE'S GRATITUDE CONVEYED TO WILSON Offer to Mediate Accepted With Enthusiasm—Amendments Hold Assembly Floor

GENEVA, Dec. 2.—Sir Eric Drummond, secretary general of the League of Nations, has sent the following message to President Wilson expressing the gratitude of the assembly at his acceptance of Armenian arbitration:

ANTI-SALOONISTS TO LET VOLSTEAD LAW ALONE No Amendments Will Be Asked, Says Wayne Wheeler

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Wayne W. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League of America, said tonight that the league would not ask for amendments to the Volstead act during the forthcoming session of congress, but would confine itself to a few needed law enforcement additions which can be incorporated into a separate law.

CHAMPION STEER SOLD TO PACKERS FOR \$2,312 "To Make a Christmas Dinner," It Is Stated

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Black Ruler, 1,360 pound champion steer of the annual livestock show, was sold at auction today for \$2,312 to make a Christmas dinner. He brought \$2,312. Wilson & Co. packers, bought him.

COTTON DAMAGED NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2.—Approximately 1,200 bales of cotton were damaged by fire and 500 by water as a result of the fire in the holds of the American steamship Calno, which raced into the Mississippi river early yesterday from the Gulf when members of the crew were unable to successfully cope with the blaze.

First Photo of League of Nations Assembly At Geneva



This photograph, one of the first to arrive from Geneva, shows members of the League of Nations Council at their first meeting in the Hall of Reformation in Geneva. From left to right, seated at table: Senor Quinones De Leon, of Spain; Tommaso Tittoni, of Italy; Leon Bourgeois, of France; Paul Hymans, of Belgium; Sir Eric Drummond, of England, chief secretary; Lord Fisher, of England; Baron Matsui, of Japan, and Dr. Gaston de Cuana, Brazilian ambassador to France.

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HARDING'S STEAMER BATTLES HEAD WINDS Slow Progress Made and Docking May Fall Behind the Time Scheduled

ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP PASTORES, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—The steamship Pastores, with President-elect Harding on board, this evening was proceeding northward off the Atlantic coast at a speed which made it doubtful whether her officers would be able to realize their hopes of docking the vessel at Norfolk early in the forenoon of Saturday.

Senator Harding Declines Offer of The Mayflower

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Harding declined today President Wilson's offer to place the presidential yacht Mayflower at his disposal next Saturday on his arrival at Norfolk to carry the president-elect to Washington.

HUDSON IS PROMOTED BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY Made General Superintendent of Eastern District

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 2.—W. C. Hudson, superintendent of the Charlotte Division, Southern railway, with offices in Greenville, has been promoted to general superintendent of the eastern district, according to unofficial reports reaching here today.

PROMINENT FLORIDA MAN IS DROWNED AT TAMPA TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 2.—J. T. Mahoney, prominent clubman and one of the most widely known furniture dealers in the south, was drowned at midnight when the automobile which he was driving ran off the foot of the Mallory Steamship docks. Charles J. Smith, of St. Petersburg, who also was in the car, saved himself by jumping. The accident was due to an attempt of Mr. Mahoney to turn on the dock, which is poorly lighted, and which resulted in the car striking a runway, according to Smith. Mr. Mahoney was for several years president of the Tampa Yacht and Country club, and captain of the Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, which holds an annual pageant here. He was taken from the water within a few minutes after the accident by the city police and dock officials and rushed to a hospital, but was pronounced dead upon arrival there. He is survived by a wife and two children.

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DIVISION OF S. I. A. A. BELIEVED PROBABLE Larger Colleges and Universities Seek to Break With Lesser Institutions

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 2.—That a split in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association, which convenes in annual session at Gainesville, Fla./December 10, is imminent was indicated tonight when it was learned that a number of the larger colleges and universities are advocating the formation of an association that would exclude many of the smaller denominational and agricultural colleges as well as those institutions which have opposed the freshman or one-year rule. It is believed that such a plan will meet with united opposition of delegations representing the smaller colleges, but advocates of the reorganization point out that the S.I.A.A. at present is the most cosmopolitan and most widely of any of the big sectional athletic conferences inasmuch as it includes various denominational schools of unequal student bodies, making it difficult to provide legislation to apply to all classes and sections equally.

ROME IS AGITATED OVER FIUME CLOUD King Confers At Length With His Ministers

ROME, Dec. 2.—For more than an hour yesterday, Minister of War Bonomi conferred with King Victor Emmanuel over the Fiume situation, the war minister adding that the suggestion that administration to the league should have any such effect, appears to arise from a misconception of article ten. It cannot be too emphatically stated that article ten does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, according to the first official interpretation of the article by the league, unanimously adopted by the commission on the admission of new states. This declaration is generally regarded as one of the most important decisions yet taken by the league members.

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WOULD LIMIT HOUSE WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Representative Hull, Democrat, of Tennessee, said today he would introduce a joint resolution when congress convenes Monday providing for submission to the states of a constitutional amendment to limit the size of the house of representatives to 450 members. Membership now totals 435.

YALE HONORS VIRGINIAN NEW HAVEN, Dec. 2.—Fred M. Bundy, of Norfolk, Va., today was elected captain of the Yale tennis team for 1921. He will fill the vacancy caused by the absence from college of Kenneth M. Hawks, who had previously been elected captain.

FIFTY PER CENT CUT IN COTTON ACREAGE MEETS OPPOSITION

State Board of Agriculture Believes More Flexible Rule Should Be Applied

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Dec. 2.—The state board of agriculture today took issue with the suggestion of J. S. Wannamaker, of the American Cotton association, of a 50 per cent reduction in cotton acreage. The board declares it cannot indorse any general reduction of acreage, because it is unfair to demand that the man who plants only one-fifth of his land in cotton reduce the same percentage as the man who plants four-fifths of his land in cotton. The board offers the following program:

- 1. Let every cotton farmer be required by organization and public opinion to sign an agreement to produce his own food and feed.
2. Let bankers and merchants refuse to furnish supplies or advance money to farmers who fail to join the crusade.
3. The proportion of land required to make farms self-supporting varies locally, but land producing one bale of cotton or more should have an absolute minimum of one-third of the land in food and feed crops, land producing two-thirds of a bale or less to the acre should have a minimum of one-half in food and feed crops.

LINKS VALERA WITH GERMAN CONSPIRACY Lloyd George Promises to Make Documents Public

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Premier Lloyd George stated in the house of commons today that documents found in the possession of Eamonn de Valera when he was arrested in May, 1918, would be included in those which the government is about to make public. These documents, suggesting the premier implicated the Irish Republican army in the German conspiracy.

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COURTHOUSE STORMED BY MOB AT GOLDSBORO; ONE MAN SHOT DOWN

Abortive Attempt to Seize Five Negro Prisoners Stirs Wayne Capital

GARRISON IS FIRM Former Deputy, Alleged Mob Leader, Said to Have Been Shot By Sniper

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Dec. 2.—Herbert Futrell, former constable in Wayne county, was shot when a mob stormed the Wayne county court house tonight in the attempt to take five negroes held there for murder of a white man.

He was removed in an automobile by members of the mob and whether he was killed or not could not be learned. Prior to the assault upon the west door of the court house, where Futrell was shot, all the window lights on one side of the court house were shot out.

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