

Fair Friday and probably Saturday. Colder Friday. Stage water at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m. 10.3 feet.



Wilmington's Only Leased Wire Associated Press Newspaper

BRITISH KING GRIEVED BY EFFORTS TO SEVER IRELAND FROM EMPIRE

Deplores Campaign of Violence and Outrage Waged By "Small Section"

HARMONY HIS WISH Looks Forward to Re-establishment of Trade Relations With Russia

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The king's speech on the occasion of the proroguing of parliament, after reference to the continued friendly relations with the Greek empire, alluded to the Greek difficulty and declared that the government would, in conjunction with the allies, endeavor to reach a solution compatible with their joint responsibilities.

ALLIED INTERVENTION TO STOP BOLSHEVISM URGED BY HOFFMANN

German General Now Regrets Use of Lenine to Break Russian Morale

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—General Wilhelm Hoffmann, former chief of staff of the German east army, who played an important part in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, declares in an interview published in the Berlin Russian Daily that Bolshevism having ceased to be a regional is a world problem now, which can be solved only by armed intervention by the great powers acting in concert.

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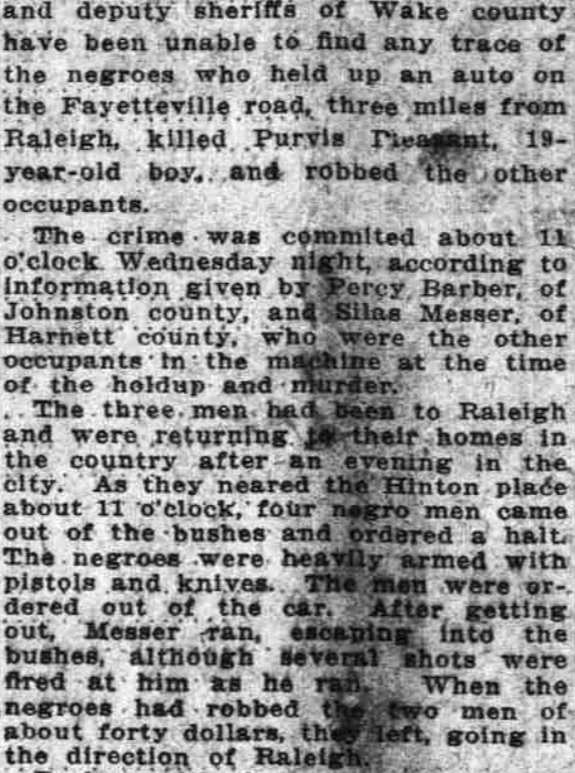
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WHITE LEAD COMBINE ALLEGED PRICE-FIXER Good Name Would Be "Lead Pipe White Lead Cinch," Says Untermyer

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Five manufacturing concerns controlling over 35 per cent of America's white lead output, principal ingredient of paint, were accused of collusion and price fixing today by New York's "building trust" inquiry.

HIGHWAY ESCAPE AFTER NIGHT HOLDUP Party of Five Men Robbed and One Killed Near State Capital

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—Police officials and deputy sheriffs of Wake county have been unable to find any trace of the negroes who held up an auto on the Fayetteville road, three miles from Raleigh, killed Purvis Pleasant, 19-year-old boy, and robbed the other occupants.



The crime was committed about 11 o'clock Wednesday night, according to information given by Purvis Pleasant, who was killed, and Silas Messer, of Johnston county, who were the other occupants in the machine at the time of the holdup and murder.

Republicans Oppose Highway Measures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Developments in the consideration of the proposed highway bill today led to public denials by the highway committee that it was in any way a "road bill" or a "strong advocacy" of the highway program.

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COAL ASSOCIATION SCORED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senate investigation of the coal industry was suspended today until next Wednesday, but sharp criticism of the national coal association and government departments came up on the senate floor when Senator Calder of New York, chairman of the committee, brought recent disclosures into debate.

TO ASK EXPLANATION OF DISCOURTESY ON AMBASSADOR'S PART

State Department Takes Cognizance of British Embassy's Letter to Senator

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Official cognizance was taken today by the state department of the action of the British ambassador, in writing directly to Chairman Kellogg, of the senate committee investigating cable communications, denying testimony of witnesses that the British authorities imposed a censorship on cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain.

ACTION OF PRESIDENT ON FINANCE BOARD BILL MAY PRECIPITATE ROW

Correspondent Expresses Belief That Measure Will Meet Executive Veto

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—There is now before the President, for veto or approval, the first bill passed by the President's session of congress. The President's action on the bill is not only as regards this present bill in question, but also as the first in a long series of conflicts between two schools of opinion which conflicts will undoubtedly continue for several years to come.

Demands of Hard Coal Miners Turned Down

Operators Reject the Proposed Scale, But Offer to Adjust Individual Cases

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Declining freedom of the award of the United States anthracite coal commission, the mine operators today rejected the demands of the hard coal miners for additional wage increases, a minimum 56 day labor rate and the payment of the universal eight-hour day.

BRINSON WILL PRESENT TROPHY AT NEW BERN

Gavel Made of Historic Material Is Daniels' Gift

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Representative Brinson went to New Bern Wednesday night to spend the holidays. While he is there, he will present to New Bern Rotary club a gavel which Secretary Daniels had made for that body out of material taken from one of the most famous vessels of the war.

PURSE INCREASED

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 23.—The purse of the Kentucky derby to be run at Churchill Downs, Louisville, May 7, 1921, has been increased to \$50,000. It was announced here tonight by Col. Matt J. Winn, general manager of the Kentucky Jockey club.

PUGILIST GUILTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Edward Kravosky, San Francisco pugilist, and the second of five men to be tried for criminal attacks on young women, was found guilty in the superior court here tonight.

Two Dead, Two Injured In Harbor Explosion

Property Loss of Four Hundred Thousand Reported At Galveston

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—Damage tentatively placed at \$400,000 resulted here this afternoon when a fire spread by an explosion aboard the oil barge Bolikow swept a portion of the Southern Pacific docks.

LIQUOR SMUGGLING LEADS TO DISMISSAL OF ENSIGNS

Navy Drops Two As Result of Prosecution

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 23.—Dismissal from the service for Ensign Frank Lamb, U. S. N. R. F., and discharge of Ensign Windsor H. Cushing, U. S. N. R. F., has been approved and directed here by Prohibition Director C. P. Hillburn, whose office insisted on the prosecution of the two officers who were in a navy seaplane which officers say smuggled liquor from Bimini into the naval station at Key West last April.

D'Annunzio Is Firm; Evacuation Started

Fiume Commander Declares He Will Resist Italian Regulations to End

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The evacuation of Fiume by Italian troops began, according to a dispatch from Milan, already 100 refugees have arrived at Candria. The food situation at Fiume is considered almost desperate.

SAYS ALLIES SHOULD HEAR LOANS ARE STILL DUE

McKellar Attacks Statement of Secretary Houston

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The allied nations should be advised that the United States will not cancel loans made during the war, Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, declared in an address today in the senate criticizing Secretary Houston of the treasury department, for alleged failure to take steps to facilitate payment.

YMAS SYMBOLS RELICS OF NATURE WORSHIP DAYS

Says Bulletin of National Geographic Society

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Symbols of American Christmas observance, the Christmas tree, candles and mistletoe, relics of nature worshipping days dating to the uses of Christianity, says a bulletin issued today by the National Geographic society.

FIFTH FIELD ARTILLERY HONORED BY FRENCH

Highest Distinction Conferred For Bravery in Action

FAYETTEVILLE, Dec. 23.—The Fifth Field artillery, commanded by Col. A. J. Bowles, was today notified that Camp Bragg was today notified that the French republic had conferred upon it the fourragere, the highest award that can be bestowed upon a military organization, for bravery in action.

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