

HARDING'S INAUGURAL WILL BE VERY BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Money and Ostentation Will Have Their Hour and All the Pomp and Pageantry That Money Can Assemble Will Be On Display For the Great Crowds—Washington Will Double Prices For Inaugural Week

By FRANK LEWIS
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Lean times and a world of conditions will not dampen the memory of the inauguration. Not within the memory of the most illustrious of our presidents has there been such a display of pomp and pageantry. The inauguration of Edward B. Taylor, the first multi-millionaire, and the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson, the first president to be inaugurated in a man-of-war, are being eclipsed by the inauguration of Warren G. Harding, which indicates that nothing will be done to make it a dazzling affair. Money and ostentation will have their hour, and there are already being hoarded and hoarded in the city. New social feuds are being kindled, and the Washington society to obtain which carry distinction and social rank. The pomp and pageantry that will be on display for the great crowds that are expected to gather from all parts of the country will be a sharp sight.

Millionaire Wins Out

Washington watched with keen interest when a sharp fight was being waged by E. B. McLean and several Washington business men for the honor of being master of ceremonies. The millionaire was more resourceful than some of his opponents, and after several weeks spent with the selection of his vacation trip to Europe, he was announced as the winner of the honor. The few committees that have been named read like the pages from a novel, and there has been criticism of the make-up of the general committee, because it includes representatives of Washington, New York and Newport society to the exclusion of others prominent in social, financial and political circles. Those who are leading the program declare there is justification in these complaints and that the selection of luminaries of Washington's "four hundred" over men who have merely achieved political prominence is natural, as it is desired to give "class" to the whole affair that will be had by roping in a lot of politicians. Nevertheless some of these politicians are planning to "horn in," or two from western states who have reached Washington far in advance of the average office-seeker announce that they are arranging for boys and Indians to take their place in the parade as true representatives

LUMBERTON'S HOUSING PROBLEM STILL ACUTE

Some People Will Be Forced To Leave the Town For Lack Of Place To Live

(Special to The Star)
LUMBERTON, Jan. 1.—The "falling out" in business has not relieved the housing proposition in Lumberton. While some few are moving into the country there is a crying demand for residences here and it is probable that some will have to leave town for lack of a place to live. Very few residences have been erected here during the last two years, but it is thought that a building boom will strike during the next year. The new year brought very few business changes here. The injunction granted at the instance of citizens of Rowland and Allfordville townships to restrain Sheriff R. E. Lewis from collecting taxes in these townships has been dissolved and the action dismissed. Council for both plaintiffs and defendants agreed to this action. The injunction was brought several weeks ago and tax collections in these townships had been held up since that time. There were 61,574 bales of cotton ginned in "the state of Robeson" from the crop of 1920 prior to December 13, as compared with 60,397 bales to the same date last year—or 1,177 more bales this year than last. It is thought the Robeson crop will total around 75,000 bales. Much of the crop is still in the hands of the growers. Reorder David H. Fuller has experienced a busy week as an aftermath of Christmas. Eighteen cases have been averted and several were continued for various reasons. Harrell Thompson, a young white man, given a three-months' road sentence when convicted of having more than one gallon of whisky in his possession for sale. Officers found the whisky in Thompson's auto soon after he reached town from his home, six miles from Lumberton. Saddletree township, Robeson county, voted down a \$20,000 road bond issue yesterday, the vote being sixteen for the issue and 100 against. This was the second township out of a total of twenty-one that have held road bond elections to vote the issue down. Christmas time, twenty-eight applications having been made for marriage license. The number did not equal that of Christmas, 1919, however, sixteen. A marriage of interest took place Tuesday afternoon when Miss Sallie Bryan and Raymond L. Spivey, a popular young couple who live near Lumberton, were married. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's father, William Bryan and Rev. Dr. G.

"BLOND" ESKIMO BROUGHT TO CANADA BY ARCTIC EXPLORER

NOME, Alaska.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Aputkawana, a lone male member of the far northern mysterious tribe of "blond Eskimos," the discovery of which has been credited to Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Canadian explorer, recently was brought by traders to Nome from his home on the southern shores of Coronation gulf, located on Canada's northern rim. Nome residents thought that only in his dress did he differ from the Eskimo of this region. Joe Bernard, Nome trader, who brought the "blond" Eskimo out, said he intended to take him to the United States to show outsiders what sort of people the strange Eskimos are. The native was of stout build, with copper-colored skin, straight black hair and dark brown eyes. Bernard said he was an example of the males of the "blond" tribe. Some members of the tribe, Bernard asserted, have reddish brown hair and light eyes. They are scarcely light enough, however, he thinks, to be described as blond. It was recalled here when Aputkawana arrived, that Stefansson never described the tribe as "blond," and always said newspapermen exaggerated his story and gave this mysterious tribe the name. Stefansson's description was similar to that of Bernard's.

RIVERS RUN LOW

GENEVA, Jan. 1.—The protracted draught which obtained for the past two months in Switzerland caused the Rhine and the Rhone to reach low levels hitherto unknown. The famous Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen dwindled down to a mere trickle and minor electric railways had to return to steam power. Barges, cargo boats and other river craft were strung along the shores of the Rhine for miles unable to reach Basle.

Motoring in England has been in existence for 25 years.

TO HARNESS THE TIDE IN THE RIVER SEVERN

Gigantic Scheme of British Construction Engineer

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The British ministry of transport has just made public a scheme to harness the tidal waters of the river Severn at a cost of \$20,000,000 pounds, and to erect a power plant greater than that of Niagara Falls. The Severn divides England from Wales. The project is an outcome of the efforts of Sir Alexander Gibb, chief engineer of ports construction in the British army during the war and builder of the great naval dockyard at Rosyth. It is calculated that the power plant could produce 1,000,000 horse-power at its peak load capacity and that it would save \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 tons of coal a year. It is claimed that it would revolutionize the whole industry of the west of England and even supply London with cheap electric current. A concrete dam would be placed across the river creating a locked basin 27 miles in extent into which vessels could pass through a channel. It is estimated that the undertaking would provide work for 250,000 men for seven years. In the spring tides the Severn rises 38 feet, the second highest tide of the Bay of Fundy. The fact that tidal waters have never been used for the generation of electricity on such a vast scale, coupled with the big estimated cost of the scheme, make engineering experts cautious in expressing views as to its feasibility. The Times editorially refers to the project as "somewhat flamboyant." The consent of parliament must be obtained before the scheme can be put into operation.

JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD LEAVES THE HOSPITAL

After Long Illness He Is Able To Return To His Home

(Special to The Star)
ASHEVILLE, Jan. 1.—Judge J. C. Pritchard, presiding officer of the fourth circuit court of appeals, who has been very ill at a local hospital for several weeks, was able to return to his home today. He is not well yet, but his family and friends hope that he will soon be completely recovered. Prohibition agents returned today

IRISH INSURANCE BUSINESS IS GOOD

Uneasiness Over Safety of Buildings Prevalent During the Present Upheaval

DUBLIN, Jan. 1.—Insurance companies, mostly English, have done a brisk business in Ireland in issuing policies against loss due to civil commotion. Everybody has an uneasy feeling that his house is not safe from the consequences of the conflict between the government and its enemies. Many persons have suffered whom nobody intended to injure. The market for insurance policies, therefore, has been very active. The ordinary fire and accident policies expressly exclude damage from the results of civil war or disturbances of public order which the new policies are meant to cover. It has been discovered, however, that a clause in many of the new policies might render them valueless and leave a victim who had paid his premium no better off than before. It is provided that in order to recover a loss the sufferer must be able to show that neither he nor any of his servants has been a member of an illegal organization responsible for disturbances. On the face of it this seems reasonable, but there are many individuals and still more important firms who could not answer for the political affiliations of all the members of their staffs. Lately some of the most respectable firms in Dublin owned by unionists and wealthy men unconnected with politics have been raided by the forces of the crown in search of suspected employees whose private affairs were entirely unknown to their employees. If these employers started rooting out the Sinn Féiners from their staffs the unpopular policy thereby provoked might easily ruin their business. The facts throw an interesting sidelight on the ordinary conduct of life in Ireland under guerrilla warfare. Trouble has arisen by the action of the British commission which since the great war controls the sugar supply. It has issued instructions to English wholesalers that they must not, while the present disturbance continues, supply Irish sugar retailers with any sugar except for cash down, and this order applies even to firms whose solvency is undoubted. The automotive industry in the United States provides work for \$30,000 persons, with an estimated annual earning of more than \$747,000,000. Pennsylvania has a state-wide law regulating the sale of second-hand automobiles.

FORMER EMPRESS EUGENIE LEFT ESTATE OF 10 MILLION

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Correspondence (Associated Press)—The most romantic touch in the will of the former Empress Eugenie of France, probate on which has just been granted, is her bequest of a little Greuze portrait to Sir John Burgoyne, on whose yacht she escaped from France to England on September 6, 1870, two days after the fall of the French empire. It was Dr. Evans, an American dentist, who brought the empress in disguise to Deauville, and she secretly embarked on Burgoyne's yacht at midnight, an hour after the vessel had been searched by the French police. Eugenie, who was once considered the most beautiful woman of Europe, and who died in Madrid on July 11 last, aged 94, left an estate estimated at about \$10,000,000. Deposited at the record office along with the will is a copy which Eugenie wrote with her own hands, when the Germans were bombing London and she feared the original might be destroyed. SHOULD COMPLETE SERVICE Counties alone are spending \$4,750,000 a year toward the co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics under the Smith-Lever act, the secretary of agriculture announced in his annual report to the President in 1914 they were contributing only \$780,000. He cited this to show how the farmers themselves are supporting the extension service. He warned that this broad development of the system is one of the most notable events in agriculture in recent years. There are now 2,000 agricultural agents, 300 home demonstration agents, and 300 county leaders of boys and girls clubs. The secretary urged that the system be completed as rapidly as conditions warrant by reaching the 650 rural counties which now have no agricultural agents and 1,800 without home demonstration agents, and by extending farm boys' and girls' club work. The used of steel tires on motor vehicles is prohibited in Connecticut.

THE BIGGEST SALE OF ALL

Begins Tomorrow, January 3rd and Ends January 13th

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| 36-inch "LL" sheeting, was 25c yard. 10c Sale price (Limit 10 yards to customer) | 36-inch best sea island homespun, 39c value. 12½c (Limit 10 yards to customer) | Yard-wide best bleaching, 39c value, 19c Sale price | Yard-wide fair bleaching, 35c value. 15c Sale price | 25c quality apron gingham, 15c yard | 27-inch extra heavy outing, solid colors, 40c value. 20c | 27-inch fancy stripe outing, yard. 20c | 27-inch Gaston chambray, fine for wash shirts, 40c value, yard. 24c |
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SPECIALS

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| \$2.00 outing night gowns, each | \$1.19 |
| Misses' tweed coats, button trimmed, 8 to 14 years, \$7.50 value | \$4.98 |
| Hanes' union suits, ribbed, all sizes, boys, each | 98c |
| Ladies' all-wool slip-over sweaters, turquoise, salmon, \$8.50 value | \$4.98 |
| Ladies' cambric undershirts, mercerized, black, green, purple, brown, \$2.00 value | 98c |
| Boys' and girls' stockings, medium ribbed, black, brown, white, 50c value; sizes 5½ to 10 | 25c |
| (Limit six pairs to customer) | |
| Misses' ribbed hose, black and white; sizes 5½ to 9½; 39c value; per pair | 15c |
| Children's gingham dresses, \$3.50 value, 8 to 14 years | \$1.98 |
| Infants' sweater sets, Copen red, sweater leggings, drawers, toque | \$2.48 |
| Empire corsets, \$1.50 value, sizes 21 to 31 | 79c |
| Royal Worcester corsets, \$2.00 value, sizes 20 to 34 | \$1.49 |
| Good quality comforts, full size, filled with white cotton, \$4.00 value | \$2.98 |
| Men's half hose, 15c value, black and white, 9c a pair, or 3 pairs for | 25c |
| Men's half hose, 35c value, black, brown, white, navy, pair | 19c |
| Men's mercerized half hose, medium weight, black, brown, white, navy, 50c value, per pair | 37½c |

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