

American secretary of adtermine the they were riding was fired upon withamount of reparations to be expected. The conviction held by Premier Poincars, of France, is that a change in heart on the part of Germany is required above all other considerations. shooting started from the car. A cor-oner's jury had decided that Allison came to his death from a bullet fired from within the machine in which he was riding and Mr. Huffman said he would order an examination of the fatal bullet to determine if it could have come from the pistol of either deputy.

American secretary of state, that an as claiming that the machine in which

foreign office, where the subject was considered, but It was needless to ply to it because the offre was not definite.

A dispatch to the Times from Berlin says it is understood the fdea originated with the German ambassador in Washir.gton.

## Use Lottery Process in Selecting Chief Justice For Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—A lottery sur-rounded with the utmost secrecy and solemnity will be conducted here to-morrow by the five justices of the Flor-ida supreme court. Figuratively speaking, they, will draw straws for ida supreme court. Figuratively speaking, they, will draw straws for the honor of becoming chief justice. Literally, they may draw straws, for nobody knows just how the question will be settled and members of the court never tell, in advance, and rarely afterwards. The state law provides that the chief justice must be chosen by lot, but does not stipulate the method to be followed.

When the lottery last occurred, six won. It leaked out later how it was conducted upon that occasion. A book was selected, a clerk was instructed who worked strenuously in London last was selected, a clerk was instructed to open it at random and the first line of printing at the top of the left page was examined. It had been agreed that if the initial letter of the first word of the line was the same as the first letter of the surname of a jus-tice that man would become chief justice. The letter "B" was the first to appear and Justice Browne was named. In that contest there were two jus-tices, West and Whiffeld, whose surnames begin with the same letter. It has been understood that they set-tled it between themselves before the lettery which was out of the running lottery which was out of the running in the event the first word began with a "W." It is not known how many pages were examined before the letter "B" designating Justice Browne howed up.

The term of Chief Justice Browne expires at midnight tonight. He was re-elected last November, however, and will have one chance in five of re-suming his place. Justices Browne and suming his place. Justices Browne and Taylor have six years to serve, Justices Ellis and West four, and Justice Whit-field two. The lucky man will be chief justice until the expiration of his term. There is no difference in the salary of the chief institute and his semulation There is no difference in the associates. A peculiar feature of the court is that with the exception of Justices West and Eillis each member has served as head of the tribunal during a previous term.

### COUNTY JAIL ABOLISHED

JOHNSON CITY. Tenn. Jan. 1.-The county court of Johnson county, meet-ing today at Mountain City, sholished the county jail by unanimous resolu-tion. Prisoners are so few that the cost of maintenance is not warranted. The building is to be used as a work-house. Johnson county has shout 12.-

He believes Germany's plans for the future are based upon a policy of re-sistance to the execution of the Versistance to the execution of the Ver-sailles treaty, and any effort to help her, he regards as useless until the Berlin government decides in earnest to fulfill its obligations. Extension of the present partial more regards as a second partial

the present partial moratorium, which expires on January 15, and the raising of cash for Ger-many in the international market, will,

French view than toward the British, but with some disposition to meet middle ground. The Italian delegation has a plan which it will present to the council after Poincare and Bonar Law have explained the French and Bonar Law have ex-plained the French and British view-points. This conciliatory program calls for guarantees to satisfy France, but without penalties so as to meet the British objections, relying upon such action by Germany as would have the

August to bring Lloyd George and Poincare together, also seeks to har-monize the French and the British program which, it is understood, he thinks could be done if the German govern-ment would unreservedly affirm its willingness to fulfill the reparations willingness to fulfill the reparations clauses of the treaty to the full ex-tent of the nation's resources. Both the Belgian and Italian views thus rely upon Germany to surrender economically trusting that the allies

economically trusting that the allies will lay down for her terms that she can meet. The French cabinet meets tomorrow under the chairmanship of President Millerand to decide finally

President Millerand to decide finally the French government's policy. Premier Theunis and Foreign Min-ister Jasper, of Belgium, with their staffs, arrived in Paris late tonight, having delayed their departure from. Brussels to participate in the new year celebration in the Belgium capital. The British and Italian delegates who arrived last night, spent the day

who arrived last night, spent the day conferring themselves and most of Mr. Bonar Law's time was passed in dis-cussing with Marquis Curson the procussing with Marquis Curson the pro-blem arising at the Lausanne confer-ence. He also reviewed with his for-eign minister the British attitude to-ward the reparations problem, al-though Lord Curson is not to partici-pate in the premiers' deliberations. The opening meeting of the confer-ence tomorrow will not start until 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the regular Wrench cabinet council will be held in

Warrants Are Issued

ASHEVILLE, Jan. 1 .- While the United States marshal's office is slient,

R. L White, Jr., of Glenola, are in the hands of the marshal and will be reboth men having been indicted by a know.

federal grand jury on charges of viola-tion of the election laws. Coltrane was an election judge and White, registrar, in New Market town-ship, Randolph county, and are marged Miners Most Tomo with refusing to allow T. L. Cox, Revember election. The men indicted are Democrats. It is claimed that while coal operators and miners officials Cox is away from home a part of the from the bituminous field will meet time, he has been careful to know the from the bituminous field will meet time, he has been careful to keep his

voting place in Randolph county. Germany is Pleased

BERLIN, Jan. 1-(By The Associated BERLIN, Jan. 1-(By The Associated Press).-The speech of Charles E. Five Hundred Robeson Hughes, the American secretary of state, delivered in New-Haven last week, as reported in London newspapers arriving here today, brought forth pronouncements of approval in official quarters. The plain spoken appraisal

of the reparations problem by Mr Hughes was generally indorsed, and a responsive chord seems to have been struck in official circles by the suggestion of an impartial appraising to determine Germany's capacity to pay reparations.

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question. e against the wall of the main dining room and then missles began to fly. Glasses full of water, plates of food, flower vases and chairs were hurled. Hysterical women added their screams to the shouts of the men and music of the orchestra. The shot ended the disturbance and waiters set about restoring order.

The police report states that during the disturbance there were cries of "here comes Nation, lynch him," and at

that the crowd surged around the raiders and forced them out into the lobby, where they were met by reinforcements of police who had been at-tracted to the scene. Blot calls soon For Election Officials produced more officers, so at the end there were approximately 200 police around the hotel entrance. Mr. Nation declared tonight that 250

men, guests at the hotel, were intoxia cated and their astack on his men was

it is known that papers for the arrest the cause of his ordering the men to of W. L. Coltrane, of Randleman, and withdraw. As to whether a federa agent or one of the detectives, who were with him, fired the shot. Nation asserted that as he was not in the turned for service at an early date, dining room at the time, he did not

# Miners Meet Tomorrow

here Wednesday to renew negotlations looking toward peace in the coal min-ing industry. The sessions will con-

ing industry. The sessions will con-tinue three days. An attempt will be made to reach some agreement for elimination of strikes, lockouts and other troubles for With Hughes' Speech a stated period. A conference several weeks ago failed to settle these prob-

## People Call at McLean Home to Meet Governor

(Special to the Star.) LUMBERTON, Jan. 1.—Approxi-mately 500 people, representing all parts of Robeson county, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean here this afternoon be-tween the hours of three and six o'clock to meet Governor Morrison. The New Year's reception given by Mr. and Mrs. McLean in honor of the governor and his daughter, Miss Angelia, was an informal af-fate but one of the most elaborate ever given in Lumberton. The Me-Lean home was artistically decora-ted and refreshments were served Lean home was artistically decora-ted and refreshments were served the visitors. Out of town callers were heard to remark that Lum-herton should feel honored by hav-ing both the present governor and the next governor of North Caro-line in town for New Year's day. The governor and his daughter left Lumberton at 7 p. m. in an auto for Raleigh after being guests in the McLean home since Saturday evening.

A last minute withdrawal of the light against extradition was forecast nett was a foreman.

today by persons who have been in close touch with the case. Attorney Robert R. Carman, counsel for Dr. McKoin, said he and the physician have eached no conclusion as to what at-

titude to adopt at the hearing. The gust 24. attorney said he had not as yet seen Burnet the extradition papers. jail Friday he could prove an alibi by the plant's records. Although there had Dr. McKoin, who was removed to the been reports the records were destroyed by a mysterious party, officials

> ords intact. Victor Teegestrom, prominent citizen of Monroe, is assisting the civil author ities and federal agents in locating his son. The sheriff said he did not know

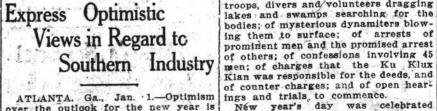
> > mystery.

to Dr. McKoin should the latter prove

do," he said, "is to go back to Louisiana and prove his innoence by the ordinary

Answering fears expressed by DL. McKoin that he would be killed by the mob element should he set foot on Mer Rouge soil again Chief Glynn said: "No one will shoot Dr. McKoin. No

and he will be guarded by the militia."



evidenced in every line of business otivity represented by Atlanta insti- | business was suspended and but for the tutions and a survey of the situation presence of three companies of state finds the entire south and the nation in a much better condition materially and mentally on the threshold of 1923. into a period that was shrouded in

will see the country much further advanced on the way of progress and

trial and economic history strengthens. the belief that 1923 will be a still mor prosperous year than 1922." is the be lief of M. B. Welborn, governor of the federal reserve bank of Atlanta. "Credits are very easy to obtain throughout the entire sixth district and most of the banks have separate. • Wagram Vicinity funds. The textile industry is on very sound basis, the crops are in good condition and most of the factories are operating to the limit of their caacity. "Financial conditions in this district

are exceptionally good and the same favorable reports are being received from other districts throughout the country," the bank official said. southern textile mills are in better condition than since the war, accord ing to P. E. Glenn, secretary of the Georgia Cotton Manufacturers associa-

Georgia Cotton manufacturers associa-tion and scoretary-treasurer of the Exposition cotton mills. Optimism in the outlook is also shared in by Charles S. Wickersham, president of the Atlanta and West Point, Western Railway of Alabama and Georgia railroads-

for outrage, by the young time keeper of the Southern Carbon plant, where Bur-

> The sheriff today recalled that Teegestrom had publicly declared Bur-Funeral of Dr. Lee nett was at the carbon plant on Au-

murder charge, declared he could prove

ugust 24, the night of th

Davis Lodge Will be Burnett told newspaper men at the Tomorrow Afternoon

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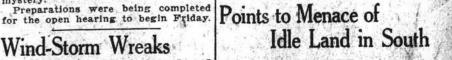
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man in 1897

whether the youth was handled by friends or enemies of Burnett. The incident added another chapter GAFFNEY, S. C., Jan. 1.—Funeral services for Dr. Lee Davis Lodge, pres-ident of Limestone college, here, who to the book of startling events being ident of Limestone college, here, who died early this morning, will be held Wednesday in the college chapel at 4 o'clock, Rev. R. C. Granberry, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, of-ficiating. The body will be taken to Rockville, Md., for interment. Members of the board of trustees, in Members of the board of trustees, in written here, which already includes masked and robed mob stealing five men from a public highway; of punish ment grounds, where two were unmercifully flogged and two beaten to death

and horribly mutilated; of bodies be-ing decapitated, wire bound, weighted session today, decided that the college would open again next Wednesday and with iron and thrown into a lake; of the governor of the state personally that Dr. Robert C. Cranberry, pastor of entering into the investigations; of the First Baptist church, would be temporarily in charge of its affairs. A full meeting of the entire board will troops, divers and volunteers dragging lakes and swamps searching for the bodies; of mysterious dynamiters blowbe held in Gaffney Tuesday, January 9 to take up the matter of a successor. ing them to surface; of arrests of prominent men and the promised arrest Dr. Lodge had served as president of Limestone college for 23 years and it was during his administration that the winnie Davis school of history was founded, which was devoted to re-search, for the most part, of southern history of counter charges; and of open hear ings and trials to commence. Néw year's day was celebrated quietly here and at Mer Rouge, All

history. In 1887 Dr. Lodge married Miss Ella White, of Rockville, Md., who died in 1895. In 1897 he married Miss Mary troops and federal agents, there were Louise McClammy of Wilmington, N. no outward signs the communities C. He is survived by her and by a son were passing out of a year of tragedy and two daughters.



Havoc in Scotland SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 1 .-- "Un-

Wind-Storm Wreaks

pany, the Blacker brothers and the local bank were among the

concerns suffering damage and several smaller buildings were partly demolished.

less some steps are taken to bring ad-difional people to cultivate our idle land and to take the place of those that are now leaving, the agricultural situation will become a most serious and perplexing problem." declared Dr. W. W. Long, of Clemson college, di-rector of extension in South Carolina, LAURINBURG, Jan. 1.-A storm which swept across Scotland coun-

here today in a statement. "As I see it," said Dr. Long, "there are only two ways to handle the prop-esition. One is for the state to make

which swept across Scotland coun-ty early this morning did consid-erable damage at Wagram in the northeast section of the county. county. The velocity of wind which swept in a tornado-like path about 300 yards wide destroyed many buildings and injured at least one man. S. H. Duniap had three risks broken and was hadly the effort to bring in settlers and the other is to work out a policy that the landless man may be encouraged and assisted in becoming a land owner." The boll weavil is responsible for the situation that now exists, declared Dr. Long, who said: "In many coun-ties of the state farm laborate are three ribs broken and was badly bruised when the sleeping porch of his residence was torn from the dwelling. The Wagram Mercantile com-

leaving. Negro tenants are migrating north on account of the short cotton orop that was made. A great many white tenants are going into the cot-ton mills of South and North Carolina and Georgia."

prosperity than a year ago. "A survey of the past year's indus

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1.-Optimism wer the outlook for the new year is

While not over confident, officials in various lines hold that the new year

jail hospital several days ago follow-ing an attack of bronchitis, was said to be in a greatly improved condition today. He declined to comment on the of the plant announced today the rec extradition proceedings, saying the matter rests with his lawyer. Chief Glynn said Governor Parker would be the first man to offer redress

himself innocent. "The best thing for Dr. McKoin to

of law." Answering fears expressed by Dr

one will know when he arrives home.