## REENSBORO DAILY NEWS

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1923 BORROWED BRIEFS.

Lord intended the elbow

Retirement to private life will now be popular for a while, but it will never become a fixed habit in Ohio. —Cleveland Commercial.

#### PARAGRAPHICS.

blackgum against thunder, we can't country. conceive what would be.

To the majority, no doubt, it was a merry Christmas: but to a lot of people it was again, as usual, merely Christman

sus with due seriousness.

was possible to all the medicament ed ever invented and the medical skill of the ages.

If the senator from California senator from Idaho, 'twill be a gorgeous fray, to be sure. But if they make it a free-for-all, instead of a Uncle Sam will be put to the exchamber, for the old one will hardly be worth mending.

to die, and will never again par- terial in tests issue is better, it is the sine of the strongest rectangle of the perfectly true that it covers a bond issue, with the strongest rectangle of the members of the membe overwork, and it is hoped will be than the initial number surveyed. able to address the soviet congress, now in session at Moscow, before wonder the more one considers it. really forward-looking and sincerely its adjournment.

thousands of geese flying north- and conservative of the states, giving definite character to an ad-Get ready to welcome a new year academic magazine of any sort, upwards of a year has been, "to and plant the potatoes.

If this Arbuckle should be filmed again, and if somebody in whose state, so the management of the judgment we have confidence magazine announces, has been not which he earlier committed himworth seeing, and especially if we its warmth. The Journal has had Times' article concludes: should be convinced that the ex- an auspicious' beginning everyhibition had real comedy in it— where in the country; but its first which we don't expect to happen— and greatest success has been right

other day. After his return from set itself to meet.

It will be enormout.

BORAH AND JOHNSON.

We fail to understand why Senator Johnson becomes so excited over Senator Borah's comparatively innocuous demand for a conference on reparations, when the adminis tration itself is boldly proposing to take over the question of reparations lock, stock and barrel. Assuming that Senator Johnson has read the newspapers for the last three years, how has it been possible for him to escape the conviction that nothing is less likely to produce definite results than an international conference? The conference at Washington was far and away the most successful of all; yet what has it accomplished? Work on new battleships has been held up-that is all. That is better comparison with the great results that were anticipated and which a large part of the country believed had been attained.

No doubt the basic difficulty is Mr. Beveridge can now write another book. Really good authors are acarcer than moderate senators.—

It is a defection from the ranks Chicago News.

of the irreconcilables, and a defection from the ranks of the irreconcilables. of the irreconcilables, and a defec-The landlords that won't rent to families having bables might reflect that they will want some new tenants growing up some day.—Newark Adviceate. perity of this country are inextrica- of the law. Do you remember when folks that i'y bound up with the reasonable and earn it!—Wilmington NewsJournal. ness; and he has had the grace to yield precedence over his own preconceived opinions to the tran-Well, if Borah vs. Johnson isn't quillity and prosperity of the

Apparently this, is an attitude that is impossible to Johnson. Such a hypothesis explains a good deal. It explains, perhaps, why Johnson States. An essential qualification A returned traveler reports that of a really great captain, in politics in High Point one occasionally hears as in the field of war, is ability to purposes, but he would have led end. There is an ancient saying to the his army to defeat and destruction. effect that a green Christmas The irreconcilables are no more makes a fat graveyard, but the doc- able than anybody else to ignore tors and nurses could testify that the plain facts of the situation and this spell of fine weather has done to proceed as if everything were more for thousands of persons ill arranged precisely as they would with various and sundry ailments like to have it arranged, or as they of the cold and grip variety than believe that it ought to be arrang-

Theoretically, the United States ought to have no interest in reparations, since this country will not starts in to peol the hide off the get a cent of the money. Actually, however, our whole business life is Europe; and Europe cannot prosprivate fight, and the senator from per unless and until the reparations problem is solved in such this fact and shaped his course ac-

We see by the dispatches from ed to a magazine of 200 pages; and The Times manifests its disap-Russia that Lenine is hopelessly ill while it would be neither discreet

The common impression has been progressive executive than anything Long Islanders report seeing that North Carolina, most cautious else possibly could have done;" thus ward in regular formation Sunday. would be the last to support an ministration that in its existence of and especially a magazine devoted to the technology of the social should tell us that his picture is only gratifying, but surprising in self, has palpably cooled." The

this racket about whether or not they shall be exhibited for such they shall shall for the smilled and chatted and gave little evidence of realizing the smilled and chatted and gave little with the smilled a

other day. After his return from set itself to meet.

If we may venture from this distance to interpose a suggestion, is it not possible that the best and some 100 per cent Americans; and some 100 per cent Americans; and some its given consistent and care—the worst that may be said of the last of the prisman and the past one persons were killed during the said of the worst that may be said of the last of Robert Martin and that had been one persons were killed during the Robert Martin and that had been fiscal year ending October 31, the figthey fixed him. It is no doubt a ful study by every social organi- governor in this connection is that fax counties Deputy wheriff Hatcher great and glorious thing to fight zation in the state. Ignoring for he understands Virginia and the for a country of 100 per cent Americans who come 40 to one to murder of which the Daily News expects to selves? To illustrate, it is unlikely and that he came to Halifax country their defenders in the dark; for the refer at another time-the depart- that any governor that North Carocountry of the 100 per cent Amer- mental contributions are a rich lina has had could have carried the

than nothing, to be sure, but it fully organized these days for shows up insignificantly indeed by any individual to defy it with impunity, and the man who tries it is no hero, but merely a hopeless

Right after the murder of Officer McCuiston the Daily News prophenot the fact of the proposal, but sied this outcome. At that time it seemed that Talley had disappeared completely and that his friends would be able to protect him indefinitely; but no individual, no group of individuals, can cope with the relentless, remorseless pursuit

been fool enough to get drunk and quarrel with another man. But it might as well be argued that Talley never would -have been sought had he not been fool enough to think that he could ride roughis not President of the United the first place was certain to do some fool thing that would betray

The plain fact is that it can't Point is not taking our police cen- his back, but marched breast for- chase takes 17 months, or 17 years, ward" was all right for poetical the law will run him down in the

VIRGINIA ROADSTERS

CRITICAL.

"In line with the straddling and ureal prominently.

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The plans included a modern home and joint studentship at New York university, where a construction of plans for their life together in New York figured prominently.

The plans included a modern home make speeches.

C. C. Coddington today, bought the Osborne property on Trade and Graham streets for \$60,000. J. H.

Cutter bought from C. C. Codding-ton a lot on Trade street for \$100,-100. sembly contains the suggestion that the matter of the mooted good roads ple for decision at the polls," says the Roanoke Times, which wishes bound up with the prosperity of roads. That will be to pass the necessary nor advisable. It is to be hoped and expected that the gen- BAGGETT MAY NOT GET Uncle Sam will be put to the expense of building a new senate ator Borah has finally recognized to discharge its delegated functions. The people overwhelmingly cordingly is no more than evi- voted to give the general assembly

pointment that the Virginia govcould write, which would have done The Journal becomes more of a more "to stamp Mr. Trinkle as a LEWIS EDWARDS FIRED

welfare superintendents, probation Governor Morrison simply heard burg. The quarrel, according deputy sheriff, which resulted officers, juvenile court judges, lay- and understood a chorus of demand; men who are interested in church and although it was a carefully or work, especially in rural churches. ganised chorus, it was neverthed in leas loud enough and definite coreryone who has an interest in less loud enough and, definite the contract of the prisoner case should be contracted in less loud enough and definite the contracted to the contracted work, especially in rural churches, everyone who has an interest in less loud enough and, definite removed to the office of Dr. J. D. Hagood, Scottaburg, deputy absrift executive. We suspect that the main trouble is that the good roads organizations.

If all these undertake to get out of the Journal all that may be found there, the magazine, what-found there, the magazine, what-found there, the magazine, what-found there, the magazine, what-found there are greater found there, the magazine, what-found there are greater found there are greater for the part he played in found there are greater for the part he played in the Willing of Policeman McCuiston.

occasion for leadership may de FRED ALLISON DIES velop and with it the leadership whose lack our Roanoke conten porary deplores.

#### COMELY CHINESE LASS SETS CHINATOWN AGOG IN BLASTING TRADITION

(Continued from Page One) tory. One was that Miss Wenn had merely gotten mixed on her dates, having figured by the Chinese calendar instead of the Julian calendar. This would explain why she did not of the law.

It may be argued that Talley would still be at large had he not plain why she ran away from her

Another story, taking account of her sudden disappearance, has it that Miss Wenn—a thoroughly American-lized "flapper," with bobbed hair and occidental turn of mind—had disap-peared merely to register her inde-

Still a third had it that she shod over the law. A man with little enough sense to come into conflict with established order in the first place was certain to do the husband to come to her.

One thing they all were agreed on that Miss, Wenn had not been that Miss, Wenn had not be well at the well with the Miss which we will be well at -that Miss, Wenn had not been forced, according to the ancient Chi, nese custom, into marriage with a she did not even know. this town referred to as East High decide just when to retire. BrownPoint. And he adds that High ing's soldier who "never turned for a long while, but whether the year ago.

the road toward becoming an eagi-neer. So the question really is not whether George Num Lee and Mildred

bond issue be referred to the peo-marriage will be selemnized. Meanwhile, the gorgeous red rooms Virginia to proceed to build some gons, yawn emptly for the wedding pany plans to erect a \$40,000 warethe wedding feast reposes in cold storage; the wedding buck, which is in this case "neither walt in Lee Quon's strong box-and Chevenne Predicts Mondell

## CHANCE TO INTRODUCE HIS ANTI-K. K. K. BILL

this fact and shaped his course accordingly is no more than evidence that he is fairly sane. The Daily News' Washington correspondent, Mr. Gilbert, has written, another "Mirrors" book that is said to be even more so than "The Mirrors of Washington," his first effort fit that line. The new one is "Behind the Mirrors;" but since those persons who were judicious enough to enroll among the subscribers of the Daily News The Daily News The Daily News Washington, The January number of the subscribers of the Daily News The Daily News The Daily News Washington, The January number of the subscribers of the Daily News Washington, The January number of the subscribers of the Daily News Washington, The January number of the January number of the subscribers of the Daily News Washington, The January number of the January number of the January number of the subscribers of the Daily News Washington, The January number of the January number of the January number of the subscribers of the Daily News Washington, The January number of the washington of the subscribers of the Daily News New York, Dec. 26—Stocks were sticked to the fact that he january number of the doubt either the willingness or the doubt either the willingness or the doubt either the willingness or the senate. Now occupies the yound not have done that he january number of the senate. Now occupies the post, and there is nothing in sight to infer the speakership of the house. A federal official last week said of the senate. Now occupies the post, and there is nothing in sight to infer the speakership of the house. The speakership of the speakershi have been behind the mirrors all south of social review, just is closed to succeed the question to suppose the question of the new book as a matter of promise of the first issue, which appeared last November. The foundly disappointing to his friends appeared last November. The foundly disappointing to his friends in every section of the state."

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# OFFICER, SAYS TALLEY

him Talley would remark, "I don't want to say anything about it until speak candidly, rich in promises but I have a lawyer. People may get comparatively poor in perform- the ties that I am a 'bravo' if should tell where all I have been." sciences; yet the response from this ance." It is plain that Mr. Trinkle's should tell where any further away state, so the management of the enthusiasm for the bond issue, "to line and Virginia, he replied in the negative. After the fatal shot was fired into

in Richmond, Va. Chariotte and Hall- ures showed.

For the past four months, Talley country of the 100 per cent Amermental contributions are a rich lina has had could have carried the had been accompanied on his trips during the holidays. Two deaths due to this cause occurred. Eighteen of they had rectaed with the had rectaed with the latter's ple as teachers, clergymen, editors, direction of a highway system.

out of the Journal all that may be found there, the magazine, whatered that there are greater that the probable that there are greater that the probable that there are greater that the thing of the killing of Policeman McCuiston. The simply can't get away with it. Carl Talley evaded the officers of justice for 17 months; but they have laid him by the heels at last. The law is too well and too power-the law is too well and too power-the law is too well and too power-that the prisoner and the deputy sheriff remarked that the prisoner unfolded to him the fatal tracky of Greensborc, When her are the public highway.

Trinkle has tried to please both of two antipodal factions, and may hereon at one time.

# OF PISTOL WOUNDS

Young Charlotte Man Fatally Wounded in Gun Battle With Officers of Lincoln.

Charlotte, Dec. 38,-Fred an automobile mechanic, of Charlotte died early today from wounds suffered in a gun fight last night nes fered in a sun fight last night near Lincolnten, between three alleged liquor runners and two deputy sher-iffs, according to Sheriff Abernethy, of Lincoln county. Fifty gallons of liquor and an automobile were cap-tured, the sheriff added, and he is searching for two other men who escaped during the fight. Mrs. Will Allison, mother of the

young mechanic, was prostrated this morning when she learned of his death and for a time physicians feared would not survive. Allison, who about 35 years old, is susvived also by his father, four brothers and

Deputies Baxter and Miller when or-dered to halt, according to Sheriff Abernethy, and Allison was fatally wounded in the exchange of shoots. The sheriff said Allison gave him the names of the other two mobile and that he hoped to arres

#### Commercial Travelers to Meet In Charlotte Soon

(Special to Bally News.)
Charlotte, Dec. 26.—North Carolina Since that time, say friends of hold a great ceremonial here Decembed by the ber 30, at which time over 100 candidates will present themselves for the beautiful present the beautiful pre United Commercial Travel

> ton a lot on Trade street for \$100, transaction in Charlotte realty corded in several months.

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The J. A. Jones Construction com-pany, today, purchased a lot on South Tryon street, near Dilworth, for \$40,000. On this land the com-

## to Succeed Fall In Cabinet

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec, 26, - For ome time there has been current in Cheyenne a report that Secretary Fail would resign shortly in orde to devote his time to his private af fairs and that he would be succeed

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selections, broadcast by radio station, "WSB" of Atlanta Ga. Deceming to advices just received here, A. P. Costa, postmaster at Walluku, operated the amateur set that picked up" the signals.

self, hat palpably cooled. The Policeman McCulaton, the outlaw Policeman McCulaton, the outlaw Policeman McCulaton, the outlaw prisoner yeaterday stated, "Tom Roberts on the gas and we restrict of the commonwealth at a critical period in its affairs. The opportunity presented to him for signal and the woods. When they captured Edwards President Wilson at his home in woods. When they captured Edwards President Wilson at his home in

Boston, Dec. 25.--More than 50 per-sons were in hospitals here today suffering from alcohol poisoning as a result of drinking liquors obtained during the holidays. Two deaths due

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THE HOUSE-

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LET'S SEE MON

#### CARRIER BOYS ENJOY DELIGHTFUL BANQUET

ads Who Deliver Daily News to Greensboro Readers Feast and Make Merry.

Gloom was ruthlessly sisin by the jovial spirit of Yuletide last night at Clegg hotel while Daily News car-rier boys scated around a long banquet table heavily laden with Christ mas dainties laughed at the slaugh ter. Nearly all the 41 boys, who

Nearly all the 41 boys, who see that the Daily News seered to Greensboro patrons along with breakfast each morning, were at the banquet last night, and from start to finish they had a rip-roaring good time. And why wouldn't they? W. time. And why wouldn't they? W. F. Clegg, proprietor of the Clegg hotel, who used to be a newsboy himself, had taken pains to see that nothing was lacking from the banquet menu which would tickle the pallet of a husky newsboy. And Ben Clushers, who said he keep form Ginsberg, who said he knew from personal experience what it is to de-liver newspapers at the crack of dawn while half the world is slug-gishly turning over ot take a cat-nap before tumbling out of bed, had arranged the entertainment program so that there wasn't a dull moment.
And as for the toastmaster, Paul W.
Rawlins, eity circuistion manager,
the boys sang his praises in speeches. songs and

The fun began walter swung wide the doors to the dining room and announced the feast was ready. Led by Mr. Ginsberg, the dining room and announced the feast was ready. Led by Mr. Ginaberg, the jubilant lads filed into the dining-room, lustly singing. "Hall, hall, the gang's all here." And to those won saw them marching past the words the legislature is the campaign being staged by Sudge Phil Cocke, of Asheville, and Mayor C. C. Broughton, of Troy for the post of reading clerk in the senate. Mayor Broughton is acount 25,000. Today it is understood there are about 4,000,000 of the six of the worm before it began wisgling. It looks now, however, as if Judge Cocke had beaten him to the pledges of the members of the senate crucus.

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the Daily News reporter who drew the banquet as an assignment, found that there was a little more pep and considerably more real enthusiasm in the gathering than is usually to be found in occasions of the sort in these latter days. Some of the carrier boys can make most creditable after-dinar speeches and there are others who can sing well and eith who can sing well, and with more ginger than one hears ordinarily, Visit Wilson Today.

New York, Dec. 26.—A delegation of five from the Woodrow Wilson foundation will await upon former President Wilson at his home in Washington Thursday to extend route 28. Wesley Tuttsone. which we don't expect to happen—
then we'd go to see that film, if it
were shown at some handy place.
But this is still a free country, at
least to the extent that no one has

he occasion. Called upon for a speech, Mr. Raw-

lins told the boys that they form a most important department in the organization of a daily newspaper. e congratulated them for their suc-asful work in the past and urged em to higher standards of efficithem to higher standards of efficiency in the future. Stokes S Rawlina, in charge of the Daily Newa,
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world of business and letters, Mr. SPENS TO QUIT AS upon being active in the affairs of the community and encouraged them to set for themselves higher stan-dards and ideals. Mr. Clegg spoke of the life of the newaboy, and told the boys he was always delighted to be with them and to have them as his guests.

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In the several speeches made by the boys themselves interesting suggestions for improved service and for the promotion of a better spirit of co-operation were made. Some of the youths related interesting experiences whoch they have had in definition of the city. Some of the boys were comparing Christman presents which had been presented to them by persons to whom they deliver papers. Each of the boys thought he had the prettiest and most valuable present.

Before the boys left the dining room they gave rousing cheers for Mr. Rawlins, Mr. Ginsberg, Mr. Clegg and for left over details. Under the law creating it, President Harding may terminate its activities at the service of the clies of the clies of the law creating it, President Harding may terminate its activities at the service of the clies of the cl

room they gave rousing cheers for Mr. Rawlins, Mr. Ginaberg, Mr. Clegg and for the Daily News.

# Dry Agents Condemned By

the state courts, was delivered by Judge George E. Page, from the bench in district court today.

You let saloons run wide open throughout the city, selling shine and other liquor to any one who eares to buy it. You are un-able to find these public places, but you seem to be adept at finding same poor widow or some ordinary citizen who has a 'hipper' for his own use," said the judge.

Dennis Baynes Dies.

(Special to Daily News.)

Danville, Va., Dec. 26.—Dennis G.

Baynes, who two weeks ago was
stricken with paralysis, died at his home early this morning. He 74 years of age and a native He was Franklin county having lived in Danville for 15 years. He was mar-ried first to Miss Permelia Bowles. Six years ago he married Mrs. Moi-ile Ferguson who survives. The ile Ferguson who survives. The

Catholic Edifice Burned. Montreal Dec. 26.—Word was re-ceived today that the 10th fire to sweep a Cathtolic edifice in Canada this year had destroyed the parish church of Saint Thomas D'Aifred a Fassett last pight. the other blazes, it was said, there were no traces of incendiarism. Faca seti is located near Buckingham, be-

Stock Salesman Arrested St. Louis, Dec. 28.—A federal steps to securing a just and perms fugitive warrant charging use of the nent peace."

husband, Albert Jackson, who is said to have used an ice pick in stabbing her. The affray took place in the kitchen of the Leeland hotel.

Knutson Gets Position. Rautson Gets Pesition.

Washington, Dec. 26.—In an endeavor to keep more intimately in touch with transportation needs of president of the Madison Bond company, was arrested tonight on a association announced tonight it has designated an agricultural representative to serve with its organisation.

Elmer Knutson of St. Cloud, Minn., tained 31 counts. Elmer Knutson of St. Cloud, has been selected for the post, Cloud, Minn., tained 31 counts,

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Wisconsin District Judge

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Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 26.—A severe denunciation of the methods employed by William Loose and Ivan Kantcheff, federal prohibition agents. and a recommendation that cases brought by them be thrown out of the state courts, was delivered by Judga George E. Page, from the tribulion office. During the latter part of Mr. Spens tribution office.

### Dr. Albert Lorenz Denied a License In New York

New York, Dec. 26.—Dr. Albert Lorenz, son of Dr. Adolph Lorenz, famous Viennesc surgeon, appeared today at the marriage license bureau the municipal building with young woman, but was refused a H cense on the ground that papers prowas merely been separated from his for ner wife and not divorced.

of the Austrian consul-general to in straighten the record of what he Bowles. Itermed his divorce. When reporters (rs. Moiafter a conference the consult-genw mornw mornside door.

#### Sinn Fein Clubs to Hold Peace Parley January 7

Dublin. Dec. 26 .- (By Associated Dublin Dec. 28.—(12) Fress.—Another move for peace by fresland was made over the Christ-ireland was made over the Christ-may bolldays. At a meeting of simmas holidays. At a meeting of sinu-fein clubs at the Mansion House Sunday night a resolution was passed in favor of re-convening the last ard fheis, or general convention of sinu-fein clubs, with a view to taking This conference has been summon

mails in a scheme to us...

York was issued late today against William L. Cunningham, a stock salesman, under arrest here. Cunningham remained in jail when he failed to furnish bond fixed at \$5,-000. Police declared he announced his intention of walying extradition.

Maggie Johnson Stabbed.

(Recisi to Bails News.)

Danyille, Va. Dec. 26.Maggie John-Danyille, Va. Dec. 26.Maggie John-to for their part in the attack on Walter Thompson, of Baltitatack on Walter Thompson attack on Waiter Thompson, of Balti-more, and Dewey Batt. of Windhest-or, Va., Western Maryland railway employees, who were tarred, feather-ed and robbed by a band of masked men on July 28 last.