

ALDERMEN DISCUSS FIRE DEPARTMENT, OTHER MATTERS UP

Paying Employees When Off Duty Likely to Be Stopped—Aid Given Tuberculosis Family.

The city aldermen held the regular monthly meeting last night, this having been postponed from last Tuesday night. Mayor Strachan presided and all members were present except Alderman Jallian, who was kept away on account of sickness of a sister.

The parking ordinance was amended as to Lee street, from Inness to Fisher, by making it read to allow parking of automobiles and other vehicles only on the east side of this street. It formerly permitted parking anywhere on this block for a period of not more than 30 minutes at a time. This is to protect the firemen in getting the fire fighting apparatus out of the fire station.

In this connection the matter of automobilists, motorcycleists and bicyclists rushing pell mell to fires, some in front of the fire trucks and others right behind them or along side of them was discussed. It was the opinion that it was only a question of time until some one was going to be killed, and that it also interferes with the firemen. Just what will be done in this matter was not definitely decided but the matter will be considered more fully.

In the meantime the city officials ask the citizens in general to help remedy this condition when a fire alarm is sounded. The matter of roping off a block in which a fire in the business district was burning was discussed and something of this sort will probably be done should a fire occur in the business section. Chief of Police Keeler stated that he always dispatches an officer to the scene of a fire or several officers if their presence is deemed necessary.

The fire committee was instructed to secure estimates on opening the north side of the front to the city hall, lower floor, in order to permit of both motor trucks to be brought out without delay or inconvenience.

It was decided that in making new sewer extension preference be given the Keeler mill district where an application for this work has been on file for some months.

Permission was given an advertising promoter to solicit advertising for a fire rules and building extension card, the aldermen taking no responsibility, neither endorsing the scheme but merely giving permission to solicit for the same.

Mr. J. C. Fulmer, living on a street near the Southern Power Company's sub-station in East Salisbury, asked the aldermen to make some improvements in sidewalks in that section and this went to the street committee for action.

Mr. A. G. Peeler asked the board to make a sewer main extension on West Lafayette street, between Church and Jackson, where he is building several houses.

A cement pavement was ordered put down between Fulton street and the West Ward school building. Policeman B. F. Caudle petitioned the board to allow him pay for two weeks while he was off duty on account of sickness. As this had been done in the case of Policeman Mahaley who was confined to his home a month or more it was recommended by Alderman Hollander, chairman of the police committee, who at the same time explained that from now on he would not recommend such action. An effort was made to have the board go on record as opposing pay to any officer or city employee who might be off duty but this failed as it was stated some officer or employee might be hurt while engaged in line of duty and then the matter would be considered by the board.

The sum of \$25 was donated to aid in caring for a negro family who live on North Church street. This family is stricken with tuberculosis and is in dire distress. The matter was brought to the attention of the board by Miss Lynch, community nurse.

It was decided to permit the gamblers now located here to continue to carry on their work during the winter months.

J. G. Hudson, representing the National Dyeing & Cleaning Works asked the board to require all parties in cleaning and dyeing to pay the same license or reduce the license of the above concern to that being paid by others engaged in a like business, even though on a smaller scale.

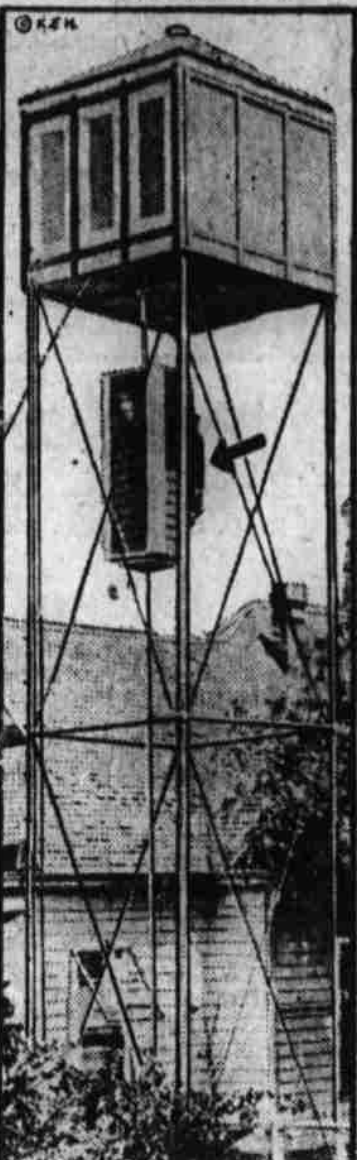
The reports of the standing committees were made and the board adjourned.

FRANCE WILL FOREGO CASH REPARATIONS

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, Dec. 14.—France is willing to temporarily forego cash reparation payment from Germany, a high official of the foreign office told the Associated Press today.

Officials said it was generally recognized in French official circles that Germany must be aided as far as possible in settling her financial house in order for future indemnity payments are forthcoming.

HIGH BEDROOM



A. Winters, of California, likes to sleep above the dust and the dampness and the heat of the earth's surface. So he has built his bedroom on a steel tower 49 feet above the ground. He ascends in a small electric elevator Arrow shows him "going up."

MORE COTTON IS BEING USED NOW

Consumption Shows Increase Over October, 1921 and a Large Increase Over Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton manufacturers showed an increase in November, the monthly report of the census bureau issued today showed 47,000 more bales of cotton were consumed in November than in October while consumption was 194,000 bales larger than in November a year ago.

Active cotton supplies showed an increase of 2,687,000 over November of last year and 616,000 over October of this year.

Cotton consumed during November amounted to 526,610 bales of lint and 53,257 bales of linters compared with 332,712 of lint and 34,827 of linters in November last year.

MR. RUTH ADDRESSES CHARLOTTE WOODMEN

Mr. W. M. Ruth, of Salisbury, head consul of the North Carolina Woodmen of the World, was at Charlotte last night where he was the principal speaker at an enjoyable dinner given by Rocky Ridge camp No. 94, located in the Belmont Park section of the Queen City. Several other state officers were present and covers were laid for more than 100 Woodmen. Mr. Ruth told of the great growth of the order throughout the United States, the membership of which is now near the one million mark. The banquet was held in the new Chamber of Commerce dining room.

ONE INSTANCE OF WORK OF BOLL WEEVIL WORM

Alderman O. C. Herrington, who recently returned from Waynesboro, Ga., where he went to attend the funeral of his father, in relating something of the work of the boll weevil and its destruction of cotton in that section said that the county of which Waynesboro is the seat had been the banner cotton producing county of the state and that in 1919 73,000 bales of cotton were produced there; in 1920 it had dropped to 28,000 as a result of the inroads made by the weevil and that in 1921 it was estimated that only 12,000 bales were produced, so great had been the destructive work of the weevil.

REDUCED R. R. RATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

(Special to The Evening Post)
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Reduced passenger fares for the Christmas holidays season will be put in effect by the Southern Railway System, tickets between all points on the system being sold on the basis of fare and one-half for the round trip. This was the basis which applied prior to the World War. Tickets will be sold at the reduced rates December 22, 23, 24 and 25 with January 4 as the final limit.

Special trains can be hired in England at a cost of \$5 a mile.

MARSHALL FOCH BIDS FAREWELL TO UNITED STATES

Loaded With Gifts and Bearing Every Honor Possible Great French Warrior Leaves.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Nov. 14.—Ferdinand Foch, gray and slight, but bearing with him every honor that America could bestow on one of an alien race, bade farewell to the cheering throng here today and sailed away for France. In his baggage was six great cases filled with gifts from the people of this continent who thronged to see him during his tour of the United States and Canada and led their voices in acclaim for the man who hurled the German legions back from the soil of France and won victory in history's greatest conflict.

Since coming to America late in October Marshal Foch traveled nearly 15,000 miles, made more than 500 speeches and attended luncheons, banquets beyond computation and heard the voice in America of upwards of 17,000,000 men, women and children.

MAY DISINTER BODY OF THE NOTORIOUS BANDIT

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press).—The body of Tom Slaughter, desperado, buried in a local cemetery in the presence of thousands of curious spectators yesterday afternoon, may be disinterred. Governor McRae late last night announced the receipt of a long distance telephone message from G. D. O'Brien, at Dallas, Texas, a brother-in-law of the bandit, protesting against the funeral service held yesterday and denouncing the woman known here as Mrs. Myrtle Slaughter, supposed to be the bandit's widow, of Eldorado, Ark. The governor said O'Brien declared the woman posing as the widow of the bandit was not Slaughter's wife and announced his intention of coming to Arkansas and claiming the body.

CROWN PRINCE MAY RETURN TO GERMANY

(By The Associated Press)
Dorn, Holland, Dec. 14.—The former German crown prince who since November 1918 has lived at Wieringen is planning to return to Germany and expects to request permission from the Dutch government for his departure early in the spring.

Frederick William is looking forward to a life as a country gentleman with his wife and children on an estate at Oels (Oels in Prussia). Several members of his staff and a few of the former Kaiser's friends, it is said, have gone to Oels to prepare for the coming of the former crown prince.

WOMAN KILLER ASKED FOR NOISELESS GUN

(By The Associated Press)
Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Charles S. Raizen held in New York city for the killing last Saturday of Dr. A. B. Clifton wrote a local hardware concern while in Dayton last month for information about the cost of a revolver with a noiseless attachment, according to local police who have the communication in their possession. The letter as dated November 26 and the pistol with which the doctor was shot was purchased here December 2.

WHAT'S MASCULINE OF SUFFRAGET?

Gretna, Neb., Dec. 14.—Men have won out in their skirmish for equal rights in Nebraska. An amendment to the constitution of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs permits clubs having men members to affiliate with the federation.

Now the men are planning to further step. They want the federation to give 'em power to attend sessions of the women's federation as delegates.

"I feel sorry for a women's club that hasn't men members," says Mrs. E. F. Fetz, who helped the men in their equal rights fight. "Men are such a stimulus!"

CHARGE AGAINST DR. RUMWELL DISMISSED

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—The charge against Dr. M. E. Rumwell of performing an unofficial autopsy on the body of Miss Virginia Rappe, whose death resulted in a manslaughter charge against Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle was dismissed in police court yesterday. The prosecution said it was convinced Dr. Rumwell did not intend to violate the city health ordinance, under which he was charged.

ASHEVILLE DOCTOR DEAD

(By The Associated Press)
Chattanooga, Dec. 14.—Dr. William T. Tull, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Asheville, N. C., was found dead in his bed at a local hotel this morning.

HOT DOG KENNELS WENT FAST, UNTIL TESTED BY THE COPS

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 14.—The secret of what makes the hot dog wild is out.

New York's frankfurter taste has always been keen but recently police on duty at the Madison Square Garden during the six-day bicycle races were unable to understand why certain vendors had no trouble in dispensing of their entire kennel at thirty cents a dog without even serving the customary mustard.

They considered some means to find out. So one blue-coat purchased a hound and punctured it. Pure Moonshine!

Now coppers are casting a mean eye at every hot dog in town.

ADMITTED 805,228 ALIENS IN YEAR

Secretary of Labor's Report Shows More Than Twice the Estimated Number Entered.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The tide of immigration which was approaching its flood when the restriction law went into effect brought 805,228 aliens into the United States in the fiscal year ended last June 30, according to the annual report today of Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor. This number compared with 430,001 in the previous fiscal year and is more than twice the estimate of 350,000 which Mr. Davis makes for this fiscal year under the operation of the restriction act.

More than one-fourth of the aliens admitted last year were Italians, the number being 222,260 as compared with 95,145 in the fiscal year of 1920. Numbered by race, apart from nationality, the report says, the Jews arriving numbered 119,036.

Chinese admitted numbered 4,017, an increase over the preceding year, but the admissions of Japanese decreased from 12,843 in 1920 to 10,675 in 1921. In Hawaii the Japanese arrivals showed a slight increase, with a total of 3,569.

The number of aliens in general deported, the report says showed a considerable increase, with a total of 4,671 as against 2,708 for 1920. It cost nearly \$4,000,000 to pass upon and admit the immigrant tide for the last fiscal year, Mr. Davis says. To enforce the laws against alien anarchists cost an additional \$500,000, while the deportation of undesirable added \$127,000 to the total.

"The Bureau of Immigration," says the report, "raises complaint as to smuggling and surreptitious entry of aliens. The 'seamen route' is a favorite device. That is they arrive as sailors and manage to disappear in the depths of the country. Many others arrive at Mexican ports and sneak across the border. Several hundred of these were arrested and deported during the year as rigorous deportation to the country of origin has been thought the only effective means of breaking this practice."

Aliens filing petitions for citizenship during the year numbered 198,530, while the number of denials of intention was 304,481, an increase of 4,375 over the number in the previous year. Citizenship training activities of the department, have been extended to 3,526 communities over the country, Mr. Davis says, but "industrial unrest resulted in a reduction in the number who availed themselves of these benefits, the total this year being 117,073."

Despite the cost of handling the aliens, Mr. Davis says his department was more than self-sustaining during the year. The total expenses, covering appropriations by Congress, amounted to \$6,660,888, while balanced against this were receipts as follows: Immigration head tax, \$5,712,763; naturalization fees \$912,303; fines for attempted evasion of the immigration laws, \$326,411 and forfeiture of bonds \$41,400.

Reviewing the activities of the Division of Conciliation, the labor secretary notes that during the year department conciliators were asked to adjust 457 industrial disputes, ranging from the strikes in the packing and shipping industries to minor differences, involving only a score of men. These disputes, it is stated, affected 420,745 workers directly and 172,261 workers indirectly and in only 48 cases were the conciliators unable to reach a settlement.

Secretary Davis asks Congress for means and authority to add additional conciliators. He urges that additional funds be appropriated for the United States Employment service, declaring that "the government has already organized within itself a means of meeting the problem of unemployment which could be made available at once with an appropriation of \$1,000,000."

In the interest of economy, it is stated, Mr. Davis wrote the shortest Labor Department report of record, the document covering only 53 printed pages. Copies of it were not issued for general distribution to the newspapers of the country as heretofore, the department giving out only an abstract.

KING HOPES FOR IRISH PEACE, HE TELLS LAWMAKERS

Dail Cabinet Put Off Ratification of the Irish Peace Agreement Until Thursday.

(By The Associated Press)
London, Dec. 14.—At the opening of the British parliament called to consider the Irish peace settlement, King George in his message from the throne said:

"It is my earnest hope that by the articles of agreement now before you the struggles of a century may be ended and that Ireland as a free partner in the commonwealth of nations forming the British empire will secure fulfillments of her national ideals."

DAIL PUTS IT OFF

Dublin, Dec. 14.—The question of ratification or rejection of the Anglo Irish agreement by the Dail Eireann has been postponed until Thursday when a public session will be held and the deputies will debate the matter and come to a decision. Meanwhile the Dail is in session this morning discussing the disputes between the delegates to the London conference who were the signers of the agreement and Eamon de Valera, the republican president and his adherents, on the issue as to whether the delegates had the power to conclude an agreement.

ULSTER STAND ALOOF FROM FREE STATES

London, Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press).—Ulster's intention to stand aloof from the Irish free state, provided for in the treaty between Great Britain and South Ireland, was expressed in a letter sent to Prime Minister Lloyd George today from Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, according to a Belfast dispatch to the Evening Standard.

LUXURY CRAZE AND LOW WAGES HELD AS CRIME CAUSE

London, Dec. 13.—Lower wages and a craze for luxurious living are held accountable by English prison governors for many of the crimes committed in the country by them to the Home Office.

Although crime has dwindled considerably during the past 20 years, the number of prisoners for the year 1920-21 was 49,712, or 9,925 more than in the previous year. The report, however, states that "so small an increase in a year in which there has been much unemployment and industrial unrest is noteworthy."

The governor of Durham prison says: "A new stamp of offender has sprung into existence. Men and women of respectable antecedents and parentage, in regular employment and in no respects associated with the criminal class, are taking to serious crime with astounding facility."

The suggestion that a spirit of lawlessness acquired by men while on military service is responsible for this is rejected by the governor, on the ground that women in equal proportion to men are the offenders. His explanation is that high wages, once easily earned and more easily spent, are now not obtainable.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL



Sightless. Deaf. Both hands gone. You'd think that life would be hopeless to Carl Bronner, of Baltimore. But no! This war hero, injured by the accidental explosion of a hand grenade, is a perfect typist. Notice the foot levers he uses for space and shift keys.

"VERY DELICATE" IS THE COMMENT ON SHANTUNG NEGOTIATIONS TODAY

SQUIRES BLOCKS SPECIAL PENSION BILLS IN HOUSE

Both House and Senate Prepare for Early Adjournment—School Deficit Bill Passed.

(By Max Abernethy.)
Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Both the house and senate took steps today looking to an early adjournment, the house by passing a joint resolution fixing today as the last day on which new bills may be introduced, and the senate by working through the local calendar and arranging for a night session to handle public bills.

The only feature of the morning session of the senate was the passage of the \$710,000 deficit bill on third reading, making it law upon ratification, without a dissenting vote and without discussion. The last year's deficit in the school fund is now taken care of through the authorization of bond issues.

Attempts to pass a large number of special pension bills failed because of the constant objection of Mark Squires, of Caldwell county, to third reading. These bills had favorable report of the pension committee but Mr. Squires thought the general pension law simply sufficient to cover practically all cases. He will read the bills before the next session to see if he wants to fight them.

The house refused to adopt the daisy as the state flower.

It took most of the morning session of the house to complete the local roll call calendar and to consider the general enabling bill of the department of education, valuating the present school tax rates and fixing 39 cents as the proper tax for next year came up at the end of the meeting and many amendments were sent up, provoking a fight. A vote was not reached.

ONE MINER DEAD AND FOUR OTHERS ENTOMBED

Morrison, Colo., Dec. 14.—One miner is known to have lost his life and four others still are entombed in the Sanatic mine of the Colorado Colliers company, where they were entombed by fire and fighting a fire in the mine. Other miners in the property when the explosion occurred escaped or were rescued.

Small Fire This Afternoon
The fire department was called out this afternoon to a blaze at the intersection of West Bank and West streets, where a small cottage, the property of Dr. F. Moore, was burning. The building was saved, but not without considerable damage, and the blaze was confined to one house.

THREE HANDS



New York police have discovered a new trick of Christmas shoppers. A gloved artificial hand rests upon the counter while the real hand, unnoticed, slips valuables into an inside pocket.

NATIONAL GUARD TO STOP WOMEN

Three Companies To Be Sent to Kansas Field Where Militant Women Have Stopped Mine Work.

Pittsburgh, Kan., Dec. 14.—While state military authorities were mobilizing national guard forces for entrainment to the Pittsburgh mines today, the militant women of the Kansas mining field adherents of Alexander Howat engaged in their most ambitious program so far attempted in their program of stopping by violent acts the operations of coal miners who responded to the call of the coal operators for men to man the mines.

Sheriff Gould was besieged by miners who wanted to work and sought protection from the horde of women relatives and friends of coal miners who for two days have overpowered workers and police officials about the mine shafts and prevented them from going to work and beating some miners. The women again were active this morning, more than a thousand of them marched to mine 49 of the Central Coal and Coke company. Except for beating one man, however, there was little violence. The string of motor cars bearing women to the mine shaft was more than a mile long.

Sheriff Gould was at mine 49 but with his small force of deputies was powerless.

The three national guard companies to be sent to Pittsburgh total about four hundred men.

A MOB COMPOSED OF WOMEN ON THE MARCH

(By The Associated Press)
Pittsburgh, Kan., Dec. 14.—Following insistent reports that a mob of women marchers was headed toward Pittsburgh and that seizure of Van A. Bittner, representative of the International Miners here, was planned, a squad of American Legion men was hastily formed for duty at the hotel which is the headquarters for Bittner. In the lobby was found a stack of rifles.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton Opened Firm
New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 16 to 33 points today owing to continued strength of Liverpool and large domestic consumption figures for November as reported by the census bureau. January sold up to 17.45 and March to 17.43, making recovery of 65 to 88 points from the low level of yesterday but met scattered Southern selling as well as realizing which caused reactions of 10 to 15 points right after the call.

Opening Firm
New York, Dec. 14.—Cotton futures opened firm.

December	17.60
January	17.40
March	17.45
May	17.19
July	16.95

Concord Market
Concord, Dec. 14.—Cotton sold for 17 cents on the local market.

NAVAL RATIO IS CONSIDERED VERY NEAR A SOLUTION

Japan's Desire to Keep Musu is Issue—Have Wired to Tokio for Instructions on Shantung.

Washington, Dec. 14.—(By The Associated Press).—The naval ratio and Shantung, now the two overshadowing issues of the naval conference, both were at a crucial stage today with varying prospects for an early settlement. There is every indication that the naval ratio discussion is proceeding favorably and some of the delegates believe a final solution will be reached at a conference of the "big three" late today. The Shantung negotiations, on the other hand, have developed a situation described in official circles as "very delicate," and the Japanese have referred to Tokio the matter at Kiao Chow railway which has developed an issue. It is hinted that the Japanese and Chinese plenipotentiaries will refer the matter to the "big four," composed of the heads of the American, British, Japanese and Chinese delegations.

Japan's desire to retain the battleship Musu is an issue about which the Japanese apparently ready to accept America's "5-5-5" plan if she is permitted to keep the Musu and scrap in its stead an older vessel. Similar concessions for the British and American navies would be requisite as an offset and the task for arranging for all the technical details involved in the exchange is being discussed.

If the Shantung negotiations are met as to the Kiao Chow railway the Chinese make the pledge of payment which the delegator think ample to compensate Japan for the improvements she has made on the road, but the Japanese delegates are unwilling to accept the offer and consequently have called Tokio for further instructions as to what form of security should be required.

OFFER TO BUY R. R.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The counter-proposal of China for the purchase from Japan of the Kiao Chow Tsinanfu railroad in the Shantung province has been cabled to Tokio by the Japanese armament conference delegates which have been carrying on direct conversations with the Chinese delegation in an effort to settle the problem outside the conference.

2,500 POUNDS YEARLY INCOME TOO SMALL

London, Dec. 5.—The Bishop of St. Albans complains that his official income "of 2,500 pounds a year is entirely inadequate" to meet the necessary expenses of his office and the upkeep of his "official residence." So the diocese over which he presides has to eke out his inadequate income by giving him an additional 700 pounds a year "to meet secretarial and office expenses and the cost of running a motor car." The candid Bishop declares the situation to be "scandalous."

"Has not the time come," asked the Bishop, addressing the Diocesan Conference, "when bishops should cease to live in large houses, and live in far smaller houses which would provide for entertaining in a simple way, not more than two or three guests at a time? Should not his home be his home and not a sort of hotel?"

The Bishop of London once complained bitterly that he could not make both ends meet on 10,000 pounds a year while he had to live in a "palace" with something like two score bedrooms and was expected to exercise hospitality on a somewhat commensurate scale. He said that if he could live in a moderate house he would be content with very much less than half the salary and certain would not be any less efficient as a bishop.

China claims the invention of the taxicab some 600 years ago.

Switzerland is electrifying her railways to save importing coal.

Nineteen million misadvised letters annually go to the Dead Letter Office in Washington.

Russia now has 67 higher technical institutions, with 39,000 students.

Earliest form of ballroom dancing was the quadrille, started about 1816.

There are 500,000 depositors in the U. S. postal savings banks, and three-fourths of them are of foreign extraction.