

BOHRAH'S PLAN FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETS OPPOSITION

Believed His Proposal for Yearly Economic and Disarmament Meet Will Be Amended.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 26.—Senate Republican leaders conferred today in an effort to agree on what changes they would seek in the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, for an annual economic and disarmament conference.

The proposal is emphasized in the amendment to the navy appropriation bill which is to come before the senate tomorrow when it reassembles after the Christmas holidays.

A large part of the Republican membership and a number of Democrats are already understood to be against the Borah amendment in its present form.

The views of President Harding, Secretary Hughes and other administration officials have been sought but senators who talked with them did not disclose what opinion was expressed.

Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachusetts, was said to oppose the amendment as it stands, although he and other administration supporters, it was said, might be expected to give their support if it was limited in scope.

HOPE STILL HELD OUT FOR RESCUE OF MISSING TUG

Cleveland, Dec. 26.—A vigorous search for the tug "Cornell," which disappeared last Thursday, was continued today notwithstanding that the vessel was given up as lost.

The families of members of the crew had not given up hope, however. Acting on orders from Washington, H. B. Shaver, superintendent of the government flying field here, was ready to resume the search.

WILSON FOUNDATION GOES OVER THE TOP

North Carolina has practically raised its quota for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Mrs. Joseph Daniels, who is the state chairman, appeals for a small sum of \$3,500 for finishing the task, and by this hour she may have that remnant needed to put it over.

Mr. A. H. Boyden raised the amount asked for Rowan. Mr. Boyden was asked to raise \$500 from the county and going about it in a quiet way, appealing to friends and admirers of the former president, he raised practically \$1,100 which has been sent in to Mrs. Daniels.

WILSON'S BIRTHDAY BE OBSERVED DEC. 28

December 28 will be observed throughout the United States as Woodrow Wilson Day by friends of Mr. Wilson and contributors to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Mr. Wilson will be 66 years old that day.

Public meetings, dinners and luncheons have been planned in every state in the Union by state and local committees of the Foundation.

Up until election this year the Foundation had raised about \$700,000 toward its million dollar endowment. The day after election work was started to obtain the final \$300,000. One hundred thousand dollars of that sum has been contributed. The Foundation hopes to raise the balance this year.

The Foundation will complete its incorporation this year, and the permanent board of trustees will take charge soon after the first of the year.

BURNED WRECKAGE OF A STOLEN AUTOMOBILE FOUND ON ROADSIDE

A big seven passenger Studebaker automobile belonging to Mr. J. C. Shoe of near Sumner's was stolen in Salisbury Saturday night, having been parked on one of the business streets and it was while the owner was engaged in shopping that the car was driven off by some one.

The burned wreckage of the car was found on the side of the Mill Bridge road about nine miles from Salisbury early Sunday morning. Neither the owner nor the officers have any clue as to who stole the car, neither is it known how it caught fire. After the burning car was abandoned by the parties stealing it made a quick getaway.

HARDING TURNS TO PIPES FOR CHEER

Departure of Uncle Joe and Nick Longworth from Congress Promises Many Jokes.

BY HARRY HUNT NEA Staff Correspondent Washington, Dec. 26.—No president ever had both inspiration and consolation more readily at hand than Warren G. Harding.

At the left of his desk is a framed, cabinet-size picture of George Washington.

This likeness is before Harding in every conference, as he ponders every problem, a constant inspiration and a perpetual reminder of the wise warnings of the "founding father."

At the president's right, for consolation when inspiration fails is a mahogany humidor holding the battery of presidential pipes, ranked upright like rifles racked in an arsenal.

There are four-ones with long, straight stems; one long and slightly curved, and two short ones, one approaching bulldog bluntness, and they do say he has been smoking the bulldogish one more frequently of late.

James Shera Montgomery, massive and dignified chaplain of the House of Representatives, has a warm spot in his heart for the hob.

As a youngster in Shelbyville, Ind., Montgomery used to pay frequent visits to Muncie. Car fare not being plentiful, he resorted to "bumming a freight."

Twice on one trip young Montgomery had been hoisted from his flat car pullman by a husky brakie's toe. But each time he managed to climb aboard again.

At the third discovery the irate brakeman demanded: "Say, young feller, where the hell you goin'?"

"To muncie, if my pants hold out."

"All right, kid," he said. "Just keep outta sight, though, will ya?"

With the departure of Uncle Joe Cannon, March 4, Nick Longworth of Cincinnati, son-in-law of T. R. and the baldest man here promises to become the hitching post for congressional jokes.

For two score years, Uncle Joe has been the acquiescent butt of every good story around the capital.

Stanley Bowdler, now dead, who defeated Longworth in the Democratic landslide in 1912, probably hung the one on Nick that will stick the longest. Apropos of Longworth's shining pate, Bowdler said:

"Nature scalped Nick, but I shined him."

CITY FIREMEN ANSWER FALSE FIRE ALARMS

The firemen have had a rather busy time since Saturday morning, answering four or five alarms during that time, but none of these called for any stubborn fire fighting.

An alarm Saturday morning called them to East Kerr street where an oil stove was cutting up some antics; Sunday morning at 7:30 they were summoned to 128 West Lafayette street where a small blaze had started on a roof, but only slight damage resulted; Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock an alarm from box 72 North Main extension called them to that section but this proved to be a false alarm; and at 7:30 last night another false alarm came in from box 75, corner Fulton and Franklin streets.

SIX DRUNKS FEATURED AFTED HOLIDAY COURT

The day after Christmas court was a rather small one in comparison to that of former years. There were eleven defendants whose names were inscribed on the docket but six of these were just plain drunks, four had been engaged in a little game of chance and one had assaulted a woman. The six drunks paid \$5 each and costs, two of the gamblers were taxed \$5 each and costs, two were allowed to go on payment of their part of the costs and the man charged with assault was taxed with the costs.

EYE WITNESS WILL IDENTIFY MEMBERS LA. MASKED MOB

State Ready to Establish Identity of Several Men Connected With Lake Murders.

(By Associated Press) Bastrop, La., Dec. 26.—That the state will be able to establish, thru an eyewitness, the identity of several members of the masked mob which last August kidnaped five Mer Rouge residents, including Watt Daniels and Hnos. Richards whose decapitated bodies were taken from the lake near here last week, was the statement today of investigators who have been working on the case for several months.

The identification will be made, it is said, thru testimony at the opening hearings ordered by Governor J. M. Parker to begin here January 5, of a farmer.

They declared the farmer told them he witnessed the seizure and spiriting away of the quintet and recognized some of the abductors when they lifted their hoods to drink water.

The farmer, it is said, the investigators declared, that they have information in hand, was held up by the band on the Mer Rouge Bastrop highway the night of the kidnaping and commanded to go to a nearby ranch and get a bucket of water for the first band.

He obeyed and when he returned he was directed to take a seat on a log.

He is said to have declared that he recognized several members of the band when they raised their mask to drink from the bucket.

The investigators declined to disclose the present whereabouts of the farmer but it was intimated he is somewhere in Mississippi under protection.

It was stated that he would be produced when wanted. McKoin Has Not Fled Country Monroe, La., Dec. 26.—In contradiction of the announcement last night by officials of Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore that Dr. R. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, was not registered as a student there and that his mail had been returned to the postoffice as unclaimed, E. M. McKoin, the physician's father, today declared his son was at the university. The elder McKoin denied reports that his son had fled to Europe or gone in hiding. He said the former mayor would not return to this section unless needed to testify.

With Urological Clinic Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., who is wanted by the Louisiana authorities for interrogation concerning the Morehouse parish kidnaping, is attached to the Brady urological clinic of Johns Hopkins. He said that he knew nothing about the kidnaping and could give the authorities no information concerning them.

For this reason, he added, he had returned to Louisiana or not to return to Louisiana or not.

ROBT. A. M'LAUGHLIN DIES AT CLEVELAND

Robert A. McLaughlin, 73 years old, died at his home near Cleveland Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The funeral and burial took place today at Centenary church, near Cleveland. The deceased is survived by several grown sons and daughters.

"Uncle Bob," as he was familiarly known in his neighborhood, was a splendid man and had a large circle of friends. He was known to quite a number of Salisbury people also.

NO INTEREST ON KAISER'S BONDS

Belgian Court Declares Former Emperor Cannot Collect Interest on British Securities.

(By Associated Press) Brussels, Dec. 26.—The decision of the lower Belgian court that former Emperor William has no right to collect interest on British bonds has been sustained by the court of appeals, the decision being handed down today.

The court ordered the Brussels Exchange bank to refund to a British bank several million francs paid on coupons which the bank learned later belonged to the ex-king.

The ownership came to light when the British government protested against payment. The Dutch bank figuring in the case is said to be one of several through which the former emperor sent coupons to be cashed so that the trace of the original might be lost, was an innocent party to the transaction.

NOTORIOUS ARMY DESERTER SPIED IN SEATTLE CAFE

(By Associated Press) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—Search for Cleveland Bergdoll who escaped in May, 1920, while serving five years for desertion from the United States army and who had been reported seen on a German vessel bound for the Pacific coast, was set afoot here last night by a report that he had been seen in a restaurant.

L. S. Hamilton, proprietor, told the police that one of three men who ate in his cafe, looked very much like published pictures of Bergdoll, and bore scrutiny uneasily.

JAMES WELCH DIED SUDDENLY MONDAY

Body Found in Front of Residence of Parents on South Main Street—Burial Today.

James Welch, son of Capt. and Mrs. C. L. Welch, died suddenly early Monday morning, the body being found in front of his home on South Main street. The deceased had been seen by a number of people several hours previous to the finding of the body, which was discovered by a passerby about 7 o'clock. Death is attributed to heart trouble.

The funeral was held from the home, 319 South Main street, this morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. F. Kirk, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the interment was in Chestnut Hill cemetery. The burial was with military honors, participated in by members of the American Legion, young Welch having served with the American forces overseas during the world war.

The deceased was the youngest of two sons, the only children of Capt. and Mrs. Welch, the other son, Echols, having died several years ago, he too having served with the Americans in France. James Welch was 28 years old and was a native of this city. He was a big hearted boy and had many friends. His parents are among Salisbury's most widely known and highly respected citizens, his father being one of the leading business men of the city, and much sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement.

OFFICER GRABS JAR OF BOOZE AS OWNER DUMPS IT OUT WINDOW

The only booze captured by officers in this vicinity over the Christmas rush and holidays was a lone pint nabbed Sunday night about 11 o'clock thru the window of the apartment on Horah street occupied by John Beach and family, according to a report from both state and federal officers who made the raid.

Officers, suspecting Beach of dealing in liquor, threw a guard around the house. Beach refused them admittance. The officers waited a few minutes. Some one began pouring a quantity of liquid stuff out of one window. An officer, on the lookout, walked up and grabbed a quart jar which contained a pint of liquor.

A warrant was sworn out this morning by federal officers charging Beach with having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale.

AUSTRALIA CONCERNED OVER CRIME WAVE

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26.—So accustomed is Australia to having a law-abiding citizenry that a total of 654 persons charged with crime in six months in a city of 800,000—Sydney—is considered a crime wave, and the premier of the state has called a conference to deal with the problem.

It will be proposed that the minimum jail sentence be six months. Although all but 184 of the 654 persons arraigned were convicted or pleaded guilty, it is felt that the judiciary has shown undue leniency in dealing with criminal cases.

TURKEY TO BAR ARMENIAN REPORT

Vigorous Ottoman Protest Addressed to President of the Sub-Commission on Minorities.

(By Associated Press) Lausanne, Dec. 26.—A vigorous worded protest against the decision of the Near East conference sub-commission on minorities to permit the Armenian delegates to appear before the sub-committee and set forth its desires was forwarded to the conference by the Turkish delegation.

Thus a new discordant note marked the resumption of peace negotiations after the Christmas recess.

The sub-commission on minorities had planned to receive the Armenian and Bulgarian representations this afternoon. The Armenians were to explain their demands for an Armenian national home and the Bulgarians to set forth the position of the Bulgarian residents in Eastern Thrace, which is passing to Turkish sovereignty.

The Ottoman protest was addressed to president Montagna of the sub-commission on minorities.

D. A. ATWELL DIES AT AGE OF 86 YRS

One of Salisbury's Oldest Citizens Passes Away—Prominent and Highly Respected.

Another one of the old landmarks of this city and county passed away Sunday morning about 8 o'clock when David A. Atwell died at his home, corner of Fulton and Kor streets, at the age of 86 years. The funeral took place from the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Byron Clark, and the interment was in Chestnut Hill cemetery. The honorary pall bearers were H. N. Woodson, O. D. Davis, M. C. Quinn, J. F. McCubbins, W. L. Klutz and E. B. Neave. Sr. Active pall bearers were Dr. R. V. Brawley, H. P. Brandis, F. R. Brown, J. H. Ramsay, J. E. Hennessee and Walter H. Woodson.

Surviving is the widow; one daughter, Mrs. Theo. Atwell; a brother, Luther, who resides in Texas; a sister who lives near Amity in Iredell county, and a half brother, Frank Atwell, who lives near Prospect church in Western Rowan. In addition to these he leaves a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as other relatives. Several grown daughters and a grown son have been dead some years. He also leaves a stepdaughter, Miss Ruth Moore, of this city.

Mr. Atwell was a native of Rowan county and had spent all of his life here with the exception of the four years he was in the Confederate army. He was one of Salisbury's wealthiest, best known and highly respected citizens, and served on the board of aldermen; was at the time of his death a member of the Confederate pension board of Rowan and was a director in the First National bank. In his early manhood he clerked in several local mercantile establishments but soon launched into the business world for himself and for many years conducted one of the biggest hardware stores in Western North Carolina. He disposed of this some years ago and retired from active business except to look after his real estate and other holdings.

Mr. Atwell was married three times; his first wife being a sister of Messrs. H. N. and Wm. Woodson, his second wife being a sister of the late Mrs. H. N. Woodson. His widow was Mrs. Martha Moore, they being married some ten or twelve years ago.

Mr. Atwell was one of the oldest residents of this city and was also one of the most widely known men in the county. He was well preserved for one of his age, and it was only a few years ago that his health began to fail. He had suffered several severe attacks in recent months. He was a splendid man, upright and honorable and was held in high esteem by his fellowmen. He was a familiar figure on the streets of the city and although it was known that his earthly pilgrimage was nearing an end his death has caused genuine sorrow among many people here, especially those who have been lifelong friends and acquaintances.

His death marks the passing of just one more of the old citizens of this community and creates another vacancy in the depleted ranks of the old time Salisburians; those who have watched the growth of their native home, as it has advanced from a mere village to a thriving city, and their taking away creates a vacancy that is felt here and no break in these ranks will be more marked than that caused by the death of "Dave" Atwell.

Death Starts War On Leggers; N. Y. Spends Driest Christmas; 6 Deaths; Judge Allen On Booze

BOOZE PROBLEM STILL UNSOLVED, N.C. JURIST SAYS

As Long As Man is Slave to Lust of Flesh, Prohibition Failure, Judge Allen Asserts.

(By Associated Press) Winston, Dec. 26.—"On the subject of prohibition, I have no satisfactory views as to the solution of this question. So long as man is a slave to the 'lust of the flesh,' it will be unsolved. Grown people need education as well as the young. There ought to be campaigns of education by discreet men—not fanatics. Rigid legislation will not make better people, and that is the need of the hour. The church should exercise more power."

Judge Oliver H. Allen, for thirty-six years a judge in superior courts of North Carolina—said to be the longest term of such service in the history of the state—and who retires January 1, 1923, today expressed this opinion to The Associated Press.

"One change in our law," he continued, "I would suggest is that the manufacturers of whisky for the first offense be made a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison from one to five years and for the second offense, from two to ten years."

During his last term of court, Judge Allen refused to try a case involving capital punishment. "I can not say I am opposed to capital punishment, because the public is not prepared for it, and its abolition, in my opinion, would promote lynching."

"I have tried, during my long term of office, only four men for capital felony who were convicted, and I recommended and urged the commutation of two of them to life sentences."

In discussing the subject of more superior court judges for the state, Judge Allen said more officials are needed, "but there is more virtue in the 'law's delay' than is generally known." These delays, he continued, "have saved many a man from wreck, especially in hard times."

The Kinston jurist was born in Wake county, March 20, 1850. When he was only seven years of age his father, Colonel William A. Allen, moved to Duplin county and formed a law partnership with William J. Houston. Judge Allen was prepared for college at the Old Grove Academy by S. W. Clement and R. W. Millard, and graduated from Trinity June 1871.

Deciding to study law, he entered the offices of his father and R. W. Battle. He was granted a license in 1873. Then he practiced in his father's firm until the latter's death. Judge Allen next became a partner of A. D. Ward and after removing to Kinston a short time later, practiced with N. J. Rouse.

Governor A. M. Scales appointed him solicitor of the old sixth judicial district in June, 1885, to fill a short term caused by the increase in districts. He was nominated and elected to the position in 1886 and again in 1890. Governor B. G. Fowler issuing the commission. For a third time he was nominated in 1894 and with the entire democratic ticket was defeated by the fusion of the republicans and populists.

In December 1895, Judge E. T. Boykin resigned, and Governor Elias Carr appointed Judge Allen December 10, 1895, his term to begin January 1, 1897. He was nominated and elected judge of the sixth judicial district in 1898, and commissioned by Governor Daniel L. Russell, December 28, 1898, for an eight year term.

After he had been nominated and elected judge of the fifth district in 1906, Governor R. B. Glenn issued his commission. Eight years later, Judge Allen was re-elected for an eight year term, Governor Locke Craig signing the commission. He finished his last term as a regular judge a few days ago and on January 1, retires to become an emergency jurist, with a record, according to attorneys, of having overruled by the supreme court fewer times than any other superior court judge in the state.

Judge Allen never held public office, except local positions until he was thirty years of age, but after his work as chairman of the Duplin county democratic executive committee in the Tilden-Vance campaign, his name was offered for solicitor.

His office as a judge of superior court, the judge stated, in his opinion is the most important in the

XMAS RUM KILLED 8 PERSONS IN NEW YORK, POLICE SAY

(By Associated Press) New York, Dec. 26.—Eight deaths were attributed today to drinking poisonous liquor over Christmas.

A score or more of the victims were confined to hospitals. Of the eight who died, two were women. A Brooklyn woman was arrested as the seller of the whisky which caused the death of one of the women.

Prohibition Director F. C. Yellowley, whose aides succeeded in keeping the white lights dimmer than usual, declared that while the dry navy was busy in holding rum runners outside the three mile limit, the land rum runners succeeded in an old ruse smuggling liquor into the city under thousands of Christmas trees.

This liquor, however, was for home consumption, a little of it was to be found in the white light cabarets.

NEGRO IS KILLED IN EAST SPENCER

Arthur Turner, Peg Leg Negro, Shot and Killed by Charlie Stewart, Another Negro.

Arthur Turner, a well known peg leg negro, was shot and instantly killed in Sugar Spring Hill, a suburb of East Spencer, Sunday night about 10 o'clock by Charlie Stewart, another negro, the weapon used being a shot gun. The slayer left the scene immediately after the shooting and has so far eluded the officers although diligent search was made for him as soon as the officers learned of the tragedy.

Both men are said to have been drinking and Turner is alleged to have beaten the mother of Stewart, the men afterward having a quarrel, and Stewart secured a shot gun and emptied its contents into the body of Turner.

Turner has served time here and for some months a sort of truce about the jail. Stewart was not so familiarly known to the officers, but is said to have been a quarrelsome fellow.

TWO KILLINGS OCCUR IN THE COUNTY OF WAKE

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Two killings and an alleged incendiary burning of a home took place in and near Raleigh Sunday and yesterday. Manchester Deban, an eight-year-old negro boy, tried to aid his father in putting a negro out of his store and received a load of buckshot in the breast and died instantly. Joe Stephenson is in the Wake county jail charged with the murder of the boy.

The second slaying occurred Sunday afternoon at Caraleigh village, near here, when John McNally shot and killed Joseph Upchurch, following an argument over a dice game, according to the police. McNally was arrested on a charge of murder.

James Perry, a farmer living in Cary township reported to county authorities that some one set fire to his home during Christmas night. The house was completely destroyed. No arrests have been made in this case.

SPENCER PEOPLE REMEMBER PASTOR

The Spencer and East Spencer Lutherans kindly remembered their pastor and his wife during the Christmas season. Gifts began to flow into the parsonage on last Thursday and are still flowing.

Among the many gifts received were a substantial purse, personal check, turkey, hen, ham, flour, sugar, fruit, nuts, canned goods and fresh meats of all kinds. Rev. and Mrs. Lingle feel grateful to the people for this kind remembrance.

Lusanne, Dec. 26.—"Fidget beads" have made their appearance in the Lusanne conference, and are assisting the poets, philosophers, historians, antiquarians and statesmen of Levantine delegations in solving Near Eastern problems.

VIGOROUS WAR TO BE WAGED ON HIP POCKET VENDERS

Slaying of Dry Squad Leader Causes Fresh Drive on Bootlegs and Higher-Ups.

(By Associated Press) Steubenville, Dec. 26.—A woman entered into consideration today in the killing of Chas. (Dicky) Blinn prohibition officer, "the marked man" of the dry squad here and the fifth prohibition officer in Jefferson county to be slain by unidentified gunman.

Police said Blinn was last seen leaving the home of Miss Lulu Lyle, about 10 last night and that shortly after residents told of hearing shots near the house and of seeing an automobile driven away near the residence.

According to information given police today, Blinn appeared at the home of Chas. Walker, South Ninth street last night in an intoxicating condition, brandishing a revolver and threatening to pinch a number of "places."

He is said to have left Walker's home in company with Mr. Lyle. Police are working today on the theory that Blinn's murder was planned; that he was shot and placed in the machine in Webster's alley and his body taken to Marsh alley, two blocks away, and there dumped out.

There were no blood stains on the ground where the body was found.

Plan Wholesale Arrest Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A fresh and vigorous warfare on "speak easy hip-pocket vendors and private parlor parties," as well as the higher ups in Jefferson county's alleged liquor combine, will be launched at once, prohibition officers announced today as the result of the slaying here late last night of Charles (Dicky) Blinn, leader of the squad of eight dry agents.

Co-operating with city police and county officials, prohibition officers believed the drive would result in wholesale arrests and the nailing down of the Volstead lid tighter than ever before in this county.

But while planning the new move against liquor dealers, officials admitted they were baffled by the murder of Blinn, whose body with three bullet wounds was found in a dark valley in the Polish section here.

Twenty feet away lay the empty pocketbook of the officer. His revolver was missing.

Only one new theory regarding the manner in which he met death was advanced by police today—that he was not killed where his body was found.

Police pointed out that the tell-tale pool of blood was missing. "Blinn undoubtedly was killed in some room, while on a raiding excursion and his body hidden in the alley," said Sergeant Richard Edgarly, of the Steubenville police force.

CUPID GOT IN SOME FINE WORK DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

Cupid was again on the job this Christmas and got in some fine work, his arrows piercing the hearts of about twenty couples from Saturday morning until Christmas evening.

Register of Deeds Max Barker and his assistants were busy suing the little papers that authorize the tying of the knot and during that time twenty marriage licenses were issued, the great majority of these to white couples.

Several of the happy pairs were from other cities and towns, some were from the county districts and a few were Salisburians.

The register of deeds said it was the biggest business in the marriage line he had had since he took charge of the office more than two years ago.

SALVATION ARMY HOME AT GREENSBORO ROBBED

Greensboro, Dec. 26.—Another "measur" man has been discovered. He burglarized the Salvation Army home here Christmas night and took away \$200 in cash and two watches.

N. C. WEATHER—Washington, Dec. 26.—North Carolina weather: Increasing cloudiness and warmer; probably rain Wednesday.