

COLDER ESTABLISHED 1868. FIRE DAMAGE IN CITY \$32,000 NEW YEAR'S DAY

Of Three Fires, Largest at Ottari Sanitarium Is Most Costly. PATIENTS RESCUED BROUGHT TO CITY

Dr. Millender's Home Partially Destroyed—Fire in County.

Four fires with aggregate damage of approximately \$32,000 served to usher in the New Year in Asheville. The firemen were ready yesterday morning to start the year's work and the first call came shortly after 1 o'clock from the Ottari Sanitarium.

The part destroyed housed the dining room, kitchen, servants' quarters, parlors and other departments of the sanitarium and it was feared that the blaze was caused by flying sparks from the smokestack of the boiler room.

Patients in the building at the time of the fire were carried from the building and quartered at one of the hotels in the city. The sanitarium is located almost on the top of a hill and the blaze was seen from several miles, causing many to believe that the entire Grace section was in flames.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR NECESSARY WORK. Lack of pressure handicapped the work of the firemen, it was asserted last night and it was around 2 o'clock before the firemen left the scene of the blaze.

DR. MILLENDER'S RESIDENCE BURNED. The second largest fire occurred at about 2 o'clock, when the residence of Dr. M. C. Millender, 240 Pearson drive, was partially destroyed with an estimated damage of about \$6,000.

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Body Of Senator Penrose Who Dies In Washington, Now Lies In His Philadelphia Residence

Last of the Old Guard Republicans Was Power in the Councils of His Party—Funeral Services Will Be Held Privately as Circumstances Permitted—No Committees Attend.



Senator Boise Penrose.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—The body of United States Senator Boise Penrose, who died in Washington in the final hour of the old year, was brought to his bachelor home in Spruce street here today.

Conditions somewhat similar to the life he led while there—virtually alone. The only occupant was a faithful old housekeeper. No crepe was displayed on the front door.

ONE OF CENTRAL FIGURES IN UPPER HOUSE. United States Senator Boise Penrose of Pennsylvania, one of the most interesting personalities in the upper house, which he entered in 1879 as the successor of the late Senator J. Donald Cameron.

AMERICAN SENATORS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE CAMPAIGN. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—India has been proclaimed a republic and the non-violence policy of Mahatma Gandhi, who was given dictatorial powers last week by the all-India national congress has been modified to permit violence.

PUNJAB IS SCENE OF SERIOUS RIOT. LAHORE, British India, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.) There was serious rioting Friday in Ferozepur and Jharkane in the Rohtak district of the Punjab, when non-cooperators attempted to rescue persons who had been arrested for assaulting members of the loyal association.

SOCIALISTS LOSE IN TYROL'S DIET. GENEVA, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.) A dispatch received here from Innsbruck says the Tyrol diet Saturday, after a session of 33 consecutive hours, during which there was continuous speaking, broke down and voted the 1922 budget amount of 1,930,000 kronen.

VIENNA, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.) Ignited gambling in the Casino in Salzburg has been voted by the provincial diet in an endeavor to secure funds with which to balance the provisional budget of Salzburg.

SOUTHERN PROTECTIONISTS TO HAVE MEETING

Kirby, Head of Association, Is Fighting for the "Poor Farmer."

TARIFF CONGRESS MEETS IN CAPITAL

Simmons, for Business Men, Will Present the Opposition's Plea.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Southern protective tariff advocates are coming strong next month. Led by business men of every state in Dixie, they will demand certain important duties. E. P. Wharton, of Greensboro, will speak for the North Carolina when the protectionists appear on the 9th.

THE principal southern farm products that the tariff association will ask protection on and on which the Fordney measure is unsatisfactory, said an announcement broadcast here today, "are vegetable oils, soybeans, livestock, wool, hides, sugar and rice."

A session of the Southern Tariff congress will be held at Raleigh, January 9 and 10. The announcement of the congress asserts that representatives of "64 southern industries will appear before the finance committee, asking for a duty on southern products. A committee representing southern bankers will present the senate committee resolution, signed by more than 3,000 banks, reinforcing the demands of the southern producer for a tariff duty."

POSTMASTERS WILL GO TO SCHOOL BY ORDERS OF HAYS

Will Be Taught How to Meet Public, and Their Official Functions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Beginning with the New Year, under orders issued today by Postmaster-General Hays, newly appointed postmasters will be required to attend school where they will be taught, among other things, how to meet the public in their places of business.

HARDINGS TO HOLD RECEPTION TODAY. First Gala Day of This Season at White House in Nine Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Drafting of the new 1921 income tax return form for incomes of \$5,000 or less has been completed by the tax simplification board, of which J. H. Beal, of Pittsburgh, is chairman.

DAIL MEMBERS ARE ON WAY TO DUBLIN. Dail Eireann Will Resume Deliberations on Treaty This Tuesday.

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WARRIORS DRASTIC PRICE

Four Die Violent Deaths, 16 in Hospitals With Wounds or Cuts.

HALF DOZEN ARE LIQUOR POISONED

One Paper Says Celebration Rivals Wildest Prohibition Era.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Father Kalkreuth turned his pockets inside out today to pay the price for piping in the New Year amidst a Volstead-defying celebration that overspread Manhattan from Harlem to the Battery.

WILD CELEBRATION STAGED IN ORLEANS. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—Three persons shot and killed, a policeman shot and wounded, and two men killed when run down by an automobile, one man drowned, eleven persons reported shot and six others injured, were the various offenses of the New Orleans New Year's celebration as reported by the police.

ORLEANS MAN GETS TO KEEP LIQUOR. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—Federal Judge Rufus E. Foster, today issued a restraining prohibition order against the sale of liquor at Mark Boasburg's residence, and ordered the prohibition officer, Mitchell, by Hugh Larre, federal prohibition enforcement agent, be withdrawn from the premises.

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Alleged Secret Understanding By French And Japs On Siberia Declared Malicious Falseness

FAR EASTERN REPUBLIC SEEKS HEARING AT DISCUSSION OVER ALLEGED PROTECTORATE PLAN

Reference to Washington Conference Is Made in First Alleged Message Dated the Paris Foreign Office, Sent to Tokio.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Copies of what were declared to be communications between Japanese and French governments covering the proposal that the two governments act in concert at the Washington conference with respect to the establishment of a Japanese protectorate over Siberia, were given tonight by the special delegation of the Far Eastern republic which has asked for a hearing when the Siberian question is taken up by the conference.

THE French government has had no communication whatever with the Japanese government respecting a protectorate over eastern Siberia, said M. Kammerer, director of the Russian and Far Eastern department of the French foreign office.

"IS PACIFIC TREATY BASED ON POWER OR FORCE?" BORAH ASKS. Puts Treaty Supporters to Acid Test of Whether They Will Agree to Restore Pacific Territory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—His words spread broadcast by wireless through adjacent states, Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, speaking at the Presbyterian Church of the city today, submitted what he described as a test of whether the four-power Pacific treaty "was based upon justice and was therefore a peace alliance, or based upon force and therefore a military alliance."

WALLACE SEEDS MANY THOUSANDS OPTIMISTIC WORDS SETTLERS GIVEN TO ALL FARMERS CANADIAN FARMS

"Signs Indicate Coming Year Should Be Better One for Farmers."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The farmer can enter the New Year "in a spirit of hopefulness and good faith," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace stated today in a New Year's message to farmers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Twenty-seven thousand Canadian soldiers have been settled on farms by the Canadian government and \$85,000,000 have been placed at the disposal of their government according to a letter sent to the Horse Association of America, here by John Barnett, chairman of the Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada.

OVER 90 PER CENT OF PAYMENTS MADE. "Out of the \$85,000,000 already expended, \$18,000,000 has been returned to the public treasury, of due payments, more than 90 per cent was paid."

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IN PURSUANCE OF THIS policy, the naval experts who are fringing out details of the naval limitation plan will disregard the New Year's holiday tomorrow and spend the day at work. None of them expect to find serious difficulty in the technical adjustments remaining to be worked out before the treaty is ready to be signed.

DIFFICULT ISSUES AHEAD ON THE FAR EAST. The far eastern problems, which will be their period of intensive discussion, however, is on the development of a formal five-power treaty covering the naval limitation scheme.

Whether the accusation will come formally before the arms conference is uncertain, however, is on the far eastern representatives not only are not members of the conference but are speaking for an unrecognized government. The Siberian situation, however, is on the agenda for the far eastern discussions and when it is taken up for consideration, the Chinese or some other delegation may inject the far eastern situation into the formal negotiations. If a plenary session is held this week it is not impossible that its program may include ratification of some clarifying instrument which defines the scope of the four-power Pacific treaty with reference to the principal Japanese islands. Negotiations for such a clarification are proceeding, the Americans having given assurances that they will not oppose a Japanese plan to declare that the treaty does not cover the Japanese "homeland." The present discussions are said to be tending toward accomplishment of that end through a reservation signed by all the four powers.

SENATE OPONENTS TO TREATY ORGANIZING. While this exchange is in progress the opponents of the treaty in the senate are busy organizing to prevent its ratification and are looking for an opportunity to carry their fight to the count. Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, delivered an argument against unreserved ratification, and his speech was disseminated from the capital by wireless. More discussion of the subject in the senate itself is expected when it reconvenes this week after the holiday recess.

ON THE SIDE OF THE naval limitation program, the most embarrassing problem yet to be settled is that involved in the proposed regulation of submarine warfare. All of the powers have agreed to unite in a declaration reaffirming the ancient well-established restrictions of international law and condemning the ruthless use made of German U-boats during the world war, but there has not been the same facility of agreement on the proposal to go further and prohibit

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