

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA" ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2, 1922.

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, near Grace, when one end of the large building was in a mass of flames. The portion of the sanitarium destroyed was a wooden structure and was purchased by Dr. W. D. Meacham in 1911. It was stated last night the damage was about \$25,000 and was fully covered by insurance.

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. The section used for the patients was at the opposite end of the building and contained 30 rooms. They were damaged by water and will be necessary to repair many of the rooms.

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 ascertained last night and it was around 2 o'clock before the firemen left the scene of the blaze. Dr. Meacham stated last night that arrangements have already been made for carpenters, plumbers and other necessary workmen to start work this morning to make the sanitarium ready for occupancy.

The sanitarium is operated for treatment of all diseases and, with the exception of tuberculosis, surgical and insane cases, it was stated by Dr. Meacham. When interviewed last night he stated that he desired to express his thanks to the Asheville fire department, neighbors in the vicinity of the building and the management of the Grove Park Inn, Major and Battery Park hotels for their sympathy and help during the fire and immediately following.

Late last night the burning structure were slowly dying and sent many flying sparks into the air. The blaze in the Grace section to believe that the remaining section of the building was in danger. On close inspection it could be seen that the sparks were not large enough to cause any damage. The building was served to work against the firefighters and the water played on the building late yesterday turned into a mass of icicles.

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 a loss of about \$6,000. The house is a two-story frame structure and the fire was caused by sparks from a chimney. It was discovered by a party passing the residence, while Dr. Millender, his family and several guests were enjoying their New Year's dinner.

All furniture was carried safely from the residence and stored in the home of J. B. Anderson. Neighbors aided in moving the furniture and household goods from the burning building and it was stated that the work of Mr. Anderson and McKinley Pritchard led in saving a large part of the furniture. The residence was valued at between \$18,000 and \$20,000 and only \$2,000 insurance was taken.

A small room blaze at the residence of Robert Reynolds, 23 Gemont road and an awning burning at the Carolina Apartments were the other two New Year's day fires but the damage minimal.

Night several persons observed a fire which appeared to be an extreme eastern section of the city. It was believed by some conflagration in Canton was the way, but information received from Canton was to the effect that Canton had experienced a fire which was the work of Mr. Candoromy failed to locate the fire while in the three places, the called attention to a fire at the distance. Due to the lack of several of the rural telephone lines, further information regarding the fire could not be obtained. Since trainmen coming in from the west did not notice a fire, it was believed the reflections seen from here might have been from a forest fire.

PRESIDENTS THINK RAIN IN FAVOR OF VICTORY FOR THEM PARADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—A quarter of an inch of rain today and prospect for a further fall was regarded as bettering the chances of the Washington Redskins in their game here with the University of California tomorrow. The game will be played at the stadium which the turf at Tournament park is slippery and thus hamper the players' tactics. A heavy snowfall is also expected. The contest will be played as scheduled, officials said. Both football squads were reported in fine shape tonight.

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—Asked 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, in keeping with the oft-expressed wish of the late political leader. The family is planning to hold the funeral in the city, as circumstances will permit. Tonight no time had been fixed for the interment. Dr. Charles B. Penrose, one of the senator's brothers, is awaiting definite word from Spencer Penrose, of Colorado, another brother, before making final arrangements. It was said that some members of the family desire the funeral held without any previous announcement.

The body of Senator Penrose was accompanied by Leighton C. Taylor, his principal secretary, and by Senator Norris, of Nebraska, the senator at Washington. It was removed from the train at the West Philadelphia station. Tonight the body of Penrose rested in his old-fashioned home under 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, was one of the wealthiest bachelors in the senate. An "Old Guard" republican, he was a member of four important senate committees, namely, the finance committee, which he was chairman, banking and currency, immigration and naval affairs.

Chief lieutenant of Senator Matthew Stanley Quay, whose representative he had been in the Pennsylvania legislature for many years, Penrose did not at first take a very prominent part in republican party councils at Washington. Un-

tilled and unassuming, he was a quiet, unobtrusive figure in the senate. He was a member of the finance committee, which he was chairman, banking and currency, immigration and naval affairs. He was a member of the finance committee, which he was chairman, banking and currency, immigration and naval affairs.

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PROTECTION MEN TO HAVE MEETING

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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. John H. Kirby, president of the Southern Tariff association, is to be master of ceremonies. He is fighting for the "poor farmer."

The principal southern farm products that the tariff association will ask protection on and on which the Fordney measure is unsatisfactory, said an announcement broadcasted here today, "are vegetable oils, soybean, 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."

Governor John M. Parker, of Louisiana, is one of those selected to make a showing for the protectionists. Charles DeB. Claiborne, of New Orleans, is to appear for "southern bankers."

Southern business men on the other side of this question will be heard. Senator Simmons, minority leader in the senate, will oppose the scheme of the Southern Tariff association.

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. The school course will be through the use of the mails, how to handle complaints, guard the mails and maintain proper relationship with the department.

Central accounting postoffices will be designated in each state as schools for the instruction of postmasters of the second class. Efforts will be made to direct of First Assistant Postmaster-General Work as "superintendent" of schools.

WARRIORS PAY 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.

There were many casualties. Police records enumerated four violent deaths attributable to holiday over-indulgence, 18 men and women in hospitals with gunshot or knife wounds, a half dozen poisoned by bad liquor and scores of sufferers seen by members of the dry squad of 200 who attempted to make it the driest New Year's eve Broadway had ever seen.

Between midnight and two o'clock twelve raids by prohibition officers were reported, including a descent on Reisenweber's at 5th street and Eight avenue, and similar interference with the festivities at a dozen Greenwich village tea rooms.

Opinions differed on whether the prohibitionists succeeded. The Evening Telegram today described the night as a "celebration which rivalled the wildest prohibition days."

William H. Anderson, head of the state Anti-Saloon league, however said "although wetter than the Sahara Desert, New York was far drier last night than it has been on other holidays. Prohibition agents, he added, followed a line of least resistance and did not interfere with those who 'carried their own.' A more rigid enforcement of the law, he asserted, would have caused 'too much' reaction against the law."

"Conditions," he summed up, "in the freest place in the country on the freest night of the year showed a big improvement over any previous New Year's eve since enactment of the Volstead act."

Hundreds of churches held watch services that drew immense audiences without seeming to detract from the throngs that early took possession of the sidewalks in thousands of hotels, cafes and restaurants.

WILD CELEBRATION STAGED IN ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—Three persons shot and killed a policeman and a woman in a street fight today in New Orleans. The policeman was killed when run down by an automobile, one man drowned, eleven persons reported shot and six others injured in various street fights.

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

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 communications were characterized tonight by a member of the French delegation as "forgery, stupidly contrived," and as "malicious fabrications," and by a spokesman of the Japanese delegation. "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.

"I have been vice-foreign minister since September 8, 1919," said M. Hanhara, one of the Japanese delegates, "that is to say, during the period when these alleged documents are dated. I want to say with all the emphasis at my command that there is no shadow of truth so far as Japan is concerned and therefore they must be a forgery."

Reference to the Washington conference occurs first in a communication headed "from the foreign office in Paris. Transmitted by telegraph to Tokio on the second of September to be delivered to the minister of foreign affairs."

AIMS OF CONFERENCE NOT QUITE CLEAR "The aims of the Washington conference are not quite clear to the French government," this note read. "We are therefore unable to express our frank opinion with regard to the conference."

"We take into consideration the interests of Japan to the same extent as we have done it before, especially when our government is convinced that with regard to all the questions which will be discussed in Washington the French government will have to rely on Japan only. Our agreement with Japan on the Siberian question has not been very successful for our decisions are in conflict with the policy of America which is now playing an important part in the east. America's intention to secure for itself a place in Siberia has been frustrated by our policy. The Americans are therefore pushing the eastern question so as to gain supremacy in the west. We must resist efforts by all means and the French government hopes to have the help of the Japanese government in that."

"The Japanese plan to create a free republic in the east under the leadership of the Japanese government." (Continued on Page Two)

"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."

Several thousand amateur and commercial wireless operators within a radius of 200 miles of Washington "listened in" on Senator Borah's address. The test which Mr. Borah offered was whether supporters of the treaty were willing to accept reservations by which the powers would be restored within a year and thereafter ever to respect the rights, interests, territory and sovereignty of all nations or governments in the region of the Pacific. He added the further condition that should the agreement to restore and respect such interests be not observed, the obligations under Article 2 would be terminated automatically.

The Idaho senator asserted that the "aggressions in the far east for the last fifty years have been upon the part of nations, or rather groups of nations, which have now signed an alliance to prevent aggression. He charged that it was the members of the "alliance" and not those nations outside of it who have disregarded the rights of other nations and people in the Pacific in recent years.

"The disturbances in the far east," Mr. Borah continued, "and the things which threaten war, are the result of the nations now proposing an alliance to regard the rights of other nations, and not out of acts of those who are excluded from the alliance. He said that the nations which are members of a disturbing nature if the members of this proposed alliance had respected the rights of the weak or more peacefully disposed nations of the east. Let the alliance specifically provide that the alliance itself and each nation shall respect the rights of all nations and people in the Pacific."

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

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.

"I see nothing which indicates boom times for the farmers in the near future," he continued, "but there does seem to be promise of better times for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him."

While unwilling to make "any hard and fast prophecies," the secretary said there are signs which indicate "that there is coming year by year a better one for the farmer and for those who deal with him than was 1921."

Among the hopeful signs enumerated by the secretary were the improvement in credit conditions through regular channels and by special agencies created to meet the farmer's needs, bringing a lowering of interest rates; reductions already made in freight rates on farm products; reduction in the cost in 1922 of producing farm crops; and a probable increase in the price of grain following what seems likely to be a decrease in acreage planted to such crops.

"The paralyzing effect of the sudden drop in prices last year is wearing off," the secretary declared, "and farmers will enter the New Year more hopefully, believing that the worst is over."

Farmers are coming to see more clearly that the task of putting farming on a sound business basis is really up to them, and that through organization they can reduce marketing costs," the statement continued. "In this they will have increasing help from the departments of agriculture and the various state agricultural colleges which now see better than before that they must give the farmer the same sort of help in the marketing of his crops that they have given him in the past."

ORLEANS MAN GETS TO KEEP LIQUOR LEONARD DEFENDS TITLE TONIGHT MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 1.—Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion, will defend his honors here tonight in a fight with a former Milwaukee high school boy.

The contest is scheduled to go 10 rounds, and in accordance with the Wisconsin law, no decision will be given by the referee if both men are on their feet at the finish. All seats for the match have been sold and the gate receipts will hit the \$10,000 mark, it was announced.

Leonard will receive a guarantee of \$10,000, with a privilege of a percentage, while Mitchell will draw down a percentage, probably will draw down about \$11,000.

ALGER'S MOVIE HOUSES SHUT UP ALGIERS, Jan. 1.—All motion picture theatres in province of Algiers closed indefinitely with the coming of the New Year, owing to imposition of an additional tax, bringing the total levy to 83 per cent of the gross receipts. The closing affected 4,000 musicians and 8,000 other employees.

PROCLAIM INDIA REPUBLIC; ARMS WILL BE USED

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DAIL MEMBERS ARE ON WAY TO DUBLIN

Dail Eireann Will Resume Deliberations on Treaty This Tuesday.

DUBLIN, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The members of the dail eireann who have been spending the holidays at their homes are beginning to return to Dublin for the resumption of the sessions of the dail on Tuesday.

During the past week Irish public opinion seemingly has consolidated in favor of the peace treaty with Great Britain and the supporters of the treaty in the dail today expressed far more confidence of ratification of the document than at any time since the debate opened.

Their most conservative estimates are for a majority of about 12 and in setting that figure they declare that they leave out of consideration the possibility of a considerable number of the opponents of the treaty abstaining from voting. Estimates of the sentiment of the people throughout the country are said to vary from 75 to 95 per cent in favor of the treaty.

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. The military from Delhi and Alwar assisted in restoring order.

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.

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