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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—North Carolina: Rain and colder Sunday; Monday fair, colder in East; fresh winds becoming North and Northwest.

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NEW BERN FIRE SENTIMENT SAID REHABILITATION TO BE MILITANT FORBIDDEN APPROVED FOR PROHIBITION

\$35,000 Provided for by American Red Cross Simmons Announces.

TENTED CITY HAS WINDS AND RAIN

Stacy Wade Repudiates Report on Disaster on Return From North.

Haynes, Nutt and J. J. Britt at Capital After Tour of South.

ILLICIT DISTILLING IS NOW SUCCUMBING

Trio Skipped Tar Heel State for Want of Time—Not Coming Back.

WASHINGTON BUREAU (BY H. C. BILLYAN)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Stacy Wade today made a statement before the Senate committee on Reconstruction and Finance, head of the American Red Cross, had approved the request for \$35,000 for rehabilitation work for the fire swept district.

NEW BERN, N. C., Dec. 9.—(Special Correspondence) The fire tonight experienced their first privation due to inclement weather. In the city of tents on the side of the city, where the rains added to the discomfort of more than 2,000 homeless persons.

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A HAPPY THOUGHT BY BILLY BORNE



WHOLESALE FARM PRODUCTS HOUSE
FEDERATION AIM

Operation Will Begin at North Lexington Avenue on January 1.

Property on the Fairview Road, comprising 25 acres, has been purchased from the Patton Estate by L. B. Jackson and will be developed as Linwood Park, through for distribution of farm products in this section will begin January 1 on North Lexington Avenue, with Bolling Hall, of Waynesville, in charge.

Working with Mr. Hall at the Lexington Avenue wholesale store after the first of the year will be W. E. Clark in charge of the office with Joe Davis, of Waynesville, as assistant.

When the question of co-operation with the county agent in farm extension work in this region was brought forward, it was moved by B. A. Patton, former chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, that the stockholders authorize their president to meet together with the district and county agents, the chairman of the county board and the head of the Board of Education to formulate plans for extension work in Buncombe County in which the department would have the assistance of the Farmers' Federation as co-operating organization. This action was taken.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 9.—Cases against C. E. Pyle, Jr., Curdie Bradshaw and P. J. Credlin, who were arrested several weeks ago on charges of having been reported for the bomb explosion at the home of D. T. Taylor, on the night of October 17, were dismissed when the three men appeared in municipal court for preliminary hearing today.

At the hearing the prosecution that warrants for the arrests of the three men had been issued upon evidence given by two white youths which had been taken into custody on larceny charges and the youths later repudiated their statements, declaring that the evidence given by them was false. In the face of this development the State took a nol prosequere with leave to drop the charges against the three men, who had been under bond since their arrest.

Pyle is the secretary-treasurer of the local machinists union. He was formerly employed at the Asa-Coke Line shops at South Rocky Mount, but went on strike with the other employees there last July. Credlin was also a striker, and Bradshaw was alleged to have been a strike sympathizer.

BOLSHEVIK RUSSIA IS DISSATISFIED OVER TALK STAND

Abandonment of Russians in Dardanelles Question Is Annoyance.

ORIENTALS WARNED AGAINST ALLIES

Charge France Quit Turkey in Favor of England Over Reparations.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—Proof that bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because Imet Fasha has abandoned the Russian side of the question of the Dardanelles was found today when M. Tchitcherine, the soviet foreign minister, issued an urgent invitation to the Turkish journalists, and in a course of a long speech warned them of the danger of placing their trust in the Allied nations.

M. Tchitcherine did not want to say anything in the way of criticism of the Turkish plenipotentiaries, but thought the Turkish people at home should know of the trend of things at Lausanne. He had a distinct impression, he said, that war between Turkey and England was still going on. Tchitcherine charged that France had abandoned Turkey in favor of England and the consideration, probably, was some concessions on the reparations problem from England.

"But it remains to be seen," he continued, "how far France and England will agree when the Brussels conference is held."

He rejoiced that Turkey and Russia had finally come together because they were vitally important to each other.

The bolshevik leader declared that, to allow foreign warships to pass through the straits, would mean the handing over of Constantinople to the nation with the strongest navy. Naval units would seize Constantinople, then attack Russia. Therefore, if Constantinople was in danger, Russia also was in terror.

Turning his attention to England, Tchitcherine told the Turkish correspondent that the Great Britain had her eye on northern Persia. The way to northern Persia was through Caucasia. The way to the Caucasus was through Persia. He asserted that the Russian program at Lausanne was based on community of interests between the Russian and Turkish peoples and he hoped that the end result would be a union of the two countries under one ruler.

Following the morning and afternoon sessions, a banquet was held Saturday night at the Entella Hotel, at which time a general discussion of an hatcheries was introduced and an able discussion upon a State wide system of game laws made by Horace Kephart, author of "Our Southern Highlanders" and well known sporting writer making his headquarters here.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted endorsing the passage of a \$15,000,000 bond issue in North Carolina with which to carry out the great highway program now under way.

Speaking in favor of this move were G. B. Walker, of Andrews; Dr. James DeHart, of Bryson City; T. M. Jenkins, of Robinsville, and J. M. Zachary, of Calvert, these being the newly elected representatives and senators for their respective sections present for the meeting.

It was brought out in the gathering that "Forsyth" Creek township, into which a 29-mile link of highway has been built, lacks a seven-mile stretch which would connect with the Tennessee State line. It is felt that this should be a part of the State Highway system, and that the 20-mile link should be taken over by the commission and the seven-mile link constructed. Tennessee is in point of fact, the best highway state in the North Carolina line, via Merropolis.

That the Tennessee legislature will likely pass a \$75,000,000 bond issue for highway construction in the near future, was predicted by Senator F. E. Patton, of Knoxville, who took an enthusiastic part in the gathering. Georgia has already constructed its part of the new highway, W. G. Griffith, of Athens, Ga., reported.

J. H. Harwood, of this town, delivered the address of welcome and stated the object of the meeting. D. H. Tillet, of Andrews, spoke impressively upon "The Missing Link." He was followed by Mr. Griffith, Wythe M. Peyton, Division Highway Engineer, of Asheville, expressed the regrets of J. G. Stikelander that he could not be present. He made known the fact that the district officials had heartily in accord with the project. H. O. Webber served as toastmaster at the banquet during the evening.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 9.—Solicitor Woodus Kellum is considering requesting a special session of criminal court for the trial of Herbert E. Dallas, he admitted tonight. Dallas is charged with the killing of Joe Southwell, at the Coast Line engine, who was shot to death during the riot strike last July. Chauncey B. Holleman, witness for the state, whose absence has twice delayed the Dallas trial is now in jail here.

NEW CONGRESS FOR PEACE IS WOMEN'S GOAL

Women's International League is Pledged to New Movement.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 9.
—The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom today adopted resolutions recommending a new peace based upon new international agreements and charging its members to work for the convening of a World Congress for this purpose, either through the instrumentality of the League of Nations, a single nation, or any group of nations.

The resolutions were moved by the British and French delegations and were adopted unanimously.

TIGER CONFIDENT TRIP TO AMERICA PROVES SUCCESS

Feels America Convinced France Not Militaristic, Will Pay Debt.

GAINS SYMPATHY FOR FRENCH VIEW

Points Again to Hopeful Passage in Harding's Official Message.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—George Clemenceau, the French war premier, today ended his speaking mission to America before the Philadelphia Forum in the Academy of Music with the broad intimation that he believed the French people would support the three principles for which he fought his campaign by the sea in France.

Of two of them he evinced no doubt. He was confident he had convinced America that France was not militaristic nor an imperialistic nation. He was equally sure he had spread conviction that France intended to pay her debt to America—no more, immediately, perhaps, but ultimately.

He requested a paragraph from President Harding's annual message to Congress yesterday as an indication that the third principle—the representation of the terms of France and England—also was being accomplished.

The paragraph was the President's comment on the four-power pact, which the Executive said had brought "a new confidence in maintained peace" and which, he suggested, "might be made a model for like assurances, wherever the representative audience of interests are concerned."

"I told your chief," Clemenceau continued, "that when he pondered on what I had said to him, I believed his feeling would find its way toward us. And I believed it has. But I don't know what the diplomats will make of it."

It was again his "peace message" that Clemenceau delivered to the representative audience that faced him in the gaily decorated Academy of Music.

But it was a plea for a peace based on France's ideals and these ideals he declared, France would defend to the last drop of her blood, even if she had to defend them alone.

All Five Addresses Began in This Way
All the "formal" addresses he had made before were banded in this last of the series. Now he was the fierce Tiger, flashing defiance against France's enemies; now, the advocate, carefully stating his case; now, an old man pleading for his native land that she be not misunderstood. Several times he was interrupted by applause.

"I have had no mission," he reiterated at the outset. "I only came to tell you what I think."

He said he had found, shortly after he landed in New York, that the charge of militarism and imperialism had not been believed. "If Germany had ever suspected that England and then America would have entered the war, she would have been no war. That's a strong argument for your letting the world know how you stand."

When the American troops came home, he continued, they reported that "we're through."

"Alas, that's not true," he declared. "What is the use of shutting the eyes and saying 'all goes well'?"

Clemenceau said he had been told by a high official at Washington that America ever would be found on the side of right and justice.

"That may be," he continued, "but a deed is a deed. We fought the war together and you did not sign the peace treaty."

He reiterated his explanation that although France intended to pay her debt to America, she would have difficulty in paying until she could collect from Germany.

Charge Charge French Want Too Much From Germany, Nonense.

The charge that France has asked too much from Germany, he said, "was all nonsense," as France already had remitted 57 per cent of her original claims.

"They say today that Germany can't pay," he went on. "Perhaps she can't. But there was a day

MORATORIUM FOR GERMANY, OFFER MADE BY FRANCE

Poincare Says Scheme Permissible Under Certain Guarantees.

ITALIAN REPEALS ARE NOT REVEALED

Discuss Reducing German Indemnity to 40 Billion Gold Marks.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—The clouds that overhung the reparations conference last night have been partially dispelled by today's proceedings. The four premiers, Bonar Law, Poincare, Theunis and Mussolini, had two meetings lasting five hours. There was nothing approaching an agreement, nor had any agreement been expected from one day's deliberations. The chief result was something more nearly approaching an understanding in the positions of the two nations, Great Britain and France, than had existed at any time during the past few weeks.

M. Poincare offered, in behalf of France, acceptance of a two-years moratorium for Germany provided satisfactory guarantees were forthcoming; these guarantees embraced measures for economic control of the Rhineland industries and partial occupation of the Ruhr district with a division of soldiers to collect customs on the coal output. M. Poincare did not consider that this program would be regarded as military action against Germany.

Premier Bonar Law's reply, which came in the afternoon, after M. Poincare's exposition of France's attitude in the morning, surprised the French because it indicated that Great Britain might under satisfactory conditions abandon the attitude laid down in the Balfour note and cancel the French debt to England. Mr. Bonar Law also indicated military measures to compel Germany to pay.

The reduction of the German indemnity to approximately 40,000,000,000 gold marks was discussed.

Premiers Poincare and Mussolini were the only speakers at the morning session. The Italian premier is reported to have advanced some proposals the nature of which has not yet been revealed.

Karl Bergmann, German financial expert, arrived today and presented Chancellor Cuno's proposal to Premier Bonar Law. The plan is said to embrace allied participation in German industries at the point of an external loan. America and cancellation of European debts to that country was one of the topics touched upon in the morning.

JAPAN FORMALLY ASKS ADMISSION TO SESSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The possibility that Japan might be admitted to the conference of the British, French, Belgian and Italian premiers here this week-end is discussed today by the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. The writer says that Japan has already formally requested admission and that although America has not made the same request, "this fact negates no probability of Japan's being invited, especially having in regard the strong views entertained by Washington and vigorously expressed by the American ambassadors upon certain aspects of the issue at stake."

The correspondent suggests that the four participating delegations may devote their first exchange of views to settling this question, the inference from his statement is apparently being that admission is presently being considered.

OREGON RADICALS UNDER SUSPICION IN GREAT FIRE

Probe Shows \$12,000,000 Conflagration Began at Two Places.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—Rain fell today on the ruins of Astoria's business district, helping the firemen quench the smoldering remnants of the blaze which Friday wiped out the heart of this century-old city.

An executive committee, composed of officials and business men, with power to handle relief work, reconstruction problems and to administer municipal affairs until such time as orderly conditions are re-established was formed.

The relief work is well in hand and there is no prospect of physical suffering. To provide meals for such as could not be accommodated in the homes of the city, National Guard forces today began serving meals from two rotating kitchens in one of the buildings which escaped the flames.

No official estimate of the aggregate loss was made, but the general opinion of business men who were familiar with local conditions was that the loss would be between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000.

Incendiarism was responsible for the fire, in the opinion of Mayor Bremner and Chief of Police Carmon. Local radicals are under suspicion, the official said.

Investigations indicated that the fire began in two separate places, according to Chief Carmon.

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