THE WEATHER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday.

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SAY CONFESSIONS IMPLICATE 45 IN TWO KIDNAPINGS

Statements on Morehouse Murders Now in Hands of Authorities.

M'KOIN TO APPEAL EXTRADITION CASE

Is Remanded Without Prejudice to Await Arrival of Papers.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 28.—(By The Associated Press)—Forty-five persons were implicated in the Morehouse kidnaping and murders of last August, according to two confessions reported late today as delivered by representatives of the Department of Justice to State authorities at New Orleans.

The State's legal office at New Orleans declined to comment on the subject, stating they would neither deny nor affirm it.

The confessions will not be made public, it was regarded here, until the opening hearings begin at Bastrop in January.

It was stated that the signers of the confessions have been granted immunity by the State and are being secreted along with other witnesses and will be called upon to testify.

However, it is regarded here as probable the arrests of some or all the men named will take place before the open hearing begins.

Presistent reports, but lacking official confirmation were in circulation today that orders had been issued to the National Guard company at Mer Rouge to be prepared to move at short notice. Thesse troops were stationed there to hold down a possible outbreak among the citizens of that community who are in hostile camps and are also assigned to assist the civil authorities in making arrests.

The suspects are reported as under constant surveillance of secret service men and no difficulty was anticipated in locating those who are designated for arrests.

Governor And Federal Men Map Out Program.

At New Orleans today behind closed doors, the Governor, the attorney-general, his staff of legal assistants and the four Department of Justice men were mapping out the future course in the investigations into the death of two men, believed to have been victims of a mob.

What took place at the morning session was not disclosed. At its conclusion the Governor announced he would leave for Baton Rouge and would not attend the night session.

It was known that volumes of evidence was gone over by the conferees and the discussion lengthy.

Friends of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, were disappointed today when they learned he had been denied bail at Baltimore, where he is under arrest on a charge of murder in connection with the case. His friends had promised to put up any amount of bond necessary. A fund is being raised in this and adjoin parishes to be used in defense of the physician.

In the meanwhile a deputy sheriff armed with a warrant charging Dr. McKoin with murder was en route to Baltimore.

Sheriff Carpenter said today he expected that McKoin would join Burnett in the parish jail here by Tuesday.

THREE JUDGES SIT IN THE McKOIN CASE THURSDAY

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Attorney Robert R. Carman, counsel for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., declared today he would appeal to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals for a writ of heabeas, should Governor Ritchie, of this State, grant the request of Governor Parker, of Louisiana, for the return to that State of Dr. McKoin. Dr. McKoin,

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NEGRO PAROLED FOR CHRISTMAS IS NOT RELEASED

Because Friends Did Not Help Him Get Out Papers Are Overlooked.

CITIZEN NEWS BUREAU
TARBOROUGH HOTEL
(By BROCK BARKLEY)

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—Paroled five days before Christmas so that he could spend the holidays administering to his motherless children, Jackson Weaver did not get away from the Wake County chaingang until today owing to the failure of county authorities to transmit the Governor's certificate of release.

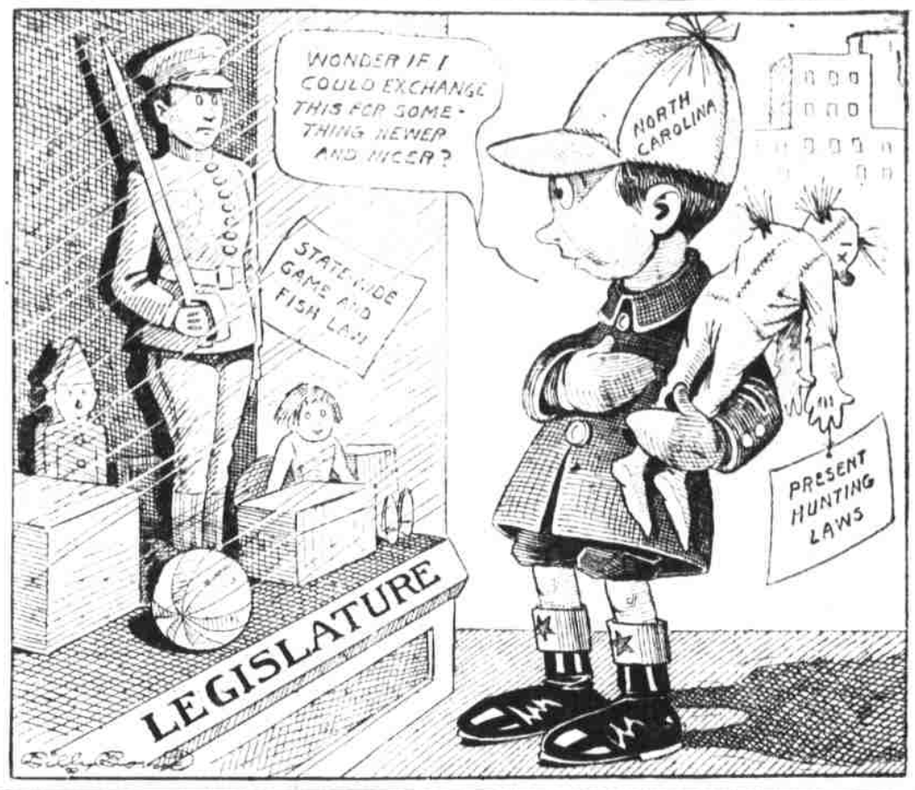
Weaver, who is a negro and a former employe of the secretary of state's office, was paroled by Governor Morrison December 20. His wife had died and the executive sought to comfort the orphan children by returning their father to them. The parole papers were turned over to the Wake County sheriff who handed them on to the head of the county chaingang system. This authority failed to deliver the papers to the superintendent of the camp where Weaver was stationed.

Inquiry having been made today as to when the prisoner could go home, the Governor's office investigated the reason for his detention when the head of the convict system was questioned as to the continued confinement of the negro in the face of the parole papers, he replied he had overlooked the matter.

"No friends came by to ask for him," it was explained, with the added statement that usually friends or relatives of the paroled man see that the papers are delivered to the camp superintendent. The superintendent got the papers after the investigation and Weaver was released this afternoon.

TIME TO EXCHANGE IT

BY BILLY BORNE



Question Of Adequate Protection For Foreigners In Turkey Now Threatening To Break Up The Lausanne Conference

EXTENDED STATE SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL BE SOUGHT

More Money for Rural High and State Normal Schools to Be Asked.

CITIZEN NEWS BUREAU
TARBOROUGH HOTEL
(By BROCK BARKLEY)

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—Further extension of the State's program for development of rural high schools, additional appropriations for building purposes at State institutions of the character of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School and the Appalachian Training School, and the increase of facilities for teacher-training, will be among the most important recommendations the State Department of Education will make to the General Assembly, Dr. E. C. Brooks told a special committee of city superintendents here today to discuss school laws and financing with him.

The committee of superintendents, headed by Superintendent C. I. Coon, of Wilson, went thoroughly into all the phases of school legislation to be asked of the General Assembly. Dr. Brooks reported the superintendents in agreement on all the new proposals and their support in the presentation of the department's new program is promised.

Normal schools under the supervision of the Department of Education find themselves, like the higher institutions of learning, still cramped despite building activities of the past two years. While the University, State College, Women's College and the other institutions are seeking additional appropriations so that enlargement of their accommodation for students may be continued, Dr. Brooks will seek extra funds for building purposes for the Appalachian Training School, Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, Elizabeth City State Normal School, Fayetteville State Normal School, Slater State Normal School and the Cherokee Indian School.

The $5,000,000 school loan fund, created by the 1921 General Assembly, is serving as the financial foundation for the construction now of $15,000,000 worth of school buildings, and, as these are erected, money will be available for further buildings. The past year has seen the extension of the rural high school system to include every county and Dr. Brooks wants the good work to go on so that every child will have the opportunity of a high school education.

As more and larger schools are erected the demand for teachers increases, creating the need for great facilities for teacher-training. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will present a plan for teacher-training that he believes will handle a threatening shortage of instructors and raise the standard of teachers available.

GRAND JURY INQUIRY HAS BEEN POSTPONED

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—Grand jury investigation of the murder charge against Thomas Pollard, young real estate and insurance man, who is accused of killing Mrs. Thelma Ham Richardson, his former stenographer, at the Pollard home here, on the night of December 11, has been postponed until January 4, it was announced today by Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Satterfield. Postponement of the investigation, the commonwealth's attorney said, was made at the request of Richard Evelyn Byrd, special prosecutor, who has been retained by members of the dead woman's family. Mr. Byrd it was said, will be detained in Washington, and cannot attend the grand jury session on January 2, the date originally fixed for the investigation.

Ambassador Childs Warns Turkey Not to Isolate Herself Like Russia.

CURZON'S REMARKS TO TURK SCATHING

Mosul Controversy so Serious as to Cause British Fleet Ordered East.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Ismet Pasha has failed to persuade the United States and the European powers that Turkish laws and Turkish courts afford adequate protection to the life and property of foreigners residing in Turkey and the Near East conference stands in grave danger of breaking up on this question.

Europe and America insist that special courts upon which foreign judges sit, must administer justice to foreigners in Mustapha Kemal's republic. Ismet Pasha declares that such courts would be an infringement on Turkish sovereignty. In fact, he reiterated this declaration so often at today's stormy meeting of the commission on capitulations that Lord Curzon retorted:

"I beg that Ismet Paxha wrap up and place carefully away in a cupboard this question of Turkish sovereignty, which nobody wishes in the least to offend. Turkey is not the only country which enjoys sovereignty, many other powers have it and frequently greater powers than Turkey submit questions to international tribunals without fear of impairing their sovereign rights."

Ismet had declared that Turkish laws and Turkish courts were the equal of any in Europe so often Lord Curzon continued, that he had actually come to believe it.

Not What Turkey But What Rest Of World Thinks, Counts

"But the important thing is not what the Turkish delegation thinks about Turkish justice," added Curzon, "but what the rest of the world thinks about it. England's King George IV convinced himself that he led the guards at the battle of Waterloo, but nobody else ever believed it, and history does not record it.

"The plain truth is, Turkish laws are based on Moslem law and were drawn by Moslem jurists and theologians. The judges are uneducated, poorly paid, and dilatory. The same is true of the police, and the whole mechanism of Turkish justice is defective. Under Turkish courts foreigners cannot conduct business in Turkey and it will be impossible for Turkey alone to get the machinery, transportation and food necessary for her reconstruction and development."

Marquis di Garroni, M. Barrere, M. Bomtard, Ambassador Child and Baron Hayashi all spoke in support of the proposed courts for foreigners, upon which foreign judges designated by the international tribunal at The Hague shall sit. Under this plan Turkey would be permitted to select judges from the list submitted by The Hague tribunal.

Ambassador Child's Talk Makes An Impression.

Ambassador Child's warning that Turkey will align herself with other nations which have repudiated their obligations if she wipes out all the capitulations and does not grant something instead of a guarantee of her treaty pledges created a marked impression in the conference and was gratifying to the Allied delegations, who regarded the address as advice to Turkey not to isolate herself as Russia has done.

Japan, which herself was obliged during a long period to accord the same extra-territorial privileges to foreigners as Turkey, intervened in today's dramatic debate in the role of mediator. Baron Hayashi counselled Turkey to be patient and conciliatory. He recalled the many long years which passed before Japan succeeded in freeing herself from capitulations. Freedom had finally been attained with the help of the European nations.

He pleaded with Ismet Pasha to adopt an attitude similar to that of Japan; he was certain Turkey would receive every help as she

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ONE MILLION IS EXPECTED GAIN ON INCOME TAX

State Forces Confer With Watts Preparatory to January Drive.

CITIZEN NEWS BUREAU
TARBOROUGH HOTEL
(By BROCK BARKLEY)

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—Revenue Commissioner A. D. Watts' staff of deputies, charged with the collection of the State's income tax, came in from their respective districts today for a conference, preparatory to the 1923 drive for taxes.

The income tax blanks go into the mails on the night of December 31, and from the morning of January 1, to March 15 the deputies will be in charge of gathering the expected three and a half millions North Carolina individuals and corporations will pay on their incomes.

The total income tax for 1922 was approximately $2,500,000 but times have been better this year than they were the previous year, more individuals have held jobs paying salaries above the exemption limit, and the corporations have made more money; so a million dollars increase in the grand total is the commissioner's prediction.

It will be the second annual income tax collection of the State on a systematic basis and the revenue department has learned much through the experience of the first collection. The deputies expect to handle the job better than they did in the first collection and to gather in the returns and the money with less inconvenience to the tax-payers.

MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF BAPTIST HOSPITALS, INC.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 28.—At the first meeting of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., held here today, organization was effected by the election of E. L. Davis, Winston-Salem, president, B. F. Huntley, Winston-Salem, vice-president; A. Wayland Cook, Greensboro, secretary; J. Wilber Crews, Winston-Salem, treasurer. These officers with A. E. Tate, of High Point, make up the executive committee.

E. L. Davis, who is named president, is a division manager for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and is a graduate of Wake Forest.

I. C. C. SUSPENDS RATES ON BOX SHOOKS

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced today it had ordered a suspension of rates on box shooks from Carolina and Virginia points to eastern trunk line territory. New rates were to have gone into effect in January, but they are held up until April 30.

Miss Lucille Miller, of Mtulla, who is attending school in Richmond, is here visiting her uncle, S. B. Miller, secretary to Representative Doughton.

Mrs. W. E. Nattress and daughter, Elizabeth, of Statesville, are visiting Mrs. Nattress' sister, Mrs. R. H. McNeil.

MISS ALEXANDER TO BE FIRST WOMAN "COP"

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

GREENSBORO, Dec. 28.—Miss Louise Alexander, president of the North Carolina League of Women Voters, well known throughout the State by reason of her participation in women's civic and political activities, will be North Carolina's first woman policeman, according to an announcement made tonight by Chief of Police Crutchfield. She will be sworn in on January 1. Miss Alexander will have charge of a new department here, fingerprint and identification, an elaborate system having been just installed here, and she will make a special work of the examination of criminals.

STATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC OFFICIAL TO BE PROPOSED

Control of State Freight and Bus Movements Is Aim of Baggett.

WOULD CLEAR UP COURT CONGESTION

State Senator Announces Constructive Plans He Will Sponsor.

LILLINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Legislation designed to create the office of State Highway Traffic Commissioner to control freight and bus lines; to relieve congestion of Superior Court calendars, and to equalize school taxes throughout North Carolina, will be sponsored by Senator J. R. Baggett, of the Twelfth District in addition to his anti-Ku Klux Klan measure, he announced tonight.

"I am studying and making plans," said the Senator, "to introduce a bill to create a Highway Traffic Commissioner, or a Commissioner of motor vehicles. This measure would provide for the control of freight and bus lines established on the State highways and regulate the speed and equipment of motor vehicles used for hire. It also would regulate the schedules and provide for a reasonable compensation to the State for the use of the highways by those who undertake to establish commercial lines.

"It is my opinion that with practically 6,000 miles of State highways constructed and under construction and maintenance, that these roads can be made to be of great service to the State and people living along the line of these, if we establish a Commissioner of highway traffic to protect the man who goes into public service as a common carrier on these highways and at the same time protect the public by having him pay so much per ton per mile and also requiring him to give bond for the maintenance of his schedule and equipment and for damages that he may cause to other people or property through negligence.

"This will bring into the operation of these roads a number of reliable, well equipped bus lines and freight carriers that will be as serviceable to the people living along the highways as the railroads are to people residing along their routes.

"There is no reason why these highways should not furnish to the farmers a means of transporting vegetables, poultry, eggs and dairy products to markets as efficiently as the railroads now carry them. But in order to make this dependable, the rate for handling these products, the schedules and equipment and operators must be under public control in practically the same manner as the railroads are at this time.

"I shall support a proposition, or introduce a bill to create some method, either by judicial arrangements by increasing the judges or segregating our criminal judges from our civil jurists and creating circuit courts, to relieve the congestion of our calendars. I would do away with juvenile judges, and let the Superior Court criminal judges handle all criminal cases. Under this plan, the State would provide an industrial school connected with a farm where the boys and girls of each circuit could be sent and cared for under the management of a good man, who would be under the direction of the judge of the circuit.

"This would make our juvenile criminals responsible to the judge and at the saem time placed under his care in an institution under his direction until such time as he could have an opportunity to study the welfare officers and superintendents of the school and farm and determine the best course to follow in each case. If an inmate could be improved, proper steps in that direction would be taken. If the judge should find that an inmate could not be improved, then he would have the right to pass such sentences as in his judgment would be in keeping with the crime.

"I shall support any legislation looking to the equalization of our school tax throughout the State for State schools," he continued. "It occurs to me that we must arrive at some point as near as possible where the taxes for school purposes will fall on all property of the State equally, and the burdens upon the people, regardless of what County they live in, and will be as near the same as possible.

"I am in favor of going forward with our State highway building program and providing the necessary funds for the work to be carried out in accordance with the conservative estimates of the Highway Commission. We cannot stop this work in the middle of the stream; we must go forward and complete it," he said.

McCUBBINS APPOINTED ENROLLING CLERK

RALEIGH Dec. 28.—Secretary of State Grimes today appointed E. H. McCubbins, Salisbury lawyer, enrolling clerk for the General Assembly. He succeeded E. B. Norvell, of Raleigh, who has held the place for several sessions. He declined reappointment.

CORONER'S JURY TO RESUME INVESTIGATION

SANFORD, N. C., Dec. 28.—The coroner's jury today was expected to resume its inquiry into the killing of Mrs. Laura Waddell, who was found with her head split open in her home about eight miles from this city two weeks ago.

JAS. R. MANN LEFT ESTATE OF $250,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. — The late Congressman James R. Mann, who died in Washington, November 30, left an estate of $250,000, which will go to his widow, it was disclosed today, when his will was filed for probate.

Harding Throws Administration's Full Power Against Borah Move For World Economic Conference

Wilson Advised On His Natal Day Success Of Foundation Fund Movement Is Assured

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Friends of Woodrow Wilson who are raising a $1,000,000 fund for the perpetuation of his ideals, celebrated his 66th birthday today by sending him word, through a delegation which called at his S Street home, that the success of their movement was assured.

At the same time, the Senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, expressing "pleasure and joy" at his recovery toward health. The resolution was put through quickly with a chorus of ayes from the Democratic side of the chamber, many Republicans, apparently, paying no attention to its purpose.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the resolution was asked by Senator Harris and no objection being offered the resolution was passed before some senators who had been engrossed a few minutes before in listening to President Harding's letter to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, on the Borah world economic conference proposal realized what it was all about.

The text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas, the Senate has heard with great pleasure the announcement of the rapid recovery to good health of former President, Honerable Woodrow Wilson, be it

"Resolved, that the Vice-President be requested to convey to the Honorable Woodrow Wilson the pleasure and joy of the Senate of the United States because of his rapid recovery to good health."

The former President spent his birthday quietly. A group of men and women stood in the rain in front of his home hoping that he

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DEFEAT FORECAST FOR AMENDMENT AS FIGHT STANDS

Harding Asks Administration Not Be Embarrassed in Present Plans.

PRESIDENT AGAINST DEBT CANCELLATION

Statement From Lodge Virtually Only Light on Newest Development.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Senate warfare over the Borah proposal for a world economic conference reached a dramatic turning point today when President Harding threw the full force of the administration against Senator Borah's plan as contained in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill and in a letter read in the Senate, virtually asked for its defeat.

Another day's general debate followed, but action went over. Plans were made for a vote tomorrow but so many more Senators desired to speak that, with forces favoring the Borah rider, reported sparring for time in an effort to recruiting, delay over the New Year's holiday appeared possible. Defeat of the amendment was predicted positively by administration leaders and conceded, upon the present status of the battle, by its companions.

The President's letter was addressed to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and said the Borah amendment would create "false impressions" abroad as well as at home to the embarrassment of what the administration already is doing toward aiding Europe. Evidently drafted with great care after consultation with Secretary Hughes, however, the communication failed to give any details of the negotiations it hinted were in progress.

Neither would the White House state nor State Department officials divulge any further information on the subject. They declared the affair was necessarily veiled in diplomacy and left developments shrouded in doubt. Virtually the only light thrown on the negotiations came from Senator Lodge, during the Senate discussion, when he said that cancellation of the foreign debt was opposed by the President and was not included in the negotiations.

Suggestion For Free Hand Arouses Interest

A suggestion from the President in his letter that Congress "free the hands" of the Allied debt commission "so that helpful negotiations may be undertaken" developed special interest in the Senate. Senator Lodge said he was authorized to state that the President meant that time for payment of principal and interest of foreign debts might be extended. Senator Borah, however, in brief comment on the President's letter, charged that the administration proposed in effect to cancel the foreign debt by deferring payments "until the seventh or eighth generation has passed over the Jordan."

In discussions at the State Department, rumors of the adminis-

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Germans Ask Inquiry On Ability To Meet Payment

SOME INSTITUTION IN TARHEELIA TO BE GIVEN THEATRE

Owners' Association Is on Record Against Federal and State Tax.

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

GREENSBORO, Dec. 28.—The Motion Picture Theatre Owners' Association of North Carolina, just before ending their mid-winter meeting here this afternoon, took steps toward the erection of an auditorium, either at the Jackson Training School for Boys, Concord, or the Children's Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia, is to be presented the institution.

A committee was named to make decision between the two institutions to investigate and form concrete plans, and report at the annual convention of the Association. It was decided to hold the annual convention at Wrightsville Beach, in Summer of 1923, exact date to be fixed later by the Executive Board of the Association.

Officers of the organization hold over until election of new ones at next convention. Percy Wells, of Wilmington, is President; E. F. Dardine, Charlotte, and S. S. Stevenson, Henderson, the two Vice-Presidents; H. B. Varner, Lexington, Secretary-Treasurer.

Resolutions adopted condemn what is called "Graft and Robbery" practiced, according to one resolution, by the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers, "under the guise of the music tax," and pledge efforts to have the Federal music tax repealed.

Another resolution approves the Better Film Organization and it pledges efforts of the movie men to its support for better programs and relegation of objectionable pictures by "co-operation with the public without invoking the impractical and impossible scheme of political censorship." Objection was made to the state privilege tax on motion picture theatres, called unjust and reduction will be sought at the Legislature.

A legislative committee was named to keep in touch with proceedings of the General Assembly in regard to matters affecting the industry.

Chamber of Commerce Has Definite Request to Act From Business Men.

GOVERNMENT STILL MAINTAINS SILENCE

French Government Practically Completes Plan to Seize Forests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Further aspects of the move for an American commission to inquire into Germany's capacity to pay reparations came to light today when the Chamber of Commerce of the United States made public a definite request that German business men that such a commission be appointed.

The request was transmitted through the German Industrie-und-Handelstag, a national organization representing German business interests. In reply to the Chamber of Commerce expressed gratification at the confidence shown in American business leadership, but deferred a definite decision pending discussion of the reparations question by the council of Allied premiers at their meeting January 2.

The correspondence as made public contains no reference to previous discussion of the project although it is known that in a less formal way the American commission plan has been under consideration in Germany, the United States and other countries for several weeks. Only one allusion is made to the fact that the plan has been discussed also with officials of the interested governments, the cablegram of the German Industrie-und-Handelstag saying merely that "the German government will be pleased to welcome such a commission" and open to it all sources of information.

State Department Remains Unwilling to Talk.

State department officials who have been unwilling to discuss in any way the commission proposal since it first was disclosed in a recent Associated Press dispatch from London continued silent tonight regarding the whole project, the White House officials would not reveal whether the move was one of the things President Harding had in mind when he wrote to Senator Lodge today regarding the efforts now being made to be helpful in solving the European economic problem.

The correspondence between the

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HUFFMAN OPENS INVESTIGATION OF ALLISON DEATH

Physician Explains He Did Not Testify That Companion Shot Him.

MORGANTON, Dec. 28.—R. L. Huffman, Solicitor of the 18th Judicial District which includes Morganton, announced here tonight that he had started an investigation of the slaying of Fred Allison, of Charlotte, on Sunday night in a gun battle between alleged liquor runners and deputy sheriffs. Mr. Huffman said he hoped to get into Lincoln County next week to pursue his plans in the matter.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—Following announcement here today by relatives of Fred Allison, who was shot and killed on Sunday during an exchange of shots between deputy sheriffs and the unknown companions of Allison who were charged with liquor running that an investigation of his death would be asked, Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of Lincoln County where the shooting occurred, tonight stated over long distance telephone that he expected to undertake an investigation as soon as he was able.

At the same time, Dr. G. B. Crowell, a physician who testified at the coroner's inquest which rendered a verdict that Allison was shot by one of his companions, stated that his testimony was not to the effect that the bullet which killed Allison was presumably fired by either of his companions, but that it was fired at a distance of 20 feet or so, and had passed through some object before it struck Allison in the head. The physician also stated that he had sought to show that the caliber of the bullet could not be definitely established inasmuch as it was badly battered and only fragments of it had been removed from the wound. He said his testimony was to the effect that the bullet had been fired at a point away from the car in which Allison was riding and not from within it.