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## INDEPENDENT MISSION FROM U.S. SUGGESTED

## Borah Withholds His Amendment, Assured Of Hindering Program

Watson Appeals to Idaho Senator Not to Press His Amendment.

NEGOTIATIONS NOT THE PRESENT PLAN orah Says He Will Not Offer Amendment Now, But He May Later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. ight over the proposal of Senator Borah that President Harding call stration assurances
Senator Watson, of Indiana.

the President already was sounding cut the situation in a way which might lead to some movement which would aid the adjustment of conditions prevailing in Europe.

Senator Borah made known his decision during the debate after during the debate after decision during the debate after during the debate during the de Senator Horan made known his decision during the debate after Senator Watson, one of the administration spokesmeu, who was instrumental in lining up the administration forces in opposition to the proposal, appealed to the Idaho Senator not to press his proposed resolution for substantially nosed resolution for substantially he same reasons outlined in

Senator Watson disclosed that administration "feelers" had been coate as to European policy and reserved to the statement in President Harding's letter that it was necessary first to ascertain whether overtures for a conference would be "welcome."

"And I go so far as to say the indiana Senator said, "that that as been done and that the things hat have been undertaken, if sucrence in the future." Senator Watson then suggested

hat Senator Borah withhold his amendment on the ground that the administration's course would embarrassing.

Senator Borah asked whether he administration's "negotiations" vere for the purpose of calling his conference

Watson replied Watson replied. "What I said was the city. that Teelers' had been put out; that the foreign nations were now to open being sounded with a view to findbeing sounded with a view to find-ing out whether the United States ong out whether the United States, may be helpful and that in my cainion it might lead to a conference; that I had no authority whatever to say that. I speak purely for myself as an individual and give my personal views, representing the opinions of nobody in authority. uthority. At the same time I am

entirely ignorant of the fact t these feelers have been put just as the President in his otter states. Senator Watson added that the situation was not one of "negotia-tions" but of diplomatic "convernator Borah, pressing definite information,

Conducted State Since 1915 Yield Favorable Results.

ALEIGH, Dec. 29 .- A series experiments in cotton seed dement dating from 1915 igh the 1922 season by the Carolina Experiment Staand a few co-operating farm-has resulted in the improveplanting seed, to a point e they now are yielding a grade of cotton, according to anouncement tonight by R. Y. ers, plant breeder of the sta-

e of the services of our stasaid Mr. Winters. "is the information to growers who to improve their seed. Since is one of our principal considerable time has been in studying the many va-and later improving she

that was available.

then the work was started rears ago, two standards of sewere considered and residence and residence and residence are a variety before it could to be a proper starting for further improvement.

all, it must be a good A variety. all, it must be a good A variety of cotton may y good qualities, but if it h yield no one wants to Next to high yield, one ust furnish a good qualit which can be used by Carolina cotton mills.

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Gallivan Says Next House Speaker Not To Be a Klansman

ESTABLISHED 1868.

Democrats From South Says in Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-Repment today that Democrats who go before the party caucus as candidates for Speaker of the House in the new Congress will be called upon by Northern Democratic Representatives to say where they stand on the question of the stand on the question of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Mark you," said Mr. Gallivan "we are going to watch Ku Klux Democrats from the Southland whether they come from Texas or any other State and they will get no support from Democrats in the North unless at the caucus which Sorah that President Harding call will be called to select the party candidate for the Speakership these mes prenounce their absolute and unequivocal opposition to the infamous organization which at present holds the front page in our daily newsonners. our daily newspapers."

allied with any labor union or any organization of such a character.

resident Harding's letter of yes-

essfully continued, go so far as o result in the holding of a conin City in Week.

Delay of one week in the reopening of the Buncombe County Schools because of the prevalence of influenza, was authorized in an order promulgated by Frank Wells, County School Superintend-ent, yesterday, following the advice of Dr. R. G. Wilson, County Health Officer, who asserts that 150 new 'No. not negotiations," Senator stelams this week, exclusively of

> The Co to open January 1 or 2, will not reconvene until Monday, January 8. Since the malady has started this Whiter a total of 418 cases have been reported to Dr. Wilson Out of the reports of the 150 new cases, made by 14 physiciars of the County, one reported five cases and there was an increase in the number of cases, another reported a decrease, while a third reported no new cases.

Whether or not it will be necwhether or not it will be nec-easary to keep the schools closed for a longer period of time is not known and this will depend en-tirely upon the number of new cases reported in the interim. Dr. Wilson advises the county school children to stay at home as much or more definite information, ched if the administration course hight "ultimately lead to a contract conditions?"

"Or to some gathering for the — [Continued on Page Two]

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sulted.

It was reported yesterday at the city health department that the estimate of the number of cases in Asheville would no exceed 506. Dr. C. V. Reynolds, City Health Officer, who a few days ago issued an official warning, could not be reached last evening, but it is expected that the decision will be made known today as to whether the health department believes that the city schools should be closed. sulted.

MEYER SUCCEEDS AS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Bal-thazar H. Meyer today became chairman of the Interstate Com-merce Commission for a term of one year. He assumes the chair-manship in accordance with a pol-ley of rotating the post among icy of rotating the post among members of the commission on a members of the commission on a basis of sentority in service.

Commissioner Meyer, as chairman, will still supervise railroad security issues, his particular assignment on the commission.

Commissioner Charles C. McChord, who has been chairman for

the past year, will continue as a commissioner, having been re-ap-pointed for another term.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. MAN DIES ON TRAIN

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 29.

Harris Meisels, whose death occurred today while he was en route to New York to consult a physician, was the proprietor of a large furniture store in this city. He was about 60 years of age and had been in bad health for some time.

Mayor Will Have \$100,-000 at His Disposal.

FURTHER ARRESTS YET TO BE MADE

Going to Watch Ku Klux Any Responsible for Murders Will Be Ousted.

BASTROP, La. Dec. 29 - (By resentative Gallivan. Democrat, date for the open hearing but one Massachusetts, declared in a statehe Associated Press.) -- With the law which has already struck twice was still upraised tonight over those designated for arrest in connection with the Morehouse kidnapings and murders.

The citizens were anxiously awaiting the passing of time which would reveal the identity of those marked. The nature of confessions n which 45 men were said to be implicated was also the subject of nuch speculation.

There was no intimation of when the arrests promised by the State would be made. Opinion is evenly divided on the theory that the ar-rests probably would not occur until after the open hearing had been concluded. The State wants to question some of them as witnesses which privilege would be denied they the even they were under targes and did not care to testify, was argued.

While a deputy sheriff armed ith carefully prepared requisition as en route to Baltimore to claim r. B. M. McKoin, for the State of Louisiana, on a charge of mur-der in connection with the robed and masked activities of last August, his friends in this section of the State, were putting their heads together to raise a suitable fund for his defense. A fund of \$190,-000 was said by his friends to be he objective.

The plea of the former mayor The plea of the former mayor at Baltimore today that he would rather die forty times than be a ke. back to Morshouse atruck a responsive entry ament many. Lafe today his friends here and in New Orleans were reported considering steps to be taken to provide him with a heavy scort after he reaches Louisiana in the event he is returned.

Sheriff Carpenter, of Morehouse, issued a statement today declaring he knew there would be some arrests upon the return of the Federal-investigators now in New Orieans. He said that while 45 citis and maping plot he did not believe this naping plot he did not believe this number were actually participants.

ing last week of the bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, whose kidnaping last summer was the culminating act of the tuking a masked band depredations, has quieted and Bastrop and Mer Rouge are taking a May and from that day no trace breathing spell to await the return of the inwestigators from New Orleans and further developments.

Firing about the parish fail, under summer of the parish fail, under superd of the safety of Mrs. J. H. Bredenberg and her copressed a desire to open the safety of Mrs. J. H. Bredenberg and her copressed a desire to open up early next spring, or as 5000 as the milk supply is sufficient to operate now the low, market for dermany.

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der guard of State troops, enliven-ed the early morning hours to-day and sent a small army of

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RESOLUTION

Word Goes Out Former Fears Felt for Two Big Action Follows Fashion-Vessels, Scores Delay ed by Storms.

> SMALLER CRAFT SMASHING ASHORE

Coue and British Mission Delayed.

NEW YORK, Drc. 29 - Gales day continued to whip the North Atlantic into mountains and can yens arousing fears for at least two vessels, delaying scores and sending a few smaller craft gra-h-ing into the shore. The chief anxiety was felt to

freighter Bretonia, the freighter Bretonia, which sailed for this port from St. Feer's December 12, and the German freighter Heinrich Kaiser, which last reported when she sent out an S. O. S. about 500 miles off pe May, December 6.

In addition, a flutter ran through

carine circles when the shipping card motor ship Munmotor, bound or Norfolk from Boston, radiced or help off Five Fathom Bank tht. The Munmotor, with a w of 42 aboard, reported a laid list in starboard, but a later mes-cage stated she had righted a title. Meanwhile, the consiguard cut-

Kickapoo put out to her asistance from Cape May, The most important wreck re-ported was that of the schooner Amie L. Spindler, out of Yar-mouth, N. S., which struck near Provincetown, Mass., sending her rew of six ashore in a breeches An unconfirmed report

The Berengaria, bearing bassador Harvey back to Washing-ton, from London, was one of the vessels held up. Due foday she reported she still was \$17 miles off reported she still was \$17 miles off this port ami did not expect to reach Quarantine until Sunday. Waves also were lashing the sides of the giant Majestic, carrying the British financial mission to the United States and Emile Coue. Fropoment of auto-suggestion, yound here for a lecture tour.

number were actually participants as his information was there were only 18 or 20.

In Bastrop, the parish seat and the nearby village of Mer Rouge, for several weeks the center of activity in the kidnaping investigation conducted by Department said to have been next to her assistance is gation conducted by Department said to have been unfounded.

of Justice agents in co-operation Her crew is believed to have with State officials, the situation numbered about 30. The freighter FEARS EXPRESSED FOR today was quiet with developments is the property of Heinrich Kny-virtually nil.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 29.day and sent a small army of newspaper correspondents here scurrying from their beds, but it proved a "water haul." It was explained that the firing was by a sentry stationed at an outpost who fired at a person discovered moving about an adjoining railroad yard who failed to obey a challenge to halt. The prowler be
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PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 29—assistance, that she would be able assistance, that she would be able to make it alone. Since that time nothing has been heard from the vessel and fears are expressed that one of its plants, would be closed to the Kaiser met disaster in the Atlantic storm that has been raging for several days.

Mrs. Bredenberg was en route was given as one of the reasons for the change.

A CURE FOR THAT HEADACHE

BUNCOMBE

COUNTY

BY BILLY BORNE

able Dinner, Liquor Said

REPEAL OF STATE DRY LAW IS URGED

to Flow Freely.

Louisiana Klansmen Say Ship Bearing Harvey, Federal Jury Makes Presentment on Ground State's Funds Wasted.

> NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- Invetigation by a Federal grand jury into a buchelors' dinner at the fashionable Zacquet and Tennis Club on Park Avenue, at which ilquor was alleged to have flowed freely, today brought indictments of 13 men, including four mem-bers of the LaMontagne family. prominent in society.

Two indictments were returned, charging a conspiracy to violate the Volstead and internal revenue acts, through which approximate-00 gallons of assorted liquors were alleged to have been illegally sold. Some of those indicted were also charged with having forged liquor permits and other papers.

In a statement made public in onnection with the indictments. United States Attorney Hayward asserted that his office had fol-lowed the trail of alleged bootleg-ging even thought it led to select circles and exclusive places, and charged that liquor had been sold on a wholesale scale to exclusive clubs and the homes of the wealthy.

Federal Judge Knox received the indictments on a day which two other juries—one in the Court of General Sessions in New York and the other in Brooklyn—had Shipping offices in New York, handed up presentments urging fallfax and other ports were born arded with wireless messages forcement act on the ground that it was ineffective and wasteful of mid-winter storms.

The Berenwick and Market and Wasteful of public funds.

The principal defendants, acme principal detendants, ac-cording to Mr. Hayward, were Montaigu LaMontagne and bla three younger brothers, Rene, Wil-liam and Morgan. Bene has long been in the public eye as one of the foremost American polo play-ers, having several times appear-ed in international competition. ed in international competition.

The other defendants were described by Mr. Hayward as the agents of the brothers, listed by the United States attorney as owners of the Green River Distilling Company, Eminence Distillery Company, Inc., and E. LaMontagne Sons, Inc. With the four brothers was indicted Samuel A. Story, vice-president of E. Montagne Sons, Inc. Story, vice-president of E. Mon-tagne's Sons, Inc., an importing

The others in the case were said by Mr. Hayward to include: An employe of the three companies, a bonded truckman, two salesmen, a cigar man at the Racquet and Tennis Club, four "fixers" and a garage owner.

GEORGIANS AT SEA

TO BE MOVED SOUTH York about November 30 for help, but later notified the steamer Ossipee, which had started to her assistance, that she would be able to make it alone. Since that time nothing has been heard from the

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REVALUATION

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CURE IT!

Built up on Broad and Substantial Lines.

FARM EXTENSION SERVICE REPORTS

Ineffective Activity to Be Cut in Order to Reach the People.

RALEIGH, Dec. 29 .- (Ry The Associated Press.)—All phases of the animal industry work in North Carolina are being built on Carolina are being bu "broad, substantial lines," mental in their nature, and plans are being completed to promote a larger program during 1923, according to the annual report of the division to B. W. Kilgore, director of the Farm Extension Service, made public tonight.

"Generally speaking," said R. S. Curtis, acting chief of the division, in his summary, "all unimportant of ineffective phases of extension work are being eliminated and replaced by broad lines of specific work which really reach specific work which really reach the people.

"This may well be illustrated by this may well be lilustrated by the specific feeding demonstrations which are being carried on by the office of swine extension, the work which is being done by the use of the sheep extension truck, en-abling this office to carry a com-nets line of equipment and the plete line of equipment, and the culling and marketing demonstrafice or poultry extension." Speaking before the American Listorical Association. Secretary Hughes auggested last night that an independent commission could do more than an international conference to

Twenty-four cheese factories in the State have received assistance from the dairy extension office during the year, it is stated. The experts are supposed to be devoted entirely to manufacturing prob-lems, the report continues, but the price of cheese reached such a low mark in the early season, the officials spent much of their time in holding meetings and making personal visits in order to stimulate sufficient interest to open several of the smaller fac-

"When the price which the fac-tory can pay for milk goes below ten cents per gallon, which was the case with a few of the fac-tories in the early spring," it reads, "it is very difficult to get a sufficient amount on which to op-erate, although this market con-dition may prevail only a short time.

ly sells for about twice the price of Cheddar. So, on September 14, Mr. E. V. Ellington, representing the federal department of agriculture dairy division, Mr. Farnham and Mr. Wilson and myself held a conference in Asheville and decided to start the workille and decided to start the work. held a conference in Asheville and decided to start the work in Cove Creek Cheese Factory, Watauga County. The federal and state departments of agriculture entered into the project co-operatively.

"A second hand Swiss cheese outfit was located in Ohlo by Mr. Farnham and purchased by the State Department of Agriculture. Cold and warm curing rooms were

Cold and warm curing rooms were built and on December 2 the first Swiss cheese was made.

Swiss cheese was made.

Twenty-three wheel Swiss cheese, weighing 2,097 pounds, were made from December 2 to February 8. This lot of cheese filled the curing rooms and at a conference of Mr. S. C. Thompson, United States Department of Agriculture, Dairy Division, Mr. Farnham, Wilson, Graham and Arey, it was decided to discontinue manufacturing Swiss until those made could be ripened and marketed. marketed.

"It was Mr. Thompson's desire that the work be carried on in an experimental way for 12 months experimental way for 12 months before undertaking it on a commercial scale, due to the uncertainties connected with the manufacture of this type. At this conference, it was decided that Mr. Wilson should supervise the ripening of the cheese, which required about four months.

"All cheese varieties one graded."

"All cheese excepting one graded No. 1. In standardizing milk for the first 20 cheese slightly too much fat was removed, which gave a tough body. This was corrected however later. A mechanical stir-rer, oil incubator and sterilizer have been added to the equipment and work resumed on Septem-

ber 11.
"At the present time the work is not developed sufficiently to express an opinion concerning its final outcome. The results, how-ever, are very encouraging. If it is demonstrated that Swiss cheese can be made under Western North Carolina conditions this will make it possible to obtain about twice the amount for the milk as when sold from making Cheddar cheese."

Demonstrations and Meetings During Yeas Numerous. During the year, the report con-tinues, 47 meetings, demonstra-tions, sales, dairy schools and milk them. trations and Meetings consumption campaigns have been held, a total of 5,508 persons at-tending them. Assistance has been given in family cow purchasing.

## M'KOIN'S FRIENDS NORTH ATLANTIC FEDERAL GRAND ANIMAL INDUSTRY Is Proposed By Hughes As Best Way To Deal All Phases Are Being With The Reparations

Secretary Hughes Officially Voices Commission Scheme WIRI

than an international confer-solve the reparations tangle.

Rumors U. S. Would Take Part in Premiers' Con-

# Would Have Non-Political

Financial Experts Lend Their Assistance.

PREMIERS NOT TO OPPOSE SCHEME

White House Indicates It Acceptable to Them if They Cannot Agree.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—A suggestion that an independent commission of men competent in financial affairs could accomplish more than a general international conference toward solution of the European reparations tangle. European reparations tangle, was put forward by Secretary Hughes here tonight in the first public pronouncement on the economic crisis to come from responsible of-ficials of the administration at Washington.

The secretary, who spoke before the American Historical Association, added that he had "no doubt" distinguished Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission, which, he said, might well be kept free from any responsibility to foreign offices or any duty to obey political instructions. Ones advantage had been taken of the opportunities thus afforded, he said, "the avenues of American said, "the avenues of America helpfulness cannot fail to ope

hopefully."

Referring to suggestions that the United States assume the role of arbiter in the reparations dispute. Mr. Hughes said a sufficient amswer to that was the fact "that we have not been saked." He went on to say he did not believe this government should take such burden of responsibility.

Throughout his discussion the secretary recognized that the questions of German reparations lay at the root of an economic settlement. The problems, abroad, he said, are world problems, and

### Two Big Strikes Recalled In Year's Story In The Citizen

Notable Developments in | various organizations during the America during 1922 are review-ed in brief in special articles which will appear in The Sunday The Sunday Citizen is the only Citizen. It is known that America has lead the contest against the Imperial Idea and won victories in the Far East, the Near East and Europe and that the "Open Door" to China, Persia, Masopotamia and Palestine and Evacuation of Chantung and Siberia spondents insuring the readers of the contest of the cont are part of the results of the firm stand America took last January, and this will be review-

The Sunday Citizen all the na-tional, international, state and local news.

January, and this will be reviewed briefly in the story. This article deals with the fate of nations and is being published simultaneously tomorrow by the leading newspapers of the country.

Plans for the further development of the National Forests in Western North Carolina are outlined in a storf prepared especially for The Sunday Citizen.

A record of growing service in Sunday Citizen offers a large number of special features, including "Holding Public Office," by Colonel Babers: "The Great Merchant and The Sabbath," by William T. Ellis; "Coss Country Football," by Ring Lardner: "Your Health," by Dr. Copeland; Fashion's "Latest From Paris"; Frank Simonds, on "International Relations During the Year"; Western A record of growing services has been written by former services men during the year reaching a close and this record is reviewed in a news story which will appear in this paper fomorrow.

Other articles giving the "high lights" in the achievements of

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ference Set at Rest.

Decline in Market Brings About
Relative Decline in Interest.

"These factories were organized during the period of the World War an abnormally high cheese market prevailed. The decline in the cheese market since 1919 has orought a corresponding decline in dairy interest, and only thirteen factories have operated throughout the year. Some of these, however, have manufactured more ever, have manufactured more provided by the Associated Press.)—Persistent reports that the United States would provide the United States would "view with distavor measures which, instead to day upon the receipt of news that the United States government would take no part in the meeting. Unofficial but authoritative information reached Paris today that the American administration regards the forthcoming previous year of their operations.

"During the latter part of this European affair and as not warranting intervention by the United States.

Although it is not believed the State Department at Washington has made any statement on the matter, interested governments on inquiring in responsible American sources were informed that there did not seem to be the slightest chance of American participation. There was some suggestion, however that the breaking up of the conference and the probability that would certainly be followed by French seizure in Germany might provoke some eleventh hour step by the United States.

ENTIRE REPARATIONS
QUESTION TO BE TALKED

PARTY Dec 29 Left that warred as not warred to the solved without the consent of European governments. For the moment the excitement the excitement to the arrival of State troops ten days ago and the find-troops ten days ago and the fi

Watauga ENTIRE REPARATIONS

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QUESTION TO BE TALKED
PARIS, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—As a result of exchanges of views since the London meeting of the Premiers, the Allies have decided to go over the entire question of reparations in detail at the Paris conference to begin next Tucaday. It is expected now in official circles that it —(Confineré as Page Tevi

Prosperity, Discontent And