

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness with slowly falling temperature Sunday; rain, unsettled and warmer; probably rain.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

INDEPENDENT MISSION FROM U. S. SUGGESTED

Borah Withholds His Amendment, Assured Of Hindering Program

BORAH'S ACTION IS PRECEDED BY A WARM DEBATE

Watson Appeals to Idaho Senator Not to Press His Amendment.

NEGOTIATIONS NOT THE PRESENT PLAN

Borah Says He Will Not Offer Amendment Now, But He May Later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The fight over the proposal of Senator Borah that President Harding call an economic conference came to a sensational climax in the Senate today when the Idaho Senator announced that he would withhold his proposed amendment to the Navy Appropriation bill on administration assurances given by Senator Watson, of Indiana, that the President already was sounding out the situation in a way which might lead to some movement which would adjust the adjustment of conditions prevailing in Europe.

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HIGH GRADE OF COTTON PLANTING NEED DEVELOPED

Experiments Conducted by State Since 1915 Yield Favorable Results.

RALEIGH, Dec. 29.—A series of experiments in cotton seed development in 1922 from 1915 through the 1922 season by the North Carolina Experiment Station and a few co-operating farmers has resulted in the improved planting seed, to a point where they now are yielding a grade of cotton, according to announcement tonight by R. Y. Peters, plant breeder of the station.

Gallivan Says Next House Speaker Not To Be a Klansman

Going to Watch Ku Klux Democrats From South Says in Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, declared in a statement 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 Ku Klux Klan.

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M'KIN'S FRIENDS WILL RAISE FUND FOR HIS DEFENSE

Word Goes Out Former Mayor Will Have \$100,000 at His Disposal.

FURTHER ARRESTS YET TO BE MADE

Louisiana Klansmen Say Any Responsible for Murders Will Be Ousted.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—With the date for the open hearing but one week away the heavy hand of the law which has already struck twice on the theory that the arrests of those designated for arrest in connection with the Ashburnhouse kidnappings and murders.

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NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING STILL FIGHTING GALES

Fears Felt for Two Big Vessels, Scores Delayed by Storms.

SMALLER CRAFT SMASHING ASHORE

Ship Bearing Harvey, Coue and British Mission Delayed.

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FEDERAL GRAND JURORS INDICT GOTHAM CLUBMEN

Action Follows Fashionable Dinner, Liquor Said to Flow Freely.

REPEAL OF STATE DRY LAW IS URGED

Federal Jury Makes Presentation on Ground State's Funds Wasted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Investigation by a Federal grand jury into a bachelor's dinner at the fashionable Zucchet and Tennis Club on Park Avenue, at which liquor was alleged to have flowed freely, today brought indictments against 12 men, including four members of the LaMontagne family, prominent in the wealth.

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FARM EXTENSION SERVICE REPORTS

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

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

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Is Proposed By Hughes As Best Way To Deal With The Reparations

Secretary Hughes Officially Voices Commission Scheme

FIRST OFFICIAL WORD REGARDING AMERICAN VIEW

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. 29.—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, was put forward by Secretary Hughes here tonight in the first public pronouncement on the economic crisis to come from responsible officials 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. One advantage had been taken of the opportunity, he said, to get the "avenues of American helpfulness cannot fail to open hopefully."

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

Throughout his discussion the secretary recognized that the questions of German reparations lay at the root of an economic catastrophe. The problems abroad, he said, are world problems, and could not be disposed of "by calling them European." He declared the United States would participate in some form in next week's conference of the inter-allied Premiers were definitely eliminated today 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 Premiers' meeting as a purely European affair and as not warranting intervention by the United States.

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A CURE FOR THAT HEADACHE

BY BILLY BORNE



Prosperity, Discontent And Two Big Strikes Recalled In Year's Story In The Citizen

Notable Developments in America during 1922 are reviewed in brief in special articles which will appear in The Sunday Citizen. It is known that America has led 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, Mesopotamia and Palestine and evacuation of Chantung and Siberia are part of the results of the firm stand America took last 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.