

UNITED STATES LEADER IN DRUG LAW EVASIONS

More Opium is Consumed in This Country Than in Any Other.

USE IS INCREASING. Country Consumes About Same Amount That China Did 15 Years Ago.

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Soviet Relief Signed By Harding

Washington, Dec. 23.—Harding has signed the Relief Bill which carries \$20,000,000 to be used under the United States Relief Administration...

LOCAL LAWYERS CONCEIVED COUP

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STATE INCOME TAX DUE ABOUT FIRST OF YEAR

Revenue Department Sending Out Blanks to 60,000 Taxpayers.

STATE OFFICES CLOSE. Will Observe Monday as Holiday; Tucker Sworn in as District Attorney.

BY JULE B. WARREN. Staff Correspondent of The News. Raleigh, Dec. 23.—As a gentle reminder to some 60,000 North Carolina folks that they might as well make a New Year's resolution to help the State...

Col. A. D. Watts, Commissioner of Revenue, held back printing of the corporation tax blanks for fear that some changes would be made in the law by the special session...

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2 British Warships Are Sent to Egypt

Malta, Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—Two British warships have received orders to proceed to Egypt immediately...

MARSE HENRY IS QUIETLY BURIED

Body Will be Removed in Spring to Rest Beside Those of Parents.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—(Marse Henry) Watterson, content with the fullness of his life, rested today from his labors...

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New Four-Power Treaty To Preserve Peace In Europe

Movement Under Way for Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany to Unite to Guarantee Each Other's Territory; Suggested by France.

By DAVID LAWRENCE. Staff Correspondent of The News. Washington, Dec. 23.—(Word has reached here through official channels of a movement under way in Europe to bring about a new four-power treaty...

Mr. Harding has informally indicated that before long the European powers would have to include Germany in their discussions of European questions...

UNITED STATES NOT PARTY. The United States Government will not be a party to such a new treaty in Europe...

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POSTPONEMENT HELPS CHANCES OF RATIFICATION

Dail Eireann Suspends Debate on the Peace Pact Until January 3.

VALERA IS WEAKENED

Republicanism President Has Lost Much Prestige as Result of His Stand.

London, Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—The Dail Eireann's adjournment of further debate on the Irish peace treaty until January 3, although coming as a surprise here, was considered as favorable to the chances for ratification...

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UNSETTLED. Charlotte and vicinity: Unsettled and warmer tonight and Saturday with probably occasional rains...

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