

CONVICTS COST IS ENUMERATED

Auditors Show What Maintenance of Chaingangs Cost the County.

The average cost of the individual convict to the county including bedding, clothing, food and subsistence is approximately 75 cents a day, according to an audit of chaingang expense just made public by the Todd-McCullough company...

FRANCE'S CLAIMS AGAIN ATTACKED

British Newspapers Argue for Total Abolition of the Submarine.

London, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—France's claims for a large fleet of submarines made before the Washington conference are again attacked by the London newspapers...

DR. HOWARD B. CROSS SUCCUMBS TO FEVER

Vera-Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Howard B. Cross, of the Rockefeller Institute, died here this morning, a victim of yellow fever.

BRIDGES' RESIGNATION FROM CITY POST

One of Authors of Late Sneak Bill is Asked for His Resignation.

Mayer James O. Walker sent a letter Tuesday morning from his office at the city hall asking for the resignation of Edward B. Bridges, of the law firm of Orr & Bridges, as assistant prosecuting attorney for the city in the re-organizer's court.

FORBES FAVORS CAMP JOHNSTON AT ROTARY CLUB

Veterans' Bureau Plans to Use Former Cantonment for Veterans' School.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Harding will be asked by Director Forbes either late today or tomorrow to authorize the Veterans' Bureau to use one of the former army cantonments in the South, probably Camp Johnston, at Jacksonville, Fla., for the establishment of a vocational training institution for former service men.

FRANK GRAHAM AT ROTARY CLUB

University Professor Tells of Prowess of Self-help Students There.

"The finest expression of the North Carolina spirit today is the spirit of the self-help students who are showing, in spite of unimaginable obstacles, that they have been able to reach at the University by such groups of good people as you," declared Prof. Frank Graham, addressing the Charlotte Rotary Club Tuesday.

GETTING MARRIED IS EASY TO ACCOMPLISH

New York, Dec. 27.—Asserting that getting a marriage license in New York was easier than buying a theater ticket, two judges, general sessions court, today declared in favor of a measure which would require publication of the names of persons obtaining licenses and prohibiting the ceremony for a month.

BURCH TRIAL ENTERS SIXTH WEEK TUESDAY

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 27.—The trial of Arthur C. Burch, charged with the murder of J. Bolton Kennedy, entered its sixth week today when the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

HULL WILL MAKE RACE

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, here for the Democratic banquet in his honor tomorrow night, said today he would enter the race for his old seat in the lower House of Congress from the fourth Tennessee district.

HEARST GUEST OF HARDING

Washington, Dec. 27.—William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper publisher, was entertained at luncheon today at the White House by President Harding.

REWARD OFFERED FOR RALEIGH ASSASSINS

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—Governor Mason today offered rewards of \$400 each for the arrest and conviction of the persons who last night shot and fatally wounded R. H. Hamilton, road section foreman, while he was riding in his automobile with Irene Guess, a young Raleigh woman, on the outskirts of this city.

SPECIAL WRITER CAUSE OF RIOTS

Schanzer's Remark to Premier Briand Published Minus a Background.

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Somewhat belated, but from an authentic source, today came the story of just what occurred in the meeting of the committee of the arms conference which, with closed doors, was held in Paris last week.

COUNTRY HOME ON RIVER WAS BURNED

The handsome country home, built several years ago by John Bass Brown on the bluff overlooking the Sloan's river and Catawba River and now being used as a summer home by Mrs. Brown, was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

REAR ADMIRAL DAVIS DEAD IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 27.—Rear Admiral Charles Henry Davis, 76, retired, brother-in-law of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, died at his home here today.

LIUT. JOHN BIGELOW DODGE UNDER ARREST

London, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Lieut. John Bigelow Dodge, son of Lord Wimborne, was arrested by British authorities as an alleged spy on Sunday night.

BUILDING INSPECTOR IS HELD RESPONSIBLE

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—City Building Inspector Joseph E. Austin Lawrence E. Carroll, manager of the Rialto Theatre, and Alfred S. Black, president of Connecticut Theatres Corporation, which owns the theatre, are held criminally responsible for the deaths of nine persons in the Rialto theatre fire of November 27 in a finding by a coroner's jury today.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES FROM U. S. DESIRED

Paris, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The United States probably will be invited to send official representatives to the international financial and economic conference which is to be called by the Allied Supreme Council at its meeting in Cannes early next year.

FOUND COMPANION AT BOTTOM OF DEEP WELL

Roberts, Ga., Dec. 27.—Missing Dozier K. Walker, 17, his companion yesterday afternoon while they were celebrating Christmas with fireworks, Evans, Matthews began a search and found him in the 60-foot abandoned well, but not until he himself had fallen into the dungeon.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT NORTH CHARLOTTE

Successful and interesting Christmas programs were enjoyed by the people of the Methodist church in North Charlotte. Saturday night a concert entitled "The Word That Came True" was rendered by the adult and junior choirs.

ELEVEN EGYPTIANS KILLED; 14 INJURED

London, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Eleven Egyptians were killed and 14 others were wounded in the recent nationalist disturbances in Cairo, says a foreign office statement today based on a consular list just received from the Egyptian capital.

DEATHS—FUNERALS

LIUT. COL. JAMES FRANKLIN. Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 27.—Lieut. Col. James Franklin, 90, Civil war veteran and an officer of General Forrest's cavalry brigade of the Confederate army, died at his home here yesterday.

DO NOT ALWAYS BLAME HENS WHEN EGGS ARE SCARCER

Bats may be getting them—U. S. Government Buletin prove they know how to get them. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP into small pieces and place it where rats travel. If there, RAT-SNAP will get them—positively.

GOVERNMENT AID TO SHIPPING LOOKED INTO

Washington, Dec. 27.—Five committees are now at work on as many plans for Government aid to the American merchant marine. Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board, said today, adding that the report of the board to President Harding on the subject would not be prepared until all these committees had reported.

FATHER LAIS

London, Dec. 27.—Father Laiz, vice-director of the Observatory of the Vatican, died in Rome, according to a despatch received here from that city.

Young Man - Young Woman Take A Business Course! DOUBLE YOUR EARNING POWER! MID-WINTER TERM BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY, 2nd. Become an Expert Stenographer or Book-keeper. Take a course with us in Spencerian Shorthand, Touch Typewriting, Twentieth Century Book-keeping, English, Penmanship and Office Practice.

JERSEY BREEDERS OF COUNTY TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Mecklenburg Co-operative Jersey Breeders' Association will be held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning at the court house, according to an announcement by Charles S. Jones, farm extension agent of the county.

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ROLLING MILL OPENS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY

Newport, Ky., Dec. 27.—After a two-day shut-down on account of Christmas holidays, the Newport Rolling Mill was opened for operations today without any trouble from strikers or strike sympathizers.

WAITED TILL THE COWS CAME HOME

"I am indeed glad to write you this letter. I was a terrible sufferer from gases in the stomach and colic attacks. The specialist our family doctor sent me to in Philadelphia gave me no relief, although I took his medicine till the cows came home. He finally said I would have to be operated on. I heard of Dr. J. W. Sanderson's Wonderful Remedy then, and bought it. It is now three years since I took a course of it. I have never had a symptom of my old trouble since."

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