

# GERMANY ASKS U. S. TO MOVE FOR NEW TREATY

### PARLEY QUILTS AS VENIZELOS BERATES TURK

Bitter Accusations Are Passed by Delegates At Lausanne Meet.

Outbreak Causes Head of Minorities Board To Close Session.

### Millions Save Farmers By War Finance Board

Annual Report of Board Shows Quick Recuperation of the Farmer Under Help Extended Him by the Government; Stopped Demoralization.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The American farmer has demonstrated that when properly financed he can weather the worst economic storms, the War Finance Corporation declared in its annual report sent to Congress today. The report set forth the many millions of dollars advanced to the agricultural industry had been repaid either in advance of maturity or when due.

Advances by the corporation saved the industry from the economic disaster, the report declared, explaining that the corporation's officers believed its activity had proved as beneficial to the farmer as the advance of cash in the actual pouring of cash into spots where credit was tight. The loans had made it possible for thousands of farmers to handle their products in an orderly fashion, it was added, and the confidence instilled in them through the knowledge that money was available acted as a stabilizer, the value of which the report said could only be estimated.

It is impossible, the report continued, to estimate the full effect of the aid given by the corporation to the live stock industry, because calamities that are averted can never be measured. It is generally recognized, however, that by providing as it did financing for more than 8,500,000 head of live stock, the corporation checked the demoralization in the industry, gave the stockmen a breathing spell, stabilized the market, and turned the tide away from disaster toward recovery and reconstruction.

"Large as is the number of advances made by the corporation," the report said, "it falls far short of indicating the number of farmers who benefited from them; for even those farmers who have had no financial assistance, directly or indirectly, have nevertheless been aided by the general improvement in the credit situation in their own communities, in neighboring districts, and in the country as a whole, as well as by the stabilization of markets for the many products of agriculture."

The report added that the gradual decrease in the number of applications for loans further reflected the general benefit which the corporation's operations had had on the agricultural credit situation. Advances for agricultural and live stock purposes totalling \$433,447,000 in 23 states has been approved up to November 30. Of this \$182,859,000 went to 4,400 banking institutions, \$77,761,000 to 113 live stock loan companies and \$172,827,000 to cooperative marketing associations.

### Juryman Declares Hedgecock Guilty

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—Three years in the State's prison with the sentence imposed by Judge W. F. Harding upon Basil H. Hedgecock of High Point, convicted in Guilford County superior court this morning of making a false entry in the account of M. J. Wrenn, a depositor of the Home Banking Company of High Point, when Hedgecock was cashier of that institution.

Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court was given no additional bond being required, and the prisoner is already under a \$25,000 bond which was given at the time he was first charged with having made the false entry last April.

There are several other counts charging false entry, but it was stated in court today that these would be heard by the grand jury charging Hedgecock and one Switzer with conspiracy to defraud the bank, will be heard at the term of superior court in January.

In returning its verdict this morning the jury recommended mercy of the court.

The case against the banker grew out of an alleged shortage of funds discovered in the High Point institution when the bank's accounts were audited last April by examiners under the direction of the State Banking Department.

The alleged shortage of approximately \$123,000 was shown by the audit, but the specific count which the former cashier was tried involved the false entry in the Wrenn account of \$19,000, which reduced the savings account of the depositor from \$24,212.50 to \$14,242.50.

### U. S. TO SELL FAMOUS BITS OF N. C. LAND

Historical Locations Are Included in Federal "Junk Land" Sale

ANTE-DATED FORTS Sites at Morehead City, Beaufort and New Bern Not Needed.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Bits of land which have or if developed might have figured largely in the history of the South, are included in the War Department's "junk land" sale.

The bill authorizing the sale, which was today before the Senate Military Committee, shows that the Federal Government plans to dispose of real estate which was acquired as early as 1799 for fortification purposes, but which modern warfare has relegated to a class of surplus and unnecessary Government property.

Communications received by a number of Senators from Southern States indicate that some of the property will be purchased by historical societies.

Examination of the history of the tracts to be offered for sale revealed that the deeds to two tracts, Old Fort Jackson, at Savannah, Ga., and Perry Point, in Norfolk County, Virginia, and another tract, Fort Nelson, also in Norfolk County, Virginia, and bought as a site for fortifications for Norfolk, is covered by a deed made out to John Quincy Adams, and his successors in the office of president.

The parcels to be sold also are shown to include Beacon Island, off the North Carolina Coast which was acquired by the Government in 1799 as a site for fortifications of New Bern, which was an important city at the close of the revolution; Fort Macon, near Beaufort and Morehead City, N. C., bought in 1819 and 1826 as a site for the defense of Old Topsail inlet, and Fort St. Phillip, on the Mississippi River, which was acquired as a defense against the British prior to the battle of New Orleans.

### Says Tiger Believes Americans Misjudge Situation in Europe

ALLIES FAVOR U. S. PROBING HUN WEALTH

Britain Approves Plan Hoover Presented to Cabinet Session.

TO FIX INDEMNITY France is Expected to Endorse Inquiry by American Board.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A conference of the world powers to consider economic questions, to be called by President Harding, for discussion of possible agreements to establish more stable financial and business conditions and also to bring about a reduction in armaments, was announced today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, in an amendment offered today to the pending Naval Appropriation Bill.

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Surplus of Income From American Tour is Placed at \$20,000

FEARFUL OF DEATH Clemenceau Particularly Hoped to Live to Finish Mission to U. S.

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### TO FILE WAR CLAIMS SUITS

Daugherty's Assistants Announce Plans at Impeachment Hearing.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Civil or criminal suits, one or both, against the United States Harness Company of Richmond, Va., will be ready for institution by the Government within 30 days, Colonel Henry T. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., a special assistant to the Attorney General, testified today before the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Anderson also stated that the government would bring suit against the Bridgeport Brass Company unless there was an agreement for settlement of the war claims of the government, but that such a conference to be held next month.

C. Frank Reavis, another special assistant to the Attorney General, testified that the government would bring suit against the Philadelphia Brass Company, which purchased large quantities of Government surplus canned meat.

Announcement of the plans of the government was made at the hearing on the Keller impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

Discussing the prospective action against the United States Harness Company, Anderson, who had been called an unimpeachable witness, declared that "we believe we have a good case."

Mr. Keller had charged that the company had acted in an inefficient, negligent manner prejudicial to the interests of the government in the handling of this case.

### WOULD REVISE NAVY'S COURSE

High Officers Meet to Plan Training Suitable to New World Needs.

### Diver Seeks To Clear Up Mystery

Bodies of Two Kidnaped Men Are Sought In Louisiana Lake.

### CAROLINAS FREEZE. FLORIDA SWELTERS

First Storm of Winter Hits the Southland.

### Upshaw Stirs New Booze Problem

Open Secret That There is Much Drinking in Official Washington

### SEE NO GRAVE OBSTACLE TO REACHING AGREEMENT

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—German overtures through informal channels for American intervention to obtain a revision of the reparations schedules, reported in London dispatches of The Associated Press, throws the first definite light on the method by which American intervention is being drawn into a new attempt at final adjustment of the vexing reparations problem.

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### HOLD MRS. BRUNEN IS NOT MURDERESS

Wife is Convicted of First Degree Murder.

Washington, N. D., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Brunen, acquitted by a jury of the charge of murdering her husband, "Honest John" Brunen, was today held in the county jail for the purpose of awaiting the trial of Charles Brunen, her husband's brother, who is charged with the murder of the first degree.

The jury in the Brunen case returned its verdict that Mrs. Brunen was not guilty of the murder of her husband, and that she was not a party to the same.

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### COLLEGE LOCATION COMMITTEE MEETS

Dr. Few's Proposition is Under Discussion.

### ARREST SOON IN WADDELL MURDER

### HINTON AT NATAL

### SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSIES

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### FAIR

For Charlotte and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday; warmer Friday.

North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; colder on the northern coast tonight; slightly warmer Friday.

South Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; frost; rising temperature Friday.

### ATTACK DISTILLERY

Bardonia, Ky., Dec. 21.—Keeping three guards cornered in the night by laying down a barrage of pistol fire, bandits attacked the T. W. Samuels distillery near here before dawn today, broke locks and escaped with 88 cases of bonded liquor in a motor truck. It is thought a dozen men participated. The liquor was valued at between \$1,000 and \$16,000.

### GOO LATE TO DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

2 DAYS What did you forget?

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Sandwich, N. C., Dec. 21.—The coroner's jury which is investigating the killing of Mrs. Laura Waddell, near here, about ten days ago recessed until December 25 after holding a brief session last night.

Coroner J. Scott today stated that the inquest was postponed in order to secure certain evidence desired by the jury. He said he thought the county authorities had found evidence which would lead to an arrest within a few days.

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