

CHRISTMAS IS WITNESSED IN VARIOUS SIGNS... Holiday Crowds Surge Streets and Into Stores of City Merchants.

EVERYBODY MOVING... Loose Ends Are Being Gathered up For Another Celebration.

MAIL IS VERY HEAVY... Employees of the postoffice were working with might and main to get the packages to their destinations.

WORLD BECKER IS GUILTY OF MURDER... Bronx Man is Convicted of Killing Wife.

MANSON IS BURNED... Wilmington, Dec. 23.—The man who was burned at the stake for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Beaker, was buried today.

WILMINGTON INCREASE... Wilmington, Dec. 23.—The increase in the population of Wilmington during the year 1921 is reported to be 4,000.

Administration Claims No Change in Attitude

Admitted, However, that it Cannot Longer Delay Co-operation With Europe; Economic Reasons Most Powerful Factor in Policy Change.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE, Special Correspondent. The administration's attitude toward Europe is changing. The most important change is being assumed in the foreign policy of the government.

FARM STUDY IN S. C. SCHOOLS

Increase of 700 Per Cent in Students is Recorded in 5 Years.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 23.—The study of agriculture in the public schools of South Carolina has increased 700 per cent in the last five years, according to a statement today by Verde Peterson, director of rural school education in South Carolina.

MEXICO SIGNS GRANT TO OIL

Los Angeles Syndicate Acquires Control of 11,000,000 Acres.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—The Los Angeles Times today reported an announcement from the promoters of the Mexican oil grant.

WRECKED CREW IS PICKED UP AT SEA

New York, Dec. 23.—Nearly 1,000 miles off the Atlantic Coast, the freighter Menominee was picked up at sea today.

CLERGYMEN ILL WITH INFLUENZA

Wilmington, Dec. 23.—Seven Episcopal clergymen and two laymen who took part in the recent city-wide preaching mission conducted by the Episcopal Churches in Wilmington are ill with the influenza.

ACQUIT CUBAN LEADERS

Havana, Dec. 23.—Raising of all quarantine regulations against vessels arriving from Galveston, Texas, was acquiesced today by a divided opinion of the Supreme Court.

PROGRESSIVES WILL RECEIVE AID OF LABOR

A. F. L. Secretary is Sure "Wall Street" Will Be Hurlled From Saddle

MEET IN PORTLAND Biggest Problem is Unemployment, Hence, Opposition to Immigration

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Organized labor will make a concerted effort to seat Progressive candidates in Congress during coming elections.

MILLION ASKED IN JONES' SUIT

Head of Lancaster Bank Alleges Springs Plotted to Cause His Ruin

Lancaster, S. C., Dec. 23.—Another chapter in the series of litigations involving C. D. Jones, president of the First National Bank of Lancaster, and Leroy Springs, cotton mill magnate, was written in the filing today of a bill of complaint in the Circuit Court here.

LITTLE CHEER AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Illness of Mrs. Harding Precludes Festivities

Washington, Dec. 23.—Christmas at the White House will lack much of the usual spirit of times gone by because of the illness of Mrs. Harding.

GRUESOME DETAILS OF MINE RIOT RETOLD BY WITNESSES ON STAND

Leading legal figures at the trial. Above, at left, State's Attorney Delos Duty. At right, Circuit Judge D. T. Hartwell. Below, defendants' counsel, A. C. Lewis, left; Angus W. Kerr standing, and George R. Stone.

The gruesome details of how the mob at the Herrin mine riot shot down its victims along the road from the mine to town and in the cemetery there are being told by eye witnesses to the shootings at the trial of five men in connection with the massacre.

CHINESE HONOR MISSION LEADER

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary Berkeley flew hurriedly today in the gold and fencerail coach of the ancient Lone Fir cemetery which is set apart for the graves of Chinese.

NEW YORK BREAKS SHOPPING RECORD

New York, Dec. 23.—Holiday buying in New York has broken all records and \$250,000,000 has been spent by shoppers here, it was estimated today in business quarters.

ARREST SOON MANY MEN IN HOODED BAND

Mutilated Bodies Cast up From Lake Thought to Be Band's Victims.

SEND MORE TROOPS Louisiana Attorney General Takes Charge of Prove at Mer Rouge

Monroe, La., Dec. 23.—Attorney General Cocco has set January 3 as the date for the Morehouse Parish open hearing in connection with the Morehouse kidnaping case, it was learned here today.

IDENTITY BODIES FOUND FLOATING IN THE LAKE

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 23.—At least 20 bodies possibly mutilated bodies of the two men cast from the bottom of Lake LaFourche yesterday morning by a heavy charge of dynamite placed there by unidentified persons were made today.

State Prison Program Is Prepared

Citizens Committee Suggests Changes to Improve Penal Laws.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.) Recommendations for legislation to be introduced at the 1923 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, which are being prepared by the Citizens Committee of One Hundred on Prison Legislation.

BIG DROUGHT HITS STATES

Haynes Warns Dry Advocates to be Not Deceived by Wets.

Washington, Dec. 23.—"Be of good cheer" was Prohibition Commissioner Haynes' Christmas message today to "friends of the Eighteenth Amendment" in which he declared the success attained in prohibition enforcement gave "every reason for hopefulness, gratification and congratulations."

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