

BRIAND RESIGNS AS PREMIER OF FRANCE

Action Came This Morning After Briand Had Put the Three Questions Squarely up to the Deputies.

WILL IT AFFECT THE ARMS CONFERENCE?

News of the Resignation Received With Almost Numb Chill Effects in the Arms Conference Today.

Paris, Jan. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—Premier Briand submitted his resignation to President Millerand today after making a lengthy statement before the chamber of deputies justifying his attitude at the Cannes conference.

M. Briand's intention to resign was announced to the chamber at the close of a long speech. The announcement came as an entire surprise as it had apparently won the sympathy of the cabinet. His colleagues of the cabinet were filled with amazement at the sudden declaration.

Premier Briand put the Anglo-French pact, the question of postponement of the German reparations payment, and French participation in the Genoa conference squarely up to the chamber of deputies today, telling the deputies in the bluntest terms to take them or leave them.

The Premier first presented the question of the British pact. "You have been complaining for three years," he said, "of not being called upon to share in shaping French policies. I am bringing you what you have been demanding for three years, and it is up to you to say whether you want it or not."

"As far as I am concerned," he continued, "I am merely making these explanations to you and do not ask your approval or refusal. Here is France's security. Take it or leave it."

Premier Briand, in the course of his speech, said the United States had agreed to participate in the Genoa conference.

"It is inadmissible," he said, "that France should be absent from this conference which is the pivot and the center of all the political and economic life of the world. It is not possible to have a financial and economic state as the United States, without whose cooperation work is impossible, has agreed to participate."

"Do you wish France not to be represented?" he asked. "If so, say so. I for my part wish France to take part."

Washington, Jan. 12.—The resignation of Aristide Briand as Premier of France was received with almost numb chill effects in the arms conference circles, the action being considered likely to have a great effect on the decisions already reached or about to be reached.

The belief also was expressed in conference circles that the return of the Briand ministry also would greatly affect the Genoa economic conference in which America's participation has been invited, and also on the present conversations at Cannes.

Conference officials declared that as customary during cabinet crises in France, the resigning cabinet would remain in power for continuing the administrative work of the government and in the same way M. Sarraut would remain in Washington and would continue to attend the work of the conference, but would not feel entitled to make definite decisions, or pledge action of France on any question until the new cabinet is appointed.

Paris, Jan. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—Premier Briand will speak in the chamber of deputies this afternoon with full support of his cabinet behind him, it was stated after a meeting with the cabinet this morning regarding the Cannes negotiations.

Premier Briand, upon his arrival, had a long conference with President Millerand.

M. Briand convinced the cabinet, it was learned that the Anglo-French pact was the best thing obtainable in the way of establishing French security and the so-called irreconcilables came around to Briand's viewpoint promptly.

"I told them what I did at Cannes, and what I am reported to have done," Briand said. "It was not all golf playing there."

The Premier's supporters argued it was poor policy to call him before the legislative body while he was engaged in negotiations with foreign premiers.

Premier Briand, himself, however, favored the plan to have him appear before the chamber.

In handling the German moratorium question Premier Briand said: "You must make up your minds on that question—a moratorium for Germany. It is granted because France has no voice in it. If France had had the decision it never would have considered, but thanks to the treaty of Versailles, article 234, the reparations commission is empowered to make decisions, and you may make up your minds now that a majority of the reparations commission has agreed to moratorium."

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE Never Were So Many Youths Knocking at the College Doors.

Evaston, Ill., Jan. 12.—Never has there been a time when so many youths are knocking at the college door; the attendance at institutions of higher learning having increased about 35 per cent in five years; never before has so much money been given by public-spirited men for the up-building of these institutions, and it behooves educators to carefully inquire whether or not the output of our institutions is up to a proper standard grade. President Samuel Plantz, of Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., told the Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session here today.

"It is by no means an easy matter to judge of the efficiency of a college," continued Prof. Plantz. "In the first place the canons or principles of judgment used in testing business efficiency will not apply. There are many who feel that the American college is putting out a very poor scholarly product. On the other hand there are men who criticize the college from the standpoint of practical efficiency."

"A New York banker in sympathy with higher education has made the comment: 'Apart from the fact that the college does not teach young men anything that will be useful to them in business, my observation has made me suspect that it is deficient in another important particular, namely that the young men are not taught accuracy, perseverance, and an insatiable appetite for hard work.'"

"The college finds its mission in the true ends of education which I conceive to be chiefly two: first to acquaint the individual with the spiritual possessions of the race, that is, literature, its art, its science, its history. It thus helps meet the highest needs of the student's nature, that of self-development."

"The second of education is to assist the individual to fulfill the practical demands of life in the accomplishment of such tasks or callings which will enable him to care for the physical needs of himself and of those dependent upon him, and perform faithfully his duties as a member of human society. The college then, in brief, is to develop the man, and prepare him to get on in the practical affairs of life, and its efficiency cannot be judged from either standpoint without the other."

"If we want greater efficiency in college work, we must be more careful about opening too widely the front door. We must awake to the fact, before we undertake it, that we cannot make a haphazard table out of base wood boards. The way to improve the college is to improve the material at the beginning."

"We cannot improve the product of our colleges by such reorganization of the curriculum and by such correlations and combinations of subjects as will more closely relate its activities to the movements of life in the present time."

"The college can improve its product by paying more attention to the pedagogy of college teaching and by better educational teaching."

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Cost of meals to passengers in dining cars on Southern Railway System trains has been reduced through the plan of serving special combination meals at prices ranging from 75 cents to \$1.50, and at the same time substantial reductions have been made in the prices of many popular dishes on the a la carte menus, Passenger Traffic Manager W. H. Taylor announced today.

"In arranging these combination breakfasts, luncheons and dinners, our Dining Car Department is offering attractive selections at prices which compare favorably with those in any first class restaurant," said Mr. Taylor. "They are proving very popular with passengers who consider them a very pleasant reminder of pre-war days."

"While these combinations enable passengers to get their meals at greatly reduced cost, we recognize that many persons prefer to make their own selections and so have retained the a la carte service, at the same time making substantial reductions in the prices of many standard dishes, some of which is included in almost every meal served."

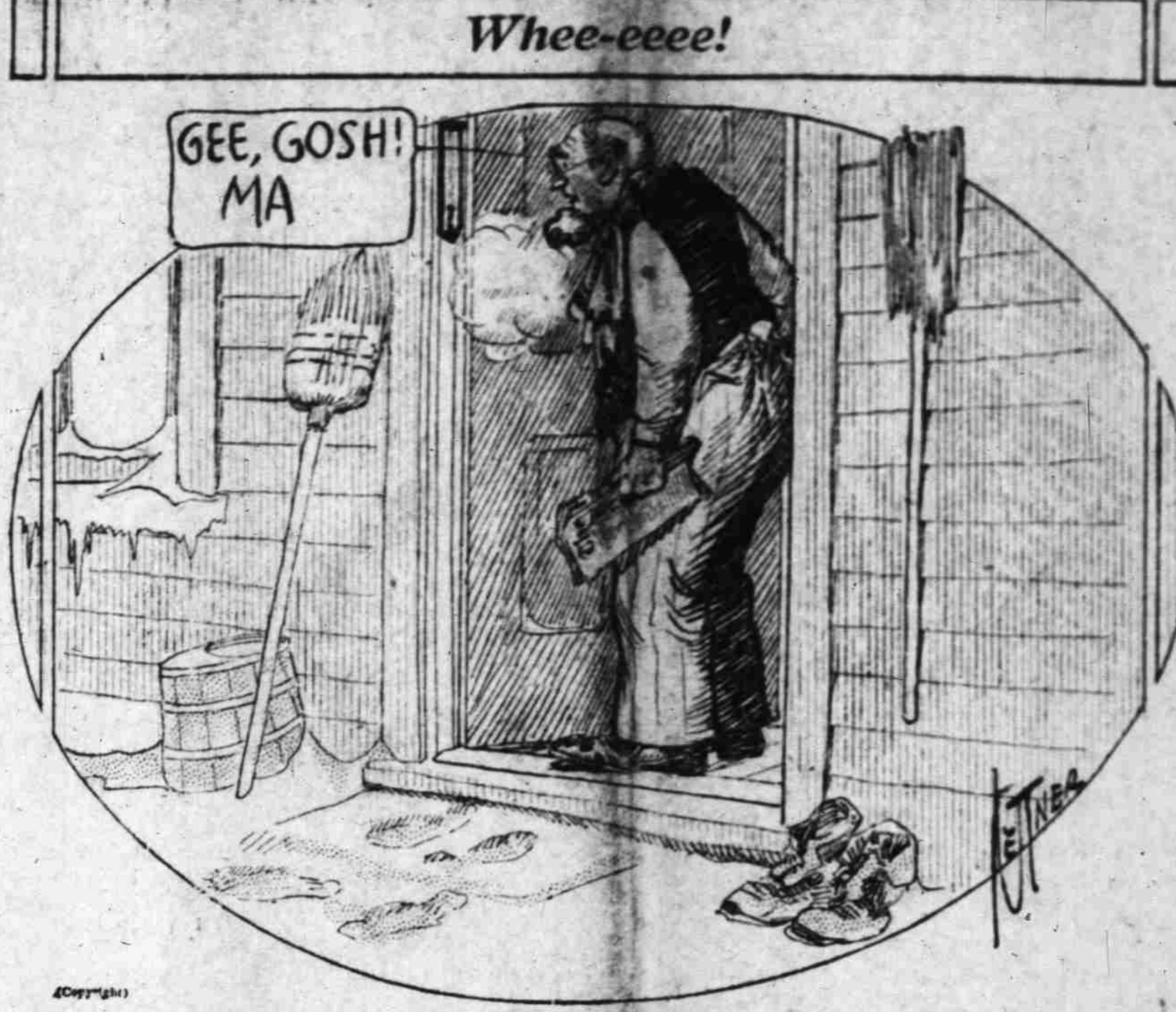
State Sunday School Convention. Plans and program for the State Sunday School Convention to be held in Charlotte, April 11-12-13, are being outlined by the officers of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. A meeting of the program committee was held Monday afternoon in Raleigh.

The outline program as adopted by sessions and eight departmental sessions. The committee is arranging for six out of state specialists in religious education to speak at various sessions of the convention. More than thirty of North Carolina's Sunday School workers will speak on the program. The entire meeting of the program committee was devoted to a discussion of topics and speakers, together with any special features of the convention in the home of the church, the community, is the theme adopted for the convention this year and this theme will permeate every session of the convention.

The closing feature of the convention on April 13th will be a pageant on religious education to be presented by the Sunday Schools of Charlotte.

Arrangements will also be made for a men's parade of Sunday School men on the night of Thursday, April 13th preceding the night session.

Spain today possesses 500,000 tons of shipping, one-half of which is now idle.



SENATOR WILLIS OFFERS AN AMENDMENT

Condens Expenditure of Large Sums by Relatives or Friends of Any Candidate.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senator Willis, republican, of Ohio, classed as one of the doubtful senators in the Newberry election contest, today offered an amendment to the republican report holding Newberry entitled to his seat, setting forth that the expenditure of such large sums by relatives or friends of a candidate, with or without his consent, was contrary to public policy and dangerous to the perpetuation of free government. The expenditure of such a sum was "condemned and disapproved."

When the amendment was presented Senator King, democrat, of Utah, asked if Senator Willis "would carry it to its logical conclusion and say that in view of such expenditures, Senator Newberry is not entitled to his seat."

"My amendment speaks for itself, and we will meet that when we get to it," Senator Willis replied.

REAL HUNTING STORY COMES FROM VIRGINIA

Three Deer and a Pony Are Killed With One Rifle Bullet.

Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 11.—The story of a rifle bullet which killed three deer and the pony upon which the huntsman was riding was told and touched off by prominent sportsmen and citizens here today.

John L. Parsons, of Charles City county, a lumberman and hunter, whose forefathers were reared in the smell of gun-powder from the time Captain John Smith is declared to have ridden upon the "beastard" of a group of three deer. Firing at the nearest one, he saw first hit, then the second and third fall in a moment he felt his pony give way and sink to the ground. It was explained that the ball had ricocheted from first then the other of the deer, then had hit a tree and spun back to kill the mount. All three deer were brought in by the party.

Protest Filed.

Washington, Jan. 12.—A protest has been filed with the Senate finance committee by the National Association of Merchant Tailors against the provision in the Fordney tariff bill which would permit residents of the United States returning from abroad to bring in this country duty free \$250 worth of personal belongings purchased overseas. The association also asked that the present allowance of \$100 be repealed.

Decrease in Retail Food Prices.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Retail food prices in sixteen principal cities in the United States decreased 12 to 18 per cent in the 12 months ending December 15, last, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor announced today. During the month from November 15 to December 15, 1921, twelve cities reported decreases in food prices and two cities reported increases.

Quezon Asked to Withdraw Resignation.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 12.—The Senate of the Philippines adopted a resolution today requesting Manuel Quezon to withdraw his resignation as President of that body, which he tendered last Tuesday. It is said that Quezon may decide to remain in office during the present session, which will close next month.

Supreme Council Declines Offer.

Geneva, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—An offer by the council of the League of Nations made to the allied supreme council at Cannes, to cooperate in organizing the Genoa economic conference has been declined by the Supreme Council, acting on the suggestion of Lloyd George, it was announced here today.

Ambassadors represent Great Britain in twenty-seven foreign countries.

PELLETIER TO PRESENT ELIZABETHIAN PLAYERS

In "The Taming of the Shrew," at the Central School Auditorium Tonight.

The Y. M. C. A. Lyceum course will present as its fifth number tonight at the Central School Auditorium, "The Elizabethan Players in Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew.'"

In its original form the play is too long for the modern stage, and although a very excellent piece of work, its audience, imitating the example of Christopher Sly, might well wish that "Twere done." The often sorely tried patience of the audience of David Garrick's time, even, were unequal to this feat of endurance and thus it was that this comedian applied to it the pruning knife and produced the comedy known as "The Taming of the Shrew."

The abridged form of Garrick's version offered by the Elizabethan players, does not deprive this beautiful play of its interest, nor of its story in its entirety. The appearance of Katherine and Petruchio are brought together and left almost intact.

Mr. Pelletier, of the players, is a young actor of personality and ability. Formerly associated with Sothern and Marlowe in their Shakespearean productions, and also with Mrs. Elsko, Mr. Leo Dietrichstein, Mr. Wilton Lacey, Mr. Barr Mcintosh, Mrs. Stuart Robson and Miss Virginia Harned. He has had extensive experience both as leading man and director of many stock companies in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Montreal, Brooklyn, Newark and many other cities.

Mrs. Pelletier has had an extensive professional career. Upon graduation from the American Academy of Dramatic Art, of New York, a very high class school connected with Mr. Charles Frohman's Empire Theatre on Broadway, she served her road experience as leading lady with companies playing Madame X, and St. Elmo.

This number is expected to be one of the best in the course and appeal to all who like real entertainment.

DECIDING VALUE OF KISS

Student Nurse Accusing Doctor of Savage Osculation, Asks \$25,000.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—An analysis of a kiss and the legal valuation thereof as a transaction between unwed and unengaged persons is at the hands of Judge Ladd and a jury in the Superior Court.

Miss Mathilde Benhart was a student nurse in the Deaconess Hospital at 2 a. m., April 24, 1919. At that moment, she charges, Dr. Justin L. Mitchell seized her and turning her face ceilingward kissed her savagely. She wants \$25,000 for that kiss. Not only was she ravished by a kiss, but the "rave man" manners of the doctor aroused other persons and a scandal developed which caused her to resign before graduating.

Dr. Mitchell says he does not remember anything about it, a kiss now and then leaving little impression on his memory.

Railroad Men Going Back to Work in Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, Jan. 9.—One hundred men employed in the locomotive department of the Atlantic Coast Line railway shops here, who had been out since December 23, will go back to their jobs tomorrow morning, it was announced here today.

Highest Prices for Liberty Bonds.

New York, Jan. 11.—Investment demands for United States government war issues despite the fact that they are highest prices for a year or more, continued in enormous proportions on the stock exchange today.

Up to 12.50 6-month Liberty Bonds and Victory note sales approximated \$15,000,000 par value.

Miss Ruby Lent, daughter of a Chicago clergyman, heads the new "P. K." college society. "P. K." stands for Preachers' Kids, and the purpose of the new organization is to deprive the ancient label that preachers' kids are a bad lot.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED.

At Mexia, Texas, and the Surrounding Oil Fields.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 12.—Martial law at Mexia, Texas, and the surrounding oil fields was proclaimed today by Governor Pat Neff.

Brig. Gen. Jacob F. Winters, of Houston, will assume command at Mexia, and has power to call on such Texas national guard forces as may be necessary to enforce the law. Texas rangers have been on duty in the Mexia oil fields since Saturday, when, in cooperation with other officers, they inaugurated a "clean up" campaign against alleged saloons and gambling resorts.

Martial law became effective at 5 p. m. today under a proclamation which specifies justice precinct No. 4 in Lime stone County and No. 5 in Freestone county.

POLICE USING WIRELESS EQUIPPED AUTOMOBILES.

To Rid Paris of Bandits and Highwaymen—Ready to Use Airplanes in Time of Riots.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The Paris police are using wireless equipped automobiles to rid the city of bandits and highwaymen and are ready to use airplanes in time of riots or demonstrations.

Several automobiles have been equipped with the wireless apparatus and the police can cruise about the city and call for help from headquarters by wireless if the find themselves in a desperate situation.

They plan to use airplanes primarily for study of traffic problems, but also to cope with rioters.

KILGORE AND STONE NAMED AS DELEGATES

To the National Agricultural Conference Which Will Be Held in Washington Soon.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary Wallace today announced an additional list of 55 names of delegates to the National Agricultural Conference, which is to meet in Washington on January 23. This brings the total number of delegates, who have accepted to 145. Those made public today include: B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, N. C., director of the Agriculture Experiment Station; and R. W. Stone, of Greensboro, N. C., president of the North Carolina Farmers' Union.

GIRLS QUIETLY MARCH FROM BURNING BUILDING

Two Hundred Students at Blackstone College Escaped From the Burned College.

Blackstone, Va., Jan. 11.—Two hundred girls quietly marched from the four story brick building of the Blackstone College, a Methodist institution, and thus escaped being trapped by flames in the structure which was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

The girls had been so well trained in the fire drill that they did not seem much confused when they reached the exits. The building was completely destroyed.

With our Advertisers.

Dodge Bros. will announce a substantial price reduction February 1st. See ad of Concord Motor Co. for particulars.

The furniture department of Le Bell & Harris Furniture Co. has an attractive new ad in this paper. Read it without fail.

COURT CASES

Old McDonald Sued to Pay \$1000 in State Prison Case.

Yesterday was another busy day in the Criminal Superior Court, and a number of cases were disposed of. The most important was the case against Old McDonald, charged with murder. He pleaded guilty of assault with intent to kill and was sentenced to serve five years in the State penitentiary by Judge J. H. Bay.

Other cases taken up were Harry Overcash and Charles Prigot, assault—Continued by consent. Old McDonald, Harvey and receiving—Pleaded guilty, and judgment was suspended in this case as he was sentenced to five years in the State prison in another case.

Sam McChare, assault with a deadly weapon in two cases—Guilty in both cases. To be sentenced later.

Carver McCollum, assault with a deadly weapon—Enter plea of not guilty.

Louis Davis, carrying concealed weapon—Pleaded guilty. Fined \$50 and costs.

Carl Stephenson, charged with murdering William (Shim) Nelson, another negro, at Kannapolis. Solicitor stated in open court that he would not ask for a verdict of first degree murder, but for a verdict of second degree murder. The case was being heard when court adjourned yesterday afternoon.

It is probable that the special venire of 100 men, from which the jury to try O. G. (Red) Thomas for murder, will probably be drawn, will be drawn sometime this afternoon. The drawing will be held in open court.

ANGEL OF PEACE STATE SHATTERED BY BIG GALE

Had Stood on the Ocean Grove Beach Front at Ashbury Park, N. J., for Forty Years.

Ashbury Park, N. J., Jan. 12.—The Angel of Peace statue, which has stood on the Ocean Grove Beach front for 40 years, was in ruins today as a result of the five minute raking sleet which fell from yesterday's gale. The statue was toppled from its base by a 72-mile gust, and shattered.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Market Shows Indications of a Firm or Technical Position Today.

New York, Jan. 12.—The cotton market showed indications of a firm or technical position today. There was scattered liquidation on an opening advance of 5 to 13 points, but selling was much less active than earlier in the week and prices soon turned firmer on better tone of Liverpool, and covering. March sold up to 15.85, and May to 15.75, some after the fall of about 12 to 15 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 15.00; Mar. 17.50; May 17.52; July 17.65; Oct. 16.27.

Increase Size Huckleberry.

The United States Government is undertaking the job of making the huckleberry a civilized and domestic crop, and if it succeeds in doing this it will give North Carolina a new source of income, and the country one of the finest food products that grows.

Already the big blue has become famous as a Sampson county fruit by only as Nature in the swamp provides the crop, and then only in the wild condition that swamp culture provides. But the government is carrying on some experiments of selection and breeding of blue berries and has already produced some superior strains that promise to make the huckleberry a great addition to the fruit resources of those States that can grow the berries. It announced from Washington that the blueberries as big as Concord grapes have been grown from government stocks and now the department of agriculture is recommending the cultivation of the berry in the established plantations just as dewberries are planted and cared for.

Southern Changes Its Plans and Will Not Take of Trains Now.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The Southern Railway Company has had a change of heart as to the taking off of trains affecting North Carolina. It was officially stated today. The definite assurance was given the correspondent of the News and Observer today, every Southern train between Washington and Charlotte would not be disturbed, but would remain, and that there would be no change as to trains between Washington and Augusta, though there had been talk of all the changes spoken of in this correspondence yesterday being made on January 15. And the definite statement from officials of the road confirms the statement sent last night that there will be no "Southern Fliers" put on between Goldsboro and Asheville, all trains in the State to remain as at present.

Convicted of Trying to Make Schism in Church.

Athens, Jan. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—An ecclesiastical court presided over by the metropolitan of Athens today found most Reverend Melchios Metaxakis, recently elected Patriarch of Constantinople, guilty of attempting to bring about a schism in the Church. It ordered that he be deprived of his every rank and seclusion as a monk at Zante.

General Amnesty Granted in Ireland.

London, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—King George has granted general amnesty in Ireland to political offenses committed in Ireland prior to the operation of the truce last July. It was announced today. The release of prisoners will begin at once.

Miss Helen Cahell, of Cleveland, has the distinction of being the first woman student to be named to a debating team of Miami University in the more than one hundred years of existence of that institution.

I STAND IN WATSON HEARING

Col. Samuel Ham Says Only Two Soldiers Were Hanged at Is-Sur-Tile From March to July, 1919.

LETTER SAYS KING KILLED IN ACTION

Jacksonville Man Says He Knows Two Negroes Were Lynched, and He Wants to Give Testimony.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Only two soldiers were hanged at Is-Sur-Tile while he was in command there from March to July, 1919, Col. Samuel V. Ham testified today before the Senate committee investigating charges that soldiers had been put to death in France without trial by army officials.

Explaining how orders to execute the men had been carried out, Col. Ham said they occurred in one personal report that he kept from the knowledge of his staff for a day. The post chaplain was directed to confer with the condemned men while the gallows was being erected and to remain with them constantly.

The military police were directed to "be through it as soon as possible," he said, and the Mayor who took authority were asked to attend. Col. Ham added, however, that nearly all the French women and children in the neighborhood were present.

A telegram from John Sebastian, Jacksonville, Florida, to Senator Watson saying he knew two negroes were lynched at Glasgow, was filed with the committee. Sebastian expressed a desire to testify concerning execution and he was directed to appear.

Senator Overman, Democrat of North Carolina, said he had heard from a comrade of Benjamin King of Wilmington, N. C., that he was present when King was killed to give a "treach." He will be summoned. According to previous testimony by Robert Harrison, of Wilmington, King was hanged by the War Department records listed him as killed in action.

Mrs. Mower's Body to Arrive Tonight. The body of Mrs. T. A. Mower, shot at her home in London, Tuesday afternoon, will arrive tonight on train No. 50, accompanied by her son, Walter Mower, and her daughter, Mrs. Scott Haddock, and will be brought to the home of Mr. G. F. Barnhardt. The funeral will be conducted at Mr. Plouffe's tomorrow at 1 o'clock by Rev. R. A. Goodman, of Newberry, S. C.

Mrs. Mower is survived by the following children: Clarence Mower, Mrs. Scott Haddock, of Winston, La. Walter Mower, of Trenton, N. J.; Mrs. J. O. Barnhardt, of Cambridge, N. C.; Mrs. N. M. Dyer, of Pleasant, S. C.; Mrs. F. M. Misenheimer, Mrs. J. F. Barnhardt and Helen Mower, of Concord, and Mrs. K. J. Misenheimer, of Asheville, N. C. She is also survived by two brothers, Dr. E. C. Boyette, of Charlotte, Mr. John Boyette, of Monroe, and one sister, Mrs. J. F. Dixon, of Monroe.

Agitation Now For the Independence of Scotland.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) London, Dec. 27.—Now there is an agitation for the independence of Scotland.

Forty members of the Scots National League, which stands for complete separation from England, recently met in London and to the wild strains of the bagpipes, affirmed their determination to fight, if need be, to gain complete and absolute independence for Scotland.

Speakers recalled that in 1706, Scotland was a free country with a national debt of only one shilling and seven pence per head of the population. Today, every Scotman owns 377 pounds. Scotland's contribution to taxation last year amounted to 113,487,000 pounds, but only one-quarter of this was devoted to Scottish purposes, they complained.

The threat of a Scottish secession has, however, failed to arouse anything more than a tolerant smile from the general public.

Crippled Ship Making Headway.

Washington, Jan. 12.—A tugboat from the transport "Creek" received here at 6:30 a. m. today said the crippled ship was making favorable headway.

The gale reached the transport last night, the message said, but did not cause it to slow up perceptibly. The transport, position was 27 1/2 miles east of New York.

Prominent Charlotte Banker For Years Dies.

Charlotte, Jan. 12.—John Frank Orr, for 50 years connected with the First National Bank, and one of the most prominent citizens of Charlotte, died at his home in this city after an illness dating back to April of last year.

Gift of \$150,000 for Lenoir Hospital. Newark, N. J., Jan. 12.—A gift of \$150,000 in cash and property by an unnamed citizen to fund a hospital for the treatment of joint diseases under Dr. Adolf Lenoir, famous Kentucky surgeon, was announced today by Dr. Carl A. Kessler.

Throwing coconuts over logs which are to be used in constructing boats, makes the boats stronger and swifter, according to a superstition among the natives of New Guinea.