

ted the Savoy for hours in

alighted, and Harley he cabman and followed the Doctor McMurdoch's house. ad taught him to anticipate

evice formed of hyacinths. Its

Almost before they seated in the doctor's drawing room stigator. he voiced his disapproval. "Phil," he said, ignoring a silent appeal from his wife, "this is, mayhap, no time arles falls to speak of the matter, but I'm not glad to see the hyacinths."

Mrs. McMurdoch's glance became positively bese ching, but the physi-

Doctor McMurdoch, gloomily,

cannot fail to be." Tears began to trickle down Phil Abingdon's cheeks. "Oh, my dear, my dear!" cried little Mrs. McMurdoch, running to

But the girl sprang up, escaping from the encircling arm of the motherly old lady. She shook her head disdainfully, as if to banish tears and weakness, and glanced rapidly



INSPECTOR WESSEX.

you are all perfectly cruel and horrible," she said in a choking voice,

> CHAPTER IX Two Reports

returning to his office Paul from which the movements of Nicol Brinn.

Miss Smith, the typist, had gone. ace on the morrow, Harley for it was after six o'clock, and He found himself helplessly tied. ad her own down to study the report.

"Inspector Wessex rang up. Mr nd linked her arm in his. Harley, about an hour ago. He said esult he found himself a few he would be at the Yard until six." 'Has he obtained any informa

tion?" asked Paul Harley, wearily, glancing at his little table clock. "He said he had had insufficient time to do much in the matter, but ing facts which might interest you. "Ah!" murmured Harley. He took

up the telephone. "City 400," he s dwarfted those of all the said. . . "Is that the Commissioner's Office, New Scotland Yard? . . Paul Harley speaking. Would forward and drawing Harley you please inquire if Detective Inth her. She glanced from spector Wessex has gone?"

While awaiting a reply he looked up at Innes. "Is there anything else?" he asked.

"Only the letters, Mr. Harley." "Leave the letters, then; I will see to them. You need not wait." A moment later, as his secretary bade ntly the party returned to him good-night and went out of the

"Hello," said Harley, speaking nto the mouthpiece. nspector has gone? Perhaps you would ask him to ring me up in the morning." Le replaced the receiver

on the hook Resting his chin in his hands, he began to read from the typewritten pages before him. His assistant's reort was conceived as follows:

Re Mr. Nicol Brinn of Raleigh House, Piccadilly, W. I.

Mr. Nicol Brinn is an American citizen, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 15, 1884. He is the son of John Nicolas Brinn of the same city, founder of the firm of J. Nicolas Brinn, Incorporated, later reconstituted under the style of Brinn's Universal Electric Supply Corporation.

Nicol Brinn is a graduate of Harvard. He has traveled extensively cian ignored it. "As your father's in nearly all parts of the world and oldest friend," he continued, "I feel has access to the best society of Encalled upon to remark that it isn't rope and America. He has a reputausual for strangers to thrust their tion for eccentricity, has won numerattentions upon a bereaved family." ous sporting events as a gentleman "Oh," said Phil Abingdon with rider; was the first airman to fly animation, "do I understand that over the Rockies; took part in the this is also your opinion, Mr. Har- Uruguay rebellion of 1904, and held the rank of lieutenant colonel of field artillery with the American forces "it during the Great War.

He has published a work on big game and has contributed numerous travel articles to American periodicals. On the death of Mr. Brinn, senior, in 1914, he inherited an enormous fortune and a preponderating influence in the B. U. E. S. C. He has never taken any active part in conduct of the concern, but has lived a restless and wandering life in various parts of the world.

Mr. Nicol Brinn is a confirmed bachelor. I have been unable to find that he has ever taken the slightest interest in any woman other than his mother throughout his career. Mrs. J. Nicolas Brinn is still living in Cincinnati, and there is said to be a strong bond of affection between mother and son. His movements on vesterday, 4th June, 1921, were as

He came out of his chambers at eight o'clock and rode for an hour in the park, when he returned and emained indoors until midday. He hen drove to the Carlton, where he unched with the Foreign Secretary, with whom he remained engaged in earnest conversation until ten minutes to three. The Rt. Hon. gentleman proceeded to the House of Commons and Mr. Brinn to an auction at Christie's. He bought two oil paintings. He then returned to his chambers and did not reappear again until seven o'clock. He dined alone at a small and unfashionable restaurant in Soho, went on to his box at Covent Garden, where he remained for an hour, also alone, and then went home. He had no callers throughout the day.

Deliberately Paul Harley had read the report, only removing his hand from his chin to turn over the Farley found awaiting him the elbow he took out his tin of tobacco report of the man to whom he and, filling and lighting a pipe, lay had entrusted the study of the back, eyes half closed, considering what he had learned respecting Nicol Brinn.

addenly conscious of the Innes alone was on duty. He came In which direction should be move this presence was inoppor-in as Harley, placing his hat and and to what end? As was his cus-cane upon the big writing table, sat tom he took a pencil and wrote tom, he took a pencil upon a little block:

"Find means to force Brinn to

He lay back in his chair again, deep in thought, and presently added the

"Obtain interview with Ormus Khan.

Just as he replaced the pencil on the table, his telephone bell rang. The caller proved to be his friend,

"Hello, Mr. Harley," said the is-"I had occasion to return to the Yard, and they told me you had rung up. I don't know why you are interested in this Ormuz Khan, unless you want to raise a loan.'

Paul Harley laughed. "I gather that he is a man of extensive means," he replied, "but hitherto he has remained outside my radius of observation."

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NO BIG PROFITS IN THE

of Textile Operations. Charlotte, Jan. 1.—The first six New York World, months of 1924 has little in store for months of 1924 has fittle in the came early to the Manhattan Opera industry will make fair profits during House yesterday failed to avoid the the last half of the year, according to rush, but succeeded in hearing John Mc-David Clark, editor of the Southern Tex- Cormack, the tenor, relive in song the tile Bulletin, and one of the best posted triumph of twelve years ago when he men in the industry. The mills are clos- made his American debut on the same ing the year in the midst of a curtail-stage. Nearly as many were turned ment movement which has been caused away. by apathy in the cotton goods market

Beople and cars packed 34th St

and the sustained excessive cautio nof long before the performance and buyers, from jobbers on through to the buyers, from jobbets on the buyers, at the bix onice was so great the consumer. It is not hoped that this entertainment was more than half an state of the market will change in time hour late in starting. Several hundred

to affect the profits of the textile in- chairs on the stage and standing room, dustry for the first half of the new year, that was taken quickly, supplemented Mr. Clark's prediction for the second half of the year is based upon the as- On his first appearance in New York sumption that the markets will be so the Irish tenor had the role of Alfredo sumption that the markets will be so the Irish tenor had the role of Alfredo depleted before the end of six months in "Traviata." with Mme. Tetrazzini that perforce there will be a considerand Mario Sammarco. His initial song able buying movement and the mills that night was "The Snowy Breasted able buying movement and the line that hight was The Showy Breasted many of which have been compelled dur-Pearl," and yesterday he sang again the ling recent months to warehouse a consong that won him the heart of the siderable part of their output, will be able to dispose of their manufactured There was

stocks at a profit. It is estimated by Mr. Clark and the profits or losses of the mills, this laughing and amazed. being the number of stockholders in the cotton mills of the State. It is believed that the number of people thus directly interested in the textile industry in but the andience would not let him go North Carolina is larger than the num- until he had finished with "Charity." ber in all of the other Southern states the selection he calls his "benediction combined although this State has only about one-third of the spindles in the COLD WAVE AND SNOW South.

The manner in which the cotton mill industry was developed in North Caro- Budding Years and Old Man Winte lina is responsible for the wide distribution of stock in the mills of this State. It is also responsible for the small average size of the mills of the State. Most of the mills in this State were estab- principal heritage from 1923. lished as community enterprises, the promoters being merchants, bankers, farmers, and other business and profes- the first severe weather this section of sional men who were interested originally and primarily in providing profit- The snowstorm and cold wave came able employment for the people of the

The date D. A. Tompkins, pioneer sharp wind. industrial leader and economist, frequently declared that the surest and dropped to 12 degrees above zero from a best way to insure the prosperity of point above freezing this morning and agricultural and commercial North Caro- was continuing to slide down a degree lina was to build cotton mills and other of two an hour, with a prediction of industries which would provide purchasing power for mercantile and agricultural products. Those who today the ground here. Continued intense cold are agreed that Mr. Tompkins was right the program for New Year's day in this and that the present advanced position forecast area. of North Carolina in commerce and agriculture has resulted most largely from the building up of industrial cities

towns and villages of the State.

The mills of North Carolina today number approximately 400 and the average size is about 12,000 spindles, as compared with an average of 30,000 spindles for the much smaller number of mills in South Carolina. The mills of the State consume considerably more

TO VISIT CHARLOTTE

New York City, Jan. 1 .- Staff Captain George Darby, handmaster of the National Staff Band of the Salvation Army, has confirmed the report that the thirty-five piece band of which he has been chief director for the past ten years his whereabouts. will visit Charlotte for a musicale the Billy Sunday Tabernacle at 8 o'clock next Monday night, January 7th. Included in the band of thirty-five pieces is John Allen, talented cornetist, who was decorated for bravery over seas and was mustered out of the United States army with the rank of Major, in cham plain service. Over two-thirds of the men in the band were in the service of the United States during the World

This is the first visit of this organization, which is thirty-two years old, south of Washington, D. C. Other Southern cities have requested the appearance of this organization, but as the personnel compose the executive and secretarial staff of the national headquarters of the Army, they do not have sufficient time visit any other city on this trip. The cocert will be given at the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, Charlotte at 8 p m., Monday, January 7th, and the band will be feted by the Chamber of Comnerce in Charlotte while there.

DECREASE SHOWN IN LYNCHINGS LAST YEAR

1922, Was More Than 50 Per Cent. 50 per cent. during 1923, as compared with 1922, according to figures made public by the Tuskegee Normal & Industrial Institute. During 1923 there were 28 lynchings, as compared with 57 for the preceding year, these figures showed. Twenty-six of the ...number were negroes and two whites. Two women were among the victims of the

These figures gave Mississippi and Florida eight lynchings each; Georgia four, Arkansas two, Texas two. Virginia one, Missouri one, Oklahoma one, and Louisiana one. one was reported from North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama, according to the Tuskegee com-

Near Zanesville, Ohio.

Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 1.-Three perons, two men and a young woman, were killed six miles east of here on the national road early this morning when an automobile in which they were riding crashed head-on with another car. and the conclusion has been reached comes, whether made March 15, 1924, dead are: Arthur Millfelt, aged 20; Robert Gille; and Anna M. Goodrich, 19.

Greensboro, Jan. 1 .- Federal Judge several weeks, rested very well Monday night, and his condition today was reon the body of Lieutenant Grenadan, the commander of the dirigible. The to be an antidote for poison and a proto body lies in the station here.

In olden times holly was considered to an operation has yet been reached, It is estimated that over 125 new resitection against lightning.

JOHN M'CORMACK RELIVES HIS DEBUT

Charlotte Editor Looks for Curtailment Sings in the Manhattan Opera House, Scene of His Premiere 12 Years Ago.

Four thousand music lovers who

People and cars packed 34th Street press at the bix office was so great the the regular accommodations.

There were other songs, too; gay, rollicking things that swept the audience with mirth; soft, appealing ones others familiar with the textile industry that left tears in many eyes, and one in North Carolina that approximately riotous fragment sung all in a single 25.000 individuals share each year in breath that at once left the crowd

In closing, McCormack sang "Home, Sweet Home" for an encore (he said later it was the first time since 1904)'

Make Their Debut Together. Chicago, Dec. 31 .- Young 1924 romped into the middlewest tonight in the van of a snowstorm and cold wave as its

The budding year and Old Man Winter made their debut together as it was the country has experienced this winter.

sweeping out of Alaska and the northcommunity, increasing the payroll of west as the old year bade farewell and their town and providing a market for in Chicago an extremely mild fall and the products of the adjacent agricultural winter was interrupted by a falling mercury and a snowstorm driven by

five above zero for tomorrow morning. An inch and one-half of snow was on have given most thought to the matter with strong northwest winds were on

> WANTS MAXIMUM REWARD OFFERED FOR GATLING

> Solicitor Will Ask Governor Morrison to Act-No Trace of Slayer of Two

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Governor Morrison will be asked to offer the largest reward authorized by North Carolina's aws for the capture of Lawrence Gatling, son of former Raleigh Postmaster than 1,000,000 bales of cotton a year. Bart M. Gatling, who escaped last Saturday night after he is alleged to have shot and killed his wife and Owen Stevens, whom he was said to have To Appear at Billy Sunday Tabernacle found in her company. Solicitor W.

een out of the city for several days. Both city and county authorities are ontinuing their efforts to apprehend Gethling, but as yet they have been unable to find clues leading to establishing

Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Gatling, Among the persons attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Bart M. Gatling, parents of her husband and alleged slayer.

MISSING GIRL RETURNS TO HOME IN COLUMBIA

Miss Virginia Boozer Had Been Jacksonville Working in Store. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.-Miss Virginia Boozer, 17-year-old University of South Carolina studnet for whom a nation-wide search has been conducted for two months, returned to the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Earle Bozer here early today. She said she had been in Jacksonville, Fla., working in a department store.

Miss Boozer disappeared early in November. She left home ostensibly to visit friends in Spartanburg. S. C., but she never arrived there. Her parents traced her to Denmark, S. C., and were nclined to believe that she had gone to New York, probably to attempt to begin stage carrer. No word was received from her until she appeared at home

A desire to learn wether she could make her own way in the world prompted her to disappear, Miss Boozer said Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.—Lynchings in ed her to disappear, Miss Boozer said. the United States decreased more than She lived in the Y. W. C. A. at Jacksonville, she told her parents.

TELEPHONES HIS FATHER HE HAS SLAIN HIS WIFE

"Come and See Her," Is Message, an Police Find Her Strangled. Montreal, Dec. 31 .- Police today found Mrs. Delphis Goddard strangled to death in her home, which they had been asked to visit by her father-in-law and brotherin-law, who said the woman's husband had told them by telephone that he had killed her. They declared Goddard invited them to "come down and see her."

Judge Boyd III at Greensboro Hospita Greensboro, Dec. 31.-James E. Boyd, THRE EKILLED WHEN
TWO AUTOS CRASH
the Western District of North Carolina, continues ill at a local hospital where continues ill at a local hospital where he has been a patient for several days. Bladder trouble is the cause of the ill ness of the jurist, who has been unable to go to his office for three weeks. This afternoon, it was reported that Judge Boyd, who will be seventy years old February 14th, next, had been resting easier during the past few days but that his general condition was about the same.

Building in Salisbury Reaches Nearly Million.

Salisbury, Dec. 31.—Total building perations in Salisbury during 1923 operations in Salisbury during 1920 reached \$817.640, according to figures compiled by the city engineers. No large building projects were undertaken. Parks-Belk Co.

GENERAL CLEAN-UP

On All Winter Goods

On Second Floor

All Ladies Higher Priced Coats, Hats Furs, Winter Suits Will be Radically Reduced to Make a Clean Sweep On Our Second Floor Men's, Ladies' and Children's Sweaters

We have gone through these and made sweeping reductions. Come in before the stocks are depleted. All sweaters, priced to move them out quick. The reductions on these are made now to clean every one out.

MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS

In Our Clothing Department You Will Find All Men's and Boys Overcoats at Sweeping Reductions

It will pay you to see these at once. Overcoats of the best value money can buy. No better made and the price a radical reduction. All Winter Goods included in the general clean-up.

A Good Time to Buy Blankets. We Shall Make a Get-Out Price on All Wool Blankets

The beautiful all wool plaids and the Elkin White Blanket. Extraordinary prices will be made on Blankets beginning today.

Parks-Belk Co.

IN HIGGINS WILL CASE Central Asheville, A. Higgins,

on four equal among the Winstontrolina conh, David Hig-

ill other property.

WOMAN AND MAN SHOT

New Year Celebration.

in what the police describe as a free for party at Roseville Inn, a Macomb Counroadhouse, at 5 o'clock this morning. Thirteen men are being held while the police continue their investigation. The ause of the fight has not been determin-

The Roseville Inn affair was the only outstanding untoward incident of Detroit's reception to 1924.

authorized without title or office the moment the ington government from Vera Cruz, says

on hand in authorized

> ed By Fire. Palermo, Italy, Dec. 31.-Bits

A solemn requiem mass was Saturday night brated at the cathedral here today for the calendar year 1924 have been made the victims, and the people of Palermo, on the basis of the present revenue law. in deepest sorrow, have placed flowers

IN FREE FOR ALL FIGHT Pelice Say Shooting Occurred During a

Detroit, Jan. 1 .- One woman was shot probably fatally, and a man was wounded worth, 188 left Bellevue Hospital today all brawl that climaxed a New Year eve him a living or starve in the attempt. street last Saturday night.

HUERTA DOES NOT WANT

He Started Is Successful. New Orleans, La., Jan. 1.—Adolfo de last Wednesday. I'm going out now Huerta, leader of the insurrectionists in and find a job or—you'll find me back Mexico, will become a plain citizen revolution is successful, according to a Tax Cut Wouldn't Aid Incomes of This message now on its way to the Wash-

the New Orleans Daily State. Believe Airship Dixmude Was Destroy-

body lies in the station here.

RESOLVES TO MAKE LIVING IN NEW YORK

Pampered Son Out to Paddle His Own Boat Meets With Misfortune. New York, Dec. 31.-Charles Wadsresolved to make New York furnish Wadsworth, who says his mother owns several coal mines and lives in Republic, Ala., collapsed from hunger on the street last Saturday night. After a

couple of square meals at Bellevue he told this story: "I got tired of being a pampered son about six weeks ago, and started for Montreal with \$300 in my jeans, set on

learning to make my own living. "A fellow I met in Montreal robbed MEXICAN PRESIDENCY

me. I didn't have a job yet, and I was getting cold, so I made my way to New York. My last meal was a cup of coffee and a pair of doughnuts

here again.

Washington, Jan. 1 .- Treasury officials state income tax reductions suggested by Secretary Mellon will not be effective on 1923 incomes even if the Mellon recommendations are adopted.

The secretary's proposal is that the charred wreckage swept in by the sea new schedules become effective for inat Sciacca and along the coast near comes dating frmo January 1, 1924. Palerno, have been examined by experts. This means tax payments on 1923 in that the French dirigible Dixmude was or by quarterly installments throughdestroyed by fire, probably after an ex- out 1924, would be made on the basis of existing revenue legislation. Calcucele- lations of the government income from

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