

## BELIEVE BACKBONE OF THE COLD WAVE HAS BEEN BROKEN

### Weather Forecasts Promise "Slowly Rising Temperatures" Far All Parts of North Carolina Tonight.

### ERO WEATHER OVER THE STATE

### This City Mercury Dropped to 2 Degrees Above Zero—Warmer Here During Night and Today.

Charlotte, Jan. 7.—Moderating temperatures after the coldest 26 hours in five years were reported from virtually all parts of North Carolina today. Temperatures continued, however, to hover below the freezing point, but with weather men forecasting "slowly rising temperatures" it was believed that the backbone of the cold wave was broken.

The lowest official temperature reported to the weather bureau here was at Asheville where the mercury stood at 4.8 degrees below zero yesterday morning, 7.7 degrees below zero, than in 1917. Winston-Salem reported a low mark of 4.9 degrees below zero yesterday morning; Greensboro 4.5 degrees; Raleigh 7 degrees; and Charlotte 5 above. Salisbury reported the coldest weather in the state yesterday morning with the mercury standing 1.5 degrees above zero at 6 o'clock. The weather bureau today reported the lowest temperature here last night was above zero with a steady climb since dawn.

### Very Cold Here.

With a bang King Winter came into town in Concord Saturday night, his arrival being noted by chilly blasts from the North which swept through the hills driving pedestrians indoors to huddle close to cheery fires and heat radiating registers and playing havoc with plumbing fixtures in practically every part of the city.

The lowest temperature of the past several years came riding in on the wings of the icy blasts that accompanied the King in his belated trip, and the cold was made more penetrating by a suddenness with which it descended. Saturday morning dawned clear with a temperature about 35 or 40 degrees below freezing. In less than 12 hours here had been a drop of 10 degrees here and there, and by 8 o'clock Saturday night the mercury registered 20 above zero.

But the degree was just one of the indications in the downward drop for by midnight thermometers showed it was 10 above zero and during the night, just toward daylight, some thermometers registered 6 above zero and in several sections of the city where the thermometers were exposed to wind, the mercury was just 2 above zero.

Saturday night saw the streets here generally deserted. The usual throngs were missing from the streets Saturday night and the streets, almost rapidly, through the streets with occasional hurried high and pulled well down over their eyes.

The deserted streets were mute evidence of the ruling hand of King Winter. There were few who sought the streets in preference to heated buildings, and few persons who were forced to out, beat a hasty retreat in the face of the icy offensive staged by Winter.

Sunday was warmer, but little more so. During the day the mercury climbed to 27 above zero, according to official figures, but during last night there was another drop to about 15 above zero. At 7 o'clock this morning thermometers on Union Street in the business section registered 18 above zero.

Warmer weather is promised for the day tonight, but the increase will be slight until tomorrow.

Plumbers are working overtime in all parts of the city today. Frozen pipes are the rule rather than the exception yesterday and today and it probably will be several days before all broken pipes and other plumbing fixtures are repaired. Water was at a premium in some quarters yesterday and today and was no uncommon sight to see people carrying the liquid from the home of one neighbor where steam heat or some other heating method had kept the water from freezing.

No deaths have been reported here from the cold, but several accidents occurred yesterday as a result of frozen pipes. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peeler were injured when their kitchen range exploded in several other homes in the city several persons narrowly missed injury when their ranges exploded.

Mrs. Peeler suffered a broken nose in the accident at her home, it is reported. Mr. Peeler was badly scalded. Water in the pipes leading from the stove to the boiler became frozen during the night and when a fire was made in the stove these pipes burst, throwing water into a room adjoining the kitchen. Similar explosions occurred in several other homes, but so far no one was injured.

The mercury dropping to eight degrees below zero in the mountains and elsewhere in the State, the entire State experienced one of the coldest days in several years. No deaths were reported.

## TOBACCO IN THE WORLD'S INDUSTRY

### Facts Showing Tobacco Grown and Used to Be Given at Exposition.

New York, Jan. 7.—How the United States produces something like one and one-third billion pounds of tobacco a year, and how this vast product goes into the making of 10,000,000,000 cigars and 50,000,000,000 cigarettes, together with the large quantities consumed as chewing tobacco or smoked in pipes—all this, and many other things that will interest the devotees of My Lady Nicotine will be shown at the National Tobacco Industries Exposition which is to be opened in this city on January 28th for an engagement of one week.

No European ever heard of tobacco until the first week of November in the year 1492. The discovery was made by two sailors sent by Columbus to explore the interior of the island of San Salvador, and who returned with amazing stories of seeing Indians who carried firebrands whose smoke they inhaled and puffed out of their mouths and noses.

The worshipful Indians of Hispaniola who first gave the white men a pipe full of dried leaves started a fire whose smoke fills the world. Today tobacco is used in almost every land on the globe.

America has maintained a close association with tobacco since the discovery of the New World. Among the first English colonists tobacco was so precious a thing that they ploughed up the streets of Jamestown to plant it. Tobacco was money among the settlers, accepted as legal tender even for the salaries of officials and ministers of the church as well as for the passage of brides from home.

And today America is still the greatest producer of tobacco and also the greatest consumer of it, the greatest exporter and the greatest importer.

More than \$1,500,000,000 a year is the value of tobacco products manufactured in the United States. More than a million and a half acres of land are devoted to the growing of the "weed." On the manufacturing side, the latest government figures give the capital invested as \$604,839,572. Ten thousand establishments devoted to the manufacture of tobacco products employ an aggregate of about 160,000 workers, whose annual earnings total nearly \$125,000,000.

There are many ramifications of the industry, including the making of cigarette paper, paper and tin foil containers for cigarettes and cigar boxes. Altogether the dollars invested in and around the tobacco business are a colossal sum.

In connection with the history and uses of tobacco it is interesting to note what a literature has grown up about it. There is one man in New York who has more than 2,500 books of pamphlets relating to it in part or in whole.

The "fragrant weed" has inspired alike the statistician and the poet. Spenser called it "divine" and Byron "sublime." Charles Lamb wrote that he designed to give up smoking "but have not yet fixed on an equivalent vice." Mark Twain suspected that the non-smoker lost in a lifetime "an appalling aggregate of happiness."

The average annual consumption among the tobacco users is estimated at twenty pounds. This is a very low figure, however, when compared to the record of some inveterate smokers. For instance, there was the case of Theophilus Thompson, a New York merchant, who told the guests assembled at his 70th birthday banquet that for fifty years he had smoked on an average 500 cigarettes weekly, and that his aggregate number exceeded 1,200,000. Mr. Thompson calculated that his "burnt offering" to Lady Nicotine represented a cigarette sixty-one miles long, costing nearly \$25,000. No less remarkable was the record of a Frenchman, M. Voiron, who died some time ago at the age of 72. M. Voiron began to smoke cigars at the age of 18, and on an average smoked 30 daily for the remainder of his life. During this period he also smoked 500 cigars, the equivalent of a cigarette 42 miles long, and the time occupied in smoking was little less than 200,000 hours.

A meeting of the Kings Daughters will be held tonight at 7 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. Archie Cannon, on North Union Street.

ported as a result of the freezing weather. Boone, in the mountains, appears to have been the coldest spot in the State, it being unofficially reported that the temperature there registered eight degrees below zero early yesterday. It was four degrees below at Asheville and two below at Rutherfordton. Raleigh had temperature of four above early yesterday, while Wilmington reported 12 above.

The Catawba River, near Hickory, was reported to be frozen from banks to channel. The temperature at Hickory was three degrees above zero yesterday morning.

Automobile traffic in Raleigh was demoralized during the day on account of the large number of cars being put out of commission by frozen radiators. One automobile repair shop reported that more than four hundred cars had been brought in for repairs to damaged radiators.

### WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Fair tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperatures.

## HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY UNITED STATES MAIL

### Arthur Moore and Frank Alexander, Both Colored, in Local Jail.

Arthur Moore, jitney driver, and Frank Alexander, employed at the baggage room at the Southern Railway depot here, both colored, are in the local jail awaiting a preliminary hearing, on a charge of robbing the United States mails.

The arrest of the two negroes was made Thursday night at the Southern depot here by Officer B. F. Widenhouse, of the local police force. Postmaster John L. Miller had reported to the local officers that for the past six or eight nights the mails had been tampered with, and he in company with Patrolman Widenhouse hid themselves Thursday night where they could watch the handling of the mails.

When the night mails came in, Alexander placed them in the baggage room, as usual, to await until the following morning. He and Moore went inside the baggage room, remaining for about twenty minutes in the room. When they came out, Alexander started down into the basement, and was promptly followed by Officer Widenhouse, who reached the basement just in time to snatch from the furnace a negro had burning wrappers which the negro had just thrown into the fire.

In the meantime, Moore had gone out at the other door of the baggage room, entered his car, and had driven off, presumably with some of the loot. Upon his return a few minutes later, he was also placed under arrest. Following up the clue, officers have been searching the haunts of the two men, and have so far discovered hidden articles of merchandise which they allege had been taken from the mails. These were found at Silver Hill, negro suburb, on the national highway near the city.

Entrance to the mail sacks was made by cutting the pouch, and the prisoners will have confronting them when they come to trial, the alleged attempt to cut the pouches.

The date for the preliminary hearing which will very likely be held before a Federal commissioner, had not been set this morning.

## LAW VIOLATORS SEEK COVER IN PHILADELPHIA

### They Are Advised That "the Lid Will Be Screwed Down Tight" by New Administration.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Warned that the "lid will be screwed down tight" within forty-eight hours, bootleggers, gamblers, bandits and other law breakers were reported today to be seeking cover as the new administration headed by Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick, took over the conduct of municipal affairs. He appointed Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, known in the United States as "The Fighting Quaker," as director of the department of public safety.

General Butler, who will have charge of the police and fire departments, said that he had arranged to have a bed placed in the city hall, and that he would live there, if necessary, until the city is cleaned up.

## THE COTTON MARKET

### Opened Steady Today at a Decline of From 2 to 23 Points.

New York, Jan. 7.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 2 to 23 points owing to relatively easy Liverpool cables and some further liquidation by local traders or commission houses. March sold off to 34.45 at the start, and May to 34.7, but Liverpool firm up while the opening call here was in progress, and prices here rallied on covering and trade buying. March sold up to 34.65 within the first half hour, and May to 34.90 or about 10 to 12 points net higher. The advance was accompanied by reports of a good spot demand in the Southwest.

Cotton futures opened steady. Jan. 34.00; March 34.45; May 34.75; July 33.68; Oct. 28.10.

## TELLS OF AN ATTEMPT TO KILL KEMAL PASHA

### Hand Grenade Intended For Him Injured His Wife, Says Report.

Athens, Jan. 7.—The Mitylene correspondent of the Greek newspaper Eleftheron Venas telegraphs that an unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of the Republic of Turkey, at Smyrna. The hand grenade intended for Kemal injured his wife.

## FASHIONABLE HOME IN NEW YORK ROBBED

### Bandits Got Jewels Valued at \$10,000 From Louis Richmond's Home.

New York, Jan. 7.—Bandits today forced into the fashionable Seventh Avenue apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richmond, took jewels valued at \$10,000 and fled. The robbery was carried out in a manner similar to that perpetrated last Thursday in the Seventy-ninth Street apartment of David Palter.

## January Clearance Sale at Parks-Bell Company.

The annual January Clearance Sale of the Parks-Bell Company will begin on Thursday of this week, January 10th, and the store will be closed on Wednesday so that everything can be prepared for the sale's opening.

As usual this January Sale will be one of unusual merit and shoppers will find in the store during the big sale hundreds of bargains. Wool goods, ready-to-wear, dresses, furs, house furnishings, millinery, shoes, blankets and many other commodities will be offered at price reductions during the sale.

The company has two page ads. in this paper today, and it will be to your benefit to read them carefully.

## THE THRIFT CAMPAIGN GETS A BIG IMPETUS

### Various Committees Meet.—First Big Gun to Be Fired January 17th.

At a meeting Thursday night at Thrift headquarters at the Y. M. C. A., the various committees had the duties fully outlined and one of the important features that will be announced the public committee within the next few days will be the speaker who will be here to fire the first big gun on Ben Franklin's birthday, January 17th.

Chairman S. W. Rankin has called the program and publicity committee to meet tonight for an important conference and setup of the program for January 17th, which announcement will appear in a few days.

A meeting of all Hi-Y clubs will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at which time the rules governing the big essay contest which will begin January 17th and end on the 23rd will be explained.

In the high schools last year over 1,000 pupils took part in the contest and the committee in charge here expects practically every high school student to get into the game to win one of the bags of gold that will be awarded the first, second and third prize winners.

The slogan contest will be open to every boy and girl in the public schools and from present indications keen interest is already manifested. Gold prizes will be awarded the winners.

One of the biggest features of Thrift Week will be the window display contest between the merchants of our city. Last year thousands of merchants took advantage of this competition to display special bargains and out-of-town patrons will do well to watch the advertising of Thrift Week and trade with the thrifty merchants of Concord.

Beautiful silver loving cups will be among the awards during the week and it is hoped to have these on display next week so that every one will have a chance to see them.

## O'RYAN DENOUNCES FORBES AND MANY ASSOCIATES

### Charges That Many Efforts Were Made to Defraud the Government.

Washington, Jan. 7 (By the Associated Press).—Charles R. O'Ryan, director of the Veterans' Bureau, today denounced a conspiracy to defraud the government, as made by John F. O'Ryan, of New York, general counsel in his report to the Senate Veterans' Committee.

"In developing this inquiry," General O'Ryan said, "it has been conclusively established by testimony of witnesses, by documentary evidence, and by corroborative effect of still tale circumstances that were brought out, that fraud and corruption existed in the bureau."

After summarizing evidence as to illegal contracts and other operations of the bureau, O'Ryan announced that further investigation by the Department of Justice following the leads developed by this investigation, should furnish other instances of corrupt transactions negotiated by Forbes and others in the bureau.

One conspiracy to which Forbes was charged by O'Ryan with being a party was "that developed having for its object the award by the director to favored contractors of contracts for the construction of hospitals." Others named as parties were C. B. Hurley, of Tacoma, Washington; J. V. Thompson, a St. Louis contractor; the late James W. Black of Chicago; and Elias H. Mortimer, of Philadelphia, the chief witness against Forbes.

## BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA HAS NOT BEEN FOUND

### Ship Broke Aboard Saturday Night With Seven Civilians Aboard.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The coast guard cutters Manning and Mascoutin, and the nine-sweeper Owl had failed early today in their search for the dismantled battleship Louisiana, which broke apart Saturday night with seven men aboard, while being towed from Philadelphia to be scrapped under the arms limitation treaty.

The Louisiana was anchored about eighty miles north of Cape Charles when the tugs which had her in tow were forced to seek shelter. The battleship had been sold to a private firm for junking and had a civilian crew aboard.

## Pastor Remembered.

Members and friends of St. Andrews and Calvary Lutheran Churches of this city have given their pastor, Rev. M. L. Kester, and his family, a fine start into the New Year, also the fourth year of Mr. Kester's pastorate. At the Christmas exercise in St. Andrews on Christmas evening the pastor was presented with a well filled purse. On Wednesday evening of this week the members of Calvary came through rain to the parsonage on Buffalo street, bringing with them a full supply for layder and pantry. These tokens of appreciation are a great encouragement to the pastor, not only because of their intrinsic value, but because of the spirit prompting those who have been so generous and kind.

## Recruiting Station in City.

George B. Stevens, of the Army Recruiting Service, has established a local recruiting station in this city. He is prepared to enlist young men between the ages of 18 and 34 for all branches of the service. Men may be accepted for service in all parts of the United States and foreign countries as well.

## SUMNER PHYSICIAN IS FOUND DEAD IN HOME

### Body of Dr. Archie China Found in Bath Room With Bullet Hole in Head.

Sumner, S. C., Jan. 7.—Dr. Archie China, aged 58, vice president of the First National Bank of Sumner, was found dead in the bath room of his home at 8:30 o'clock this morning with a bullet wound in the left side of his head. No weapon could be found, however either in the bath room or the adjoining rooms.

When neighbors were summoned by an adopted daughter upon discovery of the body they found Mrs. China in an unconscious condition, it was reported. Physicians were attending her, and it was said she was not able to make any statement.

A jury was empaneled by the coroner but the inquest was postponed until this afternoon. Investigation showed that Dr. China's bed had not been occupied last night. The body was partly dressed when found. The physician and banker was said to have been in good health recently. He was said to have been active in the banking business and his practice.

## TO SEEK INDICTMENTS AGAINST RAILROAD MEN

### Solicitor Wants Engineer and Brake-Man to Be Charged With Manslaughter.

Charlotte, Jan. 7.—Indictments charging manslaughter in connection with a wreck on the Seaboard Air Line railroad at Hoskins last week will be sought against H. H. Bradshaw, engineer, and J. P. White, brakeman, Solicitor John G. Carpenter, announced here today. Six negroes were killed and a number of other persons injured in the wreck.

The announcement today followed a verdict of the coroner's jury Saturday which held the two men responsible for the accident. The grand jury convened today for the January term of Superior court.

## STEAMSHIP GEORGIA HAS FOUND TROUBLE

### Vessel Reports It Is Aground in Rough Sea Opposite St. Augustine Inlet.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 7.—S. O. S. messages from the steamship Georgia reporting that the vessel had run aground in a rough sea on Mantilla Reef, opposite St. Augustine Inlet, were picked up by the government wireless station here this morning. The message said that two of her water ballast tanks were full, but that the bottom ballast were holding the rudder and rudder posts were gone. The vessel reported a rough sea but said she was lying easy.

## Higher Wages on Farms.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A higher scale of wages on the farms of the nation was an effect during 1923, according to a statement issued here today by the Department of Agriculture. The statement declared that the peak of high wages on farms was reached in 1923 and then dropped until the fall of 1922 when the rise again began. The average rate with board, according to the statement, for the month during 1923 was \$33.18 and without board it was \$41.03.

Comparative figures issued were as follows:

|      | With Board (per month) | Without Board |
|------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1923 | \$33.18                | \$41.01       |
| 1922 | 29.17                  | 41.79         |
| 1914 | 21.05                  | 29.88         |

Day wages for harvest labor, according to the statement, with board averaged \$2.45 in 1923 as compared with \$2.20 in 1922 and with \$1.55 in 1914. For farm labor other than at harvest time the rate per day with board was \$1.93 in 1923 as compared with \$1.65 in 1922 and with \$1.13 in 1914.

## Volleyball Game Draws Crowd.

The volleyball game between Kannapolis Y and the local Y drew quite a number of business men to witness the contest. The local team was handicapped by not having had the practice but the game was thoroughly enjoyed and a return game was requested by the Kannapolis aggregation.

The secretary of the Y at Kannapolis states that the business men of Kannapolis are very enthusiastic over volleyball and that there are more than enough on each day to make up three or four teams. It is the desire of the local secretary of the Y that the business men of Concord avail themselves of the physical privileges and turn out in great numbers. Help us build up a team with your presence and support.

## The Mother and Daughter Banquet.

The program committee announces that the speakers for the Mother and Daughter banquet at complete and that the large orchestra from Davidson College will be in attendance and that several male quartets as well as black face comedians will furnish the amusements. Tickets will be in the hands of the Hi-Y clubs for reservations Monday. It will be advisable for all the mothers and daughters contemplating taking part in this big pow-wow to secure reservation in advance as no one will be admitted without advance reservations.

This will be in every sense a mother and daughter affair, the first ever held in Concord, and a large attendance is anticipated.

## Thrift Week Committee to Work.

The program committee of Thrift Week is busy preparing a big list of speakers for the opening day, January 17th, every citizen of our city should back these committees to the limit as this is of national importance. So great is the demand for advertising material for this week that in a telegram from Thrift headquarters it was announced that the posters ordered for Concord supply was exhausted already and that it would be advisable to get orders for all material at once.

Sterling, as applied to English money, is derived from the Hansatic League, "England." As their language to the east of England, Englishmen called them "Easterlings" and the gold they paid in the course of trade became known as "Easterling money." Subsequently the expression became sterling.

## SOUTHERN POWER CO. SUIT GETS DISMISSAL

### Supreme Court Rules That the Appeal Was Improperly Presented to It For Consideration.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Supreme Court today dismissed as improperly brought the appeal of the Southern Power Co. to have set aside the order requiring it to sell to the North Carolina Public Service Co. its electric power for use in operating street railways in and for sale to the public in Greensboro and High Point, N. C.

The Southern Power Co. contended that the North Carolina Public Service Co. was a competitor and sought to enjoin it from selling electric power and current to citizens of Greensboro and High Point. It insisted that it was not engaged in the business of selling and distributing electric power at wholesale, and it could not be required to supply electric current to other public utilities companies for sale. It denied that it monopolized the ownership of hydro-electric sites accessible to Greensboro and High Point and that the North Carolina Company could require it to sell it electricity.

The North Carolina concern asserted that the Southern Power Co. had dedicated its property under its charter to selling of electricity at wholesale, and that it could not be discriminated against. It denied it was a competitor. The State courts and the Federal court decided with the Southern Power Co., but the court of appeals ruled that the Southern Power Co. must sell electricity to the North Carolina Company without discrimination and at reasonable rates.

## MABEL NORMAND BEGS CENSORS TO HOLD UP

### Asks That Her Pictures Be Not Banned Until Her Side Has Been Heard.

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—From her room in the Good Samaritan Hospital Miss Mabel Normand, recovering from an operation for chronic appendicitis performed Thursday, has begun a fight to protect herself from the movement under way in several states to bar her pictures from the screen because of her connection with the shooting of C. S. Dines by her chauffeur.

She called her attorney in consultation and instructed him to telegraph to eastern cities her side of the case, explaining that the shooting came about through no fault of her own and that she had been on no more than casual speaking terms with the chauffeur, who police declare, was roused to murderous rage against Dines by infatuation for her and a desire to be her hero and protector.

If the police theory that Greer suffered from a "shero complex" is correct, the chauffeur has gleaned in her case consolation from developments in the case. She has arranged to have her pictures withdrawn from the screen without counsel and when his bail was fixed at \$10,000, no one volunteered to provide it, and he went to the county jail.

Miss Normand has issued an appeal to the American public to withhold judgment on her connection with the shooting until "all the facts are known."

## THIEVES AGAIN PILFER POPULAR SPENCER SHOP

### For About the Sixteenth Time They Break into Fesperman's Store.—Get Away.

Spencer, Jan. 5.—For about the 16th time in the past the store of C. E. Fesperman in East Spencer was broken into and robbed Thursday night and the robbers got away without leaving a clue beyond cold tracks on the street pavement.

With a hope of running down the miscreants L. D. H. Brown set to work early Friday morning with his pack of faithful bloodhounds which trailed the fleeing robbers for several miles when they lost the track in a settlement near town. The dogs did fine work but their prey had too much start and got away.

Fesperman found the plate glass in the front of his store broken and a quantity of overalls, raincoats, over-shoes and other reasonable goods gone. His store has been broken open and robbed so many times that the owner has lost the count.

## CLODFELTER RELEASED; IS NOT THE RIGHT MAN

### Victim of Attempted Assault at Elon College is Positive in Her Declaration.

Greensboro, Jan. 6.—Taken before Miss Dorothy Law, of Elon College, this afternoon, Ed. Clodfelter, young white man, was released of the charge of assault lodged against him last Tuesday night. The young woman, who was the victim of an attempted criminal assault, while crossing the campus of the college Tuesday night, said that he is not the man who attacked her.

Clodfelter was brought here Tuesday night and lodged in Guilford jail for protection, feeling being high in Elon College. Since then Guilford officers have been waiting for Alamance authorities to send for the man and take him before the young woman for purpose of identification. But no action was taken until this afternoon, when Alamance officers came to get him.

No other arrests have been made in the case. Lack of definite clues make the case a baffling one.

## Teachers Will Meet in Raleigh in March.

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—The North Carolina Education association, composed of public school teachers of the state, will hold its annual convention here instead of at Winston-Salem, according to a decision reached here today by the associations executive committee following receipt of information that the new high school at Winston-Salem, in which the convention was to be held, would not be completed in time for the meeting, March 12-14 are the convention dates.

The donga tree of the Fiji Islands is to be commercially exploited; its bark contains a higher percentage of tannin than the famous Australian and South African wattle bark.

## RUSSIAN POLICY IS DEFENDED IN TALK BY SENATOR LODGE

### Republican Senate Leader Thinks the United States Should Not Recognize the Soviets at This Time.

### THINKS SOVIETS ARE DECEITFUL

### Senator Also Says He Believes the Soviets Tried to Undermine Government of United States.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The administration's policy of non-recognition of the present soviet government of Russia was supported vigorously today in the Senate by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader, and chairman of the foreign relations committee.

Quoting extensively from public records and documents to show interlocking of the soviet government and the Communist Internationale, Senator Lodge also brought additional evidence to the support of Secretary Hughes contention that officials of the soviet are a party through the communist internationale to revolutionary propaganda in the United States aimed at the overthrow of the American government.

"In my judgment," said Senator Lodge in summarizing his argument, "it is no time to give the soviet government of Russia the official recognition and approval of the United States and invite officials of the United States to come among us and under the diplomatic shield seek to break up our own labor organizations, attack American laws and American freedom, and kindle the flame of riot and disorder throughout our country."

"Obsta Principis," is an ancient and wise rule, never more need here than at this moment when we are asked to give recognition not to a people or a country but to a government, an active and insidious enemy working under our flag against all the beliefs and institutions which Americans hold most precious.

Reading a carefully prepared address of upwards of 30,000 words, the Senator announced that his argument contained "no secret or anonymous reports of any kind" and that he addressed himself solely to the proposition contained in the resolution of Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, that the Senate declare in favor of the recognition of the present soviet government.

Evidence was presented to show that the same group of men control the Russian government and play a predominant role in the congresses and conferences of the communist internationale.

### Important Questions in Congress.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Congress still awaiting important legislation from its committees had the day cleared today for discussion of important domestic and international issues. Taxes and prohibition were subjects of set speeches in the House, while in the Senate the question of recognition of the Russian government was up for discussion. Two members of the ways and means committee which is considering the Mellon tax bill had time allotted them for presentation to the House of their views on revenue legislation.

### Denounces Mellon Plan.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Enactment of excess profits, increased inheritance and gift taxes was urged today by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, a republican member of the House ways and means committee. In a prepared address delivered in the House he came out vigorously in opposition to a number of the important provisions in the Mellon tax bill and denounced propaganda which he declared was being used in support of the administration program. Mr. Frear predicted that Congress would pass the soldiers bonus bill "notwithstanding opposition of business men."

In outlining the tax reduction program which he desires to be translated into law, the Wisconsin member said that Congress should reduce the tax on earned incomes by an aggregate of \$100,000,000, cut the normal tax on incomes of 4,000 and less from 4 per cent. to 2 per cent. and on incomes of more than \$4,000 from 8 per cent. to 4 per cent.

### With Our Advertisers.

Timothy hay in carload lots at Cash Feed Store. Also baled hay, straw and shucks.