

REBEL BLOCKADE AT TAMPICO PUT OFF; TENSION RELIEVED

Admiral Magruder Tells the Navy Department That Rebels Will Not Attempt the Blockade Now.

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THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy at Decline of 10 to 40 Points Owing to Weak Liverpool Cables.

BABY IS RECOVERING AFTER FIGHT FOR LIFE

Cactus Moore Has Chance Following Removal of Tack From His Lung.

THE MONTREAT HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Building Being Used as Girls' Dormitory—Loss of About \$45,000.

SEVEN MEN DROWNED WHILE FIGHTING FIRE

Were Members of Pittsburgh Fire Department and They Fell in Oil Tank.

"Stonewall" Jackson Centenary.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—With appropriate exercises, the people of the South today celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Gives Up Eating to Help Others.

Berlin, January 21.—Dr. Eugenie Schwartzwald, manager of the dining room for brain workers which Austrian women are maintaining in an old imperial castle in Berlin, receives many interesting letters from persons who want to help German students.

Governor Cooper Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

Wilmington, Jan. 19.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, of North Carolina, who goes on vacation January 28, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

Got What He Didn't Want.

Hamburg, Jan. 21.—For many years Carl Sternheim boasted of his covetousness and his knack to accumulate. Among his neighbors he was known as a greedy man and he did not deny it.

Annual Meeting of Merchants and Manufacturers Club.

The regular annual meeting of the members of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club will be held in the club rooms on Tuesday night, January 29th, at 8 o'clock.

COTTON SPINNING IN DECEMBER SHOWED MARKED DECREASE

875,000,000 Decrease in the Number of Active Spindle Hours as Compared With Month Before.

37,635,709 SPINDLES USED IN MONTH

Average Number of Spindles Used in December Was 32,674,741—This is 86.8 Per Cent. of Capacity.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Cotton spinning activity had a marked decline in December, the Census Bureau's monthly report issued today showing a decrease of 875,000,000 in the number of active spindle hours, as compared with November.

Active spindle hours for December totaled 7,139,847, or an average of 190 hours per spindle in place, compared with 8,014,579,167, or an average of 213 in November.

Spinning spindles in place December 31 totaled 37,635,709, of which 34,044,870 were active at some time during the month, compared with 37,585,049 on November 30, of which 34,101,452 were active at some time during November.

The average number of spindles operated during December was 32,674,471 or at 86.8 per cent. capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 36,516,828 or at 98.6 per cent. capacity in November.

GRADY ADMITS CONNECTION WITH KU KLUX KLAN

Superior Court Has Acted as Grand Dragon For North Carolina Since September, 1922.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady pushed aside the secrecy of the robe and mask and came out into the open as the "Known head and recognized spokesman" of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina in a 2,000 word statement issued here tonight.

He offered a loyal defense of the organization and established his own relationship with it as one that sustained regardless of the sacrifice.

It had been reported hereabouts for several weeks that Grady was preparing a statement, but his bold championship of the Klan and his dramatic pledge of allegiance to it is the grand dragon of North Carolina were hardly expected.

The statement was issued freely and "largely in response to a widespread demand from among the more than 30,000 Klansmen of the state who wished for the organization a known head and recognized spokesman," Judge Grady said.

While defending the Klan, the grand dragon devoted considerable of his statement to a defense of himself in sitting upon the superior court bench while sitting upon the throne of the invisible empire. The oath of the Klan contains nothing to conflict with his oath of office, he said.

With Our Advertisers. This is the last week of the January Clearance Sale and White Sale at the Parks-Bell Co's. Everything is reduced from 10 to 66 2-3 per cent. during this sale.

The Thrifty Clearance Sale at Fisher's is still on. Their self-service department in the basement has made a wonderful hit.

Valentines galore at the Musette, from 1 cent to 50 cents each. The storewide clearance sale at Robinson's will continue through Wednesday, January 23rd.

The last word in hats at the Specialty Hat Shop. High grade coat that makes warm friends at A. B. Pounds'. Deposits in the Savings department of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company welcomed in any amount from \$1.00 up, and 4 per cent. interest paid, compounded quarterly.

Purina Hen Chow makes hens lay. At the Cash Feed Store, South Church street. The much-talked of Michelin balloon tires will be shown at the King Tut Service Station this week.

The Dusenbery property will be sold at public auction on Thursday, January 24th at 10:30 a. m. Arrangements Completed For Winston-Salem Revival.

SPEAKERS FOR THRIFT WEEK

Tuesday, January 22nd OWN YOUR HOME DAY

Table listing speakers for Thrift Week at various locations including High School, Central School, Primary School, etc.

Strike Threatens to Tie Rail Movement in England

Union Officers Declare Men Are "Coming Out Solidly and Standing Together Splendidly" in Crisis.

ENTIRE COUNTRY FEELING STRIKE

Some Trains Were Moved After Midnight, But Generally Speaking It Seems Most of Union Will Strike

London, Jan. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A statement issued early this morning at headquarters of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which last night called a strike on the railways of Great Britain, said the men were "coming out solidly and standing together splendidly."

Apparently some traffic was moved after midnight, but in the main it seems the strike will be obeyed by the great majority of the organization 58,000 members.

The strike affects practically all railroads in England, Scotland and Wales. The strike was ordered after the engineers had voted overwhelmingly against accepting a wage readjustment, decided upon by the railway wage board.

Chicken Culling Demonstration. A chicken culling demonstration, along with an instructive lecture on the raising and care of poultry, was given on Friday afternoon, last, by Roy D. Good, farm, county agricultural agent, at the farm of Dr. J. V. Davis, two miles south of Concord.

County Agent's Schedule for Week. R. D. Goodman, county farm agent, has a full schedule for this week. Today he is at the homes of W. A. Sifford and W. A. Watts, at Rimer, making poultry examinations and tomorrow he will confer with James M. Gray, of the state extension department, and Saturday he will be in his office at the court house.

Steals \$20,000 Worth of Silk. Chicago, Jan. 19.—Four bandits robbed the plant of the International Lamp Co. in Cicero, a suburb, early today, of silk valued at \$20,000.

The American Association of Railroad Superintendents will hold its 1924 convention in Buffalo, beginning June 18.

WHY CARRY LIFE INSURANCE

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PRESIDENT WANTS THE DRY LAWS ENFORCED

Se Tells Committee of Association Opposed to Modification of Prohibition Laws.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A request that delegates to the "face the facts" convention of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment for Modification of the Prohibition Laws, was sent by President Coolidge with a declaration that he stood for "law enforcement."

At the conclusion of the opening session of their convention the delegates called at the White House and presented through Senator Baird and Archibald Hopkins, chairman of the association's executive committee, a committee declaring their stand "absolutely for law and order" for "the impartial execution of laws as the preservative of citizens of liberty," and for modification of the existing dry laws.

The President, in reply, ignored the request for modification, expressed his gratification that the association stood for law and order, and announced his determination to enforce the laws in accordance with the oath of his office.

His remarks were made privately to delegates and not made public by the White House.

BOK CONFERS WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE

Donor of Peace Plan Exchanges Views on World Peace With Senate Members.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A Senate committee for two hours today exchanged views on international peace with Edward K. Bok, donor of the \$100,000 prize contest which was won by a plan proposing American co-operation with the League of Nations.

Senator Moses, republican, of New Hampshire, and Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, both irreconcilables in the Versailles treaty fight, led in the questioning, and as the meeting progressed Mr. Bok himself showed a disposition to turn inquisitor. Some of the questions asked him remained unanswered as did some of those he fired at the committee members.

The witness declared every cent of expense of the contest has been defrayed by him personally, but when he was pressed to name the total amount expended he repeatedly told the committee he regarded that as his own affair.

Mr. Bok again will take the stand when the hearing is resumed tomorrow.

BETTER ESTIMATES OF COTTON CROP WANTED

Bills to Provide This Have Been Presented to Congress by Senator Harris.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Bills designed to insure better cotton crop estimates and giving reports were introduced today by Senator Harris, democrat, of Georgia, and Representative Rankin, democrat, of Mississippi, and Swank, democrat, of Oklahoma. The measures have the approval of officials of the agricultural department and the Census Bureau and were drawn as a result of study of the subject by a committee of southern senators an congressmen. One bill would eliminate the cotton acreage estimate of the Department of Agriculture based on farmers' intentions to plant. The other measure would require monthly cotton crop figures by that department and giving figures, and estimates to be published simultaneously.

ORDER OF THE MILEAGE TICKETS IS SET ASIDE

Action Taken by United States Supreme Court in Government Case.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The order of the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring railroads to issue interchangeable mileage tickets under the act of 1922 was set aside by Supreme Court today in a case brought by the government against the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

FIRST PATIENTS FOR NEW TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Three Persons Today Entered Hospital Built by People of Guilford County.

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 21.—The Guilford County Tuberculosis Sanatorium opened for the reception of patients this morning, three persons entering to take treatment to cure the disease, which people of the county spent more than \$150,000 to combat. Forty-three applicants for admittance were on file today and plans call for admission of patient three at a time.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN AND MAN ARE DEAD

Bodies Found Near Little Rock—Were Members of Auto Party.

SECOND COMMITTEE REPORTS MEETS TO STUDY FINANCES

Committee is Acting Under Direction of Reparation Commission.—First Meeting Held Today.

SPEECHES HEARD AT THE SESSION

President of Commission Gives View.—Committee Will Determine Ways to Get Money to Germany.

Paris, Jan. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The second committee of experts organized by the reparations commission for the purpose of finding German capital abroad and of determining means of its return to the Reich, met for the first time in the Hotel Astoria.

The meeting was confined to an exchange of addresses between Luis Barthou, president of the reparations commission, who presided, and Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the British exchequer, who will preside over the committee.

"The participation of American citizens in the work of the allied experts is a significant fact, upon the importance of which I must once more insist," Mr. Barthou continued. "It was impossible that so many men of good will, united with such disinterestedness should not arrive at a successful conclusion."

INCIDENTS ENLIVEN SUNDAY AT SALISBURY

Liquor Runner Arrested, Makes Escape in Officer's Car, and Is Again Arrested.

Salisbury, Jan. 20.—An otherwise grey and dull Sunday afternoon was enlivened by a series of incidents that caused considerable excitement.

To start with a young man drove on the Fulton Street grade crossing in time to be struck by an incoming passenger train and the two rear wheels of his automobile were torn off. When a crowd gathered it became apparent that the young man had possession of whiskey, and officers placed him under arrest. He was put in Policeman Yost's car to be taken to headquarters, and when the officer cranked his car the prisoner stepped on the gas and left the officer standing in the street.

Officer Yost and Wagner commanded two cars and started in pursuit, going in different directions to head the escaping man off. The cars bearing the cops and going at good speed came together at the intersection of North Main and Henderson streets and were badly damaged, Mr. Wagner suffering a bad bruise on the arm.

The man in Mr. Yost's car kept going but later in the evening he was arrested and the officer's car recovered, it having only been slightly damaged in the wild race. The prisoner refused to give his name and is being held on several accounts, larceny of a car, possession of whiskey and driving a car while under the influence of whiskey.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIM

Kinston, Jan. 20.—Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Dodson, victim of the Japanese earthquake last September, were held at the northwest Kinston residence of Miss Dodson at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The body arrived here Thursday night. Miss Dodson, a middle-aged woman, was a member of a prominent local family and related in several states. She was killed by a falling beam in a Yokohama building.

Miss Dodson had been touring the world. She had been away two years and was about to cross the Pacific on her return when she was killed. A northern woman, her traveling companion, gave such details of the accident as were available after the disaster. The latter escaped. Two sisters of Miss Dodson from Kinston, Misses Steva and Mary Dodson, were at Shanghai at the time to attend the dedication of a missionary school named for Miss Steva, an Episcopal educator widely known in the Orient. They accompanied the remains of the earthquake victim home. A first service for Miss Dodson was held at the home of Bishop McKim in Japan. She was a woman of exceptional culture.

MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS LOCAL HIGH

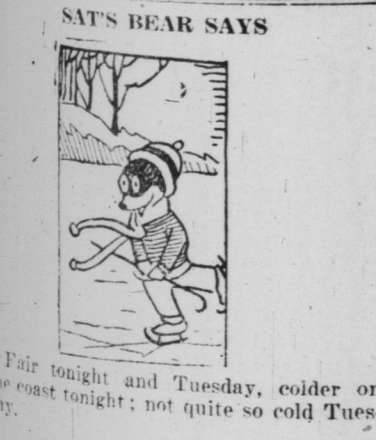
In a hard and fast game of basketball, the Mooresville High defeated the local boys by the score of 37 to 35. Each school was strongly represented and was expecting to take the honors. For the last three quarters each team scored after the other.

Between halves Mr. Blanks and Roy Litzker made short talks on thrift. For the locals Thorneberger and Easley played star ball while the rest of the team backed them to the finish. Substitutes: For Concord, Smart for Easley, Easley for Lentz. For the visitors, Hartness and Evans. Substitutes for Mooresville, Miller for Stafford. The lineup was as follows:

Concord (35) Mooreville (37) Easley 16 RF Hartness, C 16 Lineberger 14 LF Brawley 6 Lentz C Evans 7 Ridenhour (c) RG Ferguson Harris LG Stafford 4 Umpire: Faggart. Time keeper, Carr and Hance.

LEE CHRISTMAS DEAD

New Orleans, Jan. 21.—Gen. Lee Christmas, noted soldier of fortune, died here today after a long illness. Every one hates to get out of bed in winter; but the same is true in spring, summer and fall.



SATS BEAR SAYS