

## Outcome of the German Election Still Unknown

### Lineup in Reichstag Cannot Be Determined Until All Parties Confer.

## They Support Socialists, Clericals and Democrats Coalition In Reichstag Will Be Made Possible.

Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The outcome of yesterday's elections leaves the parliamentary lineup wholly unclarified as the new group in the reichstag precludes determination of a three-party coalition of the socialists, the clericals and the democrats in the opinion of political observers.

The latest returns that have been received indicate a total of 227 members in the reichstag, and with only a few seats to be gained, the outcome will depend upon the leadership of the liberal combination. It is believed that a coalition will be formed which will give the socialists a majority.

Afternoon today, gave the socialists a gain of 23 seats, the center party of 22 seats, the democrats 31, Bavarian people party 50, communists 17, extreme nationalists 14, economic party 10, farmers 4, Hanoverians 4, other parties 4.

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## New Senators



Rice A. Means (above) of Colorado, and Jesse H. Metcalf (below) of Rhode Island are two of the new Senators now on the job in Washington.

## THE COTTON MARKET

**Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to An Advance of 8 Points.**  
New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to an advance of 8 points on pre-bureau covering, promoted by comparatively steady cables, reports of increased mill activity at Fall River, and talk of a good tone in the opening stock market.

Liverpool reported a very quiet market awaiting the government report. The opening prices were: Dec. 22 83; Jan. 22 94; March 23 33; May 23 77; July 23 84.

**VICE CONSUL DAYTON DEAD AT BELGRADE**  
Announcement of Death Made at Washington—Reported He Was Shot by a Woman.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The death of Henry A. Dayton, vice consul at Belgrade, was reported today to the State department.

Mr. Dayton was first reported to have been shot by a young woman who afterward committed suicide. No details of the tragedy, however, have been reported by Consul Patton, at Belgrade.

Charlotte Projects Textile Exposition.  
Charlotte, Dec. 8.—Important action has just been taken by the board of directors of the Carolinas Exposition Company, when a unanimous decision was reached to hold in Charlotte in the fall of 1926 and the fall of 1928 a large textile exposition in connection with the exposition of Carolina Made products, dates for 1926 show being September 20 to October 2.

**Morrison Will Resume Practice of Law in Charlotte.**  
Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Governor and Mrs. Morrison left today for Winston-Salem, where the governor will deliver the memorial address at the Twin City Elks Lodge of Sorrow, and from there they will go to Charlotte to make arrangements for moving into their new home in Myers Park upon the close of the governor's administration.

**Southern Railway Company Fined.**  
Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 8.—The Southern Railway Co. was fined \$900 in Federal court here today by Judge E. Yates Webb for violation of the Federal safety appliance act. There were 12 causes of action in the civil suit and on nine of them the railroad entered a submission, the fine being \$100 in each case. Non-suits were ordered as to the remaining three cases.

In Spain a married woman cannot even open a bank account without her husband's permission.

## CROP OF 13,153,000 BALES IS ESTIMATED BY THE GOVERNMENT

**Latest Cotton Crop Estimate Shows Increase Over Estimate Made December 1st.—Much Ginning Done.**

## CROP OF STATE MOSTLY GINNED

**Reported That Already 674,429 Bales Have Been Ginned in State, Which Is Most of Estimate for State.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton production this year was placed at 13,153,000 equivalent 500 pounds bales by the Department of Agriculture in its preliminary estimate based on facts available as of the date of December 1st. A forecast of 12,992,000 bales was made a fortnight ago. Last year's crop totalled 10,139,671 bales.

There had been 12,225,025 bales, counting round as half bales, ginned prior to December 1st, the Census Bureau announced at the same time. To that date last year 9,243,380 bales had been ginned.

The average weight per running bale this year is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 493.3 pounds, compared with 498.5 pounds last year.

The preliminary estimate of production by states includes: Virginia 30,000; North Carolina 765,000; and South Carolina 750,000.

**NEWSPAPER OFFICE IN KANSAS IS BLOWN UP**  
Damage Estimated at \$75,000 Caused in Office of Coffeyville Daily Dawn and Two Other Buildings.  
Coffeyville, Kans., Dec. 8.—An explosion early today wrecked the plant of the Coffeyville Daily Dawn, a morning newspaper, and two adjoining buildings.

**Thirty-Eight Stolen Cars Recovered.**  
Greensboro, Dec. 8.—Thirty-eight stolen cars were recovered by the Automobile Theft Bureau of the Department of State during November, according to a bulletin received by the Carolina Motor Club today. Thirty-seven cars were stolen in this state during that month.

**Settle Over 300 Years Old.**  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—A settler more than 300 years old has recently been added to the large collection of antique furniture in the Hall of History, Col. Fred A. Olds announced today. The seat was presented by a Perquimans county family. It is made of sweet gum and hand carved.

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

**Will Meet in Raleigh December 9th—Number of Outstanding Features.**  
Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Approximately 400 persons from the ministers and laity of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention to be held here during December 9th through the 12th, according to officials of the State convention headquarters in this city. There will also be many young people in attendance at this meeting to take part in the discussions of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union and to present its cause for certain attentions.

A number of outstanding features will mark the interest in the activities of the gathering this year, it is the expressed belief of those arranging the program. Among these will be the report on the 75th Anniversary and the final plan to complete the quota of this state; discussion of the future of the new Meredith College and the laying of the cornerstone of the institution on Thursday afternoon; the 1925 Unified Program; ministerial relief and annuities; and a report from the historical commission.

A special order has been set for the hearing on Friday, the last day of the convention, of the report of the committee on Greek letter fraternities. Keen interest is being manifested in this forthcoming report, says the officials and it is expected that the report will be of much importance to those affiliated with the denomination.

There will also be reports and discussions on social service, the Sunday Schools, home missions, state missions, foreign missions and education. The memorials will be a feature of the closing session as will the school of applied stewardship.

A new plan for the endowment of the Baptist orphanage will be presented at the afternoon session on Wednesday, the program shows and the hospitals of the denomination will also be taken up at this time. These two institutions are said to be of the most importance to the Baptists of the state and the plans that will be presented will call for the perfection of these organizations.

**Man Who Slaughtered Thirty is Unconcerned.**  
Hanover, Germany, Dec. 6.—Much of the third day of the trial of Fritz Haarman, the Hanover butcher, for the murder of nearly 30 young men, since 1918, was taken up with expert testimony regarding a box of human bones which had been placed in evidence.

**Taft Endorses Meekins For Federal Judgeship.**  
Washington, Dec. 6.—Chief Justice Taft has let it be known that he has endorsed Col. Isaac Meekins for the North Carolina judgeship. He was asked by Roger A. Derby, of Jackson Springs, who is a kinsman of the Roosevelt and Miss Sophie Busbee, of Raleigh, to support H. F. Seawell. In letters in response to these requests he made known his position, which was stated before in this correspondence.

Mr. Meekins had planted his pipe pretty well for this job long before any appointment had to be made. He had the promise of former Attorney General Daugherty for his support.

Experts testified that the bones for the most part were those of young men under 20 years of age. As the trial proceeds Haarman shows no realization of the seriousness of the deeds charged against him. Death, awaiting him or inflicted on his alleged victims seems to have no meaning.

## Sec. Weeks Hopes For The Underwood Bill

**WOULD GAS SCHOOL CHILDREN TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK**  
Army Expert Believes Chlorine Would Save Many From Attacks of Infectious Diseases.  
Atlantic City, Dec. 8.—Lieutenant Col. Edward B. Vedder, chief of the medical research division of the United States arsenal at Edgewood, Md., addressing the annual convention of the New Jersey Sanitary Association at Haddon Hall tonight advocated systematic "gassing" of school children with chlorine gas two or three times a week, while they are in their class rooms, as a preventive of colds, whooping cough and other diseases of the upper-respiratory tract.

Colonel Vedder, who has been experimenting with the gas with the object of making it a beneficial agent of medicine, declared that out of 1029 persons 64 per cent were reported as cured, 30 per cent as improved and six per cent as no change.

"I think," he said, "we estimate that from one quarter to a third of the diseases that incapacitate school children are infectious, and acquired through the respiratory tract. It is quite practicable in any school having a ventilating system to introduce chlorine into the main ventilating duct. This could be done an hour or two three times a week under the supervision of the school physician."

Speaking on the subject of air pollution of coastal waters and harbors, Congressman-elect T. Frank Appleby, of Asbury Park, president of the association, urged the assembling of an international conference to discuss the question.

**MILLS AT FALL RIVER TO START UP MONDAY**  
All But Five of the 121 Textile Plants to Open Up on Full Time.  
Fall River, Mass., Dec. 6.—Announcement was made today by the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association that all but five of the cotton mills of the city will reopen at full time on Monday, affording employment for 20,000 persons. Some of the mills had been closed for many months. Improved conditions in the cloth market are given as the reason.

The five mills of the 121 in the city which will remain closed are the American linen, the Arkwright, the Flint, Sea Connet and Stafford mills. Included in the list of the plants resuming operations Monday are the Wetmore and Troy mills, which have been closed for many months. A large number of the other plants have either been closed or operating on part time.

**NEGROES OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF MEEKINS**  
Letter to Attorney General Written in Hot Terms—Calls Him a Demagogue.  
Raleigh, Dec. 6.—White Republicans who favor somebody else as federal judge and not Colonel Isaac M. Meekins, are disposed to think that the new assault of negro Republicans on the colonel may prove the irony of political fate in North Carolina.

A letter has come to the correspondent of this paper which is being sent to the attorney general of the United States. It has taken the form of a petition from negroes in Salisbury, High Point, and Wilboro, Winston-Salem, Durham and Wilmington against the appointment of Col. Meekins and some of the negroes who are presenting it are graduates of Amherst College, the President's institution.

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**Greensboro Man Shot By Negro in Mistake.**  
Greensboro, Dec. 6.—I. F. Stout, furniture dealer here, was shot and severely wounded in the hip this afternoon by mistake, his negro truck driver, James Austin, hitting him when Austin fired a pistol at a negro, Cicero Delapp, in a dispute over a two dollar payment. Mr. Stout is in a hospital with good chance to recover, while Austin is in jail.

**Communists Hold Center of Stage.**  
Paris, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The communists continue to hold the center of the stage in France, appearing undismayed by the government's repressive measures. After a meeting at the headquarters of the labor federation last night a group of radicals formed a procession and marched two miles. They were scattered by the police.

**LaFollette-Wheeler Crowd Spent \$221,977.58.**  
Washington, Dec. 6.—Expenditures of the LaFollette-Wheeler campaign committee to December 2nd, as reported to the Clerk of the House totalled \$221,977.58 and receipts amounted to \$225,936.50.

## Secretary of War Says Underwood Proposal For Operation of Muscle Shoals Must Undergo Changes.

## PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN HIS VIEW

**Understood That He Has Made Plain to Underwood How He Feels in Matter.—Senate Wants Action Now.**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Secretary Weeks' report on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill suggests a number of amendments to the measure, and declares "unless careful and thoughtful amendments as pointed out in my report are adopted, the Underwood bill is unworkable."

Among the objections raised by the Secretary of War is one dealing with the finances of the operation of Muscle Shoals, and said unless the bonds which would be issued are guaranteed by the government, they would practically be worthless.

He declared that he believed it would be unwise to require the operator to attempt to produce a maximum of 40,000 tons of nitrogen within the four year limit set by the bill unless it was first learned that the fertilizer could be sold profitably.

**President Gave Views on Bill.**  
Washington, Dec. 8.—President Coolidge is understood to have presented his views on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill directly to the Alabama Senator during the Sunday cruise on the Mayflower on which Senator Underwood was a guest.

**CROSS-WORD PUZZLES ARE HELD VALUABLE**  
North Carolina State Psychologists Think Most Are Too Difficult.  
Greensboro, Dec. 7.—Dr. J. A. Highsmith, head of the department of psychology of the North Carolina College for Women here, declares that the crossword puzzle really has considerable value, that he finds it highly interesting himself and he sees in it possibilities for use in educational work.

**Health Schedule Given By "The Perfect Girl."**  
Chicago, Dec. 8.—Miss Inez Harden, of Drew, Mississippi, judged the most perfect girl of 350,000 in the health contest in connection with the International Livestock Exposition, with a rating of 99.04 per cent, gave as her recipe for perfect health:

Drink a quart of milk a day.  
Eat lots of vegetables.  
Don't use face powder or rouge.  
Don't wear high heels.

**WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS**  
Smitty's cat says: "I'm tired of your nonsense, you human! I've got to go to bed, and I'm not going to let you disturb me. I've got to go to bed, and I'm not going to let you disturb me."

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