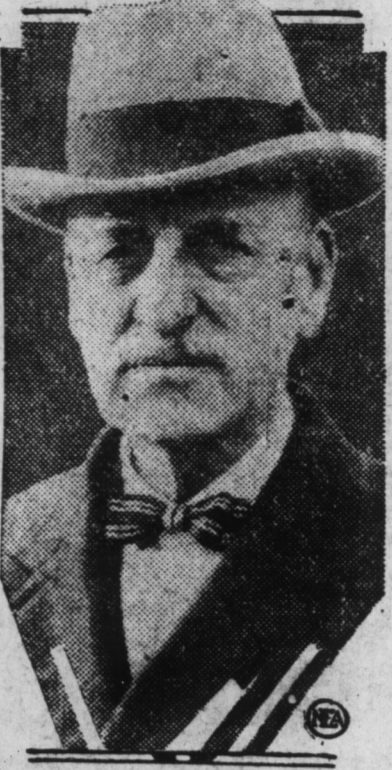


Honored



Julius E. Olson, professor of Scandinavian languages at the University of Wisconsin, has been made a knight of the Order of St. Olaf by King Haakon of Norway. This is in recognition of his service in the field of Scandinavian activities.

WENDELL IS VISITED BY DAMAGING FIRE

About One-Third of Business District of Town Is Razed by Fire Which Started Early Today.

Wendell, N. C., Dec. 10.—(P)—An early morning fire here today razed one-third of the business district before it was brought under control. Engines from Zebulon and Raleigh answered a call for help and the blaze was said to be under control shortly after 4 o'clock.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewal of Near Month Liquidation and Southern Selling at Today's Opening.

New York, Dec. 10.—(P)—There was a renewal of near month liquidation and southern selling in the cotton market at the opening today, and a further decline in prices. The initial tone was barely steady at a decline of 9 to 12 points, and the active months soon showed net losses of 13 to 28 points, with December selling off to 19.40 and May to 18.88.

Pardon Commissioner to Investigate Mansel.

Asheville, Dec. 9.—George Ross Pou, superintendent of the state prison, Raleigh, has written the following letter regarding the negro prisoner, Alvin Mansel, who was recently sentenced to death following trial and conviction in superior court here on a charge of criminal assault on a white woman.

Capture Still at Home of Negro Preacher.

Hickory, Dec. 9.—Federal officers making raids near Hildebrand captured a still at the home of Hosea Hildebrand, negro preacher, and confiscated several pints of whiskey and about 200 gallons of beer which they found buried under a woodshed near Hildebrand's home.

Extreme Earth Tremor Recorded.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—(P)—Extreme earth tremors at 8:33 this morning were discerned by the seismograph at the University of Chicago. The most intense shock was recorded at 8:40 with total disappearance a minute later.

The original "Royal" hybrid walnut tree on Luther Burbank's farm has for fifteen years paid in nuts an annual interest of six per cent on \$10,000.

Interstate Commerce Commission Sends Annual Report to Congress

Washington, Dec. 10.—(P)—Congress was asked today by the Interstate Commerce Commission to repeal the law requiring it to work out a plan for consolidation of all the country's railroads into a score or so of systems. At the same time, it suggested that the sections of the transportation act which contemplate the gradual consolidation of existing railroads into fewer systems be strengthened and extended, with the commission retaining power to approve or disapprove the mergers undertaken.

The commission's views were set forth in its annual report, made public today, along with the text of legislation which it considered likely to accomplish the end desired. The majority of its members now believe, the report said, that "results as good and perhaps better are likely to be accomplished with less loss of time if the process of consolidation is permitted to develop, under guidance of the commission" in a normal way.

In every case, the report stated, federal power to allow or block any particular consolidation should be lodged in the commission, in order to make sure that better service, additional economy, and no undue restraint of competition may result.

In its other annual recommendations to Congress, the commission repeated suggestions that a penal statute be enacted to punish shippers who bribe railroad employees to obtain car service, and that the sections of the merchant marine law which provide preference for American shipping in the maintenance of export and import rates be modified.

Reviewing its routine work for the fiscal year, the commission said that its railroad earnings were still below a fair return standard on the basis of the value of property but that better results were in prospect for the present fiscal year. Railroads in 1924, it pointed out, failed to obtain as

much net income as they did in 1916, in spite of traffic and investment increases.

A partial explanation of these different results nearly a decade apart is that, in 1916, the proportion of revenues going into the payroll of these roads was 40.8 per cent, the report said, "whereas in 1924 it was 47.7 per cent. The increase in costs of material and supplies and other expenses, and an increase in taxes, generally account for the remainder."

In the endeavor to enforce new safety requirements upon railroads, during the last fiscal year, 690.4 miles of line were equipped at the commission's order with automatic train control devices, the report continued. A slight reduction in the number of accidents at grade crossings also was noted, from 5,218 in 1923 to 5,217 in 1924.

In its task of fixing the valuation of the railroads of the country undertaken several years ago, the commission reported considerable progress. With respect to steam railroads, 83 per cent of the accounting reports, 70 per cent of the engineering reports, and 64 per cent of the land reports have been completed, while work on the balance was said to be well advanced. The valuation work is linked with the recapture by the United States of half of railroad earnings which exceed a "fair return" and this was declared to have brought payments of \$5,941,339 to the treasury, where they are placed in a railroad contingent fund.

The issuance by railroads of securities having a total par value of \$907,777,000 was approved during the year, and among the more important of its activities directly touching railroad charges, the report noted action taken under the Hoch-Smith congressional resolution, which directed investigation particularly of rates on agricultural products.

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Motorists Asked To Aid Police Officers

SUPREME COURT PROVES DEAF TO TROTT'S PLEA

Plea of Drunkenness No Excuse For Killing Newton Girl. Raleigh, Dec. 9.—The plea of Wilfred Trott, young Catawba county white man, that he was dead drunk when his companion drove an automobile into a fire at Ford, causing the death of 15-year-old Evelyn Rowe, of Newton, failed to impress the supreme court, which this afternoon affirmed a judgment of Catawba superior court carrying a sentence of from ten to fifteen years in state prison for second degree murder.

Trott and his companion, Robert Michael, were jointly convicted in Catawba court last spring of murder in the second degree for the death of the young girl. Michael, who was driving the car, accepted his sentence without appeal. Trott, however, sought a new appeal on the ground that the lower court was in error in convicting him of the second degree offense.

He insisted that because he was intoxicated, and asleep on the back seat of the car at the time of the killing, he was not responsible for the consequences of Michael's reckless driving, and therefore guilty of only manslaughter at the most. The supreme court found, however, that Trott's intoxication was voluntary and "voluntary drunkenness usually furnishes no ground for exemption of criminal responsibility."

Fall Causes Death of Aged Rowan Lady.

Salisbury, Dec. 7.—A fall several days ago in which an arm was broken and a severe shock sustained caused the death of Mrs. Joel Corriper at her home near China Grove this morning. Mrs. Corriper was eighty-eight years old, and is survived by two sons, Will Corriper, who lives with her, and Henry C. Corriper, of the Salisbury letter carrier force. The funeral takes place from Zion Church, near China Grove, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The ordinary house fly makes 330 wing-beats per second, which is probably the world record for rapidity among all natural flies.

Chief Talbirt Urges Public to Co-operate With Officers in Enforcing the Traffic Law.

NEW SIGNS ARE CONFUSING NOW

But They Are Expected to Prove Benefit to Motorists After They Have Been Used Longer.

Chief of Police L. A. Talbirt is anxious to have the people help him in the regulation of traffic in Concord. It is only through co-operation that traffic may be handled effectively, declares the Chief. With the installation of the new signal lights, a new era in Concord's civic life has begun, it is pointed out. Heretofore, the city was on a small-town basis. It was every man for himself in traffic. Now, there is to be an orderly, systematic arrangement, similar to that in the larger cities.

"What we must have," said the Chief this morning in talking of the city's problems, "is the assistance of all drivers of motor vehicles and of all pedestrians." "It is necessary for the first class, the drivers, to be very careful in their observance of the signal lights. Of course we have our officers to enforce the laws and a penalty for the non-observance of these enactments. However, there are many people who try to flip a coin's fraction of a second by attempting to get across before the signal changes while the bell is ringing or start off just before the 'stop' light changes to 'go'. These are the people from whom we need co-operation."

"It should be remembered that one case of thoughtlessness, similar to the above, may cost the life of a child. Naturally, if an accident were to occur, the person who had violated the law would be liable to the full extent of punishment." "Pedestrians, also," added the Chief, "should be careful to watch the changes in street signs and cross on the side where the 'stop' signal is lighted. In this manner, they will lessen their chances of being injured."

White lines have been painted at all the intersections where there has been an installation of the new signals and motorists are asked to be careful in the observance of these traffic lines. At each of the corners, with the exception of the one at the "Square," a left turn may be made.

There are no storms or hurricanes on the Island of St. Helena. In the course of sixty years only two flashes of lightning were recorded. There are no motor cars, no lawyers there, and only five policemen.

Red Grange Signing \$300,000 Contract



The pen strokes being made by the curly-haired gentleman in the picture means just \$300,000 in his young life. The gentleman is Red Grange, a kid he's signing a contract to appear in movies. About him: W. E. Shal-lenberger, who holds the contract; Harry G. Kesch, his attorney, and C. C. Pyle, Grange's manager.

\$750,000 BLAZE AT SAVANNAH COMPANY

The Southern Fertilizer and Chemical Co. Damaged by Blaze That Was Fought Long Time.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—(P)—The plant of the Southern Fertilizer & Chemical Company on Hutchinson Island in the Savannah River here, was damaged by fire early today to the estimated extent of \$750,000. The fire fighters were handicapped in combating the flames due to the position of the plant on the island. Land apparatus was dispatched from the city to aid fire trucks which played streams of water on the burning structure from the river.

OFFICERS RAIDED ROOM OF VISITING BANKERS

Report Finding of Liquor in Room in Hotel at St. Petersburg, Fla.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 10.—(P)—A room in the Soroco Hotel, convention headquarters of the Investment Bankers Association of America, was raided last night by three Pinellas county officials and a quantity of liquor seized, officers announced today.

The liquor, they said, was in possession of Jas. E. Coad, executive vice president of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Coad, the officers added, was not arrested last night, but they were quoted as saying "we are leaving for Clearwater at noon to obtain a warrant for Mr. Coad's arrest." Clear water is the seat of Pinellas County.

TWO INSURGENTS ARE OUSTED BY REGULARS

Representative Lampert and Representative Nelson Removed as Chairmen of Committees.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(P)—House republicans today ejected two members of the insurgent group from chairmanships of committees in completing its organization. In completing its organization the majority party removed Representative Lampert from head of the patents committee and deprived Representative Nelson from his place as chairman of the elections committee. Both are Wisconsin republicans.

81,500 Attended the State Football Games.

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—(P)—Thirty-five games in North Carolina during the 1925 football season brought together 81,500 persons. The figures, compiled by unofficial estimates, show that all previous records for attendance were broken. Each individual outstanding game this season attracted a larger crowd than in preceding years. The greatest attendance was at the Carolina-Virginia Thanksgiving classic, when 18,000 persons watched the Cavaliers and Tarheels battle to a 3-3 tie. In 1923, 15,000 persons saw this encounter at Chapel Hill, the game being played on Chapel Hill territory in 1924. The next largest attendance of the season was at the Carolina-N. C. State games in Raleigh, when 8,000 saw the encounter. On the sidelines for this game last year were 7,000.

Christmas at Hoover's.

You will find gifts at Hoover's Store for all the men, ranging in price from 25 cents to \$75. Everything there from collar pins to overcoats. In a half page ad, today you will find a complete list of things which will make suitable presents for your men folk.

Andre Beaunier Dead.

Paris, Dec. 10.—(P)—Andre Beaunier, critic and novelist, died today.

Woman is a thing of beauty, and an expense forever.

RENEWS WORK AT STONE MOUNTAIN

Work Which Was Halted Some Time Ago Is Resumed With Augustus Lukemann as Sculptor.

Stone Mountain, Ga., Dec. 10.—(P)—Work was resumed here today on the gigantic Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial, with Augustus Lukemann, Virginia sculptor, in charge of the work. Resumption of carving was accompanied by ceremonies participated in by officials of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Mr. Lukemann, and Justice Price Gilbert of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Justice Gilbert, acting as personal representative for Gov. Clifford Walker, gave the signal for the drills to start, by waving the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy.

CHURCHMEN ADD FUEL TO PROHIBITION BLAZE

Dr. Clarence Wilson Says it Would Have Been Better to Have Nominated Smith.

Washington, Dec. 9.—More fuel was placed beneath the capital's boiling prohibition pot today when the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church assembled in the Methodist building for its annual two-day gathering.

The meeting, attended by prominent ministers and laymen from all parts of the country, as told by the board's secretary, the Rev. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, that he personally wished we had let the democrats nominate Al Smith on a wet platform in the 1924 campaign because John W. Davis and Charles W. Bryan, who made up the ticket, were "too good to waste on the situation." It would have been better, he said, to have had "Smith, the wet Tammany heeler," defeated by about 12,000,000 votes, as this would have "toned up moral sentiment" and been a pronounced decision for prohibition.

NUMBER OF MEN ARE REPORTED TO BE ENTOMBED

Miners Are Believed to Have Been Trapped in Mine by an Explosion.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 10.—(P)—A number of men are reported entombed in Overton Mine No. 2, Alabama Fuel & Iron Company property, twelve miles south of Birmingham. The men were said to have been trapped by an explosion. At the offices of the company here it was said that "no details were yet available."

Makes Charge Against Turks.

Geneva, Dec. 10.—(P)—Atrocious acts of violence going as far as massacres have been committed by Turkish soldiers along the provisional frontier of Mosul in northern Mesopotamia, Gen. Laidoner of Estonia, special league of nations agent, declared in a report submitted at today's session of the league council.

Sub-Standard Ice Cream Barred From the Market.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Sub-standard grades of ice cream will no longer be allowed on the market, it was decided this afternoon by the state board of agriculture, which also agreed that it would not sell any land on any of the test farms before the next meeting, in July, 1926. The board also approved Commissioner Graham's report and discussed reforestation, in which the members possessed an interest.

Commissioner Graham's recent rulings on fertilizers were approved and a rule adopted looking toward the standardization of packages in marketing. The board rescinded a ruling made 20 years ago which forbade the giving out of amounts received for fertilizer tags at any time before the end of each fiscal year.

Will Keep Embassy at Vatican.

Paris, Dec. 10.—(P)—The French chamber of deputies today voted 280 to 108 to maintain the credits for the upkeep of the French embassy at the Vatican.

WANTS LEAGUE AND AMERICA TO UNITE

So That Naval Arms Conference and Land Arms Conference Both Can Be Held in Near Future.

Geneva, Dec. 10.—(P)—An intense cordiale between the league of nations and the United States for reduction of armament was advocated by Afranio Melo Franco, Brazilian member of the league council, in a statement to the Associated Press today. Under this proposed intente, the league would collaborate in a second naval conference in Washington, and the United States would co-operate in the general and disarmament conference now being planned by the league.

INHERITANCE TAX IS ATTACKED IN SENATE

Senator Underwood Objects to Federal Government Collecting Such Taxes.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(P)—The Federal inheritance tax provision of the pending revenue bill was attacked in an address here today by Senator Underwood, Democrat, of Alabama, as "communistic" in principle and in unwarranted interference with state's rights of taxation.

Addressing a committee of the Texas legislature here to oppose the inheritance tax provisions, and representatives of a dozen other state legislatures, Senator Underwood opposed particularly the feature of the proposed tax by which the Federal government would allow a credit up to the maximum of 80 per cent of its estate against that collected by a state.

Negro Sent to Jail When He is Unable to Become Buzzard.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—Sam Washington, negro, was sent to jail today because he could not turn himself into a buzzard.

Sam was haled before Justice Henry Maurice in South Side Police court on a charge of obtaining \$15 from a negro woman whom he told he could turn himself into a turkey-buzzard and obtain the release of a friend from jail. "Open that window," Justice Maurice instructed a court attaché, and turning to the prisoner said: "Negro, if you can turn yourself into a buzzard fly out of that window."

Bankers Hear Committee Report

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 10.—(P)—The federal taxation committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America in convention here today, submitted its report containing many features, and regarded as one of the most important issues placed before the delegation.

Earth Shock Recorded in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—(P)—Central America probably was the center of the severe earth tremors reported at St. Louis University between 8:25 and 8:38 this morning, seismologist Jas. B. McElwan said. He estimated the distance at 1,700 miles.

Headed by M. Paul Appell, rector of the University of Paris, a number of French scientists have signed a protest against the verdict given in the Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn.

Fair tonight and Friday, colder tonight, slightly warmer Friday in extreme west portion. Moderate to fresh northwest winds becoming variable.

PLANS SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN CLAIMS

Awards Decided Upon by Mixed Claims Commission Will Be Acted Upon Very Soon.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(P)—In order to accomplish early payment of awards by the American-German mixed claims commission, Secretary Mellon has worked out a plan for restoration to German nationals of property seized during the war, together with the issue of securities with which to provide cash for a settlement of all classes.

GERMANY WILL PROVIDE MONEY

For Claims Will Be Paid by Reparations Money Paid to United States by the Germans.

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The plan would permit issue of about \$150,000,000 in securities guaranteed by the U. S. government, but designed to be liquidated eventually through payment from the share of America in reparations payments and receipts from the German payments on American army occupation costs. The Secretary believes, therefore, that no new drain would be made on the American treasury.

The alien property custodian controls about \$150,000,000 in cash or bonds representing the original property seized by the American authorities, exclusive of property seized, but not converted into cash.

There is in addition about \$30,000,000 in the Treasury representing earnings on the funds held by the property custodian prior to March 1923, when an act of Congress provided for distribution to the German owners of subsequent earnings.

It is now proposed that the \$30,000,000 will be used to pay on the American claims awarded under the mixed claims decision. The next step would be the transfer of about \$50,000,000 in new securities to the alien property custodian for an equal amount of cash which likewise could be applied to American claims.

Leave Overcoat at Home When You Go to Worship, Moral.

High Point, Dec. 7.—While services were being conducted at the First Methodist Protestant Church here last night, thieves entered the woman's assembly room and escaped with four overcoats.

The police were notified immediately of the theft and began an investigation, but the robbers have not been caught. A similar robbery occurred in the First Presbyterian Church at Greensboro last night while the pastor, Dr. Charles F. Myers, was offering a prayer. Bloodhounds were placed on the trail and one arrest has been made.

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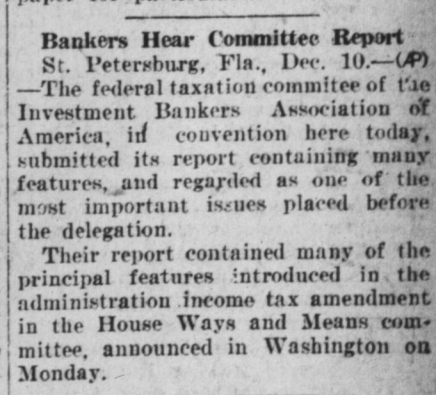
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