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BEGINS ON COURT PLAN LONG DELAY

Delay of Nearly Years the Senate Repeated Urgings the White House.

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House Committee Refuses To Help in Removing Tax From Duke Hospital Fund

Jonathan Daniels in Raleigh News and Observer. Washington, Dec. 16.—The House ways and means committee today refused to consider changes in the tax reduction bill to prevent the loss to the hospital section of the Duke Foundation of around \$10,000,000 in federal inheritance taxes.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS IS ENDED MORE BANDITRY IS RESULT OF WARFARE

Canada Tells Congress It Wants to Have Part in Affairs of Congress in the Future.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Pan-American Commercial Congress closes today with Canadian participation the most important issue before the present Conference an accomplished fact.

The Dominion was definitely pledged to a part in the affairs of the Congress in an address last night by Frederick Hudd, Canadian trade commissioner, which had been authorized by telegram to make in behalf of his government.

"We hope that Canadian participation in this conference will mark the beginning of participation in all future conferences," Hudd said, and forecast the holding of one of them in Canada.

ASHEVILLE "SHUT IN" CHEATS THE DOCTORS

Given Six Months to Live, He Goes Into Business For Himself.

Asheville, Dec. 16.—A man may be down, but he is not out until he gives up. At any rate that is the philosophy of M. S. White, 29 Baird Street, who five years ago was given six months to live by attending physicians and who now conducts a prosperous radio business from his bedside.

Mr. White is a graduate of Georgia Tech, where he took a course in mechanical and electrical engineering. Following his schooling he worked in various cities and ten years ago he suffered a physical breakdown.

He believed himself cured and returned to his work at his home only to break down completely five years ago. The physicians gave him six months to live, Mr. White then came to Asheville and to occupy his time he took a correspondence school sales course.

By his bed is a telephone stand on which sit a telephone and a small portable typewriter. Here Mr. White outlines his business program and interviews his prospects for sale of radio sets by telephone.

He even conducts demonstrations of radio with the set that is at his bedside to those who sometimes go to his room and quite often, he said, he lets his prospect listen in to the program of the radio set over the telephone.

Mr. White is strictly a business man in his transactions, but his weakness, that of sympathy for fellow shut-ins, and to these he furnishes radio sets at cost, he said, because he realizes that their lives are not particularly bright.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The House refused today to place a gift tax in the revenue bill.

Representative Frear, Republican of Wisconsin, proposed continuance of the gift tax created two years ago with rates equal to the inheritance levies, but his amendment was rejected without a record vote.

An amendment offered by Representative Green, Democrat, of Florida, to bill the inheritance tax section of the bill was thrown out on a point of order.

Baby Becomes Dope Addict



"Baby Jack" of Los Angeles is only seven weeks old—but he's a dope fiend. Policewoman Minnie Barton, shown above holding him, was trailing a drug peddler and found the child's mother was an addict.

Increase In Concord Population Is Shown From Recent Survey

Figures Given Out by the Chamber of Commerce Which Had Survey Made in the City.

POPULATION IS GIVEN AT 12,874 Figures Arrived at From Increase in School Children, Users of Water and Post Office Receipts.

The population of Concord at the opening of 1923, six years after the last decennial census, is 12,874, compared with 9,903 in 1920, an increase of 30 per cent, according to a survey just completed for the Chamber of Commerce.

Report of Superintendent of the Water Department L. A. Fisher of 1,000 domestic water services in the city at the close of 1919, and 1,860 at the close of 1923, an increase of 86, or 86 per cent.

Report of Superintendent of the Public Schools A. S. Webb of 2,249 total enrollment at the close of 1919, and 2,581 at the close of 1923, an increase of 332, or 14.8 per cent.

School age census of 3,220 at the close of 1923.

Report of 30 per cent increase in the number served through the Concord post office during the six-year period.

To Build Boulevard to Connect Two Cities. Gastonia, Dec. 16.—Construction of the proposed Gastonia-Charlotte highway, to be 17 miles long, or five miles shorter than the present route, will begin January 11, 1926, it was learned here today.

Steiger Is Acquitted. Lemburg, Poland, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stanislaw Steiger, whose trial on charges of throwing a bomb at President Wojciechowski aroused national interest, was acquitted today.

Delegates from 16 countries, representing 42 organizations with a membership of about 800,000 met in Stockholm recently for the second congress of the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical and Technical Employees.

The condition of Mrs. W. M. Sherrill, who has been confined to her home by illness this week, is reported today as improved.

Going Up



William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, is always willing to lend a helping hand. Photo shows him doing a bit of painting for the Near East Relief in Los Angeles.

WOULD CHANGE THE IMMIGRATION LAW

High MacRae Wants Skilled Agriculturists to Be Admitted in Great Numbers.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Revision of the immigration law to permit entrance in excess of quota limitations of skilled agriculturists was urged today before the House immigration committee.

Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., declared such modification of the law as to permit skilled agriculturists to enter this country would produce many benefits to the farming situation.

FRENCH HAVE SUCCESS AGAINST THE DRUSES

In Attacks Near Damascus Rebels Have Suffered Heavy Loss.

Beirut, Syria, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A French communiqué on the military operations against the Druses says "In the course of operations by rebel bandits against Damascus, severe losses have been inflicted upon the Druses. We have had ten wounded, one seriously."

"The majority of the villages in South Lebanon which had joined the rebels have made their submission."

Asks Heavy Damages For Accident to His Child. Monroe, Dec. 16.—Suit was filed today by J. P. Keziah against N. J. Saleeby, both of this city, for damages in the sum of \$5,000 as the result of an automobile accident which occurred October in which the three-year-old son of Mr. Keziah suffered a broken leg.

Would Create New Rural Mail Routes. Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Extensions in the rural mail delivery service to provide 432 new routes immediately were approved today by President Coolidge who sent to Congress a supplement of \$1,600,000 to the budget of the post office department.

Reichstag Will Recess Until January 12th. Berlin, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Reichstag has decided to recess until January 12th, as the new cabinet is not likely to be constructed before the holidays.

PROSECUTION ASKS THAT MITCHELL BE DROPPED FROM ARMY

In His Argument for the Prosecution, Assistant Judge Advocate Proposed Dismissal.

MITCHELL READY FOR THE VERDICT

Does Not Like Methods Used Against Him, and His Counsel Will Not Make Speech.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Denouncing the methods employed in his prosecution before the general court martial convened to try him, Colonel William Mitchell today rested his case without replying to a prosecution demand that he be dismissed from the army.

Rising from his place before the bar when the court went to hear closing arguments, the air crusader made a closing statement, saying he has known the truth of the public utterances which led to the disciplinary charges against him, but had been answered by misinformation and untruthful evidence on the competency of which the court had refused to pass.

"To proceed further with the case would serve no useful purpose," he concluded, "I have therefore directed my counsel to entirely cease our part of the proceedings without argument."

The prosecution counsel at once offered to forego its closing arguments likewise, but the court ruled that the regular order should be followed, and ordered Major Allen Guillon, the assistant judge advocate, to present the closing plea of the prosecution.

For the sake of discipline in the army and for the national interest Major Guillon asked that the air officer be stripped of his commission because of his repeated public denunciation of government aviation policies, and those responsible for them.

JESSE WYATT TO BE SENTENCED DURING DAY

Former Raleigh Officer Will Know His Fate During the Afternoon.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Jesse Wyatt, former captain of detectives of the Raleigh police force, today was to be sentenced in Superior Court. Wyatt was convicted last month of manslaughter in connection with the death of Stephen S. Holt, prominent attorney of Smithfield, last June.

Judge Garland Midyette announced when the verdict was returned that he would sentence Wyatt during the December term of court, and the defendant was ordered to appear before the court today at 2:30 o'clock.

With Our Advertisers. "He" will like any of the following gifts at Hoover's: Hosiery, handkerchiefs, traveling bags, gloves, bath robe, muffler, belt.

Don't try to get along any further without a safety box for your valuables. See ad of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

What would Dad like for Christmas? Brown-Cannon Co. can tell you. Everything that men wear there.

You will find a handsome collection of useful Christmas gifts at J. C. Penney Co's. Your worries about what to give are ended when you enter this store.

The Markson Shoe Store is offering special values in footwear for Christmas. They have slippers, pumps, Oxfords and shoes of every kind for men, women and children and the prices run from 69 cents to \$6.95.

Gifts that last at Starnes-Miller-Parker Co's. This store has assembled all possible gift requirements in their line. Do your shopping there now.

HUBBERS AT DENTON SECURE SOME CASH BY BLOWING SAFE

Secured Between \$200 and \$300 at Post Office After Blowing Safe in Most Approved Way.

BANK VAULT WAS ALSO DAMAGED

Not Known Now Whether Bank Was Robbed as Vault Cannot Yet Be Opened.

Lexington, N. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Burglars last night blew the vault of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company and the safe of the post office at Denton, 20 miles east of here in this county, according to telephone messages received here by Sheriff R. B. Talbert.

Between \$200 and \$300 was taken from the post office, the officer was told. This amount was cash. The vault of the bank had been wrecked by explosives, but so far employees had been unable to gain entrance to check up the loss.

Deputy Cashatt, of Denton, on the scene this morning, said the methods used gave indications of work of professional yegmen. No clue had been found to identify the men, and it had not yet been possible to determine the hour of the robbery.

STUDYING FOLK SONGS IN CAROLINA MOUNTAINS Harvard Professor Uncovers Some Interesting Information Concerning "Dixie"

Asheville, Dec. 16.—Robert W. Gordon of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and a native of Massachusetts, is in western North Carolina making a special study of native ballads and folk songs of this section.

While here Mr. Gordon is the guest of Rev. Clarence Stuart McClellan, Jr., at Old Calvary Rectory, Fletcher. Mr. Gordon is on a tour of the United States and is collecting for Harvard university much valuable data about native songs and hymns of the United States.

Articles pertaining to ballads and folk songs by Mr. Gordon have appeared much in print and he is an author well known in his particular field of historical research.

Many of the leading American magazines and newspapers will this coming year bring out articles by Mr. Gordon and it is expected within the near future that along with Rev. Mr. McClellan, who has much valuable material on "Dixie" given him by the administrator of the Emmett estates, that Mr. Gordon will bring out in book form the real story of the origin of the south's song, "Dixie." The Calvary rectory and the folk song author are about to start their work and have already gathered much valuable historical information and many rare manuscripts and pictures about "Dixie."

Deaf Children Able to Hear With Radio-Phonograph Device. West Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—Experiments were made Monday at the American School for the Deaf with a machine which is a combination of radio and phonograph with headpiece and speaking tube attachments, enabling pupils at the school who had never before heard a human voice or any sound to hear not only the voice of a speaker but their own voices as well.

An 18-year-old girl, considered totally deaf since she was 4, the first pupil used in the test, heard and spoke her own name for the first time, knowing from signs and lip-reading that it was her name.

There is little demonstrativeness in the deaf children, but the light of their eyes and the quick change of expression in their faces tell the result of the experiment. The problem, according to Principal Frank R. Wheeler, will be to teach the children to identify the sounds they hear with the words they speak and read.

Probe Killing of Husband By Wife. Charlotte, Dec. 16.—A coroner's investigation was to be started today into the slaying of George W. Franklin, 50, by his wife following an altercation at the Franklin home Saturday night. Franklin died last night from axe blows on the head. Mrs. Franklin in the county jail declares she killed her husband in defending herself and 75 year old father from him.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS! Generally fair and slightly colder tonight, Friday fair. Fresh north-wind winds.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS