

Proposal Suggested By Minister Doumer Adopted By Cabinet

THE COTTON MARKET Quiet During Early Trading After Opening Easy at Decline of 9 to 23 Points. New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The cotton market was quiet in today's early trading. Prices were lower under realizing by recent buyers who appeared to be disappointed by relatively weak Liverpool cables and falling off in demand for near month shorts.

French Cabinet Will Give Support to Fiscal Measure Proposed as Present Need. FULL PLANS ARE GIVEN TO PUBLIC Cabinet Hopes Proposal Will Stabilize the Franc, Which Is Declining in Value Now.

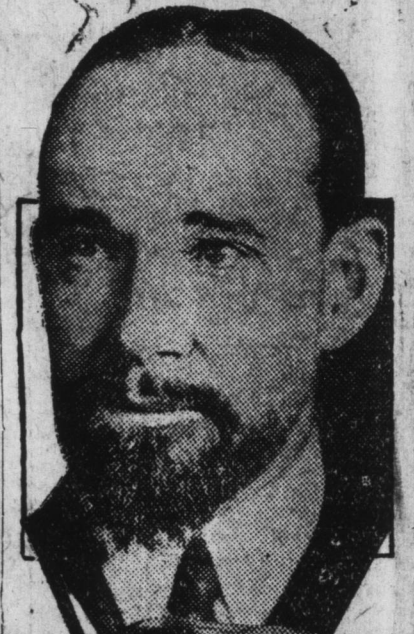
Paris, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The French cabinet meeting this morning agreed to support the fiscal measure of Finance Minister Doumer. The ministers unanimously approved a scheme for balancing the budget and stabilizing the franc, and authorized the finance minister to introduce the bills in parliament.

PROGRESSIVES UP AND COMING SAYS MORRISON

Rest Assured They "Are Not in Retreat," Former Governor Says in Raleigh. Raleigh, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The progressive of North Carolina are up and coming," former Governor Cameron Morrison declared while a visitor here for a few hours today.

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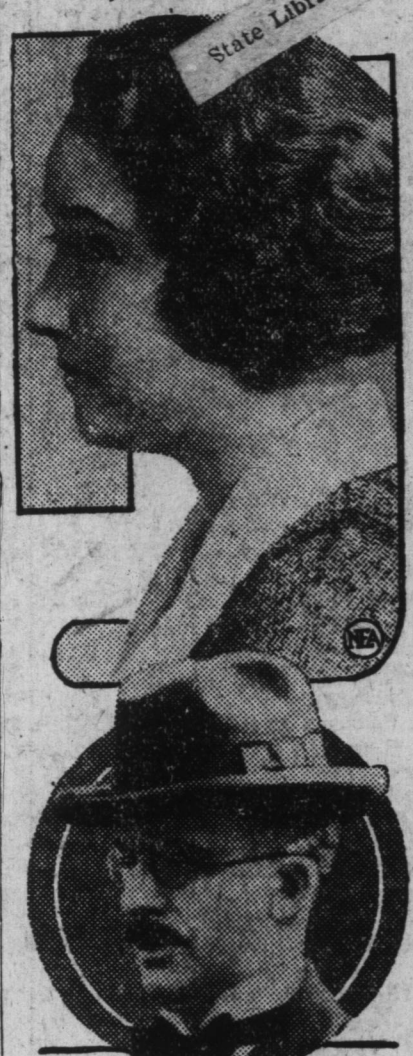


Sapt. George H. Wilkins (above) and "Sandy" Smith, (below) plan to top off next March from Point Barrow, Alaska, for a flight over the north pole. They will have a specially built plane for their 800-mile flight.

Catherine the Great's Ten Rules of Conduct Found in Winter Palace

Leningrad, Dec. 29.—While dismantling the sumptuous drawing room of the late Empress Alexandra in the famous Winter Palace, the Bolshevik authorities discovered a quaint set of rules of social conduct written by Catherine the Great in 1785. Catherine, who was one of the most versatile and gifted women of her time, caused these "Ten Commands" to be posted at the entrance to the Imperial chambers.

15 Years



With a prison term of 15 years hanging over his head, Roscoe Warren, of Kansas City, Mo., has married Miss Dorothy Croft, 19. She says she is willing to face whatever the future will bring. Warren is out on bond pending appeal. He is convicted of killing John C. Deskin.

MINERS AND MINE OWNERS GATHER IN METROPOLIS TODAY

Hope For Early Settlement of Coal Strike Revived With Opening of Conference This Afternoon.

SESSIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Operators Expected to Suggest the Miners Go Back on Wages That Held When Strike Started.

New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Hope for early resumption of mining in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania was revived today as representatives of miners and operators gathered for their first meeting since the deadlock at Atlantic City last summer.

Major William Inglis, chairman of the anthracite operators, headed the operators' delegation, and John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, headed the union group.

Will Open Books For Inspection. New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—W. W. Inglis, spokesman for the anthracite operators conference, and chairman of its negotiating committee, said today that the operators were willing to open their books for public inspection.

POKED COCKED PISTOL INTO PEOPLE'S RIBS

This was Stokesdale Man's Way of Celebrating; Has Changed Face Now.

Greensboro, Dec. 28.—Ed. Isley, white man, looking for trouble in the village of Stokesdale, Guilford county, went around poking a cocked pistol in people's ribs, was the allegation made in Magistrate D. H. Collins' court here this afternoon. He was celebrating Christmas on Saturday and seemed to think he was a Texas cowboy.

President's Father May Lose Use of Limbs.

Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 29.—(AP)—While the condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President, was reported improved today, his physician, Dr. Alfred W. Kram, of Briggwater, said it was improbable that he would ever recover fully the use of his lower limbs. Colonel Coolidge has been unable to walk for several days.

Quick Clothing Sale at Richmond-Flowe Co's.

The entire stock of men's and boys' clothing at the Richmond-Flowe Co. must be moved in a week. One-fourth off is being given in the prices. The prices range from \$13.13 to \$30.00 on men's suits and overcoats and from \$7.50 to \$15.00 on boys' suits. See half-page ad. in this paper today.

Man and Wife Burned to Death.

Mobile, Dec. 29.—(AP)—James G. Campbell, golf professional, and his wife, were burned to death when the Mobile Country Club was destroyed by fire early this morning. The charred remains of the Campbells were found in the ruins, they having been trapped in their quarters on the third floor by the flames.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



Fair tonight and Wednesday, not quite so cold tonight and in south portions slowly rising temperature Wednesday. Moderate north and northeast winds.

COAST LINE TRAIN WRECKED BY COLD

Train Was Derailed When Rail Broke Because of Cold Weather.—Eight Persons on Train Hurt.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Eight persons were injured as a result of a derailment of a southbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train early today. A broken rail, attributed to the cold weather, was said to be responsible for the wreck.

Thirteen Persons Hurt Says Late Report.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Thirteen persons were injured, more seriously, in the wreck of the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 181 early this morning near Cades, S. C. The locomotive and five coaches left the tracks, the derailment being caused by a broken rail.

Section of City Appears Doomed.

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A section of Ocean City, Md., including two hotels, and several residence blocks appeared doomed by fire at noon today. The Ocean City central telephone office was out of commission shortly after the fire started.

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Nashville, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—China is in the throes of the birth of a spirit of nationalism, and, like the young boy, just coming to manhood, who thinks he knows more than his father or any older head, China wants to run her own affairs without advice or interference from other nations, declared Rev. Wesley M. Smith, returned missionary in a lecture here.

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TEMPERATURE TO RISE SLOWLY, SAYS FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The weather bureau said tonight in its report of conditions: "Abnormally cold weather prevails over practically all section east of the Rocky Mountains and the temperature is from 20 to 30 degrees below normal over middle and southern sections. The temperature at 8 p. m. tonight at Brownsville, Texas, was 26 degrees and was the same at New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Sleet and snow has fallen in southern Texas.

Chain-Gang System to Be Redempted

Rutherford, Dec. 28.—For the first time in about 12 years Rutherford county has a chain-gang. The county commissioners completed the details this week and the first day's work by the convicts was done Wednesday. The old jail will be headquarters overnight and Sunday. They will go out into the county to work on he roads in trucks. Thomas Blanton will be superintendent with Guy Edwards, guard. The prisoners were out in the cells. Heat and water has been installed in the sleeping quarters. As long as the convicts behave and work they will be given tobacco and cigarettes and five days off of each month. When the refuse to work or behave they will lose their credits and tobacco. Only able-bodied men will be compelled to work and they will be examined regularly by the county physician. Hot lunches will be sent to the men. The county now has from 20 to 30 able-bodied young men in jail. With these many roads should be built soon.

Frieda Hempel Feels Effect of "The Spirit of Locarno"

Hamburg, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The "spirit of Locarno," has been extended to Frieda Hempel, the prima donna who aroused the ire of the Germans by singing on behalf of the Liberty Loan in America during the world war.

Coates to Answer University Critics.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—The University of North Carolina alumni in Charlotte will give their annual dinner to high and preparatory school seniors at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Albert Coates, of the University law faculty, is to be the principal speaker.

Charlotte Branch Office Will Not Be Closed.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—The branch office here for the issue of State automobile license tags will not be closed January 1, when branch offices in several other cities will be suspended, according to information reaching Charlotte today. It was learned that six branches that are likely to be kept open after January 1 are located at Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem and Wilmington.

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Court of District of Columbia Upheld Conviction of Senator In by Government.

WHEELERS ARE REDEEMED BY COURT

Booth and Gordon Indicted Jointly, Senator, Have Thrown Out. Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler, of Montana, has won his fight to have all charges against him by the government of Columbia Supreme Court. The conviction of the senator had already been acquitted by the charges against him here had been a demerit to the indictment of Senator Walsh, of Montana, Wheeler's counsel, was successful in the court also.

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