

Leaders Hail 1926 As Promising To Lead Us Away From Depression

Representatives of Goods, Railroads, and Banking Pre-empt Times.

BREAKING NEWS SEASON

Standard of Living See an Upward in Wages and the of Commodities.

Financial, agricultural leaders are beginning to lead the nation away from the depression. Representative of the dry goods, railroads and banking, both national and local districts, agree that the year will be a year of progress.

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It's Happened



The old newspaper axiom has it that when a dog bites a man it isn't news, but if a man bites a dog, it is. James M. Johnson, of Los Angeles, has finally done it. His dog bit both his hands, and Johnson got the animal's throat between his teeth and held on until it died.

BOTH SIDES IN STRIKE OPTIMISTIC TODAY

Opinion Expressed That a Contract Will Be Negotiated at the Conference. New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—An optimistic statement came early today from the conference of representatives of anthracite miners and operators who are trying to end the four-months suspension of work.

17-YEAR-OLD GIRL HEID ON CHARGE OF BIGAMY

Shows Little Interest in Accusation and Makes no Statement. High Point, Dec. 30.—Perhaps the most unusual case in the annals of the local police court was heard today when Elsie Conovazz, pretty 17-year-old blonde, was arraigned on a charge of bigamy. Judge Donald C. MacRae heard the case, found probable cause and ordered the defendant held for Guilford Superior court under \$500 bond.

EIGHTEEN IN GEORGIA CONDEMNED TO DEATH

The Death Sentences on Most of Them Were Passed During the Year. Atlanta, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The last day of 1925 finds in the jails of Georgia eighteen men condemned to death, thirteen of whom are white. The death sentences on most of them were passed during this year.

WARM AND DRY YEAR NOW NEARING CLOSE

Washington, Dec. 30.—"Warm and dry" is the epitaph written by the Weather Bureau for the year 1925. The period will go into meteorological history marked by one of the most devastating and widespread droughts, and by a record-breaking number of high temperatures.

CHARGES AGAINST VETERANS' BUREAU

In Charlotte Were Forwarded to Washington Yesterday. Charlotte, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Charlotte News will say this afternoon that it has learned through "official sources" that documents relating to allegations of "improper and irregular conduct" on the part of employees of the North Carolina division of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau were forwarded to the Civil Service Commission at Washington yesterday.

POST AND FLAG.

The first Christmas card ever published was issued in 1846 by a Londoner named Joseph Crandall. Some girls keep a young man in continual suspense; others in non-stop expense.

Ready For the Jump!



OPTIMISTIC NOTE

Is Struck by the Fifth Federal Reserve Band in Its Review of Reviews. Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—An optimistic note is struck by the Fifth Federal Reserve Bank, at Richmond, in its monthly review of business and agricultural conditions, just released for publication.

TWO SHOT IN RAID ON RANOLDPH DISTILLERY

No Details Were Given in the Message Received at Charlotte. Charlotte, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A telegram received by federal prohibition headquarters here today said that two men had been shot in a raid by officers on a distilling plant near Asheville. No details were given in the message.

BRAMHAM SAYS HE ISN'T RUNNING

Baseball Magnate Avers He Will Not Be Candidate For Office. Durham, Dec. 30.—"I positively would not run for the office of governor of North Carolina nor for political office of any kind—none whatsoever," declared William G. Bramham, Durham attorney and state Republican chairman, here today.

Ford Passenger Plane Damaged.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Three of the Ford-Stout all-metal passenger planes en route to Florida, were damaged in an accident today. No one was hurt.

Strawberries \$4 Quart.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Strawberries at \$4 a quart in the wholesale market today established a new high price for this fruit in Philadelphia.

MANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA

One of the First Questions is "What About the Climate?" Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—What is first question a prospective settler asks about a new state or section? One of the first, it would seem, is, "What about the climate?"

HIP POCKET REVELERS TO RECEIVE ATTENTION

Night Clubs in the Cities to Be Well Manned With Detectives Tonight. New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—"Hip pocket" revelers in Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Atlantic City will receive special attention from the law enforcement officers after the Liberty Bell breaks its 90th year of silence at midnight to welcome the New Year by radio.

DR. FRED M. HANES KILLS HIS FIRST LION

Winston-Salem Man Successful on Fourth Day of Hunt in Africa. Winston-Salem, Dec. 30.—A message received here from Dr. Fred M. Hanes, who is now on a hunting trip in Africa, accompanied by Mrs. Hanes, conveyed the information that he had just killed his first lion. It was on the fourth day of his big game hunt in the jungles of the Dark Continent.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS.

New York Mirror. My friend gave me a tobacco pouch for Christmas, and as I had one like it, I decided to make a present of the gift I had received. Just as I handed the pouch to another chap, my friend passed and saw the gift.

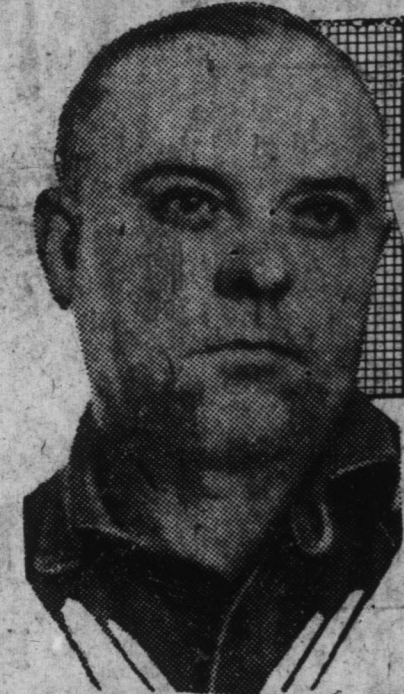
Ten-Cent Advance in Price of Golf Balls.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The price of golf balls is going up. A large manufacturer has announced that standard balls which have retailed for 75 cents are to sell for 85 cents, and the 50 cent variety for 60 cents the advance being due to the high price of rubber.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

Fair tonight and Friday, slightly colder in south and central portions tonight; slowly rising temperature Friday in west portion. Moderate to fresh northerly winds.

700 Autos



Charles Kurtes, 43, is held at Wichita, Kas., charged with being the head of a ring that stole more than 700 automobiles, mostly Fords, in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado. Officials expect to arrest 25 more men as accomplices.

THE COTTON MARKET

Sold From 14 to 17 Points Higher.— March Goes to 19.69. New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 5 to 8 points and sold about 14 to 17 points net higher in the early trading, March advancing to 19.69 and July to 18.93.

GRAVITY OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN ROUMANIA

Due to Absence of Crown Prince a Crown Council Has Been Summoned. Bucharest, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Because of the gravity of the political situation created by the absence of Crown Prince Carol, a crown council was summoned unexpectedly today.

GROVE SAYS SUIT CAN BE SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 30.—The suit brought against E. W. Grove, president of the Paris Medicine Company, by his son-in-law, F. L. Seely, of Asheville, N. C., involving property valued at between \$700,000 and \$8,000,000, will be settled out of the courts, Mr. Grove announced here late today.

FEDERAL TAX REFUNDS

A Total of \$151,885,415.60 Returned by Government to Tax Payers. Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Refunds totalling \$151,885,415.60 were given to federal tax payers during the last fiscal year by the treasury department.

With Our Advertisers.

The Kidd-Frix Co. store is closed today getting ready for the big reduction sale on all pianos and phonographs. The store will open at nine o'clock Friday morning, January 1. Be on hand at the opening of this big sale.

Society Wears Paste Jewels in Florida.

Palm Beach, Dec. 31.—Society women here frightened by the numerous thefts which have baffled local police recently, are wearing cunningly fashioned artificial replicas of costly jewels, leaving the genuine gems in safe deposit vaults.

Bus Line Accuses Jitney of Soliciting

Thomasville, Dec. 30.—Solomon Petree and his driver were arrested by bus line operators on the charge of soliciting and hauling passengers. Mr. Petree has operated a car here for hire for many years under State, county and town license. He and his driver gave bond for their appearance in the City Recorder's Court on January 8.

BODY OF FRANK

"SILENT" HINKEY

TO HIS HOME

One of Yale's Football Heroes Died Wednesday at Southern Pines, Following a Long Illness.

BEDRIDDEN FOR FOURTEEN MONTHS

Friends Expressed Surprise and Sorrow at His Passing.—Few Realized He Was Near Death.

Southern Pines, N. C., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The body of Frank "Silent" Hinkey, one of Yale's former football heroes, will leave here today at 7 p. m. for North Tanandana, N. Y., suburb of Buffalo.

Hinkey died here yesterday, following a long illness.

Word was received this morning from Miss Mary P. Hinkey, a sister of Buffalo, to send the body to his home town.

Today friends, many of them former Harvard athletes spending vacations at Pinehurst a few miles away, expressed surprise and sorrow at the news of the former gridiron star's passing. Hinkey had maintained his silence in illness as in play, and few realized that he was near death.

GEN. PERSHING TO RETURN FOR TREATMENT

Authorized by President Coolidge.— Date For Return Not Given Yet. Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg announced today that President Coolidge had authorized General Pershing to return to the United States for medical and dental treatment.

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