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...ONS GATHERING STATE CAPITAL FOR LEGISLATURE

...r Work Will Not Start ...ntil Wednesday But ...ey Are Gathering Just ...e Same.

...CUS MAY DECIDE FIGHT

...ker for House May Be ...osen at the Democrat... Caucus to Be Held on ...esday Night.

...igh, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Lawmakers ... 1927 Legislature, convening ...sday at noon, began arriving ... Tomorrow night's scheduled ... of the Speaker of the House ...mmediate interest.

...resentatives H. G. Connor, of ..., R. T. Fountain, of Edge... and N. A. Townsend, of Har... ...ounty, were momentarily ex... to take personal charge of ...espective bids for the speaker's ...All three had backers quietly

...omorrow night's Democratic ... 104 House members will have ...in the race, the first and from ...ic standpoint probably the ...st important balloting of the ...tive period, which holds the ... interest of the state from now ...ough the middle of March.

...lect a Speaker, 53 votes are re... Of the 104 Democrats about ...e generally considered unpledg... ...heck at hotel lobbies had it.

...e House Speaker's hands, and ...f the Lieutenant Governor lie ...ment of all the committees in ...use and Senate respectively, ...these committees all bills must ...consideration.

...t. Governor Long, who will pre... ...er the Senate, probably will ...ce his committee appointments ...sday when the Senate convenes, ... upper body will wait on organ... of the House before function... ...ively.

...E SALARY AND WAGE COMMISSION DOOMED?

...rous Fight Will Be Waged to Preserve It as It Is.

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel.

...Y J. C. BASKERVILL.

...igh, Jan. 3.—That the Salary ...age Commission; as it is now ...nted is doomed, but that the ...al of general supervision over ...aries paid to state employes ...noubtedly be retained, is the ... of a large number of people. ...oliticians and laymen, who ...een observing the workings of ...mmission. In its stead will be ... according to those who are ...red to be "in the know," a ...sion with the same name per... ...but composed largely of heads ...e department, with its powers ...d largely to the fixing of max... and mimimum wage limits, ...he power to fix individual hal... ...more largely in the hands of ...department head, to be concur... ... perhaps to the commision.

... of the principal criticisms of ...resent salary and wage commis... ...s that every member of it is an ...yer of labor mostly of but one ...f labor—and that there is not ...gle member of the commision ...might be looked upon as a re...tative of the employees. Be... ...of this fact some hold that the ...ission has taken a too one-sid... ...itude with the result that too ... consideration has been given ...e uart of the state as the em... ... and not enough to the angle ... employee.

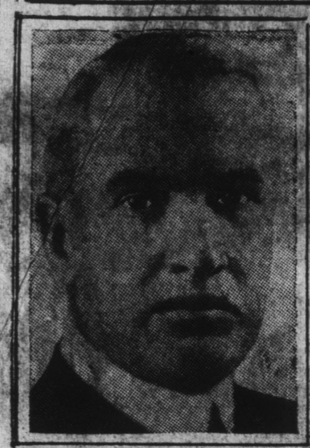
...wever, there is really very lit... ...opposition, either among state ...yes or others, to the principle ...e salary and wage commission. ... its operation so far imperfect ...s functioning may have been, ...f the efficient and concientious ...ye, while the list'ess and in...nt are quickly weeded out, ...g for greater efficiency all a... ...the line. But those who would ... the commission think that cer... ...hanges are needed which would ... it much more effective.

... instance, they say that the ...judge of the efficiency of an ...oe is the executive of the de...ent in which that employe ..., because there is closer con... ...here and better opportunity for ...vation as to industry, faithful... ...and devotion to duty. Thus they ...that the department head is a ... better judge as to whether the ... of an employe should be in...ed than is a commission of em...rs oftimes of a different sort ...bor—who do not know the appli... ... the kind of work he is doing ...ny of the personal details about

...us there in no doubt but that ...ttempt will be made during the ...on of the legislature to recon...t the salary and wage commis... ...so that individual department ...s will be given more say-so as ...e pay of individials in their de...ments, with the wage commis... ... proper being more an advisory ... either composed of state offi... ... or others, who will fix the max...m and mimimum limits of salar... ...only. And from present indica...s, it seems likely that it will not ...difficult to get a large number ...to concur in the movement. ...to loncur in the movement.

Sir Walter Scott at college was ...wn as "the Greek blockhead."

In Business and Statesmanship



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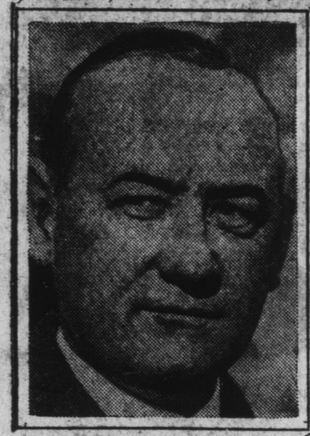
MISS H. F. M. COURT



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EDWARD I. EDWARDS

After twenty-five years of service, Angus McDonald was elected president of the Southern Pacific. Miss H. F. M. Court was named head of the accounting department of the House of Lords, and was the first woman to hold such an important office in the House. J. Leslie Kincaid, hotel man, left for Italy to invite Premier Mussolini to Norfolk, Va. Senator Edward I. Edwards, of New Jersey, demanded a Senate investigation into Government poisoning of alcohol.

WILL BUDGET REPORT BE CAUSE OF BIG BATTLE?

Will Connor Name Murphy, Who Opposes the Budget System?

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

By J. C. BASKERVILL.

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Just supposing as a number of people are doing these days—what would happen if the House finance committee would decline to accept the report and recommendations of the advisory budget commission, likewise its figures throughout the appropriations and revenue bills, start new hearings and decide to make up a new budget, a new appropriations bill and a new revenue bill? Then all predictions as to the coming session of the general assembly being quiet and un-warilke would be blown sky high, and there would be some sure enough excitement!

Of course this is just the merest conjecture and no one really believes such a state of affairs is at all likely to exist.

Still, quite a number seem to think that at present the most likely of the three candidates for the speakership is H. G. Connor, Jr., and many think, that although Connor has said that he has made no commitments as to who he would appoint as committee chairmen, it would not be unlikely for him to appoint Pete Murphy as chairman of the House finance committee. They point to the fact that Murphy's opposition to the budget commission, the entire executive budget system and the administration is most pronounced and that if he were chairman of the finance committee he might, through the influence he would exert over the other members, make hard sledding for the measures submitted by the governor and the budget commission, so that there might be a possibility of very great revision of these bills.

Thus there would seem to be some basis for the supposition that there may be a possibility that the revenue and appropriations bills may have a hard time getting through the finance committee intact, should the committee be composed of members who are avowedly unfriendly to the administration bills.

However, the majority of political observers here do not take the suggestion seriously and do not expect much trouble will be encountered by the outstanding administration measures in the committees. They say that even should Murphy be selected as chairman of the finance committee—which they admit is likely, should Connor be elected speaker—that it is very unlikely that sufficient of the other members would be of the same mind as to greatly endanger the measure coming before the committee for its consideration, and that any radically revolutionary move to mutilate either the appropriations or revenue bills would be promptly checked by the majority of the members of the committee.

Thus while it might be possible for the committee to embarass the administration considerably and cause it some worry, the more far-seeing of the politically wise hold to the view that the principal administration measures will not suffer greatly, regardless of who is elected speaker. They admit that there probably will be a large number of revisions made—there always are—but that in the end the measures will be enacted pretty much in the same form as when submitted.

So while it is regarded as a good thing to look at the situation from every angle and to consider every possible eventuality that may arise, still that there is no cause for alarm, and that there will not be nearly as much fire when the legislature gets into action as there is smoke before it convenes.

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AT SALISBURY

Handsome New $250,000 Edifice Used For First Time Sunday Morning.

Salisbury, Jan. 3.—St. John's Lutheran congregation started the new year Sunax by worshipping in their new church which is one of the finest church edifices in this section. It stands on the corner of Church and Innes streets opposite the postoffice, near the center of the city and is quite an imposing structure.

St. John's is one of the oldest congregations in the city and is probably the largest Lutheran congregation in the southern synod. It outgrew its old church home and soon after the coming of the present pastor, Rev. Edward Fulenwider, plans were put on foot for a new and larger church.

The new building is English Gothic of gray brick trimmed with Indiana lime stone. It is 175 feet long and 100 feet width. The nave is 68 by 80 feet and has a seating capacity of 1,250 including the gallery. The interior trimming is oak and pink Tennessee marble. The art glass was made at the Payne studios Patterson, N. J. All of the furniture is quartered oak and was built by the Huntington Seating company of Huntington, W. Va.

The organ is a three-manual instrument with harp and chimes made by the M. P. Moller Organ company, of Hagerstown, Md.

The Sunday school department is three stories high and is arranged in departments. On the ground floor is the adult and senior departments boy scout rooms, ladies parlor, kitchen, Sunday school superintendent and secretary's office; also the pastor's study and office. The furnace room and fireproof vault are also on this floor. On the second floor are the nursery and cradle roll, beginners and primaries departments, each separate and with its own equipment. On the third floor are the junior and intermediate departments. All departments are equipped with telephones, there being 15 telephones in the buliding. There are 45 class rooms and the several departments can accomodate 1,500 scholars. There are seven automatic sanitary drinking fountains, and six pianos.

The construction of the building was begun early in 1925 and finished the lated part of 1926. The first brick was laid June 8, 1925. The cornerstone was laid Sunday, June 20, 1926.

The main tower is 100 feet high and arranged for tower chimes. The heating plant consists of two Gurney boilers with vacuum pump and automatic water feed, giving 50 per cent more heat than needed in very cold weather.

The building and equipment cost approximately $200,000. The lot cost $35,000, giving the congregation a church property conservatively estimated at $250,000.

A feature of the first service Sunday was the reception of a closs of 50 new members into the church.

Figure skating was a well developed winter recreation in the countries of northern Europe 150 years ago.

APPROPRIATION FOR NAVY PROVIDED IN BILL BEFORE HOUSE

There Are Little Changes in Operation of Navy Provided in Bill—Less Funds for Cruising.

TOTAL LESS THAN GIVEN THIS YEAR

The Total Is Also Less Than Estimated in Budget—Bill Carries Total of $314,552,680 for Year.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Proposing a cut of $1,950,000 in the funds for cruising activities of the United States fleet, but otherwise providing for maintenance of the navy about as it is now, the annual naval department appropriation bill was reported to the House today by its appropriations committee.

It carries a total of $314,552,680 for all branches of the navy for the fiscal year beginning next July 1st, a decrease of $5,364,895 compared with current funds, and $150,970 below budget recommendations. The committee refused to accept the proposal for a budget of 1,200 men in the enlisted strength of the Marine Corps, and provided for continuation of its present size of 18,000 enlisted men, 1,020 commissioned officers, and 155 warrant officers.

Provision is made for continuing naval enlisted strength at 82,500 and the officer strength including line, staff and warrant officers at 8,710. The food ration is based on 55 cent per day per enlisted man.

The allotment for cruising is cut from $13,950,000 to $12,000,000.

The measure was drafted, the committee report asserted, with a view to providing for operations and maintenance of the airplane carriers Saratoga and Lexington, and the submarine Z-4, all to be launched during the year. It also said the air service appropriation of $19,790,000 plus a contract authorization of $5,000,000 was designed to carry out the five-year building program approved by Congress last winter.

"The 1,000-plane program was based on a wastage of 33 1-3 per cent annually," the report said. "More recent studies suggest that approximately 2 per cent would be more nearly accurate. There is an increase (in appropriations for next year) of $724,712 and of $900,000 in the contract authorization."

Women Lead Raids on Moonshine Stronghold.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 3.—Crusading women have done what revenue agents found impossible in Greenville county's "Dark Corner," where the distilling of corn was an established, albeit outlawed, practice long before prohibition.

For years, the "Dark Corner" regarded the "revenooers" as mortal foes and many a bloody battle was fought, but the production of corn-whiskey went on undiminished. In recent months, however, with women taking the leading part, citizens of the district have launched an attack against the moonshiners.

Nnuerous stills have been destroyed and some arrest by parties that included no officers of the law. Ministers have encouraged the movement.

Wake Forest Has Veterans for Basketball.

Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Seasoned veterans answered Coach Jim Baldwin's call for basketball practice here today.

Monk Ober, twice-captain, remained on the campus througnout the Christmas holidays. Coach Baldwin got back last night. Players have straggled in at intervals.

Intensive practice starts tonight in preparation for the season's first game with Atlantic Christian college here Thursday. Every member of last year's quint is back except Joe Ellington, and campus dopesters are predicting a team as good as the 1926 five—which licked the Southern Champion University team.

To Plan Accident Prevention Drive.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Plans for the formulation of a real accident prevention drive will be drawn here January 6 by representatives of the University of North Carolina, the Carolina Motor club and other organizations.

The meeting is preliminary to the Safety conference set for February 14-15.

The conference city will be selected by the meeting Thursday. It will mark the first concerted effort in North Carolina to cut down the automobile accident toll in the state.

Planes Now in Guatemala.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A short hop of fifty-five miles to San Jose, Guatemala, and then 110 miles to San Salvador are the next stages ahead of the United States army goodwill fliers. The five planes came down on the flying field here yesterday afternoon, completing the 383 miles from Salina Cruz, Mexico, in five hours.

Call for National Bank Statements.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Friday, December 31st.

CONGRESS RETURNS TO WORK; BIG JOB TO COMPLETE TASK

Leaders Know the Mass of Business Will Require Unusual Work if Congress Does Anything.

SMITH PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED

It Is Expected to Come Up During the Week and May Lead to Fight Now or at Later Session.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Congress returned to work today.

Members went to their desks confronted with the almost hopeless task of completing action on the varied New Year calendar in the two months left in the 69th Congress. Leaders, however, had planned to put through the legislative thresher the more important measures, and leave the chaff for next December's session.

Some of the questions that will come up during the week are primary expenditures, provided Frank L. Smith, senator-designate from Illinois, appears to take the oath; the Lausanne treaty with Turkey; rivers and harbors; annual supply bills; farm relief; railroad consolidation; sale of federal patronage charges; coal; and contested nominations.

There are also prospects that the latest baseball scandal will come up for an airing, as well as the controversy born in the holidays over the use of poisonous denaturants in industrial alcohol

The Senate's program was uncertain, due to the impending battle over the seating of Smith. This, however, is not expected to get underway before the middle of the week, when the McKinley successor arrives to take the oath. Meanwhile both sides are marshalling their forces, with Senator Curtis, the republican leader, trying to persuade the senate to admit Smith and then refer his case to the elections committee, and Senator Ashurst, democrat of Arizona, remaining firm in his purpose to press to a vote his resolution withholding the oath pending investigation by this committee of his qualifications.

Today the senate had only miscellaneous bills to consider for the first two hours, with the Lausanne treaty a probable vehicle thereafter.

In the House Chairman Dempsey of the rivers and harbors committee, had planned to ask immediate acquiescence in Senate amendments to the $60,000,000 omnibus rivers and harbors bill to stave off the delay that would result in sending it to conference with the senate.

With Our Advertisers.

If it's hardware you can get it at the Ritchie Hardware Co., says new ad. today.

C. Barrier & Co. want hens and turkeys. See ad. for particulars.

If you need a coat now is the time to buy, says new ad. of Parks-Belk Co. Prices from $7.95 to $27.50 on sizes 16 to 52.

Attractive living room suites, at reduced prices, can be found now at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. See ad. for particulars.

Atwater Kent radios, complete and installed, only $125 and $135 at the Yorke & Wadsworth Co.

Mayor Lifts Lid to Let New York Enjoy New Year.

New York, Dec. 30.—No curfew law, although it is now on the statute books, will interfere with the New Year celebrations in New York City, according to Mayor James J. Walker. His honor announced tonight that for this "special occasion" the 3 o'clock closing of night clubs and restaurants with music is "all off."

Hotels, whoe banquet halls will attract thousands of celebrators tomorrow night, announced today that all plans for the biggest and most festive New Year's observance in New York history have been completed, an gave the final word to the chefs, is for New York to turn in early if it wants to get a running start into 1927.

Alabama and Stanford played about even in their big inter-sectional football game Saturday, the final score being 7-7. Thousands of fans in all parts of the country heard the game play by play by means of the radio, hundreds of fans here tuning in for the contest.

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SPEAKERSHIP RACE STILL IS PROBLEM FOR STATE SOLONS

All of the Candidates Are Optimistic But So Far None Has Much Advantage in the Race.

CONNOR APPEARS TO HAVE EDGE

Supporters of Wilson Man More Hopeful as Time for Showdown in House Draws Nearer.

Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

By J. C. BASKEFVILL

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—From out of the haze of rumors, reports and counter reports issuing from the camps of the three candidates for the speakership it is nothing if not difficult to pick out any definite trend or to even pick out one candidate who for the moment may have the edge over one or both of the other two, especially since the candidates themselves decline to discuss the situation. However, one fact does begin to loom as a very real possibility and that is that the fight undoubtedly will be carried from the caucus Tuesday night to the floor of the house Wednesday—with still another possibility that a speaker may not be elected until Thursday. And in this event, the governor would have to postpone the delivery of his message until Friday.

However, despite the fact that H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson; N. A. Townsend, of Dunn, and R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, the three candidates, all seem to be assiduously refraining from making any further statements with regard to their candidacies, their friends do not seem to be sharing in their modest retirement and the proponents of each candidate freely predict the election of their favorite man.

For instance, the friends of H. G. Connor assert that he has gained much strength in the last few weeks, and that at present he is undoubtedly the strongest candidate in the field, with more pledged votes than any other. They point to the part he played in the framing of highway legislation and in putting through administration measures in the last legislature, and declared that he is the logical choice for speaker. As to the claims regarding the number of votes pledged, it is estimated at from 40 to 44. And since it is expected that there will be about 20 unpledged votes, Connor's friends say it will not be difficult for him to get the nine more needed for election. They say further, that if he leads on the first ballot, as they expect him to, that the band wagon jumpers will hop on, and put him over. And while these Connor boosters are not over confident, they are earnest.

But then there is the group—and a good sized group it is—that is for Townsend. They are not doing any ballyhooing, but they are working. While no claims are heard regarding the number of votes pledged to Townsend, his friends say that when the time for a vote comes, the public generally will be surprised at the strength he will exhibit. They point to his record since he has been in the legislature, and especially to his work in this committee and to the results obtained. He may not have the drive Connor has and may not be so well known to the members as some of the other men, but as to his sheer ability as a legislator, there is no doubt. And many who are not particularly for any particular man admit that Townsend is undoubtedly a formidable opponent and likely to become more so when things go into action either in the caucus or in the house.

And as to the hinted surmise that has been gently whispered about here that he may retire from the race—his friends laugh at the suggestion and say that someone may retire, but that it will not be Townsend.

But the Connor and Townsend groups have by no means eliminated Fountain—not by any means. His friends point to the fact that while he has not had much to say during the present campaign that he has been working steadily with his candidacy for the speakership in view for at least two years with the result that he probably has more pledged votes from the old members of the legislature than either of the other two candidates. They do not mention the number of votes he has pledged, but several have hinted that it is well up toward forty, if not fully that many. They point to his continuous record in the legislature since 1918, the fact that he was chairman of the judiciary committee in 1925 and that he has consistently been active in sponsoring and championing constructive legislation. They also point out that there is probably no man in the house who is more popular personally and better thought of by the members than is he. And they casually mention that personal popularity goes a long way in a contest like that for the speakership.

Fountain's friends say that there is not a man in the entire house better fitted by temperament and training and experience to be speaker—that he never gets excited or loses his head, no matter how hot the battle may rage about him.

Thus it will be seen that the Democratic caucus when it meets Tuesday will have a real problem before it and that there is every reason to believe that the fight will be carried to the floor of the house before a speaker can be selected. And while the Connor forces are counting on the first ballot, both Townsend and Fountain adherants believe that the latter ballots—the fifth or sixth or tenth or fifteenth—will be the ones that will really tell the tale. And while they all admit that the band wagon jumpers—the unpledged delegates of whom there are about twenty individuals—will wait to see which way the wind is blowing before they jump, all three factions are confident that they will get a goodly number of votes from this suorce.

The fact that there is little if any difference in the platform of the three men, all three having solidly endorsed the present administration and its measures, makes the outcome all the more difficult to foresee. And in the final analysis the outcome will be based very largely on the individual personality of each candidate, unbiased observers feel, and the man that wins out will be the man who can make his own personality count for the most during the caucus and during the election in the house.

Will the next speaker then be Nat Townsend, or Dick Fountain or Tobe Connor?

Only the gods know and they wont tell. In the meantime the merry fight goes on and will until next Wednesday.

The Judge

State Library

Justice Albert H. F. Seeger, of Carmel, N. Y., was named to hear the Peaches-Daddy Browning separation action, replacing Justice Joseph Morschauser.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Fairly Steady at Decline of 7 to 11 Points in Response to Relatively Easy Liverpool Cables.

New York, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The cotton market opened fairly steady today at a decline of 7 to 11 points in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables. There was some southern selling on the opening decline to 12.75 for March and 13.10 for July, but offerings were comparatively light and prices held fairly steady during the first hour on covering and a little trade buying.

Private cables said there had been hedging combined with local and continental liquidation in the Liverpool market but reported an improved demand for cotton cloths from the continent and Near East.

A feature of the trading here was the switching from March to July at a difference of 33 to 34 points, and the first business in December, 1927, contracts which sold at 13.40 or about 12 points above the price of October.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady. Jan. 12.60; March 12.78; May 12.96; July 13.12; Oct. 13.28.

YOUTH IS CRITICALLY ILL WITH LOCKJAW

Franklin Moose, 14, of Statesville, Injured by Toy Pistol Day Before Christmas.

Statesville, Dec. 30.—Franklin Moose, 14, son of W. L. Moose, Staesville, is in critical condition at the Davis hospital suffering with lockjaw which developed from injury to his left hand caused by the discharge of toy pistol the day before Christmas.

The boy concealed from his parents the fact he had accidentally shot his hand until he became desperately ill, five days later. A physician opened the abscess on the hand and gave tetanus antitoxin but it was found that tetanus had already developed.

The boy was taken to hospital and enormous doses of antitoxin have since been given in an effort to overcome the deadly disease.

Tetanus rarely ever develops if the antitoxin is administered immediately. Dr. J. W. Davis in deploring the fact that the youth had waited until after lockjaw had developed before he made known the accident.

Belasco's Condition Improved.

New York, Jan. 3.—(AP)—David Belasco, 67, noted dramatist, who was severely injured in an automobile collision New Year's day, spent a comfortable night, and although he was reported as still very weak, improvement in his condition was evident.

DETAILS OF BATTLE IN NICARAGUA GIVE LIBERALS THE EDGE

About 3,000 Troops Were Engaged in Three-day Battle at Pearl Harbor—Several Hundred Killed.

NO ATTEMPT TO BURY DEAD MADE

Frank R. Mitchell, World War Veteran and Soldier of Fortune, Says Scene Was "Indescribable."

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Final reports of the three-day battle last week at Las Perlas (Pearl Harbor) show it to have been the bloodiest of the present war between the forces of the Diaz conservative government, recognized by the United States, and the Sacasa liberal government, recognized by Mexico.

(Previous dispatches said the liberals were victorious, the conservatives retiring their main body to Bil Bluff, where they were disarmed by the American naval authorities. Their rear guard was overcome by the liberals).

Of the 1,800 liberals and 1,300 conservatives engaged, 302 were killed and 150 wounded.

No attempt was made to bury the dead, and many of the wounded crawled off into the swamps to die. Thousands of vultures are hovering over the battlefield.

Frank R. Mitchell, World War veteran and soldier of fortune in many Central American revolutions, today termed the scene after the battle as indescribable.

"I had to turn away," he said. "I have never seen such sights in my career—not even in the World War, due to the lack of attention for the wounded."

The commander of the conservative army announces it will be necessary to call out every "able bodied male between the ages of 12 and 50. He has received requests from America and other foreign countries planters to allow the laborers to proceed with the coffee harvest, but the says the laborers must go to the front.

Charges of Mexican intervention in Nicaragua are renewed in a statement issued by Adolfo Diaz, president of the conservative government, in power here.

AMERICANS FREED BY PAYMENT OF MONEY

J. W. Wiley and E. B. Conners Freed by Bandits Who Were Given $350.

Mexico City, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Ransom of $350 effected the release of J. W. Wiley and E. B. Conners, American employees of a British mining company, at San Francisco del Oro, Chihuahua state, who were kidnapped by a bandit gang last Tuesday. The bandits after seizing the two men informed them they would be held until they or their friends produced $5,000. The Americans dickered with their captors, and finally bargained the sum down to $350.

States Taxes Off in December.

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—(AP)—State taxes collected in December for the general fund purposes were slightly lower than those collected in December, 1925, figures made public today by the State Department of Revenue showed.

The figures showed collections of $306,667 in December, 1926, as against collections of $315,126 in December 1925.

Taxes collected during the past December were from the following sources: Income $75,423; inheritance $76,971; License $45,000.

More Tremors in California.

Calexico, Calif., Jan. 3.—(AP)—A heavy earthquake shock was felt here shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. No damage followed the tremor which came as two severe jolts.

A railroad worker reported shocks occurring at intervals of about one hour. The movement at about 5 o'clock was the most noticeable of the shakes during the night and early morning.

Young Reynolds Fined.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Richard J. Reynolds, son of the late R. J. Reynolds, president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, pleaded guilty in municipal court this morning to two charges—resisting an officer, and violating the prohibition law. For the first offense he was fined $50, and on the second $25. Costs were added in each case. No evidence was introduced.

Landis Wants to Question Players.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Commissioner Landis today sent telegraphic requests to thirty-eight baseball players, urging them to appear here at 10 a. m. Wednesday in connection with charges involving the Detroit-Chicago "sloughed" series of 1917.

More than 300,000 fish have ben placed in Kansas streams this year, breaking all previous records.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair tonight, Tuesday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by light rain in extreme west portion; warmer in east and central portions. Moderate west backing to southwest and south winds, increasing Tuesday.