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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SIMMONS HAS RESERVATION AT HAND

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Possible action on the peace treaty by January 16, when the league of nations council meets in Paris, vanished today. Not before next week, spokesmen of both parties predicted, was any action probable. Democrats said they would be satisfied if ratification was effected this month. While adjustments of differences over reservations gained new impetus today, it was said some Democrats were disposed to defer action until after the coming caucus Thursday when a minority leader will be elected.

Conference of the Democrats today concerned a new reservation on article 10 by Senator Gore of Oklahoma and another by Senator Simmons of North Carolina. The former was submitted to mild reservation Republicans and discussed also with other Republicans. Senator Simmons' draft was said to be favored by many Democrats and with the McKellar-Kendrick draft, was the subject of further conferences today between Republican Leader Lodge and Senator Smith, Democrat of Georgia.

THREE HUNDRED CASES OF STRANGE SICKNESS

Madison, Okla., Jan. 13.—At least 300 cases of a strange malady, declared to be similar to that reported at Skiatook and other Oklahoma towns, are being treated in Muskogee, according to physicians who met at a conference of combatting the disease.

Deaths have been reported in this city and the malady did not become pronounced here until yesterday. So far as known only five persons have died at Skiatook. Dysentery and marked emaciation are among the first symptoms shown. Doctors disagree as to causes, some holding the disease to be contracted by drinking impure water, others ascribing it to infected meat.

SHOE PRICES WILL GO HIGHER SAY RETAILERS

Boston, Jan. 13.—"Have shoe prices reached the limit?" A committee of the Boston Retail Shoe Dealers' Association, after canvassing the situation in the trade says, "no." The question and answer are contained in a report given out in connection with the annual convention of the National Shoe Retailers' association now in session here.

"Shoes now on sale were made from leather costing 60 cents to a \$1 a foot, shoes now being made for spring use from materials costing 80 cents to \$1.25 a foot, plus higher costs for sole materials and additional amounts to make with less pairs per man production."

"Prices will go down, it is said, when there is more leather and less demand for it, and 'bread' and when prices of cement and labor connected with shoes, buckle down and produce more pairs."

"The shoe dealers advise people to shine their own shoes. Aside from the expense in expense, the report says, 'It is important to know that the heat or friction burning of the shoe's sole is responsible for most of the upper cracking.'"

Comparison of the cost of a nine-inch black kid woman's boot in September, 1914, and September, 1919, involves 21 articles entering into its manufacture, was presented to show that it cost \$10.04 four months ago to produce a boot that cost \$2.55 in 1914.

TRYING TO MAKE MONEY FROM BODIES

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Charges by relatives of American soldiers killed in France that undertakers were trying to commercialize their grief in connection with the movement to have their bodies brought home were presented to the senate today by Senator Thomas, Democrat of Colorado.

"I do not know whether the charge is true," Senator Thomas declared, "but it is in line with some other developments since the close of the war to derive profit from soldiers."

Senator Thomas had asked that a letter from New York bearing on the question be printed in the record, but on the suggestion of Senator Lodge, permitted it to go before the military committee.

The question of bringing home the bodies got into congress anew with the hearing of 200 parents asking for their return before the house foreign affairs committee and later by direction of Chairman Porter of the house committee.

HAS RACKET STARTED OVER ARMY MEDALS

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Urging congressional investigation of the award of decorations during the war, Representative Gallivan, Democrat of Massachusetts asserted in the house today that more distinguished service medals were awarded to army officers who never got across than were given to those who fought in France.

"It is common talk in the army," said Mr. Gallivan, "that our present chief of staff; and one of his assistants, a colonel, whose duty it was to entertain and dine foreign missions had no space to display above their belts as a result of being given distinguished service medals."

Congress should investigate the awards, he declared, asserting: "The distinguished service medal has been cheapened and certainly laughed at by the bold and brazen manner in which it has been handed out to the elect. It has been used to placate those who have been removed to make way for some one else."

"The reading of the sum total of citations in the award to several distinguished generals who never left their offices during the war would certainly impress one that the war was fought with red ink at mahogany desks near the showrooms of the Washington monument."

PAST YEAR BEST IN NEWTON'S HISTORY

(By H. H. Lowry)
Newton, Jan. 13.—The year 1919 was Newton's greatest business year. The bank deposits from business men and farmers were so far in excess of any previous year that they can be accounted only on the ground of unprecedented prosperity.

It was not a year of marked building or the launching of new enterprises, on account of the high prices of building material, but all factories employed more people, produced more goods and had the most harmonious and prosperous business year they have ever known.

The principal new buildings during the year were a large warehouse by the Carolina Glove Company, the beginning by Mrs. Virginia Shipp of a large garage to be occupied by the Carolina Motor Company and the assembling of materials by Messrs. Clapp and Shelby for a large canning factory. There was also a halting in residence building for the same reason, but in spite of the high cost of building material, quite a number of new residences were built in different parts of town.

In street paving, Newton years ago set the pace for North Carolina towns of 1,000 inhabitants and under, and last year contracted for another mile of concrete pavement and two miles of concrete sidewalks. The work was begun by the contractors in October and will be completed by late spring. A new issue of school bonds was voted during the year and bids are now open for municipal bonds for other public improvements.

The new census, which is now well under way is expected to show an increase of at least 50 per cent to Newton's population during the last ten years. Much delayed building will no longer decline in prices, and carpenters are looking forward to a busy year. The young soldiers, through their local post, will build a large hall as a memorial to their comrades who gave their lives to the cause of freedom. A new court house is among the possibilities and 1920 promises much to Newton.

MUST FIX AMOUNT OF GERMAN DEBT

By the Associated Press
Paris, Jan. 13.—With the opening Saturday of the period during which Germany must begin her payment of debts, it is announced that the reparations commission must fix the amount due by Germany before May 1, 1920. In the meantime the commission will see to the collections.

Between the period of payments, Germany will have to deposit \$20,000,000,000 in gold or its equivalent in ships, coal or railroad stock.

This was an ideal day for January. Reminds one of spring.

BIG BANQUET IS TO BE FINE OCCASION

Manager Dorsey of the Hotel Hurfy is perfecting his plans to take care of the big crowd that will fill his dining room Thursday night, when the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be pulled off. Mr. Dorsey is fortunate in having as his steward, Mr. McClure, a man who has been serving banquets for a great many years in some of the largest cities.

The banquet will be served in courses, and the local talks will be given between the courses, thus saving a lot of time. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Davidson Parry, an after-dinner speaker of national renown. One who heard Mr. Parry at a get-together meeting of a Chamber of Commerce says: "As an after-dinner speaker I consider Mr. Parry one of the very best. He has a store of happy anecdotes and knows how to tell a story. He entertains and delights, and his personality is radiant."

Secretary Joy has mailed banquet tickets to all members of the Chamber of Commerce, and they are requested to bring these tickets with them.

NICHOLSON HOME HAS NEW OWNERS

The Dr. W. H. Nicholson residence on Ninth avenue, which was purchased several weeks ago by a syndicate of capitalists headed by Judge Cummins and Mr. J. A. Moretz, has changed ownership again. This time it was bought by Messrs. D. T. Applegate and R. F. Carvor for \$25,000, an advance of \$5,000 over the first sale. The new owners expect to divide the property up into building and residence lots as soon as possible and sell it at auction. There are about 12 good business lots on Ninth avenue and several residence sites on Eighth avenue.

COLONEL REGISTER IS DEAD IN POLAND

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Lieut. Col. E. C. Register, army medical corps, died at Tarnopol, Poland, January 3, according to advices today to the war department. He went to Poland in 1919 with the American Polish relief commission to fight typhus fever. Colonel Register, was a native of Rose Hill, N. C., a graduate of Virginia Medical College, and was commissioned in the army medical corps in 1911.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE LEAGUE ON FRIDAY

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—The first meeting of the council of the league of nations will be held in Paris on Friday, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The call for the meeting was issued by President Wilson last night.

The most important business to come before the initial meeting of the council will be that of setting up the various commissions upon which will be involved the task of carrying out certain provisions of the treaty.

Circles Hold Meetings

Circle No. 1 of the Presbyterian Missionary Society met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stevenson. Miss Matheson was a visitor at this meeting. Missionary work in China was the subject for the afternoon and proved most interesting. After adjournment the hostess served dainty refreshments. Mrs. H. C. Dixon will be hostess for the February meeting.

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. Henry Reichard. Mrs. W. B. Ramsey was leader for this meeting. The subject was Mid-China on missions and the study for the afternoon was the complete survey. Nine members were present and Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. W. O. Mitchell and Mrs. Keever were welcomed guests. Elegant refreshments were served at the close of the program. The February meeting will be with Mrs. H. P. Williams.

Circle No. 3 met with Mrs. Paul Troutman. The meeting was opened with a song and scripture reading. Mark will be the study for February. Mrs. Gamble gave a reading on China also a most interesting letter from Mr. Crane in Africa. rs. Craig gave a report on Synodical Home Missions. Roll call was answered from the "Survey." Delicious refreshments concluded an enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Gamble will be the next hostess.

DEMPSEY JOLTED BY AMERICAN LEGION

By the Associated Press
Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 13.—Condemning Jack Dempsey as an unfit representative of American athletes, the Fort Wayne post of the American legion unanimously passed a resolution against allowing him to engage in a prize fight. The resolution is the result of agitation against Dempsey for his war record, due to the fact that his service during the war was confined to work in the ship yards.

ANOTHER BLOW

By the Associated Press
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Condemnation of Jack Dempsey, the world's champion heavyweight, was voiced in a resolution unanimously adopted by the local post of the American legion last night.

WOMEN ARE PLACED ON BIG COMMITTEE

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Appointment of a committee of 19 including two women, to arrange for the Democratic national convention in San Francisco on June 28 was announced today by Chairman Cummings.

This will be the first time in history that women have had a hand in the arrangements for a presidential convention. Chairman Cummings will head the committee.

The first meeting will be held in San Francisco probably within the next 60 days. The committee will be divided into seven sections.

JAPANESE STEAMERS CAUSE BAD REPORT

By the Associated Press
San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 13.—The senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation heard a report that a large shipment of munitions arrived in Mexico December 21 simultaneously with the Japanese cruiser Yakuma. The report was forwarded to Washington.

NOTHING IN REPORT

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Intelligence officers of the war department after an investigation stated that the simultaneous arrival at a port in Mexico of a steamer bearing arms and munitions from Japan and the Japanese cruiser Yakuma had no connection. The officers said the cruiser was a training ship and could not protect the munitions ship.

Markets

COTTON

By the Associated Press
New York, Jan. 13.—A fall response to Liverpool cables was prevented by overnight selling orders in the cotton market today. First prices were higher, the more active months selling 10 to 25 points higher after the call. The market soon turned easier under scattering liquidation, a little southern and more Wall Street selling, which probably reflected uncertain money rates. March and July declined several points before the end of the first hour.

	Open	Close
January	38.10	38.18
March	36.10	36.25
May	34.97	34.80
July	33.45	33.30
October	31.00	30.85

NEW YORK STOCKS

By the Associated Press
New York, Jan. 13.—Stocks continued under the influence of uncertain money conditions at the opening of today's session. Steels, motors, shippings, tobaccos and textiles were one to three points under yesterday's final prices, and rails reacted moderately. Equipment and oils showed signs of support at the outset, Mexican petroleum gaining almost three points but advances in these issues were largely cancelled within the first hour.

Weather

For North Carolina: Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature, moderate west and northwest winds.

ASSERTS STATES OPERATORS NOW CAN'T REPEAL DRY ACT

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—State legislatures cannot under the law repeal ratification of the constitutional amendment, Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the anti-saloon league, asserted today in a statement discussing recommendations for repeal made to the lawmakers of New York by Governor Smith.

Mr. Wheeler cited the effort of Ohio and Rhode Island to repeal the 14th amendment. Congress denied them this right.

Chief Justice Marshall was quoted by Mr. Wheeler as follows: "The principle is asserted that one legislature is competent to repeal an act which a former legislature was competent to pass. The correctness of this principle so far as respects general legislation can never be controverted, but if an act be done under a law a succeeding legislature cannot undo it. The past cannot be recalled by the most absolute power."

KING BLOCKADER IS KILLED IN ALABAMA

By the Associated Press
Haleyville, Ala., Jan. 13.—Henry Brooks, north Alabama mountaineer, battle scarred veteran of "moonshine history" for 24 years, and Nemesis of draft dodgers during the world war, has been killed in a spectacular "wild cat" raid by sheriff deputies, according to information reaching here today.

The tragedy was enacted recently in a mountain fastness in one of the wildest sections of Alabama. The posse penetrated the picturesque region after an all night ride and destroyed a 40-gallon still. Brooks was killed in a running fight with officers.

During the recent war he had aroused great enmity among moonshiners by refusing to allow deserters or slackers to stay in his vicinity.

Will Irwin is the Chicago Tribune's authority for the statement that Mr. Hoover cast his first and only vote for president in 1894, when he voted for McKinley. Since then he has not lived in any one place in America long enough to vote.—Springfield Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Maugans of Hagerstown, Md. are guests of his brother, Mr. R. M. Maugans.

Regular meeting of Catawba Lodge No. 54 K. of P. tonight at 7:30. Work in the first degree.

ADOPTS AMENDMENT TO THE WATERPOWER BILL

Washington, Jan. 13.—By a vote of six to four, the senate adopted an amendment to the waterpower development bill, by Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, providing that lawful contracts for power, light, heat, water, service or delivery should not be affected by any license, and that no person or corporation should be relieved from any obligations by reason of license.

Senator Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin, led an attack on the amendment which he contended gave perpetual franchises to power companies. His argument was denied by Senators Nelson, Minnesota and Smoot, Utah, Republican and Thomas, Democrat, Colorado.

THREE ARE HELD FOR SLAYING YANKEES

By the Associated Press
Mexico City, Monday, Jan. 12.—Three persons alleged to be the assassins of Earl Boles and F. J. Roney, American oil men killed near Fort Lobos early this month, have been arrested, according to a report received here by Colonel Orozco, chief of operations.

Colonel Orozco declares that others complicated in the tragedy have been located and will be apprehended shortly.

The report says that the American consul at Tampico has expressed satisfaction of the efforts of federal forces to punish offenders there.

OPERATORS NOW WILLING TO ACCEDE

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—Mine operators in the central competitive field told the commission named to settle the bituminous coal strike today that they would accept with a single reservation any award the commission might make.

The operators said they would not be a party to the fixing of coal prices beyond the period of the effectiveness of the Lever law as a wartime measure.

Ralph Crews, counsel for the central operators, explained that without making this reservation the operators could not legally join in fixing prices.

GLASS' VOTE MAY DECIDE LEADERSHIP

By the Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 13.—The vote of Carter Glass, who expects to take his seat in the senate this week, may decide the contest for Democratic leadership of the senate of the party conference Thursday. Underwood of Alabama said today during a call at the white house, Senator Underwood is being opposed by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska for the place.

The Alabama senator said the treaty situation looked hopeful and while declining to go into details he declared prospects seemed bright.

HOW CITIZENS MAY GET FREE DELIVERY

Many Hickory people who live close to the suburbs or in portions of the city not easily accessible are not receiving the benefits of the postoffice delivery service and there is a petition out asking for the service. To get this may mean the employment of an additional carrier, because the men who perform this work have much to do but the postoffice department can well afford to serve all the people.

Those folks who are not receiving the service can sign petitions, present them to the postmaster and urge him to take the matter up with the Washington authorities. Mr. W. S. Pollard, who lives in the second ward, already has done this. Others should help.

HOLD MEETING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Newton, Jan. 13.—A meeting will be held in the county court house tonight on law enforcement. A speaker of national reputation will be present and deliver an address. M. A. Abernethy has been named director for Catawba county and he has appointed about forty of the leading citizens of Catawba to assist him in the work, all of whom are expected to be present at the mass meeting tonight.

NORFOLK PEOPLE ARE HOARDING WATER

By the Associated Press
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 13.—City officials today are making every effort possible to increase the city's supply of drinking water. Steps have been made to connect with the Portsmouth system and plans are being drawn for a new supply.

In the meantime water is being hoarded and reduced pressure makes it impossible to secure a supply above the ground floors of residences and office buildings.

A sufficient supply for drinking purposes was brought to Norfolk today in tanks.