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### COULD BE GLAD TO SEE MR. HARDING

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Harding is expected to see the nation today.

## GLAD MASKED MEN ROB SOUTHERN MAIL CAR

By the Associated Press. Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Four masked men boarded the Southern northbound passenger train from Chattanooga to Cincinnati early this morning near Oneida, rifled the mail car and escaped. The postoffice at Oneida had previously been robbed.

## NORTH CAROLINA NOW RANKS FOURTH

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, in his annual report to the State Board of Agriculture, which is in session today, points out that in spite of the decrease in the price of the State's principal crops, cotton, corn and tobacco, North Carolina still holds the fourth place in rank as to value of crops.

## CUBAN SUGAR STOCK SEEMS VERY LARGE

By the Associated Press. Havana, Cuba, Dec. 2.—Sugar stocks in Cuba at present amount to 270,000 tons, it was authoritatively announced today by the Cuban government.

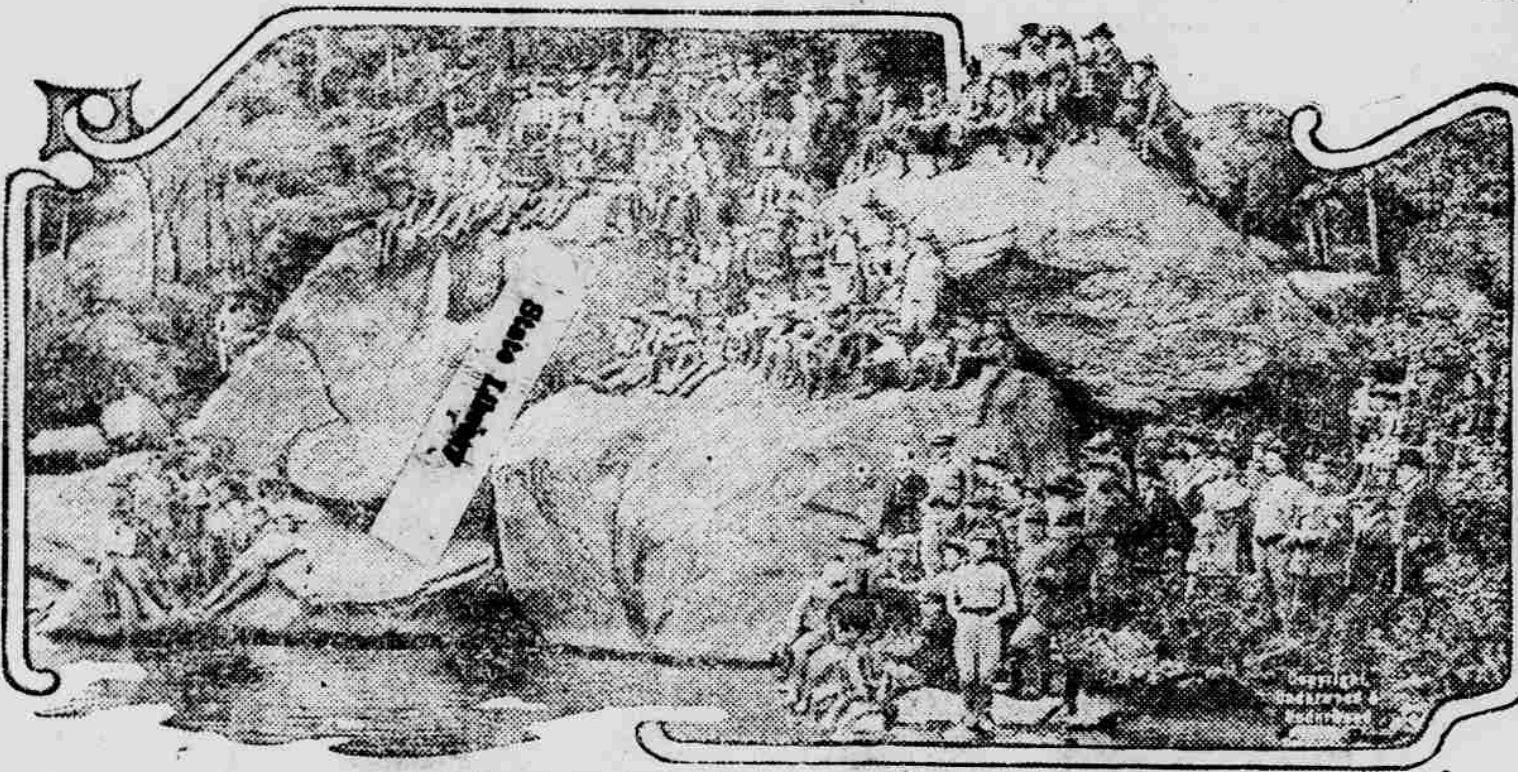
## GERMANY TO OCCUPY UPPER SILESIA

By the Associated Press. Warsaw, Dec. 1.—Evidence that Germany has planned armed occupation of Upper Silesia if the proposed plebiscite in that territory should favor Poland, is said to have been given by the allied governments by Poland.

## COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 2.—There was a further improvement in the cotton market at the opening this morning. First prices were 22 to 36 points higher with January selling at 14.45 and March at 15.50 during the first few minutes or about 30 to 40 points higher in the first two months.

## Scouts on Their Newly Dedicated Reservation



Boy scouts on a slope of the Woodrow Wilson boy scout reservation, a 41-acre plot of land at Barut Hills, Md., just dedicated with impressive ceremonies. It was given by Robert S. Brookings to the 2,500 boy scouts of the District of Columbia. There are streams in the tract, and wooded hills, a splendid swimming hole and an open stretch for every variety of athletics.

## HARD COAL PRICES TO BE INVESTIGATED

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 2.—Senate investigation into the prices of anthracite coal will begin in New York Saturday, it was announced today by Senator Calder, chairman of the senate committee of inquiry. Senator Calder said the governors of New England states had requested the investigation.

## PICTURE ACTRESS IS BURNED TO DEATH

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 2.—Margaret Desmond, a motion picture actress, and three unidentified persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed an apartment house early today.

## WANT COMMITTEE TO REMAIN LONGER

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 2.—"Citizens of Haiti" have protested to Secretary Daniels against the naval board of inquiry until additional witnesses have been heard in regard to the arrival occupation of the island republic.

## BIG INCREASE IN THE NATION'S DEBT

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 2.—An increase of \$112,646,571 in the public debt during the month of November was announced today by the treasurer.

## GERMAN BUDGET BIG FOR CURRENT YEAR

By the Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 2.—German budget estimates for 1920, submitted to members of the reichstag, call for the expenditure of 41,000,000,000 marks in connection with the execution of the peace treaty. This is part of the extraordinary budget which totals 52,500,000,000 marks and for these purposes the estimated revenue is only 2,200,000,000; so that some 50,000,000,000 marks must be raised by loan.

## MAY SELL BONDS AT LESS THAN PAR VALUE

(BY MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Goldshoro and Tarboro having sold improvement bonds at four and six below par under a special act of the special session of the general assembly will not be interfered with the supreme court this week having filed opinions holding the law constitutional.

## REPORTED AS DEAD VERY MUCH ALIVE

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 2.—Reports that Baron Desborough had died suddenly last evening in Birmingham, which were published here this morning by the London Times, proved incorrect. It is authoritatively stated that he is in the best of health and has not visited Birmingham recently.

## COLBY WILL SAIL FOR SOUTH AMERICA

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Colby, it is said today now plans to leave Washington Friday for Norfolk from which port he expects to sail Saturday on the battleship Florida on his visit to Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina.

## NEW SCOUT CRUISER TO BE CALLED THE RALEIGH

Washington, Dec. 2.—It was announced yesterday that scout cruiser No. 7, one of the ten authorized for the program of 1916, will be called the "Raleigh." It belongs to the fastest class of ships afloat. It takes the place of the one stricken from the navy list some time ago.

## BRAKEMAN KILLED, ENGINES COLLIDE

By the Associated Press. Albany, Ga., Dec. 2.—Will Washington, negro brakeman, received injuries from which he died and several other persons received lesser injuries last night when a passenger train collided with another train in the Albany yards today. Both engines were demolished.

## EDISON LAYS OFF 1,300 EMPLOYEES

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 2.—Approximately 1,300 men employed in the New Jersey plants of the Thomas A. Edison associated industries have been laid off, the company announced today. The reductions were necessary, it was announced, by the general business depression throughout the country.

## VICTORIA AUGUSTA SHOWS NO CHANGE

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 2.—Victoria Augusta, who has been critically ill, it was announced today, Rumors have been in circulation, but on inquiry by the Associated Press elicited the information that there was no change in her condition.

## CONDITION OF JUDGE PRITCHARD IMPROVED

Ashville, N. C., Dec. 2.—The condition of Judge J. C. Pritchard of this city, presiding officer of the fourth circuit, United States circuit court, of appeals who is ill at a local hospital is reported improved. He is still expected to be very sick but here is held out by relatives that he will recover.

## PROF. THOMPSON IN SERIOUS SHAPE

Statesville, N. C., Dec. 2.—The condition of Prof. Matt Thompson, who was injured when an automobile ran over him Tuesday evening, showed no change today. He is still unconscious and there is little hope for his recovery.

## NO LEGISLATION FOR AID OF FARMERS

By the Associated Press. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 2.—President Wilson, replying to a message from Senator Johnson of South Dakota in which the senator urged immediate legislative relief for western farmers and cattlemen, sent this telegram:

"Your message referring to unsatisfactory conditions unfortunately resulting from the fall of prices. I regret to find legislation has not provided me with powers which would be serviceable in the matter."

## D'ANNUNZIO DECLARES WAR AGAINST ITALY

London, Dec. 2.—Gabriel D'Annunzio, in command of the insurgents at Fiume, has declared war on Italy according to a Milan dispatch to the London Times. The state of war will begin Friday.

## ALL NIGHT SEARCH NOT SUCCESSFUL

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 2.—An all-night search through the massive piles of masonry that deluged 52d street at Broadway when a nine story apartment house collapsed yesterday failed to establish whether any lives were lost.

## MAN OF 79 WINS BRIDE OF 72 YEARS

Newton, Dec. 2.—George W. Rabb of this place and Miss Sallie Wells of Franklin, Va., were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. W. J. Baker, pastor of St. James Lutheran church, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. Rabb during the war between the states lost one of his legs and Miss Wells nursed him at the time. He is 79 years of age and his bride 72.

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## ASHEVILLE BOY IS HELD IN CASE

By the Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2.—With the arrest here last night of Van W. Hawkins, aged 17, of Asheville, N. C., police believe that the mysterious death of Mrs. Alberta Hawkins, aged 29 of San Francisco, whose body was found in a bathtub in a Miami boarding house is near solution.

The youth denies any knowledge of the woman's death and claims that she is not his wife, though he admitted having lived with the woman several days before her death. He is being held pending advices from Miami.

On the inside cover of a small puzzle jewel box, Mrs. Hawkins wrote before her death, "I gambled in love and lost."

## WILSON BUSY ON MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson still was at work on his annual message to congress and it was indicated today that it would not be completed before the end of this week or the first of next week. It is indicated the message will be presented to congress on Tuesday, the day following the convening of congress.

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