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WEATHER  
Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably snow or rain in south portion.

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HICKORY, N. C., TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24, 1922

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## BEGIN FIGHT ON BOLL WEEVIL IN STATE

(BY MAN ABERNETHY)  
Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Agriculturists announced their campaign on the pesky boll weevil in North Carolina at State College here today with addresses by specialists.  
The various phases of weevil control and eradication were discussed from a practical standpoint, the conference being attended by county deputation agents and farmers from all over North Carolina. Dr. R. Y. Winters, of the North Carolina Experiment Station, advocates more food and feed for the weevil. Cotton growers of the state says Dr. Winters, who has been witness to loss from weevils are those who have depended upon cotton and grown only food and feed crops.  
The morning's session was given over to a discussion of "The Boll Weevil Damage and Control Measures," by Franklin Sherman; "The Effect of Phosphates and Other Fertilizer Materials Upon the Early Feeding of Cotton," by W. F. Pate; "Cultural Methods for Cotton and the Use for Supplementing Crops Under Boll Weevil Conditions," by C. B. Williams, Dean of State College; and "Varieties of Cotton for Boll Weevil Conditions," by Dr. R. Y. Winters.  
Zeno Moore spoke at the afternoon session on "The North Carolina Seed Improvement Association and Its Importance." E. W. Gaither spoke of "The Possibilities of a Seed Improvement Association." At the 2 o'clock session, N. E. Winters will give a practical talk on his experience fighting the boll weevil and B. Brown and C. C. Taylor will address themselves to the subject of Economic Adjustment Under Boll Weevil Conditions.  
The annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Engineers will be held here next Friday, January 27 and will be featured with an address by C. E. Drayer of Chicago, secretary of the American Association of Engineers.  
There are 285 members of the state society, there being local chapters in Asheville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and other cities. Dr. W. B. Huddle of Raleigh, is president of the society. New officers will be elected at the meeting here.

## THOMAS CASE IS NOW NEARING CLOSE

By the Associated Press.  
Concord, N. C., Jan. 24.—The trial of O. G. Thomas for the alleged murder of Arthur J. Allen in Kannapolis on the night of October 25 began its eighth day in Cabarrus superior court today.  
Indications were that the trial is going to close soon and that arguments may begin tonight.  
Rev. W. C. Jamison, pastor of the Kannapolis Presbyterian church, Dr. W. C. Bernard, Kannapolis dentist, and Mason Goodman, of this county testified that on last Saturday night they drove to a point near Punch and Davis store and tried to recognize some person in a Ford sedan which passed the store three times, but they were unable to do so under the same conditions as existed at the time state witnesses testified they had seen and recognized Mrs. Robt. Lowe pass the place in a Ford sedan.  
They also were unable to identify two persons seated in an Oakland sedan by the side of the Bethesda road under conditions similar to those that existed when a state's witness testified that he had seen Mrs. Lowe and Thomas sitting in an Oakland sedan at that point.

## CARDINALS ELECT NEW POPE IN FEBRUARY

By the Associated Press.  
Rome, Jan. 24.—While thousands streamed past the bier of Benedict XV in the basilica of St. Peter's today to pay reverence to the dead prelate, cardinals of the church were on their way from many foreign countries to participate in the election of a new pope.  
The brief interval set for the conclave February 2 will prevent some of them from arriving in time to vote unless the election is unduly prolonged. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston cabled today that he was sailing at once and may arrive in time for the vote.  
There is no outstanding figure among the cardinals for the vacancy, but Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, is prominently mentioned as the government's choice. Others being discussed are Cardinals LaFontaine of Venice and Ratti of Milan.

## MINISTERS MEET IN CATAWBA CAPITAL

Newton, Jan. 24.—The Methodist Association of Catawba county met in the Methodist church in Newton, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The following ministers were present: Revs. W. W. Rowe, W. M. Boyce, A. C. Kennedy, J. H. Pogue, John A. Ditzler, M. E. Harris, W. E. Bradshaw, W. C. Hart, H. M. Pession, S. B. Stroup, J. M. Fowler, H. J. Whitener, J. P. Harter, P. H. L. Fritz, A. W. Stokes, H. H. Hays, A. T. Howell, G. P. Drum, H. M. Cannon, W. B. Shinn.  
After some matters of minor importance had been discussed, the W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, who had been previously selected to speak on the subject of "Some Hindrances to the Enforcement of the Prohibition Law," was called. Mr. Bradshaw had not been on the floor many minutes until every one present decided that he had given considerable thought to his subject and knew whereof he spoke. He began his address by saying that while conditions are far from ideal and far from what they should be they are not as bad as they have been. To prove this statement he compared the days before prohibition became the law of the land with the present, showing that taking the county over there was formerly much more drunkness than there is today. "But," said he, "while things are not as bad as they once were they are not as good as they might be, and should be. As long as there are still making liquor bootleggers peddling liquor and people buying and drinking it, things are not what they ought to be."  
Coming to the subject of "Some Hindrances," the speaker gave as the first hindrance the fact that "the prohibition law has never been taken seriously by the general public. Most people seem not to realize the fact that it is a crime to make and sell liquor. We condemn the smuggler, the thief, but somehow miss the violation of the prohibition law as a thing to be expected."  
"Another hindrance is that 'the people have left the whole matter of the enforcement of this law to the officers.' The law has been turned over to the officers to enforce and the rest of us seem not to know or care whether it is being enforced or not."  
Another trouble is too many people of more or less prominence are displeased. "Any officers who drink ought to be dismissed," declared the speaker.  
Lack of public sentiment was given as one of the two main hindrances. Mr. Bradshaw said that he had heard it stated that 50 per cent of the men of Catawba county are more or less in sympathy with the violations of the prohibition law. "Why," said he, "it has been said that in two townships of this county 85 per cent of the people either make, sell, or drink whiskey or are in sympathy with it." The other main hindrance given was what the speaker termed, "Political Blindness." Democrats and republicans vote for the party and not the man. "Until we begin to vote as we pray," said he, "we cannot hope to see the law enforced as it should be."  
After Mr. Bradshaw had presented his convictions on "Some of the Hindrances," a general discussion of these hindrances followed. Among those taking part in the discussion of the hindrances and the remedy for them were Revs. W. M. Boring, J. H. Egges, H. C. Whitener, A. T. Howell, W. B. Shinn and others.  
The program committee made a report and it was agreed that the next regular meeting of the association would be a discussion of the remedy for the hindrances that were presented at this meeting.  
Nine ministers gave their names for membership at this meeting and it is hoped that by the next meeting every minister of the county will become a member of the association.

## GRAIN SCHEDULE SAYS RAILROADS TURNED BACK ALL RIGHT

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Railroad proposals to increase rates on grain and grain products from Oklahoma and Texas to Carolina territory were found justified by the interstate commerce commission today.  
An order of suspension against the new schedules October 1 was vacated and the proposed rates will be allowed to go into effect January 29.  
The average rate from Memphis to New York by the schedule from October 1 to 1921, though the schedule allowed a 10 per cent increase on grain from Ohio and Missouri points to the Carolinas which will be considerably lower.  
The commission said that reduction given the Carolina territory would be more advantageous than that lost by the increases.

## RAILROADS FARMERS NEEDS AS FOUND BY EXPERTS

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—The national agricultural conference turned to Europe today for a study of factors in the present situation of the American farmer.  
D. F. Warren of Ithaca, N. Y., just back from a trip in Europe, told the delegates of the effect of the "situation there on American agriculture and told the need of accurate information by the producers.  
"For some years the conditions in Europe will be subject to erratic changes, both as to supply and demand." Storage facilities for surplus crops and standard grading to meet competition in the world's markets were suggested by Mr. Warren to afford adequate relief to the American farmer.  
Eugene B. Meyer, Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, detailed to the conference the work of that governmental agency.  
Speaking of the result of the government finance, Mr. Meyer said that although the shock of the experience of the past year is still being felt, Mr. Meyer said, we still hope of being of more assistance. Machinery must be provided to meet changing conditions and to hold us for as long as 12 months.  
"We must recognize," he added, "the necessity of selling our agricultural products more gradually than we did in former years and the corresponding necessity for carrying our commodities for a longer period. We need the machinery that will make possible the carrying over of a crop for a period of 12 months."

## FORD'S PROPOSAL IN CONTRACT FORM

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Henry Ford's proposal for purchase and lease of the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate plant in concrete form was placed in the mail today by Secretary Weeks addressed to Mr. Ford at Detroit.  
The secretary announced that as soon as it was signed by Mr. Ford and returned here he would submit it to congress for final decision. The contract was given to Mr. Weeks today by Colonel Hull, advocate general of the army. It was examined by locals and pronounced satisfactory.  
It was not thought possible by war department officials that Mr. Ford would be able to complete his examination before the end of the month.

## FORMER EMPRESS RETURNS TO MADEIRA

By the Associated Press.  
Bordeaux, Jan. 24.—Former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary left today for Madeira on her way to the island of Madeira to rejoin former Emperor Charles in exile. She was allowed to leave Madeira to be at the bedside of her son Robert, who was recently operated on in Switzerland.  
As Zita boarded the train she seemed to be fatigued. In an interview with reporters she paid a tribute to France and said:  
"France, which was always our friend and for which several members of my family have fought, deserves to obtain all that has been won by the courage of those who fought for her."

## TRACTION COMPANY CONSIDERS OFFER

By the Associated Press.  
Richmond, Va., Jan. 24.—Officers of the Virginia Railway and Power Company are holding a conference today to consider a reply to the ultimatum of the city council to "arbitrate or return to a 5 cent fare."

## ADOPT RESOLUTION TO PROBE TRUST

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—The senate without a record vote today adopted a resolution submitted yesterday by Senator Harris, Republican of Nebraska, asking whether Attorney General Daugherty contemplated action to bring about the dissolution of the International Harvester Company or what the resolution alleges to be a trust.

## DEFEND TAXATION SYSTEM IN COURT

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts and attorneys representing the state are in Greensboro this week defending the state's system of taxation against the onslaught of the railroads resisting the collection of taxes levied by the state for 1921.  
The attorney general and counsel assisting him for the state are confident in the belief that there will be no difficulty upholding the state's end of the suit. The taxes were levied, approved by the county boards and the state board of equalization. From this assessment the carriers are appealing to the federal court for relief, claiming that the taxes are unjust and out of proportion to other property in the state.

## RATES HURT ROADS AND PUBLIC ALSO

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—"Railroads have lost sight of the economic measure for fixing rates—that the traffic is able to bear—and are doing business under one slogan, 'we need the money,'" V. O. Johnson of Lincoln, Neb., declared today in opening the case of the producers of building materials.  
"If the roads had given the time and money efforts in maintaining our industry by lower rates that they spent in fostering the early establishment or that they are now spending in blindly opposing rate reductions," Mr. Johnson said, "both the country and the railroads would be farther along the road to recovery than they are today."

## FOUR ARE INJURED IN KINSTON FIRE

By the Associated Press.  
Kinston, N. C., Jan. 24.—Four persons were slightly injured last night in a fire which destroyed the Hunter office building, entailing a loss of \$200,000.  
The injured were Rev. Dwight Ball, a Universalist minister; Guy Moore, an attorney, and two firemen. The fire is believed to have started in the elevator shaft of the office building and it spread so rapidly that firemen were unable to control it.

## WILL OPEN BIDS FOR SCHOOL BOOKS

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—The state corporation commission yesterday heard the petition of the Tidewater Power and Light Company for an increase in street car fares in the city of Wilmington.  
Four tickets are now sold by the company for 25 cents, the single fare being seven cents. The company is petitioning for a straight fare of seven cents in lieu of the four-ticket plan. The city is protesting the petition.  
After hearing the petition the commission took the matter under advisement and will issue an order some time in the future, it is announced.  
Bids for the text books to be used in the state's public schools as recommended by the state text book commission will be opened here on February 6, the state department of education announced today.  
The council of state and the governor will select the books for use in the elementary grades from the list submitted by the text book commission. Virtually 90 per cent of the books now in use will be supplanted with new ones under the recommendations of the commission.

## SUFFRAGE LEADER CONFIRMS WEDDING

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Elsie Hill, one of the leaders of the national woman's party, confirmed today reports of her marriage to Albert Leavitt, a professor in the University of South Dakota, and in doing so announced she would not change her name.  
"Why should I change my name?" she asked "there is no law to insist on it, and it is only custom that has been leading people to do it all this time. I think it is unnecessary. Of course if people call me Mrs. I will not make an issue of it, but I intend to use my own name in legal matters and on my visiting cards."  
The suffrage leader said she and Professor Leavitt were married Christmas eve in Chicago.

## IMPORTANT MEET BOARD DIRECTORS

The board of directors' meeting of the Chamber of Commerce meets tonight for one of the most important sessions since its reorganization last June. It is understood that a special committee from the Merchants Association will attend this meeting in a conference on one of the biggest projects for the growth and prosperity of Hickory that has been started in recent years. Every member of the board is urged to be present at 7:45.

## BAPTISTS CONSIDER UNION OF BRANCHES

By the Associated Press.  
Columbia, Mo., Jan. 24.—What the present said was the first conference between members of the northern and southern branches of the Baptist church since the war began here today with laymen and divines from many churches.  
The Rev. Livingston Johnston, editor of the Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C., was on the program.

## MANY THOUSANDS SEE ART EXHIBITS

By the Associated Press.  
Chicago, Jan. 24.—In 1921 the art exhibit of Chicago surpassed all former great records of attendance by over 50,000. The number of visitors to the museum during the twelve months totaled 1,071,422, exceeding the record of 1918 the best previous year, by 52,552 and an increase of 68,825 over last year's attendance. This attendance is far in excess of that registered by any other art museum of the entire country, according to Comptroller Clarence A. Hough.  
The school of the institute is the largest in the world. It draws students from every section of the union and from many foreign countries. The Federal vocational board, or U. S. Veterans Bureau as it is now called, is now sending nearly 100 veterans of the late war to the school at the expense of the government.  
From January 1st, 1921 to January 1st, 1922 the total number of students enrolled reached 4,520, including all of those registered in day, night, summer and children's classes.

## STATE POPULATION IS LARGELY NATIVE

More than 90 per cent to be exact, 93.4 per cent, of the white persons forming a part of the population of North Carolina are "native born" according to census figures announced in Washington yesterday, says correspondent of the Greensboro News. The statistics show that Tar Heels, like their state, remain in it and furnish a remarkable record of "native stock" population.  
The census bureau announced that of the 2,559,123 inhabitants of North Carolina 1,785,779 were whites, 763,407 were negroes and the remaining 11,737 were Indians, Chinese, Japanese and other non-whites. Of the white population, 1,665,379 or 93.4 per cent were natives, 111,301 or 6.2 per cent were natives of other states and of the outlying possessions; and 7,999 or four-tenths of one per cent were born in foreign countries. Of the natives of other states, 29,016 were born in South Carolina, 29,437 in Virginia, 10,405 in Tennessee and 8,639 in Georgia.  
Of the negro population, 714,449 or 93.9 per cent were natives of North Carolina, 48,867 or 6.4 per cent were natives of other states and of the outlying possessions; and 91 or less than one-tenth of one per cent were born in foreign countries. Of the natives of other states, 35,006 were born in South Carolina, 7,769 in Virginia, 2,471 in Georgia and 650 in Tennessee.  
The percentage of natives of North Carolina of all races combined decreased from 94.7 in 1910 to 93.4 in 1920 and the percentage born in other states and the outlying possessions increased during the same period from five to 6.3 per cent.

## WONT RECOMMEND SMALLER LAND FORCE

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Although President Harding believes that the work of the army is eventually will end to 275,000 men, it is not prepared now to recommend any reduction of the land forces of the United States.

## CONVICT WHITE MAN OF ASSAULTING WHITE GIRL

Wilmington, Jan. 24.—Clyde Montgomery, white, was found guilty of criminally assaulting Ruby Smith, 12-year-old white girl in superior court yesterday; the verdict carries with it the death penalty. Sentence will not be pronounced by Judge Bond until today.  
Counsel for the defense will move that the verdict be set aside on the grounds that the foreman of the jury expressed a determination to find the defendant guilty prior to being accepted as a juror.

## LEON F. YATES WITH MOSTELLER GROCERY CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon F. Yates of Darlington, S. C., have arrived in Hickory to make their home. Mr. Yates becoming office manager for the Mosteller Grocery Company and succeeding Hubert Ramsaur who with Mrs. Ramsaur will leave February 1 for Burkemont, in the South mountains, to be missionaries for the Concord Presbyterian. Mr. Yates has been with the Edwards Grocery Company of Darlington and is familiar with all sides of the business. He and Mrs. Yates will be given a cordial welcome to Hickory.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ramsaur, who came here from Fayetteville, have won many friends during their residence here. They enter upon their new work feeling that they can perform a splendid service, and as both are splendid people, good mixers and well equipped for school and health work, they will be important factors in the advancement of the community in which they will locate. Their friends here regret to see them leave Hickory, but they carry the best wishes of all.

## SIBERIAN ISSUE IS PROBABLY SETTLED

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Virtual settlement of the Siberian question, so far as the arms conference is concerned, is understood to have been reached at the far eastern committee today with the acceptance of the Japanese to withdraw upon the establishment of a stable government. Secretary Hughes made a statement in which he is understood to have reaffirmed the position of the United States aggressive policies in Siberia. The decision not to fortify islands adjacent to Japan was approved by the Japanese delegates.  
Japanese delegates also agreed to the drafting of the naval treaty prohibiting the fortifying of the islands.

## TARANTULA GOOD WEATHER PROPHECY

By the Associated Press.  
San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 24.—Tarantulas are certain weather prophets when it comes to predicting heavy rain storms, according to the convictions of Hugh Harrison, of Hemet, near here. Harrison said that during several years of observation and study of the creatures, he had always noticed that prior to periods of heavy rain, they made speed for higher elevations. He said he believed the tarantula was gifted with an instinct enabling it to diagnose weather conditions several hours in advance.

## HOPE FOR FILIPINOS

Manila, P. I., Dec. 15.—Former governor general of the Philippines, Francis Burton Harrison, writing to Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine senate says:  
"I am sure that all of your people have been through a period of very great anxiety and uncertainty these past six months and I have been deeply sorry for their doubts and perplexities. I really think that all will come out right in the end and that we all ought to do our very best to cooperate with the new administration in every way in which you honestly can."

## RUSSIAN MESSIAH IS SENT TO PRISON

By the Associated Press.  
Reval, Esthonia, Jan. 24.—Russian soviet authorities, according to Petrograd newspapers, have ended peremptorily the career of a monk who, claiming to be the second messiah, attempted to follow in the footsteps of the notorious Rasputin. The monk founded near Petrograd a church of his own. He claimed wonderful healing powers and the people flocked to his call. As the number of his followers, chiefly, women, grew, the monk, according to soviet authorities, selected a number whom he called his "angels," who lived in his residence. He was sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

## FAMOUS CONDUCTOR DIES

By the Associated Press.  
Leipzig, Jan. 24.—Arthur Nickisch, noted orchestral conductor, died here last evening of influenza. He was formerly conductor of the Boston symphony orchestra.

COTTON

	Open	Close
January	17.30	17.45
March	17.30	17.45
May	16.88	17.05
July	16.40	16.52
October	15.85	15.95

Hickory cotton 17c.