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HICKORY DAILY RECORD

WEATHER
 Rain tonight and Fri-
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HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

FOUND EXPLOSIVES IN NEGRO HOUSES

Insurance Commissioner Scott Reports
 Conditions at New Bern, Where Fire Loss
 Over Two Million—Fire Company was
 at Rowland Lumber Company Mill.

By the Associated Press.
 N. C., Dec. 7.—Criticising the department, estimating \$2,250,000 and asserting a large amount of high explosives found in negro houses and their churches, the state department today issued a statement by W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner, on the New Bern incident of the fire.

By the Associated Press.
 Ankara, Dec. 7.—The Turkish nationalist government, it was announced today, has decided that it cannot accept the continuance in Turkey of the consulates or postoffices of any powers at war with Turkey.

By the Associated Press.
 New York, Dec. 7.—Counsel for the various southern railroads today attacked the southern traffic association's proposal for reduced rates from northern points to the south. The roads declared that the rates proposed by the shippers would reduce the revenues to such an extent that they could not operate.

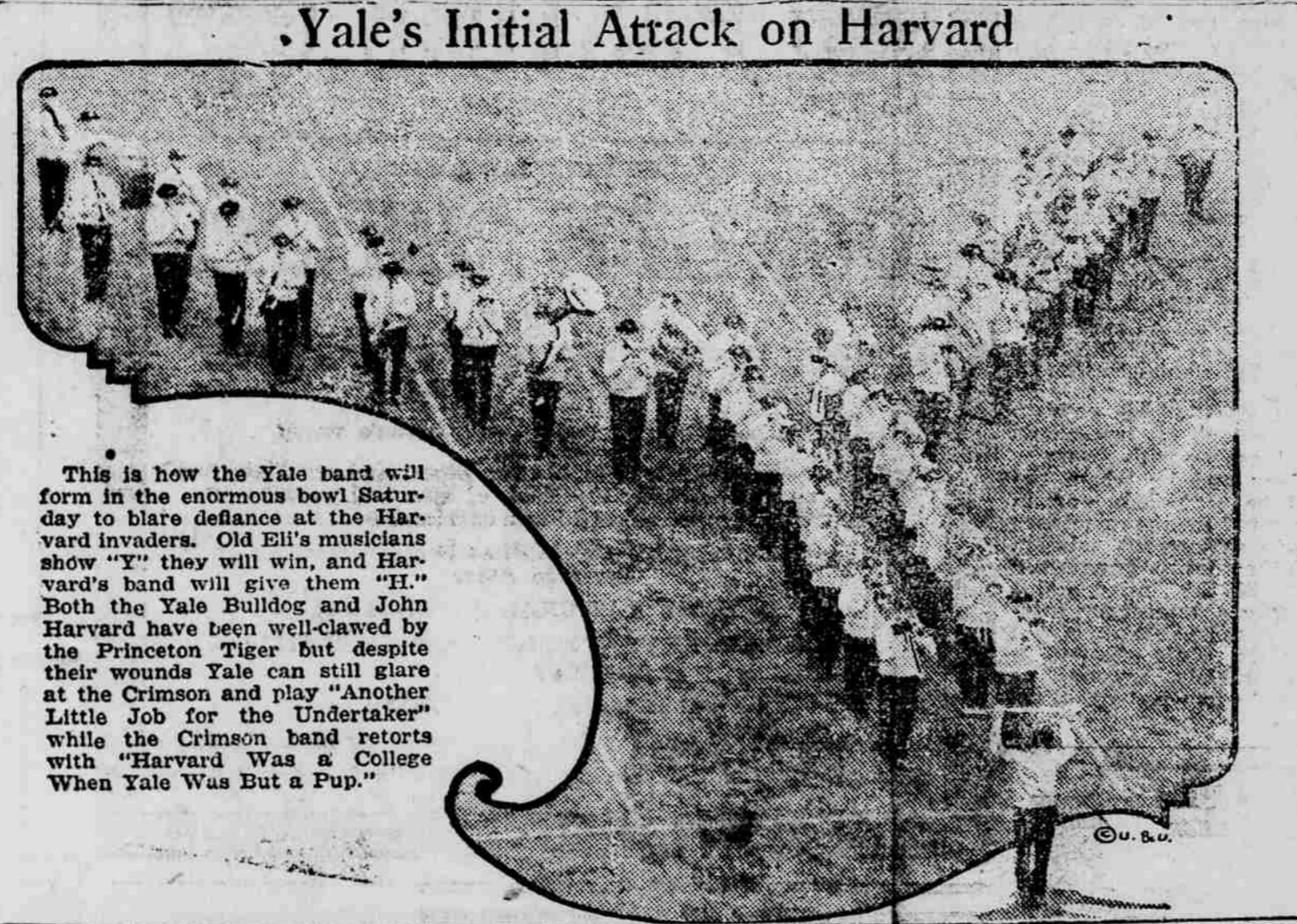
By the Associated Press.
 Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—The home of Ed T. "Gold Tooth" Johnson, promoter of a resort in Lower California, was the objective today of the posse headed by Sheriff Treager which left Los Angeles last night in search of Mrs. Clara Phillips, hammer murderer, who escaped from the Los Angeles jail Tuesday following her conviction of the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows.

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This is how the Yale band will form in the enormous bowl Saturday to bare defiance at the Harvard invaders. Old Eli's musicians show "Y" they will win, and Harvard's band will give them "H." Both the Yale Bulldog and John Harvard have been well-clawed by the Princeton Tiger but despite their wounds Yale can still glare at the Crimson and play "Another Little Job for the Undertaker" while the Crimson band retorts with "Harvard Was a College When Yale Was But a Pup."

By the Associated Press.
 Belfast, Dec. 7.—Both houses of the Ulster parliament voted unanimously today to "contract out" of the Irish Free state, as permitted under the Irish Free state act.

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 Hong Kong, Dec. 7.—An engineer and storekeeper of the American steamship President Jackson have been threatened to six months imprisonment on a charge of trading in arms.

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 New York, Dec. 7.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of one to eight points owing to relatively easy Liverpool cables and no demand in Manchester. There was considerable Liverpool selling here during the early trading, as well as liquidations, and the market sold about 12 to 15 points net lower, the market steadied on covering.

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WATER QUESTION DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

Eight engineers, appearing one at a time, submitted propositions to city council last night for a preliminary report on the water situation and the most economical means of increasing the supply. Council simply wanted to know where the city is now and where it will go from here. That was understood by the engineers, who made their suggestions accordingly.

The city wants to know the feasibility of obtaining a gravity supply, the cost of improving and enlarging the present plant to take care of the needs of this community over a period of years and the possibility of developing electric current to operate the power plant and light the city's streets. The remainder of the current, if any, would be sold at wholesale.

On next Tuesday night council will accept one of the offers made by the engineers for a preliminary report covering the cost of all of these projects—if practicable—or of one of them. The idea is to get plenty of water at the lowest possible rate for the consumers. The engineers drew lost and appeared one at a time, the session closing shortly after 11 o'clock.

Those appearing before the board were Vann Livestone, representing Ryan Engineering Company, Columbia, S. C., Col. J. L. Ludlow, Winston-Salem; Harold M. Booker, with Mess and Mess, Charlotte; J. N. Ambler, Winston-Salem; William O. Olesen, Kinston; R. L. Greenlee, Marion; Gilbert C. White, Durham, and G. H. Bishop, with the Carolina Engineering Company, Wilmington.

While the board heard each engineer, the others adjourned to the fire station and enjoyed the radio program.

TWO IRISHMEN ARE SHOT FROM AMBUSH

By the Associated Press.
 Dublin, Dec. 7.—President Cosgrave announced to parliament this afternoon that Seanon Hales had been shot and killed and Deputy O'Malley, who was deputy speaker, had been wounded while they were on their way for the parliament session.

The two victims of the shooting were on a jaunting cause proceeding along the quays when they were attacked with revolvers.

Deputy Speaker O'Malley's wounds are serious.

WAR SAVING STAMPS TO BE CASHED IN

January 1 will be the time to cash in those 1918 war savings stamps and the Hickory postoffice is the place to take them to be sent off or exchanged for treasury saving certificates. Postmaster Miller urges owners of the 1918 issue to bring them to the postoffice as soon as possible to avoid the rush about the first of the year. The government would be glad to give treasury certificates in exchange for the stamps, but is ready, if the owner wants the cash, to have that ready by the first of January.

MORE REFORMS ARE URGED IN OFFICES

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MANY ACRES ARE RECLAIMED BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, Dec. 9.—For the first time in years the work of the general land office is practically on a current basis, Commissioner Stry declared today in his annual report. Final homestead entries are now acted upon within thirty to ninety days after the final certificate has been issued, he said, and it is no longer necessary for an entryman to wait two years or more after having submitted satisfactory final proof for his patent.

Approximately 5,000 more patents were issued during the fiscal year than in the previous one, involving an increase of 2,787,000 acres. Of this increase, 2,459,833 acres were covered by entries under the homestead laws, making a total of 9,632,635 acres patented under these laws. Entries were allowed for 10,367,153 acres of which 7,070,175 acres were taken under the stock-raising homestead act, and patents were taken out on a total of 12,904,821 acres, a substantial increase over the area patented the year previous.

Total cash receipts for the year showed a surplus of \$3,848,598. The field service, entrusted with the investigation of all claims effecting the integrity of transactions involving title to public lands, as the protection of public lands from trespass or unlawful occupancy, collected \$199,050 and turned over to the Treasury \$179,114 recovered through civil and criminal actions in cases of depredations. During the year 117,533 acres were thus restored to the public domain.

During the year 17,922 entries were allowed under the stock-raising homestead act, bringing the total number of entries under the act to 80,323, embracing an area of 31,407,991 acres; 8,399 patents were issued under the law, covering an area of 2,919,819 acres, bringing the total number issued to June 30 to 14,139,090, for an area of 4,550,416 acres.

There were patented under the act of 1908, applicable only to the State of Minnesota, 19,689 acres during the year, making the total patented under the act 1,021,920 acres.

Substantial progress was noted in reclamation of desert lands; 1,671 final desert land entries were received and 1,656 patents issued during the year as against 1,599 patented the year previous.

Under the Federal Water Power Act, applications aggregating 674,000 acres were received for action as against 552,590 the previous year. About 1,000 elections under the act were called for as against 500 last year, and in the majority of these cases elections have been filed and entries allowed subject to the provisions of the act.

Under acts of Congress conferring upon former service men the preferential right of entry for ninety days in advance of other disposition of lands released from withdrawal or segregation or made subject to disposition through survey or resurvey, 475,790 acres were restored to entry, and 1,836,900 acres opened on survey.

During the year six national forests were enlarged, five under special acts of Congress, and one reduced. Three hundred more applications for mineral patents were received during the year than in the previous one, the applications embracing an area of 53,043 acres. Homestead entries in Alaska have been made extensively; 73 original entries were made during the fiscal year, embracing an area of 10,511 acres, while 71 final entries were made.

WILL ASK BANKER TO TELL ABOUT INCIDENT

By the Associated Press.
 New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 7.—Fred A. Davis, Middlesex county detective, announced today he planned to question a New Brunswick banker whom he believed had been an eye witness to the murder of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills on the Philips farm on the night of September 14.

According to David the banker, whose name he declined to divulge, has been mentioned in the case and has been questioned at least, but has refused to confirm or deny that he was on the Philips farm at the time.

David would not indicate why he wanted to question him further.

GOOD RECORD IN ULSTER TO STAY HEALTH FOR 10 MONTHS

By the Associated Press.
 New York, Dec. 7.—Life insurance death claims up to November 1 showed that the United States and Canada are experiencing a health record this year almost identical with that of 1921, which was the best in public health in the country.

These claims covering the deaths for the first ten months of 1922, amount 29,000,000 insured persons was mounted to the 16th annual convention of the association of life insurance presidents here today by Dr. Augustus H. Knight, medical director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of this city.

Forty-four life insurance companies which together average 83 per cent of the total business in the United States and Canada reported death claims of 1.4 with 1,000 lives as compared with 1.5 last year.

The records of the five companies reporting on industrial life insurance, which comprises 53 per cent of the total of all industrial insurance written, shows a death rate this year of .66 per 1,000 compared with 9.4 last year.

OUT OF IRISH STATE SHRINERS ASSEMBLE IN CHARLOTTE

By the Associated Press.
 Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 7.—Shriners from throughout western North Carolina gathered in Charlotte today for the annual fall business ceremonial and hundreds of others were expected tomorrow for the election of officers and the initiation of approximately 300 candidates.

The proposed \$500,000 shrine mosque to be erected here was one of the chief topics of conversation today and it was expected that action would be taken on the matter at the afternoon business session.

Plans for aiding in the construction of a hospital for crippled children, which is the task of the national association, and the question of aiding the New Bern fire sufferers also were to be taken up.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S BODY FOUND TODAY

By the Associated Press.
 Asheville, N. C., Dec. 7.—The body of Lloyd Phillips, aged 17, a high school student of Woodruff, S. C., missing since last Saturday, was found by a searching party near Emerald falls, near Chimney Rock, yesterday. The youth is believed to have fallen from the top of the falls, a distance of 250 feet, in an effort to carve his name at the highest point.

MAY OPEN SCHOOLS ON MONDAY MORNING

With the influenza situation expected to show continued improvement during the remainder of the week, the probabilities are that the city schools, closed Monday afternoon, will be reopened Monday morning. Dr. Chas. L. Hunsucker discussed the question with Mayor Yount today, and it was understood that it would be practicable to reopen the schools.

The disease is fairly prevalent in Hickory and this section, but it lacks the violence that accompanied it two and three years ago. The cases are mild.

Most of the new cases reported this week are in families where a member already had it, and the spread has not been extensive.

Nobody in Hickory has become alarmed over the situation and it is no longer a topic of discussion on the streets.

One young fellow who has a mild case has been badly upset because the schools closed while he was indoors. It worried him that he was required to stay in just at the time most children were having a vacation.



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