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HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14, 1922.

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## FINDS SOME GOLD ON CATAWBA FARM

Newton, Dec. 14.—A bit of native gold worth \$375 was today sent to the mint at Philadelphia by John J. Ratchford, merchant, farmer and sawmill man on Newton Route 2, Mountain Creek township. Mr. Ratchford picked it up on his farm, it being only one of numerous such finds, totaling in value some \$300 during the recent past.

Like all other bits of gold found in that section, it had the appearance of having been melted and thrown on the ground, having an irregular "splattered" shape. Mr. Ratchford says various persons in that section have found these "nuggets" in every case the "splattered" characteristic being maintained. There is a statement that some persons who at one time mined a small stream which runs through the Ratchford and other farms in the neighborhood, harvested as much as \$12,000 of gold first and last.

The finds have been followed up from the Shuford gold mine on down through this county, Lincoln county and into Gaston, and it is the opinion of persons familiar with the country that somewhere beneath the surface is a rich bed of gold ore. Mr. Ratchford and others have so often picked up many pennyweights of gold after hand rains during the summer season that they regard it as commonplace. The latest piece found and sent to the mint weighed about 40 pennyweights, gross, but after having been cleaned of small pieces of adhering grit, the net weight was 35 pennyweights, worth practically one dollar the pennyweight. Mr. Ratchford recalls that the beginning of the Shuford mine development, which first was in the finding of a nugget about the size of a hen's egg. This property is not a great distance from the lands where the gold has been picked up.

"If you were to pick up a piece of the stuff," Mr. Ratchford says, "you'd get the fever," but the major denied that he would. "Oh, yes, you would," insisted Mr. Ratchford, who then told what effect it had on him when first he found any gold.

"That night," said he, "I dreamed of finding a lot of loose gold on the ground, wherever I began to dig and first thing I knew I had uncovered a solid sheet of gold, many feet wide and several inches thick. The further I excavated the more gold I found. Very plainly I saw my store filled with people, with nobody to wait on them, and they were helping themselves. I got a packer's case and a hammer, broke up the sheet of gold and filled the box. Then I called out to the people in the store to help themselves that I was going to Charlotte to have me some money. I did some of the heaviest lifting I ever did and when I tried to get the box on me, when I tried to take it to Charlotte I strained so hard I woke up. That's the way the fever takes you."

"Why don't you really dig for that gold?" he was asked.

"Well," he said with a grin, "you can spend an awful lot of money hunting gold; maybe you'd hit the vein and maybe not. But you sure can find these stray pieces after a hard rain."

## MUCH COTTON USED DURING NOVEMBER

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—More cotton was utilized during November than in any month since October, 1917, the census bureau announced today in its report for that month. The cotton spinning industry has shown increased activity for the past several months.

Cotton consumed during November amounted to 577,561 bales of lint and 55,122 of linters, compared with 533,950 of lint and 62,406 of linters in October of this year and 527,940 of lint and 57,949 of linters in November last year, the census bureau announced.

## GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Lenoir College Glee club will give a program of Christmas carols tonight at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium. This announcement is also an invitation for the public is invited to spend an evening with the club and hear some of the old Christmas carols. The program will consist of solos, trios, quartettes and chorus work.

The Glee club has been preparing for some weeks for this program and promises a rare treat for all who attend the concert.

## Royalty Opens Parliament



The pomp and trappings of royal state surrounded the recent opening of Parliament. Here is the royal coach, bearing King George, leaving the palace grounds for the triumphant House of Parliament where the speech "from the throne" was delivered.

## COMPENSATION ACT TO BE PRESENTED

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—A workmen's compensation bill will be recommended by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman and introduced at the next session of the North Carolina general assembly, it was announced at the capitol today.

After unsuccessful efforts last year to pass such legislation because labor representatives opposed all proposed measures, the bill to be introduced in January probably will be framed by a committee of manufacturers and labor delegates, it was stated, and will have the support of women's organizations, the Democratic party and Commissioner Shipman.

"We have scarcely begun our labor legislation along the line of giving security to the working man in his job," said the commissioner. "One step in this direction would be the enactment of a workmen's compensation law based upon the principles of right and justice to wage earners and those who employ them."

"Under the present statutory conditions, when an accident occurs in nine cases out of ten the victim is thrown upon his own resources. With a workable compensation law, properly enforced, no matter who is to blame in the matter of an accident, the laborer would be protected during the period of disability. The employer would insure himself against accidents by the introduction of devices to prevent them."

"He would face a new kind of taxation, a species which it would be lawful for him to evade, for he could evade the tax on accidents by preventing the accidents. His claim against the employer would be large, but the employer would insure himself against accidents by the introduction of devices to prevent them."

"Workmen's compensation introduces the idea not of making the employer a petty criminal, but simply making him a taxpayer and giving him an option of getting rid of his tax by preventing accidents. He would act in safety departments and create safety committees from the employees to cooperate with the management. More than forty two states have provided workmen's compensation laws. Why not North Carolina?" he asked.

## SEVEN ARE DEAD BY ESCAPING STEAM

By the Associated Press.  
Houston, Tex., Dec. 14.—Seven persons were scalded to death by steam and approximately 35 others burned, some seriously, when a Texas railway passenger train sideswiped a switch engine near the depot at Humble late last night. The cylinder heads of the two locomotives struck squarely, but the locomotives did not leave the track.

The seven were killed when a two-inch steam pipe, torn loose from the engine, swept around and crashed into a cauldron. William Kempsey was killed instantly.

M. Young, the train news dealer, also died instantly. The five others killed were two negro men and three negro women.

"Drifting" of the switch engine from near the depot to where the siding converged with the main line was blamed for the accident.

## COLLISION THROWS HORSE AND WAGON INTO A RIVER

New Bern, Dec. 14.—A peculiar case of assault came up today in recorder's court when Anson Liverman, white, was arraigned on that charge following a collision on Neuse river bridge and his horse and wagon falling through the railing into 12 feet of water. Mr. Liverman was driving the automobile that struck the conveyance. The jury in the case was unable to reach a verdict.

## GRISSOM TO GO AFTER TAX DODGERS

By the Associated Press.  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—Application to the commissioner of internal revenue in Washington to request the attorney general to instruct each district attorney in the United States to proceed with the filing of the suits for collection of "genuine taxes" against all persons charged with violating the income tax has been made by Collector Gilliam Grissom.

Approximately 900 persons in North Carolina alone are liable for civil action of this nature, the collector stated, in announcing he was giving to the district attorney the name of the first test case.

Evasion to take such action was reached here several days ago at a conference with officials of the department.

## NEARLY HALF CORN SHIPPED TO CANADA

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Nearly half the exports of corn from the United States in 1922—or 58,582,806 bushels—went to Canada, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Much of this corn, however, eventually went to Europe, for Canadian statistics showed that only 12,000,000 bushels were imported from this country for home consumption.

Exports of corn during each of the first three months of 1922 were larger than during any month of 1921.

The second largest foreign market for American corn was the Netherlands, where 17,849,464 bushels were imported. The next largest markets, according to receipts were the United Kingdom, Germany and Mexico.

Corn exports for the first eight months of this year exceeded the exports for the entire year of 1921 by 2,488,743 bushels, according to the Department. Total corn exports for 1921 were 128,974,505 bushels. For the first eight months of 1922 exports were 131,463,248 bushels exclusive of 452,766 barrels of corn meal and corn flour, the equivalent of 1,811,064 bushels of corn.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS OFFICIAL ARE REELECTED

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Harding formally opened the annual meeting of directors of the American Red Cross with a short address expressing his gratification over the work of the organization during the past year.

The president predicted that with the awakening of the congress of civilization, there will be less and less for institutions of charity to do, but added he rejoiced as an American that there is an organization like the Red Cross "ready and willing to serve."

The work of the Red Cross, the president declared, was an answer to those who have said that America is doing nothing for the rest of the world. He asserted that America is best that is in by exercising an influence everywhere to protect the interests of humanity.

Mr. Harding spoke in the capacity as president of the Red Cross, a position he said he was happy to occupy.

"How gratified I was one afternoon some weeks ago," he said, "speaking of the work of the organization, when the urgency of the Near East was pressing and I was asked to the executive office of the chairman of this organization. I said to him: 'There is urgent need of relief. What can the Red Cross do? And without preliminary words of without and delay, Mr. Payne said: 'We are ready to serve.'"

## PRETTY WOMAN WAS KILLED IN SCUFFLE

By the Associated Press.  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—Thelma H. Richardson came to her death from a bullet wound—that she was shot by Thomas Pollard in a scuffle," was the verdict of a coroner's jury which met here today to investigate the killing of the pretty young stenographer at the home of her former employer Monday evening. Pollard's bond of \$10,000 was continued and his preliminary arraignment was set for December 23.

By the Associated Press.  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—J. J. Jones, a neighbor of Thomas Pollard, real estate and insurance man, charged with killing his former stenographer, Mrs. Thelma Richardson, at his home here Monday evening, declared at the coroner's inquest here today that when he went to the Pollard home after the tragedy, Pollard said:

"I have shot somebody."

Jones was the first witness to be called. He was put on the stand after Coroner Whitfield refused the request of Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Satterfield for a postponement of the hearing.

Jones said he was on his way to his home when he saw the body of the pretty young divorcee on the lawn of the Pollard home and that Pollard was standing on the steps of his home. He approached Pollard and was told that Pollard had killed somebody.

Jones said he did not see anybody else around at the time nor did he notice an automobile standing near.

Mrs. Richardson is supposed to have been driven to the Pollard home by J. Mosby West, a former employe of Pollard, and now in the real estate business.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM BOONE TRAINING SCHOOL

Boone, Dec. 15.—A basketball game on Friday night between Mountain View Institute and the Appalachian Training School team resulted in a score of 45 to 14 in favor of the Training School.

Pres. B. B. Dougherty one day the past week gave a very vivid description of his trip from Boone to Raleigh by point of view. The dampness from the air has crystallized on valley and hill and mountain, making the frosts look like crystal and creating a picture such as no artist can portray. It is wonderfully beautiful.

The following announcement tells its own interesting story in regard to two of the teachers of the Training school:

"Mr. Langdon Cheves Haskell invites you to be present at the marriage of his daughter Kate Calhoun to Mr. Arlie Raymond Smith on Thursday afternoon, December twenty first at three o'clock at Home, Abbeville, South Carolina." Their many friends wish them the best of life's journey.

Two social gatherings were given by the four Literary Societies on Monday evening at six-thirty, one at Justice hall by the Watauga Society entertaining the Calleeonian Society and one at Loville Home by Eburian entertaining the Appalachian Society, to both of which members of the faculty were invited.

The Methodist church gave a bazaar at Mrs. Blackburn's one night the past week, the proceeds to go toward purchasing a piano for the new church. They were very successful in their efforts, the amount raised being about \$105 above expenses.

## PULLIAM TO LEAD CATAWBA ELEVEN

Newton, Dec. 14.—Catawba football club is looking forward to a more glorious season in the year 1923 than the one that has just closed. The record of the Catawba team this year will be recorded in the history of Catawba College as the most successful years of football thus far recorded in the history of the institution. The Athletic Association held a meeting today, at which time the captain and manager of the football team were elected for the football season of 1923.

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## MORE THAN 1250 ENTRIES AT STATE POULTRY SHOW

Greensboro, Dec. 14.—With more than 1250 entries on display the eighth annual official state poultry show of the North Carolina Poultry association and the Central Poultry association opened here today.

A. A. Ray has on exhibition in the show room on East Sycamore street, a fine string of grand swagstakes champion Buff Orpingtons, which have won ribbons at America's largest poultry shows at Madison Square Garden, New York; the Chicago Coliseum and Pittsburg.

Jacob Eberly, of Dallastown, Pa., and Gannet T. Booker, of Blacksburg, Va., arrived in the city and will act as award judges. A large attendance marked the opening of the show.

## CHARGE TOO MUCH FOR WEEVIL POISON

By the Associated Press.  
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—Annual contracts for calcium arsenate to be used next year for fighting the boll weevil have been rejected by the state board of entomology because the prices are too high, according to a statement issued here today.



## Condemned for Treason



This is the first picture to reach this country showing the sentencing to death of the high Greek officials who were held responsible for the military debacle by the military committee of the new government. Demotris Gounaris, former premier, is shown here with his hand at his forehead listening to the testimony which sent him before a firing squad.

## ACCUSE AGENTS SHADOWING CRITICS

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Charges that operatives of the department of justice had "shadowed" members of congress who attacked Attorney General Daugherty were made and denied at the hearing before the house judiciary committee on impeachment of Mr. Daugherty.

Asserting that Senator Caraway, Democrat of Arkansas, and Representative Woodruff of Michigan and Johnson of South Dakota, Republicans, had been shadowed by such operatives, Jack C. Ralston, counsel for Representative Keller, author of the impeachment charges, asked the department of justice to furnish the names.

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—The Liberator.

## HARDING SEES HELP IN COOPERATION

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—President Harding in a letter read today at the opening session of the national council of farmers' cooperative marketing associations declared that he knew of "no single movement that promises more of help in the present betterment of agricultural conditions" than the cooperative associations of farmers to market their products.

The president's letter was read by Senator Ernst, Republican of Kentucky to whom it had been addressed as a greeting to the council.

Declaring he wanted the government to "do everything within reason and sound procedure for the aid of the farmers," Mr. Harding said he was "still more anxious that the farmers themselves cooperate to make the government's effort doubly useful."

"I know no organization which can do more for agriculture than this one," the letter added. "Whoever has read my recent address to congress will realize my desire to help the farmer through the present era of depression."

"In the long run government aid cannot be helpful unless the farmers are organized and ready to use practical agencies for their own relief. This association stands precisely for the best, most intelligent efforts to help themselves."

## TURKEY TO JOIN LEAGUE, SAYS KEMAL

By the Associated Press.  
Lausanne, Dec. 14.—Turkey will join the league of nations as soon as peace is signed at Lausanne, Ismet Pasha announced at the near east conference today. As the league exercises general supervision over minority populations, Ismet's announcement is interpreted as meaning that Turkey will accept jurisdiction over minorities by the league.

The statistics showing that married men live longest were assembled before wives began to price revolvers.—Washington Post.

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## COTTON

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 14.—The report of the census bureau showing domestic consumption of 570,561 bales for the month of November against 566,610 bales last year was the stimulating factor in the cotton market this morning. The figures were considerably above the forecast of year and buying found encouragement from Liverpool.

	Open	Close
December	25.42	25.52
January	25.43	25.53
March	25.63	25.91
May	25.75	25.89
July	25.50	25.61

Hickory cotton 25 1-4 cents.

## 13-CENT STAMPS ARE URGED BY CLASS

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Postmaster General Work has received from members of the American history class of the Shepherd College State Normal School, Shepherdstown West Virginia, a petition that the postoffice department again issue stamps of the thirteen cent denomination, which was recently abandoned.

The petition declares that the entire history of the United States is bound up in the figure 13 and gives the following historical reasons why the thirteen cent stamp should be issued:

America was discovered on the night of the thirteenth of the month. The republic originally consisted of thirteen colonies.

The first official flag had thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.

The American Eagle, requires thirteen letters to spell it, as does also the motto, "E Pluribus Unum."

The first word to pass over the trans-Atlantic cable was transmitted on the thirteenth of the month.

The silver quarter is written all over the thirteen. Around the head of Liberty are thirteen stars, the eagle bears an olive branch with thirteen leaves in one claw and thirteen thunderbolts in the other. On his breast is a shield bearing thirteen bars and in his beak is a ribbon bearing the motto with thirteen letters; each wing has thirteen feathers and it takes thirteen letters to spell quarter dollar.

There are thirteen letters in John Paul Jones, name.

There were thirteen ships in the first American navy.

Perry's victory on Lake Erie was won on the thirteenth of the month.

The stars and stripes were raised over Fort Sumter on the thirteenth of the month.

Gen. Pershing arrived in France on June 13, 1917.

The thirteenth amendment to the constitution freed the slaves.

It would not cost any more to make a thirteen cent stamp than any other one.

The petition to Postmaster General Work also suggests several designs for the stamp, all commemorating the thirteen colonies.

## CHRISTMAS CHECKS FOR COTTON CROPS

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The first batch of "Christmas checks" from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association are due to go out Saturday. These checks will represent a second advance of \$25 on each bale of cotton delivered to the Association up to December 1st.

The last two weeks has been the busiest that the headquarters of the Tar Heel cotton cooperative has had. In addition to having to prepare for sending out thousands of checks to growers of nearly a thousand bales a day. There has been a considerable let-up in deliveries since the close of November. It is stated, but receipts are still heavy.

The association headquarters report receipts to date of more than 125,000 bales on which advances totaling more than six million dollars have already been made and on which more than three million dollars will be advanced within the next few days.

The physical task of handling thousands of accounts with members will prevent all checks from going out on December 15th, but they will begin moving then and the various batches will follow each other in quick succession.

It is safe to say that there will be no Christmas presents this year that will be more gladly welcomed than these advance checks.

## THOUSANDS HONOR FAMOUS MERCHANT

By the Associated Press.  
Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Thousands of persons representing virtually every walk of life did homage today at the bier of John Wanamaker, whose body lay in state from 9 o'clock to noon in Bethany Presbyterian church, where the famous merchant worshipped since boyhood and in which he had been a conspicuous figure.

A long line of persons formed on the streets adjacent to the church awaiting turns to pay their respects. The services at both the church and the Wanamaker mausoleum in the cemetery will be private.

## ROBERT LASSITER IS MADE DIRECTOR

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The federal reserve board today announced the appointment of Robert Lassiter of Charlotte, N. C., as a class C director of the federal reserve bank of Richmond. Mr. Lassiter takes office January 1.