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MR. KELLER AGAIN FAILS TO APPEAR

Republican Who Would Fire Attorney General Daugherty Remains in his Tent, But Sends His Lawyer—Judiciary Committee Will Act Cautiously on Impeachment Charges.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Keller, Republican of Minnesota, failed again today to appear before the house judiciary committee to give evidence under oath on which he based his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.
Keller's attorney, Jackson H. Ralston, announced he had advised his client that the committee had exceeded its authority and that he was not required to appear before the committee.
Chairman Volstead said the subpoena served on Mr. Keller had been signed by the speaker of the house. He added that the committee could now report to congress that Mr. Keller had defied it with contempt.
After Chairman Volstead advised that it go slowly in reaching a decision the committee deferred until Monday any action with respect to Mr. Keller's refusal to appear.

LEE COUNTY WOMAN BRUTALLY MURDERED

Sanford, Dec. 16.—The dead body of Mrs. Laura Waddell was found in her little home about 11 miles from Sanford by two of the neighbors, a Mr. Gant and a Mr. Spivey, Wednesday when she was there to see if anything was wrong as she had not been seen since Thursday of last week.
On arriving at the house her body was discovered lying on the floor in a pool of blood, her clothing and unrecognizable. Her room was turned topsy-turvy. There at once notified a son-in-law, F. P. Brown, a merchant of Jonesboro. He came to Sanford and reported the murder.
Mrs. Waddell, who was 59 years of age, had been married twice, the first time to Hoke Pattishall and after that to a man named Waddell.
The C. L. Scott, coroner, was of the opinion that the crime was committed some time Sunday or Monday. He is inclined to the opinion that the woman was first assaulted, then strangled in the head with her own hair, and then the room was torn up for the purpose of robbery.

FARM CROP THIS YEAR TWO BILLION INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 16.—The nation's crops this year are worth \$7,572,895,000, based on their farm value as of December 1, the department of agriculture announced in its final crop report for the year.
Their value is \$1,842,978,000 more than last year's crops, reflecting improvement in prices for farm products prevailing now as compared with a year ago and increased production of some crops. This year's farm production is worth about the same as that of 1916 but is lower than 1920 by about \$1,500,000,000, and lower than any year since 1915, except 1921. It is only a little more than half as much as the record-value year of 1919.
Record production was made this year in rice, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and hay. Other bumper crops this year were rice with the third largest production, tobacco with the fourth largest crop in history, wheat with the fifth largest production and corn with its seventh largest crop. Cotton this year is the fourth most valuable crop of that of staple ever grown, although a small crop in point of production.
Corn Is Still King
Corn, as usual, is the country's most valuable crop, being worth this year \$700,000,000 more than last year with a total value of \$1,900,000,000. It stands second with \$586,517,000, the first being valued at \$1,190,761,000, and the cotton seed, \$577,765,000. Hay is the third most valuable crop with a total of \$345,729,000. No other crop reached a billion dollars in value this year. Wheat was valued at \$864,139,000, standing as fourth most valuable crop of the country.
In today's final estimates, based on revisions of conform with the census bureau's decennial crop production statistics, the preliminary estimates of production, announced last month were somewhat changed. There was a reduction in the corn crop of about 6,000,000 bushels. Increases were shown for other crops, including: Winter wheat, 54,650,000 bushels; spring wheat, 1,700,000 bushels; oats, 14,278,000 bushels; rice, 35,474 bushels; buckwheat, 1,407,000 bushels; rice, 2,806,000 bushels; potatoes, 17,280,000 bushels, and hay, 465,000 tons.

COTTON			
	Open	Close	Settling
December	25.29	25.47	25.45
January	25.25	25.45	25.45
March	25.45	25.68	25.68
May	25.54	25.79	25.79
July	25.25	25.58	25.58

Hickory cotton 25 cents.

Nerve Unbroken When Sentenced to Death



With a calm and almost jaunty air, these six former leaders in the Greek government listened to the sentence which sent five to death before a firing squad and one to penal servitude for life. Left to right they are Daltzias, former minister of foreign affairs; General Stratigos, minister of commerce; M. P. Karamis, former premier; Stratos, minister of the interior; Theotokis, former minister of war and Prouhadakis, former premier. General Stratigos escaped death and received life imprisonment.

MOVEMENT BEGUN TO CURE BAD EYES

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 16.—With the aid of Secretary of Labor Davis, a movement has been started for observance throughout the country of eye sight conservation day in the schools, Federal and state officials, university professors, engineers, industrialists and civic leaders are cooperating with the eye sight conservation council of America to remedy conditions of vision in classroom and factory.

TRADE IS ACTIVE IN HICKORY STORES

The weather man slipped up yesterday and got caught in the rain today without his umbrella. Thousands of people in this section regret the fact, but nevertheless it must be related. It was expected that this would be the biggest trade day before the last of next week and early indications bore out the expectation, but the rain undoubtedly kept many people at home. Those who came out were many, but the big rush was lacking. Large crowds thronged the stores last night and the windows were lovely.

The biggest rush will come next week, and to meet it merchants have increased their sales forces. The influenza condition has shown a material improvement and every day is reported better in Hickory. The long drought, followed by too much rain, made conditions generally unfavorable for shopping, and persons with severe colds tried to remain indoors. The good weather promised now is expected to bring out the crowds in great numbers.

GROUP LEADERS TO MEET TOMORROW

Chairmen of the various groups are requested to meet at the Reformed church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to arrange the program for the caroling on the following Sunday. Scores of children have indicated their desire to participate in the singing of Christmas carols and the adult leaders are expected to have all the material they will need. The meeting tomorrow afternoon is important.

RECESS IN MURDER INVESTIGATION TAKEN

By the Associated Press.
Sanford, N. C., Dec. 16.—A recess was taken last night until next Wednesday by the coroner's jury investigating the murder of Mrs. Laura Waddell, whose body was found in a pool of blood at her home 11 miles from Sanford early Wednesday morning. She had been knocked in the head with an axe.
Mrs. Waddell, who lived alone, apparently had been dead several days.

CITY WILL SIGN FOR MODERN SYSTEM

Chas. Best, representative of the Gamewell fire alarm company, will arrive in Hickory tomorrow to sign a contract Monday with the city of Hickory to install a 34-box system in this city. Fire Chief H. E. Whitener received a wire from Mr. Best announcing his coming.
The \$2,500 which the fire chief set out to raise as a condition to the installation of the system here was all obtained at noon today. The chief has the cash or its equivalent, and not over \$200 remained to be turned over at noon. All the manufacturing and plants contributed liberally and all merchants seen gave something.
Mr. Whitener said it might be 90 days before material could be shipped here, but the work of installation would proceed as rapidly as conditions permit.

BETTER WEATHER IS FORECAST FOR WEEK

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday includes:
South Atlantic states: Rain at the beginning of the week; fair following until near end of the week, when rains are again probable. Temperatures below normal with frosts except in Florida peninsula.

VINNA READY TO CREMATE ITS DEAD

By the Associated Press.
Vienna, Nov. 26.—On the spot where tradition says, stood Suliman's tent when his Turkish legions besieged Vienna in 1683, the first crematory in the territory of the old empire is shortly to be opened.
With the establishment of the republic the prohibition against cremation disappeared, and the city now has erected an exceedingly graceful little building to be devoted to this method of disposing of the dead. It stands in a part surrounded by an ancient, towered and battlemented wall, on a hill to the southeast of the Vienna. The wall once surrounded the grounds of a hunting castle built by the then emperor as a memorial to the defeat of the Turks.
THE PROPER TREATMENT
We have it from an eminent explorer that cannibals are very proud of their table manners. It is to be hoped that they always take politicians with a grain of salt.—Eve (London).

8 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

PLAY FOR HONORS IN FOOTBALL TODAY

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 16.—The hoarse shout of "signals" boomed across the chalk-lined field at the University of North Carolina's stamping ground here today when two powerful, undefeated football eleven—Asheville from the West and New Bern from the East—met to decide the state high school championship.
A full week later, the game promised to be one of the greatest that high school football followers ever have witnessed. Asheville, flushed with expectancy of ultimate triumph, showed confidence in every move. New Bern, equally as strong and no less sure of victory, rolled its heavy-milling scoring machine to the fray, huskies all of cheek, powerful of build and fleet of foot.

The western aggregation, well primed with plenty of practice, came on the field with an enviable season's record behind it. Asheville has met ten schools since the first kickoff of the year. Only three of these were in the championship matches. A total of 198 points was piled up by the mountaineers in these games against 20 for their opponents.
The team has met stiff opposition all through, but has won most of its games by decisive scores. Asheville has played two tie games—one with Knoxville, Tennessee champions, which resulted in a 0-0 score, and one with Bingham, which ended 6-6.
In the three state high school championship battles, Asheville rolled over Salisbury 47 to 0, clawed 13 points out of Charlotte, while the latter went scoreless, and won the right to represent the West in the finals by taking Monroe's measure 20 to 7.

On the other side of the field, the flashing New Bern outfit laid claim to as many, or more, laurels. New Bern came down the season's grind with a total of 183 points against 6 for her opponents. This lone 6 was scored by Washington, 29 against which New Bern's goal line. Those that fell before this powerful eleven included the choice teams of the Eastern section foremost among which were Washington, Kinston, Wilmington, Rocky Mount and Sanford.

Every team that New Bern played was a championship contender. Rocky Mount was the first to fall before the New Bernians, 27 to 0. New Bern scored 24 points against Washington's 29 against Kinston; 29 against Goldsboro, 24 against Washington, which scored 6 this time; 13 against Wilmington; 31 against Rocky Mount, and 6 against Sanford, the hardest fought game of the season.

New Bern swung into practice early this week after six of her first string men were relieved of guard duty at the fire area. These boys had been serving in the 117 Field Artillery battalion of the North Carolina National Guard.

THE AWFUL TRUTH

"You look fed up, old man."
"Yes, I've had a tiring day. That little beast of an office-boy of mine came to me with the old gag about getting off for his grandmother's funeral, so just to teach him a lesson I said I would accompany him."
"Ah, not so bad; was it a good game?"
"No, it was his grandmother's funeral!"—The Passing Show (London).

FARMERS' COUNCIL URGES LARGE LOANS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Legislation making it possible for the farmers to borrow from the farm loan banks for nine months periods and individual sums up to \$25,000 was advocated today in a legislative policy adopted by the national council of the nation farmers cooperative marketing association here today.

HARDING TO SPEND SEASON IN FLORIDA

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—President Harding was quoted today by Senator Trammel of Florida as saying that he "hoped" to go to Florida for a vacation immediately after the adjournment of next congress next March. The senator said, however, after a talk with the president that his plans are indefinite. It is believed he will visit St. Augustine.

JUSTICE PITNEY TO RETIRE JANUARY 1

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Associate Justice Pitney of the supreme court today send his resignation to President Harding to take effect January 1. Justice Pitney has been ill for several months and retires on full pay.
We have always view with sympathy and approval the club activities of the women, but their gun activities alarm us.—Columbia Record.

PROTEST ELECTION OF MR. LODGE

Counsel for Defeated Liberal Republican Candidate in Massachusetts Files Petition With Vice-President—Says Lodge is "Minority" Winner and Claims Frauds in Election.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—The proceedings began in Massachusetts challenging the reelection to the senate of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican leader, today were brought to the senate apparently to be pressed at the convening of the new congress.
A "protest and challenge" against the election of Senator Lodge was received by Vice-President Coolidge from Conrad W. Crooker, attorney for John A. Nicholls, defeated prohibition candidate, and also as the representative of the liberal Republican league of Massachusetts.

"Flagrant irregularities" in the November 7 senatorial elections were charged in Mr. Crooker's petition which declared Senator Lodge was a "minority" winner and had been "repudiated." Mr. Crooker asked an immediate hearing.
The papers are to be referred to the senate privileges and elections committee. It is not customary for the committee of the senate to take action on election contests until the convening of the new congress which they affect and senate leaders predicted today that despite the request for immediate action, the proceedings will not be heard until the next congress meets.

Reports that Vice-President Coolidge might make a preliminary reference of the petition to Senators Lodge and Walsh led Mr. Crooker to send the vice-president another petition against any such move. He said the propriety of referring the matter to Senator Lodge was obvious.
Mr. Crooker's statement said that the liberal Republican league represented more than 100,000 Massachusetts Republicans. He added that his protest against the validity of Mr. Lodge's reelection was justified by abundant evidence and also by "the overwhelming determination of Massachusetts public sentiment at the polls in the recent election."
"Massachusetts has repudiated Lodge and all the reactionary sentiment that he represents," the petition asserted.

The total vote for senator was 867,177, it was declared, and Senator Lodge received on the face of returns 414,130, and was thus a "minority candidate." It was added that no two tabulations of the vote agreed.

NEW PRESIDENT OF POLAND IS KILLED

By the Associated Press.
Warsaw, Dec. 16.—Gabriel L. Narutowicz, first president of Poland, was assassinated today. Narutowicz was killed while visiting an art exposition. The assassination occurred exactly at noon. The president died a few minutes later.
The president was killed by a man who fired three shots, all of them taking effect.
Developments in the fight for and against the bond issue for roads have been rather numerous and sudden during the past week or so, and Governor Trinkle finds himself (if it can ever be said that he has become located) in a very unenviable position, having lost caste, so to speak, with the people on both sides of the fence.—Bedford Bulletin.

WALLACE REID IS FIGHTING FOR LIFE

By the Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Wallace Reid, film actor, is "fighting for his life" in a small Hollywood sanatorium, according to story the Los Angeles Times printed today, quoting his wife, known professionally as Dorothy Davenport, and with mother-in-law, Mrs. Alice Davenport. Reid suffered a breakdown nearly two months after his health had been failing for three years and for two weeks he has been under the care of three nurses.

SERBIAN FAMILY QUARREL HAPPILY COMPOSED

Belgrade, Nov. 25.—The quarrel between King Alexander and his elder brother, Prince George, who renounced his claim to the throne of Serbia in 1909, has been brought to an end by the action of Prince George in writing to the King that his actions were incorrect and offensive. The quarrel was started in connection with the latter's civil allowance.
Prince George concluded his letter by entreating the King to forget the past, and he gave assurance that in the future he fulfill his obligations as a member of the royal family and respect its statutes. The dispute, which weighed heavily upon the country, is now definitely closed.

Governor Trinkle has placed those who took up his proposal favoring a bond issue in a most embarrassing position; in other words, he has left them stranded in midstream. When he demands of them that no bond issue be proposed in a special session—if he calls one—it is doubtful if the political history of Virginia has ever been marked by such an executive demand. To be perfectly frank, the attitude of Governor Trinkle on this question has been as variable as the winds.—London Times.

TAKE LARGE FORCE TO COMBAT LIQUOR

By the Associated Press.
Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 16.—If the federal prohibition force in North Carolina were doubled and state and county officials doubled their resolution to cooperate with us, it would be possible to have a real enforcement of the Volstead act," R. A. Kohloss, federal prohibition director for North Carolina, declared today.
Instead of approximately fifty men operating in different sections of the state, the enforcement brigade should be large enough to place a man in each county, the director said.
"Making raids on one of our easiest duties when compared with others," he continued. "The difficult job is obtaining correct information as to the location of stills, boot-leggers and liquor runners. With our men on the jump most of the time, we are handicapped in this respect."
"At present, we are centering our operations in the western part of the state and in many counties are receiving excellent cooperation from county and state officials."

Reports here from Washington officials are to the effect that prohibition enforcement in North Carolina leads a number of other states and that the year's operations will establish a record here.
"With our force doubled," said the director, "and with every county and state official cooperating with us, we could better our present record and show other states a real far-reaching enforcement of the dry laws."

URUGUAY WOULD DIVIDE LARGE PRIVATE ESTATES

Montevideo, Nov. 10.—With the object of forcing the sub-division of the immense landed estates in Uruguay, and at the same time to promote agriculture and stock breeding, the Minister of Industries, Dr. Luis Caviglia, has drafted a bill to apply a special sliding scale land tax upon all estates of more than 2,000 hectares (5,900 acres). The scale slides upward per thousand hectares, but exemption of the half or the whole of the tax is offered if the proprietors comply with certain conditions to make the land productive.
The measure is of special interest to all the countries of the River Plate in which enormous landed estates, largely idle and tenaciously held by their wealthy proprietors, are common, and thus far legislators have not been successful in finding constitutional methods of breaking them up or disposal to settlers and small farmers and preventing their formation in the future.
The conditions for exemption proposed to agriculture, dairying or stock breeding. They fix the standards of the stock in the case of stock breeding, and specify what equipment shall be necessary.
The bill will be considered by the National Council of Administration before being presented to congress.

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