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WEATHER
Fair tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer Friday.

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HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

American Commission May Go Into Germany

Berlin Government Has Asked Secretary Hoover to Push Investigation of Country's Ability to Pay Reparations with View to Getting at a Definite Sum.

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 21.—A request made by the German trade commission that a committee of American business men headed by Herbert Hoover would visit Germany to make a thorough survey of economic conditions that would serve as a basis of a new reparations agreement was seen here today as perhaps a bulk of the rumor as to American intervention into the German reparations problem.
Great Britain, it is semi-officially stated, has informed the American department of its consent to such a plan. The British government's message is expected to be followed by the French from France to which the proposal was communicated by the American government.
The proposal was made by a government commission headed by Chancellor Brüning to the United States chamber of commerce, which in turn asked Secretary Hoover to present the matter to the cabinet.
The Germans propose that the American commission determine the extent of Germany's ability to pay and assert they would agree to meet this amount.
Great Britain and France would consent. To this end, Secretary Hughes opened negotiations with Great Britain and France.

BORAH IN FAVOR OF CONFERENCE OF POWERS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 21.—A conference of the world powers to consider economic questions, to be called by President Harding for discussion of possible agreements to establish more stable financial and business conditions and also to bring about a reduction in land and sea armaments, was proposed by Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill.

The naval bill carries cash appropriations of \$255,664,000, an increase of \$1,797,000 over the house and authorizes the transfer of \$35,000,000 additional from unexpected miscellaneous funds to the new construction fund which was left at \$55,969,000 by the senate appropriations committee, without change from the house authorization. The bill as reported to the senate exceeded the budget bureau's request by about \$45,000.

Of the committee increases \$1,000,000 was added to the \$3,060,000 for the navy reserves and \$55,900 was provided for torpedo development.

TWO WOMEN CLAIM TO BE HIS WIVES

By the Associated Press.
Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 21.—Judge Leon H. McCord in the circuit court here today had under advisement the claims of two women each alleging to be the lawful wife of Samuel Frank deceased. The case was heard yesterday in which Lovada Frank, mother of four children, claimed to have married Frank several years ago, while Nevada Frank also claimed she was married to him several years ago. Both are seeking to collect a \$2,000 life insurance policy.
The case arose when the Modern Workmen of the World, unable to decide which of the women was the legal beneficiary, appealed to the courts.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR OATES THIS AFTERNOON

By the Associated Press.
Hendersonville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Funeral services of State Senator R. M. Oates of the 30th senatorial district, who died here of influenza last night, will be held this afternoon.

LOOK FURTHER IN BIG MEDICAL COLLEGE

By the Associated Press.
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—The special committee appointed to investigate the proposition of Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, that the Durham institution and the University of North Carolina enter into an alliance for the construction of a medical school, was in session here today.
Dr. Few again outlined his proposal during the morning session and other matters relating to the matter were discussed. No details were given out at the noon recess.
A committee was appointed by the trustees several months ago to study the advisability of establishing a medical school. Dr. Few here yesterday made a proposition from the Duke and Rockefeller interests to give \$8,000,000 for the establishment of a medical school at Durham.
No action was taken yesterday.

New Caliph Installed



Here is shown the ascension to the caliphate, highest religious office in the Mohammedan world, of Abd ul-Medjid. He succeeds Mohammed VI, whose precipitate flight left vacant the Turk throne and caliphate. This picture shows the new caliph (left) at the Seraglio palace, Constantinople. Refet Pasha, governor of Constantinople and Kemal's right hand man, is shown in uniform.

WOMEN OPPOSE ARBUCKLE'S PICTURES

By the Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, comedian, was making ready today for his re-entry into the motion picture field January 1, while members of the Los Angeles district women's clubs announced that they could not accede to his plans. Will H. Hays announces yesterday that Arbuckle would be given another chance to come back.

Mrs. J. C. Urquhart, president of the district, stated that although Arbuckle at his third trial in San Francisco had been acquitted of causing the death of Virginia Rappe, screen actress, the testimony was such as "to bar him forever from appearing before self-respecting audiences."

PREACHERS FOR HIM

By the Associated Press.
Livingstone, Mont., Dec. 21.—When clergymen here were informed that Arbuckle had been given a chance to come back into the motion picture field, said:

"Give Fatty a chance." The Rev. S. M. McCarthy, president of the Livingstone Ministerial association, added that the organization would not ask motion picture officials to bar new Arbuckle pictures.

OUTRAGE SAYS PREACHER

Milwaukee, Dec. 12.—The mere suggestion of the return of Arbuckle to the films is an outrage and insult to the public, the Rev. F. G. Rehner, secretary of the Milwaukee federation of ministers, said when he earned Arbuckle again intended to go on the screen.

J. PARKS ROBINSON RESIGNS FROM FORCE

J. Parks Robinson, who for the past two years has been a member of the Hickory police force, with the exception of a few months, has resigned as sergeant and S. G. Jones—known to his friends as "Casey"—has been elected as sergeant in his place. Mr. Robinson has made a good officer, and he resigned because of the long hours. Mr. Jones has many friends who will help him in his work.

STATE OFFICER IS MENTIONED IN CASE

By the Associated Press.
Marion, Ill., Dec. 21.—The name of Hugh H. Willis, member of the Illinois mine workers executive board, was brought into the testimony today in the trial of five men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riots by two state witnesses. On cross-examination, however, the two men said they would not be positive as to his identification.

NO RELATIVES CLAIM COLORED MAN'S BODY

Ed. Whitehurst, a negro man who came here with the "Florida Blossoms", a colored show, is dead in South Hickory and Chief Lentz has failed to find any relative to claim the body. His show went broke here six months ago. In a memorandum Whitehurst kept was the name of a colored woman in Georgia, to whom should be sent information about him in case of accident. The chief wired her and she advised him to have the man buried here, but to send her his clothes and watch.

CONOVER WOMEN HELP WIDOW

Fire last night destroyed a small house occupied by a widow in the Yontz mill village at Conover, according to word received here today. All the personal effects were burned. Conover women got busy this morning, however, and will see to it that the unfortunate woman, who just moved there three days ago, is provided for. The fire is believed to have originated in the kitchen flue.



Tim Healy Guides Ireland



The new governor general of the Irish Free State is shown here on a tour of Dublin in his new official capacity. He was snapped while crossing a river-boat which is being protected from a Republican dynamite.

THOMAS CASE TO WEATHER BETTER BE TRIED IN CABARRUS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Concord, N. C., Dec. 21.—Attorneys for O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman who recently was granted a new trial following his conviction in court here last January of the murder of Arthur J. Allen, of this city, are expected to ask for a change of venue when the trial is called, according to "author" reports.
The trial is scheduled for the January term of court. Thomas contended he shot Allen in self-defense. The shooting occurred in Kannapolis October 25, 1921. Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was said to have been with Thomas at the time, has left the state. She was a witness for the defense. Other persons testifying as the first trial also are said to be in other states.

Thomas was convicted of second degree murder and was under an eighteen year sentence. During the trial it was intimated by the defendant's attorneys that it would be impossible to obtain a fair trial for him in Cabarrus county.

The state is expected to again ask for the verdict of murder in the first degree, according to information in court circles.
The first trial attracted state-wide attention and the court room was not large enough to accommodate the large crowds attending it.

The most unusual weather ever known hereabouts, according to old-timers, has been on deck for the last few days. The mercury yesterday registered 21 degrees, was about 25 this morning, and was due to rise some more before Friday. Last night there was a little sleet and scarcely no rain, and there was likely to be anything today. Tomorrow will be fair, it is said in Washington, and a mild Christmas may be in order.

In spite of the fickleness of the weather goddess, the holiday trade has been good and was destined to be even better the last three days before Christmas. One merchant said today that his Christmas trade was much larger than it was last year at this time, and he expected it to go above the average by many dollars.

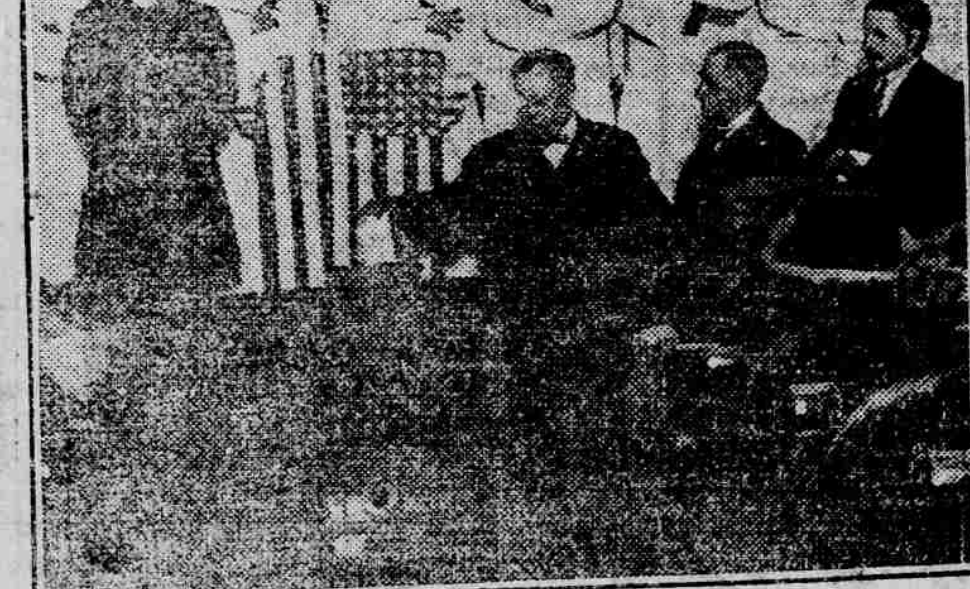
Those who are accustomed to visiting the stores—and that is about everybody in this section—have remarked on the unusually good offerings by the merchants. In some cases articles ordered months ago, were not received, but that was not the fault here. The display of holiday goods, however, has been so generous and attractive as to attract general comment. If it can be had anywhere, it can be had in Hickory.

FATHER OF FAMOUS PLAYER DOING WELL BURKE COUNTY MAN TAKES AN APPEAL

Neal Abernethy, a Burke county man, is out on \$1,000 bail pending the result of his appeal to the superior court on two road sentences imposed by Recorder Russell in recorder's court Tuesday. Abernethy, who left Hildebran in a hurry, ran over Pink Thorne, killed his mule and injured Mr. Thorne painfully. For running over Mr. Thorne Abernethy was sentenced to nine months for assault with deadly weapon and for driving a car while drunk, as alleged, he was given six months.

John Lail, who sought a ride to Hickory with Abernethy, told the court something about the drive. He liked it so bad that he offered the driver a dollar to put him out beside the road. He had to stay, however, until the team was hit near the Hickory Spinning Company plant.

Klan Goes to Church



Here is the first picture taken of members of the Ku Klux Klan invading a church during services to give money and express their approval of the work of the pastor. This unusual photo was taken at the Pacific Congregational Church in Chicago.

HEDGECOCK, HIGH POINT BANKER, GUILTY

By the Associated Press.
Greensboro, Dec. 21.—Three years in the state's prison was the sentence imposed by Judge W. F. Harding on Basil H. Hedgecock in Guilford superior court today for making a false entry in the account of M. J. Wrenn, a depositor. Notice of appeal was given, no additional bond being required, the prisoner being under \$25,000 made several months ago.

There are several other counts against Hedgecock, but there will not be pressed, it was stated.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—Basil H. Hedgecock, former cashier of the Home Banking Company of High Point, was found guilty of making a false entry in the account of M. J. Wrenn, one of the depositors of the bank, the jury returning its verdict shortly before noon after being on the case since late yesterday. Sentence will probably be passed this afternoon.

The case against the banker grew out of an alleged shortage of funds discovered in the High Point institution when the bank accounts were audited last April by examiners under the direction of the state banking department. Charges were preferred against Hedgecock and he was released under bond.

An alleged shortage of \$123,000 is shown by the audit, but the specific account on which the former cashier was tried was the Wrenn account, a shortage of \$10,000.

The case began Monday at 11 o'clock, the evidence being concluded Tuesday and the jury receiving the case yesterday at 5 o'clock.

WILSON TOBACCO SALES HEAVY FOR SEASON

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Wilson tobacco market has closed for the Christmas holidays with a record of 40,637,910 pounds of tobacco sold on the floors of the auction warehouses here since the opening of the season. The market will reopen January 3. The total receipts for the season to date are \$12,225,082.83. The average was 30.07 per pound.

When the market closed December 16, 1921 for the holidays, 39,050,252 pounds had been sold for \$11,167,027.88, with an average of \$28.64. These figures are from the report of H. B. Johnson, secretary of the Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade.

MORRISON ORDERS THAT SPECIAL COURT BE HELD

Murphy, N. C., Dec. 21.—Governor Morrison has called a special term of Cherokee county superior court for the purpose of trying certain land condemnation suits of the Carolina-Tennessee Power Company against the Hiwassee River Power Company, involving the riparian right in about 25 miles of the Hiwassee river between Murphy and the Tennessee state line. There are 14 suits docketed, all a part of the same litigation.

The Carolina-Tennessee Power Company has stated that if the suits are terminated in its favor, between five and seven million dollars will be expended in development of hydro-electric plants.

BAD ANY TIME

Dad—"Son, there's nothing worse than to be old and broken."
Young Hopeless—"Yes, father, to be young and broke."—Punch Bowl.

TWO DELEGATES TALK AT ONCE, ADJOURN

By the Associated Press.
Lausanne, Dec. 21.—A wordy altercation between ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece and Riza Nur Bey, Turkish nationalist delegate, caused the president of the near east conference commission on minorities to abruptly end this morning's session of the commission.

The dispute was over the question of immigration. Venizelos bitterly attacked the Angora government and protested the deportation of Greeks by the thousands.

Riza replied in the same vein, charging Venizelos with being responsible for the Turko-Greek war and its consequences.

The voices of the two delegates rose to a high pitch, both speaking at the same time and refusing to heed the command of the president to stop.