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WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably followed by rains Sunday. Rising temperature.

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HUGHES LEAVES BIG QUESTION TO ALLIES

American Secretary of State Points Way to Premiers for Settling German Reparations Crisis with American Aid—World Interested in Seeing Europe Settle Down.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Disclosure by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech last night of the belief of the Washington government that an international commission of financiers, including Americans, might well be called to recommend a method of settling the reparations crisis apparently leaves the next move in the hands of the allied premiers.
The American suggestion, Mr. Hughes specified, was offered as an alternative to the plan that the premier at their Paris meeting next Tuesday failed to find a basis for the agreement of their views among themselves.
The secretary stressed the view that settlement by the premiers was to be hoped for. He pointed out that failing to reach an agreement, the world might be facing the employment of forcible means to collect reparations from Germany and outlined the danger to world peace, the American government forewarily warning of allied statesmen.

SHOOTING GIRL, IS SHOT DEAD BY OFFICER

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—One of three men early today shot a high school girl as she was en route from a school entertainment, killed a policeman and was in turn killed by another patrolman.
The girl, Miss Minnie Fickenstein, 17, was shot through the hip. Her wound was not serious. The dead officer was William J. O'Malley. Miss Fickenstein said the three men accosted her and another girl who were waiting with her brother and another high school student. When she protested, one of the men shot at her.
Patrolman O'Malley, hearing the shooting, dashed up only to be shot three times. He in turn was shot by the patrolman.



Here are the four dominant characters of allied politics agreeing to disagree about the war debts. Left to right, Premier Poincare of France, Bonar Law, Mussolini of Italy and Premier Thymans of Belgium. This picture was taken in the historic conference room at 10 Downing Street, London.

KLANSMEN START PROBE INTO MURDERS

By the Associated Press.
New Orleans, Dec. 30.—The Louisiana organization of the Ku Klux Klan will send its own agents into Morehouse parish to investigate the kidnapping and killing of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August, according to an announcement today by a high official of the Klan.
The Klan official stated if it should develop any individual members of the Klan in Morehouse parish had anything to do with the killing of Richards and Daniels they would be outlawed and the Klan would assist in obtaining their conviction before the criminal courts of the state.

TOWN BOYS DEFEAT STATESVILLE QUINT

(By Tom Hamilton, Jr.)
Statesville started off with a rush in the basketball game between the Hickory town team and the Statesville legion quint, but when the final whistle sounded the visiting brethren were four points behind the locals, losing by a score of 20-22.
Anderson started off by scoring a pretty field goal for Statesville, but this two point lead was quickly overcome by the local artists and with Higgins shooting one field goal and Mitchell following with three more in rapid succession, the local boys succeeded in gaining a six point lead. The visitors were confident of victory and after the locals had piled up their lead, the Statesville boys steadily gained and cut down the margin between the two teams, piling up five points before the locals could cage the ball again. At this time the score stood 8-7 in Hickory's favor, but this did not last long for Higgins slipped and caged a pretty field goal after catching the ball thrown from the outside by Mitchell. Statesville came back with a rush and Anderson made a beautiful shot after getting away from his guard, Kimball for Statesville quickly followed with another, overcoming the lead that Hickory had held throughout the greater part of the first half. The points alternated between the two teams for the remainder of the first period and Statesville was leading by two points when the first half ended.
The second period opened with Hickory leading off Morrison fouled for Statesville and Whitener made both shots good. Hickory gained the lead once more and this time held it throughout the remainder of the contest. Mitchell again caged a pretty shot from the center of the court and Higgins followed with another. Hickory piled up six points before the visiting team could find themselves, but after getting started the local boys were given a hard fight. Anderson broke into the second half for Statesville with a pretty field shot but Mitchell for Hickory was evidently not satisfied with the lead and after going around through his opponents slipped up with another field goal. Tripp for Statesville succeeded in caging the next point. Several times the local boys managed to cut the ball right under their goal and after three or four trials by different members of the club the ball would roll around the top of the basket and out into the hands of an opponent only to be carried back down to the other end of the court where a battle royal would rage and occasionally Statesville would be credited with a field shot.
There was only one substitute made in the game. Gilbert went in for Guy and Statesville took on new life. A desperate effort was made to overcome the local's lead, but Hickory had on her fighting togs and were out for revenge for the defeat at the hands of the visitors earlier in the season. The final count was 26-22 in Hickory's favor.
Both teams played excellent ball with just enough roughness to make things interesting. The largest point scorer for the visitors was Kimball who succeeded in caging ten points. Mitchell and Higgins tied for local honors each running up ten points.
Hickory 26
Statesville 22
Anderson LF
Whitener RF
Higgins C
Hawn LG
Cilley RG
Morrison Guv.
Substitutes—For Statesville, Gilbert for Guy, Referee, Whitener of N. C. State. Scorekeeper—Carter of Carolina.

AMERICAN HELP PROPOSED FOR ARMENIA

By the Associated Press.
Lausanne, Dec. 30.—Plans for an Armenian national home financed by a possible \$20,000,000 appropriation by the United States congress or a popular loan in America in addition to funds from other countries were presented to the near east conference today by the American delegation.
Harrison Winkler, who shot off the large toe and ball of his foot while hunting near Lenoir yesterday, was brought to the Richard Baker hospital last night. He was reported as doing as well as could be expected.

BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD NEW YORK MEN SAY

Leading Financiers and Business Men, Scanning Economic Horizon, See Evidences of Great Prosperity During Coming Year—Some Factors That Look Especially Promising.

HUFFMAN LOOKS INTO KILLING OF MAN

By the Associated Press.
Morgantown, N. C., Dec. 30.—The preliminary investigation by Solicitor R. L. Huffman into the death of Fred Allison, 29-year-old automobile mechanic, near Lincolnton, included a discussion of the case set for today with L. J. Allison of Charlotte, brother of the dead man.
Fred Allison was killed on an exchange of shots between three alleged liquor runners and Deputy Sheriff Baxter.
While a coroner's jury indicated its belief that a shot by one of his companions caused Allison's fatal wound, Mr. Huffman said a physician who examined the wound expressed the belief that the bullet had been battered by striking the automobile before it entered his body.
Solicitor Huffman said he would inquire also into the reason for Deputy Baxter being allowed to continue in office, although he is under bond, for he is charged with liquor selling and immorality.

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 30.—Stock and bond prices generally closed the year at materially higher levels, which is not only a reflection of the marked increase in business during the last 12 months, but which is also construed by conservative New York banking interests as still further prosperity during the coming year.
The year closes with conditions favorable for a further appreciation of commodity and security prices, in the opinion of the security and financial community.
Unfavorable political and economic developments abroad are considered as the only obstacles to the improvement of business, which began in the summer of 1921 and continued throughout the present year.
The prediction of further business prosperity is based on several well known facts. Foremost among these is the easiness of the money market and the huge sums available for credits. In addition most stocks are low, railroad traffic is close to record levels, exports are increasing, the principal European exchanges are heading back to par and the European economic situation shows signs of improving, and the unfilled orders for railroad equipment are the largest in years.
Other signs are seen in the fact that no big strikes are seen or pending, much construction work is in arrears, despite a record-breaking year in the building industry, automobile industry reached a new peak which probably will be exceeded next year, gasoline consumption was the largest in history and electric power companies are prosperous.

MARKETS CLOSED TODAY

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 30.—The cotton and sugar exchanges here were closed today.

GOVERNOR TURNS GRAY LOOSE TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—Governor Morrison today rescinded his action of earlier in the week in honoring extradition papers in the case of William Bingham Gray, wanted in Kentucky on a charge of obtaining money under false pretense in connection with the Bingham school at Mebane. Gray was immediately given his liberty.
"I have made an investigation of this matter," said the governor, "and while I believe an honest and sincere effort was made to reestablish the school at Mebane, failure has been the result. I do not believe young Gray is guilty of any fraud. I have found that he led his law class at the University of Virginia, and I do not intend to mar his future."
"I want to say, however, that Colonel Gray should discontinue the operation of the school or it will get him into serious trouble."
Gray was on the train en route to Kentucky Thursday night with Agent J. B. Hubbard when his father, Preston Lewis Gray, advised the governor he wished him to review the case. Hubbard testified today that Gray had misrepresented the school at Mebane to get students. The plant was insufficient to meet the needs of a "handy," he said, and a number of wealthy parents had been forced to withdraw their boys at a financial loss.
The defense contended that the attempt to extradite Gray was to use the criminal docket to collect money.

CAMPBELL TO GET TWO THOUSAND BEANS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—James I. Campbell, Republican who contested the seat of Representative Doughnut, Democrat of the eighth North Carolina district, will receive the usual \$2,000 under the deficiency bill recently reported to the house. Months ago the committee reported that Mr. Doughnut was elected, but the report was never filed.

HERE IS A ONE MAN RAILROAD OPERATION

Bangor, Maine, Dec. 30.—An enterprising native of the state of Maine has solved the problem of what to do with an abandoned railroad. Some months ago the Bangor and Aroostook railroad discontinued service over its twelve-mile branch running from Brownsville to Katahdin iron works. Henry Green says his opportunity.
He started with a small automobile and an idea. The idea was to make it run on the unused rails. It worked. He rented the whole branch from the railroad company at \$100 a month and started business. Now traffic is so brisk that he is using a trailer behind his car.
There is some doubt as to how this one-man railroad will work in mid-winter, but the proprietor has attached some sawed off brooms to the front wheels as a miniature rotary plow. He thinks this will take care of snow up to a depth of a foot. If it gets deeper the passengers will have to help shovel away the drifts.
Years ago there was a flourishing business in the mining and smelting of iron at Katahdin iron works. When it was finally abandoned as unprofitable the place became a sportsmen's resort.

RAIN IS FORECAST FIRST NEXT WEEK

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday includes: South Atlantic states: Rain at the beginning of the week and again about Thursday or Friday; otherwise fair. Temperatures normal or above normal until near the end of the week, then colder.

CHECKER TOURNAMENT PROVES INTERESTING

In point of interest that first checkers tournament held in Hickory in many years was all that its sponsors—the Business and Professional Men's club—could hope for, though the attendance was not large. Several of the artists were present, but it seemed that the public generally did not realize that it was invited. It was expected to give another party some night with a better crowd.
John W. Hoke and Nat Browder probably divided honors, though Farel Warrick of Cooper came close. A young Embiss had played a strong game and gave the older hands all they could take care of. W. E. Mendes, at one time a real artist was in the job, but the traps caught him frequently. A little practice and he will be in form again. E. E. Hendley also was on hand and played well.
It was observed that some of the local top-notchers were conspicuous by their absence. Among the lady players Mrs. Albert Hewitt, Mrs. Watt Shuford and Miss Emma Bonner scored heavily one way or another.
Coffee, mints and fudge were served during the evening by the hosts at the Buttercup Tea room, where the tournament was held. It was an enjoyable occasion.

COOPER BANK AT WILMINGTON CLOSES

By the Associated Press.
Wilmington, Dec. 30.—The Commercial National Bank here failed to open its doors today and a notice was posted on the door by W. P. Folger, national bank examiner, to this effect: "Mr. Folger, who has been examining the bank's books for several days, refused to comment, pointing inquirers to the sign on the door."
One executive who declined to permit the use of his name said: "I believe that if the bank is properly managed that 100 cents on every dollar will be paid to the depositors."
Closing of the institution came as a surprise generally, it was said by business men today.
Thos. E. Cooper, president of the bank and Lieut. W. B. Cooper is a director and formerly active executive of the institution.
The other officers are Chas. E. Bethea, vice-president; Horace C. Cooper, cashier; S. D. Pittman, assistant cashier, and directors beside the president and cashier are D. M. Hodges, Henderson Cole, declared and Mr. Bethea.

FORM LOCAL BRANCH STATE GAME LEAGUE

Hazel R. Aiken, who heard Geo. L. Lawyer, chief game warden of the Grand States in Charlotte Thursday night, has begun the organization of a game and fish club in the North Carolina Game Development League, the purpose of which will be to preserve the present stocks of game and reduce the loss of it in the hands of the league to have game wardens appointed under a state bureau so that the game birds and fish may be preserved and increased in North Carolina. Mr. Aiken suggested the necessity of some action to conserve the game in this state and the Lawyer meeting was the result. Bailey T. Brown of the Charlotte Observer sponsored the dinner, at which 150 men from all parts of the state were present. Membership in the local unit is \$1 and the fees will be used to press for wholesome legislation.

WOMAN LAWYER MEMBER OF CITY POLICE FORCE

By the Associated Press.
Greensboro, Dec. 29.—Miss Louise Alexander, lawyer and president of the North Carolina League of Women Voters, well known throughout the state by reason of her participation in women's civic and political activities, will be North Carolina's first policewoman, according to an announcement made tonight by Chief of Police Crutchfield. She will be sworn in on January first.
Miss Alexander will have charge of a new department here, fingerprint and identification, an elaborate system having been just installed here, and she will make a special work of the examination of women criminals.

COURT TO DECIDE DISPOSAL SEMENOFF DEPOSIT

Tokio, Dec. 4.—The Japanese courts have been called upon to decide the ownership of 1,001,900 yen deposited here by Ataman Semenoff, when he was commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the Far East. The money was left in the care of another Russian, Michael Pavlovich Soshagin who, it is now alleged, refuses to return it to Semenoff or his representative, Junta Suzuki. The latter, who has brought the action, claims that Semenoff deposited 1,400,000 yen with Soshagin in September, 1920. Later, the Ataman withdrew 338,100 yen to purchase war material and although he has repeatedly asked for the return of the balance, Soshagin refuses to part with it. The latter claims that the money belongs to the Russian people and not Semenoff personally.

WESTERN CANADIAN INDIANS MAKING GOOD AGRICULTURISTS

Winnipeg, Min., Dec. 28.—Indians of western Canada are making good progress as agriculturists according to the report of W. M. Graham, commissioner of Indian affairs, which shows that during the past season they harvested 336,613 bushels of grain in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. About 50 percent of this was wheat and the balance in oats.
In addition to the grain, Indians in the prairie provinces produced more than 30,000 tons of bushels of potatoes, and 16,000 tons of hay, and also summer fallowed 16,000 acres of land and broke 4,000 acres, the report said. They own 28,000 horses, of which about 25 percent are ponies, have 18,000 head of cattle and lease 200,000 acres of land for grazing purposes.
Commissioner Graham looks forward to an increase in acreage for the ensuing year and if crop conditions are favorable expects a record yield.

WINTER CAULIFLOWER

Head cauliflower at this season of the year is a novelty and is a sign of good trucking. Mr. and Mrs. Watt Shuford have gathered some 20 fine heads already this winter. The plants grew in the open and came through to perfection. Many persons who study the art of gardening are able to get fresh vegetables 11 or 12 months in the year. Mr. and Mrs. Shuford are of that number.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT POSTOFFICE MONDAY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—The sentences of eight members of the Industrial Workers of the World, convicted of conspiracy in the Haywood case during the war, were commuted by President Harding today to expire at once on condition that they leave the United States and never return.

SEVEN INDICTED IN CAMP FRAUD

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration, and six other men associated with the council of national defense, were indicted here today by the special grand jury investigating alleged frauds in the construction of war camps.
The others indicted were William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clement W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons, James A. Meares.

ANOTHER STILL CAPTURED

Sheriff Geo. F. Bost and Deputy Sheriff P. P. Jones made a raid beyond Brookford on Henry river last night and captured a 50-gallon still, kettles, worm and other paraphernalia. The distillery was not in operation and no one was present.
This is the fourth plant broken up by the new Sheriff and his deputies.

ONE PERSON BURNS IN ARDMORE FIRE

By the Associated Press.
Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 30.—At least one person killed and two blocks of frame business buildings were destroyed in an early morning fire in which two other persons are reported missing.
The fire broke out at about 2:30 a. m. and spread rapidly, consuming the buildings of the Ardmore National Bank and the Ardmore Hotel. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the kitchen of the hotel. The fire department arrived at 3:30 a. m. and worked until 5:30 a. m. before the fire was under control. The fire caused a loss of about \$100,000.

Chicago Business Men Forecast Good Year And Give Their Reasons

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Optimism for 1923 permeated summaries from business standpoint of the year now closing, made public today by some of Chicago's leaders in finance and industry. They gave their reasons for their forecast chiefly as follows:
Upward trend of trade.
A tone of greater confidence.
Improved conditions of agriculture.
Increasing business activity.
Favorable condition of bank reserves.
More normal relationship between prices of different classes of commodities.
Better foreign exchange quotations.
Increased prices of farm products were generally given an important place in the statements.

AIMS TO BE PECAN SUPPLY CENTER OF WORLD

San Saba, Tex., Dec. 30.—San Saba county and its neighboring district are out to become the chief pecan production section of the world. Already supplying a goodly portion of the output of the nuts, it is increasing its present pecan acreage of 1,000 acres to 5,000 acres, which, according to J. E. Bell, secretary of the chamber of commerce, will make its position of pecan supply less disputed.
"In 1919, San Saba shipped three million pounds of pecans," says Mr. Bell, "included in the customers were the King of England, who paid one dollar a pound for three and one-half inches in circumference, and weigh thirty-five to the pound."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS FOR RALLY DINNER IN ARMORY NEXT MONTH

Plans for a dinner which every citizen interested in the future development of Hickory will be invited were discussed last evening by the entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce consisting of Geo. W. Hall, chairman; George Baily, W. R. Weaver, W. J. Shuford, R. E. Martin and R. M. Peery.
While no definite date was set at last night's meeting it is planned to have it during the fourth week in January and preparations will be made to take care of at least 300 guests. It is probable that John L. Mulholland, president of the Toledo Ohio, Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Rotary International, will be invited to deliver the principal address, and a number of short talks by local speakers will probably be put on the program. W. R. Weaver was placed in charge of the musical features of the program, and this assures something worth while. A few stunts put on by local men will complete the evening's entertainment.
It was decided at last night's meeting that the dinner would be held in the Armory building, as this was the only available building in the city capable of seating the number of guests expected to attend. The Armory will be put in first-class shape and will be thoroughly heated so that it should make an ideal room for the affair.
The committee decided that each guest should be charged \$1 per plate in order to help defray the expenses and the tickets will be placed on sale several weeks before the night of the banquet. A definite date will be set at the next meeting of the committee on Friday evening January 2, and in the meantime the luncheon club of the city will be asked to call off their luncheons for the week in which the Chamber of Commerce supper is to be held.

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