

CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAN OBTAIN PENSIONS

At a meeting of the State Board of Confederate Pensions at Raleigh, November 16, 1923, a resolution was adopted by the aforesaid board prohibiting the clerk of the Superior Court from mailing out the Confederate soldiers and widows pensions, and it is now directed that they shall appear in person before the clerk and sign for their pension. If unable to attend in person owing to sickness or incapacitation, they may authorize an agent in writing to appear before the clerk and make affidavit that the said writing was authorized for said purpose.

The money is now in the hands of the clerk and those entitled to a pension should appear and receive the same.

HUNTER K. PENN,
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MRS. COOLIDGE APPOINT MISS RANDOLPH

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 14.—With the advent of the social season, invitation to attend functions, requests to act as patroness, appeals to approve all sorts of charity movements, flooding the White House, Mrs. Coolidge appointed Miss Mary Randolph, assistant social secretary.

VIENNA IMPROVES CITY TRANSIT

(By Associated Press)
Vienna, Dec. 13.—The Socialist government of this city is extending its ambitious program of public improvements in the country.

Its latest enterprise is to take over the underground or belt railway, which has been out of commission since the second year of the war when its equipment was seized for military purposes. The line will be electrified and made part of the municipal street railway system. The new equipment is to be constructed works, and thus steadily reducing unemployment.

GARRETT CASE WILL REACH JURY TODAY

(By Associated Press)
Criminal Court, Dec. 14.—With testimony completed yesterday and final arguments to the jury starting this morning, indications were the jury would get the case by mid-afternoon in the second trial of Larkin C. Garrett, charged with the murder of Rev. E. S. Pierce. Attorney Mann opened for the prosecution followed by Smith Wendenburg for the defense. Byrd will close for prosecution.

The defense protests on the court's instructions caused renewed arguments this morning and a decision was delayed in the final arguments which began this afternoon. Each side was limited to two half hours. Instructions finally approved as practically the same as previous trials.

AUSTRIA DECLINES TO TAKE PART IN OLYMPIC GAMES

(By Associated Press)
Vienna, Dec. 14.—It is not likely that Austria will participate in the Olympic games of 1924 at Paris. At a recent meeting of the central committee of general sports organizations, ambiguous resolutions were adopted in reply to the invitation from the French Committee arranging for the games.

The resolutions in effect were a refusal to participate on the grounds that the invitation was received only recently that there "German brothers" had not been invited, and finally the matter of expense.

ALL SLIVEN AWAITS REPORT FROM VILLAGE GOLDSEEKER

(By Associated Press)
Sliven, Bulgaria, Dec. 14.—A brace of Turkish chickens recently brought some gold nuggets into Sliven in their claws, since which time the townspeople have been thinking far more of prospecting than of their age-old industry of spinning woolen cloth.

The birds were carried to the market place by a Turkish peasant, since early sought, and sold to Ivan Manoloff. Reporting them for the pot Ivan found the nuggets which, after his excitement abated, he sold to the local goldsmith for 400 leva. Ivan has quit work and is devoting all his time to seeking the village where the Turk raised the chickens. His argument is that thus he can trace the source of the find. But he is still looking for them in many Turkish villages in the Sliven district, and the Turkish peasant has not reappeared in the market place since the day of the nugget discovery.

NOVEMBER COTTON CONSUMED AMOUNTS TO 579,700 BALES

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton consumed during November amounted to 581,631 running bales of lint, 48,969 bales linters, the census bureau announced today.

HAWKERS OF GERMAN MONEY DRIVEN FROM PARIS STREETS

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Dec. 14.—German banknotes, mostly in millions and billions, have been driven off the streets of Paris by the police. They were sold chiefly as souvenirs or given as premiums, but the city authorities discovered a war-time law forbidding traffic in foreign monies except under license, and they have applied it.

Just why this law should have been dug up now, after German currency had been circulating widely for several years, puzzled the curious, as they felt it to be quite worth while for the French to see to what depths the mark had fallen. The authorities, however, thought the influence of the depreciated German money was bad, or it could not stimulate the people's confidence in governments or currencies, even their own, to have before them the evidence of a once great nation in the depths of despair.

WAR BLAMED FOR CHILD SUICIDES

(By Associated Press)
Linz, Austria, Dec. 14.—Child suicide, which has been common in central Europe since the war, had a tragic illustration here recently. A boy, 17 years old, hanged himself, and the next day at the same spot his 14-year-old brother took his life in the same manner. The younger boy left a note saying he could not live without his playmate.

This self-destruction among children is ascribed to neurotic precocity resulting from conditions under which they passed infancy in war times.

MARS HILL COLLEGE TO GET \$100,000

(By Associated Press)
Gastonia, Dec. 14.—Mars Hill college in Madison County will receive \$50,000 from the board of education of the Baptist State convention for the erection of a dormitory for girls. This action of the convention last night enables Mars Hill college to accept a gift from a friend of the institution of an equal amount, making a fund of \$100,000 for the erection of additional buildings.

Dr. J. M. Kesler of the foreign mission board, Richmond, Va., addressed the convention last night in the interest of foreign missions. Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, delivered an address on education.

HIGH FOOD PRICES DRIVE RUSSIANS FROM GERMANY

(By Associated Press)
Munich, Dec. 14.—Russians who have been refugees in Germany for several years are now returning to Russia in considerable numbers because of the high cost of living in Germany. Reports of low food costs in Russia are attracting many Russians who fled before the Bolsheviks, but are now willing to accept the new political regime in their homeland in preference to life in Central Europe where they are not able to buy bread through their slight earnings.

There is also a movement of Russians toward Italy, but the Italian Fascists are discouraging the movement of foreigners, especially Russians into Italy.

While the cost of clothing is reported to be much higher in Moscow and other Russian cities than in any other part of Europe, bread prices continue low, and potatoes and other vegetables are much cheaper than in Central Europe.

BENNY CASEY AND BARRY BUTLER MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

(By Associated Press)
Newport, Ark., Dec. 14.—Benny Casey and Barney Butler escaped convicts from Kansas penitentiary, who were captured at Texarkana recently, again escaped today after one man obtained pistol of deputy returning them to Kansas, shot the deputy, leaped from the train after pulling the bell cord. James Burns, the deputy, was badly wounded.

CHINESE BANDITS ROB AND BURN TOWN

(By Associated Press)
Shanghai, Dec. 14.—Three thousand bandits, including the town of Chiao, burned down houses and carried away furniture and more than 100 people, according to reports.

HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY INDIA'S BIG PROBLEM DECLARES EDUCATOR

(By Associated Press)
Calcutta, Dec. 14.—Sir Rabin-drath Tagore, poet and educator, has condemned the proposed wrecking of the legislative councils, and questioned the possibility of any adequate self-government in India on account of the difficulties between Hindus and Mohammedans. He advocated the building up of new and independent institutions instead of trying to wreck those now in existence, and held the regeneration of rural life to be more important than national reform.

The one problem of the day, said the poet, was the question of Hindu-Muslim unity. He considered that the leaders of the country had not yet been able to arrive at any practical or permanent solution of this problem, and was thoroughly convinced that until the question has been effectively solved all efforts to establish self-government will be wasted. He stated emphatically, that he was not one of those who thought freedom from foreign rule would immediately solve all India's difficulties.

"The Mohammedans," he continued, are united in a religious matter, and have a democratic organization. I cannot understand why they wish to come to terms with the Hindus who are demoralized with internal divisions and dissensions and full of the false pride of religious aristocracy. The Mohammedans have strength in them and are conscious of it. They know that the Hindus are weak. I can not expect the Mohammedans to rise above their nature and determine their relations with the Hindus in a spirit of broadmindedness.

"I went to Malabar immediately after the Moplah rebellion. There I saw with my own eyes how 4,000,000 Hindus had become mortally afraid of only 1,000,000 Mohammedans. The Hindus were living at the mercy of the Mohammedans. What has been possible under the British government would remain possible should that government be removed.

"Another factor which makes it almost impossible for Hindu-Muslim unity to become an accomplished fact is that the Mohammedans can not confine their patriotism to any one country within geographical limits. The Moslem world has been built up on a basis of religious fraternity. It is the bond of religion alone which firmly unites Mohammedans scattered over widely different parts of the globe. Even such men as Mohammed Ali have declared that under no circumstances is it permissible for any Mohammedan, whatever his country may be, to stand against any other Mohammedan."

COOLIDGE SELECTS CHICAGO

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 14.—General campaign headquarters for Coolidge will be established at Chicago on December 27, it was announced today.

VIRGINIA RAILWAY GETS AN EXTENSION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 14.—An Interstate Commerce Commission decision authorizes the Virginia Railway to extend its Gandyot River branch a distance of slightly over a mile in order to reach the mines of the Peconahous Fuel Company. Reversed previous decision in which was laid down broad principle that no further railway construction should be authorized to open new coal mines.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FORM A COALITION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 14.—Attempts to form a coalition of Democrats and Republican insurgents to control the powerful House of Representatives, was renewed in a conference of leaders if successful, the Republicans will have six, Democrats five, insurgents one member.

SEVERE FIGHTING REPORTED BETWEEN MEXICAN FORCES

(By Associated Press)
El Paso, Dec. 14.—Reports severe fighting between outposts of Insurgents advancing on Mexico City and Federal troops entrenched in their path was received by Delahuerta Junta and confirmed in message received from government sources at Juarez.

BANDITS GET \$15,786 PAY ROLL

(By Associated Press)
Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Two bandits bound and gagged the paymaster of Michael Malady and Son Company, and escaped with \$15,786 which was being in envelopes of employees.

FIRST AID MUST BE RENDERED TO FOREIGN CHURCHES

Protestantism Will Crumble If Churches of America Withhold Help

EVERY DISPATCH SAY FAMINE GROWS

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 14.—"First aid must be rendered to European Protestantism by the churches of America or it will crumble," was the statement made by the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches in speaking on first aid from American churches to European Protestantism at this morning's session of the annual meeting of the executive committee of the federal council of churches.

"Every dispatch," he said, "tells of growing famine and of the closing through poverty of evangelical institutions of benevolence and education. General despair exists."

In his address, which is regarded as one of the most important of the meeting, he said in part:

"One of the most important pieces of work the federal council of churches has done has been the help it has given in the federation of the evangelical churches of continental Europe.

"Every dispatch from Europe brings more depressing and disheartening details of the growing famine which has followed in the wake of the World War. It is the Protestant element which is suffering most acutely from this widespread distress. Comparing as it does the middle class generally speaking, and to a large extent the professional class, it is in the gravest danger of extinction in the great wave of economic disaster which has engulfed Central Europe.

"American Protestantism is deeply rooted in the soil of Europe. Scarcely a denomination but has its traditions of the first pastor who left his parish in England, or Germany, or France, or some other country on the continent to plant the seeds of his faith in the soil of the New World. All denominations with definite affiliations on the other side have been sending relief in considerable sums to their sister churches overseas, but this specific denominational relief, however, is not sufficient to deal with the present crisis.

"Only united action on the part of all the American churches working side by side in a common cause can keep the whole fabric of European Protestantism from crumbling. The foundations are strong, for they are founded on the Gospel itself, but the superstructure, the painful, constructive labor of several centuries, is in danger of collapse.

"With the closing of evangelical institutions of benevolence and the suspension of theological schools and publications, more is lost than the material value of the service rendered or of the equipment in the buildings. When despair takes the place of hope, with one position after the other has to be surrendered to the encroaching tide of impoverishment, a sense of defeat comes uppermost and spiritual values which are incalculable are destroyed.

"The European churches in the countries not so immediately affected by the economic depression are striving gallantly to save what they can out of the wreck, but they are themselves too weak or too poor to accomplish the required results in spite of the most heroic self-sacrifice.

WILL DISCUSS UNIFICATION OF THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CHURCH

(By Associated Press)
San Antonio, Dec. 14.—Unification of the Northern and Southern branch, and duty of the church to hold fast to the established of the faith, repudiate the tendency toward heresy, will be among questions discussed at the college of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the three-days meeting begun today.

The First Christian Church had to postpone their Christmas Bazaar because of the illness of so many members.

ONLY 9 More Shopping Day Until Christmas!

Read The Gazette's Ads and Shop Early

OLD TIME OBSERVERS GOT ANSWER IN SKIES TO KNOTTY QUESTION

(By Associated Press)
Prague, Dec. 14.—From time to time Prague gives up to some persistent deliver in records of the past that are not without interest. For it is an ancient city and its museums and bookstalls are filled with chronicles of what its people said and did in other centuries. A recent discovery is an old book on astronomy which shows that the men of that day spent no little time in endeavors to read what they called the "enigma of the ages," in other words, their woman-kind.

Based on the influence supposed to be exerted on humans by the constellation of the planets in the month in which they were born, this volume analyzes girls, according to the calendar, as follows:

A girl born in January is very likely to become a good housewife. She will incline to melancholy, but will have a gentle disposition. February girls will be good mothers, and faithful.

March maidens, however, will be loquacious, contentious and quarrelsome, while April babies will grow up to be mercurial and unsteady women.

May guarantees merry and good-tempered girls, while June gives them passionate and fiery temperaments, with an inclination to superciliousness.

July produces the roses among women, according to this old sage, beautiful but thorny. Born a month later the year amiable and sensible, but rather keen for rich husbands.

Girls born in September are of fine susceptibilities and always ready to help others; they will, therefore, be welcomed everywhere, but should guard against being imposed upon by selfish people. October favors the earth with creatures who surpass all others of the sex as to death and ardor of love.

Women born in November are kind-hearted and friendly; if they are not it is always the fault of somebody else, never their own. The last month of the year brings forth racy and very good-looking girls. Unfortunately they cannot be recommended to earnest men, for they are very extravagant and always on the hunt for sensations.

JOHN HATFIELD AND OTHERS ESCAPE

(By Associated Press)
Bristol, Dec. 14.—Five prisoners, headed by John Hatfield, 70, a veteran of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, are at large in Cumberland Mountains following a sensational escape from Wise County jail last night. The men slid down the fire hose from the fourth floor. The sheriff's posse is handicapped in pursuit by heavy snow fall. Hatfield was under a 20-year sentence for the murder of his cousin, Devil Anse. Stephen Woods, twenty years for murder, C. O. Edwards, charged with criminal assault, and Carl Miller, charged with prohibition violation, escaped with Hatfield.

RURAL GERMANY HARD HIT BY ECONOMIC BREAKDOWN

(By Associated Press)
Kottbus, Dec. 14.—Rural Germany is suffering the same sort of disorganization and demoralization that is going on in the great cities and industrial centers. This city of 40,000 persons is located in the center of a comparatively fertile agricultural region forty miles from Berlin. Still the markets afford very little in the way of foodstuffs.

There are no eggs, no milk, no fruit and very few vegetables of any sort to be had in the shops and markets. Farmers refuse to bring their products to town. They cannot buy anything they need with paper marks and prefer to eat their products rather than sell them for paper which is practically worthless to them.

Even in the small villages surrounding Kottbus the situation is much the same. Persons who want to obtain chickens, eggs, turkeys and potatoes make trips into the country and carry foreign money or clothing with them to exchange for foodstuffs.

Mrs. F. E. Dudley and three children, of Los Angeles, Calif., who have been visiting Mrs. Dudley's sister, Mrs. T. C. Eggleston, and other relatives for the past three months, returned to her home yesterday, leaving her two daughters and son with Mrs. Eggleston, to continue their visit for a few more weeks. Mrs. Dudley will be remembered as Miss Hodkin who made her home with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Eggleston before she married.

On last evening Miss Marguerite Barksdale entertained the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Barksdale, on Glovenia Street, after the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed.

On Sunday morning at 11 A. M., the pastor, Rev. J. M. Everett, of the Spray Baptist Church, will preach on the "Natural Attributes of God."

Miss Simpson Investigates Mrs. Farbee Cobbler Case

County Welfare Officer Miss Elizabeth Simpson was in connection with the case of Mrs. Farbee Cobbler, an unfortunate widow, who has been living alone in a little old house on the King Mill Road, Matrimony Heights.

Since last June the neighbors have been making every effort they could to have Miss Cobbler taken care of before winter set in. This poor old woman has completely lost her mind and is unable to do anything for herself. Neighbors have been furnishing her food and cared for her during the past two or three years, but they have been afraid that she would freeze to death, or that the house might burn up.

FOUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS KILLED RIDING BOBSLED

(By Associated Press)
Bolder, Colo., Dec. 14.—Four persons were killed and three injured when an automobile crashed into a bobsled loaded with University of Colorado students. The sled was hooked on to another automobile. Manley Betts, of Richmond, Va., was severely injured on the head, but has a good chance of recovery.

LONDON TO NEAR EAST AIR SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED

(By Associated Press)
Munich, Dec. 13.—Plans for a comprehensive air service from London to Persia were outlined by Major von Tehudi in a recent lecture at the Munich Museum before a meeting of representatives of various companies operating airplanes commercially in Europe. A trans-European union was established which Professor Junkers and many other men prominent in the world of aircraft joined. Bavaria, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, and the leading airplane companies of all these countries are represented in the union.

BOGUS ROYALTY FINDS IT EASY TO FOOL GERMANS

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Democratic Germany has not ceased to worship at the throne of royalty and because of this bogus princes with hyphenated and unpronounceable names often flim-flam the German public.

A make-believe prince with a sense of humor and taste for expensive automobiles and high living recently lived high in a number of German cities at the expense of exclusive hotels and garages which cater to the high-born by assuming the title Prince Hanshorst von Isenburg-Bierstein. His name varied from time to time.

In north Germany he posed as Count von Ohr, or Count of the Ear. Sometimes he paid his bills in bank checks when proprietors of hotels became too insistent, but generally he moved along before they got tired of extending credit to royalty.

Berlin police officials have run down the man's record and say he is a 2-year-old salesman who has been known in police circles of north Germany for several years. In some cases where he was not able to obtain an automobile he engaged chauffeurs and explained to hotekeepers that his auto was coming in a few days.

METAL GLANDS GIVE USED LOCOMOTIVES NEW POWER

(By Associated Press)
San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Locomotives, while not subject to gland transplanting, can be rejuvenated, according to an announcement by the Southern Pacific Company.

The railroad is authority for the statement that weak and decrepit locomotives can be vitalized, energized and otherwise made over into hard-working haulers of trains.

"Some of these engines are being operated with greater efficiency than when they were new," said George McCormick, superintendent of motive power for the railroad.

Various new appliances and parts are "grafted" on the old engines. They are overhauled from tender to cowcatcher.

No. 3025 is the oldest engine of its type on the S. P. line. Recently it was refitted and now it is carrying the Daylight Limited daily the entire distance between San Francisco and Los Angeles, 471 miles.

TIME LIMIT APPOINTMENT OFFICERS' RESERVE EXTENDED

A recent communication from Colonel R. O. Ragdale, chief of staff, of the eighth-first division, headquarters, Knoxville, Tenn., which will be of great interest throughout Tennessee and North Carolina, stated that the law regarding the appointment as officers in the reserve corps, had been changed.

This change, the colonel stated, extended the time limit whereby persons who served as officers in the World War may secure appointments in the reserve corps.

The previous time limit for them to secure appointments in the reserve corps, on their war record, was five years after the termination of hostilities or November 11, 1922. This has been changed by the War Department to read November 11, 1924. In other words, any person who served as an officer during the World War may, at any time between now and November 11, 1924, secure a commission in the reserve corps by applying for same. The appointment will be made at their war record.

Colonel Ragdale further stated that World War veterans were needed and their services urgently desired to assist in the organization and development of the Army of the United States.

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ATHLETES WILL TRAIN IN PARIS