IN SHEPARD NEW YORK POLICE WHEAT TRADING IS TROOPS HAVE IRISH SMITH SAYS HE IS DRIVE FOR CHAMBER MORE THAN HALF OF MURDER CASE MAKE ROUND UP HUNDREDS MERE GAMBLING IN HOSTAGES WITH 'EM OUT OF U. S. AND OF COMMERCE TO BE COTTON CROP DETERMINED EFFORT IN DRIVE ON CRIME EYES OF COMMISS'N AND TWO ARE DEAD HOPES TO STAY OUT STAGED ON TUESDAY UNSOED

To Glain Freedom-State Twenty-Four Hours With-Depends Upon Experts' Testimony — Preliminary Hearing is Resumed at Macon

(By the United Pres Macon, Ga., Dec. 20 .- Det efforts to gain the release of four persons held as principals in alleged "murder cabal" in connecti with the death of Fred Shepard, the peach king, were made today at the resumption of the preliminary hear-The State's evidence was based

largely on the testimony of experts ed after who say Shepard's death was due to bichloride of mercury poisoning. The defense has an array of ex-

perts scheduled to appear. Meanwhile the four principals remained in custody. They are Mrs. Pauline Elmer, widow of Shepard; Mrs. Ione Henry, her sister; Earnest Hopson, and Mrs. Annie Cutts.

HAVE LOCATED "LOST MINE" OF GOLD.

mous "Lost Mine" been found? George Rice, Del Taylor, George clined to give credence to their story.

The four miners who declare they the mine 22 miles up Squaw Creek from Copper City.

The well-established story is that in 1853 some miners found a rich claim far up Squaw Creek. All but one of them was massacred by the

The survivor came down to Copper City and told the story of the riches that were abandoned, but he was soon afterward drowned in Pitt River.

MONUMENTS TO MARK ADVANCE OF AMERICANS

Paris, Dec. 20 .- Five identical monuments are to mark the crest of the advances made on the French fronts by the American First Division in its five most important at-

CANADIAN LUXURY

TAX IS MODIFIED. Ottawa, Dec. 20 .- All taxes on luxuries in Canada except alcoholic liquors, confectionery and playing cards, have been abolished by the Dominion government, it was announced vesterday.

AVIATOR'S POCKETBOOK IS LOST IN THE AIR

Paris, Dec. 20 .- An extensive search is being carried out on the roofs of Saint Denis and Le Bourget houses following the publication of an advertisement in a Erench daily that an aviator had lost his pocketbook while flying over these districts. This is the first time such a thing has been recorded, and the heading to the advertisement, "Lost in the air," has amused the French

King Repatriated

Joyous Welcome Repays Constantine for Exile.

(By the United Press) Athens, Dec. 20 .- King Constan-

tine was repatriated today. His three years of exile were repaid in three hours of delirious welcome. The king entered Athens yesterday. Crowds cheered and sang wherever he went

WORKER CUT TO PIECES IN SAW MILL ACCIDENT

Mount Olive, Dec. 20.-Roscoo Parker, white, sawyer for the Swift Creek Lumber Company, whose plant is located about seven miles north o here, was almost instantly killed a result of coming in contact with rapidly revolving circular saw. crooked log on the saw carriage. in contact with another piece f timed him across the saw, when both his right leg and arm were instantly amputated. Death follows in a few ber, which struck Parker and knock-

Order Stands

Supreme Court Won't Modify Lehigh ey Decree.

the United Press) on, Dec. 20 .- The Sutoday denied the rethe Lehigh Valley Railroad dification of its recent decree ving the road's coal combine.

out Major Crime-Epidemic of Burglary, Murder and Robbery Apparently Checked

(By the United Press) New York, Dec. 20 .- Hundreds of crooks are being rounded up in a police drive here designed to check the crime wave which has resulted an unprecedented number of holdburglaries and murders. rests were begun carly yester-

d are still under way. prisoners have been releas iving satisfactory accounts of themse The last 24 hours passed without a major crime f the first time in

LEGION HELPS TO CUT HIGH COST OF RENTING.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec activities of Los Angelees the American Legion, with its bership of 5,000, promise to cut the period of exorbitant rents in the Redding, Cal., Dec. 20 .- Has the fa- city and to bring the landlords of apartments and suburban homes back to reasonable terms. Through its West and George Bryner, Shasta committee on rent profiteering, this Kitch County miners, declare they have legion post investigates all cases of found it and pioneer miners are in- trouble between tenants and landlards in which legionnarires are involved and endeavors to clear up the situadiscovered the long-lost mine last tion according to the principles of June and have since been working it justice. The legion members, backed have come out of the mountain fast- up by a number of civic bodies, are ness of the Squaw Creek district for credited with bringing about a the winter. They declare they located slight decrease in Los Angeles rentals within the last few weeks, and expect to effect still greater reduct-

Death of A. McLean

Nationally Known Missionary Worker of Christian Church.

News has just reached local members of the Christain Church of the sudden death of A. McLean, for 35 years one of the missionary leaders of the church, a large part of the time being president of the United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. McLean was well known to the brotherhood all over the world, and went with his society into the Unit-Missionary Society organization which was perfected two years ago, consolprises of the church. His death followed an operation at Battle Creek, Mich. It is understood that the operation was not considered serious one and his death from it was unex-

In Superior Court

Judge Connor Friday afternoon told a jury which failed to agree in case against Lee Whitehurst and Belle Clark, a woman of South Kinston, charged with forniation and adultery, that anybody who would not believe the evidence adduced in the case and convict on "would not believe angels from ieaven.

The jury stood nine to three a mistrial was ordered. Judge nor said he did not wish to appg criticizing the jury or inte with the rights of the jury he made it pretty plant thought the three who stad out for thought the three who stad out for d out for He polled the jury in open court, asking each one how he iered the mistrial,

Richard Mor-Johnnie Penn a ris, negro boys, were acquitted of larceny. The latter was prosecuted by the E. B. Marston Drug Company on a charge of alleged larceny from the safe of a sum aggregating two or three hundred dollars. The State was able to make out a very slim case a plant Morris and the acquitordered without going to the

WLING PRIZES REACH

BIG SUM OF \$40,000 Buffalo, Dec. 18 .- One thousand five-man teams from the United States, Ganada and Mexico will compete for \$40,000 in prize money to be distributed in the 1921 American Bowling Congress tournament, which is to be held here February 28 to the record, which is unofficial, never refuses to disclose. Known in Chinese as "The Jade," he lieved to be the fate that overhung him and believed he saw an opportun-

Cotton

Futures quotations Monday were: Open. Close 14.97 December 14.95 14.96 14.90 14.93

January March May 15.03 July

Trade Body-Great Economic Waste Involved -No Executive Right Stop Importation

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 20 .- The clume of future trading in is "mere gambling," involving great conomic waste, and should be stopped by congressional regulation the Federal Trade Commission wrote President Wilson today.

The communication was a reply to the President's request for a study of the causes of falling wheat prices. The commission advised the Pres dent that he has no power to prevent importation of foreign wheat as temanded by the farmers.

Talk of Dawson

For Congress in Event of Anything Happening to Kitchin.

"Red" Powell, writing to his pa er, the Raleigh News and Observer, rom Washington says that if North arolina is allowed to elect its two congressmen at large, as some are in favor of, Claude n might be named one of the ssmen-at-large." This, uld leave a vacancy in the This possibility "brings prominently e name of John G. Dawson of Kim on, Lenoir's member in the lower branch of the General Assembly. Tar beels visiting the capital have heard at Mr. Daw-son has congressional, rather than Assembly. hey declare judicial, ambitions, and him fitted to succeed Mining in the event the Scotland Kitchin tatesman advances or retire

FROM CAROLINA WOOD

The "only sprig of holly in the ountry" with which a popular story of childhood deals was hardly more valuable than a single sprig of mistletoe which by now has reached a little northern town where it was calcu lated to create a holiday sensation Experts on such matters declared i vas the finest bit of the Christma plant ever seen here; it was the 'bunchiest" and fullest of berries, a had the largest stem. A young an who carried the surprise far her orthern friends would not send it in a package, but semout with he grim determination 500 or 600 miles, a journey marked by six changes of car. Its market value here was about a cents, against all the way from fixe to 25 cents for ess attractive spries, but it was conbig city market luded that in ould easily bri

Falled to List

eral Hundred Have Make And od With Tax Collectors.

wo or three hundred" Lenoi untians are being issued ultimat ms by the county authorities to list taxes by January 1. Listtakers have reported some such number as having failed to list for 1920. The new law makes it obligatory upon the com missioners to report such delinquent to the grand jury. The non-listers are being warned by letter that they stand in peril of indictment by the January grand jury.

Butter Record

lows Produce Three Pounds Each

Day for Year. (By the United Press.)

Buffalo, Dec 20 .- A record for day that involves a story as weird as It was "The Jade." roducing butter and milk as never any of those told in Sax Romer's Ori- The customer's eyes glistened. He efore attained has been made by five cows, on a yearly test, at the has a history as sinister as that of gested that they discuss that matter Pine Grove Farm, Elma, N. Y., a Buffalo suburb, Oliver Cubana, Jr., Its latest owner escaped death, after home. He has since admitted that beowner of the farm and of a milliondollar herd of Holsteins, has announced. The five cows have produced 100,000 pounds of milk and in excess of 5,000 pounds of butter during the shop in the exclusive Bubbling Well Ming dynasty, a path of blood has foltest, according to Cabana. This district, is a dealer in rare gems. How lowed the sinister bit of green. Woo would be an average of three pounds he came to possess the fateful jewel, had been brooding over what he be-

Oppose Tariff Bill

Democratic Senators Desire to Play

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 20.—The Senate day. Democrats will oppose the efforts W to jam through as an emergency pointment, the merchant brought forth through the gates. A shot was heard measure a tariff bill virtually em-bargoing all commodities. The decis-Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about 60 bales, prices from 14c downward.

Local receipts to 3 o'clock were ion was reached at a meeting today lected jewels valued at taels 5,000 reach the scene.

(about \$7,000). He then requested the police could be companied to the police could be companied to

President Gets Reply From Said to Have Been Shot by Oft - Arrested Kinstonian the Military - German Methods in Erin? — New Policy Introduced by Brit-

BY WEBB MILLER

ish Officials

United Press Staff Correspondent) London, Dec. 20 .- Two deaths are ilitary's new policy of using Sinn ein prisoners as hostages. Prisoners are said to have

not by soldiers near Cashel. The reasons were not announced. The Sinn Feiners were warned re ently that troops would carry prisners with them in all movements There were minor increafter.

BULLETINS

COTTON FIGURES.

tances of violence over the

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned from the 1920 crop to-talled 10,878,000 running bales to December 13, the Census Bureau today announced, as compared with 9,396,646 bales to the same date last year.

TARRED AND FEATHERED. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 20 .-The police are investigating the kidnapping of John Bischoff, a real estate dealer who was dump ed from an automobile at a b downtown corner last night d ed only in his underweat, to which tar and feathers had been

applied.

Loyal to Minister Who Skipped Out With Choir Girl-Preacher Asks to Be Reinstated. Admitting Everything

(By the United Press) Passaic, N. J., Dec. 20.—Th sistory of the First Netherl Church will pass judgment toni; on the family of the Rev. Cornelius ing you to please correct, I am yours Densel, ex-pastor, who recently re- vuly, S. J. Smith." turned from a mysterious disappearance with Trina Hannenberg, a choir

Densel had made a "full confession" a man and asked to be reinstated. His fam- ner, and ily are now under censure because troubles by they withheld information during his past.

PRETTY GIRL LEADS

Chicago, Dec. 20 .- A good-looking riving at which she

By CHARLES E. HOGUE

native police departments through-

play. The foreigner agreed and an

ecover the gem.

(United Press Staff Correspondent) would be completed.

Shanghai, Dec. 20 .- Foreign and "The Jade."

Writes Free Press From Toronto — Says He is Innocent of New Charges-"Please Correct"

Apparently having left Kinston the third time to escape charges in connection with alleged misappropriations eported to have resulted from the of money, S. J. Smith, paroled prisoner from the Lenoir County roads, is wife and several little ones here. Smith's career during the last few years reads like a continuous tragedy He located here and entered the is surance business. He won the teem of many persons, and seemed prosper. After a time charges bezzlement were lodged again The sheriff of Lenoir County had to go to Georgia to apprehend him. He found Smith, after a tirriome search, in a remote little Georgia village. Bail was made for me accused man. Simultaneously he was indicted in Cumberland County N. C. on similar Sumberland Courty, N. C., on similar

Things did not run smoothly for him during the ensuing few months. Last December found him a hidden fugitive gain. Early in January he least two newspapers in this that before they should receive tters he would be a corpse, via suicide route. He wrote from Meie, Ga. Several days subsequently he authorities at McRae could find no dead body in the place. Using secret means and without sending a man out to fellow him, the sheriff's office here to led Smith week by week as he made his way to the Westmountains beyond Rockies. He hunted bear there, he said later, when, having doubled in his tracks, he came east and was anprehended at Belmont, N. C. authorities here had beer sure of his

Recently he was arrested again on the charge of sending false orders to northern paint concern. The authorties assumed that he intended to collect the commissions and leave the concern to straighten out matters as best it could with the protesting persons here represented to have given the orders.

Monday The Free Press received the following letter from Smith, postmarked Toronto, Can., and written ov stationery of the Mossop hotel, 56 Street, that Yonge "Please correct an error regarding myself in your paper of Monday, De cember 13, whereby you said I had forged orders for some paint concern This is absolutely untrue. I have not forged any orders at all, but to protect myself I left the U.S.A. and hope to forever remain away. Thank-

he publication to which he ob referred to the charges against He is under bail in connec The presiding elder today said tion with the new charges. Smith is good appearance and manhis been "seen through" his number of friends in the

holdups here yet rday. In each case GIRL LEADS
IN CHICAGO HOLDUPS. she pretended to be lost and was conducted to a door ay close by, arshe pretended to ased the victim girl with a pearl-handled revolver in with the pistol. Two men completled a daring gang in three daylight ed the job

"Wait," urged the merchant, "there

at almost any price. From the day

home nearby, where

TRAIL OF BLOOD LEFT BY FAMOUS

out China are engaged in a hunt to- is one more piece I want you to see.

ental tales. A green jade jewel which asked the price. The merchant sug-

the Hope diamond has disappeared, when they reached the foreigner's

being shot through the head and is cause he had learned the history of

spending thousands in an endcavor to the jewel he wanted to be rid of it

Woo Sing-faung, owner of a tiny of an early emperor, long before the

A short time ago a well dressed ity of disposing of it and at the same

stranger, apparently an American en- time lining his pockets with gold.

ered the shop and asked to see the The pair departed for the foreign

choicest jewels. The shopkeeper be- er's home in rickshas. It has since

lieved his customer to be a man of been discovered that the customer's

wealth and suggested that he obtain conveyance was drawn by an accom-

some rarer articles than those on dis- plice, disguised as a coolie.

Memberships - Public Spirit Can Not Be Allowed to Lie Dormant in These Times

(Daily Free Press-Dec. 20) Sixteen men morning to make the Kinston Chamber of Commerce 100 per cent efficient. These men repreout of the United States and "hopes sent the force that counts. They place than 12 per cent. remains ungahtred to forever remain away." He has a compannity above self and freely give as the result of prevailing law prices thoughtful aid and much time ken from their own labors to the unelfish task of bringing together as nembers of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce all men eager to place Kinston in the foremost ranks of Southern cities. They are the solicit ng committee of the organization and they work for the future glory of Kinston, and smile doing it. They are possessed of civic pride, and are uch enthusiastic believers in Kinston that they can proudly ask your cooperation and your subscription to he Chamber of Commerce. They and others have learned that the will to to atrophies when dormant and negected; they know the acute need of a hamber of . Commerce; they know that Kinston must grow; they know that opportunities are greater here than elsewhere, and they are obsessed with the infinite assurance of a future greatness of Kinston and Lenoi: County.

Imbued with the courage of their convictions they now give of their ime and their money to achieve that triumphant Kinston. No Kinstonian should do less, for he profits mos

who serves best.

But being busy men and having ask of their own to perform, the members of the soliciting committee have no time to explain the needs and benefits of a wide-awake Chamber Commerce. Their one irresistible de sire is that every man worth while Sentenced to two years, Smith was take up his just share of the burden aroled after serving several months. They will carry with them a list or which appears opposite your name the proportionate share you are asked tssume, and they will crisply an ourteously ask your assent, give you subscription blank and with a gen tine handclasp of good fellowship greet you as a member of the Cham ber of Commerce, accept your chec covering your quarterly dues and give you a membership card.

Make their work easy. If you are a booster for Kinston you will not object to having you-

published as a member of t Kinston Chamber of Commerce.

GET PAID FOR GOING

TO STATE UNIVERSITY Washington, Dec. 20.-If there my place except in the United States Army where a young man may be oaid for going to college, the War Department would like to know it The president and board of directors of the University of South Carolina save offered free of tuition the courss there to all men of the Fifth Dirision who are qualified to pursue hem. Soldier students are excused rem military duty to attend the unversity in the city of Columbia, and to back and forth daily by trolley

rom the camp. According to announcement made y Major General P. C. Harris, the Adjutant General of the Army, alnest any kind of general education s obtainable with this division, on luty at Camp Jackosn. To bring it full strength a hurry-up campaign for 6,400 recuits has been ordered by vire from Washington.

JEWEL; BIT OF CHINESE TRAGEDY PAY OF FOREST OFFICERS TOO LOW SAYS CHIEF FORESTER

> Washington, Dec. 20 .- The inade of the salaries paid to employthe Forest Service led, during fiscal year, to such discour and so many resignations lete demoralization of the service was threatened, says Chief Forester W. B. Greeley in his annual report. The Forest Service has exhausted every means at its disposal to adjust salaries to present living costs and the responsible duties de-Greeley points out. The situation met effectively in the rates nowever, cannot be without radical increa of compensation fixed by statue.

Point for Nicky

Supreme Court Denies Requ New Hearing on Bail.

(By the United Press) Arriving at a pretentious dwelling, appointment was made for the next owned by a wealth resident of the In-Washington, Dec. 20 .- Nicky Ar stein, charged with large thefts of ternational Settlement, the merchant When the customer kept the ap- was invited to enter. They passed oonds in Wall Street, won another point in his legal fight in the Supreme Court today when the court denied the request of trustees in bankruptcy for a rehearing of the decision which released Arnstein bail. on

Sixteen Canvassers to Seek Situation Confronting Farmers is Not Exaggerated - All Up Against Hard Luck-Some Even **Face Dire Privation**

By MAX ABERNETHY

(Special Capital Correspondent) Raleigh, Dec. 20 .- Virtually onehalf of the 1920 cotton crop in North Carolina is unsold and slightly more for a crop that was produced at the highest cost known in the history of the cotton growing industry, according to estimates made by the North Carolina Cooperative Crop Reporting

That the cotton farmers are not ovrstating the case when they declars they are in worse financial condition his year than ever before is the opinion of Frank Parker, director of the rop reporting service, who has just completed a tour of the cotton growng counties in North Carolina. On very hand Mr. Parker found the armers "completely bumfuzzled" as o the course they would pursue in 1921 and the fact that they are not placing any orders for fertilizers at his time lends weight to the prediction that nobody knows what to expect with reference to next year's

The only pleasing thing found in the otton situation in the State is in the liedmont section, where diversified arming in some degree was practiced his year and as a result enough food and feed stuffs were raised to tide he farmers over the financial gap, or antil ready money is realized from rops grown in 1921. As a rule, howver, the cotton farmers staked their all in "money crops" this year, failed to raise enough feed to care for their stock, and consequently they are now forced to accept lower than cost prices for their product in order to buy food and feed stuffs at prices which have not felt the decline as commodities he farmers have but cannot afford o hold.

Twenty per cent. of the 1919 coton crop was held over in the expecation of realizing higher prices this year, which only adds to the plight of he cotton growers at this time. This s true because the average price reeived this year will not run in excess of 14 1-2 cents per pound as against 35 cents offered last year. Likewise the farmers stand to lose more money because of the low prices they will re-

eive for cottonseed Profits made by the cotton growers n North Carolina last year were not equal to the figures generally fixed by the public. On an average not more than 25 per cent. profit was realized for the 1919 crop sold. Of this amount t is known that many farmers squandered their money instead of banking t, while others bought high priced and on credit with the expectation of loubling their income this year. Havng bargained for land which they ould not pay for following the deline in prices this year many farmers lost not only the land but their

first payments. Many small farmers and tenants who are dependent upon cotton for their existence are in actual danger of suffering this winter because of their nability to get a fair price for their year's labor. Unless some assistance s given by congressional legislation the opinion is expressed that there will be widespread want and suffering among these farmers who live from hand to mouth. Federal loans and resurrection of the War Finance Board, along with credits for foreign countries which are buyers of cotton, are suggested as the only means of staving off financial ruin not only in North Carolina but in other Southern

BIG GAINS IN U. S. TRADE WITH AFRICA.

New York, Dec. 20 .- While certain European nations have been readjustng boundry lines and territoral control in Africa, the manufacturers of the United States have been successfully invading the markets of the continent. Our exports to Africa, says a statement by the National City Bank of New York, in the year which ends with this month will aggergate six times as much as in 1914, and our imports from that continent seven times as much as in 1914. Our total trade with Africa in the calendar year 1920 will aggregate 325 million dollars against 47 millions in the fiscal year 1914, all of which preceded the war.

RECOMMENDS CHEAPER RATES FOR NEWLYWEDS.

New York, Dec. 20.-Edward M Terney, chairman of the committee in charge of the National Hotel Men Exposition, recommended that hostelies cut the price of bridal suites, both in order to encourage matrimons and as a part of the coneral price cutting program,"