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## French Army Moving; Essen To Be First Objective in Advance

### Additional Forces Arrive at Dusseldorf and Demand Quarters—Commandeer Hundreds Automobiles—Armored Cars and Tanks Patrol Streets—Much Excitement—Manufacturing City Where Germany's Big Guns Were Made Will Be Taken Over by Invaders—Occupation of Rhineland to Enforce Reparations Payments Being Systematically Prepared For by French Military Authorities

(By the United Press)

Coblenz, Jan. 8.—French troops are on the march along the Rhine.

Engineers and a detachment of railway workers have gone to Essen, first city to be seized as France takes steps to enforce the reparations payments.

Two regiments, one of artillery and one of infantry, have been ordered forward from Epinal.

Troops are quietly concentrating at Dusseldorf in small detachments. Fast tanks and armored cars will form the advance guard, it is reported, when actual invasion of the Ruhr starts.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Fifteen hundred fresh French troops arrived at Dusseldorf Sunday and demanded accommodations. The mayor of the city notified the government that 300 automobiles were commandeered by the troops.

Two schools and part of the bureau of finance were commandeered as quarters for 300 officers.

The mayor reported the town in a state of excitement. Tanks and cavalry patrolled the streets.

Knoxville, Jan. 8.—If ever the American boys cross the sea again to fight for Europe they'll have to draft every one of them." As Billy Sunday shouted this statement to 7,000 people of the Volunteer State Monday night the tabernacle rafters shook with applause.

America May Speak Again. Washington, Jan. 8.—The United States may soon make its voice heard in European councils.

The Washington government is watching closely the events in France. It is believed Harding will make at least one further move if war looms larger on the Rhineland horizon.

Despite the fact that this government believes it did all possible under the circumstances recently in announcing its program to relieve the situation in Europe, the United States will state its opinion in some further way if matters become worse in Europe, it is believed.

British Thwart French One Place. Berlin, Jan. 8.—The French commander at Mainz has asked the British to transfer military control of the Coblenz bridgehead to the French, according to Der Tag. The British refused pending communication with London, it was said. The American troops are expected to leave within a few weeks as a result of the movement for their recall started in the United States Senate. French troops with the American garrisons are being kept in quarters, through fear of clashes with German civilians.

### GERMAN SHIP GOES ASHORE IN FLORIDA CHANNEL; ALL SAFE

### Three Hundred and Twenty Passengers Removed by French Vessel—Tugs Expected Drag Holsatia Off Without Trouble

(By the United Press.)

Key West, Jan. 8.—Three hundred and twenty passengers on the German trans-Atlantic liner Holsatia, which stranded on a sand bar in the Florida channel, have been taken off by the French steamer De La Salle, according to word received here. The transfer was effected without accident or injury to anyone. The American steamer Esperanza also went to the rescue, it was stated. Tugs from here are standing by and will float the vessel, according to reports.

### Five Firemen Hurt by Falling Wall; Phone Wires Save Lives of 3

(By the United Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Five firemen were injured by a falling wall during a blaze which destroyed the Yale Building with a loss of \$250,000 here today. Three firemen were trapped on the fourth floor when the wall caved in. They were thrown out and struck telephone wires, which checked their fall and probably saved their lives. Two other firemen were injured by flying debris from the wall.

### Felix Harvey Names Kiwanis Committees for Service in 1923

C. Felix Harvey, Jr., newly-elected president of the Kinston Kiwanis Club, announces the following committees for the new year's work. The spirit of Kiwanis is "service," and the policy of the organization is to develop community spirit, a broader fellowship and a closer and more material application of the idea of service in the progress and advancement of the community.

Program committee: B. B. Jones, chairman; Francis J. H. Coffin, Thomas Harvey, Jr.

Reception committee: W. C. Fields, chairman; F. I. Sutton, R. T. Hood, Dr. A. D. Parrott, David L. Dixon, Charles E. Lumsden.

Membership committee: L. J. Mewborne, chairman; S. L. Stouff, Jack Harris, J. B. Leonard.

House committee: W. M. Herber, chairman; H. F. Stallings, Dr. O. Stanley Waldrop, W. W. Baker.

Attendance committee: Lee McB. White, chairman; George L. Jordan, Ely J. Perry, Leo H. Harvey, Dr. Robert F. Porter.

Finance committee: H. H. Taylor, chairman; W. B. Harvey, J. A. Powers.

Education committee: F. E. Wallace, chairman; C. M. Prickhouse, Wooten Moseley, J. Hyman Mewborne, E. E. Sams.

Public affairs committee: J. F. Taylor, chairman; S. R. McGeachy, G. C. Taylor, C. F. Harvey, Sr.

Publicity committee: Chester A. Walsh, chairman; George Lay, H. Galt Braxton, Joel Stevenson.

Business methods committee: Roger Sutton, chairman; H. H. Hodges, T. A. Mitchell.

Inter-city relations committee: M. M. Happer, chairman; R. J. Dawson, Nat. Hill, Plato Collins.

Classification and grievance committee: Thomas V. Moseley, chairman; D. R. Hinkle, Sam Spence, George Suggs.

### Today in Music; German Orchestra Not Allowed at Washington Festival

New York, Jan. 8.—Electric railway conditions throughout the United States improved during 1922, according to the annual report of C. D. Emmons, president of the American Electric Railway Association, made public here today.

"Net operating revenues increased 7.4 per cent, in spite of the fact that the gross revenue was off 2 1-2 per cent, owing to general fare reductions per passenger from 7.49 to 7.33 cents.

Rates of Fare.

"The general tendency among regulatory bodies is to keep fares at a level proportionate to increased material and labor costs. The average fare today in a group of 275 representative cities is approximately 43 per cent higher than it was at the outbreak of the war, while the average wage increase is 91 per cent, and the average material cost increase is 102 per cent.

The Bus Situation.

"The bus situation is clarifying. Whereas a year ago bus competition had reached such a point that electric railways in several cities were compelled to suspend operations temporarily, today managements, regulatory bodies and the public gradually are cooperating more generally in an effort to find the proper place for the bus.

At its last convention, the American Electric Railway Association declared that it was the duty of each electric railway company to supply all local transportation in its community and it should install buses where necessary and be protected from destructive competition by other agencies. Indications point to widespread recognition of the soundness of this policy.

"Summarized, the outlook is distinctly hopeful."

### Blind Man to Assembly Job

New Bern, Jan. 8.—Named assistant doorkeeper for the House of Representatives at Raleigh by Speaker John Dawson of Kinston, "Blind" Johnson, famous local character, has gone to the capital to assume his duties. In spite of his stone blindness, Johnson in a few days' time will know every member of the House.

### Little Ducky Playing With Lighted Straw is Cause Dwelling Blaze

A picaninny seeking diversion, a knothole and an open stove door resulted in a combination here early Saturday that caused the fire department to be called nearly a mile from its stations.

The black urchin sat on the floor at his parents' home in the edge of Lincoln City, colored suburb. A straw knothole near an end of the straw ignited readily in the stove. Then the lighted end was pushed through the knothole. On the other side of the knothole was a closet, filled with paper, clothes and the like. Then the firemen were called.

"I've worked on that nigger but he jes' won't stop actin' up," the ebony mischief-maker's mother explained to the firemen. The cause of all the excitement sat like a stoic through it all.

### McCormick Operated On

Paris, Jan. 8.—Harold McCormick, stricken suddenly, was operated on last night for appendicitis. His condition was announced as satisfactory. Genoa, Walska, his wife, has abandoned her opera tour and will nurse her millionaire husband back to health.

### STAY OF EXECUTION FOR MRS. THOMPSON BUT MAN MUST HANG

### No Reprieve for Bywaters. Delicate Condition Believed to Have Influenced British Home Secretary to Interfere

(By the United Press)

London, Jan. 8.—A stay of execution was today granted Mrs. Percy Thompson on the eve of the date set for her hanging for the murder of her husband, Frederick Edward Bywaters, found jointly guilty with Mrs. Thompson, is to hang tomorrow.

The sentence of the couple followed one of the most dramatic, sordid murder trials of modern English history.

It is believed Mrs. Thompson's delicate condition may have had something to do with the home secretary agreeing to a considerable postponement of her execution.

### BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

### DEBT MEETINGS START

Washington, Jan. 8.—America today received official assurance of Great Britain's intention to pay her war loans from the United States totalling approximately five billion dollars principal and interest. This assurance was given by Stanley Baldwin, British chancellor of the exchequer, at the first official meeting of the American and British war debt funding commissions held at the Treasury Department.

### LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE, SAYS VOLSTEAD

Washington, Jan. 8.—Prohibition enforcement may be crippled by enactment of some drastic legislation recently proposed in Congress, representative Volstead of Minnesota, father of the present enforcement act, today warned. Volstead, though dry as ever, looks with distinct disfavor on efforts of other prohibitionists to make the law bearing his name more drastic. He believes changes proposed by other dries would make bootlegging easier. The prohibition leader announced opposition to the plan of Representative Upshaw of Georgia to make purchasers of illicit liquor equally guilty with bootleggers.

### BIG ROBBERY

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Robbery of \$200,000 worth of negotiable bonds from the real estate office of George F. Harding, city comptroller, was revealed today by the police. The robbers blew Harding's safe last week. It was announced then that only a small amount was taken, authorities believing that by covering up the extent of the theft they would have a better chance to track the robbers. Circulars giving the real facts of the theft and a description of the bonds were sent to police departments today throughout the country.

### Little Town's Bank is in Heavy in All This Dividend-Paying Furore

The little bank at Pink Hill, small town at the southern extremity of Lenoir County, has set a record for successful manipulation under a receivership. The bank at Pink Hill failed more than a year ago, and was under simultaneous control by the Willard-Smith Company, operators of a chain of stores in this section. The company had its headquarters at Pink Hill. R. Allen Whitaker, young lawyer of Kinston, was named receiver for the institution. Whitaker's methods were unusually thorough. He left no possible loophole for further embarrassment of the bank company.

About a year ago the Pink Hill Bank & Trust Co. was organized and took over the receivership of the suspended institution. Prominent businessmen and planters of the Pink Hill section and Kinston bankers backed the new bank. It was stated here today that the institution has declared 20 per cent dividends in 12 months. State banking authorities were reported to have termed the receivership the most successful in North Carolina. Whitaker and the new bank had accomplished remarkable results in putting the affairs of the old bank into shape, it was said. Pink Hill has a population of 350, but is a trading center for thousands of farmers.

### Wheat Championship

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Canada regained the wheat championship of the continent at the Grain and Hay Show held in conjunction with the International Livestock Show here. When R. O. Wylar of Lusseland, Sask., won the coveted prize, it marked Canada's 11th win in 12 years of international competition against the best wheat growers of North America.

## State Will Connect Ku Klux Klan With Raiding and Nightriding, Says

(By the United Press)

Court-House, Bastrop, La., Jan. 8.—What are known to be activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Moorehouse Parish wholly apart from the savage murder of Watt Daniel and Thomas F. Richards, with whose slow torturing to death the invisible empire has not yet been linked by evidence, will be brought to light before the open probe now in progress is concluded.

This statement was made today by Attorney-General Cocco in announcement of the lines to be followed in the present inquiry, in which it is hoped to show how the mangled bodies of the men came to be at the bottom of Lake La Fourche.

"Raids and nightriding activities in which it is known members of the klan took part have been gone into fully," Cocco said.

"The call for the open hearing was worded so it gave us the right to take up these matters."

### CHRISTIANITY HAS A WIDER INFLUENCE THIS DAY AND TIME

### God Intended Its Usefulness to Increase, Says Pastor of First Baptist Church—World is Field Master's Religion

"Go preach my gospel to every creature (Matt. 28:18, 19)." This is the great commission that Jesus gave the church. In it lies all the authority we need to carry on our work of what-soever kind, everywhere, said Rev. Lee White at the First Baptist Church Sunday.

"At first, the program was solely the appeal to the individual for soul salvation. For hundreds of years this was the only object of the church. It is still the greatest objective. Individual conversion, the soul's response to the message of Christ, is still the basic work of Christianity. But even this can be experienced in different and varying ways. For example, Peter, John and Paul. All conversions are not alike. Too many people are waiting for a certain experience such as Paul had, because Paul's experience of conversion was rather spectacular and a great many people are waiting for a like thrill.

"New modern Christianity must also how to this line of personal conversion, but we are learning in these days that this is not the limit of the work of Christianity. If Jesus is the Saviour of the individual, then He is also the Savior of society. Jesus never put the final word when He was here on earth, for did He not say to his disciples, in the 16th chapter of John's gospel, 'There are many things that I wish to say to you, but ye cannot bear them now.' He also said in this same chapter 'when the spirit of truth is done, He will guide you into all truth.'

"Christianity is not static. You know what static electricity is? It is that electricity that causes all the fuses and jars when you wish to hear the radio work. It is harmless, because it is 'still' electricity. A static Christianity leads to doing nothing. We must have progress in the realm of Christian work. We are saved for a purpose. What purpose, pray tell me? There are those who say it is impossible for Christianity to do anything but here and there save a soul. Moody's idea of Christianity was that the world was shipwrecked and all that he or the church could do was to row out a plank here and there to a poor drowning soul. Is this not begging the question? What do we kind in Hebrews sixth chapter, first two verses: 'Let us pass on then to what is mature, leaving elementary a repentance from dead works, with faith in God, with instruction about ablutions and the laying on of hands, about the resurrection of the dead and eternal punishment.' Now those who read the Bible know that these things are necessary. Let us take off our swaddling clothes and begin to think with Christ of the world He would have us do in this present world!

"The growth of Christian missions is evidence of how Christ expects us to work in this world. The great missionary program started out with a single purpose of converting souls one by one. Christianity was an intensely personal experience. That was early Christianity. And this is true, because the only God you and I will know is the God we shall personally experience. All other facts are twice or thrice removed from life. The first thing is to know God in Christ. Christianity is life. Stagnation is the great enemy of Christianity. But small Christianity be concerned only with this great and most important work?

The widening circle of Christianity which embraces first the individual soul is now also embracing all that pertains to the soul. We therefore are concerned these days with the bodies and the minds of men as well as with their souls. The church then is not the end to be sought; rather, the church is to force operating in the field, which, Jesus said, is the world."

### Seek Escaped Convicts

Douglas, Ga., Jan. 8.—A search for two convicts who late Saturday night overpowered a guard at a county convict camp and escaped is being carried on throughout Georgia. The two convicts, John Thease and Nina Broxton, were serving sentences for murder. The men are said to be desperate characters. A fight is expected when officers close in on them.

### Special Committee

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Special committees will probably be named in the Legislature to investigate Governor Morrison's proposal for state-owned steamships, as a means to lower freight rates. Newspapermen here have found a considerable sentiment for the Morrison plan. In some quarters it is contended that a vote on the matter would divide the assembly membership about equally.

### Charges Local Store Proprietors Used U. S. Mails to Defraud

Magistrate Kenneth Foscoe Monday issued a warrant at the instance of Jacob Propos, vice-president of Jacob Propos & Son, dry goods wholesalers of New York, charging Joseph Zaytoun, local merchant, with procuring goods under a fraudulent name and using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Propos, the magistrate stated, held a claim for \$541 against "M. Joseph" of Kinston. He came here in connection with the account and others said to be held by his concern against Kinston merchants.

Propos told Magistrate Foscoe he was unable to locate "M. Joseph." The latter, he asserted, had developed a business on a small scale here. The New York man indicated to Foscoe that other persons of the "Syrian colony" here would be charged with fraudulent practices. Names had not been given. The prospective defendants were understood not to include proprietors of the larger Syrian establishments here. The indictment recalled to officials wholesale prosecution of merchants of the race some months ago. There was no local defendant among the many indicted at that time.

### Memorial for Brinson

Washington, Jan. 6.—Sunday, February 11, will be observed by the House of Representatives as a memorial day for Congressman Samuel Brinson of the Third North Carolina District, who died last spring.

### NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR WEALTHY HUGO SCHLESINGER BEGUN

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### Former Bandit General Learned Right Name Recently—Newspapers Have All Guessed Wrong—Will Continue as "Pancho"

(By FERDICK G. NEUMEIER)

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### POLICE PUT CLAMP OF SECRECY UPON DOINGS EMILE COUE

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