

PROPOSE GATHERING OF BUSINESSMEN OF ALL THE COUNTRIES

Noted Americans Headed by Morgan Want World Conference

TO DISCUSS FINANCES

Reestablishment of Currency One of Four Big Problems—Commodity Standard for Units of Various Governments

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 14.—Four big problems of international finance are awaiting discussion by a world conference of bankers and businessmen proposed by a committee of noted Americans headed by J. P. Morgan.

Government officials who today displayed keen interest in the proposed conference outlined the four problems thus:
First, reestablishment of currency of the former belligerent countries, on a strictly gold basis, together with its correlative deflating of their currencies.
Two, setting up of an international clearing house to serve the world trade in a capacity similar to the service rendered the domestic trade by community clearing houses.
Three, stabilizing of relations between the gold and silver exchanges, especially with respect to the nations of the Far East.
Fourth, establishment of a commodity standard by which the amount of gold in a dollar, franc or pound would rise and fall according to changes in commodities.

Willie Baker is Quite a Different Sort Chap Over in Pitt County

Understood by the police to be heir to a fortune which would cover the cost of an ordinary courthouse, Willie Baker, who ran away from a prospective small fine in the police court here, has "straightened it out" with the authorities and will come back for trial. Baker was charged with intoxication. He had no money. He spent miserable hours in confinement. He was haled up with other offenders. He managed to creep through the crowd of defendants, lawyers, officers and spectators and escape from the courtroom. He succeeded in getting out of the city and "burning it up" for his Pitt County home. Although Baker's prospective means are large, his present income is limited. A policeman located Willie at his home on one of the best-kept plantations in the section. "I didn't have any friends in that town," Baker told the cop "and I didn't want to go back in jail. I couldn't pay the fine nor give a bond. Had it been in Pitt I could have gotten any kind of a bond." His relatives were away from home, but a neighbor readily tendered a check for Willie's appearance before the recorder here next week.

Begs Mothers Drop Fight for Removal of Dead to America

(By the United Press)
Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Oscar Gariessen, mother of the first American officer killed in France, has written an open letter to newspapers appealing to Gold Star Women everywhere to oppose bringing home the bodies of soldier dead.
"I am a gold star mother," her letter says, "who, when my son was killed in France (the first officer—at the very beginning of America's participation), hurried over there to work for the comfort of our army. I am thoroughly acquainted with conditions there, and am so bitterly opposed to the impious and dreadful idea of bringing the bodies home, that I seek to enlist against it the Gold Star Women of this land."
"I intend to publish a pamphlet, which I will gladly send gratuitously to any woman who will send me her name and address."
Mrs. Gariessen's address is 610 West 114th street, New York City.

MARINES REPEL 300 BANDITS IN ATTACK ON PORT AU PRINCE

One American Seriously Wounded — Half of Attackers Killed, Wounded or Captured — Situation Immediately "in Hand"

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Daniels was today advised that two American marines were wounded, one seriously, early yesterday when a force of American marines drove back 300 armed bandits who tried to capture Port au Prince, Haiti. Secretary Daniels was advised by Captain Russell, in charge of the marines, that the 300 bandits attacked the city in three columns. They were immediately driven back and over 50 per cent. of the bandits either killed, wounded or captured.
Private L. Coombs was seriously wounded and Private F. M. McLaughlin slightly wounded.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN CONSTRUCTION WORLD

Millions to Be Spent in New Buildings in South—Office Buildings and Others—Textile Developments Numerous

(Special to The Free Press)
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 16.—The news of Southern industrial activities is notable, among other things, for the number of important new buildings planned, according to the current issue of the Manufacturers' Record. Throughout the South there is a very general recognition among business leaders of the urgent necessity for building at once new and larger office buildings, hotels, churches, public and semi-public structures. An office building for professional men, primarily physicians and dentists, will be erected in Kansas City, Mo., at a cost of \$1,250,000. Two store buildings are planned for the same city, the cost to be \$350,000 in each case. St. Louis will have a new \$400,000 store building, and a hospital there plans a \$500,000 addition. In Baltimore a fireproof warehouse will be erected by a paper company at a cost of \$500,000. A \$600,000 hotel will be built at Okmulgee, Okla., and a \$300,000 hotel is planned for Roanoke, Va. In Roanoke also a \$500,000 high school is contemplated. Washington, D. C., is to have a new theatre costing \$500,000. New office buildings, theatres and other structures of importance are planned at Atlanta, Ga.; El Paso, Texas.; Greenville, S. C.; Williamson, W. Va.; Greenville, Miss.; Montgomery, Ala., and Knoxville, Tenn.

A \$2,000,000 company has been formed in Baltimore for the manufacture of automobile parts, and another automobile corporation has been chartered there for \$250,000. In Tampa, Fla., a motor truck company has incorporated for \$500,000. A \$300,000 company has incorporated at Norfolk.

Photograph cabinets will be manufactured by a \$250,000 company organized for that purpose at Louisville, Ky.

Shed glass of every description will be the product of a factory at Kanawha City, W. Va., where an additional plant costing \$2,000,000 is to be erected.

A structural steel plant at Kansas City, Mo., increases its capital by \$500,000 for the purpose of making extensions.
A brick and tile company has been formed at Goldsboro, N. C., with \$500,000 capital. At Tulsa, Okla., a brick and tile plant will double its daily capacity of 40,000 bricks.
Much activity is observed in the textile centers. A cotton mill will be built at Caroleen, N. C., 50,000 spindles and 13,000 looms added at a total cost of close to \$3,500,000; several hundred cottages will be constructed as part of the community system extension. An additional cotton mill costing \$800,000 will be built at Smithfield, N. C. At Columbia, S. C., cotton cloth mills have incorporated at \$500,000, and at Rock Hill a 3000-spindle yarn mill will be erected; at Rock Hill, also, cotton mills which were incorporated recently at \$2,000,000 plan enlargements and new construction, including 100 cottages at a total approximate cost of \$1,000,000. A cotton products company at Stanley, N. C., increases from \$200,000 to \$500,000 and will



BRITISH ROYALTY AND CABINET GREET WALES ON HOME-COMING.
Upon the arrival of the Prince of Wales at the Victoria station, London on his return from the United States. In the centre foreground are King George and the Prince of Wales. In the group in rear are Princess Mary, Queen Mary, Princess Louise, Queen Alexandra, the Prince's brother, Bonar Law and Winston Churchill.

CAPTOR OF JENKINS IS TAKEN, DECLARE MEXICAN OFFICIALS

Reported From Cordoba Mendez Throws Light Upon Consular Agent's Alleged Collusion With Men Who Kidnapped Him

(By the United Press)
Mexico City, Jan. 16.—Cecilio Mendez, one of the leaders of the Cordoba bandits who abducted William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, has been captured, according to a dispatch from that city last night.
The Mexican authorities in reporting the arrest declared Mendez possesses important evidence supporting the charges against Jenkins of collusion with the bandits.

Many Deals in City and County Dirt; No Letup in Realty Boom

The following realty transfers have been recorded: Thad. Tyndall to G. F. Simmons, Neuse Township land, \$2,050. Zeb. Wallace to Dr. Ira Hardy, Bright Street property, \$3,000. Jesse Heath to J. E. Gray, East Caswell Street property, \$5,000. J. W. Goodson and wife to S. M. Davis, 110 acres Vance Township land, \$21,842. W. T. Alphin to Albert Alphin, 16 1-2 acres Moseley Hall land, \$6,000. N. W. Outlaw to J. F. Ruffin, 40.83 acres in Trent, \$6,000. M. Pearson to Tony Lee, 160 acres in Neuse, \$16,500. G. C. Craft and wife to J. W. Moore, 27 acres in Contentnea Neck, \$10 and other considerations. N. B. Moore to W. D. Hood, West Kinston property, \$3,000. J. W. Goodson to A. L. Griffin, half interest in Gordon Street property, \$10. W. B. Douglas and wife to Andrew Johnson, Perry Street property, \$1,500. Kinston Insurance & Realty Co. to Levi Sanderson, Desmond Street property, \$150. E. Y. Speed and wife to H. Stadium, Northwest Kinston property, \$950. J. F. Evans and wife to Landon Humphrey, Griffon road property, \$6,536. Wm. Sutton to A. L. Gray, 70 acres in Institute, \$8,000. H. M. Scarborough to J. H. Clark, 37 acres in Contentnea Neck, \$1,572.50. Henry Dunn to Joe King, 11 2-3 acres, \$875. G. H. Haynes to Sallie Holton, Kinston Township property, \$750. David Walters to W. T. Alphin, Moseley Hall property, \$1,833.

build an additional mill. At Badin a knitting mill will be erected and at Gastonia a 12,000-spindle yarn mill. Hosiery mills at Carthage, N. C., will add a dyeing and finishing department. A hosiery mill will be erected at Frederick, Md., and at Louisville, Ky., cordage mills will erect an additional plant with a daily capacity of 4,000 pounds.

BUY W. S. S.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS AT FIELDS' STATION

Damage estimated at \$25,000 or more was done by fire Thursday evening which destroyed a packhouse on Wheeler Fields' plantation at Fields' Station, together with thousands of pounds of fine quality tobacco stored in the building, a chicken coop and another small building. The blaze occurred shortly after the supper hour. The origin has not been determined. A large part of the weed crop made last year on the Fields' farm is understood to have been in the burned packhouse.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
U. S. BUSY IN HURRY.
Richmond, Jan. 16.—John Mitchell, colored printer, was arrested today for violating the prohibition law. The negro is reported to have printed a pamphlet in which there was a formula for making liquor.
FRENCH FORMALITY.
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INCOME TAX FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW; HOW TO COMPUTE TAXES AND THE LIKE

In making out his income-tax return the taxpayer is required to show both gross and net income. Gross income includes practically every dollar the taxpayer received during the year 1919. In arriving at net income, upon which the tax is assessed, he is allowed certain deductions, which will be explained later, plus the amount of his exemption.
Incomes below \$5,000 are exempt from surtax. The single man with no dependents and an income for 1919 of \$2,000 will pay a tax of \$40 instead of \$60 as for 1918, and a married man with an income of \$2,500, and no dependents except his wife will pay \$20 instead of \$30. Surtax Rates.
The surtax rate is 1 per cent on the net income in excess of \$5,000 and not over \$6,000, and increases by steps of 1 per cent for each \$2,000 of net income up to and including 48 per cent on net income in excess of \$98,000 and not over \$100,000. From this point the rates run as follows: Fifty-two per cent. on net income over \$100,000 and not over \$150,000, 54 per cent. on net income over \$150,000 and not over \$200,000, 60 per cent. on net income over \$200,000 and not over \$300,000, 63 per cent. on net income over \$300,000 and not over \$500,000, 64 per cent. on net income over \$500,000 and not over \$1,000,000, and 65 per cent. on net income over \$1,000,000.
How to Compute Taxes.
The following illustration will show the average taxpayer whose net income was more than \$5,000 how to compute his tax:
A single man had a net income for 1919 of \$6,000. First he deducts his personal exemption of \$1,000, leaving a balance of \$5,000. On the first \$4,000 he pays at the normal rate of 4 per cent, \$160. On the remaining \$1,000 he pays at the normal rate of 8 per cent, \$80. In addition he pays a surtax of \$10, 1 per cent on the amount of his net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000. His total tax is \$250, as compared with \$370 for 1918.
Rate for Married Men.
A married man with two dependents had a net income for 1919 of \$7,500. From this he deducts his personal exemption of \$2,000, plus \$200 for each dependent. On the first \$4,000 of the balance of \$5,100 he pays, at the normal rate of 4 per cent, \$160. On the remaining \$1,100 he will pay, at the normal rate of 8 per cent, \$88. On the amount of his income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 he pays a surtax of 1 per cent, or \$10. On the amount of his income between \$6,000 and \$7,500 he pays a surtax of 2 per cent. The total, normal and surtax, is \$288 as compared with \$412 for 1918.
Husband and wife whose combined net income for 1919 equalled or exceeded \$2,000 must file a return, either separate or joint as desired. A widow, a woman living apart from her husband, or a maid must file a return if her net income equalled or exceeded \$1,000.
A minor whose income for 1919 was \$1,000 or more must make a return. If the minor's income was less than \$1,000, it must be included in the return of the parent.

CLEMENCEAU SHIES HIS HAT IN RING; ONLY ONE OPPONENT

Politics Simple in France—Presidential Candidate Announces and is Nominated One Day and Elected the Next

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GODLEY TAKES SEAT IN CHAIR DENYING COMMISSION CRIME

First White Man Electrocutated for Rape in North Carolina—Dramatic Ending to Noted Case in Death Chamber at Raleigh

(Special to The Free Press)
Raleigh, Jan. 16.—"Oh, Lord, take my soul to Thee."
These, his last words, were repeated three times by Churchill Godley, first white man electrocuted in North Carolina for criminal assault, as he was being strapped in the chair at the state's prison this morning. He never confessed guilt, denying it until the last while on his knees in the death cell.
One shock was sufficient to kill the prisoner. The body was taken to Washington, N. C., for interment.

Professor Kinsey is Starring as Singer of the 'A-B-C' Song

The services of Prof. Joseph Kinsey, septuagenarian superintendent of schools of Lenoir County, as a singer are being sought in the rural schools, although Professor Kinsey doesn't claim to be a singer, and professes to know "mighty little" about music. It all came about through Professor Kinsey's advice to teachers to "sing" the alphabet to the lisping boys and girls of the first grades. "It gets it into their little craniums easier than by any other method," according to the veteran superintendent.
Professor Kinsey knows the tune as well as "the words" to his "A-B-C Song," but the teachers claim not to be able to remember the tune, it seems, since they are calling upon their chief for "performances," declaring "the children want to hear you sing the A-B-C's." When it is convenient for the superintendent the children's request is promptly complied with.
Youngsters love music. The alphabet is well adapted to song. They learn their letters in a much shorter time when set to score than by the customary methods, according to Professor Kinsey. "In the 'A-B-C Song,' which is sung in four-four time, some letters are whole notes, some halves, some quarters, etc., and there is a beautiful little 'run of sixteenths and thirtyseconds' when the bar starts with 'N' is repeated in crescendo after it has once been sung with emphasis on the individual letters. When the song is sung by a tenor or soprano there is opportunity for a bass voice to get in some excellent work." When the children have "picked up" the song, they love to sing it in unison, according to the veteran pedagogue.

Little Joyner Boy Doing Well; Officer Says Truck Speeding

The chances for recovery of Marion Joyner, 8, severely injured when struck by a motor truck at McLeesean and Bright streets Wednesday evening, are good. The little victim is suffering much pain from broken jaw and leg bones and other injuries, but appears to have escaped internal injuries. Motorcycle Policeman Norwood Evans, who investigated the accident and arrested Claude Redding, the negro driver of the truck, asserts the truck was speeding. "Redding could not stop the machine in time. He skidded many feet," according to Evans.

SOLONS HONOR DEAD MARTIN AND WATSON

(By the United Press)
Richmond, Jan. 16.—Both branches of the General Assembly adjourned at noon until Tuesday out of respect to the memory of Thomas S. Martin, late United States senator, and Congressman Walter A. Watson of Virginia, both of whom died within the last three months. The assembly will be given a holiday Monday, General Lee's birthday.

BOURGEOIS IS MADE TEMPORARY HEAD OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Exists in Fact Now, Established to Cure Many World Ills

ORGANIZATION MEETING Held in Cloak Room of Foreign Office at Paris—French Senate President and Curzon Address the Gathering

(By the United Press)
Paris, Jan. 16.—The League of Nations became a reality today. Its first session was convened at 10:35 a. m. in the famous cloak room of the French foreign office. Leon Bourgeois, president of the French Society for the League of Nations and president of the French Senate, presided.
Bourgeois delivered the opening address. He was followed by Earl Curzon of Great Britain, secretary of state for foreign affairs. Immediately after the session convened Bourgeois was elected temporary president.
Bourgeois was later elected permanent president. Neither Ambassador Wallace nor any subordinate American official was present. The only American witnesses to the ceremony were American newspapermen. The meeting began at 10:35 and adjourned at 11:50.

North Kinston Woman 68 Years of Age Will Have 16th Birthday

Mrs. Penelope Worthington, 11 West Greener avenue, this city, will celebrate her 16th birthday February 29, and being well informed on leap year statistics, refuses the statement recently printed in newspapers that a February with five Sundays comes only once in a century. Were it so ordered that the date of one's natal anniversary and the day of the week must be the same at each recurring anniversary, Mrs. Worthington would be preparing to keep only her second birthday, however. She was born on the "extra Sunday" 68 years ago. Once since then February has had "one Sunday too many." That was 40 years ago. In the past four decades Mrs. Jarman's natal anniversary has never come within 24 hours of the day of the week on which she was born. Four into 68, the age which Mrs. Jarman will be Sunday, February 29, 1920, goes 17 times, but during one eight-year period there was no leap year, as Father Time and the almanac computers willed it.

'Blue Bird' Brings on Frenzy of Feathers in New York Classy Circles

By MARGARET ROHE
(Written for the United Press)
New York, Jan. 16.—If the recently widely heralded premiere of "The Blue Bird" as a grand opera didn't bring out many fine musical themes at least it brought out many fine feathers. There were more topknots in the audience than topnotes on the stage and she was a sorry dame, indeed, much bluer than the famous Masterlinck fledgling, who did not boast at least one feather in her hair, not to mention a perfect flock of feathers on her gown, her wrap and a happy handful in the form of a fan. Some of the head dresses were most amazing. One, a mass of vivid green short ostrich plumes, covered the entire back of the wearer's head and would have turned the queen of the Hotentots a matching green with envy.

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Futures quotations Friday were:

	Opening	Closing
January	\$8.50	\$8.50
March	\$9.25	\$9.25
May	\$9.75	\$9.75
July	\$10.25	\$10.25
October	\$10.75	\$10.75