

HARDING OFFERS C. E. HUGHES POST OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Condition That Former Justice Renounce the League of Nations

TWO MEN FROM SENATE

President-Elect Desires Not to Draw Too Heavily Upon Body—Half Dozen Named in Capital Speculation

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 22.—Charles Evans Hughes has received a conditional offer to become secretary of state and is considering it, it is learned on high authority.

A condition is said to be that Hughes aid in establishing an association of nations and discard the league.

Two Men From Senate
Marion, Dec. 22.—An informal understanding under which Harding will select not more than two men from the Senate for his cabinet is believed to have been reached between the President-elect and Senate leaders.

The course has apparently been taken to avoid denouncing the Senate and to avoid jealousies and still enable Harding to bring party leaders into official places.

Half a dozen senators figure prominently in the cabinet speculation.

About Dawson

Ask Friends of Local Lawyer Mentioned for Congress.

John Dawson for Congress is an interesting possibility to many persons here. Since the discussion at Washington of a Representative Dawson as successor to a Representative-at-Large Kitchin a number of friends of the local lawyer-legislator have been wishing that such a thing could come to pass. Dawson is of the calibre and would probably have the backing to nominate him in 1922 were the State, given two congressmen-at-large instead of the two additional districts which many Democratic leaders declare they do not desire, to choose the veteran Kitchin to represent, with some other strong man, the entire commonwealth.

Dawson is young. He has been a leader in the House of Representatives at Raleigh, and has been connected with many important and progressive new laws. The upper part of the Second District has filled its seat many years, and it is time for the lower counties to have a try if there is to be any changing, his friends assert. The assemblyman is not expected to do any talking, at least until the authority to elect two congressmen-at-large is granted, if it is to be. Some persons here believe that in the event North Carolina is redistricted to make two districts Lenoir county will find itself in another district. It has been contended for years by a not very numerous element that whatever political expediency prompted its annexation to the Second at the last districting, it was not geographically entitled to a place in the district.

ITALIAN LABOR IN NEW YORK AGAINST IMMIGRATION

New York, Dec. 22.—The Italian Chamber of Labor in New York, in an effort to protect the cause of labor in America, has sent a circular to socialistic and labor organizations in which the Italian masses are informed of the "impending war" between the employer and labor classes on the question of the "open" and "closed shop," and are urged to refrain from emigrating until the situation becomes more settled.

Hordes of newly arrived workmen would glut the present labor market, says the circular, which would result in an advantage to the employers in their "open shop" campaign, and a corresponding menace to labor by increasing competition at a time when work is already scarce.

Contrary to the policy of the American Federation of Labor, the Italian Chamber does not approve restrictive immigration laws, but it wants Italian laborers, both of their own sakes and for the sake of the American labor union movement, to refrain from coming here until industrial conditions show signs of improvement.

CABINET OFFICER'S SON KILLED BY AIRPLANE

Washington, Dec. 22.—While preparing to make a flight at Bolling Field yesterday Walter E. Alexander, aviator son of the Secretary of Commerce, was struck on the head by the propeller of his airplane and instantly killed.

Governor-Elect Of Illinois



Len Small, of Kankakee, Illinois former speaker of the House and State Treasurer.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

PREACHER KILLED BY TRAIN.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 22.—Rev. John Herndon was killed today when he was run down by an automobile filled with negroes. Herndon was formerly associate editor of the Christian Observer. He had just been for his morning's mail. The car did not stop and the police pursued it.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.
Washington, Dec. 22.—Thousands of Chinese are subsisting on leaves, alfalfa and other forage crops in the worst famine in 40 years, according to information reaching the Department of State. Twenty millions are affected and whole families are on the verge of starvation, it is said.

FOUR KILLED.
Scranton, Penn., Dec. 22.—Four are known to be dead as the result of an explosion in No. 2 packing mill on the DuPont powder works at Moosic.

SEES NEED FOR ENLARGING CROP AND STOCK REPORTING.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The importance of enlarging the crop and livestock reporting service of the United States Department of Agriculture was emphasized by the Secretary of Agriculture in his annual report to the President. Lack of adequate appropriation, he said, had made it necessary to eliminate certain features of this work, which should now be restored and enlarged.

"The data collected by the 1920 census will soon be available as bases for crop and live stock estimates during the next 10 years," he said, "and the expansion should be provided for without delay. The crop and live stock reporting service should be greatly enlarged; far surpluses should be ascertained periodically, and the essential data should be published more promptly and in such form as to make them more readily understood and utilized. Estimates of the funds required to enable the department to accomplish these purposes will be submitted to the Congress."

SMALLER EXPORTS AND IMPORTS IN NOVEMBER

Washington, Dec. 22.—Decreased exports and imports in November, as compared with October of this year and November of last year, are shown in a statement issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce.

Exports in November amounted to \$675,000,000, against \$752,000,000 for October, this year, and \$740,000,000 in November, last year.

November exports were valued at \$321,000,000, as compared with \$334,000,000 for October this year and \$425,000,000 for November last year.

Giant Sycamore

Forestry Association Would Have Tree Preserved.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The American Forestry Association called upon the people of Gibson County, Ill., to file with the association protests against cutting down a giant sycamore tree near Mt. Carmel, Ill. The association has been asked both by Richard Lieber, of the Department of Conservation of Indiana, and Dr. Robert Ridgway, an ornithologist of Olney, Ill., to take up the fight of the citizens of the two states to save the tree. It is on the ground surveyed for a levee along the Washburn River, but there is no need of destroying this tree, the association says. The tree is the last of twelve giants that were within a half mile of each other at one time. This tree is about 150 feet high and has a circumference of about 25 feet.

TWO PRESIDENTS TO HAVE LUNCH WHITE HOUSE MARCH 4TH

Wilson and Harding to Break Bread Together—Democrat to Move Out Immediately Afterward—Will Write

(By the United Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Wilson and Harding will eat lunch at the White House March 4 following the formal inauguration, according to plans announced today.

Wilson then will go to the new home on S Street, recently purchased.

Harding will review the parade. Tumulty, who had a long conference with President Wilson today, said his health has greatly improved since November and that he was ready to plunge into writing as soon as executive duties were removed.

Soviet Tottering

From Many Accounts Received at British Capital.

(By RUSSELL BROWING (United Press Staff Correspondent.) London, Dec. 22.—Every week or so London's colony of Russian Anti-Bolsheviks, czarist nobility and refugee bourgeois welcomes a new member, fresh from exciting experiences in frontier running and bearing of new tales of the imminent collapse of the Kremlin "spiders' web." Their stories of internal conditions in Red Russia replenish optimism in Wrangelite, Kerensky, and Russian Liberation Commissions, and stir hope anew in the virtually intact but stranded diplomatic machinery of the former Russian governments.

About once a month a courier from Moscow of Petrograd reaches London bearing briefly written narrations of events and gossip to the exiles. The latest "white Russian newspaper" has just reached London, smuggled out of Russia by a fleeing professor from a Petrograd university.

The professor does not wish his name disclosed, as he was forced to leave his wife and daughter in Russia and fears reprisals. The reports are apparently written by persons on the inside of the Soviet regime, as forecasts of events are often faithfully given.

"Lenin will soon move the seat of Soviet government from Moscow to Petrograd," says the latest report, "as the more destitute population of Petrograd is less liable to attempt an uprising."

"Recently four bank shoes were issued to four regiments leaving Moscow for the Wrangel front. The troops mutinied and demanded leather boots. They surrounded the Kremlin, but were overpowered by detachments of Lettish soldiers. Every twentieth man was shot."

"Bolsheviks have arrested two thousand officers, including several high staff officers."

"The anniversary of the Bolshevik government passed quietly. Demonstrations were attended only by Red Guards and sailors and those by order of private workers or others were present."

"Because of lack of fuel all bathing establishments are closed. People not having a bath in their flats are given a coupon which entitles them to take a bath in any flat they desire."

"Professors and artists now receive wages in foodstuffs."

NATIONAL FORESTS POPULAR PLAYGROUNDS; ELK HERDS DWINDLE

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 22.—That the use of the National Forests for recreational purposes is increasing rapidly and bids fair to rank third among the major services performed by the National Forests, with only timber production and stream-flow regulation taking precedence over it, is the statement made by Col. W. B. Greeley, head of the Forest Service, in his annual report. Many summer homes are being erected on the National Forests by private individuals, and the use of forests for other forms of out-of-door recreation was greater during the past year than ever before. Elk herds are decreasing in the forests.

Not a Record

But Near It; Kirkpatrick in Air 18 Hours.

(By the United Press) New York, Dec. 22.—After remaining in the air eighteen hours Lieutenant Kirkpatrick was forced to land by a gas leak in his engine at 1:30 this morning. He was six hours short of the endurance record which he was seeking to break, but officials said it was the longest flight by a single-motored plane on record.

Cotton

Futures quotations Wednesday were:

	Open.	Close.
December	14.55	13.85
January	14.65	14.10
March	14.60	14.03
May	14.70	14.20
July	14.70	14.30
October	14.80	13.55

HOME RULE GRANTS IRELAND ALL BUT COMPLETE FREEDOM

Ulsterites Will Have Their Separate Parliament; Connecting Link

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Peace Seems Near at Hand for Emerald Isle—Two Governing Bodies and a Council of Forty to Manage Affairs

(By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) London, Dec. 22.—All lines in the Irish conflict with Great Britain today seemed to diverge toward peace.

Despite the continuing attacks and reprisals in Ireland, leaders on both sides appeared to be adopting a more lenient attitude.

Passage of the home rule bill, to which King George is expected to give royal assent today, marked the culmination of a long fight by Irish leaders. The bill is not exactly what was wanted, but it is hoped it will bring peace while Ireland takes advantage of its semi-independence.

The bill provides for two parliaments, in the north and south, with a connecting link in the form of a council of forty.

Ireland must accept the measure within three and a half years or it will be void.

Prayer service at Christian Church. Prayer meeting will be held at Gordon Street Christian Church tonight at 7:30, with choir practice immediately following.

Fairy Photographs

Produced by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle; Printed.

(By the United Press) London, Dec. 22.—Fairies actually exist and have been photographed. This assertion is made by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in a remarkable article in the Strand Magazine.

The fairy photographs are reproductions of three years ago by two girls, Miss Carpenter, 16, and her cousin Alice, 10. In one of them Alice stands behind a hedgehog bank, and in her feet, in among the flowers and grass, are four flitting fairy figures.

The traditional story-book type—Long-haired, gossamer-robed, and complete with transparent wings, just the way fairy specialists have always depicted them.

The other photograph shows a little imp or gnome dancing round the feet of Iris. He also is true to type. His little face is whimsically puckered and he, too, boasts a pair of wings of the moth type.

Sir Arthur declares that several expert photographers have been shown the original negatives of the fairy photographs, and have satisfied themselves that they are in no wise "faked."

"The pictures either stand or fall together," says Sir Arthur, in the course of his article. "Both are false or both are true. All the circumstances point to the latter alternative."

The little girls say they have seen and known the fairies at their lives and they regard the whole thing as a matter of course.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, together with E. L. Gardner, of the Theosophical Society, intends bringing out a book shortly on the subject of fairy photographs, when they will submit full evidence to the public.

HUNDREDS OF SAILORS STRANDED IN VIRGINIA

(By the United Press)

Norfolk, Dec. 22.—More than 500 Scandinavian sailors are estimated to be stranded in the ports of Norfolk and Newport News, owing to the laying up of ships here.

SHARPSHOOTERS SCOUR CITY ON BANDIT HUNT.

New York, Dec. 22.—Sharpsshooters of the police department scoured this city for bandits last night. Each sharpshooter was accompanied by detectives and a uniformed patrolman.

SEVENTY CONSTABULARY ADMIT SEDITION CHARGE.

Manila, Dec. 22.—Seventy members of the Philippine constabulary, natives, have entered pleas of guilty to sedition in connection with the recent riot here.

CLARA HAMON EXPECTED TO SURRENDER SHORTLY.

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 22.—Clara Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Jake Hamon here, is expected to surrender at some point on the Mexican border today.

SOCIETY GIRL IS NOT BRIDE OF EDDIE RICKENBACK'R, HERO

Thinks She Is, But Real Airman and Celebrity is in California—Florida Men Lose Money to Clever Swindler

(By the United Press) Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—After posing as Eddie Rickenbacker and marrying Frances Hannan, Jacksonville society girl, and victimizing a number of prominent men to the extent of thousands of dollars, an unidentified man has departed taking his bride and cash estimated at not less than \$200,000.

The impostor was elaborately entertained.

The real Rickenbacker is in Oakland, Cal., according to dispatches.

War Workers

Get Aid From Eleven States and Possibly Others.

(By the United Press) New York, Dec. 22.—Soldiers, sailors and marines, and in some cases nurses and first aid workers—who took part in the World War will be rewarded in at least 11 states of the Union.

That number has already authorized the expenditure of approximately \$150,000,000 for relief of veterans and for buying farms, obtaining medical relief and securing educations. Bonus bills have been proposed in a score of more other state legislatures, but the states have so far extended financial relief in payment in part, at least, of their gratitude to sons and daughters for their valiant service during the great conflict, are New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Washington, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

New York's appropriation naturally leads the list in point of size, on account of the fact that that State with approximately 10 per cent. of the nation's population, had the largest enrollment. The amount the Albany legislature voted for soldier bonuses was \$45,000,000. This sum was approved by the voters in a referendum at the November election.

In Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island the bonus decided on was \$100 for each recipient, the amount to be raised by taxation.

In Alabama the legislature cancelled the veteran's poll taxes for five years.

In Washington State, every service man or woman will be entitled to \$15 for each month served between the beginning of the war for America—April 6, 1917—to its end—November 11, 1918.

Bonus bills will be proposed at many legislatures this winter, including Tennessee, Kentucky, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois, according to reports to the United Press.

Leads in Roads

Lenoir Building More Than Any Other County in State.

Bad weather is retarding work on the Lenoir County roads, a fraction under 23 miles of which are being paved, or approximately one-third of the current program. The cost of projects now under way will aggregate \$765,000, it is officially estimated, and past and future work will total a considerably larger sum. Lenoir at present is leading the State in highway-building, with Buchanan next and nearly eight miles behind this county. Guilford, Nash, Alamance, Durham, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, Rowan, Cleveland and Cabarrus, most of them western counties, are building from one and a fraction to approximately nine miles each. A number of counties will give their road-construction plans impetus soon after the first of the new year, members of the Lenoir commission believe. It will be only a matter of a few years before the Central highway will be hard-surfaced from Morehead City to the mountains, it is believed, making that 520-odd road one of the finest in the United States for motor traffic.

Seek Secrets

Of Amazon Country With Big Scientific Expedition.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—A party of chemists and scientists, headed by Dr. H. A. Rusby, dean of the school of pharmacy at Columbia University, will sail shortly for a scientific exploration of the Amazon Valley in a quest for new plants and drugs of medical value. A government expert in etymology, and authority on ichthyology, and experts from other institutions will accompany the expedition, which is expected to last a year. New species of reptiles, fishes and insects will be sought by the party, which is being financed by the H. K. Mulford Co., manufacturing and biological chemists here.

The general route will be the country along the base of the Andes from Villavieja, southeast of Bogota, to Calabar, several hundred miles south. Here land travels will be abandoned for the descent of the Unanes River. On reaching the Rio Negro, the party will descend to its mouth at the Amazon, and descend the Madera, the southern tributary of the Amazon river. Frequent stops will be made and collections of plants and drugs taken in the mountains.

As six months are expected to be spent in sections entirely isolated from civilization, an ample supply of food and medicine will be taken along. Quinine in bisulphate form will be an important item, as this alkaloid is said to offset malarial fever.

BICKETT CALLS FOR HELP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO STARVE

Let Tar Heels Give First Thought at Christmas to the Hungry—Governor Prepares His Final List of Pardons

(By MAX ABERNETHY (Special Capital Correspondent.) Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Governor Bickett calls upon all North Carolinians to contribute to the fund for the starving children of Europe in a new proclamation:

"If there is one sound that goes straight to a man's heart and rouses all his energies," says the governor, "it is the cry of a child for help. Such a cry comes to us from over the seas. There are millions of little children literally freezing for lack of clothing and starving for lack of bread. We have no right to be happy over here while God's little ones are dying by the thousands over there. There can be no Christmas in our hearts unless we show forth the spirit of Christ."

"I urge our people to cut their own Christmas expenses to the bone and seek their happiness in relieving the misery of millions in other lands."

"A great drive for the relief of these people under the leadership of Henry A. Page of Aberdeen is now on. Let every man, woman and child in the State make their first gift towards the relief of these little ones and then shout 'Hurrah for Christmas!'"

J. Y. Joyner as chairman is now making preparations for perfecting the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, which is a by-product of the Interstate Tobacco Growers' Association for the protection of the tobacco farmers.

Definite plans have been formulated and adopted for the completion of the State, county and township associations in North and South Carolina and Virginia, following a meeting of representatives of the three states in Richmond last week. The State meetings will be held January 12 in Raleigh, January 14 in Florence, S. C., and January 11 in Lynchburg, Va., at which time the approval of the proposed organization will be given.

The purpose of the new association is to provide ways and means of successfully marketing the tobacco crop.

Pardon Record.
Governor Bickett's statement made public this morning with respect to his pardon record is taken to mean that the governor will commute a number of sentences either today or tomorrow.

There are a number of capital sentences which will not be considered by Governor Bickett, since some of them, sentenced to be electrocuted after his term of office expires, will come under the jurisdiction of the new governor.

Community Effort

This Would Be a Dead Old Town if Nobody Cared.

(By CAREL VAN HERVIE) Suppose nobody cared. What would become of Kinston as a community if nobody cared? It surely would soon be dead. What would become of your business if you did not give it your constant thought and application? It too would soon be dead. All praise to the enthusiast in his work. He loves it and believes it to be the finest, the noblest and the most important thing he can do. The greatest individual successes have been achieved by this type of man. He is ever busy. And yet he is the man who finds time for the other fellow's interests and will work for the interests of his community. He is the man who believes in organization, and organized efforts, and knows that a Chamber of Commerce cannot function successfully, except as in the same measure that it takes to make his own business a success. Every component member of a Chamber of Commerce works for the combined interests of all. Thus team work is created and becomes the vital force of the community for its welfare. The average man will see the truth of this, and endorse it from an academic standpoint, for experience right here in Kinston has shown that any city will prosper, progress, and flourish when every business man interests himself also in the solution of all common needs, of all civic and commercial problems of the community, and is ready to help bring about improvements for the good of the community.

In no organization is team work at once so essential, and more difficult of achievement than in a Chamber of Commerce. It is essential because the community depends upon it for harmony, cooperation and unit of thought. It is difficult of achievement because most of the work is performed by volunteers; the busy, successful man. And it is his unconquerable enthusiasm to work for the betterment of his hometown that keeps him busy in public affairs with relatively the same intense application that he gives to his own chosen work. His motto is not to condemn a Chamber of Commerce for failure to secure results unless he personally has given thought, time, money, and his own diligent efforts to the cause. Suppose nobody cared in these days of re-construction when coming prosperity is just around the corner, beckoning us to take the lead, compelling us to greater efforts and offering greater opportunities than ever to the man who dares, what is to become of his home town?

Assuredly just now a Chamber of Commerce can give no greater contribution to the community than to inspire the community morale with steadfast faith in our future and to foster a same optimism everywhere that will make for condign and complete confidence of our people in our great American ideals, and the prosperity that is coming back again, a prosperity born of cooperation, and a better understanding of the fruits of team work.

MANUFACTURERS TO PLAN WAR AGAINST OPEN SHOP IN U. S.

Gauntlet Picked Up by Organized Labor; Sec. Morrison Confident

BUTTERWORTH AT HEAD

Of Movement to Break Down Unionism—"Most Vital Question in Country"—"Should Have Immediate Attention"

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor today accepted the challenge of William Butterworth, who called a congress of manufacturers to plan to establish open shop conditions.

"The trade union movement is not only strong enough to sustain conditions in industry which it has established, but it will also win victories each year and improve the present conditions," he said.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The manufacturers of the United States served notice on union labor that an intensive drive against the closed shop had been started when William Butterworth today called a convention of the country's employers.

Butterworth is the head of several important manufacturers' organizations.

He declared the closed shop the "most vital question facing the manufacturing and producing interests of the country today," and said it should "have immediate attention."

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