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NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 19, 1922.

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# DRAINAGE BONDS FOR BIG DISTRICT ARE SOLD

## Schedule Is Announced Today For New Boat Line

# WALLACE REID REPORTED IMPROVING

# \$185,000 BOND ISSUE BEEN DISPOSED OF AT AN EXCELLENT PRICE

### FIRST BOAT TO SAIL FROM NORFOLK JAN. 2, THE OFFICIALS ASSERT

Steamer, 125 Feet Long Will Be Put Into Service on January 2.

200-TON CAPACITY  
New Concern Is Known As the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina Line.

L. G. Hogshire, of the Norfolk-Baltimore Carolina Line, Inc., advised in the city this morning for the purpose of making final arrangements for the start of the steamer line between Norfolk and Washington and New Bern. Mr. Hogshire stated to a representative of the Sun-Journal today that the first steamer would sail from Norfolk on Friday, January 2. This steamer is the Chelsea, a vessel 125 feet long, 25 feet beam and with a capacity for 200 tons of freight. Regular schedule will be maintained, the boat leaving Norfolk Thursdays at 8 p. m. and leaving New Bern Fridays at the same hour. For the three being, no boat will be operated to Baltimore. As the company finds out the extent of cooperation which will be displayed by local shippers, however, it is expected that another craft will be put on within a very short while. The Chelsea will connect Norfolk with Washington and New Bern. Mr. Hogshire stated today that the shipper in Washington, New Bern, Kingston and other points had promised to support the line and he believed they would live up to their word. He expects to see the Chelsea loaded to her capacity as soon as merchants find out the saving that will result to them in freight rates through shipments over the new line.

### REID REPORTED TO BE SLIGHTLY BETTER TODAY

Physicians Say That Condition of Motion Picture Star Is More Encouraging

### PULSE HAS GONE DOWN FROM ITS HIGH MARK

### Ministers of Los Angeles Ask For Investigation of the Report on Drugs

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Wallace Reid was resting easily today with an overnight decrease of temperature, according to his wife, who is in a Hollywood sanatorium after a nervous breakdown.  
Reports available early today from the sanatorium where Wallace Reid, motion picture actor, is suffering from a break-down which physicians ascribe to complications which came when he broke away from the use of whiskey and narcotics, indicated an improvement in his condition. Reid's physician said the actor's temperature was nearly normal and that his pulse had dropped from 120 to 112. They added Reid was able to take a little nourishment. The physicians said Reid's decline followed his abandonment of the use of drugs and liquor, but the specific ailment which threatened his life was influenza. If the actor fails to recover, it was added, influenza would be the cause written on the death certificate. The Methodist Preachers' Association of Southern California planned to ask the city council today to appoint a commission of men and women to make a thorough investigation of the use of habit-forming drugs in Los Angeles.

## JAPAN WILL BE DRY IN 2 YEARS

### University Man Says Trend of Public Opinion Is Turning To Prohibition

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Japan will be dry within a few years, declared David Starr Jordan, Chancellor Emeritus of Stanford University, who has just returned after three months in Japan. "The people over there foresee the advent of prohibition," Dr. Jordan said. "Many of them are aiding to bring it about." A donation of \$50,000 to endow a chair of alcoholic research in a Japanese University was promised by a retired merchant of Tokio, Mr. Jordan said, after he described the achievement of a similar chair at Stanford University.

## GRENADE FOUND NEAR BUCKINGHAM PALACE

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—A disturbing discovery was made at the rear of Buckingham Palace today when a grenade bomb was found in an ash-cart which had just arrived to remove the palace refuse. How the missile got into the cart is a mystery and the police this afternoon were examining it to see if the charge had been removed. The authorities say they attach no special importance to the find, believing the grenade was thrown into the cart while it was on the way to the palace by someone who merely wished to get rid of a dangerous souvenir. The stepping stone to the altar is a diamond.

## NEW SALES SYSTEM FOR BUICK AUTOMOBILES

A new departure in the sales of Buick cars is announced by the Fowler Automobile Company today and will be of general interest throughout this section. The company announces that hereafter new Buick cars can be purchased on the part payment plan. An explanation of this plan is contained elsewhere in today's paper. It applies to all of the 15 models of Buick cars and it is expected that it will find decided favor with prospective auto purchasers. A large number of Buicks have been sold in New Bern and vicinity this season by the Fowler Automobile Company and under the new system of selling their number undoubtedly will be greatly increased.

## APPROPRIATION BILLS SENT TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Two annual appropriations bills, one of the Treasury Department supply measures and the other carrying allotments for the Commerce and Labor departments, were given final congressional approval today and sent to the White House for signature. It was the first time in years that any of the big supply measures have gone to the President before Christmas.

### American Directs Armenian Highway Dept.



The highway department of the Armenian city of Alexandropol is directed by Clifford Downer, of Kingston, N. Y., a Near East Relief worker, shown here performing the duties of his office. His workmen receive no money. They are paid in food which is far more scarce than the worthless paper money.

## Hays Says That Reid's Case Is One To Be Prayed Over

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—"If Wallace Reid's condition, as a result of indulgence in narcotics, is such as has been reported to me, it's a matter to be prayed over."  
Thus today, in his suite at the Ambassador Hotel here, did Will H. Hays, directing head of the Organized Motion Picture Industry, summarize his thought. He continued: "Again, if Reid's condition is such as reported, the poor boy should be dealt with as a diseased person—not be censured, shunned. Rather, let us all sanely and sympathetically try to restore him to health."  
Not His Job, He Says  
Mr. Hays said it would be presumption for him to interject himself into a war here upon the traffickers in narcotics. He said:  
"You have Federal, State, county and local authorities to see that narcotic laws are obeyed. Would it not be appearing casting a reflection upon their efficiency were I to take it upon myself to try to execute the law?"  
"But I am here always to cooperate like any good citizen in seeing that vice is suppressed and vicious agencies and persons kept within bounds."  
"I cannot overlook the fact if anything is being done to undermine the morale of the people in the industry I represent. But would the head of any great industry personally act as policeman, if the people in that industry were being demoralized by subjected to influences, demoralizing to their well being and efficiency?"  
Interest Incidental  
Mr. Hays explained that whatever official notice he might take of Reid's case, or any other, would be incidental to his comprehensive programme for the building up of the Hollywood community. He said:  
"We are traveling the highway to better things in filmdom. The pictures already are improving noticeably; soon there will be a model Hollywood, thinking of it as an industrial community, and I have faith that unfortunate incidents will be things safely of the past."  
"This is my Christmas message, if you so wish, to Hollywood, to Los Angeles, to all the world interested in motion pictures."

## DAUGHERTY CASE MOVING SLOWLY

### Principal Prosecutor, Representative Kellar, Is Still Absent from Scene

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In the absence of the principal prosecutor, Representative Kellar, republican Minnesota, hearings before the House Judiciary Committee on impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty moved forward today at a slow pace.  
Representatives Woodruff, of Michigan, and Johnston, of South Dakota, republicans, were before the committee by invitation of Chairman Volstead, but Mr. Johnston said his charges in the House last April regarding war frauds were directed solely at the war department, and Mr. Woodruff was not ready to proceed.  
The Michigan member said some of the charges he might present would be of impeachable character but he could not form definite opinion until he had examined documents at the department of justice.  
Both Mr. Justice and Mr. Woodruff said there had been a decided change in the situation since last April when the latter charged the Attorney General with a failure to prosecute war fraud cases.  
Mr. Woodruff said action had been taken in six of the eight or nine instances he had mentioned while Mr. Johnston voiced the belief that considering the amount of re-organization necessary and the mass of information to be digested beforehand, the Attorney General had moved with reasonable promptness.

## BIG CARGO OF DRUGS SEIZED

### Police Discover A Concealed Shipment When "Barrel of Fish" is Knocked Over

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Drugs valued at \$100,000, which had been secreted in barrels of fish, were seized today by customs officials on board the French steamship, Fenwick, at her pier in Brooklyn. The vessel arrived here December 8, from Spain. Discovery of the drugs was made, customs men said, when an automobile truck accidentally knocked over one of the barrels.

## BANQUET FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

### Banquet Is To Be Served Tonight in Honor of Eastern Carolina Champions

A banquet to the High School football squad will be served tonight at 6:30 by the girls of the domestic science course at the High School building. Liberal donations of groceries by The Spot, grocery and H. C. Armstrong and of oysters by M. L. Lupton made this entertainment of New Bern's doughty football players possible.

## Five Gallons of Liquor Found On Farm; Owner Unknown

In some mysterious manner the transaction involving the transportation of a 5-gallon keg of liquor failed to be carried out according to schedule and somebody's Christmas liquor today is reposing in the city jail yard as a result.  
The whiskey was found near the farm of H. C. Armstrong on the Trent Road. It was discovered by one of the men that worked on the place. He loaded it into a wagon and brought it down to Mr. Armstrong's store. Mr. Armstrong notified the police and the police took it in charge.  
It is supposed that the manufacturer of the liquor had had an agreement with someone to leave the whiskey at a certain place and that it was found before the purchaser could get his hands on it.

## PUPILS ARE URGED TO ATTEND ALL CLASSES

To the parents of High School pupils:  
Please see to it that your children who are pupils in the High School attend classes tomorrow. With the approach of the holidays many children are not attending school regularly, remaining out for oftentimes trivial reasons. Pupils are graded zero on their classes when absence from school is unexcused. Have your children back in school promptly Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, if you wish to co-operate with the school in giving them proper and regular instruction.  
Wm. D. Harris, Principal

## CIVIL WAR VETERANS GET LARGER PENSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Veterans of the Civil War, widows of veterans and Civil War nurses probably will receive Christmas presents from the government in the form of increased pensions as the result of an agreement reached by conferees on the Bursome Pension Bill.

### Expected That Actual Drainage Work In Little Swift Creek District Will Start Early In Year.

## VAST TRACT LAND TO BE SUB-DIVIDED

### Will Restore Thousands of Acres of Land To Fertility.—Project Is Considered of Great Importance.

Bonds to the amount of \$185,000 for the Little Swift Creek Drainage District have been disposed of at part and accrued interest, it was announced authoritatively this afternoon. Following investigation by attorneys for the purchasing company, drainage work in the district will be started early next year.

Little Swift Creek district begins about eight miles from New Bern, near Ernul, and extends into Beaufort county. As a result of the bond issue, 18,000 acres of land included in this district, will be placed in cultivation. Forty-three miles of canals will be dug; each canal being 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The property will be sub-divided into small farms.

The project is one of the most important in land reclamation that has been undertaken in this section in many months. It will give employment to a large number of men and will be the means of bringing new farmers to this county.

Contracts for the draining work already have been let. The Indiana Dredging Company, of Royal Center, Indiana, has signed to do the work and will move their equipment to Little Swift Creek district as soon as all preliminary arrangements have been made.

## DIED THIS A. M. AT COVE CITY

### Mrs. Rena White Passed Away Following Attack of Paralysis Last Week

Mrs. Rena White, wife of N. W. White, died early this morning at her home in Cove City, following an attack of paralysis with which she was stricken about a week ago. Mrs. White was the grandmother of the young Saunders boy who was accidentally shot at Cove City last week. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. William White, of Newport News and Mrs. A. R. Saunders of Vaneboro, and one son, Otis White, of Raleigh. She was 65 years of age. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## THREE BANDITS STILL AT LARGE

### No Clue Has Been Found of Men Who Stole \$200,000 From Mint Yesterday

(By Associated Press)  
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 19.—Three bandits who seized \$200,000 in five-dollar bills from guards at the U. S. mint here yesterday, have completely eluded authorities, police admitted today.  
Chief of Police Williams said he was of the opinion that the men who committed the robbery were not professional bandits and said he was conducting his search along that line. One sign of prosperity is America's birth rate is declining.

## County Employs Veterinarian To Begin His Duties At Once

As the session of the county commissioners, held this afternoon, Dr. B. E. Moore, was employed by the county to give part of his time to hog vaccination and tubercular tests of cattle at a salary of \$150 a month, he to pay all his expenses.  
A discussion of hog raising preceded the action during the course of which several citizens present expressed themselves as favoring the appointment of a man to do vaccination. It is believed that as Dr. Moore's work begins to show results that he will be selected to give his entire time to the county's interests. His present employment is for one month only. It is expected, however, that he will continue the work for some time.  
"There is no single agency through which the farmers suffer a greater loss than on account of worms and cholera among their hogs," said Commissioner Grantman, in discussing the employment of Dr. Moore. We need a man to help the farmers in stopping this loss. It is true that some of the farmers must be educated to hog cholera vaccination and tubercular tests for their cows, but you can't have education of any kind unless you have a teacher."  
With respect to the vaccination of hogs, it is stated that the farmer pays for the serum and that is the only charge which he has to bear. There also is a slight charge for some of the material used in tubercular tests. Dr. Moore will begin his new duties tomorrow.  
The board took up a number of other matters of routine importance.

## RENEWED CONFLICTS AMONG THE ITALIANS

Turin, Italy, Dec. 19.—Renewed conflicts between the Fascisti and the Communists here have resulted in the killing of ten persons, including two of the Fascisti.