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# HEDGECOCK FOUND GUILTY: GETS PRISON TERM

## Simmons Urges New Line of Credit For the Farmers

### WILL AID FARMERS OF SOUTH

**Simmons And Norbeck Advocate Production Credits For Farmers. AID IS NEEDED NOW**

**North Carolina Senator Calls Attention To Existing Conditions.**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Advocating production credits to be available to farmers while making their crops under federal direction independent of the present Federal Reserve System and the Farm Loan Bureau, Senators Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, and Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, appeared today before the senate banking committee. They explained features of the bills which they had introduced to provide such credits and emphatically stated their opposition to having loans on the growing crops administered by existing federal agencies.

### W. M. PRESCOTT DIED SUDDENLY

**Word Received Here Today of Death of Former New Bern Citizen at Portsmouth**

Word was received here today by J. K. Willis from an undertaker in Portsmouth, Va., of the death of W. M. Prescott, formerly a citizen of New Bern. The cause of his death is not known.

### Craven County Club Boys And Girls Awarded Prizes

Christmas greetings in the form of \$1 bank accounts to Craven County club boys and girls are being sent out by Miss A. M. Carter, home demonstration agent; J. G. Lawton, county agent, and C. C. Kirkpatrick, executive secretary.

### U. S. AID IS NOW BEING SOUGHT BY GERMANS

**Endeavoring To Get America To Use Influence In Bringing About Change**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—German overtures through informal channels for American intervention to obtain a revision of German reparations, reported in London dispatches of the Associated Press, through the first definite light on the method by which American influence is being drawn into a new attempt at final adjustment of the vexing reparations problem.

The next step to be looked for, obviously, is an indication of the French attitude on the German proposal that an American Economic Commission review Germany's present situation and estimate her capacity to pay as a basis for a new reparations treaty.

### HERRIN RIOTING CASE IS STILL UNDERWAY

Marion, Ill., Dec. 21.—The name of Hugh Willis, member of the Illinois Mine Worker's Executive Board, was brought into the testimony today in the trial of 5 men charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riots by two state witnesses.

### HOPING TO CONFIRM BUTLER AS JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Determined to obtain confirmation before Christmas recess of the nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, republican leaders moved an executive session of the senate today within two hours after that body convened.

The Turks should be allowed just about as much territory as they want to allow the Armenians.

# COTTON GROWERS TO RECEIVE CHECKS

**Mrs. Huck Presides Over Representatives**



A woman presided over the House of Representatives recently for the first time in history. Mrs. Whiffred Mason Huck, Congresswoman at large from Illinois, wielded the gavel during the absence of Rep. Townner, who absented himself for a short time and designated Mrs. Huck as acting chairman. Mrs. Huck is pictured here in the chairman's seat of the House.

### WILL CONTINUE WORK ON THE DOVER ROAD

The county commissioners, according to a statement made this morning by Chairman O. A. Kafer, do not intend to summarily halt the work on the Dover road but plan to give the people of that section a good highway which will temporarily answer their needs.

### REVISIONS BE MADE BY BOARD

**Secretary Weeks Appoints a Committee for General Examination**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A joint committee of five reserve officers and five regular army officers has been appointed by Secretary Weeks to revise regulations of the Officers' Reserve Board in connection particularly with questions of promotion, dual status of officers with both reserve and national board commissions and also with reference to the examination of reserve officers for commissions as general officers.

### NAVAL BILL REPORTED TO THE SENATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The navy appropriation bill with the house provision, requesting the President to call another navy disarmament conference to limit construction of vessels under 10,000 tons, was rejected today to the senate.

Third party leaders should likewise realize that there's a crowd when it comes to securing pie counter apportionments.

### LARGE SUM OF MONEY WILL BE PAID BY THE ASSOCIATION TO ITS MEMBERS THIS WEEK

**J. G. Lawton Receives Notice of Payments from General Manager of Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association.**

Members of the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association will receive checks for their cotton this week, according to a telegram received here today by J. G. Lawton, county agent, from U. B. Blalock, general manager of the association.

A large number of farmers in Craven and adjoining counties are members of the association.

The telegram reads as follows: "Releasing more than one million dollars in checks to our members today. A million more will go forward tomorrow and Friday. Approximately another million will be distributed next week to holders of mortgages and assignments. Delay caused by our inability to grade cotton and complete warehouse receipts on account of continuous cloudy weather."

### GERMANY ASKS HOOVER TO PAY A VISIT THERE

**Want Him As Head of Delegation of Business Men To View German Conditions**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The request made by a German trade commission that a committee of American business men, headed by Herbert Hoover visit Germany to undertake a thorough survey of economic conditions that would be used as the basis of a new reparations treaty was seen here today as perhaps the starting point of the flock of rumors as to American intervention in the reparations problem.

Great Britain, it is semi-officially learned, has informed the American State Department of its consent to such a plan. The British government's message, sent in response to an inquiry from the United States, it was said, is expected to be followed by the assent of France to which the American government also communicated the German suggestion.

### NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL NOW IS PLANNED

**Trinity And University May Reach An Agreement In Cooperative Plan**

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—The special committee, appointed to investigate the proposition of Dr. William P. Few, president of Trinity College that the Durham institution and North Carolina University enter into an alliance for the construction of a medical school at Durham and to report in January, was in session here today.

Dr. Few again outlined his proposal during the morning session and other matters, relating to the subject, were discussed. No details of the meeting were given out at the noon recess.

### TIME TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Last summer when things were dull and money was scarce, we put a notice in the paper that we were going to carry every one not then able to pay their subscription until the Fall season. That season has come and gone and a large number of them have not come in and settled up, so we are again calling their attention to their delinquency and beg of them to pay up now as we need the money.

We hate to do it, but we cannot carry these on our books after the first of January, who are as much as three months in arrears, unless they call in and make some arrangements with us about carrying them.

White paper is higher now than it was six months ago and we cannot continue to send papers out and not collect for them.

Come in and pay up, and let the paper continue to you through the New Year.

### CASHIER IS GIVEN 3 YEARS

**Hedgecock Is Found Found Guilty of Entering False Account on the Books.**

**TAKES AN APPEAL Will Be Permitted To Remain At Liberty Under A Bond of \$25,000.**

(By Associated Press)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 21.—Three years in the state prison was the sentence imposed by Judge W. F. Harding upon Basil Hedgecock, of High Point, convicted in Guilford county superior court this morning of making a false entry in the account of M. J. Wrenn, a depositor of the Home Banking Company of High Point when Hedgecock was cashier of that institution.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given, no additional bond being required since the prisoner already is under a \$25,000 bond which was given at the time he was first charged with having made the false entry last April.

There are several counts charging false entry but it was stated in court today that these would not be pressed. One, charging Hedgecock and Will Switzer with conspiracy to defraud the bank will be heard at the January term of superior court, it is said.

In returning its verdict this morning the jury recommended mercy of the court.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 21.—Basil H. Hedgecock, former cashier of the Home Banking Company, of High Point, was found guilty this morning of making a false entry on the accounts of H. J. Wrenn, one of the depositors of the bank, the jury returning its verdict shortly before noon after being out on the case since late yesterday.

### MEXICAN PETROLEUM SCORES BIG ADVANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—One of the most sensational movements of the New York Stock Exchange in recent months took place today in the stock of the Mexican Petroleum Company which advanced nearly 60 points in less than three hours.

Arson Case Continued  
Winston-Salem, Dec. 21.—Trial of C. M. Sawyer, charged with being an accessory in the burning last October of the Montlake building on North Mfgn street, was continued until the January term of Forsyth Superior court.

### SEARCHING FOR BODIES IN LAKE

**Divers Are Hunting For Bodies of Two Men Who Were Kidnaped in Louisiana**

(By Associated Press)  
MERRIMACK, La., Dec. 21.—Search of the bottom of Lake Lafourche for the bodies of Watt Daniels and Thos. Richards, missing members of a party of five Mer Rouge citizens who were kidnaped by masked men on the night of August 24 while returning from a good roads meeting at Bastrop, will begin today by divers under the protection and with the assistance of a detachment of Company G, Louisiana national guards, which arrived here yesterday from Monroe.

The authorities and detectives sent here several months ago to investigate the disappearance of Daniels and Richards, would not affirm or deny reports that the bodies of the two men had been located. But it was reported they had intimated that they had reason to believe that the hooded band which kidnaped the men killed them and threw their bodies into the lake.

### ALLEGED MURDERER NABBED

Wilson, Dec. 21.—Willie Baker alias Johnnie West, cousin of the notorious desperado, Lamin West, who was electrocuted several years ago, for the murder of Sheriff George W. Numford, is in custody at Laurinburg.