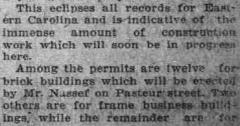


The prediction of further business prosperity is based on sev-eral well knowns facts. Foremost among these is the easiness of Increasing business activity. A tone of greater confidence,

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American suggestion Mr thes specified, was offered as an ternative in the event that the niers at their Paris meeting next hay, failed to find a basis for ustment to their views "among

The Secretry stressed the view that ement by the premiers was to be hoped for. He pointed ou that failing in such an agreement, the world might be facing the employent of forcible means to collect raarations from Germany and outlined the danger to world peace the American government foresaw in that course

The plain warning to allied states-nen that the United States could not look with favor on attempted forcible ons was reiterated by Mr. Hughes in his address, and the financial commission plan put forward as an alternative that would "open fully" the way for the American helpfulness.

As a first condition of appointment of an economic comm however, Mr. Hughes specified that, the whole question of Germany's capacity to pay and methods of pay- ment given today by a high official nent must be "taken out of politics," He emphasized that the distinguished orces assigned to recommend not beads of the state organization at only a financial plan of payment but which a reporter of a New Orleans while I believe a sincere and honest the amount to be paid must be freed newspaper was permitted to attend. instructions. The problem must be squared with economic facts alone, he said, and relieved of all the questions of sentiment and clashing political opinions, recriminations and counter-

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It was this method alone, the Sec retary's statements plainly indicated which, in the view of the Amer ican government would make possible American economic aid to Europe He dismissed both proposals for a general economic conference and discussion of allied debt cancellation as impracticable proposals.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20,-B(y Associated Press)-Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

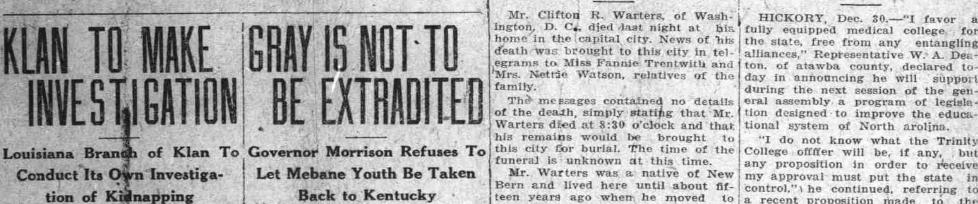
South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Rain at the beginning of the the week, then colder.

Mrs. H. B. Simpson, of Alliance, returned home last night after spending the day here shopping with friends.

A Western newspaper asked its monial session of Sudan temple held readers to name the twelve greatest in this city on Thursday, left yesterpainters in the world, and immed- day morning returning home. Each jately a lot of husbands entered their and every one of the visitors reportled having a most enjoyable time, wives in the contest,

son's body.

d the h sum available for commercial credits. In addition, most stocks of merchandise are low, railroad traffic is close to record levels, exports are increasing, the principal European exchanges are heading back to par, and the European ceonomic ,situation, shows signs of improvement, exports are



NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30 .- The Louisiana organization of the Ku Klux Klan will send its own agent

increasing and unfilled orders for

the widnapping and killing of Watt case of William Bingham Gray, engineer by trade, but for the past into Morehouse Parish to investigate Daniels and Thomas Richards last August, according to an announceof the Klan. This action, he said. jatly given his liberty. was decided at a conference here of "I have made an investigation of

of doemination of foreign offices and It was said that the investigation school at Mebane, failure has been the necessity of obeying political would probably be started within the the result. I do not believe young Gray is guilty of any fraud. I have next 48 hours.

> Officials said that if it should de-University of Virginia this year and Capital City. velop that any individual member of was considered a very bright man the klan in Morehouse Parish had with an excellent future. I do not inanything to do with the kidnapping tend to ruin his life by sending him and murder of Daniels and Richards to Kentucky for trial." they would be outlawed and the Klan

"I want to say, however, that Colwould assist in obtaining their cononel Gray should discontinue the opvictions before the criminal courts of eration of the school, or it will get the state. him into serious trouble," he said.

INVESTIGATE KILLING

OF FRED ALLISON

sent his side of the case. The execut MORGANTON, N. C. ,Dec. 30 .tive rescinded the extradition until a Preliminary investigation by Soljcifurther hearing when Gray was tor R. L. Huffman, of the recent killbrought here. ing of Fred Allison, 29-year-old au

tomobile mechanic, near Lincolnton included a discussion of the case set for today with, L. J. Allison, of Charlotte, brother of the dead man. Fred Allison was fatally wounded in an exchange of shots between three alleged liquor runners in an automobile and Deputy Sheriffs Baxter and Miller, according to Sheriff Abernethy. While a coroner's jury indicated its belief that a shot by one of his companions caused Allison's fatal wound, Mr. Huffman said week and again about Thursday or a physician who examined the Friday; otherwise fair. Temperature, wound expressed the belief that the normal or above until near end of buliet had been battered by striking the automobile before entering Alli-

The last of the visiting Shriners

who attended the mid-winter cere-

reserves, interest rates and credit, structure. More normal relationship between prices of different classes of commodities.

Better foreign exchange quotations. I ncreased prices of farm crops

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30 .- Gover-

were generally given an important place in the statements.

Sudden Death Occured Leist That Is What Deaton, of Night In Nation's Capital. Catawba Wants-Free Be Buried Here. Textbook Bill Mr. Clifton R. Warters, of Wash-HICKORY, Dec. 30 .- "I favor ington, D. C. died dast night at his fully equipped medical college for

home in the capital city. News of his the state, free from any entangling death was brought to this city in tel- alliances," Representative W. A. Dea egrams to Miss Fannie Trentwith and ton, of atawba county, declared to Mrs. Netrie Watson, relatives of the day in announcing he will support during the next session of the gen-

The messages contained no details eral assembly a program of legisla of the death, simply stating that Mr. tion designed to improve the educa-Warters died at 8:30 o'clock and that tional system of North arolina. his remains would be brought to "I do not know what the Trinity funeral is unknown at this time. any proposition in order to receive Mr. Warters was a native of New my approval must put the state in Bern and lived here until about fif- control,") he continued, referring to teen years ago when he moved to a recent proposition made to the Washington City. He was well state by the Durham institution to known and universally liked in New unite with the University in estab-

Bern, he having renewed his friend- lishing a modern medical college to nor Cameron Morrison today rescind- ships and acquaintances by annual operate under a state charter. Comed his action of earlier in the week visits to this city. in honoring extradition papers in the | He was a machinist and locomotive

family.

wanted in Kentucky on a charge of several years has been superintend. obtaining money under false pre- ent of one of th largest office buildport a bill for free text books for the tences, after a hearing held at, the ings in Washington, the Commercial public schools of the state." Governor's office. Gray was immed- National Bank building.

He leaves to mourn their loss a FATTY ARBUCKLE NOT TO BE wife and two children, Robert and this matter," said the Governor, "and Mary Warters; a mother, Mrs. W. R. Warters, several brothers and sisters, effort was made to re-establish, the who also reside in the capital city. of America must not tolerate an at Mr. Warters was a Mason and high raying of class against class, section in the order, being a member of Ala animosity or reiglous prejudicismas Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Will H. Hays, director-general of the found that he led his law class at the and the Scottish Rite bodies of the motion picture industry, declared at



IN ARDMORE FIRE

father, Preston Lewis Gray advised early today. Two other persons are Governor Morrison he wished to prereported missing.

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NEW INDICTMENTS MADE **IN WAR-FRAUD CHARGES**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Benedict Crowell, assistant Secretary of War under the Wilson administration and six "dollar-a-year" men, associated with the Council of National Defense, were indicted today by the special grand jury investigating war frauds, on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war camps. The others indicted were: William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemmens W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons and James A. Mears.



Payroll Yesterday

The county commissioners, in session yesterday afternoon, following the joint meeting with the city aldermen, chopped o several names from the county's salary list and made reductions in pay in other cases.

Two members of the road force were discharged. Owing to less work in the county anditing department, one of the employees there was released and the salary fo the assistant to the audiwas cut from \$25 a week to tor \$18.

W. H. Whitford, of this city, was elected jailor, succeeding Winfield Gaskins, whose term of office with that of the old board of county commissioners, who went out of office a few weeks ago. Mr. Whitford will begin his duties at once. Mr. Gaskins has not yet announced his plans for the future.

The commissioners also discuss a number of other matters of routine business.

Oyster Roast at Country Club

a banquet of the Phi Delta Theta The Country Club wishes for its fraternity convention here recently. members a Happy New Year. It cor-"Guard against this as you would dially invites them to an oyster roast guard against a pestilence," he ad- to be given Tuesday evening, January

monished. "The country has no great- 2, at 7:30 o'clock. All guests are er enemy than one who would thus kindly requested to bring their own

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 30 .- (By divide the country against itself. oyster knives. Hudie Green will be bank. Associated Press)-At least one per- Mere agitation and mere motion are there in all his glory for the dancers Gray was on a train en route to son was killed and two blocks of not progress. The, vicious circle is and those who wish to take part in Horace C. Cooper Kentucky yesterday in the custody frame business buildings were des- not the straightest distance between bridge or other games are requested man, assistant car of Agent J. B. Hubbard when his troyed in an early morning fire here honest effort and highest reward. Re- to bring a deck of cards with them. member that one man is better than Hosts and hostestes for the evening Rev. P. B. Ha another only when he behaves him- will be Mr. and Mrs. M. dW. Steven- Messic where he

self better.

Meeting of Circle Three

plete details of the offer have not yet

"I propose to introduce and sup-

FILMED SOON, SAYS MR. HAY?

Kansas City, Dec. 30 .- The spiri

been mad public.

Circle No. 3 of the Jane K. Meadws Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. A. M. Franklin Friday after-

noon, with a splendid attendance. The parlors were beautifully dec orated with holly, mistletoe, Long leaf pine, bambo, ferns and cut flowers.

The meeting was opened scripture reading followed prayer by Mrs. W. B. Rouse. Mrs. Lacey Lancaster, Mrs. C. O. H. Boyd, Mrs. Weddell and Mrs. Regan gave very helpful and inspiring poems and papers on the New Year. Other memhers gave helpful talks for the good of the meeting. We also made many resolutions for the coming year. Mrs. Franklin then served ambrosia and friut cake.

Those present were: Mrs. Lacey Lancaster, Mrs. Regan Mrs. C. O. H. Boyd, Mrs. W. H. Weddell, Mrs. Walter Sears, Mrs. Barfield, Mrs. Edgar Royal, Miss Hattie Lokey, Mrs. Ruby Sutton, Mrs. Lina Sutton, Mrs. W. B. Rouse.

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been closed by order

troller of Currency and dig

Mr. Folger, who has bee

examiner had taken charm

every dollar will be paid to depositors. Closing of the institution came as

surprise generally, it was said by Wilmington business men. Thomas E. Cooper is president of

the bank and Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper is a director and formerly was execut d of the

The oth Charles E. Betl

son, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson, trict Christian ch Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Claypool, Mr. and He will be in the Mrs. T. Bayard Whitehurst and Mr. at both services and Mrs. John Guion. ed.

Lewis and Demp Signed For "Mix SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 .--Ed. "Strangler" Lewis, world champion beavyweight wrestler. announced today that arrangements have been completed for a mixed match with Jack Dempsey, heavyweight pugilistic title holder, and himself. Lewis produced signed articles covering the match, which were drawn at

Wichita, Kansas, and carried the signature of Jack Kearns, manager for Dempsey.

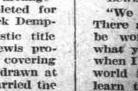
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