

AMERICAN TO HEAD EXPERTS TO STUDY GERMAN FINANCES

The Reparations Commission States That It Will Ask Chas. G. Dawes to Take Presidency of Committee.

FRIENDS THINK HE IS FITTED

His Choice Was Made Unanimously by Commission and Invitation Will Be Formally Extended to Him Later.

Paris, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The reparations commission this morning decided to offer Chas. G. Dawes, of the United States, the presidency of the committee which is to examine German finances.

The reparations commission found it necessary to postpone issuing its invitations to other delegates on committee aside from the Americans, but in view of the need of gaining time to permit representatives of the United States to arrive without delay, the names of General Dawes and Oden D. Younger, of New York, were approved and instructions given that formal invitations be sent to them.

It was the unanimous decision of the commission that the presidency of the leading expert committee ought to be offered to General Dawes. Certain formalities connected with the selection of delegates from other countries remained to be complied with and invitations to other delegates will be sent as soon as this is done.

Dawes Equipped for Task. Chicago, Dec. 21.—Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes, decided on by the reparations commission to head the committee to examine German finances, is regarded by his friends as singularly well equipped for the proposed duties, both through his financial experiences and his zeal as a public servant.

Brigadier General Dawes, who held command when informed of the commission's decision.

Consider German Request. Paris, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Germany's application for authorization to pledge resources as a guarantee for food loans from the United States was referred by the reparations commission today to the home governments of the various delegations.

At the same time it was decided that the commission's committee on guarantees would make a thorough investigation as to the food situation in Germany.

WINTSKY MUST GO TO FEDERAL PRISON

Appellate Division of New York Supreme Court Upholds Decision of Lower Court.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 21.—The Appellate division of the Supreme Court today upheld the lower court conviction of Harry M. Wintsky on charges of criminal anarchy, and also decreed that he must serve the ten year sentence imposed at that time.

PROTEST AGAINST THE ACTION OF BRITISH

Chinese Say British Responsible for the Serious Situation in Canton.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Hung Yat-Sen, head of the Canton government, today telegraphed Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the British labor party, asking him to "bring to the notice of the British people, and especially the workers, the grave situation which the British representatives in China mainly have been instrumental in creating at Canton."

Strike Threat Issued.

(By the Associated Press.) Havana, Dec. 21.—Employees of the Northern Railroad of Cuba and of the Guantanamo & Western Railroad have served notice that they will quit work tomorrow unless the strike on the Cuban railroad is settled by that time, according to word received here at the office of the Secretary of Agriculture, Labor and Commerce departments.

Find Men and Wife Guilty.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 21.—Ernest Vetter, and his wife, Marie, today were found guilty of first degree manslaughter for the killing of Alonzo J. Storey, a former suitor of Mrs. Vetter's.

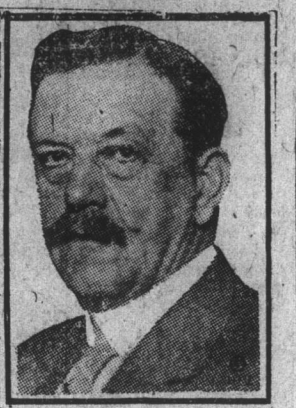
Find Finger in a Bottle of Pep.

Pittsboro, Dec. 20.—Jarvis Boone, Pittsboro merchant, while drinking a bottle of soda water yesterday afternoon, discovered part of a man's finger in the bottle. Part of the nail was attached to the finger.

Leviathan Grounded in Harbor.

New York, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The Leviathan, queen ship of the American merchant marine, inbound from Cherbourg today, grounded on Robins Reef in New York harbor. A call was sent for all available tugs.

Smith



Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina is being mentioned prominently for the chairmanship of the important Interstate Commerce Committee. He is the ranking Democratic member of the committee.

COURIER BRINGS TALE OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE

Man Reaching Douglas, Arizona, Says Three Towns in Mexico, Just Over the Border Were Destroyed.

(By the Associated Press.) Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Granados, Hansabau and Opito, towns in the Sierra Madre mountains of Sonora, Mexico, with an aggregate population of 5,000, were destroyed by an earthquake Wednesday night, according to a story told by a courier who arrived late yesterday at Nacoari, a railroad approximately 75 miles south of the international boundary.

The courier had ridden since Wednesday night over the mountains which lie for 40 miles between the towns and the railroad. As he arrived exhausted he told an incoherent story of how houses had been tumbled about the heads of the inhabitants. "Many many dead," were the words he used in describing the extent of the casualties.

His appeal for food, tents and blankets for the homeless was forwarded to President Durazo of Agua Prieta, across the border from Douglas. The President announced that supplies would be shipped by rail to Nacoari and would be taken by stage the remainder of the way.

CHARGED WITH FAKING RAILROAD PAY CHECKS

Jack McDonald, His Wife and Another Man Arrested in Chicago.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—Jack McDonald, once an I. W. W. member, with his wife and another man, were arrested by the police today in connection with operations of a band which is said to have printed counterfeit pay checks purporting to have been issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad to the amount of \$100,000, and to have cashed many of them.

Cops on Santa's Tail.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Tony Lombardo, 8, has in implicit faith in Santa Claus. Also he has faith in the Chicago police department.

Tony, baby Sam and four sisters live in a rather shabby West Side abode. There are many yawning chimneys in the neighborhood and for several years past Santa Claus has missed the Lombardo entrance.

This morning Tony and his brood appeared at the Chicago avenue station. Lieutenant Mooney was in charge. This is what he heard:

"If you please, Christmas is coming, but Santa didn't come to us last year and my dad says the cops they can find anybody."

"Sure they can," was Lieutenant Mooney's reply. "Sergeant Flynn. I have a job for you. Go find Santa Claus."

Tony brightened and resumed. "I tell you what, then. When you find him you just give him this letter."

It read: "Dear Santa. P. S. Josephine needs a new sweater and Sadie wants shoes."

The letter was filed in Sergeant Flynn's cap and the address carefully noted. At a squad conference this afternoon it was announced that there was every probability that Santa would be found for Tony.

Fire at Asheville Country Club.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Dec. 21.—Fire believed to have originated in the furnace room partly destroyed the club house of the Asheville Country Club here today. A valuable oil painting of Dr. S. Westray Battle was damaged. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Two Negroes Pay Death Penalty.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Dec. 21.—Frank Gaines and Julius Garvain, two youthful negroes, were electrocuted at the State penitentiary here today for the murder on July 3rd of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brown, of Beaufort county. The negroes confessed to the crime.

Unsettled tonight and Saturday; probably local rains, little change in temperature.

LIVING UP TO FORM



AWAITING VERDICT IN THE PHILIP FOX CASE

Jury Began Deliberations at Early Hour This Morning—Fox Under Guard.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Hundreds of persons were in the court room and in the corridors of the court building today awaiting a verdict in the case of Philip E. Fox, former Ku Klux Klan editor, charged with the murder of William S. Cohn, a S. S. attorney. The case went to the jury late last night but deliberations were not started until early today it is understood.

Fox was brought from the jail under heavy guard, and placed in a room on an upper floor of the court building. He will not be brought into the court room until a verdict is reached, it was stated.

At noon the jury was taken to lunch, the bailiff being instructed to take them to a hotel at 11:15. It was not known how the balloting on the verdict stood.

Fox was taken back to Fulton county prison for lunch. He will remain there until a verdict has been reached, it was stated.

It is understood from reliable sources that the defense attempted to waive the right of Fox to be in the court room when the verdict is returned. Judge Howard is said to have ruled that he would not sign the order unless it is agreeable to the prosecution.

PEACE RUMORS HEARD IN PARTS OF MEXICO

Impression That Sanchez and Huerta Rebels Seek Peace Gains Ground.

(By the Associated Press.) Vera Cruz, Dec. 21.—The impression prevalent for several days that the Huerta and Sanchez rebels would compare their differences with the Obregonists gained ground today with newspaper advice that Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez and Senor Rafael Zubaran Capanny had gone to Esperanza to confer with the rebel leaders in the states of Puebla and Oaxaca relative to the termination of the warfare. The conference at Esperanza, it is believed, may have been called in connection with telegraphic negotiations which have been in progress several days between leaders of the opposing factions.

Latta Refused New Trial in Hotel Subscription Matter.

Charlotte, Dec. 20.—The Supreme Court of North Carolina has refused to find cause for appeal made by E. D. Latta here in the suit brought against him by the Citizens Hotel Company for the collection of his subscription of \$50,000 to that enterprise, Mr. Latta appealing from the verdict of a Mecklenburg jury that he was indebted in full amount with interest from date of his original signature.

Bank Closed.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—The Chippewa Bank closed today and a report reached prosecuting officials that the shortage may reach \$500,000.

EXEMPTION OF FOREIGN STOCKS IS UPHOLD BY SUPREME COURT

Bruce Craven Wins Case Against the Cabarrus County Commissioners.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—North Carolina's Supreme court isn't a legislature and its powers do not extend to furnishing the machinery for collecting taxes on property exempted by the legislature, the court held this afternoon in the Person versus Doughton mandamus seeking to force the revenue commissioner to levy a tax on foreign stocks exempted under the legislative act of 1923.

Chief Justice Clark dissents but the court stands four to one as usual against him. And as usual Justice Stacy writes the majority opinion. Senator Person had hoped for Justice Clark who has shown a natural tendency to travel with the eldest judge on the bench. But Justice Clark could find no more authority in the constitution for overruling this act than the three bull-headed associates who sat on the case with him.

Justice Stacy gets rid of the case in three pages. He puts it behind the court in one paragraph. Of all the opinions written by the court recently it seems to be one of the most easily understood. In brief it is that a mandamus can lie only to compel the doing of a duty, but it can confer no new authority. The court in passing says the Parker amendment to the revenue bill is constitutional but that question is not before the tribunal.

Justice Clark says it is. He contends that there is an unconstitutional exemption of property. The wealth of the state has increased enormously. Last year the state was exempting \$500,000,000 of these stocks; today it frees \$1,500,000,000, just three times as much tax-exempt wealth.

The court handles other interesting cases. Bruce Craven's company wins its tilt with the Cabarrus commissioners, making the second victory scored by the corporation.

Mr. Craven seems to have won the first in a hand-to-hand encounter which never, somehow, received adequate chronicling. Chief Justice Clark dissenting from the court's ruling that the \$500 certified check which Mr. Craven tendered as good faith in the purchase of \$50,000 worth of county home bonds, was due the bond buyers when they did not test the issue.

It was in evidence that the buyers rejected the bonds when it became apparent that there was no machinery provided for payment of the obligations. The commissioners held the check, but the court makes them turn it loose.

Judge Clark gives Mr. Craven quite a write up, holding that his representations to the commissioners bound his company.

Republicans Want Control.

Athens, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The Republicans today issued a demand that the government be turned over to them in view of their success in the recent parliamentary elections. They also denied reports of disagreement between the extremist and moderate factions of the party.

THE COTTON MARKET

Strength of December Contracts Feature of Opening of the Market.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 21.—The feature at the opening of the cotton market today was the relative strength of December contracts. Further notices supporting a little over 9,000 bales were reported, but the cotton was evidently wanted, and December sold up to 36.30, or 73 points above yesterday's closing at 35.57. Lathams' market said about 78 to 82 points net higher during the early trading, with January advancing to 33.05, and May to 35.48 on relatively firm cables, and bullish Southern spot advices, on the strength of the December position. The trading was fairly active, and while early fluctuations were somewhat irregular the tone of the market was reported as firm. Private cables reported short covering in Liverpool, owing to small offerings from the South.

Cotton futures opened firm. Dec. 36.30; Jan. 34.85; March 35.20; May 35.30; July 34.52.

TUCKERS WILL RETURN TO FACE INDICTMENTS

This Announcement Has Been Made by Their Attorney, Raymond Tiffany.

(By the Associated Press.) Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Burton Tucker, who were re-married yesterday at Carthage, N. C., will return to face the indictments of perjury in connection with their first marriage in Union Hill on October 2. Raymond Tiffany, their counsel, declared today, Tucker is 17 years old, and his wife gave her age as 46.

No definite date for the return of the couple has been set, he said, but he expected they would arrive in the next few days.

"After talking the matter over with the prosecutor's office," he said, "I notified them to begin the homeward trip as soon as they can conveniently do so. My clients are not afraid. They will return to face it without a question."

SOVIETS DENY CHARGES MADE BY SEC. HUGHES

Declare No Documents Were Ever Sent to American Workers Party by Russia.

Moscow, Dec. 21 (By the Associated Press).—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin issued a statement today denying that the Russian government had ever sent any documents to the American Workers party or had every any connection with it whatsoever. If such documents exist, the statement declared, they are forgeries. The authenticity of which Russia would like to submit to arbitration.

Suit Filed Against Sec. Hoover.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 21.—A suit has been filed by Delegate Sutherland, of Alaska in the District of Columbia, Supreme Court to join Secretary Hoover from issuing permits for fishing rights in Alaskan waters.

Merry Christmas to You. May Your Christmas Morning Be Glorious and Your Smile of Christmas Cheer Spread on Throughout the Year.

Storm-Center,



Rev. Lee W. Heaton of Fort Worth, Texas, now in New York City, will be tried for heresy before the House of Bishops. Other clergymen have rallied to his support.

DARWIN THEORY UPHELD BY AUSTRIAN BIOLOGIST

Acquired Characteristics Are Inherited, Kammerer Insists.

New York, Dec. 21.—Dr. Paul Kammerer, biologist of the University of Vienna, today flashed on a screen at City College pictures of progressive zoological experiments whereby he asserted he had proved the Darwinian theory that acquired characteristics are inherited and had disproved the Weismann theory that the germ plasma is continuous from generation to generation.

In support of his contention that the Weismann theory, largely accepted by biologists, is "not obligatory, but at most a facultative continuity," Dr. Kammerer described in detail his work with a variety of sea squirt in which, he declared, he had caused new germ plasma to be formed from somatic tissue.

Dr. Kammerer also showed pictures of experiments with the proteus newt, and the midwife toad. He asserted he had succeeded in developing the rudimentary visual organ of the blind newt into a full-sized functioning eye by red illumination, to which the animals were exposed for five years after birth.

About the midwife toad, the scientist declared he had succeeded in growing on that male animal, which mates on land, the "aquatic pad," which is ordinarily found only on the animal which mates in water. Several generations of enforced mating in water, he asserted, had brought about the result.

With Our Advertisers.

All kinds of good feed in checkerboard bags sold by the Cash Feed Store. Hollingsworth's and Nunnally's candies at Gibson Drug Store. Buy shoes or hose for Christmas. Parker's Shoe Store has both. The worth-while Christmas presents at the King Tut Service Station.

Manicure sets at Gibson Drug Store.

Special Christmas sale of all kinds of goods at Scarborough's. You can purchase high grade shoes at a great saving at the S. S. Brown Shoe Store. Cigars and Cigarettes in Christmas packages at Gibson Drug Store.

Many holiday specials for the last two shopping days at the Parks-Bell Co. The Kidd-Erik Co. is having a big Christmas sale of pianos. You can trade in your old instrument too. See big ad. in today's paper.

Bills in Which Club Women Are Interested.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Club women of North Carolina are interested in five bills before the present session of Congress, according to an announcement made here by Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, the bills as follows:

Mrs. Highsmith's announcement lists the bills as follows: The child labor law. The uniform marriage, and divorce amendment. The creation of a United States department of education with a secretary in the President's cabinet. (This bill heretofore known as the Towner Sterling bill).

CANDY! Hollingsworth and Nunnally's GIBSON DRUG STORE

SPINNING INDUSTRY

SHOWED DECREASE DURING NOVEMBER

Industry Was Not as Active During Month as It Was During October, Census Bureau Figures Indicate.

SPINNING HOURS SHOW DECREASE

Spindles in Place During November Totalled 37,585,049 of Which 34,101,452 Were Active in Month.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 21.—Cotton spinning activity slackened considerably in November as compared with October, the monthly report of the Census Bureau issued today indicated.

Active spindle hours during November numbered 8,014,579,167, or an average of 213 hours per spindle in place, compared with 8,881,886,213 hours or an average of 223 in October, this year. Spindles in place November this year numbered 37,585,049, of which 34,101,452 were active at some time during the month, compared with 37,550,250 in place October 31st, this year, of which 34,378,662 were active.

The average number of spindles operated during November was 36,316,828 or 96.6 per cent. capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 35,851,435 or 95.4 per cent. capacity in October this year.

TUCKERS EXPERIENCE A SECOND CEREMONY

Marriage at Carthage Yesterday Took Place to Conform With North Carolina Laws—Woman's Hair Bobbed.

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—To make more certain their union, Burton S. Tucker, Jersey City, N. J., youth, and the wealthy widow of Joseph Simpson, today were re-married before Squire Jesse Fry, at Carthage, according to a story sent the Raleigh News and Observer by its Carthage correspondent.

Mr. Tucker, in giving information preparatory to securing marriage license, said his age was 17 and that of his wife 48.

Mrs. Tucker has bobbed her hair, and the correspondent said, looked "hardly Bill her age" when she was married this afternoon. She was dressed in the latest styles, he said. The second marriage followed a lengthy conference of the couple with U. L. Spence, Carthage attorney, and took place in the attorney's office.

The license, he added was issued this afternoon by E. C. Matheson, register of deeds, and as no statement of permission had been filed by the parents of the young bridegroom, Mrs. and Mr. Tucker made a deposit of \$200 with Mr. Matheson in case he should be sued from the penalty allowed in such cases under the laws of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were driven to Carthage in their automobile this morning from Southern Pines, where they have been spending part of their honeymoon. Immediately after the second wedding they returned to Southern Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were first married at Union Hill, N. J., early in October. Shortly after this wedding they came south to spend their honeymoon, but this did not become generally known until day before yesterday when they were discovered at Southern Pines. They were informed by the Associated Press that indictments had been brought against them in New Jersey on charges of conspiracy to violate the New Jersey marriage laws and of perjury. Their reply was that their attorney would take care of the indictments for them.

Evidently, the reported indication of a Jersey City, N. J., assistant prosecutor, that leniency probably would be shown the young bridegroom if he would come into court, plead guilty to the charges against him and show that he had taken steps to have his marriage annulled, had little effect on the youthful husband.

Furniture Show at High Point.

(By the Associated Press.) High Point, Dec. 21.—The Midwinter Southern Furniture Show will open in the Southern Furniture Exposition building here on January 14, according to an announcement made here by Charles F. Long, manager. The show will last two weeks.

Reports from local furniture manufacturers indicate that the demand for their products is increasing with the approach of the new year.

Attempt to Smuggle Arms into Mexico.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—United States District Attorney L. H. Burns announced today he intended to effect the arrest of a group of American and Mexicans who have been attempting to smuggle arms and ammunition to the revolutionists in Mexico. Mr. Burns declined to go into details, nor would he intimate the identity of those concerned.

For Law and Order in Iredell.

(By the Associated Press.) Statesville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Iredell county citizens are determined to have law and order in the county. A law and order league was formed at a recent gathering here. Rev. B. E. Huey, pastor of the Presley Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was elected president. Dr. J. M. Clark and W. D. Turner were chosen vice-presidents and J. W. Wallace, secretary-treasurer.

New York city has more than 3,000 women artists, sculptors, and teachers of art.