

# Outcome of the German Election Still Unknown

## Outcome Still In Doubt and Lineup in Reichstag Cannot Be Determined Until All Parties Confer.

### BAVARIAN PEOPLES PARTY HOLD POWER

### If They Support Socialists, Clericals and Democrats Coalition in Reichstag Will Be Made Possible.

Berlin, Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The outcome of yesterday's general elections leaves the parliamentary situation wholly unclear as the new party lineup in the reichstag precludes the formation of a three-party coalition composed of the socialists, the clericals and the democrats, in the opinion of political leaders.

According to the latest returns these three parties have elected a total of 227 members of the reichstag, and with only this number to depend upon, the leaders fear that this liberal combination will be unable to command a dependable majority, even if it were given the support of the Bavarian peoples party, with its nineteen votes.

Provisionally final results compiled shortly after noon today, gave the social-democrats 127 seats, a gain of 20 seats compared with last May's elections. The centerists (clericals) and the German democratic party, the other two liberal parties represented in the government, not only held their own but each increased its representation, the centerists by two seats and the democrats by three. The standing was: social democrats 127, German nationalists 104, centerists 67, German peoples party 50, communists 44, German democrats 31, Bavarian peoples party 19, extreme nationalists 14, economic 14, economic party 10, farmers party 4, Hanoverians 4, other parties 8.

## WIDOW OF BRUCE SNIPES HELD IN WINSTON-SALEM

### Skeleton of Husband Was Found in Old Well Near Twin City Several Days Ago.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Winston-Salem, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Annie Snipes, youthful widow of Bruce Snipes who disappeared four years ago, and Pete Phillips, a family friend, were held in Forsyth county jail here today without bond pending investigation into the death of Snipes whose skeleton was found in an old well on a farm near here several days ago. Officers are searching for Moody O'Neal, who was reared in the Snipes home.

The arrests were made on recommendation of the coroner who filed a report of his findings with the clerk of the court late Saturday night. The verdict was that Snipes came to his death from a blow on the head inflicted by some heavy blunt instrument. The coroner recommended that Mrs. Snipes, Phillips and O'Neal be taken into custody pending a full investigation.

Officials today were silent as to the evidence they have uncovered regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Snipes who was 21 years old and had been married but a few months when he disappeared. O'Neal has been seen only a few times since Snipes disappeared. Neither Mrs. Snipes nor Phillips would talk today.

## They Criticize Bible But Haven't Read It

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 6.—The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, famous Baptist minister, orator and student of New York, who spoke here last night before 300 Harvard students, on "The Fakes and Fancies of Evolution," discovered that only five of his listeners had prayed and that only six had read the Bible in the course of the day, while only eighteen were able to admit they had read the Bible through.

About one-quarter of the assembly said they believed in a living God and even less than that were willing to admit the Divinity of Jesus Christ. Commenting upon the small percentage who claimed to have read the Bible, Dr. Straton remarked, "most of you have been criticizing the Bible when you have not even read it."

## NOTICE

Assessments against property for street paving are due December 1st of each year. Take notice that all assessments which are due must be paid at once or the property will be advertised and sold.  
CHAS. N. FIELD,  
City Tax Collector.

## SENG "HALLELUJAH, I'M A BUM" AS HOTEL FOR HOBOS OPENS

### Fashionable Neighbors in Chicago Recent Invasion and Will Carry Fight to Court.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 8.—Chicago, or at least certain elements that make up the population of the city, have a positive liking for hobos, bums and the riff-raff generally. They are given elaborate Christmas and other holiday dinners, entertained by concerts, and now they are to have a new hotel.

The hostelry, which will be known as the "Hotel Hobo," was until yesterday the Granville Hotel in Grand boulevard. It was opened as a hobo hotel today with elaborate flourishes. Ben Holtzman made a talk and a woman giving the name of "Mary Garden" also made a short speech. She said she is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, but prefers being a hobo to being cooped up back of four walls. Then the assembled hoboes joined in singing the hobo hymn, "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum." The cracked and hoarse voices contained little of melody, and the fresh air was desirable after the gang had exhaled its breath.

Residents of the fashionable apartments surrounding the hotel are being made to oust the new neighbors. The lessees of the hotel gave the hotel to the hoboes and also said they would note \$500 a month to keep the project going. The State attorney's office has heard rumors that the hobo have been installed in the district to "get even" with the neighbors and the owner of the property. Proceedings will be begun at once to close the resort because of alleged acts of immorality and as a health measure.

## JOHNSON IS HELD TO THE HIGH COURT

### Gastonia Business Man Accused of Grave Misconduct Toward His Two Young Daughters.

Gastonia, Dec. 6.—R. E. Johnson, prominent merchant of this city, who was arrested late Friday night on grave charges of immorality preferred by his daughter, Mrs. Elph Jordan, of Spartanburg, S. C., and who was forced to spend the night in jail, was released this morning at a preliminary hearing before Judge Capps under a \$10,000 bond signed by G. W. Howell and others. Johnson was bound over to the January term of the superior court. He waived examination.

Johnson is alleged to have been guilty of misconduct with one of his daughters, Mrs. Elph Jordan, who gave the information on which the warrant for his arrest was issued. It is alleged that Mrs. Johnson before her death Wednesday at Boone requested her daughters to furnish the authorities this information. Johnson is an elder in the A. R. P. church, and the family has been prominent socially in Gastonia for years.

## DEFENSE NOW READY TO QUESTION ELIAS MORTIMER

### Chief Government Witness Says His Story Cannot Be Shaken.

Chicago, Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The government files subpoenaed by the defense in the Veterans Bureau conspiracy trial of Chas. R. Forbes and John W. Thompson arrived today in custody of Under Secretary Winston of the Treasury. The defense was expected to use them in the cross examination of Elias H. Mortimer, chief government witness who opened today.

Mortimer said he had no fear that his story would be shaken in any important detail. Preceding Mortimer Mr. Winston testified the files he carried. One was a photographic copy of a letter from Forbes to Secretary Mellon, relating to the proposed purchase of the Livermore, Cal. hospital site. It was previously testified that this site was the only one purchased by the Veterans Bureau. Other sites were donated.

## Reynolds Tobacco Company is Refunded \$257,276 In Tax

Washington, Dec. 6.—Included in the list of tax refunds approved by the internal revenue commissioner during the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, of Winston-Salem, N. C. The firm was returned \$257,276.

## Wears Same Overcoat For Forty-odd Years.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 6.—A \$13 overcoat has been worn every winter for the past forty years by R. F. A. Baker, prosperous farmer of Forsyth county, according to a sworn statement by Mr. Baker.

# New Senators



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## THE COTTON MARKET

### Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to an Advance of 8 Points.

New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to an advance of 8 points on pre-bureau covering, promoted by comparatively steady cables, reports of increased mill activity at Fall River, and talk of a good tone in the opening stock market. The bulk extended at 23.01 for January, and 23.38 for March contracts soon after the opening. Active months showing net advances of 4 to 8 points, but the demand was limited and rough selling appeared to cause reactions of 3 or 4 points from the best before the end of the first hour.

## VICE CONSUL DAYTON DEAD AT BELGRADE

Announcement of Death Made at Washington—Reported He Was Shot by a Woman.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The death of Henry A. Dayton, vice consul at Belgrade, was reported today to the State department. Mr. Dayton was first reported to have been shot by a young woman who afterward committed suicide. No details of the tragedy, however, have been reported by Consul Patton, at Belgrade.

## Charlotte Projects Textile Exposition

Charlotte, Dec. 8.—Important action has just been taken by the board of directors of the Carolinas Exposition Company, when a unanimous decision was reached to hold in Charlotte in the fall of 1925 and the fall of 1926 a large textile exposition in connection with the exposition of Carolina Made products, dates for 1926 show being September 20-October 2.

## Morrison Will Resume Practice of Law in Charlotte

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Governor and Mrs. Morrison left today for Winston-Salem, where the governor will deliver the memorial address at the Twin City Elks Lodge of Sorrow, and from there they will go to Charlotte to make arrangements for moving into their new home in Myers Park upon the close of the governor's administration. Governor Morrison has already rented a suite of offices in the new Johnston building at Charlotte, and will resume the practice of law when he leaves public office.

## An Automatic Bank Clerk

New York, Dec. 6.—Large banks probably soon will be using machines for ledger-posting and writing up pass-books. A machine to do this work has been invented and tried out successfully. Instead of a pass-book the customer receives a typewritten slip showing debits and credits and the current balance. The operator, after entering debits and credits, presses a key marked "Total," when the balance appears. If the customer's account is overdrawn, the machine refuses to act.

# CROP OF 13,153,000 BALES IS ESTIMATED BY THE GOVERNMENT

## Latest Cotton Crop Estimate Shows Increase Over Estimate Made December 1st.—Much Ginning Done.

### CROP OF STATE MOSTLY GINNED

### Reported That Already 674,429 Bales Have Been Ginned in State, Which Is Most of Estimate for State.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton production this year was placed at 13,153,000 equivalent 500 pound bales by the Department of Agriculture in its preliminary estimate based on facts available as of the date of December 1st. A forecast of 12,992,000 bales was made a fortnight ago. Last year's crop totaled 10,139,071 bales.

There had been 12,225,025 bales, counting round to half bales, ginned prior to December 1st, the Census Bureau announced at the same time. To that date last year 9,243,380 bales had been ginned. The average weight per running bale this year is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 489.8 pounds, compared with 498.5 pounds last year.

The preliminary estimate of production by states includes: Virginia 30,000; North Carolina 705,000; and South Carolina 750,000. Ginnings prior to December by states include: North Carolina 674,429; South Carolina 747,732 and Virginia 21,492. The revised total of cotton ginned this season prior to November 14, is 11,103,401 bales. There were 15,181 ginneries in operation prior to November 14.

## NEWSPAPER OFFICE IN KANSAS IS BLOWN UP

### Damage Estimated at \$75,000 Caused in Office of Coffeyville Daily Dawn and Two Other Buildings.

Coffeyville, Kans., Dec. 8.—An explosion early today wrecked the plant of the Coffeyville Daily Dawn, a morning newspaper, and two adjoining buildings. No one was injured. The newspaper office was deserted, as no paper is issued on Monday morning. The damage is estimated at approximately \$75,000. Police held two theories, one that the explosion was the result of an accumulation of gas, and the other that the newspaper was bombed by persons antagonistic to its policy of support of the Ku Klux Klan.

## Thirty-Eight Stolen Cars Recovered

Greensboro, Dec. 8.—Thirty-eight stolen cars were recovered by the Automobile Theft Bureau of the Department of State during November, according to a bulletin received by the Carolina Motor Club today. Thirty-seven cars were stolen in this state during that month. Only a part of these have been recovered, but the fact that the recoveries during this month exceeded the number stolen is considered a rather interesting recommendation for the new title law.

## Settle Over 300 Years Old

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—A settler more than 300 years old has recently been added to the large collection of antique furniture in the Hall of History, Col. Fred A. Olds announced today. The seat was presented by a Perquimans county family. It is made of sweet gum and hand carved.

# BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

## Will Meet in Raleigh December 9th—Number of Outstanding Features. Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Approximately 400 persons from the ministers and laity of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention will be held here during December 9th through the 12th, according to officials of the State convention headquarters in this city. There will also be many young people in attendance at this meeting to take part in the discussions of the Baptist, Young Peoples' Union and to present its cause for certain attentions.

A number of outstanding features will mark the interest in the activities of the gathering this year, it is the expressed belief of those arranging the program. Among these will be the report on the 75 Million Campaign and the final plan to complete the quota of this state; discussion of the future of the new Meredith College and the laying of the corner stone of the institution on Thursday afternoon; the 1925 United Program; ministerial relief and annuities; and a report from the historical commission.

A special order has been set for the hearing on Friday, the last day of the convention, of the report of the committee on Greek letter fraternities. Keen interest is being manifested in this forthcoming report, says the officials and it is expected that the report will be of much importance to those affiliated with the denomination.

There will also be reports and discussions on social service, the Sunday Schools, home missions, state missions, foreign missions and education. The memorials will be a feature of the closing session as will the school of applied stewardship.

A new plan for the endorsement of the Baptist orphanage will be presented at the afternoon session on Wednesday, the program shows and the hospitals of the denomination will also be taken up at this time. These two institutions are said to be of the most importance to the Baptists of the state and the plans that will be presented will call for the perfection of these organizations.

Preceding the Baptist State Convention gathering, the North Carolina Baptist pastors conference will be held on Monday. Pastors and evangelists from all over the state will attend this meeting at which some of the vital conditions now confronting the pastors of the churches will be discussed. A number of the departmental heads will also attend this meeting as well as the pastors' banquet to be held on Monday night.

The sessions of the Baptist State Convention will be held in the Baptist Tabernacle and will begin at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon. Sessions will be divided into morning, afternoon and evening sections and each will be opened with prayer led by a different pastor or layman of note in Baptist circles in North Carolina.

## Taft Endorses Meekins for Federal Judgeship

Washington, Dec. 6.—Chief Justice Taft has let it be known that he has endorsed Col. Isaac Meekins for the North Carolina judgeship. He was asked by Roger A. Derby, of Jackson Springs, who is a kinsman of the Roosevelt and Miss Sophie Busbee, of Raleigh to support H. F. Sewell. In letters in response to these requests he made known his position, which was stated before in this correspondence. Mr. Meekins had planted his pipe pretty well for this job long before any appointment had to be made. He had the uronsise of former Attorney General Daugherty for his support.

## Greensboro Man Shot By Negro in Mistake

Greensboro, Dec. 6.—I. F. Stout, furniture dealer here, was shot and severely wounded in the hip this afternoon by mistake, his negro truck driver, James Austin, hitting him when Austin fired a pistol at a negro, Ciero DeLapp, in a dispute over a two dollar payment. Mr. Stout is in a hospital with good chance to recover, while Austin is in jail.

## Big Change of Ownership Sale at the Bath-Kessler Shoe Store is Proving a Success

See list in Clines Pharmacy's new ad. of just a few things for Christmas presents.

## Man Who Slaughtered Thirty Is Unconcerned

Hanover, Germany, Dec. 6.—Much of the third day of the trial of Fritz Haarmann, the Hanover butcher, for the murder of nearly 30 young men since 1918, was taken up with expert testimony regarding a box of human bones which had been placed in evidence.

# Sec. Weeks Changes For The Underwood Bill

## WOULD GAS SCHOOL CHILDREN TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK

### Army Expert Believes Chlorine Would Save Many From Attacks of Infectious Diseases.

Atlantic City, Dec. 8.—Lieutenant Col. Edward B. Vedder, chief of the medical research division of the United States arsenal at Edgewood, Md., addressing the annual convention of the New Jersey Sanitary Association at Haddon Hall tonight, advocated systematic "gassing" of school children with chlorine gas two or three times a week, while they are in their class rooms, as a preventive of colds, whooping cough and other diseases of the upper-respiratory tract.

Colonel Vedder, who has been experimenting with the gas with an object of making it a beneficial agent of medicine, declared that out of 1029 persons 64 per cent. were reported as cures, 30 per cent. as improved and six per cent. as no change.

"I think," he said, "we estimate that from one quarter to a third of the diseases that incapacitate school children are infectious, and acquired through the respiratory tract." It is quite practicable in any school having a ventilating system to introduce chlorine into the main ventilating duct. This could be done an hour or two three times a week under the supervision of the school physician.

## MILLS AT FALL RIVER TO START UP MONDAY

### All But Five of the 121 Textile Plants to Open Up on Full Time.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 6.—Announcement was made today by the Fall River Cotton Manufacturers' Association that all but five of the cotton mills of the city will reopen at full time on Monday, affording employment for 20,000 persons. Some of the mills had been closed for many months. Improved conditions in the cloth market are given as the reason.

The five mills of the 121 in the city which will remain closed are the American linen, the Arkwright, the Flint, Sea Connet and Stafford mills. Included in the list of the plants resuming operations Monday are the Westman and Troy mills, which have been closed for many months. A large number of the other plants have either been closed or operating on part time. At one time in the past year it was estimated that more than 30,000 textile operatives were out of work in Fall River.

## NEGROES OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF MEEKINS

### Letter to Attorney General Written in Hot Terms—Calls Him a Demagogue.

Letter to Attorney General written in hot terms—calls him a demagogue. He is asked to favor somebody else as federal judge and not Colonel Isaac M. Meekins, are disposed to think that the new assault of negro Republicans on the colonel may prove the irony of political fate in North Carolina.

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## Health Schedule Given By "The Perfect Girl"

# Secretary of War Says Underwood Proposal For Operation of Muscle Shoals Must Undergo Changes

## PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN HIS VIEW

### Understood That He Has Made Plain to Underwood How He Feels in Matter.—Senate Wants Action Now.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Secretary Weeks' report on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill suggests a number of amendments to the measure, and declares "unless careful and thoughtful amendments as pointed out in my report are adopted, the Underwood bill is unworkable."

Among the objections raised by the Secretary of War, is one dealing with the finances of the operation of Muscle Shoals, and said unless the bonds which would be issued are guaranteed by the government, they would practically be worthless.

He declared that he believed it would be unwise to require the operator to attempt to produce a maximum of 40,000 tons of nitrogen within the four year limit set by the bill unless it was first learned that the fertilizer could be sold profitably.

## President Gave Views on Bill

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Coolidge is understood to have presented his views on the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill directly to the Alabama Senator during the Sunday cruise on the Mayflower on which Senator Underwood was a guest.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLES ARE HELD VALUABLE

### North Carolina State Psychologists Think Most Are Too Difficult.

Greensboro, Dec. 7.—Dr. J. A. Highsmith, head of the department of psychology of the North Carolina College for Women here, declares that the crossword puzzle really has considerable value, that he finds it highly interesting himself and he sees in it possibilities for use in educational work.

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## Health Schedule Given By "The Perfect Girl"

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Miss Inez Harden, of Drew, Mississippi, judged the most perfect girl of 350,000 in the health contest in connection with the International Livestock Exposition, with a rating of 99.94 per cent. gave as her recipe for perfect health:

Sleep ten hours a night.  
Drink a quart of milk a day.  
Eat lots of vegetables.  
Don't use face powder or rouge.  
Don't wear high heels.  
Miss Harden is 16, weighs 117 3-4 pounds and is five feet, two inches tall. She goes to bed every night at 8 and is up at 6:30. In addition to deep breathing and setting up exercises she keeps fit by doing part of the housework and playing right guard on her high school basketball team.

## WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Rain tonight, colder in the west and central portions; Tuesday partly cloudy and colder, preceded by rain in east portion; much colder Tuesday night.