

WINTER NOW SLOWLY TIGHTENING GRASP ON EASTERN STATES

In Far West Some Relief From Extreme Weather Is Felt But Middle West Feels Full Fury of the Storm

DEATH LIST IN WEST GROWING

But No Additional Deaths Are Expected Now—King Winter Moving Surely on States on Atlantic Seaboard

Chicago, Dec. 20. (By the Associated Press.)—The icy grip of winter was slowly releasing the far west and Rocky Mountain region today while it tightened in the middle west and began to envelop the east.

Although nearly normal temperatures may be reached in most of the cold wave area within 24 hours, days will elapse before fire and rail communication will be fully restored in some sections, resume usual operations.

Meanwhile the toll of lives continued to mount as deaths from freezing were added to by fatalities in fires resulting from overheating. Fire departments in middle western cities answered hundreds of calls. Considerable suffering was felt among the poor.

Warm winds were forecast to bring relief to the Pacific Coast today after a day of sub-zero weather in the north-west, and heavy frosts in California. Rising mercury and fair skies were reported in Montana and Colorado. A man and a woman were frozen to death in the Butte district. Three members of a family of four were burned to death at Casper, Wyoming, when an explosion was caused by lowered gas pressure that put out fires in their homes.

The fourth, a four-year-old boy, was expected to die. Eight deaths were reported in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, where thousands of dollars of property damage was done. One man was frozen to death and another died from injuries received in a fall on the ice in Chicago. During the night the Chicago fire department answered more than a hundred calls. More than thirty degrees drop to 5 below zero was recorded in Chicago on 24 hours.

Weather Forecast For 24 Hours

Washington, Dec. 20.—Indications are for mostly fair weather, but with considerable cloudiness in the Washington forecast district during the next 36 hours, the weather bureau announced today. However local snow is probable in the lower lake region, and rain in Florida, and rain or snow in portions of the South Atlantic States and along the east Gulf Coast.

Temperature will continue to fall to night throughout the eastern and southeastern states, and weather will remain cold several days. Freezing temperatures are probable as far south as extreme northern Florida tonight and to central Florida by Monday morning. Cold wave warnings were ordered Friday afternoon for nearly all sections of the Appalachian mountains.

The great area of abnormally high pressure and low temperature now covers Alaska and practically all of the United States and Canada except the extreme east.

LETTERS MAY EXPLAIN REASON FOR MURDERS

May Tell Why Edward D. Riordan Killed Fred Stewart, Shot Two Others and Then Himself.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Dec. 20.—Four letters in the hands of Atlanta police today were thought to hold the reason for the shooting which late yesterday left two men dead in the heart of the downtown shopping district and sent two others to a hospital critically injured.

When opened by a court order, authorities believe the letters will explain why Edward D. Riordan killed Fred S. Stewart, proprietor of a shoe store, wounded S. R. Turner, store manager, and H. E. Maddux, a department manager, and then took his own life. Riordan formerly was an employee of the store.

Inaugural Committee Appointed

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—The joint committee of Congress which, according to custom, will aid in preparation for the inauguration on March 4th, will consist of Senators Curtis, of Kansas, and Hale of Maine, republicans; Senator Overman, of North Carolina, democrat; Representatives Grist, of Pennsylvania, and Hadley, of Washington, republicans, and Representative Rouse, of Kentucky, democrat.

Passenger and Freight Depots Burned

(By the Associated Press.) Greenville, N. C., Dec. 20.—Fire originating in a trash pile under the platform of the Norfolk and Southern depot at Farmville yesterday destroyed the depot and the freight warehouses with all contents. Two box cars also were destroyed. No estimate of the loss has been made.

Christmas Bonuses of \$40,000,000

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 20.—Christmas bonuses amounting to \$40,000,000 are being distributed by Wall Street firms today. It is estimated by a member of one of the largest firms in the Street. His estimate is admittedly conservative. Some guesses are as high as \$75,000,000. Office boys, clerks, senior partners—all will share.

Studies Cancer



Dr. Francis Carter Wood, director of the Institute for Cancer Research, Columbia University, says more has been learned about cancer in the last 10 years than in the previous 400 years, yet there is little hope of ever finding a cure, he says.

ONE IN THREE ATTENDS CHURCH IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Churches There Have Increased in Membership in the Past Year.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 20.—The churches of Great Britain have increased in membership in the last year on a scale not recorded since the great Welsh Revival. With three small exceptions, the Great Welsh Revival. With three small exceptions, the Church in Wales, the Scottish Episcopal Church and the United Free Church of Scotland, every denomination has increased its number of communicants or members, the total increase recorded being 110,000.

While this increase has been made in the adult section of the churches, there has been a decrease of 23,662 in the number of Sunday school scholars.

The strength of the churches in Great Britain is summarized as follows: Communicants and members 5,846,187; Sunday School scholars 5,405,292; Roman Catholic population (England and Wales) 1,997,250, making a total of 13,338,729. These figures, however, are not complete, as they do not include the statistics of the Salvation Army, the Free Church of Scotland, the Unitarians, except as to their Sunday schools, and a number of smaller communions, such as the Plymouth Brethren. As affording a fairly complete record, however, the figures may be compared with the last population census of 42,767,530. On this basis, one person in every three is associated definitely with a Christian church.

THE COTTON MARKET

Ginning Report of 12,796,216 Bales Had Influence on the Market Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 20.—The Census report showing 12,796,216 bales of cotton ginned to December 13th, was above expectations based on recent private returns, and appeared to revive talk of a thirteen and a half million bale crop.

The market opened steady at an advance of six points on December, but generally 2 to 18 points lower in response to the bearish view of the ginning figures and sold about 27 to 30 points net lower under liquidation and Southern selling. January declined to 23.34 and May to 24.10. While prices were 8 or 9 points up from these figures at the end of the first hour, the tone of the market was unsettled.

Opening prices were: December 23.55; January 23.45; March 23.75 and 23.85; May 24.28; July 24.40.

Closed Steady. Cotton futures closed steady: December 23.46 to 23.48; January 23.51 to 23.52; March 23.95 to 23.96; May 24.32 to 24.33; July 24.48 to 24.50.

GOVERNMENT WANTS CASE POSTPONED NOW

Not Want Suit For Annulment of Teapot Dome Lease to Start in January.

(By the Associated Press.) Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 20.—Alee Pomereoy, special counsel for the government, of the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve held by the Mammoth Oil Co. today filed in the U. S. court here a motion for continuance of the hearing on the suit scheduled for January 6th.

The motion was made on the ground that the government requires additional time to obtain certain evidence bearing upon the alleged passage of Liberty Bonds between Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall, who as Secretary of the Interior granted the Teapot Dome lease to Sinclair.

Contract is Let For School Building at China Grove

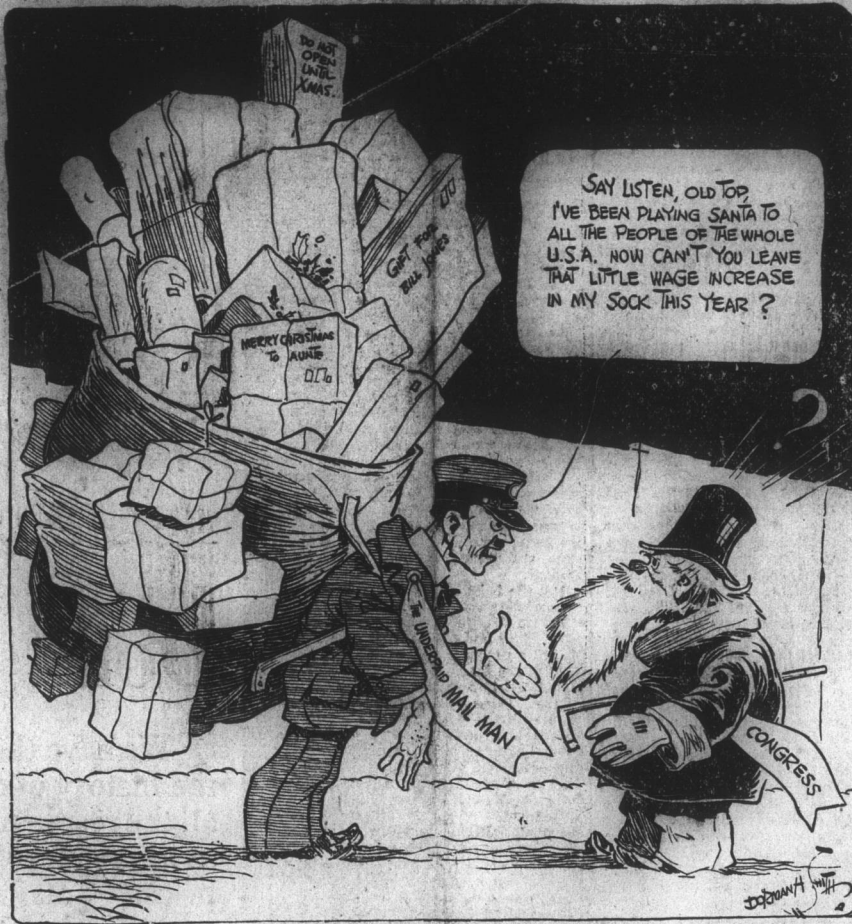
Salisbury, Dec. 19.—The Rowan county school board has let the contract for another modern school plant in the county. The new school will be at China Grove and will cost \$53,315 exclusive of equipment and site. It will contain sixteen class rooms and an auditorium that will seat 900. It will be two stories high and of brick construction. The contract for the building was awarded C. B. Mooney, of Mocksville, who is now building the Granite Quarry school. His price was \$46,295. The heating goes to W. R. Doshier, of Wilmington, at \$6,500, while the electrical work will be done by T. M. Casey of Salisbury, for \$520.

Gompers' Will Filed For Probate

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—The will of Samuel Gompers, filed today for probate, left the bulk of his estate to his sons and his grand-daughters, and directed that only "the minimum amount allowed by law" should be paid to the widow.

The eagle was first used on American money in 1795 when Congress authorized the issuance of a gold coin worth \$10.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAT WOULD BE WELCOME



MANY AUTOMOBILES SEIZED DURING YEAR

Dry Agents Seized 5,214 Autos Valued at \$3,226,339 During Past Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—Automobiles numbering 5,214, and valued at \$3,226,339 were seized by prohibition authorities in the last fiscal year, the House has been informed in a table inserted in a report on the Treasury post office appropriation bill by Assistant Prohibition Commissioner Jones. Boats and launches seized during the year numbered 236, and were valued at \$275,198.

The total appraised value of property seized and destroyed under the prohibition law was \$3,097,923, and that seized but not destroyed \$7,745,952. Proceeds of sale of seized property amounted to \$57,071, and expenses incurred incident to seizure and sale totalled \$12,323. Two agents were killed in performance of duty, and 28 were injured. Persons arrested numbered 67,161.

JERRY CARTER FOUND DEAD IN HIS HOME

Rowan Man, Who Lived Alone, Apparently Dead Several Days.—George Elliott in Auto Crash.

Salisbury, Dec. 19.—George Elliott, traveling man of Charlotte, is in the Salisbury hospital on account of injuries received this afternoon when his automobile turned over while he was attempting to pass a wagon on the highway between Salisbury and Mocksville, N. C. X-ray examination revealed a fractured rib, he was also bruised about the face but his injuries are said not to be of a serious nature.

Jerry Carter, 76 years old, who lived alone in the western section of Rowan county, was found dead in bed this morning by neighbors who had missed him and who went to his home to investigate. He had apparently been dead several days.

NO ACTION NOW ON MUSCLE SHOALS BILLS

Will Be After Christmas Holidays Before Senate Can Take Vote.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—With all thought of a vote on Muscle Shoals before the Christmas recess abandoned, the Senate today settled down to consideration of amendments to the Underwood and Norris bills.

Progress on the pending bills today had reached a stage which promised a final roll call shortly after the holidays. Recent developments have clarified the legislative situation in the Senate, and leaders of both sides now hope for a settlement soon.

\$100,000 To Fight Poultry Plague

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—An emergency Senate resolution to appropriate \$100,000 for a fight against the poultry plague epidemic was rushed through the House today and sent to President Coolidge for his signature.

Vanderlip's Condition Unchanged

(By the Associated Press.) Scarborough, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The condition of Frank A. Vanderlip, who is ill of typhoid fever at his home here, today was reported as unchanged. His physician said the patient's condition was not alarming.

Woman Flays "Wiggling" Ministers

Mrs. Catherine Wellers has started a nationwide campaign against ministers who wiggle in their pulpits while preaching. Such ministers, she declared, are the "scourge of Great Britain" and are as great sinners as "tent-show dancers." She wishes to force the pastors to maintain dignity of pose while preaching.

Montreal is now the greatest inland port in the world.

NO FACTS TO SUPPORT ATTACK ON UNDERWOOD

Senate Committee Declares Hearst Editorial Was Neither "Fair Nor Honest."

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 19.—An editorial attacking Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, and his Muscle Shoals leasing bill, published in the Hearst morning newspaper on December 13, was neither "fair nor honest," says a report of an investigating committee adopted unanimously today by the senate.

"No evidence was submitted," the report says, "nor was it claimed that any evidence existed that in any way reflected upon the integrity or honor or character of Senator Underwood. The personal imputation of Senator Underwood was full and complete, and it was denied repeatedly that in the editorial there was any intent to make any personal reflection upon Senator Underwood."

SHARP CUTS TO BE MADE IN SPENCER FORCE

A Total of 465 Men Will Be Laid Off on Monday.

(By the Associated Press.) Spencer, Dec. 22.—Sharp cuts in the list of employees will be made at the Spencer shops on December 22, according to bulletins posted in a number of the departments. A total of 465 men will be "laid off" at that time. The bulletin does not state how long the "lay off" will be effective nor does it give any reason for the cut in the number of employees.

All of those laid off are in the locomotive departments and will include journey-men, machinists, apprentices, boiler-makers and helpers. In these classes the cuts are: machinists 194; boiler makers 109; blacksmiths 43 and the remaining 119 divided among other departments.

With Our Advertisers

The Christmas shoe sale at Parker's Shoe Store is going on with a snap and a bang. Shoes, oxfords, bedroom slippers, hosiery, all suitable for Christmas gifts are there.

The Ritchie Hardware Co. has many gifts that boys and girls will appreciate. See list in big three-column ad today.

Read the poetical ad of the Kidd-Frix Music and Stationery Co. today. City Hall building, telephone 76.

Only three more shopping days till Christmas. Effie's want you to come and get your pick of the many splendid Christmas things they have before the grand rush.

A. B. Pounds' telephones 279, 244, 517. Call any of them if you want good coal. A complete assortment of cigars at Gibson Drug Store. Cari Nomi single and double compacts at Gibson Drug Store.

How about giving a ton of coal for a Christmas gift? Phone K. L. Craven & Sons, No. 74.

The Concord Furniture Co. has a lot of useful and substantial gifts for Christmas. See list and illustrations in new ad today.

Get that permanent wave for Christmas now. See ad. of C. A. Henry's Beauty Shop.

All kinds of foot wear at Parker's shoe store, shoes, oxfords, pumps, bed room slippers. A beautiful line of hosiery too.

The officers of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company want you to consult them on any of your business matters, whether you are a depositor in their bank or not.

The Parks-Belk Co. has a large line of doll. Prices range from 25c to \$10.

COTTON GINNINGS

12,796,216 Running Bales Had Been Ginned in This Country Prior to December 12th.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 12th totalled 12,796,216 running bales, including 239,394 round bales counted as half bales, compared with 9,549,015 running bales including 232,643 round bales ginned prior to that date last year, the Census Bureau announced today. This year's crop was estimated at 13,153,000 equivalent 500-pound bales on December 8th by the Department of Agriculture.

American-Egyptian cotton included in the ginnings amounted to 3,332 bales, compared with 17,445 to December 13 last year.

Ginnings by states include: North Carolina 761,775; South Carolina 739,735; and Virginia 26,549.

The revised total of cotton ginned this season to December is 12,237,970 bales. There were 15,271 ginneries operated operated prior to December 1st.

NAMES RECEIVERS FOR FISHERIES PRODUCTS

Judge Woods Rule Receivership Is State Affair and Appoints Weskett and Neel.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, Dec. 19.—Receivership for the Fisheries Products company property belonging in North Carolina, United States District Judge C. A. Woods in United States District court ruled here today. He named John S. Weskett, of Bayboro, and W. H. Neel, of Laurinburg, receivers.

Receivers for the company had been appointed in New York with ancillary receivers in North Carolina, but action was brought by a faction of the stockholders asking that the main receivership be transferred to North Carolina.

Prince of Wales Drives While Chauffeur Sleeps

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 20.—The numerous rounds of engagements which the Prince of Wales is called upon to fulfill often demand long hours of duty on the part of his servants and attendants, but the prince is uniformly considerate of them.

One one occasion the prince arrived home in the early hours of the morning after a busy day and told his chauffeur he would require his car at 7 o'clock as he wanted to go hunting. Detecting a shadow on the chauffeur's face the prince inquired the reason for it. The chauffeur replied that he would not have time to clean the car whereupon the prince replied with an encouraging smile:

"Well bring the car round at 7.30. Don't trouble to clean it, I'll drive and you can hop inside and have a sleep."

Miss Helen Long, 91, of Charlotte, is Dead.

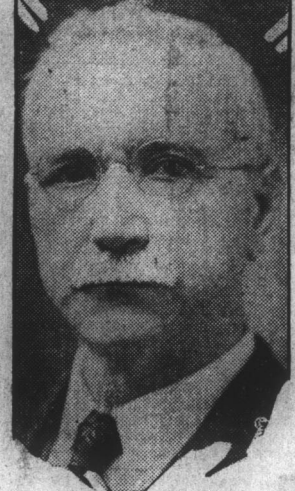
(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Dec. 19.—Miss Helen Caldwell Long, 91, one of the oldest as well as one of the best known women of Charlotte died early this morning at the home of Osmond L. Barringer on North Tryon street, where she had lived for the past several years.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Cloudy and colder tonight and Sunday, with rain or snow in the east portion tonight and on the coast Sunday; cold wave in east and central portions.

WILLIAM GREEN



The New President of the American Federation of Labor.

BIG CHRISTMAS FOR POOR OF NEW YORK

Preparations on a Large Scale Being Made in New York.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 19.—Preparations on the customary large scale are being made to assure the poor of New York a merry Christmas this year. Charitable organizations which supply cheer for the homeless and forlorn unite in declaring that there is more unemployment and consequently more poverty and distress in the metropolis than was the case last year.

The Christmas preparations are being made accordingly to meet the needs of the occasion.

All over the city there will be dinners, trees and entertainment for the poor. There will be toys for every child and none will be overlooked by Santa Claus. Hospitals, orphanages, aims houses and even the penal institutions will not be without their share of the holiday spirit.

The largest stocking in the world to be filled with toys, candies and other gifts and funds for the poor on Christmas is now to be seen hanging from the front of a prominent building on Fifth Avenue. This unique event is part of the Christmas campaign of the United Neighborhood Houses of New York.

Generous donors have filled the mammoth stocking from toe to top and on the day before Christmas there will be a grand distribution of the gifts among the poor children of the city.

Although Santa Claus cannot slide down the chimneys to fill the stockings of New York's poor, his deputies will care for tens of thousands of the youngsters. Negro children of San Juan Hill, now called Columbus Hill, who have had for almost twenty years their Christmas tree and dinner through the generosity of Miss Rosalie M. Jonas, writer and poet, will have their celebration again this year.

Church societies and other organized charitable agencies will have made a complete survey of the poorer quarters of the city to ascertain what will be needed to assure every needy man, woman and child in the metropolis a merry Christmas.

In many cases it has been found that the need for clothing is greater than that for food. Great piles of cast-off clothing have been collected and with many of the Christmas baskets will go warm overcoats, wraps, underwear and shoes.

The Salvation Army, as chief assistant to Santa Claus, will deliver 25,000 dinners to the homes of the poor and give toys to 5,000 children the day before Christmas. By leaving the food and the gifts at the door, the recipients will not have to wait in public places, making an exhibition of their plight.

Visits and delivery of gifts to the 2,000 charity patients of Bellevue, Fordham, New York City and the United States marine hospitals and the city home on Welfare Island will be made by a band of the Salvation Army women known as the League of Mercy. Special visits will be made to the families of men serving prison terms, and gifts and greetings will go to the inmates of every jail and penitentiary.

Turkey dinners will be served to the inmates of all Salvation Army institutions. Another feature of the Christmas week program arranged by the Salvation Army will be the singing of carols every evening in the vicinity of the hospitals and in the poor districts.

Many of the police stations are being turned into storehouses for Christmas gifts intended for poor children. Many other city agencies are working in conjunction with the charitable and religious organizations to provide on a scale hitherto unknown for the comfort and welfare of the poor, and it is confidently asserted that all homeless and forsaken persons will be supplied at least with shelter for the day and a real Christmas dinner.

Can't Drive An Auto Any More

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Dec. 19.—Restriction on driving an automobile for the remainder of his life is the penalty imposed upon Sam Frady in Superior Court here for running down and fatally injuring Robert E. Stanford, while learning to operate an automobile a few weeks ago. Frady was indicted after the accident and he pleaded guilty when the case was called. Judgment was suspended, upon his payment of the cost and agreement never to operate an automobile again.

Suit For \$3,000 Damages

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Dec. 19.—Suit for \$3,000 damages against the Seaboard Air Line railway has been entered in the Superior Court here by Theodore Crawford, station hand of the railroad in this city, for alleged injuries received on May 18th last, when a trunk fell upon him in the station. The plaintiff claims that he was "weak, tired and exhausted" at the time the trunk fell and as he had no one to help him, it crushed his hand and side.

CANCER INCREASES

DECREASES IN YEAR

Total of 76,754 Deaths Resulted From Cancer Last Year, An Increase of 5,816 Over Year 1922.

90,732 DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

But Rate Per Thousand Decreased from 97 to 93.6—North Carolina Had Excellent Record.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 20.—Deaths from cancer increased in the United States in 1923, while the fight against tuberculosis made progress.

A total of 86,754 deaths were reported to the Census Bureau as having resulted from cancer last year in a registration area composed of territory containing 87.4 per cent. of the total population. This represented an increase of 5,816 deaths over 1922. The rate per 100,000 population was 89.4 against 86.8 in 1922.

In the same area, tuberculosis caused 90,732 deaths against 90,452, in 1922, but the rate per 100,000 decreased from 97 to 93.6.

The Census Bureau estimated that if the unregistered area maintained the same ratio of deaths, cancer caused 39,000 deaths in 1923, against 35,000 in 1922.

South Carolina had the lowest average, 52.2 per 100,000 for cancer; with New York the highest with 102.6. The deaths from cancer in North Carolina during 1923 were 1220 against 1228 in 1922. South Carolina had 657 deaths from cancer against 670.

Colorado had the highest average for tuberculosis, with 158.6 per 100,000, and Nebraska had the lowest with 34.2. North Carolina had 2367 deaths from tuberculosis in 1923 against 2,716 in 1922. South Carolina had 1,834 against 1891.

R. O. KING HAS LEFT ASSOCIATED PRESS

Has Acquired Interest in Carolina Jeffersonian, Weekly Paper of Raleigh.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 20.—R. O. King, Jr., for the past eight years correspondent for the Associated Press here, has acquired an interest in the Carolina Jeffersonian, a weekly publication of this city, and will assume the duties of managing editor of that paper on January 1st. Mr. King has tendered his resignation to the Associated Press after serving in the organization since 1907.

Ford Pays 16 Per Cent on Investments of Employees

(By the Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 19.—A distribution of \$2,000,000 to 36,000 employees was announced by the Ford Motor company here today when it was stated that Ford investment certificates—available only to employees—would pay 16 per cent interest for the year 1924.

Payment of the interest misses being a Christmas gift by a week. Checks will start going out January 1. Interest on the investment is guaranteed at not less than 6 per cent. The investment certificates payments have replaced cash bonus for Christmas in the Ford plant.

To Investigate Senator King's Charges

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 19.—Action upon the resolution of Senator King, Democrat of Utah, for an inquiry into the status of the American navy, was postponed indefinitely today by the Senate naval committee. After more than two hours' debate in executive session, however, Chairman Hale was instructed to obtain data from the navy department bearing on the charges made by the senator.

Home From China

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Dec. 19.—Early J. Harris, young Salisbury man who has been in China or the past three years representing the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, is at home for a month's vacation.

Extensive limitation of the Danish army and navy to the extent of practical disarmament is proposed in a bill introduced in the Rigsdag by the Danish Minister of Defense. The bill would abolish general enlistment for military service and all soldiers would return to civil life. All forts would be dismantled and the material and land would be used for other government purposes or sold.

Put a piece of mignonette and a rose together in a vase. Within half an hour each will make a perfume "gas attack" upon the other. In the battle of odors both flowers will lose their freshness and scent. Separate them and each will revive at once.

Aerial photography has become so important in recent years that dredging companies and others whose work requires drawings are using photographs taken from the air instead of blue prints and maps.

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.

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