

DRAWING UP LETTER TO BE DISPATCHED TO GERMAN LEADERS

The Allied Council of Ambassadors Agree That the Cologne Area Will Not Be Evacuated Soon.

SOLID FRONT ON THIS QUESTION

Allies Will Not Leave Area So Long as They Believe the Germans Are Arming Themselves.

Paris, Dec. 27. (By the Associated Press.)—The allied council of ambassadors today agreed upon the terms of a letter to Germany announcing that the Cologne area will not be evacuated on January 10th.

The note will be presented by the five allied ambassadors in Berlin simultaneously, it is stated, the allies thus presenting a solid front to Germany.

COLDER WEATHER IS PROMISED TOMORROW

Wave May Only Reach Extreme Western Part of This State Tomorrow, However.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Much colder weather will overpass all sections east of the Mississippi river except the extreme south within the next thirty-six hours, weather bureau officials predicted today, announcing at the same time cold wave warnings for sections as far south as Tennessee, Virginia and extreme western North Carolina.

The northwestern disturbance has moved eastward to the lower St. Lawrence valley, attended by higher temperatures east of the Mississippi, but it is being followed closely by an area of abnormally high pressure and intensely cold weather. Temperatures as low as 34 below zero were reported today from Canadian northwest.

DR. E. W. SIKES NAMED PRESIDENT OF CLEMSON

At Present He Is President of Coker College—Has Accepted New Presidency.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College for Women at Hartsville, has been elected president of Clemson College by the board of trustees, it was officially announced today. He has accepted, according to a statement by former Governor Richard I. Manning, who was authorized to make announcement by Alan Johnstone, of Newberry, president of the board of trustees.

Noted Humorist Charlotte Visitor

Charlotte, Dec. 24.—George Ade, one of the most widely read of American humorists and one of the great school of "Hoosier" literary men who have added to roll of the Indiana's favorite sons, was a Charlotte visitor Monday night, en route for a tour in the South that will include Florida, Cuba, and Texas.

Mr. Ade, accompanied by Mrs. Ade, is making a leisurely automobile trip South and stopped at the Hotel Charlotte Monday night, resuming their trip southward early Tuesday morning. They stopped a while in Durham to visit Mrs. Ade's brother, Ben Bolton, and will visit another brother of hers, John Bolton, in Griffin, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Ade will spend some time along the Texas-Mexican border and will pick up O. O. McIntyre, the humorist writer, who has been visiting in Texas some days. He passed through Charlotte recently stopped off a while in Atlanta.

Barney Haggerty Dead

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 27.—Barney Haggerty, 85 years old, credited with having hauled the first plow into this district on an ox cart in 1874, died yesterday of pneumonia. He came here from Ontario.

FURTHER PROTESTS MADE IN HEARING BEFORE COMMITTEE

Joint Post Office Committee Hears Spokesmen for American Newspaper Publishers Association at Capital.

AGAINST INCREASED RATES FOR PAPERS

Charge That Hasty Consideration by Congress Will Not Be Right, and Full Inquiry By All Is Advised.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Protests against increases in second class mail rates proposed in the administration measure to raise revenue for postal salary increases were presented today to the joint congressional post office committee by spokesmen for the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Renewing their complaint against hasty consideration by Congress of the Post Office Department's cost ascertainment report, on which the rate raises are predicated, the publishers contended that the records of the Department show the indivisibility of raising rates on second class mail matter at this time on the theory that such an advance would produce increase in revenue.

Pointing out that since 1912 second class mail has been the only class on which Congress has increased rates, they contended that these advances increased the revenues of the Department more than 125 per cent, but at the same time resulted in a large decrease in the volume of the mails.

Figures were furnished in an effort to show that the previous increase in second class rates had curtailed the mail circulation of daily newspapers from 15 to 40 per cent. The present proposed increases, representatives of the publishers declare, are more than double the former increases which were spread out over a period of four years. The effect they said, would be irreparable injury both to the publishers and subscribers.

If the advance became effective, they argued, Congress within two years would be obliged to revise the rate downward again, because revenues are increasing sufficiently on the present rate structure to provide for the salary increases within that time.

Meantime, the publishers said, many publications would be forced out of the mails by the increasing rates.

Reiterating their contention that the Post Office department improperly charged second class mail with \$20,000,000 for the rural free delivery service, they declared there was no way to cover the loss of rural delivery except by spreading it over the entire postal service, or else by regarding it as a public policy expenditure. Attention also was directed to figures showing that the post office department has a net annual loss of \$27,000,000 for special services, such as foreign mail, transit, money order, registry, special delivery, insurance, C. O. D., and treasury savings.

MANY CASUALTIES AS POWDER CARGO EXPLODES

Explosion Occurred at Otaru, Japan, and Great Damage Was Wrought.

Tokio, Dec. 27. (By the Associated Press.)—Several hundred casualties were reported when a powder cargo exploded on board a ship in the harbor at Otaru, a little farming settlement south of here, today continued wrecked the 35 victims of the fire which wrecked the community schoolhouse during a Christmas Eve entertainment. Eight bodies were buried yesterday. Plans for burying other victims yesterday, were held up because of the inability to get the graves finished. At least three more victims are expected to recover.

Victims of Fire Being Buried

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To Launch Submarine Today

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 27.—The fleet submarine V-2, the second of a series of seagoing submarines constructed for the United States navy, will be launched today at the Portsmouth navy yard. The V-2 is a sister ship of the V-1, launched here last July. She is 341 feet six inches over all, and displaces 2,164 tons on the surface. Four oil engines provide 6,500 horsepower.

Put Time Limit on Cross Word Puzzlers

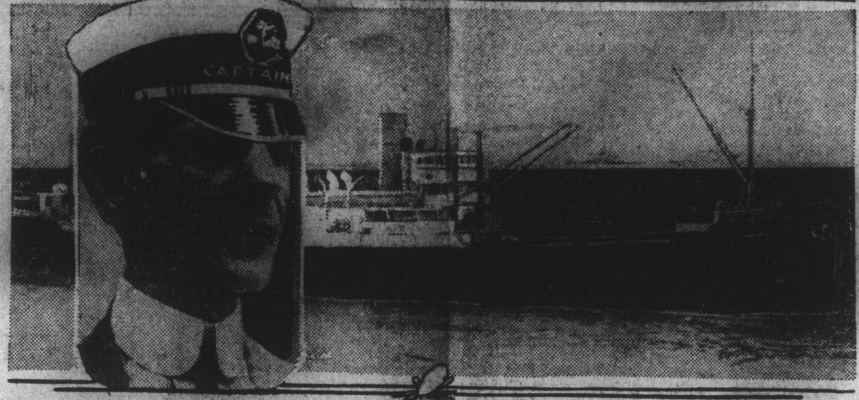
Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—As a result of the abhorrent popularity of dictionaries due to the cross word puzzle craze, the Los Angeles public library has been compelled to set a time limit of five minutes on the use of the dictionary by any one person at one time.

In case of an argument among those in the waiting line, parties to the difference are requested to "please settle differences at the librarian's desk."

Pawnbrokers in England are prohibited from taking in pawn any kinds of firearms or ammunition.

There are about 520 muscles that have to do with the moving of the human body.

Ford, Model Ship Owner, and One of His Boats



Old-time sailors in New Orleans just looked and gasped when they saw Henry Ford's ship Oneida lying at a dock. They'd never seen anything so sleek and shiny in all their lives. Her hull gleamed in shining automobile enamel. Her decks were clean enough to eat from. In her engine room brass and nickel-plate trimming shimmered in the light. And the crew proved another stunner. The men were all clean shaven, with fresh hair cuts and their clothes were of the latest cut. They went up town in taxis and came back the same way—and sober! The lowest paid deckhand was getting \$5 a day. For Henry Ford (in inset) has put Ford ideas of efficiency in his ship-operating venture, too. And he's found it pays.

GUILFORD WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Charred Remains of Mrs. J. M. McMichael Found in Ruins of Home

Greensboro, Dec. 26.—The charred bones of Mrs. J. M. McMichael, of Stokesdale, were found in the ashes of her home there this afternoon. The house was destroyed by fire this morning at about 11 o'clock. Mrs. McMichael, about 50 years old, was last seen about the house last night and when the building went up in flames it was feared she had been burned, as she could not be found. When the ashes grew cold searchers went into the ruins and found the charred remains of her body.

There was left only a small part of the trunk bones, the rest of the body being consumed. Mrs. McMichael was subject to epileptic fits, and it is supposed that she fell into the fire in one of the seizures, and that the blaze from her clothing set the house, a small one, on fire. What was left of the body was found near where the fireplace was. She lived by herself, since the death of her husband, about a year ago.

FOUR KILLED NEAR RICHMOND IN WRECK

Another Probably Fatally Injured Driver Held on Charge of Reckless Driving

Richmond, Va., Dec. 25.—Three persons met death, another was fatally injured and a fifth man slightly hurt when an automobile in which they were riding at 6 o'clock this evening ran over an embankment on the Petersburg, Richmond "rumpike. Ryland Leonard, driver of the car who is suffering from cuts and bruises, is being held on a charge of careless and reckless driving, which was later changed to a charge of involuntary manslaughter and being a fugitive from justice from Chesterfield county. He was later released on bond in the sum of \$1,000. The dead are: Earl Gathright, Bernie Childress, and Herman Cumber all of Richmond.

MRS. FERGUSON IS SEEKING FULL POWER

Wants Court to Certify That She Is Qualified to Make Contracts As Governor

Temple, Texas, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, Governor-elect of Texas, has petitioned the district court of Bell county for removal of all legal disqualifications in making contracts that might arise from her status as a married woman. Friends of the family said the step was taken so that no contract or document she might make while Governor could be attacked as invalid because of the legal disqualifications imposed on married women in Texas.

Christiansia to Resume Ancient Name of Oslo

Christiansia, Dec. 27.—The name Christiansia, which the capital of Norway has borne for 800 years, will be replaced on January 1st by Oslo, the ancient name by which the city was known for 600 years.

Nine hundred years ago King Harold III founded Oslo. Six hundred years later this city on the fjord that winds down to the Skaggerak lay in ashes. King Christian, then ruler of Norway and Denmark, founded a new town across the bay, calling it Christiansia.

The two cities grew up side by side, until today they are one, and on New Year's the ancient designation, Oslo, will be restored.

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Stocks Are Again Active

New York, Dec. 27.—Christmas week closed with a blaze of glory on the New York stock exchange, 53 individual stocks including every copper issue, soaring to new peak prices for the year on sales that ran only by one Saturday since the post-election boom started.

West Pocket Memorandum Books. We want every subscriber of both The Tribune and The Times to have one of our West Pocket Memorandum Books for 1925. Come in and get yours.

Leon Bakst Dies at Paris. Paris, Dec. 27.—Leon N. Bakst, 85 years old, noted Russian painter and designer, died at his home here today.

THE COTTON MARKET

Active Buying for Mill Accounts Party Responsible for Today's Strong Uplift

New York, Dec. 27.—Active buying for mill accounts was party responsible for a strong upturn in the cotton market early today. After opening 8 to 18 points higher, the market advanced to 24.08 for January and 24.41 for March, or 28 to 32 points net higher. The rise was attended by good buying for western, Liverpool and Wall Street accounts, with evidence that cotton was at last beginning to share in the speculative activity which has featured stocks and grains for several weeks. The fact that 172,032 bales were on ship board awaiting clearance at the end of the week suggested a further large export movement before the end of the month. Cold weather prevailing throughout the cotton belt is expected still further to curtail boll weevil.

Opening prices were: January 23.83; March 24.20; May 24.63; July 24.78; October 24.28.

Closed Steady. New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton futures closed very steady. Jan. 24.32 to 24.35; March 24.72 to 24.75; May 25.06 to 25.10; July 25.17 to 25.22; Oct. 24.65.

Weekly Cotton Review

New York, Dec. 27.—Moderate advances in the cotton market this week, especially after the holiday when it was found that the heavy January notices, aggregating 110,000 bales, fears of which had previously disturbed the market, were being promptly shipped. The buying which followed carried most active positions well above the 24 cent level and gave an especially firm tone to the January contract on the idea that big spot houses were evidently impressed with the intrinsic worth of cotton. To some extent, the pronounced strength of stocks and grain, the latter selling at new high records for the movement, had a stimulating effect on cotton prices and there was some buying also for European account late in the week. On the bear side most emphasis seemed to be placed on the continued unsatisfactory developments in cotton goods markets and conditions in the belt calculated to give a line on the next crop acreage. There have been good rains in the central and eastern portions of the belt and cold enough weather to reduce the boll weevil menace. With the exception of Texas, therefore, where moisture has been insufficient, the entire belt appears to be having a favorable winter season and if prices are maintained, beans predict another liberal acreage in the spring unless extraordinarily high prices for grain promote diversification in the southwest at the expense of cotton.

Exports continue to run about a million bales ahead of last year and it is said very little of the cotton is consigned confirming the belief current in bull circles here that Europe is anticipating a good business and in addition to an active consumption is building up its stocks. Further liberal exports are expected for the balance of this month, but many expect that the movement may fall off somewhat in January as there are fewer January commitments reported in the south.

National Junior Order Orphans' Home

High Point, Dec. 24.—Architects of this city are working on the final order for five of the buildings to be erected at Lexington as the National Junior Order Orphans' Home, it has been announced here. The National Council of the Junior O. U. A. M. and the North Carolina State Department of that fraternity are co-operating in the erection of the home.

The first payment by the North Carolina department to the funds for the home was made some weeks ago. It was said, and other funds are expected from this state soon.

Stills Searching For Dead Bodies

Saltillo, Va., Dec. 27.—With fourteen bodies now recovered, search of the muck line deposit along the Holston River valley near here was continued today to account for eight persons still missing, after the disastrous dam break of Christmas eve.

More than 200 men kept up the search today while Saltillo completed plans for burial of the dead.

RHINELANDER'S WIFE IS GIVEN \$300 PER MONTH

While Divorce Suit of Husband is Pending—Also Gets Attorney Fees.

Nyack, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Supreme Court Justice Tompkins today awarded \$300 a month temporary alimony to Alice Jones Rhineland, pending trial of the annulment suit brought by her husband, Leonard Kiy Rhineland, after their marriage last October.

Rhineland, who is wealthy in his own right, and also is a prospective heir to millions, charges that his wife is part negro, and that she fraudulently represented herself at white when they were married.

The woman also was awarded \$3,000 counsel fees.

JURY IN KID MCGOY CASE IS DEADLOCKED

Failed to Reach Verdict Friday Night, and Was Ordered to Renew Deliberations.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—The jury in the trial of Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, for the murder of Mrs. Theresa Moran last August returned to its deliberations today after failure to agree last night. One of its nine women members was ill from a severe cold.

The jury prior to being locked up for the night, reported it stood six to six. Court attaches today voiced his opinion that a permanent deadlock has been reached.

Dr. Plato Durham to Speak at Gastonia. Gastonia, Dec. 27.—Dr. Plato Durham, a native of North Carolina and now of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., will be the principal speaker at the meeting to be held here on Tuesday, December 30th, of the Gaston County Association of the Trinity College alumni, it has been announced. He will discuss the recent endowment gift of James B. Duke to the college. At the same time the county association of the alumni of the University of North Carolina will be holding its meeting in this city also. All the college and high school boys of the county have been invited to attend both meetings.

DOCTOR TAKES STEEL SPIKE FROM HEART; PATIENT IS ALIVE

Spike Was Lodged in Heart by Crude Cannon, Which Was Made From Pipe and Loaded With Powder.

HEART SNATCHED FROM THE BODY

And After Spike Was Removed by Pressure of Physician's Hand, It Was Put Back in Body Unhurt.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Max Peck was alive today after surgeons had extracted a bullet from his heart, that fact strangely being hardly less remarkable, his friends said, than the manner of acquiring the missile.

Lonely in a lodging house on Christmas eve, Peck decided to end his life. Having no weapon, he constructed a cannon out of a piece of lead pipe, rammed down a charge of powder, and for a bullet used a piece of steel spike. He placed it on a table, pointed it at his heart, and exploded the charge with a red hot wire.

Other inmates of the house reported to the police that Peck had merely blistered his chest, but an X-ray examination revealed the steel spike in the left ventricle of the heart.

Dr. Carl Meyer opened a flap in Peck's chest, cut through the sac around the heart, stilled its beating by grasping it in his hand, and the pressure forced out the spike bullet. The heart then was relaxed into position and resumed beating.

WILLIAM D. SHEPPARD ARRIVES AT CHICAGO

Will Seek Public Exoneration From the Publicity Directed Against Him.

Chicago, Dec. 27. (By the Associated Press.)—Wm. D. Sheppard arrived in Chicago today from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to project himself into the investigation of the death of his foster son, Wm. N. McClintock, the "millionaire orphan." He declared he would seek public exoneration from the publicity which has been directed against him.

"I have come voluntarily from Albuquerque," said Mr. Sheppard, "to answer questions as may be asked me, and also to ask some questions myself. I will seek a public exoneration as widespread as the publicity given the accusation against me."

With Our Advertisers.

Let Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. clean your children's school clothes. Phone 287 and somebody will come a-runnin'.

Beginning today and continuing through January 3, Efrid's big Pre-Inventory Sale will be on. Great reductions on everything.

Send New Year's greeting cards to your friends. The Musette has them. Hoover's has the goods for the raw winter weather.

Let Howard's Filling Station oil your crank cases and bearings. Ivey's is equipped to give you shoe comfort always.

Parker's Shoe Store want to save you money on your shoe bill for 1925. If you are in a hurry the Ritchie Hardware Co., is ready to meet your needs.

Your credit is good at the Concord Furniture Co.'s store. All Christmas toys and novelties at Parks-Belk Co.'s are being cleaned out at a low price. On all other merchandise you can get low prices before stock taking.

The weather is right for that overcoat and the prices are right at W. A. Overcash's. The Mascot range sold here by H. B. Wilkinson's allows the heat to go all around the oven.

The best quality of dry cleaning and tailoring at M. R. Pounds. You will find a full line of Star Brand shoes for the whole family at Richmond-Flores Co.'s.

H. B. Troutman, the Barbriek street grocer, wishes all his patrons a happy New Year. Royalty cake of all kinds at the Concord Bakery. Phone 293 or 277. "Savings that Multiply"—read the new ad of the J. C. Penny Co.

COLD WAVE HEADED AT PRESENT INTO MIDDLE WEST

Cold Wave Will Be Third of Series That Has Rushed Into the Middle Western States Recently.

HALLECK, NEVADA, IS COLDEST TOWN

Thermometer there Registered 60 Degrees Below Zero Friday Night.—Railroads Feel Effects of New Storm.

Chicago, Dec. 27. (By the Associated Press.)—Another cold wave, the third of the series, was driving from western Canada into the Rocky Mountain States today with forecasts that it would spread zero and under zero temperatures into the middle west by tonight.

The middle west had just breathed a sigh of relief as thermometer figures got into couple figures above zero as the cold wave of the last few days drove eastward with diminished energy when the reports of the renewed onslaught were received.

Seventeen deaths followed in the wake of Christmas cold, four being in Illinois, three in Ohio, three in Colorado, two in Oregon and one each in California, Texas, Utah, Montana and New Jersey.

Nevada continued to lay claim to the United States cold record, with Halleck reporting 60 degrees below zero last night, and Death 50. Railroad traffic in Montana was the first to feel the effects of the fresh bit of winter. The Great Northern's mainline was blocked at Glacier Park by snow drifts.

INTEREST OF PUBLIC MUST BE PROTECTED

This Is Chief Point Brought Out in the Latest Decision by the Railroad Labor Board.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The power of employees or of railroads to default themselves out of court may be granted, but they cannot default the public, the other party in interest in wage and working disputes, it was argued by the railroad labor board in a brief submitted today in the E. S. District Court here.

The brief was in connection with a suit of the board against J. McGuire, who refused to appear before the board to testify in a wage dispute between the brotherhood of locomotive engineers and firemen and the conference committee of managers of western railroads.

The public, the brief states, has an interest because an increase of rates of pay may be reflected in a demand for increased rates for carriages which it would pay. It also has an interest in the rules governing working conditions and hours of labor, aside from mere social aspect, since the rules may be unnecessarily burdensome, causing unnecessary expenses and so sustaining rates of carriage at unnecessarily high levels, the brief argues.

Wilson Fund Award

New York, Dec. 27.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor tomorrow night the formal presentation of the \$25,000 Woodrow Wilson peace award will be made to the winner, Viscount Cecil, the English statesman. The award will be the first made by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, which was founded a year ago to carry on those ideals and principles for which Woodrow Wilson gave his life.

Viscount Cecil was selected, by a jury headed by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, as the most meritorious services of a public character looking toward the establishment of peace through justice, and who had done most to give effect to the ideals and the great plan for world peace to which Mr. Wilson gave so much thought and effort.

Viscount Cecil, the recipient of the award, is the third son of the late Marquis of Salisbury, the eminent British statesman and premier. After receiving his education at Eton and Oxford he began his career in parliament in 1906.

During the war he served first as assistant secretary for foreign affairs and later as minister of blockade. Last year he was the official representative of the British Empire in the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva.

Not Meant to Start Controversy

Washington, Dec. 24.—An inclination in some quarters to make a diplomatic incident out of yesterday's White House comment on the French debt, led to a White House statement today disclaiming any intention of starting a controversy.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Mostly cloudy tonight, colder in the extreme west portion; Sunday generally fair and colder, cold wave in extreme west portion.

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