

CONGRESS AT WORK AGAIN AFTER REST OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Thoughts Put Behind as Tasks Which Confront Members Are Again Given Attention.

MUSCLE SHOALS UP IN SENATE

Postal Salary Question Is Expected to Come Before the Senate Soon.—Other Matters Also Will Come Up.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—Congress after a week's recess, put Christmas thoughts behind today to buckle down to legislative tasks that promised to keep it in high gear from now until adjournment March 4th.

The Senate still faced an unanswered problem in Muscle Shoals which holds the right of way with the House remaining work on appropriation bills. Three of the dozen supply measures already have been counted off, and sent to the Senate to leave the Treasury-Post Office bill next in line for House action. Its passage there this week will clear the way for the army supply bill.

In the office of the Senate program is the calling up of the President's veto of the postal salary increase bill by unanimous consent for a vote on Tuesday, January 6th. Meanwhile hearings on the administration postal rate increase bill which leaders hope to have ready for the Senate by that date will continue before the joint committee.

Although the Senate has yet to take up any of the appropriation bills sent from the House, their consideration in committee has begun, and leaders believe by speedy action the Senate can catch up during the less than two weeks remaining in the session.

The Senate also is pledged to take action before the window of the session on the Isle of Pines treaty. In the House leaders plan to dispose next month of the McFadden banking bill, and perhaps the river and harbors bill along with appropriation bills which will continue to have priority.

Wants Another Inquiry Washington, Dec. 29.—The Federal Trade Commission would be directed to investigate an alleged power trust under a resolution introduced in the Senate today by Chairman Norris, of the Agriculture Committee.

The Nebraska Senator's proposal was incidental to the bitter congressional fight over Muscle Shoals, during which it has been charged on the Senate floor that a combination of power interests was seeking to dictate the government's final decision. Senator Norris has been active in opposing the Underwood bill for government ownership of the Muscle Shoals property with a provision for its lease to private concerns.

Mr. Norris asked for immediate consideration of his resolution but Senator Edge, republican, of New Jersey, objected and it went over for one day under the rules.

HEAVY DAMAGE BY FIRE IN TEXAS TOWN

Believed Fire Which Destroyed Nine Business Buildings Was Started by Robbers. (By the Associated Press.) Denison, Texas, Dec. 29.—Fire believed to have been started by robbers destroyed nine business buildings at Pottsboro, eight miles west of here early today with an estimated loss of about \$150,000. Overturned safes in some of the burned structures indicated they had been looted.

The robbery and fire resembles the work of men who recently looted banks and branch houses at Valley View and Paradise, Texas. In each instance the business sections of the little towns were went afire late at night after safes had been blown. Property loss from fire was much greater than the valuables stolen.

Lowell Man Fatally Burned.

(By the Associated Press.) Gastonia, Dec. 29.—Chas. Johnston, 48 years old, was fatally burned and three residences were destroyed by a fire at Lowell yesterday. Johnston was burned when his clothing caught fire as he tried to extinguish a blaze in his home. He died several hours later in a hospital. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

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Seeks Oil



It's against the law to drill an oil well on a little tract of ground like Mrs. F. J. Patterson's town lot at Wortham, Tex. But she's doing it. When big oil companies leased land all around the aged widow's tiny homestead, folk said they were trying to "squeeze her out." So Mrs. Patterson begged an opportunity to seek oil on her property. She told the railroad commission of her 30-year struggle to give her only sane proper medical attention. And the commission had a heart.

GRIFFIN HAS BLOOD IN HIS EYE FOR KADISON

May Seek Legal Redress in Connection With Story of "Inheritance." Danville, Va., Dec. 28.—Hone again burned brightly in the breast of Emmett Lemuel Griffin today for the million dollar estate "in or near Washington" when he learned through the newspapers that M. Askins at Richmond, had uttered a complete disavowal of the story printed on Saturday in which he was represented as saying that the Floras estate was a hoax and merely a means of collecting a debt.

The furniture factory worker, who has never conceded loss of the somewhat elusive estate, feels now that his position is stronger than it was yesterday afternoon, but he is now determined to get to the bottom of the conflicting stories and intends to consult an attorney tomorrow. It would be useless to disguise the fact that he has blood in his eye for E. T. Kadison, who he says, is responsible for the past three weeks and he is bent on securing some sort of legal redress if he can obtain it.

He has an idea that a criminal prosecution might be instituted on the score of using the mails to defraud but this is simply a suggestion made to him. He has no legal advice on the matter thus far. In the meantime he will resume work in the furniture factory tomorrow with his hopes fixed on January 28th the date on which, he says, he has been told he will receive the estate.

E. T. Kadison Denies Any Connection With the Story.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—Stories of his connection with the alleged inheritance by Emmett L. Griffin, Danville, factory hand, of \$1,000,000 were emphatically denied today by E. T. Kadison, of Richmond, who has been mentioned as "administrator" of the Floras estate under a 20-year-old Washington will. Returning today from Roanoke, Mr. Kadison characterized the stories as "a lot of bunk."

The 20-year-old will in question would have had him an administrator at the age of six, he told an interviewer today, in connection with the denial of the story to the effect that the story of the legacy was concocted in an effort to locate Griffin and collect a bill. Mr. Kadison is quoted in a local paper as saying, however, that he had been in communication with Griffin in connection with a debt of \$75,488. In a Danville story Griffin is said to admit owing about half the amount specified. All his dealings with Griffin have been purely business, Kadison said today.

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TRINITY TRUSTEES VOTE UNANIMOUSLY FOR DUKE PROPOSAL

Took Trustees Only Short Time to Cast Votes Which Will Change Trinity to Duke University.

ENTIRE BOARD CAST ITS BALLOT

Name Will Be Changed As Soon As All Law Requirements Can Be Complied With.

Durham, Dec. 29. (By the Associated Press.)—The Board of Trustees of Trinity College meeting here today, voted unanimously to change the name to Duke University.

By changing the name the trustees accepted the terms of the \$40,000,000 trust fund established by James B. Duke, power and tobacco magnate, under which the new university will receive not to exceed \$6,000,000 for building purposes and 32 per cent. of the income of the trust fund.

The new name is a memorial to Mr. Duke, father, Washington Duke, who was a benefactor of the college, and whose sons have made large contributions to its upbuilding and endowment. Every member of the board voted by proxy or in person, and the board adjourned at 1 o'clock after a brief announcement that the official statement would be issued this afternoon. It was said that the name of the college would be changed as soon as legal requirements can be complied with.

It is specifically stated in the resolution adopted that the name of Trinity College shall be perpetuated by the maintaining of a college within the new university to be known as Trinity College.

TIME TO RETRENCH SAYS J. G. DAWSON

Former Speaker Says Economy Will Be to Interest of State at Present.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—Expressing the belief that the incoming General Assembly "would be a conservative body" and counseling that the State take its bearings and "hold fast" in the "good things it has already," John G. Dawson, State Democratic chairman, issued a statement here this afternoon touching on the report of the budget commission and the requests made of the General Assembly by the various institutions and departments.

Mr. Dawson expressed the belief that a policy of economy would be to the interests of North Carolina at the present time. Speaking of the entire state he said, "Its growth is built upon firm foundation, but a rapidly increasing tax burden might become too heavy for the shoulders of the taxpayers."

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Following is the text of Mr. Dawson's statement: "The approaching General Assembly will be a conservative body, no doubt. It will prove equal to the requirements of the conditions and of the times."

"The State's interests will in every way be fully protected and promoted, of course; yet the assembly membership will see the necessity of economy, I know. This necessity is very generally recognized throughout the state. Governor Morrison has upon several occasions recently given expression to such views, and Governor McLeary has long been known to entertain such a feeling. No one expects or wishes the State institutions to be crippled. They should be cared for in reasonable ways and the State's growth should continue. But it is necessary now for the State to take its bearings and hold fast to the good things it has already. Following an era of great expansion this course is only the part of wisdom in public as well as in private business."

"North Carolina's record of development during the past four years stands without parallel among all the states of the union. Its growth is built upon firm foundations, but a rapidly increasing tax burden might become too heavy for the shoulders of the taxpayers. They are satisfied with the present conditions and are happy in the consciousness that there is a superior state, but progress could be too rapid and could go too far for a safe retrenchment. The incoming governor and the assembly membership may be relied upon not to overlook these all-important things."

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Learning Table Manners



This baby is being raised on concrete. That is, he is being taught to eat from the concrete floor of his home in the Memphis (Tenn.) Zoo. The infant is the fifth to bless the union of "Venus" and "Adonis." Venus is the big hippopotamus in the picture.

WACHOVIA HEAD BRANDS CHARGES

Say There is no Foundation Whatever For Ashly Charges. Winston-Salem, Dec. 27.—F. H. Fries, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, this city, today issued the following statement, in connection with newspaper reports that W. L. Ashly, of Patrick county, Va., a reputed stockholder of Bailey Brothers, Inc., bankrupt, had brought suit against the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and others, charging conspiracy against Bailey Brothers, Inc.:

"I have read the newspaper reports of a complaint said to have been filed in the Federal Court at Greensboro, and have also seen the statement of W. N. Reynolds, chairman of the Board of Directors of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, denying the allegations made concerning that company."

"I desire also to state that no legal process has been served on the trust company and that the only knowledge we have are the accusations appearing in the newspaper reports."

"There is no foundation whatever for the accusations made against the Wachovia or its officers, and will we will at once seek a speedy hearing of the case if one is brought, so that the fairness and absurdity of the contentions reported may be heard in court and decided."

MRS. FANNIE G. PURDY DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Either Fell or Leaped From Window of Hospital Where She Was a Patient. (By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Fannie G. Purdy, 34, said to be a daughter of U. S. Grant, San Diego capitalist, and a granddaughter of General Ulysses S. Grant, former President of the United States, either fell or leaped to her death yesterday from the sixth floor of a hospital here where she was a patient. Death was instantaneous, hospital officials said.

Mrs. Purdy had been ill and despondent for some time, and three days ago was removed to the hospital. Although closely guarded, hospital attaches said that Mrs. Purdy, who had her nurse, and running down the corridor, jumped or fell from a window.

Mrs. Purdy was married to Isaac Hart Purdy in Adrian, Michigan, in October, 1911. The couple resided for a time in Purdy, N. Y., where the father of the bridegroom, Thomas Purdy, owns large estates.

Acquaintances here said that the couple had been divorced for some time. One boy, eleven years old, is in San Diego.

INDUSTRIAL STOCKS ON BULL JAMBOREE TODAY

Three Dozen Issues Lifted to New Peak Prices For Year During Early Trading Today. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—Industrial stocks went on a bull jamboree at the opening of today's stock market which marked the beginning of the ninth week of the post-election boom. Three dozen issues were lifted to new peak prices for the year during the first hour under the leadership of the United States Steel common, which touched 121, the highest price in seven years.

Lowering of the renewal rate on call money to 4 per cent., establishment of the highest price in five years by Sterling exchange, and the unexpected post-holiday demand for stocks last week, and the encouraging tenor of the weekly mercantile and trade reviews brought a flood of buying orders into the market from all sections of the country. Total sales in the first hour exceeded one-half million shares.

Twenty-One Death From Cold.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Twenty-one deaths have followed in the wake of the Christmas cold, a check-up today indicated. Four lives were lost in Illinois, three in Ohio, three in Colorado, two in Oregon, one each in California, Texas, Utah and New Jersey and five in villages surrounding East St. Louis, in fires started by overheated stoves.

As the sun slinks to the horizon, its rays strike us on the slant shining through myriads of particles of dust and water vapor, breaking them into their component parts and coloring them. This makes for sunsets of brilliant coloring.

The repeal of the Esch-Cummins law will be requested of Congress by the National farm labor union.

FORMALLY PLANT FIRST MEMORIAL TREE TO WILSON

North Carolina Long Leaf Pine Planted on Grounds of Great Cathedral. Washington, Dec. 28.—The first memorial tree planted in honor of the memory of Woodrow Wilson was placed this afternoon on the grounds of the National Cathedral, within whose Chapel of the cathedral, within whose walls rest the remains of the great War President. Most fittingly the tribute of this memorial tree planting was paid by North Carolina long leaf tree itself a North Carolina long leaf pine, about it being placed earth from the campus of Davidson College, where Woodrow Wilson was once a student.

The simple but impressive ceremonies of the memorial tree planting were attended by a goodly number of North Carolinians despite the fact that the weather was bitterly cold. These exercises were planned and arranged by Mrs. Charles Fisher Taylor, formerly of Goldsboro, for a number of years a resident here, a devoted admirer of Woodrow Wilson, who is now actively engaged in having a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship established at Davidson College scattered soil from its campus about the tree when it was presented to the National Cathedral.

Edward E. Britton, of Raleigh, was the master of ceremonies for the event, and following his introduction of Chaplain E. W. Scott, of the United States navy, who gave the invocation, Mr. Britton delivered a brief eulogy of the life and services of Woodrow Wilson, and read a number of letters from prominent men paying tribute to the memory of the late President. Among the writers of these letters were Dr. William J. Martin, president of Davidson College; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, who recent memorial address on Woodrow Wilson before a joint session of Congress has evoked expressions of admiration from all parts of the country; and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee University. At the close of his remarks Mr. Britton presented Congressman Charles L. Abernethy, of the Third North Carolina District, who delivered the address of the afternoon and formally presented the North Carolina long leaf pine tree to the National Cathedral, while Miss Margate Bon, daughter of Congressman Edward W. Bon, of the Fourth North Carolina District, color bearer for the exercises, waved the Stars and Stripes, Mrs. Taylor using the North Carolina State flag.

MCCOY JURY IS STILL UNABLE TO AGREE

Has Been Deliberating for Several Days, But Seems Hopelessly Deadlocked. (By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—The jury of nine women and three men which since last Friday has been deliberating the case of Kid McCoy, former pugilist, charged with the murder here last August of Mrs. Theresa Moss, spent its third night under lock and key at a hotel after the foreman reported to the court that the jurors stood 10 to 2. There was no statement as to the division.

Judge Crail said he would decide when they were brought back into court today whether to dismiss them, or request another brief effort to reach a verdict.

Corinth, Miss., Has Disastrous Blaze.

Corinth, Miss., Dec. 28.—An entire business block on the side of the court-house square, was destroyed by fire today. Early estimates of the damage was placed at approximately \$1,500,000. Over 30 stores were destroyed by the fire, which, threatened for a time to wipe out the entire business district. After a fight of over six hours in bitter cold weather the fire department succeeded in confining the blaze to the single block.

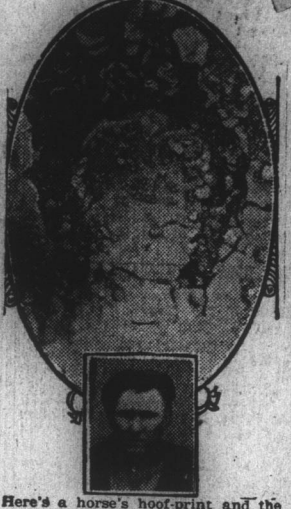
Among the buildings destroyed were the postoffice, Droke's jewelry store, the old opera house, the Cofin Bank and Trust company, G. W. McCulley's store and the Ford museum.

Noted Epic Poet Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—Carl Frederick Spitteler, veteran epic poet and essayist of Switzerland, died today in his 80th year, at his home in Lucerne. His long and brilliant literary career was crowned in 1919 by the award of the Nobel prize for literature for that year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Whitlock, and two children, of Mt. Airy, spent the week-end in the city as guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Batte.

Fatal Print?



Here's a horse's hoof-print and the men it may send to the gallows. The print was found on the road leading from the home of Warren A. Libby, 14-year-old Pueblo (Col.) rancher, who was murdered with an ax for the sake of his flock of 150 white chickens. The print is said to be the same as that of the horse owned by L. W. Smith, alleged convict, shown above. Smith is charged with the killing.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Continued Strength Early Today Owing to Renewal of Buying. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—The cotton market showed continued strength early today owing to a renewal of buying which was evidently encouraged by reports of a better demand for cotton and a firm spot situation in the South.

Liverpool did not fully meet the recent advance in American markets, but this was attributed to the advance in Sterling and the local market opened firm at an advance of 11 to 35 points. May contracts sold up to 25.50, or 44 points net higher, and while this price attracted considerable realizing, the market held within 10 or 12 points of the best at the end of the first hour.

Western buying was one of the early features of trading, and was supposed to be based partly on the theory that high grain prices would operate against any further increase in cotton acreage.

The opening prices were: Jan. 24.48; March, 24.00 to 25.15; May, 25.40 to 25.50; July, 25.40 to 25.50; Oct. 24.88 to 24.75.

HONORS FOR ARMEN WHO CIRCLED GLOBE

Government to Give Recognition in a Substantial Way to the Armen. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Secretary Weeks today approved a plan for reward of the army world fliers, which could advance Captain Lowell H. Smith 1,000 files on the promotion list and Lieutenant Wade, Nelson and Arnold, 500 files each.

Sergeants Henry H. Orden and John Harding, who hold reserve corps commissions as second lieutenants, would be appointed officers in the regular army in their reserve corps grades.

All members of the flight squadron would receive distinguished service medals and would be permitted to accept decorations offered by foreign governments. The plan was drawn up at the war department at the request of President Coolidge to whom it was submitted today by the war secretary.

With Our Advertisers.

A pocketbook advantage makes this week the time for thrifty action. See the new ad. of Browns-Cannon Co.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. wishes everybody a happy new year. The Parks-Bell Co. is offering specials for the cold weather—sweaters, gloves and overcoats. See new ad. today for prices.

Edrid's great Pre-Inventory Sale is now on. Big reductions are made for all this week, through Saturday, January 3rd. The cut in prices ranges from 25 to 50 per cent. See full page ad. today for particulars.

Hessal Cherry Bark Cough Syrup at Gibson Drug Store. Hollins Sweet Briar Dance Tuesday afternoon two to six o'clock. Music will be furnished by Mark Goff's eleven-piece orchestra.

New Year's Greeting Cards at Cline's Pharmacy. Big reductions in the gift department of the Concord Furniture Co. Go and see what they have.

The Star Theater has an excellent program for this week. See the features to be offered in new ad. today. Fresh creamery-butter at all times—made from Cabarrus county cream. In one pound and one-fourth pound prints, and sold by the Cabarrus Creamery Co. The year 1924 is dying. As you think over the days that have slipped away, are you satisfied? See ad. of Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

Much Typhoid in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—Thirty new cases of typhoid were reported to the health department during the last 24 hours, the department announced tonight. This compares with 16 cases reported during the preceding 48 hours. Notwithstanding the increase there is no epidemic of typhoid. Health Commissioner Dr. Frank J. Monaghan said.

CITY TAXES.

Effective January 1st an additional penalty on City Taxes. You have only a few days left to pay until the January penalty will be added. CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector, 27-4t-chg.

SOME RELIEF FROM COLD WEATHER NOW PROMISED TOMORROW

For Most Part of Country, and Especially the Middle West, Rising Temperatures Are Promised Tomorrow.

MODERN RECORDS ARE ESTABLISHED

In Some Sections Weather Has Been Coldest in 25 Years—Many Deaths Resulted From the Cold.

Chicago, Dec. 29 (By the Associated Press.)—Gradual relaxation from the frigid weather which tumbled temperatures to low records for 25 years over much of the country, was forecast for today and tomorrow, although from the Rocky Mountains eastward winter retained a strong grip.

After receding to 13 below zero, the second lowest in a quarter of a century, the thermometer at Chicago had climbed to five above early today, that being indicative of the changes over the zero-swept area.

Fair weather almost generally east of the Mississippi was forecast for today with the steadily rising temperatures to bring snow in northern section, rain or snow in the middle, and rain in the southern sections tomorrow, however. In the Rocky Mountain section moderation was noticed as early as last night. Montana, which suffered a protracted period of sub-zero temperatures while most of the rest of the country was undergoing three distinct onslaughts, reported thermometer readings of 10 to 25 above zero over the state, with considerable snowfall. Higher temperatures also brought relief to the Pacific coast.

A dozen deaths were added to the toll of lives, six in Chicago, three in Portland, Oregon, and one each in Tacoma, Wash., Reno, Nev., and Indianapolis, Ind.

Humboldt, Mich., a high spot in the northern peninsula had the doubtful honor of reporting the lowest temperature in the United States yesterday, 56 below zero. Other central western state contingents to Michigan flew, however, being trailed by New England, of which Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire reported thermometer readings generally of eight to 20 below. In Illinois, Harrisburg, with 11 below zero, had its coldest weather in 27 years, Bloomington with minus 20 its coldest in 25 years, and Peoria reported 24 below.

In Lake Michigan, the steamer Wisconsin, carrying 60 passengers, was caught in the ice off Holland, Mich., while the car ferry Perry, Marquette 19, with 42 passengers, was aground off Grand Haven.

THE PROPOSED SPENCER UNDERPASS CONSIDERED

All Members of Corporation Commission Meet in Salisbury to Study Question. Salisbury, Dec. 29.—The corporation commission with all members present, held a hearing in the matter of an underpass between Spencer and East Spencer here today. The Southern Railway through officials, offered a suggestion to build an overpass 1,000 feet farther out than the point suggested for the underpass, as a point for discussion and perhaps compromise. The Commission indicated that it had no power to enter into anything by way of suggestions or compromise, but must act under the law locating the underpass and fixing the time for its construction, intimating that this would be done after the Commission returned to Raleigh.

Building Records Are Broken at Charlotte.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—All previous records for building operations in Charlotte have been smashed this year, according to compilation prepared by the city building inspector.

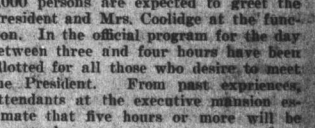
To date 819 building permits have been issued this year for structures aggregating \$6,652,433 which is \$1,357,093 in excess of the total value of building work started here last year.

Among the larger building erected here this year were the Ford Motor company's plant on Statesville avenue, erected at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000, a group of municipal buildings costing approximately \$500,000, a number of business and office structures.

White House New Year Reception.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Plans are practically complete for the New Year's reception at the White House. Some 8,000 persons are expected to greet the President and Mrs. Coolidge at the function. In the official program for the day between three and four hours have been allotted for all those who desire to meet the President. From past experience, attendants at the executive mansion estimate that five hours or more will be consumed.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Rain in extreme east, and rain, sleet or snow in west and central portions tonight and Tuesday, warmer tonight.

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