

HEAVY SEAS DELAY SHIPS WHICH WERE CAUGHT FROM PORT

Several Large Liners Have Been Held up by the Gales, Snow and Heavy Seas in the Atlantic.

FRENCH VESSELS ALSO FEEL STORM

Boats Have Been Unable to Leave Ports There, and Several Vessels Have Been in Trouble.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 3.—Four ocean liners were overdue today, and ocean traffic was rendered a peril for craft of all sizes by the gales, snow and heavy seas which prevailed in the Atlantic.

The White Star liner Adriatic is not expected before Tuesday. The steamer Assyria is already six days late, and it is expected to make port tonight or tomorrow.

The Mount Clay, out of Hamburg, is two days late, and the French liner Paris will be about a day late.

The storm caused postponement of the departure of the United States ship Arkansas and ten destroyers on the first leg of their cruise to Southern waters for winter maneuvers.

Four steamers beside the Mohawk, which burned yesterday, were reported in trouble during the past twenty-four hours.

Storm Over France Continues. Paris, Jan. 3.—The storm which swept Paris and northern France yesterday continued during the night, the velocity of the wind reaching about sixty-two miles an hour.

Boats from Havre for various ports were unable to sail. All fishing boats were forced to return to port.

Cherbourg's lower quarters were flooded, due to the heavy rains. No ships sailed from Cherbourg.

PHI GAMMA DELTA IS TO HAVE CHAPTER AT CAROLINA

Decision to Enter Greek Letter Fraternity Field in State Reached at Richmond Meeting.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Jan. 3.—Phi Gamma Delta voted today to re-enter the Greek letter fraternity field at the University of North Carolina. A decision was reached on the floor of the annual meeting of the order after a two-hour discussion.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The special coins designed to commemorate the commencement of work on the Stone Mountain (Georgia) Memorial, will be ready for distribution before the end of January, according to information received today by Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, from the director of the mint.

Rebels Against King. Vicente Blasco Ibañez, the author, has spent \$15,000 out of his own pocket to bombard his native country, Spain, with pamphlets denouncing King Alfonso and the military of Primo de Rivera that rules the country, and he has announced that he will keep up the fight until he goes broke.

Belk Store Employees Have Get-Together Meet. Charlotte, Jan. 2.—About 300 people of Belk Brothers department store participated in a get-together new year meeting Thursday with an address by Rev. William Black, widely known Presbyterian evangelist of North Carolina, as the principal speaker.

COLLECTIONS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Amount in 1924 Rose to \$3,391,074.82, a Gain of \$641,007.01.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Collections made by the North Carolina department of revenue during the year 1924 rose to \$3,391,074.82 which is a gain of \$641,007.01 over the collections for 1923 which were \$2,750,067.73, the total collections for the two years being \$6,141,142.55, according to the biennial report of collections of the State Commissioner of Revenue, Rufus A. Doughton, made public here today.

In both 1923 and 1924 the greatest amount collected was in the month of March, the reports shows, the former year there being \$2,696,482.76 collected during that month while in the latter, the collection was \$3,445,064.06. January of both years recorded the smallest collections.

An evidence of the increased efficiency and punctuality with which collections were made is shown in the table giving the collections during each month of the first quarter of 1924 to be greater than those of each month, respectively, of the first quarter of 1923. The total collections for the first quarter of 1924 were \$3,719,965.72 and for the same period of 1923 they were \$2,770,280.47.

However, the last quarter of each year ranked second. In 1923 the collections during the last quarter were \$1,332,325.88 and that of the same period in 1924 they were \$1,275,000.40.

Increases, according to the statement, were made in all sources of revenue, including the interest on bank deposits balance of the department which rose from \$7,712.50 in 1923 to \$9,167.47 in 1924 or a gain of \$1,454.97.

The greatest source of revenue was from the income taxes, the report shows, which records collections from this source of \$3,975,444.68 in 1923 and \$4,276,336.74 in 1924, making a gain of \$300,892.06 for the latter year.

Franchise taxes ranked second with revenue of \$938,388.75 in 1923 and \$1,064,107.46 in 1924 or a gain of \$125,718.71 over the previous year.

Licenses taxes brought in a revenue of \$418,029 during 1923 and \$535,967.74 during 1924, the report shows, which is an increase of \$117,938.74 in this class of collections for 1924 over 1923.

A gain of \$94,942.62 in collections from inheritance taxes during 1924 over 1923 is also shown, these collections being in the former year \$305,435.42 and in the latter year \$400,378.04.

During January, February, March and April of 1923 the license taxes were not handled by the revenue department and are not included in these figures up to May, 1923. During the months of January, February, March, April, May and June of 1923 the franchise taxes were not collected by the revenue department and are not included in these figures up to July, 1923.

Spencer Man Badly Injured in Accident. Salisbury, Jan. 2.—Bill Thomas, son of J. L. Thomas, well known in Spencer, is in a desperate condition tonight as the result of an automobile he was driving colliding with a delivery wagon of W. P. Young, merchant, driven by Walter Wyatt, colored, here at noon today. Besides other injuries young Thomas suffered a fractured skull. An operation was performed at a Salisbury hospital this afternoon when a part of his skull was removed with a hope of saving his life. He was badly cut in the head. He is still unconscious. The horse was badly cut up and the automobile smashed.

Belgium Removes Speed Limit. (By the Associated Press.) Brussels, Jan. 3.—New Belgian road traffic regulations which go into effect in February provide that a speed limit will no longer apply to motor-cars. Motorists merely must avoid driving in any fashion which may endanger the public, and pedestrians must get out of the way and allow cars to pass.

To Represent United States. Washington, Jan. 3.—Ambassadors Frank Kellogg of London, and Myron T. Herrick at Paris, with Col. James A. Logan, will represent the United States government at the allied finance ministers meeting to convene in Paris next Wednesday.

Will Form No Opinion Now. Washington, Jan. 3.—The Associated Press—Manifestly puzzled by the flood of contradictory reports which have emanated from Paris during the last 24 hours, administration officials concerned in the war debt discussions with France determined today to form no opinion regarding latest development in the French capital until they had received a full official report from Ambassador Herrick.

Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks Decreases. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 3.—The aggregate earnings of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks were only \$3,700,000 in the calendar year 1924, a reduction of \$9,000,000 from the net earnings of 1923.

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NINE PERSONS ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN MONTREAL FIRES

Eight of the Victims Were Children and They Were Caught by Fire in Three Separate Dwellings.

FIRE SPREAD TOO FAST FOR VICTIMS

Most of Them Were Trapped in Beds and Could Not Find Way to Get From Their Rooms.

(By the Associated Press.) Montreal, Quebec, Jan. 3.—Nine persons, eight of them small children, lost their lives early today when fire swept through three dwellings in two different sections of the city. In each case the flames spread so rapidly that the victims were trapped in their beds, or were overcome as they attempted to flee.

Six of the dead, of whom five were children, perished in two houses in Steagathe Lane. Three other persons were rescued with difficulty, and were taken to hospital suffering from serious burns. A score of others escaped from the flames into the bitter cold and were cared by neighbors.

The fire, origin of which is undetermined, spread with such rapidity that the victims were found lying on the floor, or collapsed on tables or chairs. All the families in the dwellings were asleep when the flames broke out.

The second fire occurred almost at the same time in Montreal, North, where two girls and a boy perished in their beds. The children were alone in their homes, as their parents were visiting in the city.

HEAVIEST SNOWSTORM OF WINTER HITS THE EAST

Part of Atlantic Seaboard Feels Full Effect of Storm.—Warmer Weather Predicted.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 3.—Winter's heaviest snowstorm has descended upon the Atlantic seaboard. Forecasters predicted that it would end today, and would be followed by rising temperatures and cloudy weather. In New York the snow had turned to a drizzle this morning.

The storm, which started yesterday morning and continued throughout the day, did not spare any section of the eastern states. A 68-mile wind piled 15-foot waves on the beach at Atlantic City and drove ships dangerously close to shore. Street traffic and wire service in Baltimore and Washington were seriously crippled, and similar reports were received from points along the coast.

Notables Eye Life to Americans New Year Plans in Holy Land. Jerusalem, January 3. The year 1925 will be the most prosperous and happy in the history of Palestine, according to the governing officials in Jerusalem. Commercial prospects are excellent, the agricultural program of the country is advancing by leaps and bounds, and the tourist invasion will be larger and more imposing than ever before.

Orders Underpass at Spencer. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 3.—The Corporation Commission today ordered the Southern Railway to construct an underpass at its own expense at a grade crossing about 400 feet north of the depot at Spencer. The time limit set for completion of the work is three months from today.

Condition of Mrs. McLean Improved. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Angus W. McLean, who is suffering with bronchial pneumonia, is considerably improved today, according to a long distance telephone call from Lumberton to the Associated Press here. Mrs. McLean is the wife of the Governor-elect.

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SWEDEN CLAIMS TO CONTROL RESTLESS POWER OF OCEAN

How to Harness the Waves for Industrial Work Has Been Solved.

Stockholm, Jan. 3.—How to harness the sea waves for industrial work, one of the oldest problems in the world, has been solved, according to the claim of a Swedish engineer, Lieutenant Sven H. Lundberg, of the government road and waterway construction corps, who has applied for patent rights on a huge mechanism, devised by him, which might be characterized as a floating power station.

The Lundberg invention not only produces power automatically from the action of the waves, but by means of turbine-driven dynamos can convert this power into electricity. It consists basically of a raft about 600 feet long and 300 feet wide, which is so affected by the rising and falling of the sea that it utilizes about 60 per cent. of the dynamic energy actually contained in a wave.

It is not at present possible to give details of construction, but experiments already made with a small sized apparatus prove, according to the inventor, that a single wave five feet high can deliver 2,700 horse power to the station, and that the available power increases at a more rapid rate than the height of the wave, so that, for example, a ten-foot wave can deliver 16,200 horse power.

Mr. Lundberg declares that floating power rafts of this type are so steady that production plants could be built on top of them, and that they would be ideal for factories that develop soda and chemical fertilizers out of air and water. He makes also the startling claim that an adaptation of the invention can be made for ships so that enough power, taken from a moderate sea, could be conveyed to the propeller shaft to drive an average freighter at the normal speed derived from steam.

NEW RULING COVERS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Many Persons, Who Thought Themselves Exempt From Income Tax Had Wrong Idea.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 3.—Under a new ruling of the Internal Revenue Bureau, many employees of municipalities who heretofore have regarded themselves as exempt from the Federal income tax, will be required to pay such a levy, not only in the future, but to cover several years past.

The ruling was announced by Revenue Commissioner Blair in a letter to Senator Shortridge, republican, of California, holding that employees of water and electric lights works at Riverside, California, must pay the federal tax.

Mr. Blair said that although municipal employees heretofore had been regarded as exempt, a re-examination of the statutes revealed that certain classes could not claim such exemption. The tax must be paid, he said, by persons employed by certain utilities which compete with private enterprises.

State Hospital Takes All the Insane Prisoners. Raleigh, Jan. 2.—State Hospital took over the criminally insane prisoners of State prison yesterday afternoon when fifty-five persons were transferred to the new building of the hospital erected for this purpose.

Under the system worked out by Dr. Albert Anderson, in charge of the hospital, the prisoners will be kept indoors as much as possible and always under lock and key with guards. There will be no guns used in handling them as the hospital attendants are not allowed to carry guns.

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RHODE ISLAND LAW MAKERS ARE GOING BACK HOME AGAIN

Had Been Self-Exiled in Rutland, Mass., Since Last June to Keep Majority of State Senate From State.

SOME REELECTED LAST NOVEMBER

It Is No Longer Necessary for Them to Keep Away as the New Legislature Will Begin New Session Tuesday.

(By the Associated Press.) Rutland, Mass., Jan. 3.—Self exiled Rhode Island republican senators are again after the release of bromine gas in going home today. The exile which began the Senate chamber June 19, ended when the General Assembly adjourned yesterday after a session which began January 1, 1924.

Worn out by the strain of the filibuster conducted by the Democratic minority in which protracted sittings were common, the last one being of 52 hours duration, and during which disorderly power rafts of this type are so steady that production plants could be built on top of them, and that they would be ideal for factories that develop soda and chemical fertilizers out of air and water. He makes also the startling claim that an adaptation of the invention can be made for ships so that enough power, taken from a moderate sea, could be conveyed to the propeller shaft to drive an average freighter at the normal speed derived from steam.

The exiles organized themselves into a close knit community. The floor leaders became the House committee. Guards were hired and patrolled the grounds at night and day to guard against the abduction which the senators feared would be attempted to force a quorum in the Senate.

The hotel was almost a community in itself. Twice death visited it. Edwin Sprague, its manager, died suddenly one night. A few months ago Senator Jesse H. Hopkins died.

A marriage was performed when a daughter of one of the senators transferred her ceremony here so that her father might attend. Children came here for birthdays; on Thanksgiving a gigantic dinner was served; on Christmas a tree bore gifts for all; and on New Year's eve the four-story building winked lights from every window until midnight.

The elections were waged at long range. Thirteen of the twenty-two, were held in the republican lands which swept the state. Now, with the stamp of approval placed on their course by the voters, they enter Tuesday upon a new legislative year.

CHARLOTTE OFFICER IS RELEASED UNDER BOND

Was Arrested While Driving Ford Which Was Loaded With Whiskey.

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Buenos Aires Nears 2,000,000 Population. (By the Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, Jan. 3.—The population of this, the largest city of the southern hemisphere, is approaching the 2,000,000 mark. Although no census has been taken since 1914, when the population was 1,575,000, statistics based on birth, deaths, immigration, emigration and other factors, kept by the municipality, give a population on August 31 last of 1,817,000.

Buenos Aires street cars during August carried more than 48,000,000 passengers and its subway nearly 5,200,000.

Threads Needle While Racing. Paris, Jan. 3.—Riff horsemen, whose achievements in the war with Spain are frequently referred to in the news despatches, are the most daring riders in the world. When in full gallop they will throw their swords and matchlocks in the air, and catch them by the hilts or stocks without drawing rein. Recently one war correspondent declared that he had seen a Riff rider thread a needle held by another rider, while racing full tilt across the sand.

THE COTTON MARKET

Selling Movement Which Developed Yesterday Continued During Early Trading.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 3.—The selling movement which developed in the cotton market yesterday continued in today's trading. After opening barely steady at an advance of 4 points to a decline of 7 points, active months showed net losses of 17 to 23 points at the end of the first hour.

Reports of declines in the market for Egyptian and East Indian cotton seemed to stimulate the selling here. Southern hedging as well as commission house liquidation also was reported in the decline of 23.70 for March and 24.25 for July.

Small spot sales in the Liverpool market were commented upon by early sellers here, but private cables reported a good undertone in the Liverpool futures market on spinners' buying and covering. Opening prices here were: January 23.71; March 24.02; May 24.42; July 24.42; October 23.75.

Closed Steady. New York, Jan. 3.—Cotton futures closed very steady at a net advance of 12 to 14 points. Jan. 23.80 to 23.85; March 24.13 to 24.14; May 24.44 to 24.46; July 24.56 to 24.57; Oct. 23.88 to 23.90.

NEW POSTAL RATE BILL PLEASES THE PRESIDENT

Bill Calls For Increase in Pay But Does Not Raise Much Rates on Second Class Mail.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 3.—The postal rate increase bill, as revised by the Senate postoffice committee, is satisfactory to President Coolidge. Chairman Moses of the sub-committee that redrafted the measure, announced today after a conference with the President.

The bill presented yesterday to the Senate represents a sharp revision of the rates proposed by the post office department, particularly on second class mail.

The position of Mr. Coolidge, as represented by Senator Moses, is that so long as the measure provides in a scientific manner for raising funds necessary to meet the proposed postal employees pay increase, the desired end will be accomplished.

ANOTHER ACTIVE SESSION OF THE STOCK MARKET

570,000 Shares Sold in First Hour, With All Stocks Sold Showing Advance.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 3 (By the Associated Press).—Bullish enthusiasm in the stock market reached fever pitch this morning when the entire list swung upward under the leadership of United States Steel common, which climbed three points to 423 at its best price since 1917, and the radio and electrical issues several of which advanced 5 to 6 points. Sales in the first hour totaled 570,000 shares, with the ticker ten minutes behind the market in recording transactions.

A River That Gets Rusty

London, Jan. 3.—Believed to be the only river in the world that gets rusty is the River Ob, which runs through the north of Siberia and empties into the Arctic ocean. The Ob contains a great amount of iron. Every year when the river is frozen over the iron is cut off from the air. The result is that the metal precipitates, or in other words, becomes a being dissolved in the water, becomes a solid mass.

The whole underside of the ice is covered thickly with rust, and even the fish and other creatures become rusty. In the lower reaches, where ice does not form, the water, ordinarily quite clear, becomes cloudy and discolored. The whole river, 2,300 miles long, becomes poisonous.

People living near it have to quench their thirst with melted snow, and most of the fish leave the river and seek safety in the sea. They are told by instinct when the time arrives for their annual exodus.

In the spring the ice thaws and the air renders the river free from poison. The fish immediately return. They swim up the stream in such vast numbers that they are packed tightly together. Any boat that tries to navigate the river at this time forces thousands of fish on to the flat banks, where the natives kill them with sticks.

Salisbury Dog Gets Marked Attention

Grand Junction, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Lillian Gale, owned by Dr. Brown, Montclair, N. J., and Stylish Telegraph, property of R. W. Norman, Salisbury, N. C., were dogs which attracted the attention of the judges at the amateur field trial club of American camp on ship stake began yesterday. Birds were plentiful, more than 25 covies being located during today's three braces.

Call For Reports of National Banks

Washington, Jan. 3.—The comptroller of the currency issued a call for the condition of national banks Wednesday December thirty-first.

HERRICK STILL HAS MEMORANDUM FROM FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Has Not Sent Note Prepared by Finance Minister Clemantel Concerning Money France Owes United States

FULL DISCUSSION HAS BEEN SUCCESS

Mr. Herrick Declares He Has Discussed Fully and Informally All Questions of the Debt With the French.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 3 (By the Associated Press).—Pressed from all sides for further information as to the step taken by Finance Minister Clemantel, to open up informal exchanges of views on the funding of the French debt, American Ambassador Herrick said today that he had not yet forwarded to Washington the memorandum which the minister of finance had handed him. He said he had been engaged in the most informal and personal discussions with various officials of the government concerning the contents of the memorandum.

The document which Clemantel handed the ambassador was entitled "An unofficial memorandum concerning French public opinion on the payment of France's debt to the United States."

Ambassador Herrick said he could make no statement regarding the memorandum further than that it contained an unofficial suggestion regarding the manner of payment of the French debt.

The ambassador stated he had decided to give out this further information because he felt there was likely to arise a great deal of misunderstanding if nothing at all were said.

MOHAWK LYING IN FORTY FEET OF WATER

Necessary to Sink Vessel to Extinguish Fire in Her After Hold.

(By the Associated Press.) Lewes, Del., Jan. 3.—The Clyde Line steamer Mohawk, whose crew Thursday night fought a losing battle off the New Jersey coast against fire in her hold finally being forced to scuttle the ship after the 208 passengers had been taken off, lies today in forty feet of water near the Delaware Breakwater.

Captain J. M. Staples said it was necessary to sink the Mohawk in order to extinguish the fire. He said the blaze started in the after hold from spontaneous combustion. The vessel probably will be a total loss. Passengers saved only their hand luggage, trunks and heavy baggage going down with the ship.

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Alcohol and glycerine for your radiators at the Auto Supply & Repair Co. Spring Stetson hats in all the new colors and shapes at the Richmond-Flowe Co.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. has secured the services of R. A. Durham to take charge of the music department. All deposits made in the savings department of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. before January 10 will draw interest from January 1st.

Any electrical equipment bought of W. J. Heibox will give satisfaction. The stock of blank books and office supplies at the Musette is complete.

Former Governor Tyler Dead. (By the Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., Jan. 3.—James Hoge Tyler, 78 years old, former governor of Virginia, and prominent in Presbyterian Church affairs, died at his home at East Radford today, according to a message received here.

NOTICE!

The City Board has ordered a new survey of the corporate limits with the view of extending the limits to include the whole of No. 12 Township. All property owners now living in No. 12 Township, but not in the corporate limits and who wish to be included in the corporate limits under the new survey, let it be known to the City Attorney at once so the new property can be included in the new boundaries to be presented to the legislature in January. 31-4t-c.

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