

SEN. WHEELER WINS IN LONG FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IN COURTS

Supreme Court of District of Columbia Upheld Contentions of Senator in Suits by Government.

TWO OTHERS ARE FREED BY COURT

Edwin Booth and Gordon Campbell, Indicted Jointly With Senator, Have Cases Thrown Out.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, today won his long fight to have all charges brought against him by the government wiped off the books.

The District of Columbia Supreme court upheld the contention of the Senator who had already been acquitted in Montana that the charges contained in a conspiracy indictment returned against him here had been quashed.

Today's decision leaves Senator Wheeler free of all charges unless the government should succeed in winning an appeal to the higher courts.

ASHEVILLE GOES IN FOR SMOKE ABATEMENT

St. Louis Engineer Makes Survey and Submits His Report.

Asheville, Dec. 28.—John Hunter, smoke abatement engineer from St. Louis, who was employed by the city to make a study of the smoke problem, has completed his work and has submitted a special report to the smoke abatement committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The report of Mr. Hunter, according to A. H. Malone, chairman of the committee, has been drawn up in bound form and will be open to all persons desiring information about the local smoke situation.

STORE AT BURLINGTON ENTERED BY ROBBERS

Approximately \$500 Is Stolen From Shoe Store.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—Approximately \$400 was stolen from the safe of the Mapson Shoe Store, on Main street, some time between the closing hour Saturday night and Monday morning.

The money, representing a part of the Christmas business, was deposited in the safe by the manager, Dover G. Heritage, Saturday night before he closed the store and went to his home in Graham.

Hal Wicker, a clerk, discovered the robbery at 7:15 o'clock this morning when he opened the store and saw shoes strewn over the floor, from the center to the rear door.

Entrance to the store was made through a rear door, the lock of which was turned with a pass key after a hole had been gouged in the screen door.

Southern California has 54-all grass hole golf courses.

Proposal Suggested By Minister Doumer Adopted By Cabinet

THE COTTON MARKET

Quiet During Early Trading After Opening Easy at Decline of 9 to 23 Points.

New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The cotton market was quiet in today's early trading. Prices were lower under realizing by recent buyers who appeared to be disappointed by relatively weak Liverpool cables and falling off in demand for near month shorts.

The opening was easy at a decline of 9 to 23 points with March selling off to 19.50 and May to 19.07 in the first few minutes, or about 15 to 25 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened easy: January 18.60; March 19.50; May 19.10; July 18.60; October 18.30.

PROGRESSIVE UP AND COMING SAYS MORRISON

Rest Assured They "Are Not in Retreat," Former Governor Says in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—"The progressive of North Carolina are up and coming," former Governor Cameron Morrison declared while a visitor here for a few hours today.

"I have nothing to say along political lines or in regard to public matters, but you may rest not in retreat," he said.

INVESTIGATE FINDING OF PARCELS POST SACK

Effort Will Be Made to Learn if It Had Been Stolen.

Asheville, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Further investigation of the possibility that the parcel post mail sack found in the furnace room of the Farmers Federation Building destroyed by fire on Sunday morning was stolen and taken in the building by thieves is being waited until the arrival here of W. P. Garrison, post office inspector.

Mr. Garrison went to his home at Glen Alpine to spend Christmas with his family and is expected to return within the next few days. He is in charge of postal investigations for Western North Carolina. If the sack were stolen he will direct the investigation when ordered to do so by the Department at Washington, according to Dan W. Hill, postmaster.

Temperature to Rise Slowly, Says Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The weather bureau said tonight in its report of conditions:

"Abnormally cold weather prevails over practically all section east of the Rocky Mountains and the temperature is from 20 to 30 degrees below normal over middle and southern sections. The temperature at 8 p. m. tonight at Brownsville, Texas, was 26 degrees and was the same at New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

"Mostly fair weather will prevail Tuesday and Wednesday east of the Mississippi river. The temperature will rise slowly Tuesday and Wednesday in the Ohio valley Tennessee and the South Atlantic and East Gulf states.

General Pershing to Return Soon.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Formal announcement of the early return of General Pershing to the United States was made today at the State department.

Seek Pole



apt. George H. Wilkins (above) and "Bandy" Smith (below) plan to set off next March from Point Barrow, Alaska, for a flight over the north pole. They will have a specially built plane for their 800-mile flight.

Paris, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The French cabinet meeting this morning agreed to support the fiscal measure of Finance Minister Doumer.

FULL PLANS ARE GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Cabinet Hopes Proposal Will Stabilize the Franc, Which Is Declining in Value Now.

It is understood that M. Doumer will submit his measures this afternoon and that the chamber's finance committee will discuss them during New Year's parliamentary recess.

The finance minister announced that he estimated the budget deficit at \$300,000,000 francs (\$352,000,000). He proposed to meet this by increased income taxes, reinforcement of the fiscal administration, a tax on bourse operations, higher prices for tobacco which is sold under government monopoly, a tax on exports, and an extraordinary and temporary stamp tax on sales.

Two billion five hundred million francs of new revenue (\$100,000,000) will go to a sinking fund, 2,000,000,000 francs (\$80,000,000) to reimburse the state, and the rest to balance the budget.

Today's decision by the cabinet brought an end to the sharp race of the last ten days between Premier Briand and the leaders of the majority on which he has relied in the chamber of deputies.

The Premier although distanced in the first stage by the hasty introduction of financial bills, prepared by the coalition leaders as substitutes for the governmental measures, won the final lap by a vigorous and daring maneuver that took his adversaries off their feet.

ECENTRIC RUSSIAN POET, FORMER HUSBAND OF ISADORA DUNCAN, TAKES OWN LIFE IN MOSCOW.

New York, Dec. 29.—Sergei Yessinin, the eccentric Russian poet, has committed suicide in Moscow. He was the divorced husband of Isadora Duncan, the classic dancer whose emulation of tapershore while bare footed and in dishabille made her famous throughout the world.

Yessinin was about 30 years old, some ten years younger than Miss Duncan. They were married in 1922, and the wife divorced him last year. Shortly after the wedding the young Bolshevik writer came to the United States with the dancer and after some trouble with immigration authorities they were permitted to enter the country.

FRENCH DISCOVER USE FOR HULL OF PEANUT

Process to Make Industrial Alcohol Reported; May Mean Much For the South.

Washington, Dec. 28.—French scientists have found that industrial alcohol can be made from peanut hulls, and a factory to produce it is planned for Marseilles. This may mean a great deal to peanut growers of the South. It is estimated that 350,000 tons of hulls are thrown away annually, and now there is to be a demand for them.

This news came to the Department of Commerce from France today. Vice-Consul F. C. Carney, stationed at Marseilles, has made a report on it. An expert at the French government powder factory at Serignes is said to have discovered a new chemical process for breaking down cellulose, and scientists at the University of Aix-Marseilles assert that alcohol can be manufactured for three cents per liter or about 12 cents a gallon.

COASTS TO ANSWER UNIVERSITY CRITICS.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—The University of North Carolina alumni in Charlotte will give their annual dinner to high and preparatory school seniors at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Albert Coates, of the University law faculty, is to be the principal speaker.

Mr. Coates, it is said, will speak on a subject of much interest to the University men, answering criticisms which have been directed toward the institution recently by organizations and individuals.

CHARLOTTE BRANCH OFFICE WILL NOT BE CLOSED.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—The branch office here for the issue of State automobile license tags will not be closed January 1, when branch offices in several other cities will be suspended, according to information reaching Charlotte today. It was learned that six branches that are likely to be kept open after January 1 are located at Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem and Wilmington.

Catherine the Great's Ten Rules of Conduct Found in Winter Palace

Leningrad, Dec. 29.—While dismantling the sumptuous drawing room of the late Empress Alexandra in the famous Winter Palace, the Bolshevik authorities discovered a quaint set of rules of social conduct written by Catherine the Great in 1785.

- 1. Leave your rank outside, as well as your hat, and especially your sword.
2. Leave your right of precedence, your pride, and similar feeling, outside the door.
3. Be gay, but do not spoil anything; do not break or gnaw anything.
4. Sit, stand, walk as you will, without reference to anybody.
5. Talk moderately and not very loud, so as not to make the ears and heads of others ache.
6. Argue without anger and without excitement.
7. Neither sigh nor yawn, nor

make anybody dull or heavy.
8. In all innocent games, whatever one proposes, let all join.
9. Eat whatever is sweet and savory, but drink with moderation, so that each man find his legs upon leaving the rooms.
10. Tell no tales out of school; whatever goes in at one ear must go out at the other before leaving the room.

Transgressors of these royal regulations were obliged, upon the testimony of two witnesses, to drink a glass of cold water for each offense, "not excepting the ladies." They also were compelled to read a page of the "Telemachiade," a thoroughly bad poetic composition by Tretiakofsky, an unfortunate native poet of the time, whose literary reputation thereby became ruined.

Those who broke any three of the rules during the same evening were required to commit six lines of the "Telemachiade" to memory. Any offender against the tenth rule was never again admitted to Catherine's presence.

CHINA WANTS TO RUN HER OWN AFFAIRS

Is in the Throes of the Birth of a Spirit of Nationalism.

Nashville, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—China is in the throes of the birth of a spirit of nationalism, and, like the young boy, just coming to manhood, who thinks he knows more than his father or any older head, China wants to run her own affairs without advice or interference from other nations, declared Rev. Wesley W. Smith, returned missionary in a lecture here.

Mr. Smith, who is a Southern Methodist missionary stationed at Changshu, has been a resident of China for the past 15 years. He is now in this country on furlough.

Referring to China's nationalistic birth, Mr. Smith declared: "To be a good father to a son at such a time of life means allowing the boy to go his own way, even if he does make mistakes, and yet standing by to help him out of trouble. And that is what a real friend of China must do in the face of the situation today."

"Unless a man is ready to lay aside his pride and self-conceit and to stand by and help without letting the Chinese know he is helping, he is not the man to go to China today as a missionary, declared the speaker.

The first demonstration of the student movement, said Mr. Smith, made in 1919 against the efforts of Japan upon China, was led largely by Chinese students and was popularized by the patriotic demand for honesty and integrity among Chinese officials. Mr. Smith's personal belief is that the labor element was introduced into the movement in 1925 for a two-fold reason—to pull together all the warring Chinese factions, and to horn off foreign nations. It was not necessarily the result of the spread of Bolshevistic ideas, he said.

"The idea of China for the Chinese was one that would appeal to all classes, high and low, and for this reason it has been stressed in an effort to unite all Chinese against a common foe. The question in China today is, 'Shall a man be a patriot or a foreign slave?'"

Missionaries are in sympathy with the spirit of nationalism, the speaker said. And he cited, as an example, the fact that at a recent meeting of the China mission conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, missionaries unanimously voted to have all claims to protection under the "toleration clauses" in treaties with foreign countries, and that this act has been officially approved by the board of missions of the church.

HIGH HEALTH GOAL SET FOR ASHEVILLE

Dr. Sevier Proposes to Make it Most Healthful City in America.

Asheville, Dec. 28.—"Asheville, the most healthful city in America." This is the goal set for the health department by Dr. Dan E. Sevier, city health officer.

Backed by city ordinances and state laws that cover almost every phase of sanitation, handling and distribution of foods, milk production, and control of contagious diseases, the present head of the municipality's health department is waging persistent warfare against forces that make for ill health.

And Asheville has a good chance to attain preeminence in matters of public health if advances made in the past few months are pushed forward in quest of the ideal.

While a national association given to study of public health matters recently adopted resolutions decrying the "slipshod methods" employed in the average American community in matters of health, Asheville continues its progress by strengthening the personnel of its public health staff, and by adding machinery and equipment to assist its technicians in carrying on their work for the public welfare.

Catawba River Frozen Over in South Carolina.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 28.—The government thermometer here early this morning registered nine above zero, the coldest in two years.

Nearby streams were frozen over and Catawba river was frozen over, it is said, for the first time in many years.

A number of kitchen tanks burst and the damage to water works pipes in many residences will be heavy.

The ear of the katydid is situated in the tibia of the front leg.

15 Years



With a prison term of 15 years hanging over his head, Roscoe Warren, B. of Kansas City, Mo., has married Miss Dorothy De Crof, 19. She says she is willing to face whatever is future will bring. Warren is out of bond pending appeal. He is convicted of killing John C. Deskin.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Society leaders in the national capital have begun a campaign against some of the present tendencies in the dress and habits of American women.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, long an influential figure in the exclusive circles of diplomatic and official Washington, today made public a set of resolutions to which she and other social leaders here have subscribed, calling on society women everywhere "to abandon cigarettes and immodest attire."

Officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Henderson said, had assured her they are ready to combat as far as possible habits which threaten the perpetuity of the American nation.

As made public by Mrs. Henderson, the resolutions endorsed by influential society women here are as follows: "That we are deeply interested in the efforts of certain high dignitaries of church and schools who have met hoping to modify undesirable prevailing fashions for women's apparel, and have hopelessly laid the blame to mothers, calling upon them to come to the rescue; that we feel that they do not realize that Dame Fashion is a powerful potentate; that a large number of American girls now work for an independent living, and if chided by helpless mothers concerning questions of fashions they simply regard such mothers as out of date and old fashioned."

"That the best women of France and England, also as here represented in their embassies, also by the royal family of England do not follow fashions of women's apparel not in good taste, quite regardless of fashions which are dictated by the under world of Paris.

"That we suggest for street wear dress skirts broader and of ankle length.

"That we call upon society women of America everywhere to band together to condemn such vulgar fashions of women's apparel that do not tend to cultivate immodesty, good taste or good morals.

"That in the interest of future public health and efficiency, we pray that the comparatively new fashion of cigarettes be abandoned, in that reserves from health capital expended to save the living organism from perils of poison inevitably lead, sooner or later, to physical bankruptcy and race degeneracy.

"That women's colleges whose mission it is to teach what best befits girls for future life, viz: life's greatest asset, normal physical health, could aid in discipline by dismissing those who refuse to conform to college rules."

With Our Advertisers. The Parks-Bell Co. is having a general clearance of all winter goods at reductions from 10 to 50 per cent. Men's overcoats from \$6.95 to \$24.95. Boys' overcoats from \$2.95 to \$9.95. Big reduction on all toys from 20 to 50 per cent. See new display today.

A new savings quarter begins at the Concord National Bank January 1. All deposits made before January 10 will draw interest from January 1st. All savings compounded quarterly. Alcohol for your radiator and hot drinks for yourself at the Pearl Drug Store.

The Mascot, the perfect combination gas, coal and wood range. Get a free demonstration at H. B. Wilkinson's.

Complete stock of school and college apparel at Hoover's. Schloss Bros. suits and overcoats.

See the famous super-heterodyne radio at the Concord Telephone Co. Price complete \$260. Time payments arranged as you wish.

Rising Temperatures in Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Rising temperatures were in evidence in Florida with a continued rise promised tomorrow, the weather bureau here reported.

Citrus fruits in the northern section of the state were affected by the freeze, reports here indicated, but this constitutes only a small portion of the Florida crop.

More than one hundred horses have been nominated for the annual running of the \$25,000 Coffroth Handicap at Tia Juana next March—the richest race in the world.

MINERS AND MINE OWNERS GATHER IN METROPOLIS TODAY

Hope For Early Settlement of Coal Strike Revived With Opening of Conference This Afternoon.

Separate informal conferences of the two groups of six men each precede the actual parley between the negotiators scheduled to begin at 3 p. m. at the Union League Club. Alvin Markle, chairman of the joint negotiating committee, who called the meeting, was designated to preside over the joint session.

SESSIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Operators Expected to Suggest the Miners Go Back on Wages That Held When Strike Started.

New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Hope for early resumption of mining in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania was revived today as representatives of miners and operators gathered for their first meeting since the deadlock at Atlantic City last summer.

Major William Inglis, chairman of the anthracite operators, headed the operators' delegation, and John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, headed the union group.

Although all sessions were closed to the public and no formal statements were planned, it was generally conceded that the operators would bring up for early discussion their offer of last Saturday to the 148,000 striking miners to return to work at once under the wage scale in the contract that expired August 1st.

Will Open Books For Inspection. New York, Dec. 29.—(AP)—W. W. Inglis, spokesman for the anthracite operators conference, and chairman of its negotiating committee, said today that the operators were willing to open their books for public inspection.

POKED COCKED PISTOL INTO PEOPLE'S RIBS This was Stokesdale Man's Way of Celebrating Has Changed Face Now. Greensboro, Dec. 28.—Ed Lealey, white man, looking for trouble in the village of Stokesdale, Guilford county, went around poking a cocked pistol in people's ribs, was the allegation made in Magistrate D. H. Collins' court here this afternoon. He was celebrating Christmas on Saturday and seemed to think he was a Texas cowboy.

After the Stokesdale people had picked him up, when a resident who resented the pistol, had stamped on Lealey a bit, a deputy sheriff arrested him. He was charged with carrying concealed weapons having whip, key and assault with deadly weapon. He didn't have the \$10,000 bond required and went to jail to wait for Superior Court to open.

Ten years ago, the magistrate stated, the man wouldn't have been allowed to live two minutes after he started looking for trouble in Stokesdale, but refining influences of civilization have made for law and order and all he suffered was a changed face.

President's Father May Lose Use of Limbs. Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 29.—(AP)—While the condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President, was reported improved today, his physician, Dr. Alfred W. Kram, of Briggwater, said it was improbable that he would ever recover fully the use of his lower limbs. Colonel Coolidge has been unable to walk for several days.

Quick Clothing Sale at Richmond-Flowe Co's. The entire stock of men's and boys' clothing at the Richmond-Flowe Co., must be moved in a week. One-fourth off is being given in the prices. The prices range from \$13.13 to \$30.00 on men's suits and overcoats and from \$7.50 to \$15.00 on boys' suits. See half-page ad. in this paper today.

Man and Wife Burned to Death. Mobile, Dec. 29.—(AP)—James G. Campbell, golf professional, and his wife, were burned to death when the Mobile Country Club was destroyed by fire early this morning. The charred remains of the Campbells were found in their quarters on the third floor by the flames.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS: Fair tonight and Wednesday, not quite so cold tonight and in south portions slowly rising temperature Wednesday. Moderate north and northeast winds.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

A New Savings Quarter Begins

January 1st

All deposits made on or before January 10th will draw interest from the first at 4 per cent.

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Capital \$100,000.00 Surplus \$175,000.00