

## REPUBLICANS HOPE CONGRESS WILL BE OVER BY JUNE 1ST

With Tax Bill Practically Out of Way and Work on Appropriations Started, Leaders Hopeful.

### SEVERAL BILLS OF IMPORTANCE

Must Be Acted Upon But It Seems Certain Now That Way Can Be Found to Adjourn by June 1st.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Adjournment of Congress before June 1 is now the hope and expectation of republican leaders in the two houses.

With the tax bill practically out of the way and work on the ten annual appropriation bills well advanced, some of them even estimate that Congress should get away by May 1, but this prediction is not generally shared.

As the legislative programs are now arranged, there are comparatively few measures of major importance to be acted upon. These include several railroad bills, farm relief legislation, the \$105,000,000 public buildings bill, and Muscle Shoals.

Democratic leaders in the Senate have announced that the question of a unified air service must be fought out, but they are not adverse to an early adjournment as this is a political year with the complexion of the new Congress to be determined in the November elections.

The senatorial and congressional campaign committees of the two major parties already are laying plans for the campaigns and senators and representatives will be drafted for campaign speaking in many states.

### BELIEVE MONROE MAN MURDERED IN HIS CAR

Holmes Morris Is Missing and His Automobile Found Pierced by Bullets.

Monroe, Feb. 19.—Holmes Morris, popular mechanic and automobile dealer of the firm of Morris and Small, of this city, is strangely missing, and it is thought that he has been murdered.

Mr. Morris left Monroe last night at about 7 o'clock to see his mother, who is suffering with pneumonia and who lives about ten miles from Monroe in the old Davis mine section. He was last seen at the home of his father-in-law, T. B. Price, in the same neighborhood.

He had left Monroe with the intention of remaining away all night, and not until 11 o'clock today when a message was phoned to the office of Sheriff Clifford Fowler that an automobile which indicated that its occupants had had misfortune, was standing on the Indian Trail and Waxhaw road near the old Davis mine. On investigation the car was found to be that of Mr. Morris.

Into the car two pistol balls had been fired. One had effect in the rear of the body of the car, and the other pierced the glass in the door opposite where the driver was sitting. In the car was Mr. Morris' hat which had been cut from the top, both crown and brim, but which showed no stains of blood. Both pistol balls were recovered by the sheriff and his deputies, also the cartridges from which they shot were found lying near the car.

There is much evidence of murder, but no trace of the body has been found. It was thought that it was placed in a gold pit, many of which are in the woods nearby, but it is now believed that this is not the case, and that if a murder was committed the body was hauled away.

Sheriff Fowler is requesting all hospitals to wire him in case they have received a patient which answers to the description of Morris, a man about five feet and eleven inches tall, weight 180 pounds, head somewhat bald. He is 28 years old and has a wife and two small children.

### Farmers Gave Business Men a Supper

Salisbury, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A unique social event was that here recently, when farmers of Rowan county played the role of host to local business men, representing more than forty lines of endeavor.

The occasion, a banquet supper, was featured by talks, made by farmers and business men, on the relations between the two groups, and how relationships could be improved, and closer co-operation be secured.

More than 250 persons were present. The idea of the supper is said to have been conceived by W. G. Yeager, county agent in Rowan county.

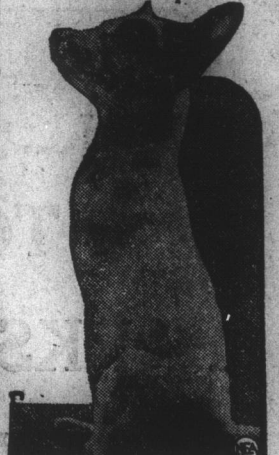
### Susanne Collapsed

Nice, France, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Susanne Lengien collapsed while en route to Beauville by automobile today to fulfill her engagements in the lawn tennis tournament there. She was taken back to her home where she is confined to her bed and is expected to be scratched from the tournament.

After her collapse it was announced that Mlle. Lengien had been scratched from the Beauville tournament. The French champion is reported to be in extremely poor health.

Canada is the third gold-producing country in the world, the Transvaal being the first, and the United States second.

## Gets By



Wille, four-month-old fox terrier owned by Dr. P. W. Horner of Eikhart, Ind., was born without any front legs, but she gets by anyway. She has learned to walk about on her hind legs, using her stubby tail as an added support, and seems to enjoy life thoroughly.

### PREDICTS GREAT FLOW OF SETTLERS HERE

People of Other Sections Need Only Know What North Carolina Has to Offer.

This is the mature opinion of a former North Carolinian, Harlan P. Kelsey, a prominent nurseryman, of Salem, Mass., who has recently toured the state, speaking in the interest of the creation of the proposed national park in the Great Smokies.

Mr. Kelsey, whose family moved to Linville when he was two years old, and who grew up in and about Linville and Highlands, is thoroughly convinced that the people of the North Atlantic and New England states will be glad to pursue their agricultural and industrial occupations in the South, and abandon forever the struggle for existence in the severe climate of the North. The present very cold weather in the North will turn many to thinking of settling in the South before another winter sets in. Mr. Kelsey avers, they need only to be told of the possibilities and the conditions here.

Many thousands—and in time millions—of people will come to know North Carolina by coming here on their vacations and visiting the resorts of this state, Mr. Kelsey told audiences on his recent visit to North Carolina. The proposed Great Smoky Mountains National Park will be an attraction that will, he believes, draw more people to North Carolina than all the other scenic and health resorts combined. For this reason, he thinks the park should be made large enough, or provision should be made for expansion of the park area, to accommodate the limitless thousands who will come here by train or motor, in his opinion.

Mr. Kelsey is a member of the Southern Appalachian National Park Commission, which, at the direction of Secretary of the Interior Work, selected the two sites in the Southern Appalachians for national parks—one in the Great Smoky Mountains, and one in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

These two parks will, in Mr. Kelsey's opinion, be the only two large national parks to be created in the east, because, he says there are no other sites of sufficient size or quality to warrant being included in the national park system.

### Southern Rushes Work of Laying the Henley Rail

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 19.—The most extensive rail laying program ever undertaken by the Southern Railway System was completed during 1925, when heavier rail was laid on 929 miles of track, and an even more extensive program has been mapped out for 1926, according to an official announcement.

Included in the lines improved during 1925 were 340 miles of track laid with new 100-pound rail, the standard section for lines of heavy traffic; 407 miles with 75-pound rail, and 102 miles with rail of other weights on branch lines, rail of lighter section being released in each instance. The Southern now has 1,080 miles of track laid with 100-pound rail.

A notable step forward in 1925 was the adoption of 30 feet as the standard length of all new rail bought instead of 33 feet which has been the standard for many years. The use of the longer rail requires a smaller number of joints, improves the riding quality of the track and gives an added factor of safety.

For laying during the first six months of 1926, 46,200 tons of rail have been purchased.

### Duncan to Coach Tar Heels

Chapel Hill, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Duke Duncan, former owner and manager of the Raleigh baseball club, today signed a contract to coach the University of North Carolina baseball team this spring.

Rickets is a disease confined almost entirely to large cities. In agricultural communities the disease is very rare, and among savages, practically unknown.

## BLAZE IN BOARDING HOUSE KILLS THREE AND INJURES FOUR

A Man and Two Children Were Burned to Death in Greenville, S. C., in Early Morning Fire.

### DOZEN PERSONS ESCAPED SAFELY

Russell Hamby, Evelyn Smith and Earl Smith Were Trapped on the Second Floor.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 20.—(AP)—One man and two children were burned to death, and four others seriously burned in a fire at the residence of Mrs. C. I. Smith here early today. A dozen other residents escaped.

The victims, Russell Hamby, 23, Evelyn 11, and Earl Smith 15, were trapped on the second floor. Margaret Smith, 17, received severe burns but escaped by leaping from a second story window. The bodies of the two children were found on the sleeping porch, and that of Hamby in the bath room.

Mrs. Smith, mother of the girls, and an unidentified woman were taken from the fire suffering more or less serious burns. Mrs. Smith operated a boarding house.

### SIMMONS TAKES SIGNAL VICTORY FOR TAX FIGHT

Retrospective Measure Relieves Nearly Half of Estate Tax Payers of Their Burden.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Simmons wrested a victory out of the controversy here. This time yesterday it looked as if he were going to lose, but today he won. There is no doubt about the results. His office announced tonight that "the outcome of the conference constitutes a great victory for him and the other Senate conferees."

Here is the way his friends see it: While yielding to an extent to the House on the estate tax, the Senate conferees cut the heart out of the House estate provision by raising the exemption from \$50,000 to \$100,000, thus relieving entirely from any estate tax nearly half of all those heretofore subject to estate taxes, and by adopting Senator Simmons' retrospective amendment applying the 1921 rates to estates of decedents dying under the 1924 law, reducing the rate on the Duke and other estates from 40 per cent. to 25 per cent., eliminating the House provision double taxation of charitable bequests, and giving a 25 per cent. credit on estate taxes to be paid to the states under the 1924 act by the Duke estate and others.

On practically all else the Simmons and Senate victory was equally and even more complete.

### THE COTTON MARKET

Renewed Covering by Near Month Shorts Featured the Early Trading Today.

New York, Feb. 20.—Renewed covering by near month shorts featured the early trading in the cotton market today. Prices held steady although Liverpool cables were rather disappointing.

Reports that the certified stocks here had been reduced to less than 18,000 bales yesterday and 1,000 bales would be withdrawn today no doubt stimulated the covering movement, particularly as Tuesday will be the first March notice day in the local market, and all American markets will be closed Monday.

The market opened steady at advances of 1 to 4 points and sold 3 to 6 points net higher. March ruling around 20.32 and October at 18.22 at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. March 20.28; May 19.71; July 19.05; Oct. 18.20; Dec. 17.86.

Closed Steady.

New York, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady net 3 points to 3 points down. March closed 20.26; May 19.67; July 19.07-08; October 18.16; December 17.82-84.

### Earl of Craven Honored in Canada

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Honored by war veterans of Ottawa as a war comrade, the Earl of Craven has been formally presented with the gold badge of the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans' Association. This decoration is given only to great soldiers, statesmen and others deserving of high honors. The Countess of Craven was presented with a bouquet of roses.

### Judge Varner Enters Charlotte Hospital

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Former Associate Justice L. R. Varner, of Lumberton, has entered a Charlotte hospital for treatment. Judge Varner recently suffered a kidney attack, while on the train, it is learned.

### Miss Wills Continues to Win

Beauville, France, Sept. 19.—(AP)—Two more decisive victories today marked the progress of Helen Wills, the American champion, through the women's singles of the Beauville tennis tournament. She defeated Miss Emily Wright 6-0, 6-0, and Mrs. Randolph Lyett 6-0, 6-1.

Chunks of dried milk were recently used as fuel to drive an English railway locomotive ten miles.

## Plot Bared



Mrs. Alberdina Frank, 24 (above), of Kansas City, was tired of her husband. So she asked Carl B. Davis, 36 (below), to hire a gunman to kill him. Davis tried to, but got hold of a city detective by mistake and tried to hire him. The two were arrested and have confessed, according to Kansas City police.

### PRESIDENT IMPROVED BUT STAYS AT HOME

Agassi Cancels All Engagements So as to Be Entirely Well By Monday.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Although his condition was reported as greatly improved President Coolidge again cancelled engagements for today and remained in his room nursing the cold with which he has been suffering.

It was reiterated at the White House that the President was taking extra precautions, so that he would be able to address the Department of Superintendents of the National Education Association here on Monday night and that it was chief for this reason that he was remaining away from his office.

### Weather Bureau Explains "Florida" Climate in Alaska

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The weather bureau takes no stock in suggestions that volcanic activity in the Alaskan territory have caused the recent high temperatures there.

Instead, the bureau declares a peculiar layout of atmospheric pressure has brought warm ocean winds to Alaska and has deflected down through Canada the cold waves that usually pass over the Alaskan-Siberian sector.

"That's all there is to it," say the experts. "Volcanoes may look and act fiery, but the most ferocious one in the world isn't warm enough to heat up even a small corner of a regular cold wave."

On one occasion the temperature in Eagle, Alaska, was higher than that at Jacksonville, Fla.

### An Island on the Move

Rome, Feb. 20.—A French naval officer who has been making an official survey of the island of Corsica, recently made the startling announcement that it was floating away. In the last hundred years, he estimates, it has moved eastward a distance of 33 feet. The curious discovery would fit in with the theory of geologists who suggest that the earth's crust is shifting horizontally. But an Italian humorist has suggested that the people of Corsica would rather be Italians than French, and therefore are riding towards the land of their preference.



JOANNA

says:

It used to be that girls needed to be told that if they wanted themselves into a welcome sign they were expected to say, "Come in." Now we know it, and we know, too, when to say, "Go to!"

Watch this paper for further news of Joanna's thrilling love story.

What Would You Do With a Million Dollars?

## START PROCEEDINGS IN FEDERAL COURT TO PADLOCK HOTEL

U. S. District Attorney Buckner Filed Charges in Federal Court Against the Hotel Brevoort.

### HOTEL FAMOUS FOR GENERATIONS

Many Notables From Other Countries Have Been at Hostelry Since It Was Built in 1845.

New York, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Padlock proceedings were started today by United States District Attorney Buckner against the Hotel Brevoort, one of New York's best known hotels. The Sailors Snug Harbor, owner of the land upon which the hotel stands, also was named as a formal defendant in the proceedings.

The papers filed in federal court charge that liquor has been sold in the hotel on numerous occasions constituting a "public nuisance." The hotel is operated by Raymond Orteig, Inc. Officers of the corporation are Raymond Orteig, Raymond Orteig, Jr., and Elsie Danton. The elder Mr. Orteig in 1925 offered a prize of \$25,000 to the winner of a non-stop airplane flight from Paris to New York. On June 1st last year he extended his offer for the further period of five years from that date.

The Brevoort was built in 1845. Among its guests in earlier days were President Garfield, the Marquis of Queensbury, the Duke of Marlborough, Queen Emma, of the Sandwich Islands, Prince George, of Greece, and numerous other noted persons.

This is the first time padlock proceedings have been started against a hotel in this city. Discussing his action, Mr. Buckner said "Hotels, saloons, night clubs, speak-easies and holes in the wall must all stand equal before the law."

### MARION TALLEY'S RADIO DEBUT WELL RECEIVED

Young Prima Donna Sings a Famous Aria to Invisible Audience With Great Success.

New York, Feb. 19.—Marion Talley tonight made her second debut in three days. The 19-year-old soprano who was accorded an ovation at her first appearance at the Metropolitan Opera house Wednesday night, sang to her home town folk of Kansas City tonight and to a radio audience scattered throughout the country.

Broadcasting from station WJZ linked with six other radio stations, Miss Talley began her program with the "Caro Nome" aria which won her nine curtain calls at her operatic debut.

A message received from Kansas City said the program was coming in clearly as rebroadcast by WJAE station of The Kansas City Star. A direct telephone wire between station WJZ in the Amlin building and Kansas City was operated by Charles M. Talley, father of the young prima donna.

Local radio fans reported clear reception of the girl's singing. Her voice portrayed no sign of nervousness.

Afterwards, she said she found an invisible audience "about the same as a visible one" when she was singing.

In an impromptu speech with she concluded her program, she expressed gratitude to the Kansas City friends who had sponsored her career, and appreciation "to her new radio audience."

### All Through An Arrow

London, Feb. 20.—An ancient and interesting story lies behind the announcement that a great hall is to be built by the Brewers' Company at Dame Alice Owen's School at Islington. The fortunes of this foundation have risen from practically nothing to more than \$50,000 a year, solely through the growth of London.

While Dame Alice was out for a walk in Islington she passed some archers. An arrow, shot at random, pierced her hat, and the startled woman declared to her maid servant that she would erect something on the spot to mark "the great mercy of the Almighty in this astonishing deliverance from violent death."

Some years afterwards she bought land at Islington and bequeathed the fields to the Brewers' Company to support a school for thirty boys. This was 300 years ago. The original sum realized was a mere pittance, but as London spread outwards the land at Islington grew in value until today its income is well over \$50,000 a year. The school itself now accommodates 300 boys and 300 girls.

### Please to Furnish His Folks With News

Senator Cole Blease, of South Carolina, doesn't intend to get out of touch with his constituents while he's representing them in Washington. He's figured out a new way of keeping in touch with the home folk.

Blease has a weekly paper that carries only political news and speeches on issues in which his constituents are interested. Not only is the senator serving the home folk in this way, but he has issued notice that he will send an issue of the Congressional Record to every sheriff's office in the state so that it can be placed in that office for any one wishing to read it.

## Will Teach Him Mat Game



Ed "Strangler" Lewis, world famous wrestler, says the late Frank Gotch taught him many of his tricks. Now Lewis has taken Gotch's son in tow and is going to make a champion of him. Lewis is shown in above photo with Frank Gotch Jr., who is 12 years old.

### CLARENCE SAUNDERS IS INDICTED IN ST. LOUIS

Charged With Using Mails to Defraud in Sale of Piggly Wiggly Stock in 1923.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Clarence Saunders, of Memphis, Tenn., former President of Piggly Wiggly Corporation, was indicted by a federal grand jury here today on a charge of using the mails to defraud in sale of corporation stock in 1923.

The indictment was returned after an investigation made by post office inspectors under section 215 of the federal penal code covering use of the mails to further a scheme to defraud a felony.

Twelve witnesses appeared before the grand jury Thursday, including seven residents of Memphis, who were officers or employees associated with Saunders.

The post office inquiry resulted from complaints of some of the approximately 1,500 St. Louisans who bought Piggly Wiggly stock and lost money.

### DENIES PATROL BOAT FIRED ON SCHOONER

Capt. Blake Says His Boat Did Not Fire on Eastbound As Was Reported.

New York, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Capt. Eugene Blake, Jr., of the coast guard patrol boat Seneca, today denied reports from Nova Scotia that the Seneca had fired on the schooner Eastwood as stated by the captain of the latter vessel when it reached Lunenburg yesterday. The Seneca is now undergoing an overhauling at the Brooklyn Navy Yards.

Captain Blake said no shots had been fired for any reason by the Seneca.

The commander of the Eastwood was quoted as saying that 200 rounds had been fired, many of them striking the ship and doing considerable damage.

### Approves Watson-Parker Railroad Bill

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Approval was given today by the Senate interstate commerce committee to the Watson-Parker railroad labor bill in the form in which it was reported yesterday to the House. Early Senate action will be urged.

Only a few minor changes have been made in the original bill as drafted by representatives of the railroads and the railroad employees.

### Fire Raging in Vessel

Sidney, N. C., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The Steamship Kanouraska, which sailed from Louisville to St. John, N. B., Wednesday with a cargo of coal, today was racing for Halifax at full speed with a fire raging in her No. 4 hold.

Palestine is a country 125 miles long and forty miles wide.

## GUESTS FLEE WHEN FIRE BURNS PART OF ARNOLD HALL

Two Men Were Missing and Three Others Were Severely Injured When a Section of Hotel Burned.

### WEALTHY YOUNG MAN PERISHED

When Fire, Started by a Lighted Cigarette, Burned His Room at Claridge Hotel in Chicago.

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Two men were missing, 3 others were severely injured, and 60 guests were forced to flee in night clothing when fire early today destroyed a section of the Arnold Hotel here, with a loss estimated at \$130,000.

The missing were: H. L. Cole, day clerk, and a railroad man named Kato. Cole was sleeping in the hotel. The register was not recovered, and A. C. Arnold, proprietor said others might be missing.

The injured were: Harry Darling, 42, editor of the East St. Louis News-Review; Wallace Calvin, 37, of Chicago; and William B. Denver, 46, of Terre Haute, Ind. Darling who had planned to leave today to take a position with the Trenton, Tenn., News-Democrat, received injuries to his back and head when he jumped from a window. Calvin and Denver suffered burns. All were expected to recover.

Many of the guests were unable to get down any of the three fire escapes and came down ladders or ropes to safety. The cause of the fire which started in the hotel restaurant, was undetermined.

### Man Missing After Fire

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 20.—(AP)—One man was missing and three others severely burned when fire destroyed a section of the Arnold Hotel here early today. The loss was estimated at \$130,000.

### Frederick Pearson Burned to Death

Chicago, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Frederick Pearson, 30, whose father died two years ago leaving a \$6,000,000 estate, was burned to death today in a fire in his room at the Claridge Hotel, started by a lighted cigarette. John H. Hoghead, his young companion in a night of revelry, narrowly escaped a similar fate.

The young men registered at the hotel at 4:45 a. m. after a night at the six-day bicycle races and pleasure resorts. Both had been drinking. Hoghead told the police.

The room was in flames before Hoghead, who had thrown himself upon a bed with his clothing on, was awakened. His clothes were afire and flames had singed his hair before he staggered to the door and shouted for help.

Hotel employees prevented the fire from spreading and when firemen arrived it had been extinguished, they looked about and left.

After policemen arrived Hoghead began asking for his companion. Investigation disclosed Pearson's body, badly burned, seated in the charred remnants of an overstuffed chair in which he had fallen.

Young Pearson inherited most of the \$2,000,000 estate of his father, the late Walter B. Pearson, who was president of the Standard Screw Company.

### Here's a New One

Paris, Feb. 20.—A French electrical corporation was convinced that "one of its consumers was obtaining electricity for nothing through a franchise-slot meter, but inspectors could not discover how the electricity had been obtained. In despair, the consumer was offered a monetary award, when he confessed that he had frozen water in moulds to the diameter and weight of the coin normally used. After a short time in the meter the ice melted and left no trace.

### Dr. James M. Sloan, or Gastonia, Is Dead

Gastonia, Feb. 19.—Dr. James M. Sloan, veteran physician of this city, died early today at Rochester, Minn., following a fruitless fight against stomach trouble. He was a native of Mecklenburg county, coming here while a young man to practice medicine.

### Two Killed by Train

Newton, N. C., Feb. 20.—(AP)—J. S. Bolek, 60, of Maiden, and Cole Williams, about 60, of East Maiden, were instantly killed this afternoon about 1:45 o'clock when a freight train backing out of Maiden on the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad track, struck their wagon and ground them beneath the wheels.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Monday, February 22nd, 1926

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Being a Legal Holiday in the State of North Carolina,

the Banks of Concord Will Not Be Open For Business

CONCORD NATIONAL BANK

CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK

CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

Fair and warmer tonight and Sunday. Shifting winds becoming moderate southerly.