

STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MET AT NOON TODAY

Convenes Under Cloud of Uncertainty—Ideas General But Economy Is Expected Keynote. SOME GUESSES AS TO SITUATION

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The General Assembly convened at noon today in what Speaker Fountain predicted would be one of the most important 90-day biennial sessions in North Carolina history.

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature.

New Speaker of the House



HON. RICHARD T. FOUNTAIN OF EDGECOMBE

SERIES OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD FOR FARMERS

One County-Wide Meeting to Be Held in Each County. Raleigh, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An effort to present to the cotton farmers of North Carolina the actual cotton situation...

MR. FOUNTAIN PREDICTS PROGRESSIVE SESSION

Will Be Progressive Along Conservative Line, Says House Speaker. Raleigh, Jan. 5.—(AP)—This will be a progressive legislature along conservative lines...

COOLIDGE OPPOSED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CRUISERS

At the Present Time, in the Face of Gathering Storm Over Enlargement of the American Navy. HOUSE LEADERS MAY OVERRIDE

Washington, Jan. 5.—(AP)—In the face of the gathering storm in Congress over enlargement of the American navy, President Coolidge today reaffirmed his opposition to the construction of new cruisers at the present time.

GOVERNOR McLEAN WILL SET PRECEDENT

McLean to Deliver Biennial Message to the General Assembly This Evening. Raleigh, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The regular biennial message of Governor A. W. McLean to the general assembly will be delivered before a joint session of that body tonight.

ALL NAVAL FORCES LEAVE SHANGHAI TOP SPEED FOR HANKOW

Frantic Appeals for More Land and Naval Forces Being Made by British Community There. SOME REPORTS NOT CONFIRMED

London, Jan. 5.—(AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Shanghai says that all available naval forces are leaving there at full speed for Hankow.

CLASSIC IN DIVORCE OPINION HANDED DOWN

Pennsylvania Jurist Deals Out Decision That Is Something New Under The Sun. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 4.—(AP)—An opinion handed down by Judge Henry A. Fulton of the Luzerne county court in a divorce case may become a classic among such judicial determinations.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROHIBITION LAWS

Is Just Now Getting Underway, Says Mr. Denning. Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 5.—(AP)—The government's program of law enforcement with particular reference to the prohibition laws is just getting underway...

ACTION AGAINST THE FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES

Has Been Ordered by President Calles of Mexico. Mexico City, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Action by the attorney general against those foreign oil companies which refused to comply with the new petroleum and land laws...

Without Country



Mrs. Carmelia Cafarelli, a native of Cleveland, O., married Androl Chiostugi, an Italian attorney, losing her American citizenship. She encountered difficulty in re-entering America after a trip abroad.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened at Advance of 2 to 4 Points. Absence of Selling Pressure in the South. New York, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 2 to 4 points in response to the continued firmness of Liverpool...

Two Charged With Attacking Child

Charlotte, Jan. 4.—John McCulloch, 25, of Charlotte, and Terrell Meek, 24, of Lockhart, S. C., were arrested here today on a charge of attacking a 12-year-old girl.

Irving Berlin's Anniversary

New York, Jan. 4.—One year ago today New York society and the public generally were surprised to read of the elopement and marriage of Miss Ellin Mackay, daughter of Clarence Mackay...

Outstanding Matters to Come Before the Present Legislature

By J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, Jan. 5.—With the 1927 general assembly scarcely a day old and the task of getting that body properly constituted scarcely completed...

FATHER OF 34 NOW ON HIS WAY TO THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL

He's the "Champeno" Daddy of the United States—Mr. Warren Will Present Him to Congress. HE WILL SEE THE PRESIDENT TOO

Washington, N. C., Jan. 5.—(AP)—North Carolina's claimant to the title of "champion father of the United States" was on his way today to the country's capital.

SUDDEN DEATH OF HENRY E. KNOX, JR.

Collapses at Greenville While Talking to a Friend. Greenville, S. C., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Henry E. Knox, Jr., hydraulic engineer of Charlotte, N. C., died suddenly here this morning while in conversation with a friend.

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