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ROBBERS GET \$150 FROM CHARLOTTE; STATION OF P. & N. TUESDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wright, Ticket Sellers and Miss Zeman, Sales Clerk Are Held at Point of Pistol While Man Goes Through Cash Drawers—No Clue as to Identity.

Charlotte Observer. Holding a pistol against the ribs of J. P. Wright and ordering Mrs. Wright, and a young lady to keep still and keep their mouths shut, two daring robbers held up and looted the Piedmont & Northern cash drawers in the passenger station, on First street, last night at 7:45 o'clock and escaped with more than \$150 in cash, with no clue left as to their identity, according to the report of the three people.

The station was deserted at the time according to statements made by the three, reporting they were held up at the point of a gun, with the exception of two officials upstairs, who knew nothing of the affair until Mrs. Wright, rushing into the room in a hysterical condition, told them of a daring hold-up.

H. C. Holtzner, supervisor with the P. & N., and P. M. Edd, train dispatcher of the same company, to whom Mrs. Wright gave the alarm, informed the police by telephone and within a few minutes half a dozen detectives were at the depot.

At a late hour last night they had discovered no clue as to the whereabouts of the robbers.

A mechanic working for the North Carolina Motors corporation, just across the street, reported that he saw the two men slip around the corner of the P. & N. depot and vanish up a dark alley.

According to Mr. Wright, his wife, and Miss Mary Zeman, the young lady who operates the ticket stand and news paper stand of the Union News company, the depot was deserted, except for them.

They reported noticing two men sitting facing the ticket window, where they had been sitting for some time. Mr. Wright called to Mrs. Wright to come in and post her books, she noting in that capacity for the company at this place.

As Mrs. Zeman stepped in through the door, Mr. Wright turned and was about to walk out when they report, he was met at the door by a rather slim young man, with a not unpleasant face. Mr. Wright said that the young man stuck a rather ugly-looking gun against Mr. Wright's ribs, and said:

"Stiek 'em up."

WANT OPEN DOOR PRINCIPLE APPLIED MORE EFFECTUALLY

British Delegation Wants to Provide For an International Board of Reference to Review Present and Future Concessions.

WAKE COUNTY MAN MADE NO COMPLAINT WHEN LOCKED UP THROUGH MISTAKE
RALEIGH, Jan. 18.—J. W. Reeves of Raleigh, came to Raleigh to appear in Wake County Superior court as prosecuting witness in a forgery case, not knowing it had been continued because of his failure to be on hand the day before.

LOCAL TALENT PLAY TO BE GIVEN SOON

Community Service to Present "Nothing But the Truth" for Benefit of Library First Week in February.

Rehearsals are under way for a home talent play to be given the first week in February under the direction of the Community Service for the benefit of the Gastonia Public Library.

QUEBEC LIQUOR SALES AFFORD A LARGE FUND
Will Pay Off Public Debt in 20 Years, Maintain Roads and Provide Funds For Education.

By The Associated Press. QUEBEC, Jan. 18.—Profits from a liquor sale in the province of Quebec will pay off the public debt in 20 years, maintain roads and provide funds for education, according to a report prepared by Premier Taschereau, prepared for submission to the legislature in its present session.

DIAGRAM EXPERT TESTIFIES IN ARBUCKLE TRIAL
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—F. X. Latulip, police department diagram expert, was ready to resume his testimony today in the second manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle, in Superior Court here.

THE WEATHER
North Carolina, unsettled and warmer tonight and Thursday with probably occasional rains.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Extended discussion of the American proposal to apply "more effectually" the principle of the open door in China was in prospect today when the Far Eastern committee of the annual conference met to resume consideration of the subject.

Revised at the suggestion of the British delegation to provide for an international board of reference to review present and future concessions to determine whether they conflict with the open door policy as redefined in the original draft of the resolution presented by Secretary Hughes, the proposal already has been given the approval of that delegation "as it stands" while the delegates of Italy have announced adherence in principle.

Although Baron Shidehara, for Japan, expressed "accord with the general principles" embodied, he reserved judgment pending opportunity for more thorough examination of the proposal.

TOBACCO FIRMS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO KEEP JOBBERS' PRICES UP
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Three of the principal tobacco manufacturing companies, the American Tobacco Company, the P. Lorillard Company and the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, were charged with engaging with numerous jobbers' associations to keep up jobbers' prices in a report transmitted today to the Senate by the Federal Trade Commission.

START WAR ON POLICE COURT RINGS AND CROOKS
CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—War has been started here against organized police court "rings" of lawyers, runners and crooks, through whose practices criminals have escaped punishment.

GERMANY MAKES FIRST PAYMENT ON REPARATIONS.
PARIS, Jan. 18.—Germany made her first payment today of 1,000,000 gold marks, in accordance with the recent decision of the reparations commission at Cannes providing for such payment every ten days pending a decision on the whole reparations issue.

MAYOR SUBMITS PLAN TO SETTLE STRIKE
RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 18.—Mayor George Albion today submitted to the Virginia Railway and Power Company, its striking employees' and to members of the city council, a plan by which he sees the controversy between the traction company and its men over the matter of wages can be satisfactorily adjusted.

WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION FUND.
Previously acknowledged \$56,000
E. B. Babington 100
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ROUND THE WORLD IN 17 DAYS IS POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE MAIL PLANES

PARIS, Jan. 1.—A trip around the world in 17 days by international mailplanes is regarded as one of the possibilities of the future by airplane experts. They say 17-day schedules with stops for deliveries at the chief cities en route may be realized when transatlantic flying becomes a reality.

It is claimed that in a recent test a letter dispatched from New York by land and sea went around the world in 89 days and that this is the world's record to date.

HOME B. & L. MADE GOOD GAIN IN BUSINESS IN 1921

Association Closed Year With 18,000 Shares of Stock in Force—Is Building One Good Substantial Home Every Week in the Year—Officers and Directors Chosen for Coming Year.

Election of directors for the coming year, hearing the annual report of the secretary and treasurer and an informal discussion of the prospects for the coming year featured the tenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Building & Loan Association held in the association's offices in the Realty building last night.

BULLOCK IS FIGHTING EXTRADITION TO STATES
Fund Has Been Raised to Fight the Case by Negroes and Britishers—Wanted at Norlina.

(By The Associated Press.) HAMILTON, Ont., Jan. 18.—Matthew Bullock, negro, whose deportation to Norlina, N. C., is sought on a charge of inciting to riot, will appear today before inspectors of the Canadian immigration department to be examined on the question of his alleged illegal entry into Canada.

TO REMOVE GASOLINE PUMPS FROM SIDEWALKS
At its regular meeting held Tuesday night in the city hall the city council passed an important amendment to the existing ordinance regulating the placing of gasoline filling pumps or filling stations.

MORE THAN THIRTY OF 75 MILLION COLLECTED
NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 18.—Collections made on subscriptions to the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign, taken in the drive of two years ago, amount to \$30,160,843, it was reported to the midwinter meeting of the campaign conservation commission here today by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Eyrer Worth, Tex., chairman.

Declares He Was Put In Room In Paris So Crowded That He Could Not Even Sleep On Floor

Harry K. Walmer in Air Service in France, Was Arrested in Paris While Transferring to Another Station and Confined in Close Room—Another Claims He Saw Two Men Hammered to Death With Axe Handles by Sergeants at Camp Merritt, New Jersey.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Continuing its investigation today of the charges of Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, against army officers and the conduct of the war, the special senate committee heard testimony tending to establish that Bennie King, of Wilmington, N. C., was killed in action and was not hanged at the direction of "Hard Boiled" Smith, of the A. E. F.

Was Bennie King's Pal.
Some weeks ago Senator Watson included the name of Bennie King in his charge of illegal executions in France and produced a witness that said he had been executed.

Anderson Bank Closed.
ANDERSON, S. C., Jan. 18.—The Peoples Bank, of this city, failed to open its doors this morning.

MILLIONAIRES PAY TRIBUTE TO FAITH OF NEGRO MAN

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 18.—For thirty-three years William Henry Shores, a negro, guarded the door of the President's room in a local bank and carried bank funds through the streets. He never was late at his work and never was short a penny.

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FIELD ARTILLERY TO BE CONCENTRATED AT CAMP BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

Big Artillery Training School At Camp Knox, Kentucky, To Be Moved To North Carolina Camp—Nine Main Training Centers To Be Retained By War Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Recommendation by the War Department of nine main training centers, one in each corps area, and of a number of other special camps was recommended today by General Pershing, chief of staff, at a hearing before the House Military Committee.

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TESTIMONY OF LAWING GIRL IS CONTRADICTED BY DEFENSE WITNESSES

Setzer Children Contradict Every Statement of Lawing Girl—Mayor Walker, of Charlotte, Character Witness for Defense—Woman Spectator Fined.

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Other Similar Testimony.
The testimony of Carry Setzer was similar in every respect. She had gone to the back porch to get water.

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