WEATHER REPORT: Fair in east cloudy on the coast tonigh and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh north winds.

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[illegible]RA LEGISLATIVE SESSION WILL FIX TAX ON REVALUATION

[illegible]der Publication Of Taxpayers And Amount Property Has Been Assessed At On Revaluation

[illegible]CH AMERICAN PLEASES ALL

[illegible] Caswell Gorman [illegible] 23-Raleigh's new [illegible] newspaper, the [illegible] is this week [illegible] press and the [illegible] [illegible]

HUN DELEGATES RETURN HOME ERE SIGNING PROTOCOL

No Much Chance Of Treaty Ratified Before New Year

FRENCH SORRY

Paris, Dec. 23.—The exchange [illegible] ratifications of the German Peace Treaty before the end of the year is considered in French official circles as impossible.

This opinion was formed to-day when the head of the German delegations here announced today that he would be obliged to return to Berlin to consult with his government in the [illegible] [illegible] communication.

BRITISH MEMBER SAYS "SEEK OPPORTUNITIES"

London, Dec. 23.—British [illegible] [illegible] occupied Batum and Baku to prevent the Turks from [illegible] the Caucasus [illegible] according to a wireless [illegible]

BIG NEGRO SCHOOL FORMED IN ILLINOIS

[illegible] Ill., Dec. 23.—Plans [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

INDICTMENT FRAMED AGAINST THE KAISER

[illegible] Dec. 23.—Law officers [illegible] held a consultation [illegible] and Belgian law [illegible] regarding the former [illegible]

[illegible] reported that the [illegible] [illegible] Hohenzollern and [illegible] [illegible]

ENGINEER SUICIDES AFTER TRAIN WRECK

Collision Causes Deaths Of Fifteen Passengers

AIDS THE INJURED

Lille, France, Dec. 23.—The engineer of the freight train which ran into a passenger train yesterday causing fifteen deaths, committed suicide after assisting the injured passengers.

EXTEND SAFE CONDUCT TO DEPORTED REDS

Washington, Dec. 23.—Explanatory of the deportation of the 249 radical Russians on the ship Buford a cable was dispatched by the State Department today to the various foreign capitals stating that precaution had been taken to secure for them safe conduct and humane treatment at the hands of the authorities under whose jurisdiction they will pass enroute to Soviet Russia.

LETTS NEGOCIATE SOVIET ARMISTICE

[illegible], Dec. 23.—The Lettish government decided to open [illegible] with the Russian [illegible] for an armistice according to [illegible]

"NO HOPE" IS REPLY FOR CONGRESSMAN WATSON

Washington, Dec. 23.—Physicians said today that they had abandoned hope for the recovery of Representative Walter Watson, of Virginia, [illegible] [illegible] a local hospital.

[illegible] Watson [illegible] [illegible]

MEXICAN WOMEN WANT POLITICAL EQUALITY

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—M[illegible] [illegible] a hand in the affairs of the [illegible] [illegible] to eliminate social and industrial [illegible] political equality. This is the [illegible] program of the Mexican [illegible] [illegible] national organization with headquarters in Mexico City, according to [illegible] general secretary of the Council.

The Council does not believe that the mass of Mexican women [illegible] are at present prepared for complete suffrage [illegible] [illegible] "Heads of the government," she said [illegible] complete emancipation [illegible] of Mexican women".

BOLSHEVISTS MAKE OVERTURES TO POLAND

Would Open Peace Negociations At Any Time Or Place

SURROUND PETLURA

London, Dec. 23.—Russian bolshevik Foreign Minister Tchitcherin has offered to begin immediate peace negotiations with Poland, according to a wireless from Moscow.

Poland is requested to indicate time and place where it would like negotiations to open.

London, Dec. 23.—Troops of Petlura, the anti-Bolshevik commander in Ukraine, are surrounded by Soviet forces near Berditchev, according to a Moscow wireless.

LONDON JAZZ BOOM IS NEARING ITS END

London, Dec. 23.—Jazz band proprietors are somewhat gloomy just now fearing that the dancing boom may not last much longer. One proprietor says that the men he sends out nightly return with very gloomy reports. The attendance is not so good as recently in the suburbs, but in the west end proprietors of large dancing halls say that the craze will last for at least five years.

GERMAN BURGLARS GET VALUABLE PICTURES

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Burglars [illegible] pictures valued [illegible] marks from the [illegible] Palace [illegible] according to the [illegible]

LARGE COMBINATIONS NEW LONDON VOGUE

London, Dec. 23.—A tendency [illegible] is becoming evident in [illegible] Enterprises in which [illegible]

TROTSKY PLANS FOR INVASION OF WESTERN EUROPE BY CHINESE

Ostensibly a Spring Attack On Poland, But Trotsky Would Initiate Another Great War

8000 CHINESE INLISTED EVERYDAY

Geneva, Dec. 23.—Preparations for a great Bolshevik offensive against Poland next spring have been planned by Trotsky, war [illegible] Soviet Russia, according to a Warsaw dispatch.

Chinese troops, who are being recruited at the rate of eight thousand a day and trained in soviet schools, will aid in the campaign, it is said.

Recent statements by Trotsky are quoted to the effect that he believes Bolshevism "is firmly rooted and spreading in China" and where a Bolshevik revolution will shortly be declared.

Trotsky intends to use the Chinese in carrying out his project of invasion of western Europe.

GEN. PERSHING, GUEST IN HOME TOWN TODAY, WITHOUT ANY FORMALITY

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Greeting Old Friends He Has Not Seen In 38 Years

DINNER AT HOME

La Clede, Missouri, Dec. 23.—General Pershing is the guest of his home town today.

All formality has been laid aside as far as possible for the day, which has been given over to handshaking and greeting of acquaintances whom he has not seen since he left here thirty-eight years ago for West Point.

After an old-time dinner at the old Pershing home General Pershing addressed his Linn County neighbors and thousands of others who came from nearby states.

MUSTAPHA KEMAL TURK BEEN ASSASSINATED

Rome, Dec. 23.—Mustapha Kemal [illegible] [illegible]

CAUSES WIFE'S DEATH BY ILLEGAL OPERATION

[illegible] Dec. 23.—[illegible]

CAPT. D'ANNUNZIO HAS LEFT FIUME CITY

Rome, Dec. 23.—Captain D'Annunzio has left Fiume, according to newspaper reports.

ROYAL COTTON SHOT IN PISTOL FIGHT

[illegible] Royal Cotton, whose home [illegible] Charleston, S. C., and who is related to [illegible] here, was killed last week in a pistol fight with Dr. J. D. Pratt [illegible] [illegible] John Bell [illegible]

[illegible] Dr. Pratt [illegible] Cotton at his home [illegible] [illegible] Pratt and was then [illegible] killed by Cotton. Pratt returned to the [illegible] [illegible]

NORMAN HAPGOOD ARRIVES FROM DENMARK

[illegible] Dec. 23.—Norman Hapgood [illegible] minister [illegible]

COTTON MARKET

December	38.50
January	37.00
March	34.[illegible]
May	32.65
July	30.[illegible]7

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$1.20 bushel

[Ha]ve You Invested a Penny in Christmas Seals?
[Th]ey Are The Help For The Helpless-You Help,