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Teachers Without Certification Cause Of Delay In Distribution Of State School Fund

CRY GOES OUT FOR MORE HOMES

By Maxwell Gorman

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Another fact that proves the general prosperity of North Carolina folks crops out today in the figures secured from the Secretary of State's office that the total number of licenses issued to automobile owners has passed the 100,000 mark. The ten thousand or more licenses issued to motor trucks and other heavy vehicles are not included in the hundred thousand list, which represents pleasure vehicles exclusively. Yes, it is a fact that, notwithstanding the undoubted high cost of living, many of our people were never so prosperous as at present.

There are two or more reasons for this, and increased wages and salaries is the bedrock on which it rests. Another, plus, is unquestionable proficiency—and near-proficiency in various channels. Some classes of people have made, and are yet making, such enormous profits that they can and do buy an automobile or two without inconveniencing their monthly incomes to any considerable extent.

Delay in School Fund Distribution.

The educational interests in several one hundred North Carolina counties are disappointed today to learn that the disbursement of the school fund, which was to have been made yesterday, has been delayed a month or more. The State public school fund this year amounts to three million dollars, and the responsibility to the counties should have been made yesterday. The delay is largely with the county clerks. The clerks are paid by the month and few of them have furnished the necessary data. The clerks are paid by the month and few of them have furnished the necessary data.

The regulation governing the distribution of teachers has worked much confusion in all other counties. Hundreds of able and experienced teachers have failed to get their pay, and many of them are holding excellent positions in other counties.

A special dispensation, provided for by the State Board of Education, which allows a teacher, employed by the county superintendent, to accept the salary of a teacher in another county, will be made in many counties. The State Board of Education has approved this plan, and it is hoped that it will be made in many counties.

Need of More Homes.

Behind people who rent their homes, there is a large class of people who would do invest themselves in the land. In North Carolina it would be a great thing for the people at large, if which there has been large.

N. Y. AMERICANS PAY OVER \$100,000 FOR RUTH SAYS SPORTING WRITERS

Boston Refused \$100,000 For Him Last Summer

RUTH WIRES REFUSAL

New York, Jan. 6.—The most popular indoor sport here today was guessing how much the New York Americans paid Boston for Babe Ruth, whose purchase was announced last night at Los Angeles by Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees.

The nearest approach to any thing of an official nature was the admission of Colonel Ruppert, president of the Yankees, that he understood the offer of \$100,000 for Ruth was refused last summer by the Boston club.

Sporting writers estimate the price paid was from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

It was only a few years ago when the announcement that the Giants had paid \$100,000 for Marquard completely staggered the sporting world.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Babe Ruth sent the following telegram today to his baseball manager here: "Will not play anywhere but for Boston."

GERMAN SUNK FLEET WILL BE BLOWN UP

London, Jan. 6.—The German warships sunk in Scapa Flow will be blown up shortly, it is stated here today.

The decision to dispose of the vessels in this way follows an investigation by a special commission representing the allies as to the feasibility of making them a suspicious increase in number in the last year or so. Instances have been brought to light of increased rentals being demanded with the beginning of the New Year, amounting to 100 per cent increase, and 40 to 50 per cent raises are common.

Homes that rented for \$25 to \$30 per month a year or two ago are now commanding \$50 to \$75—largely because of the great shortage of residences for rental purposes. And yet there is, to date, no concerted effort to build more homes.

This, of course, is an index of conditions all over the state, and are largely protesting other states if money from some where would do invest itself in the land. In North Carolina it would be a great thing for the people at large, if which there has been large.

REIGN OF TERROR REPORTED IN CORK

Irish Rebels Capture Police After Three Hours

BOMB BARRACKS WILL BE WELCOME

London, Jan. 6.—Ireland's reign of terror is spreading. From Cork comes a detailed report of a three-hour pitched battle, when 300 armed men attacked the fortified barracks at Carrigo Mill, County Cork, defended by a sergeant and five constables.

The attack culminated in hurling of bombs. One end of the building was blown up, and the raiders rushed through the breach and helped themselves to everything they could find inside, taking rifles, revolvers, ammunition and military accoutrements as well as \$300.

After ransacking the premises they handcuffed the police. Then they held a "war council" in the barracks to decide whether to shoot the constables. They finally decided to let them live, the leader of the raiding party warning the sergeant: "You have done your duty well and given us a good deal of trouble, but if the barracks are rebuilt we'll capture them again and blow them up."

CHILIAN "YANKOPHILE" AND GIVES HIS REASONS

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 6.—"Why I am Yankophile" is the subject of an article contributed to *El Times Noticias* by a Chilean who has visited the United States. Some of the reasons he gives for liking the United States are:

"Because when a person falls down nobody laughs.

"When in the street a person steps on another's toes, they do not insult each other.

"The shopkeepers can leave their deliveries on the doorstep.

"People keep in line at ticket offices and have respect for each other's place in the line.

"Everybody takes a bath.

"People have only one surname.

"There is profound respect for the police. The public fears the police and not the police the public.

"The people know how to walk in the streets, always passing to the right and they do not stop to talk.

"There is only 'first class' on railroad trains and special cars for smokers.

"Drumheads in that country are an exotic species.

"The name doesn't make the man but the man the name.

"It is a sign of ill breeding not to respect the opinions of others. There are two hundred religions in that country.

"Youths of 15 are in the universities, and not in the stock exchange or saloons.

"Democracy co-exists with the government.

"The men know how to sing and are not bashful about it.

GERMANY WILL SIGN PROTOCOL ON JAN. 10.

Paris, Jan. 6.—There is every indication that the peace protocol will be signed by Germany and representatives of the League of Nations on January 10, the date tentatively set by the Supreme Council yesterday.

The Council of the League of Nations, it is understood, will be called about a week later.

London, Jan. 6.—Applying from Germany, proposals have been for a reduction in the number of troops to be sent to army in which prohibitions will be taken under the peace treaty was presented by the Supreme Council.

Germany will have to bear the expense of maintaining troops and it is upon the grounds of expediency that the German representatives have made the application.

PRESBYTERIANS WANT UNITED CHURCH IN U. S.

New York, Jan. 6.—Committee of approximately twenty denominations have accepted invitation from the Presbyterian Church to confer in Philadelphia, February 3 to 6, on a proposal for a national union of Christian churches under the name of United Church of Christ in America. It was announced today from Presbyterian headquarters here.

Mrs. Mildred Allbrook returned from Suffolk Saturday after having spent the Christmas holidays with her sister Mrs. R. F. Pilsand.

READING SUCCEEDS AMBASSADOR GREY

Sacrifices Chief Justiceship To Satisfy Party

BOMB BARRACKS WILL BE WELCOME

London, Jan. 6.—Lord Reading probably will be the next permanent British Ambassador to the United States.

It is universally conceded in official quarters here that Lord Grey, who is now on the high seas, "on leave of absence," will not return to U. S. and that Lord Reading, who has already proved his fitness for the difficult post at Washington, is the logical choice of the British government.

No secret is made at the British Foreign Office of the fact that no other man would be so acceptable in the American capital, and Universal Service is informed on excellent authority that he will be offered the post first.

If he accepts, it will entail no small sacrifice on his part, for he must relinquish his present high office of Chief Justice. It is understood, however, that he is willing to do this, since it is necessary in order to fill what is regarded by Downing Street as the most important appointment in the giving of the government, in view of the important place the United States occupies in international politics.

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FEDERAL OFFICERS MAKE ARREST OF RED LEADER IN GOV'T SERVICE

Statistician Of Federal Trade Board Taken In Connection With Radical Arrests

OTHERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6.—Federal officers today held Rafael Staton, a statistician of the Federal Trade Commission, in connection with the national drive on radicals.

Staton was seized last night on his return from Mexico. He is charged with being a member of the Communist party.

New York, Jan. 6.—There was a rumor about the offices of the Department of Justice that an arrest would be made by members of the Department in either this city or in Washington of a person said to be of considerable importance.

"The newspapers would give \$1,000 to know the name of the man who may be taken into custody," remarked one of the special agents of that Department in discussing the report. "I don't know, however, under any circumstances, whether the name of the person whom I have heard is to be taken into custody."

The special agent would not say whether the person to be placed under arrest, identified with or was party to "Red" propaganda.

AGENT JENKINS' BAIL SUGGESTED FROM MEXICO SAYS MEX. ATTORNEY

TO AVOID CRISIS

Washington, Jan. 6.—The plan to relieve Mexico of its strained relations with the United States incident to the imprisonment of Consul Agent William O. Jenkins by having Jenkins released on bail was devised in New York. It was carried out by the Mexican government on the telegraphic advice of Rafael Nieto, Under Secretary of Finance.

Enrique Lopez Figueroa, a Mexican attorney of New York, has testified to those facts before J. W. Bonfield, counsel for the subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is investigating Mexican conditions.

The plan was suggested by Nieto to the American authorities from New York in which the Under Secretary of Finance suggested that the crisis in the affairs of the two countries, which was apparently at hand, might be averted if bail was supplied for Jenkins.

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PROTESTANTS MEET AT ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City, Jan. 6.—One thousand prominent Protestant churchmen and 150 editors of Protestant church papers and of the Protestant religious periodicals will gather here tomorrow for a three days' conference. The main purpose of the gathering of Protestant denominations for the reorganization of the world.

The conference has been called by Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, who is chairman of the General Committee of the United Church World Movement, which church auspices the sessions, will be held.

For the first time it is said, the coordination of work of all the churches will be organized in order that a remedy or once may be applied for the lessening of spiritual energy, the lives of the workers and the money of the churches.

ITALY GIVES PLANE TO BRAZILIAN ARMY

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 6.—The Italian government has presented a Hydroaeroplane to the Brazilian army. A Curtiss airplane, which was delivered to the Brazilian army, will be delivered to the Brazilian army.

January	37.70
March	37.07
May	36.52
July	36.03
October	35.22
Cotton Seed Market	\$1.27 1/2

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Wilson's health is reported to be improving. The President will be delivered to the President's residence today.