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## HERO OF "LOST BATTALION" TAKES LIFE ON STEAMSHIP

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 29.—Secretly handing over memories of war experiences from which he emerged one of America's greatest heroes, is ascribed to friends and relatives of Lieutenant Charles W. Whittlesey, Commander of "The Lost Battalion" as the cause of the taking of his own life Sunday on steamship en route to Panama.

## AMERICAN LEGION WILL ELECT OFFICERS TO- MORROW NIGHT

The regular annual election of officers of the American Legion will be held tomorrow at 7:30 at meeting at the Mayor's office. Chas. H. Smith has been Commander during the past year, and B. F. Bracy, Adjutant. These will hold office until January first when the newly elected officers will assume office.

It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of all members and prospective members.

## FIRE DESTROYS A HALF BLOCK BUSINESS SECTION

(By Associated Press.)  
Fitzgerald, Ga., Nov. 29.—Half a block in the business section was virtually destroyed in a three hundred dollar fire.

The fire started in the building occupied by H. A. Barkhart as a garage and automobile salesroom.

## REFUSAL TO INVESTIGATE SHIPPING BOARD

(By U. S. Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—An investigation of the Shipping Board proposed in a resolution by Senator La Follette was voted down by the Commerce Committee by a unanimous vote on the ground that such action at this time was unnecessary and unwarranted.

## TRUST COMPANY IS OPTIMISTIC

(By U. S. Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—There are multiplying evidences of the fact that domestic business has "turned the corner" and is gradually but surely emerging from the deflation period that began about the middle of last year, according to a survey by the Trust Company of New York. Two outstanding indications of the improvement are indicated as higher money, with its concomitant lower credit, and the more or less widespread industrial revival. The statement says that "a building boom is sweeping the country. There is a decided betterment in the textile trades and the shoe and leather industries and the most progress. Our surplus copper is gradually being marketed at prices that bent upward. There is increased output of iron and steel, and the railroads are coming back into the market. Business failures are less numerous. Unemployment generally is decreasing, and savings are increasing."

## BROTHER OF LOCAL MAN DIES AT DUNN

A telegram was received yesterday by Mr. H. C. Bell conveying the news that his brother, J. C. Bell, of Dunn, N. C., died yesterday morning.

Mr. Bell was a prominent merchant of Dunn, was thirty-eight years of age and is survived by a wife and two young children.

## THE R. R. REQUIRED TO JUSTIFY CHARGES

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—Railroads will be given until December fourteenth to justify in hearings the present level of transportation charges, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced, in making public questionnaires to the carriers.

## PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER REFERS CHARGES TO SECRETARY MELLON

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 27.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes has decided to refer to Secretary Mellon for final decision charges by Mayor Stewart, of Savannah, that special prohibition agent, B. B. Henson, raided a home without warrant.

## ATTITUDE TO NEW SOCIETY OF NATIONS

(By U. S. Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—The State Department has let it be known that even should the United States recognize the recently constituted government of the United States of Central America, representatives of which are in Washington seeking the approval of the American government, diplomatic relations between this country and the various Latin republics involved in the new union would continue on virtually the same plan as at present. The special mission has been in Washington several weeks awaiting an opportunity to present its case to Secretary Hughes. It is composed of Dr. Francisco Lima, of Salvador; Dr. Jose Malos, of Guatemala, and Dr. Vincente M. Colindres, of Honduras, representing the three Latin republics which have signified their intention of joining the new union. Costa Rica and Nicaragua have refused.

## AIDS TO EMPLOYMENT

Washington, Nov. 29.—Two hundred and twenty cities have replied to Colonel Arthur Woods, chairman of the Committee on Civic and Emergency Measures of the President's Industrial Conference, indicating that they have taken immediate steps to alleviate the local unemployment problem and are heartily cooperating with the Federal executives. These replies are the result of letters sent by Secretary Hoover, chairman of the Conference, urging speedy action on the part of municipal and state authorities, to meet the situation. The Committee on Public Works of the Conference is bending its efforts toward getting public works underway in order to create jobs and stimulate industry generally.

## ROBBERS INVADE SPANISH FORCES THE HOME OF PROMINENT CITIZEN

(By Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 29.—Police are seeking four armed robbers who late last night raided the residence at Glendale, a suburb, of William Cooper Proctor, President of Proctor and Gamble Company, imprisoning three women in the cellar and ransacking the home. The robbers escaped with jewelry valued at one hundred thousand dollars.

Cincinnati, Nov. 29.—Mrs. Proctor, Miss Johnson, her sister and an aged cook were the women held up by the burglars.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baker, of Palmyra, were visitors in Scotland Neck this morning.

## President Obregon's Administration One Of Reconstruction And Reorganization

(By Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Nov. 28.—The first year of General Alvaro Obregon's administration as President of Mexico, which ends Nov. 30 has been one essentially of reconstruction and reorganization. He became the head of a republic torn and worn by revolution, split by factional strife, its finances a wreck and its rehabilitation an almost superhuman task.

A new cabinet post, Secretary of Education, has been added during the year and its head, Jose Vasconcelos has been promised adequate financial means to carry out an ambitious program of education which, President Obregon says is the nation's greatest problem.

The federal-owned railroads have been completely reorganized in the managerial departments and some progress is being made toward their rehabilitation. Rolling stock has been acquired and an alarming port congestion which threatened bankruptcy to many interior merchants who were unable to obtain shipments of goods, has been appreciably relieved.

The agrarian question still vexes, although the administration claims that its program in regard to lands is on the road to completion. Under the direction of the National Agrarian Commission, several hundred thousand acres of land have been expropriated from the large haciendas and delivered to the peasants. Protests have flowed into government offices here and charges of bald confiscation have been openly made.

The Obregon government has been charged with a trend toward radicalism. Various state governments, notably those of Vera Cruz and Puebla, have enacted laws that are regarded here as radical and pleas for federal intervention to prevent their enforcement have been met with the official statement that the chief executive will not encroach upon the sovereignty of the states. There are frequent sanguinary clashes in the states of Yucatan and Michoacan between radicals and conservatives with the former still retaining their power. The War Department announces that

## CENTRE COLLEGE TO PLAY IN CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press.)  
Danville, Ky., Nov. 29.—Senator College will meet some Western team in football game at San Diego, Cal., late in December, it is announced.

progress is being made in the reduction of the federal army to 50,000 men, entailing the dismissal of many score generals and other high officers. The dismissed soldiers are being given an opportunity to colonize.

President Obregon has been unable to secure recognition of his government by the United States, Great Britain and France. To many observers, this failure is the greatest deterrent to stability and prosperity now confronting the chief executive. The United States has said that the Mexican president must sign a treaty of amity and commerce as a prior act to recognition and this President Obregon has steadfastly declined to do, asserting such action would be neither legal nor within the dignity or pride of the nation. A deadlock on recognition now exists.

Last May President Obregon placed an export tax on oil shipments from Mexico and a loud protest went up from American producers. Production and development shut down and shipments ceased. They were resumed early in September after an agreement as to taxes between the oil men and Secretary de la Huerta.

The financial rehabilitation of Mexico is still a subject for study and the only definite information on that subject is the official assurance that the government wishes to arrange its debts.

Claims against the government for damages suffered by foreigners during revolutionary periods are to be treated by a mixed claims commission. According to President Obregon's suggestion, but thus far there is no indication that such a commission has been established.

A year, then, of Obregon finds a nation more united and outwardly peaceful than in years; still struggling to arrange its finances but handicapped by lack of recognition by three great powers; a nation making some progress along the lines of reconstruction and reorganization.

President Obregon, enjoying better health today than he did a year ago, is optimistic and says that the sun is slowly but surely breaking through the clouds.

## JAPAN ASKS FOR LARGER RATIO IN NAVAL ARMAMENTS

## FRENCH IS REPLACED BY THE ENGLISH

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Nov. 29.—At many international conferences in the past French has been the only language used by the delegates at their meetings—for the good reason that there was no other that all of them knew. In more recent years it has been the custom to establish intercommunication between the delegates by means of interpreters, and usually it was the English who had most need of such services. In Washington the situation has changed. The one language that almost all of the delegates know is not French, but English, and if it were not for the French delegates there would be no need to call in an interpreter for anybody. In this the Frenchmen will see a threat that not for long will their admirable tongue retain the proud distinction of being "the language of diplomacy." Perhaps it already has lost that distinction, in actuality if not in theory. From one point of view this is to be regretted. The change imposes upon the statesmen and representatives of the world's several nations the task of learning, in addition to their own language, an extremely difficult one, instead of one that is comparatively easy to acquire.

## WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and everybody. No change in temperature. Strong northwest winds.

## WORLD STATISTICS OF COMMERCIAL COTTON

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Nov. 29.—The Bureau of Census says that the world's production of cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1920, as compiled from published reports, documents, and correspondence, was approximately 18,810,000 bales of 500 pounds net, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31, 1921, was approximately 15,520,000 bales of 500 pounds net. The total number of producing cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 155,000,000.

## VETERANS ILL INFORMED

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Nov. 25.—Failure on the part of former service men and their dependents to file claims for benefits according to them under the soldier-relief legislation, due mostly to their lack of information regarding the benefits, were given as the principal causes of the criticism of veterans' relief as conducted by the Government, in a statement by Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the

## TWENTY-TWO NEW FEDERAL JUDGES

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Nov. 29.—The judiciary committee of the Senate has favorably reported on the Walsh bill creating 22 additional Federal district judges. A similar bill is pending before the Senate judiciary committee, with the recommendation of Chief Justice Taft and Attorney General Daugherty.

## FAR EASTERN COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION ON EXTRA TER- RITORIAL RIGHTS FOR CHINA

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 29.—The Armament Conference committee of naval experts held their first meeting in nearly a week, with the question of whether sixty or seventy per cent ratio should obtain in figuring disarmaments. Japan emphasized, by announcement of Vice Admiral Kato, chief of the Japanese naval experts, that a larger ratio was necessary for the nation's security.

The Far Eastern committee was scheduled to take action on extra territorial rights in China.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The scheduling of the big five naval experts was postponed until tomorrow.

The Committee of Far Eastern questions adopted a resolution providing for the relinquishment of extra territorial rights in China if an international commission, after studying Chinese laws and court practices, finds the system adequate.

President's Harding's suggestion for continuing the conference of Nations is expected by administration officials to become the subject of formal discussion by the conference.

## EMPLOYMENT IN SELECT- ED INDUSTRIES IN OCTOBER, 1921

(By U. S. Press.)

Washington, Nov. 29.—The U. S. Department of Labor through the Bureau of Labor Statistics received and published reports concerning the volume of employment in October, 1921 from representative establishments in 14 manufacturing industries and in bituminous coal mining.

Comparing the figures of October 1921 with those for identical establishments for October 1920, it appears that in 8 of the 14 industries there were increases in the number of persons employed, while in 6 industries there were decreases. The largest increase, 52.5 per cent, was in the woolen industry. Men's ready-made clothing shows an increase of 30.5 per cent and cotton finishing shows an increase of 29.9 per cent. In the iron and steel industry, the greatest decrease—37.8 per cent—appears.

Six of the 14 industries show an increase in the total amount of pay roll for October 1921 as compared with October 1920. The remaining 8 industries show decreases in the amount of pay roll. The woolen industry shows the most important increase—38.3 per cent. An increase of 23 per cent appears in boots and shoes and one of 20.1 per cent in cotton finishing. The most important percentage decrease is 67.6, which appears in iron and steel. Paper making shows a decrease of 44.5 per cent and car building and repairing shows a decrease of 42.3 per cent.

## COTTON MARKET

### YESTERDAY'S MARKET

December	17.90
January	19.79
March	17.62
May	17.36
July	16.55

### TODAY'S MARKET

December	17.53
January	17.50
March	17.41
May	17.14
July	16.74