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## AMERICAN CONSUL IS SHOT BY ASSASSIN

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 12.—Mason Mitchell, American Consul on the Island of Malta was shot and wounded by an assailant who escaped.

## POLICE OFFICER ATTEMPTS TO BLACKMAIL BANK PRESIDENTS

(By Associated Press)  
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 12.—Charles W. Browne, former member of the police is in jail on a Federal charge growing out of an attempt to demand money by threatening letters to two of the city's leading bankers.  
The technical charge against Browne is that he devised a scheme to defraud and mailed letters to W. A. Godwin, president of The Norfolk National Bank and the Clearing House Association, and J. B. Moss, president of the Seaboard National Bank, demanding money under a threat of bomb and dagger at the end of each letter.

## HOUSE JUDICIARY COM. TO HOLD HEARING ON IMPEACHMENT CHARGES

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 12.—The House Judiciary Committee voted in executive session to proceed with the hearing of impeachment charges brought against Attorney General Daugherty by Representative Keller in the manner insisted upon by Representative Keller.

## RUSSIA EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW CURRENCIES

Moscow, Dec. 12.—As the gold ruble cannot at present be regarded as the real measure of value in Russia, a new ruble called the "goods ruble," corresponding to the value of certain kinds of goods, is to be introduced as commercial currency. Wages will be fixed in "goods rubles." In addition to the "goods ruble" it is proposed to introduce into the market other varieties of the ruble, namely, agricultural, export, import and budget rubles.

A well informed Russian business man, questioned as to the Soviets latest financial plans, said the intention was that paper issues should in theory be backed by supplies of goods. Regarding the export and import issues, he said that the paper would be backed for face value by all the trade entering and leaving Russia.

The new financial measure is probably attributable to the fact that the supply of gold rubles is nearing extinction, and to a desire on the part of the Soviet officials to deal a blow at the people who are hoarding them. An effort was made by the Bolsheviks some time ago to declare the Czar, Duma and Kerensky rubles valueless, but it did not succeed.

## Messenger Is Robbed Of \$19,000

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Four bandits held up a Logan Square Trust and Savings Bank messenger and robbed him of nineteen thousand dollars in a busy business district.

## HUSBAND MUST PAY FOR DEFENCE OF HIS WIFE

### WIFE IN TRIAL FOR HIRING GUNMEN TO KILL HER HUSBAND.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12. Ney J. Ford, wealthy Wayne County farmer faced prospects that he would be required to pay for the defense of his wife who is charged with an attempt to hire gunmen to kill him.  
Attorneys for Mrs. Ford planned to enter motion that Ford advance a thousand dollars for preliminary attorney's fees and three thousand dollars for the defense should the woman be held for trial.  
The financial support of the defense, attorneys contend, is the husband's legal obligation.

## SWEDISH EXPERT OUTLINES GERMANY'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

Stockholm, Dec. 12. "If France breaks with Germany financially chaos will follow, and the mark will drop to almost any conceivable low rate," said Professor Gustav Cassel, Swedish expert in international finance, and advisor to the League of Nations, upon his recent return from Berlin where he had been called by the German government, together with seven other financial experts from the United States, England, Holland and Russia.

Professor Cassel declares that unless present conditions in Europe are altered, stabilization of the German mark will be impossible. The experts were agreed on this. They recommended that the German government ask for a moratorium of reparations payments for at least two years. If this request is granted, stabilization will depend principally on Germany's production and on the make-up of the national budget. An international loan to Germany would not in itself solve the problem, he says, but would have a tremendous moral effect on the people.

The commission of financial experts recommended, according to Professor Cassel, that in case the moratorium were granted, Germany give the following guarantees: the establishment of a "central foreign exchange department" at the Riksbank, to be provided with some of the Riksbank's gold reserve; the expenditure of this gold in the purchase of paper marks; the limitation of the floating debts, and the raising of the discount rate at the Riksbank. With the consent of the reparations commission, an international financial association should be invited to help in the work of stabilization. The redeeming of paper marks should be limited to notes of the Riksbank, chiefly foreign holdings. If marks were priced at the rate of 3,500 to the United States dollar, says Professor Cassel, less than half of the gold reserve of the Riksbank would be sufficient for redemption.

Professor Cassel has recently agreed to act as financial adviser to the Soviet State Bank in Petrograd.

## NOV. REPORT OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

At a meeting last night of the Executive Committee of the Associated Charities, the following report of activities for the month of November was reported. Cases investigated, 6. Cases regarded unworthy of help, 1. Cases investigated, but not yet finished, 2. Cases helped, 5. Clothes sent to two homes. Groceries and wood sent to one home. Heating stove sent to one home. Milk is being sent daily to two homes. Visits made during the month, 35. The Scotland Neck Bank has offered a room in its building to be used for storage of children's clothing or such other things as may be useful in carrying on the work of this organization.

## MERCHANT KING PASSES AWAY

(By Associated Press)  
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12. John Wanamaker died at his home here where he has been confined since early November with a heavy cold contracted at his country estate at Jenkintown.

## GOVERNMENT GRADING AND STAPLING COTTON RECOMMENDED

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 12.—The grading and stapling of cotton under government supervision is recommended by William M. Stewart, Director of the Census in his annual report. Quarterly reports from all leaf tobacco dealers regardless of the amount held in stock is also recommended.

## DOLLARS DEMANDED BY MOSCOW GAMBLERS

(By Associated Press)  
Moscow, Dec. 11.—America dollars are now being used nightly in Moscow's gambling casinos, where the play amounts into trillions of roubles at a single turn. Players at baccarat, roulette and chemin-de-fer, when they win, ask for their profits in United States notes.

## YOUNG DANISH PRINCE GOING INTO BUSINESS

(By Associated Press)  
Copenhagen, Dec. 12. It is rumored here that Prince Axel, son of Prince Waldemar, who recently returned to Denmark after a voyage as captain on board one of the East Asiatic Company's ships is now considering entering a business life. He has expressed a wish to learn the commercial side of the company's activities, and he works daily at the offices. It is expected that he will be given a leading position in the company.

## DO IT TODAY

There are just TEN DAYS left to do that CHRISTMAS SHOPPING in and it will PAY YOU to do it TODAY. Deal with the merchants who advertise in this paper. They will treat you right.

## KU KLUX KLAN ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE HERE

Elsewhere in today's issue is an advertisement from the Ku Klux Klan calling on those who wish to become a member of that organization to send in their names for consideration. This organization has been greatly criticized for taking the enforcement of the law into its own hands. However, from its advertisement it appears to stand for what is best for the community, though it is a question in the minds of many whether the methods adopted by them for handling the situation are justified by conditions. Nevertheless, Scotland Neck is face to face with the decision as to whether it will become affiliated with the organization or not.

## RICHMOND REAL ESTATE MAN IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

(By Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 12.—Police are seeking the motive for the killing last night of Mrs. Thelma Richardson, a stenographer, who was shot through the heart. Thomas Pollard, her employer, a real estate man, is under a two thousand dollar bond charged with the shooting, and J. Mosby West, with whom the woman went to Pollard's home, is under a five hundred dollar bond as an accessory. The police say that the woman was killed with a revolver which she took to Pollard's home to seek "an understanding."

## CLEMENCEAU'S LAST SPEECH IN U. S. TO BE BROADCASTED

### TIGER'S FAREWELL MESSAGE WILL BE SPOKEN AT ANNUAL DINNER OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE.

New York, Dec. 12.—The farewell speech of Georges Clemenceau in the United States will be broadcasted by radio to an audience of more than one million persons tonight. The air will be cleared for the French statesman's final good will message in this country from 8:30 until ten o'clock.

The Tiger's speech will be delivered at the annual dinner of the American Committee for Devastated France to be held in the Hotel Pennsylvania here. His talk, given before 2,000 persons expected to attend the dinner, will be picked up by microphones in the banquet hall and relayed by Western Union wires to station WJZ in Newark.

The words of Clemenceau will be broadcasted from the Newark station. That station, which is operated by the Westinghouse company, covers the United States east of the Mississippi and under favorable conditions, San Francisco and London.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
For North Carolina: Generally fair and much colder tonight and Wednesday. Cold wave in extreme west portion. Fresh to strong northwest winds.

## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

As the Christmas season comes to us full of the message of the Christ child, hearts are filled with love and a desire to bring happiness and cheer to hearts and homes that are cheerless and in want. The Associated Charity officers, knowing the spirit and feeling of the generous and good people of Scotland Neck, and knowing that many of them would love to bring joy into the homes of their less fortunate neighbors, are going to publish in the columns of The Commonwealth Golden Opportunities the Christmas tide.

Would you like to see a stocking for a little kiddie who would otherwise have no Santa Claus? Would you like to take a gay basket of Christmas goodies to a home in want? Would you like to see that somebody has a good Christmas dinner, instead of a meagre menu which their little pantry would afford?

Just look below and choose which Golden Opportunity would give you most joy. Communicate with The Commonwealth and they will give you this number and name. You can have the pleasure of delivering your parcel of holiday joy, or if you prefer you can advise Miss Rebe Shields, Chairman of the Investigating Committee, and the ladies of her committee will receive and deliver your contribution for you. One gentleman has already asked that he be allowed to contribute one Christmas basket. Opportunities will be published as they are received, and all those which are not taken will be looked after by the Associated Charities. Every person is asked to hand in names of any persons in need of help at Christmas.

1. Christmas Stocking for girl ten years old.
2. Christmas Stocking for girl eleven years old.
3. Christmas Basket for girl fourteen years old.
4. Christmas Stocking for girl eleven years old.
5. Christmas Stocking for girl eight years old.
6. Christmas Stocking for girl five years old.
7. Christmas Stocking for boy five years old.
8. Christmas Stocking for girl seven years old.
9. Christmas Stocking for girl thirteen years old.
10. Christmas Stocking for boy nine years old.
11. Christmas Stocking for girl six years old.
12. Christmas Stocking for boy seven years old.
13. Christmas Stocking for boy seven years old.
14. Christmas Stocking for boy nine years old.
15. Christmas Stocking for girl seven years old.
16. Christmas Stocking for boy six years old.
17. Christmas Stocking for boy six years old.
18. Christmas Stocking for boy five years old.
19. Basket of Christmas cheer for sick girl thirteen.
20. Christmas basket for daughter and invalid mother.
21. Christmas basket for mother and two little boys.
22. Christmas basket for invalid mother and family.
23. Christmas basket for family of four.
24. Christmas dinner for family of four.
25. Christmas Stocking for girl thirteen years old.
26. Christmas Stocking for boy five years old.

### COTTON MARKET.

TODAY'S MARKET	
December	25.10
January	25.14
March	25.35
May	25.41
July	25.02
YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
December	24.85
January	24.90
March	25.07
May	25.07
July	24.72

Government estimate of 1922 cotton crop 9,964,000 bales.

## PROMINENT SPEAKER IS TO ADDRESS MERCHANTS

### MR. J. PAUL LEONARD

J. Paul Leonard of the State Merchants Association will address the Merchants Association of Scotland Neck tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Director's room of the Scotland Neck Bank and all members of the local association are urged to attend.

## Fitting Hogs For Market

By C. E. LITTLEJOHN  
At the present writing there are about eleven cars of hogs listed with the County Agent for March shipment and all these hogs will have to be ready to be shipped by the middle of March. Though the County Agent is in Raleigh, attending the annual convention of county agents, he has been busy on this hog shipment work in lining up the markets for our feeds. It has been arranged to let the farmers get their fish meal at actual cost and an effort is being made to get the other material to make a balanced ration at actual cost also. You will be acquainted with this arrangement as soon as the Agent gets back from Raleigh.

The marketing arrangement for our hogs has already been completed and we have secured a contract to give a cent a pound premium on all hogs fed out according to the standards given out by the County Agent. There is nothing scientific in feeding these hogs for the market but there is a lot of good old hard common sense involved. We only give the hog all the feeds that his system requires to make the fastest gains and let the hog do the rest. If you have a bunch of thirty hogs to feed according to this schedule, thirty minutes a day are sufficient to do the work in.

Keep your hogs on peanuts until the county agent comes back from Raleigh and then we will get busy. The County Agent expects to get back from Raleigh about the middle of this week. If we can ship seven out of the eleven cars lined up for shipment it will mean that about eight thousand dollars will be turned loose in our section about the time that we are buying fertilizers and this will help us immensely as we can pay cash for our fertilizers and not carry them on some merchant's books for a year.

## PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

(By Associated Press)  
Cleveland, O., Dec. 12. The first business before the session of Progressive Political conference was a report of the committee on credentials, which decided that "since the Workers Party of America was not in harmony with the principles of the conference that their representatives be not seated." The report was adopted.