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## ELLIS ISLAND JAMMED WITH IMMIGRANTS

**Examination Of the Newcomers Is Being Carried On At Night As Well As Day—"Reds" Clutter the Place—Large Number of Radicals Awaiting Deportation Blamed With the Congestion At the Gateway for Immigrants.**

New York, Dec. 28.—More than 3,000 immigrants were clamoring at the gates of New York tonight for admission into the United States. Ellis island is congested and many hundreds of the incoming passengers are being detained on board steamships for examination.

Immigration inspectors and special boards of inquiry are working day and night to relieve the unprecedented conditions. In the meantime hundreds of friends and relatives of the detained passengers from all over the country are assembled here impatiently awaiting the release of the immigrants.

Police and coast guards are on duty at the piers and the Ellis island ferry entrance to hold in check the crowds which gather at the gates daily. Several attempts have been made by friends and relatives of the detained passengers to storm the piers in an effort to reach the ships. They cannot understand the delay and fear their friends are to be deported.

Immigration officials claim that their work is delayed to a large extent on Ellis island because of the congestion there due to the detention of a large number of radicals and undesirable, being held for deportation.

The greater number of the immigrants being detained are Italians, it was stated. Several hundred Greek passengers are also held.

Although the steamship Patria has been in port five days, 733 passengers from the 1,880 that came from Italian ports, are still being detained. On the Giesppi Verdi, another Italian liner, approximately 700 steerage passengers have been held for further examination.

Less than 300 of the 1,620 steerage passengers on board the liner Europa which arrived December 18 have had a first examination. Four hundred and thirty of the 2,050 steerage passengers on the Royal Italian Mail liner Taormina and 50 of the steerage complement of the Mauretania are detained.

Another steamship, the Megalis Hellas, the largest ship of the National Greek line, is tied up in Brooklyn with 139 of her 412 steerage passengers still detained on board. Many others are reported to be detained on smaller steamships, including several passengers on the Ward line steamship Montecroce, which arrived today from Mexico and Havana.—Associated Press.

## FIVE MORE DEATHS FROM DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL

**United States Marshal Arrests Four Men on Federal Warrants At Chicopee.**

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 28.—United States Marshal Edward J. Leyden today arrested four men on Federal warrants, two charging violation of the wartime prohibition act and two illegal transportation of liquor from State to State. The arrest resulted from his investigation into the deaths of more than fifty persons in the Connecticut Valley since Christmas from drinking wood alcohol contained in a mixture sold as whiskey.

Five more deaths had resulted since early this morning from alcohol poisoning, three in Holyoke and two in Chicopee, bringing the total for the Connecticut valley, not including Hartford, to 53, divided as follows: Chicopee 37, including two women; Holyoke, 9; Springfield 4, including one woman; Greenfield 1, and Thompsonville, Conn., 2.

Those under arrest on the Federal warrants are John Nasazewski of Chicopee and Harry Sharpe of Springfield, truck drivers, who are charged with bringing the liquor into the valley; Adam Ostrowski and John W. Staszuk, both of Holyoke, charged with violation of the wartime prohibition act. They will be arraigned before a United States commissioner Monday morning. All were released under \$500 bonds.

Marshal Alfred Caron of the Chicopee police left this afternoon for New Haven, Conn., with warrants charging murder against four men who have been arrested in that city. The warrants were sworn out, the police say, on information given by William Baker of this town, who is held on a manslaughter charge, and Harry Shapiro of Springfield.

Although several new cases of the poisoning were reported today in the valley, the number decreased considerably over Friday and Saturday. The number increased in Holyoke, giving the impression that some liquor brought in that city may have been consumed since Friday, when the first signs of the poisoning became evident.

## DEATH OF GEN. WILLIAM R. COX

**Former Representative of the Raleigh District In Congress Died Friday In Richmond—Led One of the Last Charges at Appomattox.**

Saturday's daily papers carried an account of the death of General William R. Cox which occurred at Richmond, Va., Friday evening. Death is said to have been due to toxic poisoning brought on by old age.

General Cox was a brave soldier and fought in the Confederate army until the last. It is said that he led one of the very last charges made at Appomattox court house. He was wounded eleven times during the war. At the close of the war he became secretary of the United States Senate and served under both Republican and Democratic administrations. He was later elected solicitor of the Raleigh district and then was sent to Congress for several terms.

William Ruffin Cox was born in Halifax County March 11, 1831. He received his early schooling at Vine Hill Academy at Scotland Neck. He then went to Nashville, Tenn., for his preparatory training and entered Franklin College, graduating with distinction. After practicing law awhile in Tennessee he returned to North Carolina and later opened a law office in Raleigh. Then came the war. He raised and fitted out a military company at his own expense.

For a number of years he was a leader in the political life of the State. His son, Col. Albert L. Cox, who lives in Raleigh, was in the war in Europe and proved a worthy and acceptable leader.

## NEWS FROM THE SIXTH.

One of the Congressional districts which is going to furnish a lot of newspaper talk for the next several months is the Sixth, the district now represented by Hon. Hannibal Godwin of Dunn. Tom Bost writing from Raleigh sends the following to the Greensboro News:

"Judge Watt P. Stacy, of Wilmington, and the sixth district was in Raleigh Saturday night on his way to Elizabeth City where he holds court this week and begins the circuit at the beginning.

"Judge Stacy, asked as to his attitude on the congressional race, said that he had not reached any decision and really could not discuss the political situation now. He knew that many of his friends are interesting themselves and others in making him a candidate, but he indicated that he had neither encouraged them nor repressed them. The election of a congressman in the sixth has not yet taken the judge's mind off the bench.

"There are many things in the district which weigh against Judge Stacy's going into the contest. In Lumberton, Robeson county, there is a strong pressure bearing on L. R. Varser, of the Lumberton bar, and law partner of A. W. McLean. Senator Horace Stacy is a brother of the judge and is a member of the big law firm of that city. The purpose of sixth district Democrats to give Hannibal Godwin a beating this time is stronger than it ever was, but to go into it with Varser and Stacy opposing each other would be as lucky a play into Godwin's hands as that fairly fortunate individual has had, and he has been more than happy in the opposition that his enemies have given him.

"Judge Stacy has not indicated what delays him in reaching a verdict but his friends seem to sense it. Everything is going to be done to avoid a head-on between two strong men. Should the judge enter the race the Democracy would do its best not to have a contest between him and Varser, and if Varser comes out, of course the tendency would be to close the entries. The effort to beat Godwin hitherto has been fruitless when a candidate in every county has been brought out.

"Judge Stacy is generally regarded the strongest man in the race. He is young and good-looking, has perhaps the best public-speaking voice in the entire east, is a superb orator and debater, and universally popular where he has held courts."

## Not Taking Care of Cotton.

The United States Railroad Administration has just completed a series of tests at Little Rock, Arkansas, showing the loss that occurs when cotton is carelessly handled. Cotton bales were stored under different conditions, and the loss in weight noted. The results are a revelation. The first bales of cotton, carefully stored and protected, lost only two pounds during the test. A second bale, on dunnage, and covered with a tarpaulin, lost four pounds. Another bale, left on the ground on edge, and unprotected, lost 122 pounds. And a fourth bale, left flat on the ground during the test, lost 232 pounds, or nearly half of its entire weight. This clearly shows what happens to the cotton owner who refuses to take care of his product.—Southern Ruralist.

## NEGRO LYNCHED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY SATURDAY NIGHT

**Angry Crowd Pursues Officers After They Place Colored Man Under Arrest Following the Homicide—Attempted to Rush Man to Raleigh for Safe Keeping But Failed.**

(News and Observer)

Franklinton, Dec. 27.—Less than an hour after he had shot and instantly killed R. M. Brown, proprietor of a motion picture theatre here, a negro named Green was lynched by a mob that overtook officers who were rushing the negro to Raleigh for safe-keeping.

After being taken from the officers, the negro escaped from the mob but, after being re-taken, it is stated was dragged for about two miles and then strung up by the neck to a tree. The killing of the theatre proprietor occurred tonight at 9 o'clock across the street in front of the show house as a result of words when Mr. Brown warned the negro against striking matches in the theatre.

During the show the negro, it is said, started to strike a match. Mr. Brown quietly asked him not to strike the match as it was dangerous. The negro became excited, began cursing and the two came down out of the building together. They crossed the street, Brown in front and the negro following. Just as Mr. Brown stepped upon the sidewalk, the negro whipped out his gun and shot, his victim falling to the ground dead.

Police were on the scene and immediately rushed the negro to the lockup. A crowd immediately formed about the jail and began to threaten the negro. Dr. Ford, mayor, and Chief of Police Winston begged that the law be allowed to take its course but the crowd was in a bad humor and clamored for the murderer. It was decided to try to rush him off to Raleigh for safe keeping. An automobile with one of the fastest drivers in town at the wheel was secured and the start was made but machines loaded with a crowd bent on wreaking vengeance followed.

When just opposite Mr. C. S. Williams' residence about one mile from here the car with the officers and prisoner was overtaken and the prisoner captured. The officers, who were badly bruised in the fight with the mob, returned to town not knowing what happened, but believed the negro was shot to death, as fifty or more shots were fired.

Mr. Brown was highly esteemed and was quiet and inoffensive. For a number of years he had been manager of Green Hill farm, owned by Mr. S. C. Vaan. He was a Mason of high standing and prominently connected in the county.

After the return of the officers it was learned that after the mob took the negro away from the officers, he broke loose from them and ran but was overtaken. A rope was fastened around his neck and tied to a car. He was dragged about two miles by the neck before he was hanged, it was stated.

## STATE NEWS.

Last Tuesday night while revenue officers were searching the premises of Ellis Ginn, twelve miles from Rockingham, Irving Brigman, a white man, came up and began firing on them. The officers returned the fire, killing Brigman instantly.

The Social Department of the Raleigh Woman's Club, gave the inmates of the State Prison a Christmas tree Tuesday night before Christmas. All in the prison save the twelve in the death cells under sentence of death were present and enjoyed the festive occasion. Presents and big paper bags filled with things to eat were distributed to all. Both the Governor and Mrs. Bickett made talks to the prisoners.

D. B. Smith, a Charlotte lawyer, has been appointed assistant district attorney to succeed Clyde Hoey who has just been elected to Congress to succeed Webb.

Rev. Fred Collins, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Clinton, was married Wednesday at Louisville, Ky., to Miss Genevieve Kimbrough. They will reside at Ahoskie.

The revenue officers working out of Asheville have bagged 40 illicit distilleries this month.

Speaker Gillett, of Massachusetts; Senator Cummins, of Iowa, and several other national lawmakers have been spending the holidays at Pinehurst.

Wilbur Nelson accidentally shot and killed his brother, Charlie Nelson, while out duck hunting last Wednesday near Atlantic.

Berry Taylor and a negro are reported to have burned to death in an automobile accident in Saulston township in Wayne county last week.

## To Return Railroads March First.

President Wilson issued a proclamation Christmas eve authorizing the return of the railroads to their owners on March 1st.

## SECRETARY ORDERS BOARD OF AWARDS RECONVENED.

**Will Revise Recent Recommendations, Which Have Been Source of Controversy—Two Other Officers Follow Admiral Sims.**

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels tonight ordered the Navy Department's board of awards reconvened Monday, January 5, to revise the recent recommendations as to naval awards, which have been the source of a controversy brought to a head a few days ago by declination of Admiral Sims to accept the Distinguished Service Medal while the wards remained as at present.

"While approving in the main the recommendations of the board of awards," said Mr. Daniels in his order to Rear Admiral A. M. Knight to reconvene the board, "my examination into the subject has convinced me that there are a number of cases requiring further examination and there have been additional recommendations since your board adjourned which require examination by a board of officers."

The order to reconvene the board was made public late tonight following receipt of reports from Newport, R. I., that Vice-Admiral Hilery P. Jones and Capt. Raymond D. Hasbrouck had followed Admiral Sims in refusing to accept the medals bestowed on them, disagreeing with the policy determining the officers to be rewarded for services during the war. Secretary Daniels, it was said at the Navy Department, however, had received no information as to the declination of Captain Hasbrouck or the reported declination of Admiral Jones.

## Richardson-Godwin.

The many friends of Mr. Hooks Richardson and Miss Bettie Godwin will be interested to learn of their marriage on Wednesday evening, December 17, at 7 o'clock.

The simple but impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. H. Styrone of Pine Level, pastor of the bride. She was lovely in a coat suit of dark blue tricotine with accessories to match. The only attendants were Mr. Eli Godwin, Jr., brother of the bride, as best man and Miss Ora Atkinson as bride's maid.

Only immediate members of the family were present. Immediately after the ceremony and congratulations the bride and groom, with a few friends, drove over to the home of the groom's father where they were warmly received and served a delicious salad course followed by refreshments.

Mrs. Richardson is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Godwin, Sr., of Lucama, while Mr. Richardson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richardson of near Kenly. Mr. Richardson is a prominent young farmer with sterling qualities. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Richardson much success in life. Kenly, Dec. 20.

## Getting Drunk Popular in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Two hundred and eighty persons who violated the law during Christmas Day faced Police Judge Johnson here today, making what court attaches said was the largest attendance at his "watinnee" in many years.

The majority of the cases were listed as "plain drunks" for which Judge Johnson has a standard fine of six dollars. A pistol duel between two negroes in which both were wounded was the only shooting affray of the holidays so far. To date approximately 22,000 cases, or five thousand more than in 1918, have been tried in police court this year.

## Farmers Living High.

The High Cost of Living does not worry the American farmer. A study of what farmers were buying in a typical rural community disclosed that farmers were paying an average of from \$500 to \$700 for player pianos and from \$125 to \$250 for phonographs. Farmers' wives were paying \$145 to \$300 for suits, \$10 to \$18 for waists, and \$3 to \$4 for hosiery. In the meantime, farm boys were buying suits at \$45 and \$50, silk shirts at \$10 to \$12, Stetson hats and silk collars. The farmer seems to have come into his own at last.—Southern Ruralist.

## \$4,000,000 Boston Drydock at Work.

Boston, Dec. 25.—The Commonwealth drydock, largest of its type on the Atlantic coast and capable of accommodating the largest vessel afloat, has been placed in commission here. The bottleneck in Virginia was selected for the distinction of being the first to test the dock.

The dock cost the state \$3,000,000 to construct, and was recently sold with a large tract of adjoining land to the United States Government for \$4,100,000. It is 1170 feet long and 114 feet 9 inches in width. The depth over the sill at low water is thirty-five feet.

## STETSON WORKERS FARE WELL.

**Rich Hat Maker Distributes \$330,000 To His Employees As Christmas Awards.**

Christmas, which was formally celebrated yesterday morning at the John B. Stetson Co. auditorium, has a substantial meaning to the employees. The value of gifts distributed this year totaled \$330,000.

The awards included: Cash bonuses totaling \$280,362. An additional \$7500 for foremen and apprentices.

Six hundred and ninety-five shares of stock in the Stetson Building and Loan Association, each worth \$200 at maturity. To the most deserving on the record shares of John B. Stetson Co. common stock, worth \$350 each.

Five-thousand-dollar twenty-pay life insurance policies to Jacob Schaaf, Frank Hess and Albert Weighman. For the 2846 married employees turkeys weighing 42,000 pounds.

For the single men, 520 hats. For the women workers, 1500 pound boxes of candy and 1100 pairs of gloves.

Special awards, thirty-five watches and thirty-seven chains, mostly to apprentices.

In the chief address of the annual Christmas program J. Howell Cummings, president of the company, told of the development of the present plan, started by Mr. Stetson fifty years ago. It is the one time during the year when the entire organization is gathered together, salesmen, directors, officials and all employees.

"The preparation for these exercises include the compiling of a complete history of each employee's work and conduct for the preceding twelve months," Mr. Cummings said. "In this history of two volumes you will find the names of our 4500 employees, the numbers of dozens of hats each one has formed or sized or finished or trimmed, the number of 'knock-downs' made, the number of days absent, the cause, the wages earned, the amount of bonus paid, whether the individual has been awarded Stetson common stock or loan association stock; in fact, every item of interest pertaining to their employment during the last year."

Mr. Cummings stated that 307 persons on the payroll have served twenty-five or more years. He emphasized an important development in the recently-organized classes in Americanization. Nearly 400 have enrolled in the classes in English and naturalization with excellent attendance. A bureau has been organized to assist the men in preparing for examination. Up to the present time ninety-seven have filled out their first papers and sixty-nine their second papers.

A feature of the exercises was the unveiling of the memorial tablet in honor of the employees who were in federal service during the world war. These numbered 560, with seventeen making the supreme sacrifice.

What the Stetson Co. and the employees did toward winning the war had additional significance with Mr. Cummings' summary of subscriptions and donations to war activities, which totaled \$3,407,700.—Philadelphia Ledger, Dec. 25.

## Family Reunion and Christmas Tree.

On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Adam Whitley's home was the scene of a family reunion. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and fruit. All enjoyed the old time Christmas dinner. All the good things to eat, including cake and sillabub were in evidence.

The most interesting feature of the day to the children was the shining Christmas tree, decorated with Christmas bells, tinsel, and pop-corn. It was loaded with toys and gifts, not a gift except useful ones, altogether numbering over a hundred.

Santa's visit to the children on Christmas eve made it still more interesting because he asked each what he most wished for.

There were twenty-four present, all the children and eleven grand children. It was a day long to be remembered by both children and all others.

## President Celebrates 63rd Birthday.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson observed his sixty-third birthday quietly today, much improved in health, surrounded by the members of his family with the exception of Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, who was unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre arrived from Cambridge, Mass., last night, and Miss Margaret Wilson has been at the White House since her father's illness.

The President took his usual walk about the sick room and later sat out on the South portico for more than an hour. Part of the day was spent by Mr. Wilson reading many of the hundreds of birthday greetings that came from prominent officials and friends not only in the United States but abroad.

## FINE CLOTHES DEMAND MAKES CLOTHING HIGH

**If People Would Be Content With Good Substantial Raiment, Prices Would Fall—Not All in the Cloth.**

Boston, Dec. 28.—The insistence of the public upon cloth made from fine wools is a large factor in the present high prices of clothing, according to William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company.

Mr. Wood, who recently charged that some of the merchants in Lawrence were demanding excessive prices for necessities and were in the habit of raising prices with every increase in wages in the company's mills in that city, gave out a prepared statement tonight in response to a request for his views upon the high cost of clothing.

"If our people would consent," was his conclusion, "to wear good substantial, durable clothes made of the coarser wools, clothing would be purchased at considerably lower prices than those which now prevail."

His statement in part follows: "It is generally thought that the cost of cloth is the controlling factor in the cost of clothing, but the fact is that the cloth cost is less than half the cost of a completed suit, and other factors contributed to the price of clothing quite as much as the cost of the cloth.

"In the last five years the price of cloth in the ordinary suit of clothes has advanced no more, indeed, has advanced a little less, than the cost of labor and other materials that go into the making of the suit. The following figures show this, which I have from a manufacturer and merchant of clothing of the highest prominence in Boston.

The cost in 1919 of the cloth for a suit of clothes of a particular grade is \$13.67. The corresponding cost in 1914 was \$4.58, showing an increase in the cost of cloth of \$9.09.

"The 1919 cost of making this suit is \$14.47. The corresponding cost in 1914 was \$4.98, showing an increase in the cost of making of \$9.49.

"These figures show that cloth contributes slightly less than labor and other materials to the increased cost of clothing. Therefore, to your question of why prices of clothing continue so high throughout the country the reply is because the costs of labor and cloth and other materials that go into clothing continue so high."—Associated Press.

## Germany Short of Food.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Production of food in Germany has decreased to such an extent as to alarm the National Commission of German Agriculture, which now demands that government control of farm products be abolished except in the case of wheat.

"The power of production has sunk so much and the beef supply is so low that only speedy reconstruction can come anywhere near safeguarding Germany's food supplies," asserts the national commission. It states that the wheat shortage in the coming year will amount to 2,500,000 tons. The potato bread rations cannot be maintained during the coming winter, it says, for the potato crop also has been falsely estimated.

The commission demands that control of meat, sugar and barley be abolished and a premium be offered for production of potatoes.

## 6,190,000 IN BRITISH ARMY.

**Military Honors Conferred on Officers And Men Total 236,035.**

London, Dec. 5.—The total number of officers and men who passed through the British army during the war was approximately 6,190,000. Between August, 1914, and October 31 of this year 236,035 honors, exclusive of those conferred by the royal air force, were awarded by the British war office for services in the field and 13,352 for other services in connection with the war.

There were 577 recipients of the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest war decoration.

## A Double Blessing.

A certain alderman was lying ill. One morning a friend sent a jar of brandied cherries, and later called to see him.

"I want to thank you for these delicious brandied cherries," said the alderman.

"I thought you would like them as well as anything," said the friend. "Yes, yes, indeed," he asserted, with his characteristic smile, "and how much more I appreciate the spirit in which they were sent!"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

## Cotton Made Advance Friday.

There was a sensational advance in the cotton market in New York Friday, the later months being a cent higher than Wednesday's market.