

## DECIDE AGAINST STOCK INCREASE

Directors of First & Citizens National Bank Decide That Conditions Do Not Justify the Step

The First & Citizens National Bank will not increase its capital stock, as had been planned. This decision was reached at a meeting of the directors of the institution held Tuesday, December 28, when the proposed increase was fully discussed, and was decided to be inadvisable in view of prevailing conditions. The new stock had been subscribed with the exception of a small proportion which the directors themselves were willing to take had the increase been made.

The great deflation in values which has taken place in the last few months, especially in agricultural products, which are now selling for hardly a third their former prices, will make it possible for the bank to handle the business of its customers with a far smaller volume of capital than had seemed necessary when the increase of stock was first considered, and it appeared doubtful that sufficient earnings could be made on the additional capital to justify the increase. The usual semi-annual dividend on the stock of the bank of 6 per cent, free from tax, was paid from the earnings of the last six months.

## BIG FORD PLANT HAS SHUT DOWN

Will Probably Throw 50,000 Workmen Out of a Job Until February Third, or Later

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 30.—The Ford Automobile Company's Highland Park plant here, which closed December 24 for the customary ten-day inventory period, will probably not re-open before February 3rd, or later, it was learned today. Fifty thousand workmen are employed in the plant.

## Richards New Chief Of Militia Bureau

Washington, Dec. 30.—Colonel George C. Richards, of Oil City, Pa., was appointed today by President Wilson chief of the Militia Bureau of the War Department. Richards succeeded Major General Jesse M. Carter as Pennsylvania National Guard officer.

## Find That O'Brien Committed Suicide

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—The police today announced that a second investigation of the death of Lieutenant Pat O'Brien, war aviator, recently confirmed the findings of the coroner that he committed suicide. His relatives had expressed the belief that he was murdered.

## SHRINERS ARE BACK FROM NEW BERN

Elizabeth City Shriners are back from the meeting at New Bern Wednesday, following a most joyous time. The members of the party from here were: Dr. J. B. Griggs, Dr. F. G. Jacobs, Roy Chesson, George Beveridge, Howard Flora, R. E. Black, Thorburn Bennett, Mitchell Hamilton, F. W. Selig.

## MAN AND WOMAN ARE FOUND DEAD

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 30.—Persons believed to be W. F. Meadows and wife, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were found shot in the hotel here today. The man was dead and the woman dying. A revolver still warm was found between them.

## VEToes RESOLUTION SUSPEND CLAYTON ACT

Washington, Dec. 30.—The President today vetoes the resolution to suspend the section of the Clayton Act prohibiting common carriers from dealing with a concern having interlocking directorates with the carriers.

Miss Jacqueline Chappell, of Edenton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Barlow Harrell, on Burgess street.

## Five Wounded In Attempted Arrest

Negro Said to Have Attacked Farmer's Wife Resisting Arrest Wounded Entire Posse

Seale, Ala., Dec. 30.—Poses are searching Pittsview community, near here, for the armed band of negroes who today wounded a deputy sheriff and four other white men attempting to arrest a negro who is alleged to have attacked a farmer's wife. None are seriously hurt. The negro took refuge in a house occupied by other negroes, and the posse was met with a volley when it approached the house. Every member was wounded. The party withdrew for reinforcements.

Three negroes were arrested here today in connection with the case.

## FARMERS LEARN COTTON GRADING

First Course Begins January 20 at State College and Ends Feb. 3 With Excellent Instructor in Charge

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—The first course in cotton grading for farmers and others will be offered at the State College, West Raleigh, N. C., beginning with January 20 and ending with February 3, 1921.

To teach the special work in cotton grading that will be offered in this course the college has been especially fortunate in securing the services of J. K. Wood, who has been specially detailed to the college by the Federal Bureau of Markets. Mr. Wood is a very practical man, having been connected with the cotton business for fifteen years, having managed a compress for a number of years, bought cotton in the streets, classed cotton for farmers in Texas and Arkansas, having taught two courses of two months each at the Fourth District Agricultural School, Monticello, Arkansas, and having assisted in cotton grading work last summer in the Farmers' Short Course at the Arkansas Agricultural College.

There will be four hours a day devoted to intensive practice work in cotton grading throughout the two weeks of the short course. This will be a splendid opportunity for farmers and others of the State who wish to learn more about cotton grading. There should be a large number to attend the course. Work will begin promptly at eight o'clock on the morning of January 20, and those who wish to take the course should start in at the beginning in order to get the most out of the work.

Some other work will be given on varieties for best results, methods of improving yield by field selection of cotton, and on the proper fertilization of cotton grown on different soils in different sections of the State.

For further information write to Dean of Agricultural, West Raleigh, N. C.

## HOTEL SOUTHLAND THREATENED BY FIRE

Norfolk, Dec. 30.—Scores of guests at the Hotel Southland, including women and children, were driven into the streets in their night clothing at 1:30 o'clock this morning when flames burst out of a second floor room, filling the large building with smoke. Maids rushed through the building sounding the alarm, and elevator men stuck gamely to their posts, aiding greatly in clearing the hotel. Three persons were overcome by smoke and several thrilling rescues were made.

The damage was only a few hundred dollars. The fire was started by a lighted cigarette.

## COLBY ENTERTAINED BY PRESIDENT BRUM

Montevideo, Dec. 30.—President Brum entertained Secretary Colby at a private luncheon at the presidential residence yesterday.

Secretary Colby will leave today for Buenos Aires.

**AMBUSH POLICE PATROL**  
Cork, Ireland, Dec. 30.—Armed civilians are reported to have ambushed a police patrol near here last night, killing one policeman and wounding several.

Beginning January 1st, our Repair Department will be run on a strictly cash basis. Louis Selig.

## UNCLE SAM IS TRAINING MEN

Vocational Education Board Gives Training to Disabled Ex-Service Men Honorably Discharged

Copyright 1920 by Dr. Frank Crane. Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—While there is so much criticism of the government going on, and now that the war is over nobody seems to have a kind word for Uncle Sam, I would like to call attention to one really good and first class thing he is doing.

The government has appropriated \$90,000,000 to help all those who have been incapacitated by the war to fit themselves for jobs.

That is quite a tidy sum. Do you know about it? Are you a disabled soldier, or do you know of one? If so, here is the chance to find out that the country that asked men to fight for it is not altogether ungrateful.

Every week hundreds of service men are discharged as cured from the government hospitals, and at the same time returned to civilian status, but these young men in many cases are not physically and mentally able to take up their former vocation. The Federal Board for Vocational Education has \$90,000,000 at its disposal and is prepared to give training to any disabled ex-service man honorably discharged since April 7, 1917, who is unable to carry on at his former work without a real handicap and whose condition makes such training feasible. In this way the government has provided a comparatively happy and independent future for such men.

The government now pays men from \$80 to \$170 per month, according to a man's dependents and the cost of living in the locality in which he is trained. These men are trained at many of the best professional and trade schools in the country; others are trained on the job with some practical firm; still others prefer to keep their present positions and study in night courses without training pay in order to advance themselves.

If a man's eligibility can be established, he can be almost immediately enrolled in a school or placed in training for a trade with some firm.

Men from out of town will be furnished free railroad transportation upon request and given meals and lodging where necessary.

Lack of schooling does not make a man ineligible. The Board will endeavor to train the most illiterate foreigners. Many men think it is necessary for them to leave home towns in order to get training of any sort. As the Board places a great many men in "placement training on the job" it is quite possible that a man can live at home while taking training.

If any man has a reason why he cannot accept vocational training at the hands of the Federal Board, he is urged to bring that reason to the attention of the Board. If he is right, his case will be retired to the Board's inactive files until he wishes to open it again. If he has been misinformed, the Board will set him right. The Board states it is continually running into men who do not know that they may be entitled, for instance, to compensation from the War Risk Insurance Bureau, and also to training under the Federal Board.

You may have heard ex-soldiers or others say that the government drafted them to fight, and now that it's all over, it casts them aside, and cares nothing for them.

If you have read what I have written here you know that is not so.

All you have to do is to write to the Federal Board for Vocational Education, 23 West Forty-third St., New York City, and you will receive full information.

That does not mean you may have to come to New York. The Board has branches all over the country in almost every large city. But you can write to the New York office and find out.

If you are in any way disabled why not receive this help? You are entitled to it, and the Board is anxious to find you.

**OXFORD DEFEATS CORNELL**  
London, Dec. 30.—The Oxford Cambridge team today won the cross country race from Cornell University.

William Kirchhelmer, of Norfolk, and James Davis, of Mt. Holly, N. J., are visiting their aunt, Miss Mary Lou Sawyer, on West Main street.

## TWIDDY HEARING FRIDAY MORNING

Postponed in Order to Give State Time to Prepare Case Against the Policeman Who Killed a Negro

The hearing of Policeman George Twiddy, who was arrested yesterday in connection with the killing of Henry Spencer, colored, on Christmas Eve night, has been postponed to Friday morning, upon request of the attorneys representing the State. The trial had been set for this morning, but Attorneys E. L. Sawyer and W. L. Small for the prosecution represented to the court that they had not had sufficient time in which to prepare it, and the request was granted by the court. The function of the recorder's court in the case will, of course, be only to determine whether or not the evidence justifies carrying it over to Superior Court.

## CHRISTMAS WAS TRULY AMERICAN

Santa Claus and Kiddies Find That American Made Toys Give Most Lasting Joys—All Records Smashed

New York, Dec. 25.—It was an almost 100% American Christmas as far as toys were concerned and a record smashing one as to the quantities of all kinds of toys purchased by the public although it is impossible at this time to accurately estimate the amount of money spent. Carefully compiled national reports from manufacturers and wholesalers and from retail shops covering the period ending at five o'clock yesterday afternoon, indicated that, as anticipated, the overwhelming majority of Santa Claus' presents were labeled "Made in America."

The figures show that there were about \$100,000,000 worth of toys—at retail valuation—on the market this year of which \$80,000,000 were of American manufacture; \$10,000,000 of Japanese manufacture; \$8,000,000 made in Germany and about \$2,000,000 worth from France and other European countries.

In any event, foreign competition was not seriously felt if for no other reason than that the percentage of foreign toys—about one to ten—was virtually negligible.

One big dealer in a leading mid-western city appended the following comment to his report:

"The sale of toys this year can be looked upon as a good barometer of national business economics in that it indicates not only a healthy optimism but also a return to normal conditions in the home. By this I mean that this year the established well-to-do class bought the very expensive toys which during the war were freely purchased by the munition workers, who this year reduced their toy purchases to the general level of their family budgets.

A trend of the times was shown by the lack of demand for war-like toys and a great diminution of that kind offered. The general insistent demand for toys of American manufacture is attributed by one dealer not to the fact that there may still be a slight feeling of hostility to toys of some foreign manufacture as to the fact that American made toys more nearly meet the wants of American children in variety, novelty and durability and that their educational value and broad interest appeal strongly to parents.

An unexpected angle of the toy business was developed in the expressed determination of many dealers in mixed lines to maintain year around toy departments where formerly such sales were considered merely Christmas features. It is to be assumed that the invention since the war of many novel American toys that are distinctly appropriate to other seasons of the year than the Christmas holidays is responsible for this departure.

## TRINKLE CANDIDATE GOVERNOR VIRGINIA

Richmond, Dec. 30.—State Senator Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, today announced his candidacy for governor of Virginia to oppose Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington.

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## Governor Says No Inaugural Ball

Montana Chief Executive Will Not be Honor Guest at Expensive Party

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 30.—Governor-elect Dixon today called off the inaugural ball planned for Helena next week, declaring that he did not want to be an honor guest at a party costing five dollars a ticket.

## Planning Now For Inauguration

Marion, O., Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration held right of way today on Harding's conference schedule.

E. B. McClean, Washington publisher and chairman of the inaugural committee; Senator Knox, chairman of the congressional inauguration committee, and Will H. Hayes are among those called into consultation.

## Denies De Valera Guest At Her Home

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. James Maguire today denied the report published yesterday in an Irish newspaper that De Valera, president of Ireland, is a guest at her home in New Rochelle.

## TO LEAVE FIUME BY AIRPLANE

D'Annunzio Expected to Go to South America—His Legionaries to Be Dissolved and Granted Amnesty

Trieste, Dec. 30.—Hostilities at Fiume between Italian regular troops and D'Annunzio's Legionaries ended last night.

The agreement to surrender will be signed today.

The last news from D'Annunzio personally stated that he resolves to leave Fiume by airplane.

To South America

London, Dec. 30.—A Rome dispatch says D'Annunzio's Legionaries will be dissolved and granted amnesty.

D'Annunzio is expected to go to South America.

## Broadway Flaunts In Coconut Groves

And South Sea Islanders Listen to Blare of Latest Jazz on Graphophone

Papeete, Tahiti, Dec. 30.—Those who brave the long voyage to the South Seas in the hope of escaping the extravagances of civilization are likely to meet with bitter disillusionment before they have been in the islands many hours.

The hectic atmosphere of the metropolitan dance hall has been watted across the long miles of blue sea to these isolated shores and Broadway flaunts brazenly through the shadows of the coconut groves. The gramophone has come to Tahiti and has been acquired by every native who could find the wherewithal. And now the peaceful silences, broken heretofore only by the sound of the distant booming of the surf on the barrier reef and the soft cadences of native singing, are shattered by the sonorous blare of the latest jazz or the screech of the reigning favorite on the vaudeville circuit.

## Abandons Program Building Ships

Tokio, Dec. 27. (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Owing to the continued shipping depression and to the fact that ten of the surrendered German ships have been allotted to Japan, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has abandoned its program for the construction of 500,000 tons of new ships with the exception of about 180,000 already built or ordered. Under the program the company has already acquired fourteen freighters aggregating about 100,000 tons. Six 7,000 ton freighters are being built and will be delivered next year as well as three freighters of the 10,000 ton type and two passenger steamers. It is expected that most of the German ships will be operated by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha under arrangements with the Japanese government.

## SOUTHERNERS RESENT CHARGE

White That White People of Many Southern Communities Are Lawless

Made of Assistant Secretary

Washington, Dec. 30.—Southern members of the House census committee today were aroused by the charge of Walter White, assistant secretary of the National Association of Colored People, that the majority of white people in many Southern communities are lawless.

Representative Larsen, of Georgia, declared that the charge is untrue and demanded that witnesses be required to confine themselves to facts of their own personal knowledge and not be permitted to give hearsay evidence.

Representative Bee, of Texas, also took exception to the charge.

## SAYS BRITAIN IS NOT BOUND

By Treaty to Stand by Japan In Case of War With America—London Newspapers Want Conference

London, Dec. 30.—Insistence upon the desirability of restricting naval armaments and holding a conference on the subject by the United States, Great Britain and Japan was renewed today in the London newspapers.

The Times says "the belief that Great Britain is bound by a treaty to support Japan in case Japan should enter war with America is false."

## ENTERTAINMENT WAS SUCCESS AT CORINTH

Corinth Baptist Sunday School gave its annual Christmas entertainment Tuesday evening. The church was filled to overflowing with people. A very interesting program had been prepared under the leadership of Mrs. M. B. Sample and Mrs. Paul White. The program was as follows:

Instrumental Duet, by Misses Emily and Margaret Harris. Scripture Reading and Prayer, by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall. Song, "Wake the Song" by the school.

Opening Address, by Alvin Sample. Recitation, "Why She Paints," by Louise Pritchard.

Dialogue, "Every One a Santa Claus," by class of boys and girls. Recitation, "The Message of Holy," by Beulah Winslow.

Recitation, "The Christmas Mouse," by Alethia Pritchard. Recitation, "Santa in the Well," by Harry Overman.

Recitation, "A Stockings Christmas," by Bruce Overman. Duet, by Annie White and Maggie Brite.

Recitation, "A Christmas Story," by Ruth Sample.

Recitation, "Christmas Wishes," by Willie Mae Tatum. Solo, "The Heavenly Song," by Charles Overman.

Dialogue, "Aunt Nancy and the Missionary Society." Recitation, by Ruby Brite.

Song, "Tell It Again," by the school. Recitation, "When Sister Spec's Her Beau," by Marguerite Morgan.

Dialogue, "Hurrah For Christmas," by Erskine Harris and Nancy Harrell.

Song, "The Prince of Peace," by the choir.

A Play, "Queen Christmas." Song, "Christmas Praise," by the school.

At the conclusion of the program a nice little Christmas gift was presented to each member of the Sunday school.

## ALKRAMA THURSDAY

"Mother love!" Marjorie Rambeau's expressive countenance it up as she uttered those words. "Mother love," the most celebrated emotional actress of the American stage and screen continued, "is the most magnificent thing in life—it is the driving force behind every worthwhile impulse." The picture, those who have seen it say, tells a morality story in an immortal way. It has been released by Robertson-Cole, the well known firm of motion picture producers and distributors, and will be seen at the Alkrama Theater today.