

## Coolidge Dose'n't Propose Be Bulldozed By Congress

Has Served Notice in Insistence on Farley's Appointment to the Shipping Board That He Will Not be Intimidated in Exercising Appointive Powers

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Washington, December 21.—President Coolidge has served notice on the Senate that he does not intend to be intimidated in the making of executive appointments by Senatorial influences.

The abrupt action of the President in withdrawing from the Senate two nominations which had been favorably acted upon because the Senate commerce committee had rendered an adverse report on another nomination—all three for the United States Shipping Board—has behind it more than appears on the surface.

Chairman Edward Farley of the Shipping Board has been the center of attack for several weeks from different quarters. It was he who refused to permit the managing operators to continue their famous "M. O.—I" contract whereby their commissions for operating Government vessels were deducted from gross receipts irrespective of whether the Government actually made a profit. It was he who further incurred the antagonism of ship operators by declining to recommend a plan whereby the Government fleet would be sold at nominal rates or leased on terms that would permit private interests to build up their own business with Government capital back of them.

Mr. Farley has not been the most tactful person by any means in handling Congress but men who come to Washington from the business world accustomed to blunt and direct methods rarely are as suave as the persons who have been bred in the political atmosphere.

All this may or may not have had something to do with the adverse report of the Senate committee on commerce—the President doesn't know. But Mr. Coolidge has forced the fight into the open. The Senate committee said its only objection to Mr. Farley was the fact that he had been appointed from the Great Lakes region when another man, T. V. O'Connor was already serving on the board and he too comes from the same section of the country, the present law providing that only one member shall be appointed from each of certain sections of the country.

But the President points out that the Senate itself confirmed the nomination of Mr. Lasker who comes from Chicago—Mr. Farley's home—while Mr. O'Connor of Buffalo was serving on the board.

Is the technicality therefore, the real reason for fighting Mr. Farley? The President is well aware that there are interests hostile to the operation by the Government even for the present of the merchant marine and that there are persons who would like to see the merchant fleet kept in chaos so that other shipping lines might profit by the disorder. Whatever the influences are, the President is not going to allow the hostile forces to get the upper hand. Mr. Farley is a practical shipping man and has familiarized himself in a remarkably short time with the Government's problem. To re-organize the board means further setbacks and delays in getting the shipping problem solved.

The nominations of Fred L. Thompson of Alabama and Bert H. Hunt of Oregon have been withdrawn not because these men are in any way involved in the Farley controversy but because the President may feel it necessary to appoint from their sections of the country a new man for the chairmanship in case the Senate insists on the technicality.

### FIRST METHODISTS POSTPONE CANTATA

The cantata by the choir of the First Methodist Church, announced for Sunday night, has been postponed, until the afternoon of Sunday, December 30.

### BRYAN SAYS FORD MADE BIG BLUNDER

Miami, Fla., Dec. 22.—William Jennings Bryan in a statement today said that the reaction of Henry Ford's endorsement of Coolidge hurt instead of helped the President.

He said that Ford as a millionaire champion of the poor people would have made an inspiring spectacle, but that Ford loses prominence when "he joins the rest of big business men in support of a reactionary candidate."

### CONVALESCENT AFTER STROKE

Peter B. Burgess, 57 years old, prominent Old Trap farmer who was stricken with paralysis Tuesday at a hog killing at the home of his sister, Mrs. Blanch Burgess of Old Trap, was taken home Friday and is apparently making satisfactory progress toward recovery, according to reports received here Saturday.

### GOT BARRELS HOLIDAY LIQUOR

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—A score of armed men and a fleet of trucks last night swooped down on Gwynbrook Distillery warehouses at Gwynbrook, shackled three guards, and broke into two or three whiskey stocked buildings.

Four men were captured in a motor truck and half a dozen others escaped amid a fusillade of shots, abandoning two trucks. More than 40 barrels of whiskey, valued at \$60,000 were stolen.

### GREATER CHANCE FOR A LONG LIFE

Child Born Today Much More Fortunate Than One Born Twenty-five Years Ago Says Sir William Wheeler.

London, Dec. 22.—A child born today has a prospect of 12 more years life than one born 25 years ago, Sir William Wheeler, president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, stated today.

Medicine and surgery, he asserted, have made greater advances in the last 25 years than in the 20 preceding centuries.

He said that before present medical students reach the zenith of their careers cancer will be controlled and taken into the ranks of such conquered diseases as diabetes and small pox.

### MORRISON PARDONS ONLY FIVE CONVICTS

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Five convicts today were paroled by Governor Morrison to be able to spend Christmas at home. They include a bimnist, a liquor violator, a bank robber and two men charged with housebreaking. He refused 15 other applications.

Because their sentence expired prior to January 10 next year and having in mind the holiday season, the Governor pardoned four prisoners at the State penitentiary. No general amnesty will be extended, he stated.

### DISCUSS LIMITATION OF AIR ARMAMENT

Washington, Dec. 22.—The general question of an international conference for the limitation of air armament was discussed today at a conference between Coolidge and the Duke of Sutherland, under secretary for the British air cabinet.

### EMPHATIC DENIALS OF PEACE REPORTS

Galveston, Dec. 22.—Emphatic denial that overtures of a peace party will be entertained by the Huerta forces was contained today in an official dispatch from Castillo, secretary of foreign affairs for Huerta, at Vera Cruz to Adolph Jimenez, rebel agent. The message said "The revolution is triumphing everywhere."

### Iredell County Has Law and Order League

Statesville, December 22.—Iredell county citizens are determined to have law and order in the county. A law and order league was formed at a recent gathering here. Rev. R. E. Huxey pastor of the Presley Memorial Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church was elected president.

### DECLARE A TRUCE FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

New York, Dec. 22.—Modernists of the Protestant Episcopal Church today declared that the sermons they preach tomorrow without exception will be in conformity with the diocesan letter of Bishop William T. Manning, asking that a truce be observed in the inter-factional controversy during the holidays. The fundamentalists, it is understood, have tacitly agreed not to discuss factional issues in their pulpits tomorrow.

### ROUGHTON-DAVENPORT

Miss Annie Davenport and Mr. Dennis Roughton both of this city, were married Friday afternoon by Rev. E. F. Sawyer at his home on Pearl street.

## Under the Hudson



The great vehicular tunnel under the Hudson River at New York is rapidly nearing completion. This shows an excellent interior view of the gigantic engineering task.

### Only One!



Miss Alice Peckham (above), U. S. District Court clerk of Roanoke Island, is the only woman in the country, it is said, holding that office. Photo taken in Providence, R. I.

### MRS. WHITEHEAD DEAD

Mrs. Cynthia Whitehead of Pasquotank died at her home Friday morning after an illness of two weeks. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nathan Thompson of Mt. Hermon and Mrs. Joseph Davenport of Columbia; two sons, David and John Morgan; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Beale and Mrs. Narcissa Rankhorn of Norfolk and Mrs. Elsie Harris of Mt. Hermon; one brother, Zenas L. Whitehead; and several grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. W. T. Phipps Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, and interment was made in the family burying ground at Pasquotank.

### KANSAS CONVICTS OUT ON PAROLES

Lansing, Kansas, Dec. 22.—Twenty-five convicts of Kansas penitentiary are at liberty today on 15 day Christmas paroles given by Governor Jonathan M. Davis. They are on their honor to return at the expiration of that period.

### THE TUCKERS LEAVE SOUTHERN PINES

Southern Pines, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Burton S. Tucker, the couple of widely divergent ages, his 17 and her's 48, left here in their automobile yesterday afternoon presumably for Jersey City, New Jersey, where they are indicted for conspiracy to violate the marriage laws of that state and of perjury.

Friends of the couple here said the Tuckers probably would return to Southern Pines when the New Jersey indictments were settled.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, December 22.—Spot cotton closed quiet today, declining 10 points. Middling 36.30. Futures closed as follows: December 36.02; January 34.77; March 35.14; July 34.42; October 28.45.

New York, December 22.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 36.25; January 34.89; March 35.30; May 35.42; July 34.54; October 28.64.

George Modlin is at home from Wake Forest College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Modlin on Church street.

## HIT BY FARMER NEGRO MAY DIE

If So Charge Against Jones be Changed to Murder and He Will Face Stay in Jail Until Preliminary Hearing.

Alex Jones of Newland, brother-in-law of D. E. Williams of South Mills and a partner with him on a State road project, was before the recorder Saturday to renew the bond of \$500, returnable at that time, given when he was arrested, by Sheriff Reid at his home in Newland at midnight Thursday for an alleged felonious assault upon Alfred Ferber. The negro is in desperate condition at the Community Hospital, where he was taken shortly after the assault, which occurred Thursday evening at about dusk, and the report from the hospital Saturday afternoon was that he seemed to be sinking and was not expected to live.

The law firm of Ehringhaus & Hall has been retained by the negro's family to protect their interests.

The difficulty between Mr. Jones and the negro occurred when Alfred, who has been a servant in the Williams family for 15 years or more, went to the Jones home for money which he claimed Mr. Jones owed him. Jones, it is said, told the sheriff at the time of his arrest that he hit the negro when the latter refused to obey when he was ordered out of the yard. Witnesses for the negro, however, it is reported, will testify that Alfred was running from the white man and had reached the road when the blow was struck.

If the negro dies, as seems now probable, the charge against Mr. Jones will be changed to murder and he will be remanded to jail pending the preliminary hearing before Trial Justice Spence of the recorder's court. Whether he would then be released on bail will rest with Judge Spence.

### FRANCE AND BULGARIA SETTLE CONTROVERSY POSTAL DEBT

Sofia, December 22.—Bulgaria and France have settled their controversy relative to a French debt to the Bulgarian postal service. Before Bulgaria entered the war in 1915 France owed the Bulgarian postal service 18,399 francs. In 1921 the French postal service offered to pay the debt in leva which before the war, was equivalent in value to French and other continental francs.

Since the war, however, the leva has declined in value, so that it is now quoted at about 638 to 100 francs, and Bulgaria declined the offer, demanding settlement on the pre-war basis of francs. After some negotiations the French postal service consented to settle on the franc basis.

### GUILTY OF MURDER IS THE FOX VERDICT

Atlanta, Dec. 22.—"Guilty of murder with recommendation for mercy" was the verdict returned last night by the jury on the case of Philip E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan editor, charged with killing William S. Coburn, Klan attorney, on November 5.

The verdict under the Georgia laws provides for a sentence of life imprisonment. Counsel for the defense announced that it would introduce a motion for a new trial tomorrow.

### ENGINEER KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Marietta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Engineer J. W. Brown was killed, Fireman H. L. Young and brakeman J. M. Baldwin were hurt when the Dixie Limited of the Nashville & St. Louis Railway was wrecked at Kennesaw near here this morning.

The engine turned over and the baggage car and two Pullmans were derailed. No passengers were seriously hurt.

## New York In Midst Wild Orgy Christmas Spending

Both in Crowds in City, in Aggregate of Purchases Made and in Heights Reached in Individual Purchases All Records Have Been Broken

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New York, Dec. 21.—New York is ending up its year of tremendous spending with a Christmas shopping rush that is breaking all records. Through trade channels it is reported that many lines of merchandise have been cleaned out fully a week before the Christmas trade usually ends.

### SATURDAY WAS SHOPPING DAY

Saturday was Christmas Shoppers' Day in Elizabeth City.

All day long crowds thronged the streets and nearly all day the stores were jammed and packed with customers.

Indications are that never in the history of Elizabeth City has Christmas business been quite so good.

Farmers, who have made a killing in cotton this year, have been too busy harvesting their crops up to the last few weeks to do much spending.

Now they are turning loose some of their high priced cotton money and are spending it freely.

However, recent bank statements tell a story of increased savings accounts, which seems to argue that the farmers are not spending lavishly or recklessly as in the days of war time prices, but are using judgment in making their purchases and at the same time keeping something of a nest egg in way of savings to tide them over until the harvesting of crops begins for another year.

### VENIZELOS NOT ANXIOUS RETURN

Says Glad to Receive Delegation From Greece But Doubtful About Accepting Their Invitation.

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Paris, Dec. 22.—Venizelos was today informed through news sources that a delegation bearing the invitation for him to return had left Athens and replied through his secretary that he would be glad to receive the delegation, but expressed doubt as to whether the explanation accompanying the invitation would cause him to alter his decision not to return to Greece for the present.

Athens, Dec. 22.—The council of ministers today decided to instruct Colonel Plastiras of the revolutionary committee to ask Ex-Premier Venizelos, without conditions an with complete liberty and initiative, to return to Greece to take the political situation in hand.

### DR. VANN GETS TWO TURKEYS IN A DAY

Raleigh, December 22.—Swinging a big wild young gobbler under his left arm and a turkey under his right, Rev. Dr. Richard T. Vann, affectionately known as the "armless wonder" walked into the union station Thursday evening with his Christmas dinner.

The noted Baptist preacher winged his gobbler near Hobgood and bringing him down made him an easy mark for his associates. Prior to plucking his turkeyship from the skies the clergyman downed another but he did not boast of his sportsmanship in bagging the first. Evidently he gunned the bird. In getting two wild turkeys in one day he turned a feat in sportsmanship that any sharp shooter in the national guard would have been glad to match.

The former president of Meredith College whose arms were lost when a boy, is a dead shot with a hammerless breach loader, and a string tied to a trigger pulled by his teeth. It is doubtful if his march is on the earth.

### REBELS EVACUATE CITY OF PUEBLA

Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.—The rebels have evacuated the city of Puebla "for reasons of military expediency," it was announced today at their headquarters. They had held the city for several days.

### TWO ARE KILLED AND HOME IS WRECKED

Johnsville, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brumbaugh are dead and their home is wrecked today as the result of the explosion of the acetylene lighting plant in the basement of their home. The explosion was heard five miles away and shattered the windows of nearby houses.

Virtually all of the big department stores have been so swamped with crowds that they have had to institute traffic regulations. One way aisles and one way entrances and exits have been established and uniformed employes are acting as traffic cops, giving the signals when to "go" and when to "stop." Late deliveries have been made next to impossible and limousines and taxi cabs have been pressed into service to carry home the bundles.

Traffic in the streets has become an almost impenetrable maze. The cops have found it difficult enough to handle the vehicles. They have thrown up their hands at the task of trying to direct the onrushing Christmas shoppers who go dashing across the street regardless of the semaphores turned against them. Sixty cars stationed at the busiest corners of Fifth Avenue have been unable to stem the tide of reckless walkers who will not wait for the safety sign. Much of this wild traffic running is attributed to the thousands of out-of-town people in the city.

Among the most distinguished of the out-of-towners has been Mrs. Henry Ford. She came all the way from home in Dearborn, Michigan, in a private car to do a single day's shopping in the metropolitan "counters" she almost missed her home bound train. Mrs. Ford travelled in the private car "Fairway" and she was accompanied by a party of friends and whole retinue of servants. They trailed through several of the more exclusive shops. Mrs. Ford in the lead and friends and servants following in close formation.

When the party dashed through the Grand Central station to make "the Wolverine" Express, the servants each and everyone, looked like an individual Santa Claus.

It was said at the railway office today that the trip cost Mrs. Ford nearly \$1,500 in rail charges alone. Henry Ford is president of a railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironport, and as a railroad man his family would ordinarily be entitled to the courtesy of the other railroads. But the auto manufacturer, it is said, declines to avail himself of the courtesy of free transportation on the "connecting lines" of his own personal railroad.

Mrs. Ford and her party got caught in several of the worst traffic jams of the day, but avoided the accident which befell so many other shoppers. The traffic cops say that war has nothing on the present street condition in New York, and they seriously assert that everyone visiting the city at this time of the year should wear identification tags of some sort.

Spending more lightly, however, one of the cons at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue, allowed that he would not have to do any Christmas shopping if a few more pedestrians would only get hit and have their bundles scattered far and wide.

There is not only a greater shopping crush than New York ever has known before but the average of purchases per shopper is the highest in history. This is in keeping with the lavish spending New York has been doing during the last 12 months.

Theatrical and moving picture prices have been at their highest this season. It has made no difference what prices the prize fight promoters asked, their "mills" have around a golden grist from the public. Cabaret "palaces" deprived of the privilege of selling liquor legitimately, have placed outrageous prices on food and water items, only to find that the public has clamored for more and more extravagance.

The toys this season have been far beyond anything the country has ever known before. Toy limousines, driven by foot power, have been bought for kiddies at a price that would pay for a regular automobile. French dolls at from \$50 to \$100 apiece have been in great demand.

The Christmas buying, however, has not been confined to the more expensive shops. The 5 and 10 cent stores report that during the first two weeks of December their returns have shown an increase of 20 per cent above the sales of the same period last year. This means millions of dollars in 5 and 10 cent purchases.

The Woolworth chain is said to be taking in more than \$1,000,000 a day.