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Rain and colder tonight. Saturday rain, probably changing to snow. Much cooler Saturday.

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Be Quiet Christmas At White House This Year

Too Many Wistful Memories of Last Year's Christmas in Coolidge Family for Another Gay Time Such as Was Enjoyed in Executive Mansion in 1923

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Washington, Dec. 19.—Christmas merrily buried has broken loose at the White House where a thousand bundles, boxes, barrels, crates, packages and "pokes" are being down daily upon the staff in a relentlessly steady stream.

Everybody in the White House household has something to remember. The President and Mrs. Coolidge and their son, John, soon to arrive for his first visit since entering Annapolis, are on the list. So also is Col. John Coolidge, the President's father, although he now is not expected to be a White House Christmas tide guest. Tagging along in the gift-getting group are Mrs. Coolidge's nephews, the White House colliers, Rob Roy and Peter Pan, and the President's prime favorite, "Blackie" the cat that "stayed put."

So far, oddly enough, no Christmas turkey has been promised. There still is time a plenty for a turkey or two to come winging its way, although nobody wonders much at no turkey when serving an evening dinner. The vast assortment of provender gifts which range from bits of hand made, homey stuff to splendidly boxed fruits and nuts showing the choicest things from the winter harvests.

Flowers from everywhere show up against a gorgeous consignment of holly which Arizona admirers of the Coolidge family have "forwarded." The White House registers a lot of excitement because of the holly which is a novelty on the White House gift list. The sight of the holly set everybody inquiring "where's the mistletoe?" Not a sprig of mistletoe in sight to date.

Christmas 1924, with its wistful remembrances, will be observed with even more than the customary simplicity by the President and Mrs. Coolidge and their son. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens will be of the household during the holidays as they always are on all purely intimate and family occasions. There will be no Christmas tree, no young peoples' dance as there was last year when John and his brother Calvin gave an afternoon "party" and the first lady made a great hit by dancing with every boy in the company.

Outwardly, Christmas will pass in the usual fashion. The Christmas wreaths are going up at all the big windows and the great bunches of holly render colorful the great state salons. There will be a simple dinner with the board spread only for the family group. During the Christmas tide, if the weather is favorable, the Mayflower may be boarded for a cruise on the river.

Both the President and Mrs. Coolidge will have a part to play in the setting up of the giant pine tree sent to Mrs. Coolidge from Katonah, New York.

AVERS LABOR WILL SOON COME BACK

London, Dec. 19.—When Ishbel MacDonald, who acted as hostess for her father at Number 10 Downing Street during his incumbency of the premiership, moves back to her old home at Hampstead, her passing from the official ranks of society will be regretted by many hostesses with whom she has become a great favorite. The little Scotch lass displays a poise and tact that won her many friends, among them Queen Mary, who showed her liking in many ways.

One of her friends recalled recently that a few weeks before the first court Miss Ishbel attended as the daughter of the prime minister, the wife of a prominent liberal politician offered to help choose her frocks and to teach her a little bit about court etiquette. The reply must have surprised her, for Ishbel said:

"Thank you very much, but I have already chosen my frocks and I think I shall know how to behave at court."

Ishbel, like most of the Labor party, is not disheartened by the recent defeat of her father's government. While she was packing up her belongings in the Downing Street house it was suggested that her sister Sheila, 14 years old, might be able to assist her in her duties as hostess when their father returned to the premiership. She laughed confidently and replied:

"When dad returns here, Sheila will still be at school, I hope."

PROTESTS BELDING FOUND UNFOUNDED

Washington, Dec. 19.—Protests by M. M. Belding, millionaire New York silk manufacturer, against the action of the Coast Guard in stopping and boarding his yacht, *The Cosmo*, off Miami, Florida, have been found by the Treasury to be without merit and it has closed its investigation of the case.

DEATH'S PENALTY GERMAN BUTCHER

By The Associated Press
Hanover, Germany, Dec. 19.—Fritz Haarman, the "wholesale murderer" whose trial for the slaying of 26 persons has stirred all Germany, was sentenced to death today. The extreme penalty was also ordered in case of his accomplice, Hans Grams.

Haarman, a butcher, was shown at his trial to be criminal degenerate who lured men and boys to his lodging and there killed them by tearing their throats with his teeth and sucking their blood.

Grams was commended for encouraging Haarman in his crimes and of buying clothing of his victims.

Philanthropic literary societies and the University Extension Division of the University of North Carolina. Membership in the High School Debating Union is open to all schools of secondary nature in the State. Triangular debates will be held throughout the State the latter part of March, and the final contest for the Aycock Memorial cup will be held at the university during high school week in April.

The High School Debating Union was organized in the school year 1912-13 and the contests have been conducted annually since that time. The contest this year will thus be the thirteenth contest that has been conducted since the contests were inaugurated. It was estimated today by Secretary Rankin that, in the 11 years which have elapsed since C. E. McIntosh, now head of the Doves schools, proposed the plan of the High School Debating Union to the Di and Phi societies in the fall of 1912, 11,000 boys and girls of North Carolina, have spoken as representatives of their schools in the triangular competition with other high schools.

Members of the central committee of the High School Debating Union at the university are: N. W. Walker, chairman; E. R. Rankin, secretary; L. R. Wilson, D. D. Carroll, G. M. McKie, W. W. Wynne, M. M. Young, L. T. Rogers, R. W. Linker, B. C. Wilson, and L. B. Kennett.

The Wilson High School won the Aycock Memorial cup in the contest of 1924 when Miss Catherine Ware and Fred Carr, affirmative speakers for the Wilson High School on the allied war debate, won a three to two decision over Miss Lucille Mulholland and Everett Weatherpoon, negative speakers for the Durham High School, in the final debate in Memorial Hall here on April 11, 1924.

The Aycock Memorial cup has been won three times by the Durham High School, three times by the Wilson High School, and once each by the Asheville, Pleasant Garden, Graham, Winston-Salem, Waynesville and Elizabeth City high schools.

Mrs. George Moore of Chapel Hill was in the city shopping Thursday.

"Bearded Lady" in Sacrifice



"Ladies and gents—this was to see the bearded lady. Heigh ho! Heigh ho! Curious folk stopping to gaze openmouthed at 'Madame Christine' the bearded lady in a Los Angeles freak museum, didn't know that Mrs. Baker M. Twyman was supporting a child and a sick husband by the returns from her unusual facial adornment. Now that her husband thanks her sacrifice is well again Mrs. Twyman has been given a 'permanent shave' and has returned to live with her family at Peoria, Ill.

CONTEST ON IN PLAY WRITING

Statewide Competition Inaugurated by Carolina Dramatic Club at University to Culminate in April

Chapel Hill, Dec. 19.—Statewide contests in play writing and production will be held under the auspices of the Carolina Dramatic Association, the organization of which will be a presentation of the best selections before the State Dramatic Institute in the Playmakers' Theater here in April. It was announced today by the Bureau of Community Drama of the University Extension Division.

Five distinct groups will be eligible to compete—high school, college and community clubs and groups producing one-act plays in high schools and colleges.

The State champion of each group will be offered a sash and trophy.

For these contests the State will be divided into two parts: the Eastern and the Western, with Chapel Hill as the center.

Any one-act play of not more than an hour's duration may be selected, but the same play may not be entered in the contest by two clubs in the State division. The right to present any given play will rest with the group making the first registration for the play. The registration should be mailed to the Secretary of the Association, at Chapel Hill.

The winners of the East and West will enter the final contest to be held during the Dramatic Institute in April at Chapel Hill in the new Playmakers Theater.

Each club may design and make its own scenery or utilize such scenery as may be locally available. For the final contest in Chapel Hill simple settings will be provided by the Association, where such are desired. In such event the competing clubs may utilize their own properties and any special scenic effects they may wish to use.

Only college and high school clubs are eligible for the contest for original one-act plays, and the winner in each group will be awarded. Local contests will be conducted in each instance, with such regulations and awards as are locally desired. From the play submitted a local committee will select the one it deems best. Manuscripts for the final contest must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Carolina Dramatic Association at Chapel Hill by February 1. The best play from each of the two groups will be selected for presentation during the Dramatic Institute in April. There will be a first and second award, as well as a special award to the authors.

The regulations were drawn up by the executive committee of the Carolina Dramatic Association, which is composed of W. H. Taylor, president; Mrs. Kate F. Asher, vice-president; Miss Ethel T. Rockwell, State representative of the association; Chester D. Snell, director of the University Extension Division; Frederick H. Koch and George V. Denny, director and assistant director, respectively, of the Carolina Playmakers.

FOUR DIE IN FIRE

Sixtyville, West Virginia, Dec. 19.—Four children were burned to death, a woman was seriously injured, and two others were slightly injured in a fire that today destroyed the home of Mrs. Olive Jones at Stanley's Run, Ohio, about five miles from here.

NORRIS KEEPS UP HEAVY DRUM FIRE

Washington, Dec. 19.—Resuming the debate on Muscle Shoals in the Senate today, Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, declared that he had information to show that the General Electric Company owned the Alabama Power Company in two ways: by stock ownership and by interlocking directorates.

TAKES BANK SAFES AND FIRES A TOWN

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 19.—A reckless dynamiting the vaults of the First National Bank at Westleyview made away with the First National safe and that of the Guaranty Bank and then started a fire, which wiped out the entire business section. No accurate estimate of the loss sustained by both banks could be secured but the damage was estimated at \$100,000.

PRESIDENT CREATES CABINET OIL BOARD

Washington, Dec. 19.—An oil conservation board consisting of the Secretaries of War, of the Navy, of the Interior and of Commerce has been created by President Coolidge to study the Government's responsibilities in oil conservation. The board will seek the full co-operation of the oil industry to that end.

TURKEYS LIKELY HIGHER

Houston, Dec. 19.—Indications for Christmas than for Thanksgiving. Dealers are charging 25 to 28 cents apiece for live birds and as high as 23 is being demanded in the country.

CANDY SALES BRISK

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—(Special)—Leading wholesalers report that candy sales are four times larger than last season and have been exceeded in volume only in 1920. One local dealer received a single order for Christmas candy consisting of 18 car loads or more than half a million pounds.

FREEZE BY MONDAY SAYS WEATHER MAN

Washington, Dec. 19.—Freezing temperatures probably as far south as central Florida by Monday are predicted by the weather bureau. Rain and colder weather forecast for tonight in Virginia and North Carolina and the weather man said this probably will change to snow Saturday. In the interior much colder weather Saturday and Saturday night to continue for several days is predicted.

Will Be Serious Effort Co-ordinate Broadcasting

Fans at Present Complain that One Night Program May be All Jazz and Next All Classics Leaving Listener in Little Way of Choice

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Greenville, S. C., Dec. 19.—The "Radio Restaurant" is looked forward to by students of the air as the next development in the broadcasting problem. This does not mean a place to eat and hear music. It means that various stations eventually will specialize in certain types of programs just as certain restaurants specialize in certain dishes, the radio audience would never have a jaded appetite. This proposed arrangement would not mean that the stations could broadcast one type of entertainment only. It means they would specialize in that particular type varying their programs from time to time, but having the classical or the jazz numbers predominate.

BODY NEGRO BURNED AFTER LYNCHING BEE

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 19.—A negro was taken from the sheriff last night after an alleged attack upon a white woman, fled to a post, beaten, shot and then the body was tied behind an automobile and dragged through the negro section of this city and finally carried to an open lot and burned by the mob. No arrests have been made.

PREACHER HUNTING SHOOTS MAN DEAD

Winston-Salem, Dec. 19.—Carl O. Nifens was accidentally killed by the Reverend A. C. Peeler of the First Reformed Church, while hunting here yesterday.

DIETRICH TO SIT IN WHEELER CASE

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 19.—Federal Judge P. S. Dietrich of Idaho has been assigned to preside at the trial of Senator Barton K. Wheeler, who is to be tried in February on charges pending in his home state.

Grocers Out For Share In Holiday Trade This Year

Putting Up a Front and Decorating Their Windows as Lavishly as Other Lines and Have Been Enjoying Record Trade as a Result in Many Cities

By **J. C. ROYLE**
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New York, Dec. 19.—The grocers are not going to be left behind in the Christmas trade, profession this year. They are "putting up the front" and opening up the rear doors in preparation for a tremendous business. The grocery stores this season have more attractive window decorations than ever before and their volume of business has been spurred rather than checked by advancing prices, necessitating constant renewals of stocks.

One of the chief characteristics of the season, the grocers say, is the tendency of the housewife to buy in smaller quantities and more of the packages goods on which the margin of profit is excellent. The undoubted increase in demand for canned goods also has strengthened the grocers' doubted position. There was a shortage of new pack fruits and vegetables and this caused decidedly higher prices. Tomatoes, corn, peaches, apricots and berries were the worst hit and packers were able to deliver only 40 to 50 per cent of the contracts in some cases. Prices in consequence advanced almost to 1918 levels.

Dried fruits were similarly affected and the shortage of tomatoes caused catsup prices to advance. Spices, extracts, olives, pickles and nuts have jumped in price, while breakfast foods and cereals are starting upward in response to higher grain prices.

In the department stores all over the country, stocks of goods, including stocks of patience and popularity on the part of the sales forces, are melting away under the onslaught of buyers. Piling in orders are being expedited by express and parcel post but the rush has been such that many buyers have been disappointed in certain lines. This disappointment does not seem to have extended to the clerks in many stores, who seem to take a rather keen delight in announcing to customers, "oh, we quit handling that a week ago."

GOVERNMENT FILES ANSWER TO DOHENY

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Government submitted its answer today to plea in abatement in case against E. L. Doheny, E. L. Doheny, Jr., Albert H. Fall, and Harry F. Sinclair growing out of naval oil leasing. The argument was set in Supreme Court for January 9.

Checks Have Already Been Mailed—Employees in Some Instances In Distribution Those for His Company, Consisting of Two per cent of their salaries, to all employees for the year except the high executives. E. S. Phillips of the Devon and Tavolara Company, the oldest American maker of paints and varnishes, said:

"We do not feel that a formal system of profit sharing can work out with exact justice. Yet we do feel that the employees should share to some extent in the success or failure of their company."

"When in 1921, it was necessary to reduce costs, the employees from president to office boys accepted without protest a 10 per cent cut in wages. When business got back where we could afford it, wages were raised to former levels. It is no more than fair that we should show in a substantial way our appreciation for such loyalty and the unusual efforts put forth by our staff."

Having been increased and amplified by early distribution of Christmas savings funds totaling many million dollars by banks all over the country. This early distribution is counted on to obviate some of the strain and stress of the last week for both stores and customers.

COTTON SEED REPORT CENSUS BUREAU OUT

Washington, Dec. 19.—Cotton seed crushed in the four months period, August 1 to November 15, totaled 1,853,456 tons and cotton seed on hand at mills November 15 totaled 1,184,503 tons. The Census Bureau announced today.

COTTON REPORT

New York, Dec. 19.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 24.00. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 23, 24.50; Jan. 25.62; Mar. 24.01; May 24.37; July 24.52; Sept. 24.52. New York, Dec. 19.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 23.50; Jan. 25.00; Feb. 24.00; Mar. 24.44; Apr. 24.62.