

EXPORTS DROP FIFTY PER CENT

North Carolina Now Ranks Twenty-fourth State in Union—New York First and Texas Second.

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Value of exports of merchandising products from North Carolina during the first nine months of 1924 was \$45,455,826, according to statistics released here today by the Department of Commerce through local agencies. The statement added that North Carolina stood eighteenth in the rank of all states in the Union. New York stood first, Texas stood second and Pennsylvania, third.

There was a fifty per cent slump in exports from North Carolina during the third quarter of the year, according to the figures issued, the decreased shipments of cotton and leaf tobacco being largely responsible for the decrease. During the third quarter period, the total export trade was valued at \$8,023,398 compared with \$16,120,319 for the previous quarter. The slump caused North Carolina to stand 24th among the States of the Union for the three months period as compared with 16th for the previous quarter.

The value of raw cotton exported during the third quarterly period was greater than that of any other product, according to the figures issued. During the three months, cotton exports were valued at \$3,708,460 which represented a drop from the value during the previous quarter of approximately 40 per cent, the figures for that period having been \$6,432,983. Leaf tobacco next in importance, the total exports during the three months period being valued at \$1,801,108 as compared with \$6,773,494 during the previous quarter. The export ranking third was classed as "other textile products" with a total value of \$1,757,042.

STRUCK BY AUTO

Henry Hoffer, bell boy of the Southern Hotel, got out of the hotel bus on the outside of the street Thursday evening about 7:45 and in the rain did not look or see that he was stepping in front of a Ford roadster, driven by Arthur Gallop. The fender of the car struck him, knocking him down and bruising his body. No serious injury was sustained.

SENATE COMMITTEE IN FAVOR SALARY INCREASE

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Senate Postoffice committee Friday afternoon approved the administration salary and rate. Rate Postoffice Department, however, were reappointed so that the rate on second class mail will be considerably less than originally proposed.

TEA ROOM IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT NOW

The Woman's Club tea room is now under new management. Following the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Dawson, the Woman's Club elected Mrs. D. A. Morgan, who took charge on January 1. The tea room is no longer to go under the name of "Linden," but will be called the Woman's Club Tea Room. Members of the club express themselves as being especially pleased with the acceptance of the management of the tea room by Mrs. Morgan.

DEATH OF MCLENTOCK WAS CAUSED BY FEVER

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The coroner's chemist Friday afternoon found that William McLentock, millionaire orphan, died of typhoid fever. Coroner Oscar Wolf announced that the finding corroborated that of the pathologist employed by William Shepherd, foster father of the young man who was left the bulk of \$1,500,000 estate by the McLentock's will.

SON-IN-LAW DEAD

News was received this week by Mrs. John H. Burgess of the Berry Apartments, East Church street, of the death of her son-in-law, Charles Robert Bell. Mr. Bell was formerly in this city and married Miss Etta Burgess here. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Harold McDowell Smith of San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Hal Williams of Baltimore. Interment was made at Baltimore Thursday.

PHILLIPS-SHELTON

Miss Bertie Virginia Shelton of Newport News, Virginia, and Mr. William Morris Phillips of Hampton, Virginia, motored here Wednesday afternoon and were married Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wright on Front street by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson.

WANTS INVESTIGATION ON TARIFF COMMISSION

Washington, Jan. 2.—An investigation of the Tariff Commission is asked in the resolution offered by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader.

Seeks Oil



It's against the law to drill an oil well on a little tract of ground like Mrs. F. J. Patterson's town lot at Wortham, Tex. But she's doing it. When big oil companies leased land all around the tract, she was trying to "squeeze her out." So Mrs. Patterson began an opportunity to seek oil on her property, too. She told the railroad commission of her 20-year struggle to give her only son proper medical attention. And the commission had a heart.

FIND CULPRITS OR MUST DIE

Tienstein, Jan. 2.—General Lin Ching Lin, recently appointed military governor of Chihli Province, has given the commanders of the troops in the area where soldiers raided a train Tuesday until next Monday to find the culprits. The commanders will be executed then if the guilty are not found, Lin says, adding that he will pay the losses of the foreigners as a result of the looting.

NORRIS INVESTIGATION IS BLOCKED IN SENATE

Washington, Jan. 2.—Characterizing the Federal Trade Commission investigation of the so-called power trusts proposed by the Norris resolution as a "fishing expedition" Senator Edge of New Jersey, Friday afternoon, blocked immediate consideration of the measure in the Senate.

SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY WITH CURRITUCK BAPTISTS

Poplar Branch, Jan. 2.—Special services appropriate for the first Sunday of the new year will be preached by Rev. C. A. Vandermeulen, pastor of the Lower-Currituck Baptist field, next Sunday at three churches as follows, at the Rehoboth church at 11 a. m., at the Colinet church at 3 p. m., and at the Poplar Branch church at 7 a. m.

COTTON REPORT

New York, Jan. 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 24.37, March 24.68, May 25.90, July 25.15, Oct. 24.32.

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HOPEFUL OVER BRITISH VIEW

Washington, Jan. 2.—Officials here apparently seem hopeful of the tendencies in the New Year dispatches from Great Britain regarding the war debts, although they received thus far no communication declaring the willingness of the British government to approve the specially indulgent terms for France. The outlook became bright when officials were shown the story published in London to the effect that Great Britain had assured the United States that she would not stand in the way of the Franco-American settlement on terms more lenient than the Anglo-American agreement. High officials of the State Department, however, said that no such assurance had reached Washington either officially or unofficially.

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BRITISH BANKERS NOT ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Washington, Jan. 2.—The widely disseminated reports that Monaghan Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Allan Anderson, director of the bank, had come to the United States on an official mission in connection with international debts was denied by the British Legation.

LINER MOHAWK UNDER CONTROL

Lewes, Delaware, Jan. 2.—The Clyde liner Mohawk with 200 passengers aboard was afire off Brandywine light in Delaware Bay near here today. The passengers were in their life boats and momentarily expecting word from Captain James Staples, the ship's master, to take to life boats. Five lugs were standing by. The fire is believed to have started in the after hold of the Mohawk.

CLEMENTEL AND MELLON NEGOTIATING RE DEBT

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She's Comfortable, Anyhow!



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CAR BORROWING STILL POPULAR

Two more automobiles were stolen Thursday night. The car of N. Howard Smith was found on Selden street half turned over with one fender bent.

An automobile belonging to Alfred Lane was taken from in front of the Southern Hotel and later found on South Dyer street. "Inexperienced drivers are taking these cars," a business man said Friday morning—"they are boys who live right here in town. Some of them are the sons of some of our most prominent citizens."

Others believe that these "car borrowers" are a group of boys who do not live in the city who have been looting on the streets recently without funds and without work.

MONTH TO BRING THRIFT LECTURES

Franklin's Birthday Will Mark First of Seven Days During Which Value of Thrift be Emphasized.

New York, Jan. 2.—The 218th anniversary of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, "Apostle of Thrift," Saturday, January 17, 1925, will be observed throughout the country as the first of seven days of emphasis upon his principles of success. The general plans were announced here today at National Thrift Week headquarters.

National Thrift Week is fostered by the Y. M. C. A. through a committee which represents 48 well-known national, civic, commercial, educational and religious organizations, including the American Bankers Association, American Red Cross, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, Association of Life Insurance Presidents, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire Girls, Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. Council of Y. M. H. & K. Associations, Federal Council of Churches, Girl Scouts, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Kiwanis Club, National Board of the Y. W. C. A., National Association of Real Estate Boards, National Retail Dry Goods Association, United States Postoffice Department.

The observance of National Thrift Week has grown from a modest beginning in 1916 into an established program. Records of last year's observance show that the "week" was recognized in one form or another in thousands of communities in this country and that in many communities in every state the observance was according to a program planned by representative local groups. This included, the 1924 report shows, a largely increased use of newspaper advertising space devoted to carrying to millions of readers practical inspiration as to thrift use of their money power.

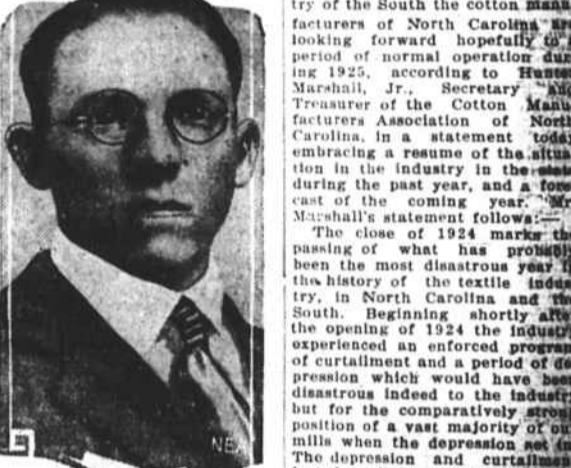
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Textile Men Hope To See Normal Year In 1925

After Worst Year in History of Textile Industry of South Cotton Manufacturers of North Carolina Optimistic at Beginning of New Year

Fire Hero



Andrew Jackson was one of the heroes of the fire which destroyed the Hobart (Okla.) school Christmas Eve, taking a heavy toll of life. After escaping from the burning building he dragged many others to safety at the risk of his own life.

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Gould's Kin a Shopkeeper



Bertrude Dowager Baroness Deedes is connected by marriage with one of the oldest families in the British nobility and with the millionaire Goulds of America. But all that means nothing. She is forced to earn her living—and it's a scant one—selling tea and light lunches to motorists and cyclists in the village of Dane Hill, England. Upon her husband's death the title and estates passed to his brother, the fifth Baron Deedes, husband of Miss Vivien Gould, daughter of George Jay Gould of New York.

In London's Great Fog



London always is foggy. But it could feel this winter. This picture gives an idea of how heavy the mist was. It is not a silhouette, but a genuine photograph of two men warming their hands over a fire. The dark grey is not fancy background. It is thick impenetrable London fog.

AMERICAN MARINES NOW PROTECT FOREIGN DISTRICT

Shanghai, Jan. 2.—It is reported that a detachment of American Marines have been landed in Hankow to protect the foreign residential district, following the looting by bodyguard of General Chi Shieh Yuan, former military governor of Kiangsu of a number of the largest silk stores in the city, causing the loss of \$200,000.

SEEKING RECOVERY OF STOLEN LIBERTY BONDS

Little Rock, Jan. 2.—Postal inspectors are seeking the recovery of approximately \$25,000 worth of Liberty bonds said to have been secured here by Herbert Holliday of Roundout, Ill., mail bandit, now serving a 2 1/2 year sentence. Holliday tonight confessed the receipt of a letter to the State of the investigation which already has brought to light \$25,000 of the loot.

Miss Maxine Fearing has returned to North Carolina College for Women, after spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Zenas Fearing.