

## DAWES IS MOST SUBDUED MAN IN WASHINGTON

Vice President Seems to Realize Not His Time to Speak and Determined Not to Speak Out of Time

### WILL IT LAST LONG?

Sphinx-Like Attitude Out of Character and Wonder Grow Where Helen Maria Will Break Loose

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Washington, Dec. 11.—The most subdued man in Washington today is Charles G. Dawes, Vice President of the United States. General Dawes realizes it is not his turn to speak and he doesn't propose to speak out of turn—for the time being. It is an unwonted, unnatural silence that broods over the presiding officer of the United States Senate—a Senate of which he disapproves so highly.

No one knows just how long the sphinx-like attitude on the part of the strenuous Vice President will last. There is no question but that General Dawes is a great drawing card with the public. He is looked upon as the elder statesman. He is likely to grab the ball from the opposition at any time and race down the calendar for a reform in the rules. But what the general public has been expecting is to hear the Vice President bawl the Senate out again.

This public has been packing the Senate galleries in anticipation of the happy event.

The man in the street wants to see the sedate Senators squirm. He would not even mind seeing them stew in their own juice. It is a queer idea the public has of the Senate and of the Senators. It pictures each Senator with a monkey wrench in his hand, ready to throw it into the Coolidge machinery at any moment.

It thinks of the irreconcilable Borah and Johnson and Moses and of the late Rampant LaFollette, represented now by Young Battling Bob, and of the unregenerate and untrifled Democrats, out with a hatchet for any scalp in sight.

The man in the street reads a great deal of editorial commendation for what Mr. Dawes said about the Senate on the fourth of last March when he had his one opportunity to speak out in meeting. The public recalls hazily that the Vice President gave the merry gentlemen of the Senate a touch of Helen Maria thunder and lightning. It takes the ground that the Senate must have deserved all that was said about it and therefore must be thoroughly had.

But the public which has come this session to see the Vice President burst forth anew has been bitterly disappointed and will be some more. Dawes has been the mildest mannered presiding officer who ever sat on the Senate rostrum and this is saying a great deal when it is remembered that the last two occupants were the sweet and lovable Thomas Riley Marshall, who regarded the Vice Presidency, and undoubtedly the Senate, as jokes and the silent, taciturn, unwordy Calvin Coolidge.

### DIES SUDDENLY ON VISIT HERE

#### Abner Nash, Government Engineer, Aged 40, Succumbs to Heart Attack

Stricken with a heart attack shortly after arrival here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives, Abner Nash, aged 40, engineer in charge of the construction of a Government dam at Newburg, Indiana, died suddenly Friday morning at 5 o'clock at the home of his brother-in-law, N. B. Evans, 714 Riverside Drive.

Mr. Nash and his wife had arrived yesterday afternoon by automobile after having spent the night before with an uncle, Samuel Nash, in Hillsboro. He was apparently in his usual health when he retired last night, but awoke his wife struggling shortly before 5 o'clock, and died a few minutes later.

Besides his wife, Mr. Nash is survived by a brother, Fred Nash, city treasurer of Charlotte, and three sisters, Miss Lillian Nash, of Washington, D. C., and Misses Bette and Mary Ormond Nash, of Charlotte.

Mr. Nash was a native of North Carolina, and had been in the employ of the Government for about 20 years, in the course of which he was engaged in numerous construction projects.

The body will be forwarded to Charlotte on the night train for funeral services and burial in the family plot there.

#### BEST CITY GIRL TO WORLD COURT MEET

##### Anabelle Abbott Represents Meredith College at Princeton Conference

Miss Anabelle Abbott, daughter of Mrs. R. C. Abbott of Elizabeth City, and member of the senior class at Meredith College, Raleigh, this year, left Thursday to represent Meredith at Princeton University in the nation-wide discussion there today and tomorrow on the question of "America's Adherence to the World Court."

All the important colleges of the country are represented in this conference, and friends of Miss Abbott in the Home Town will be pleased to know that she was chosen to speak for Meredith. Several years ago Miss Abbott volunteered for missionary service and her interest in the question of the World Court is perhaps the more keen on account of her deep interest in this work.

#### COLORED DEFENDANT FINED FOR AFFRAY

A little dispute with a lady friend, in which the defendant was accused of firing a shotgun in the vicinity of her feet, resulted in Vernon Little, colored, paying a fine of \$5 and costs in recorder's court Friday morning on an affray charge.

Harry Paulos, charged with failure to pay dog tax, was let off upon payment of the tax and court costs. A similar charge against J. A. Byrum was dismissed when Mr. Byrum offered evidence to the effect that he had been before the Board of County Commissioners and had arranged to correct an error in the listing of his dog. He was required to pay the dollar tax only.

#### FUNERAL MRS. GILBERT

Old Trap, Dec. 11.—The funeral of Mrs. Susan Gilbert, who died Wednesday afternoon at 5:20 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isabel Pugh, was conducted at the home Thursday afternoon by Rev. I. S. Harrell and burial made in the family burying ground. The floral offerings were unusually beautiful and the pallbearers were: Henry Burgess, Bill Bell, Mack Sanderlin, Daniel Bray, Milton Toxey and Ben Gregory.

Mrs. Gilbert had been an invalid for several years and her death while not unexpected came as a sad blow to her relatives and friends. She was 73 years old, and a daughter of the late Jabez W. Burfoot, who was the leading spirit in the organization of the Methodist Church at Old Trap of which Mrs. Gilbert was a member from early childhood.

## Here's Camden Man Not Afraid to Come Out for Consolidation of Counties

All the advocates of the consolidation of Camden and Pasquotank counties are not on this side of the Pasquotank River. The discussion started in this newspaper has drawn expressions favorable to the consolidation in other counties. At least one friend of consolidation who lives in Camden County is not afraid to come out in the open and champion the movement. Let him speak for himself.

"I have read with much interest," said P. W. Stevens of Camden County, who was in the city Thursday, "the recent discussion in The Advance in regard to the proposed consolidation of Camden and Pasquotank counties, particularly the statement from Senator Williams and the reply thereto by our representative in the General Assembly, Honorable C. L. Turkington.

"I heartily endorse Senator Williams' views in the matter and have been a staunch advocate of the idea ever since reading some years ago, in the University News Letter, published at Chapel Hill, an article setting forth the advantages to be gained by consolidation of the smaller counties.

"If consolidation of the smaller counties is a practical thing to do in any two counties of our State, it certainly looks practical for Pasquotank and Camden on account of the favorable location of Elizabeth City as a county seat for the consolidated counties. Elizabeth City may now be reached from any part of Camden practically as easily as can Camden courthouse, from which it is separated by less than four miles of paved road.

By merging one county government would do for both counties. But there is where the rub comes. Our Camden office holders say 'But if the counties consolidate we will get no offices on this side the river.' I submit that such a viewpoint is too trivial even to talk about. If I cherished such a view, I should be ashamed to admit it. The question is to admit that there is no real sound argument

against consolidation. It is a good thing let's turn on the light and show up its advantages. If it's a good thing, we want it. If it isn't, we don't. But let's discuss the proposition on its merits and leave politics, public office and private gain out of this controversy."

## FLASKS ARE NOT PROPER GIFTS

### Women Taboo Display of Them in Show Windows of California Town

By BEN G. KLINE  
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Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 10.—Flasks, even though they are wrapped in beautifully carved and wrapped in tissue tied with red and green ribbons, are not suitable for Christmas gifts, women of Berkeley have ruled. Even empty flasks are not to be displayed in show windows if the women here have their way and they are used to having it.

A prominent men's clothing store offering suggestions for the nice line of hip pocket flasks in their windows. The members of W. C. T. U. were the first to protest, women with growing sons declaring they would not trade at the store unless the display was removed.

"The same store had a similar display last year," Mrs. Cora Patterson, president of the local W. C. T. U., told the writer, "but when a good many mothers of young boys told the proprietors what they thought of it and they took them out. They probably thought we had forgotten about the question but we haven't and we have no doubt the display will be removed. Of course their action is not against the word of the law, but it is against its spirit.

Meanwhile the W. C. T. U. leaders are enlisting the aid of the business women, the parent-teachers' association, the League of Women Voters and the Mothers Club in their campaign against the display of flasks, cocktail shakers and other equipment which might tempt the youth of the city.

#### BANDITS ROB BANK

Efland, Dec. 11.—Three robbers held up the Bank of Efland at 10 o'clock today, forced the cashier into the vault, and escaped with \$2,500. One robber was about 35 years of age and the other two about 20.

#### DR. STONE'S CHOIR WILL SING OVER RADIO TONIGHT

A radio exposition is on at Atlanta this week and tonight at 8:30 o'clock from station WSB the choir of the First Baptist Church of Newnan, Georgia, of which Dr. E. W. Stone is pastor, will broadcast. This is the second time that this choir has been asked to sing from Atlanta and is said to be the only church choir that has been asked to broadcast from station WSB the second time this season. Dr. Stone was formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City.

## Aged Man Encamped Under Open Sky In Swamp

A tattered old dore-belt of a man is encamped at the side of the Newland Highway, just outside this city, with nothing between him and the open sky and a pile of rags to sleep on. He came here in a dilapidated wagon drawn by a pair of half starved mules, but he has a young horse which he claims is of thoroughbred stock.

The old man is nearly blind and appears to be anywhere from 60 to 80 years old. He gives his name as Thomas McKee and says he comes from the mountain region of Northern Virginia. He is hounded nowhere in particular, and apparently is without funds.

When visited by Sheriff Carmine and a newspaperman Friday morning, the aged camper was quoted beside a smoldering fire he had built in the edge of the swamp. His mules and horse, safely tethered, were grazing as best they could on the sparse stubble thereabout. From his rambling conversation the visitors picked up the information that he wished to sell his stock and wagon and to go to a hospital for treatment.

A passing farmer, touched by his obvious destitution, stopped and gave him a liberal supply of sweet potatoes. It was evident that his supply of provisions had about given out.

When he came was a matter of conjecture. He was very vague on the subject and there were indications that the city and county authorities might have to take him in hand and provide for him and his half starved mules and horse.

## NEW AID GIVEN BOYS AND GIRLS

### Addresses on Vocational Topics Given Weekly at High School

High school boys and girls here are being given systematic assistance this year in the all important business of choosing a calling. That most perplexing of all problems for the average student is being made easier for many through practical talks on Thursday mornings by men who are regarded as thoroughly representative of the callings which they discuss.

In line with this program, the Rev. Frank H. Scattergood, of Conn. Memorial Presbyterian Church, addressed the high school student body yesterday morning.

Mr. Scattergood didn't speak on the ministry. His subject instead was engineering, a profession he followed for twenty years before he became a minister and he has been preaching for 16 years. Last one form the impression that Mr. Scattergood is older than he is, it is explained that he began his engineering training at the age of 16, and has been pretty busy in one profession or the other ever since.

The high school talks are limited to 15 to 20 minutes of the period devoted to chapel exercises. But the speaker doesn't finish his job merely by concluding his talk. He obligates himself to assist still further those who may be interested in his particular calling, to the extent of advising them as to their preparatory work and the higher schools they should attend.

The school management purposes to have these vocational talks each Thursday morning at 10 o'clock during the holiday period until every calling has been represented.

#### WAYS CLEARED FOR LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Geneva, Dec. 11.—The way was cleared today for the League of Nations international disarmament conference by settling all the difficulties in connection with the formation of a preparatory committee.

## Fire On Body Road Proves Worth of Paved Highways

Prompt action by the Elizabeth City fire department Wednesday afternoon is believed to have averted destruction of the home of Brooks Harrell, on Body Road, about three miles from this city, after two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell had set fire to a couple of haystacks within 50 or 75 feet of the house.

Paving of Body Road was completed recently, and the firemen were able to make record time to the home, aboard one of their "pumpers." Always resourceful, Fire Chief Flora maneuvered up to the needs of the situation after he arrived. A large ditch runs past the house and by digging a small basin in it at a point near the fire, the crew of the "pumper" was able to get sufficient water to play a strong stream on it, quickly putting it out.

## TINY HOLE SENT SHIP TO BOTTOM NEAR WANCHESE

Examination of Silver King's Hull Discloses Propeller Shaft Was Torn Free From Supports

### NOW ON WAYS HERE

Repairs Expected to Require Several Weeks, Due to Submersion of Engines In Salt Water

A tiny hole in the stern plating of the Silver King, caused the loss that sent the vessel to the bottom Monday night. It was disclosed this afternoon when the craft had been raised from the bottom racks of the City's Machine Shop here, preparatory to repairs.

The Silver King was towed to this city Thursday by the Coast Guard cutter, Edw. E. Smith, still being the property of the navy. It is in an hour with the Edw. E. Smith's propellers ready to keep her afloat. All night long the pumps were kept running, and when they failed the Silver King had been half a light and dry on the ways. Repairs will be begun at once, it was stated, but it will be several weeks before the yard can leave the ways in view of the damage to the engines resulting from their submersion in salt water.

Captain J. A. Hayden, veteran of the Coast Guard, is making the probable cause of the stranding the opinion that a salt water log was caught between the stern and the propeller shaft, and wedged them free of the hull, causing a steady leakage of the point where the log entered.

The hole in the hull was about three inches long, and perhaps an inch wide. This damage can be repaired quickly, he stated.

The Edw. E. Smith left Friday morning on her return trip to her home station at New Bern. Members of the crew of the Silver King were enthusiastic in their praise of the prompt and efficient work done by the cutter, which had been dispatched to the scene last night Tuesday in response to a message from Coast Guard headquarters in Norfolk.

The Edw. E. Smith is commanded by Captain J. Smith. Other members of the crew are Joseph Campbell, chief engineer; A. McCarthy, steward; Henry Chase, second steward; and Charlie Lawrence, seaman. All are from New York. The yacht is owned by Arthur Coppell, wealthy New York clubman. It was built in 1910 and originally owned by the Rippe, the name having been changed when it was acquired recently by Mr. Coppell. It is valued at \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The yacht ran ashore Monday night at about 9 o'clock some two miles from Wanchese, Roanoke Island, and only about 100 yards from the shore. The yacht was driven ashore by the wind and was stuck in a point of safety, the yacht drifted helplessly into shallow water and sank to the level of her decks.

If the wind had happened to be from offshore, and had carried her out into the open sound, the work of raising the Silver King could have been attended with much difficulty, seamen declared.

## Bandit Invasion Of Damascus Repelled

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 11.—News came today that bandits had been repelled in two invasions of Damascus. A force of 250, after entering the city yesterday, was driven off by police with no serious damage and the use of artillery. Seven bandits were killed.

Later in the day another party of 25 men entered the city with the intention of robbing a bank, but were repelled by the police. A force of 250, after entering the city yesterday, was driven off by police with no serious damage and the use of artillery. Seven bandits were killed.

## SERIOUS MENACE TO THE DEFENSE PANAMA CANAL

Washington, Dec. 11.—Foreign interests have secured exclusive concessions for air operations in South America, the Mitchell court martial was informed today by Major George Y. Strong of the Army general staff.

"In Central America," Major Strong testified, "there have been concessions granted but they have not been exclusive." Representative Frank R. Reid, chief counsel for Colonel Mitchell, told the court that these concessions had been reported to the War Department by Major Raymond Walsh of the Army Air Service, who held them to be serious menace to the defense of the Panama Canal. In Columbia, he said, the concession was negotiated by German capitalists with the Columbia Government.

Guatemala had given a concession to a French concern but Major Strong said that it was not an exclusive arrangement.

## RADIO MADE ONE LITTLE HAMLET

### Boundbrook, New Jersey, Came Into Limelight in Unusual Way

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Washington, Dec. 11.—Radio this week has taken the little town of Boundbrook, N. J., whose population is estimated at 6,000, and made it one of the nationally known spots in the United States. From early reports of the transmission of the new super-powered transmitter of the radio Corporation of America, at Boundbrook, it is estimated that upwards of twenty millions persons have heard the names of the Jersey town spoken into their homes through loud speakers and head phones.

The town was not thrust into the limelight through any effort of its own, but because engineers of the corporation, after a tour of practically all the country in a thirty to fifty mile radius of New York, discovered that a site just outside the limits of Boundbrook appeared to be the most suitable location for a super power transmitter.

From early tests it was discovered that the distance between Boundbrook and New York City was sufficient to prevent a super power station from having a blanketing effect on the broadcasting in the Metropolis, and at the same time the Boundbrook site was found to offer excellent atmospheric qualifications for broadcasting.

It is not likely, however, that Boundbrook will continue to enjoy the publicity it has been given during the first tests, for the future it is expected that the call letters 2-XAR, Boundbrook, will be replaced by the more familiar call, WJZ, New York City, but occasional mention that the WJZ transmitters are located in the New Jersey village probably will be made.

Although considered completely successful as a medium for long range broadcasting the fifty kilowatt transmitter of WJZ is not yet recognized as completely tuned for quality broadcasting. Work is being done continuously on the transmitters to perfect modulation, and it is possible that never a character will be made before 2-XAR becomes a regular voice of the air, under the WJZ call letters.

When the station comes on the air definitely, it is understood that continuous broadcasting from early in the morning until midnight is contemplated by the program department of WJZ. So far, reports that the station has been tested at night have been received from every part of the United States and frequent reports have been had that signals sent in the day have been picked up with good strength from points more than 500 miles from New York City.

## CONFESSES ROBBERY OF 2 MAIL POUCHES

Parkersburg, West Virginia, Dec. 11.—William J. Rinker, alias Vernon Lowry, serving a term in jail here for highway robbery, has confessed to robbing two mail registered pouches, one at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1919, and the other at Charlottesville, Virginia, in November 1923.

The highway robbery amounted to \$6,200 in cash, he said, and the Charlottesville robbery \$400. Charlottesville postal officials deny any knowledge of the robbery there.

## MINERS DIE AS BIG EXPLOSION SHAKES SHAFT

Forty-eight Bodies Today Had Been Recovered and Hope Abandoned Men Would Be Found Alive

### Fire, Gas, and Debris Turned the Workers at Every Turn But Last Body Be Recovered Before Night

Birmingham, Dec. 11.—Forty-eight bodies today had been recovered from Overton mine No. 2, which yesterday was rocked by an explosion of gas that brought death to more than half of the workers in the pit. All hope had been abandoned that the remainder of the men would be found alive.

Rescue work is retarded by adverse conditions in the pit. Fire, gas and debris met the workers at every turn. The last body is expected to be removed before nightfall. Of the 81 in the mine at the time of the explosion 15 came forth unscathed and five were hurt. The remaining are either known to be dead in the coal company's improvised morgue in the bath house or are still on lower levels and have not been recovered.

Rescue workers who have returned to the surface, many of them exhausted and struggling for breath, declare they hold no hope for any man still in the workings.

Wilford Powell and Charles Edith, members of one of the rescue squads, returned to the mine month early yesterday, topping over upon reaching fresh air. Hot coffee and oxygen revived them and they pleaded for another chance to attempt rescue work.

Powell and Edith declared the explosion had played havoc with the mine interior and that their progress had been rendered slow by the noxious odors. "We could see men we knew there in the mines, some reaching against the walls, others prone on the level," declared Powell as he related the scene's attendant on the rescue work.

Tragic Scenes Described  
"Some of the lanterns on the men's caps still were burning but we knew they were dead. We passed on trying to find a single man who still drew the breath of life but after the first few men who were injured were removed we have not found a live miner.

"From now on we must proceed cautiously to the lower levels. The seventh ledge is about 2,800 feet below the mouth of the mine."

Although the ventilating equipment of the Overton mine has not been damaged by the explosion the mine still contains a great volume of gas.

Officials of the company and United States mine inspectors announced last night that rescue work will be continued until all bodies are recovered and that all gas will be drawn from the shafts before any attempt is made to resume operations.

Hardly had the thunder of the mine explosion died out before the families and relatives of the entombed men hastened to the mouth of the shaft. Soon ambulances and hearses were on the scene, 11 miles from Birmingham, and the grim work was started.

There were many pathetic scenes. Wives and children who only a few short minutes before had bid their loved ones goodbye, now sobbed as they looked anxiously at the mouth of the mine waiting for the next body to be lifted to the surface and beseeching each rescue worker for some information as he emerged from the vitals of the earth.

One of the rescued workers gave a graphic description of the scene. (Continued on back page)

COTTON MARKET  
New York, Dec. 11.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 19.00, March 19.75, May 18.82, July 18.50, New York, Dec. 11.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.70, a decline of five points. Futures closing bid: Jan. 18.91, March 19.03, May 18.76, July 18.43, Oct. 18.05.