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### NEW YEAR IS USHERED IN WITH REVELRY THAT CONTINUES TILL DAYLIGHT

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- Celebration of the advent of the New Year continued until dawn in the hotels and restaurants along the ""Great White Way," the revelers taking advantage of what they considered the last opportunity to celebrate in the hilarious manner traditional to New York. Police and other observers said the crowds which jammed upper Broadway from midnight until nearly morning were equal in size and spirit to those of former years.

While unnumbered thousands : paraded the thoroughfare with all sorts of noise makers, other thousands who with foresightedness had purchased stocks of wines and liquors before July 1 were making merry in the hotels and restaurants. Much of the liquid refreshment was sent in advance by truck and limousine after reservations for the night had been made. A heavy profit through "corkage" and "cooling" charges was reaped.

Crowds on the streets, while not lacking in exuberance, were more orderly than in former years. Two thousand police officers who lined Broadway from Thirtythird street to Columbus Circle, said they had little to do and few arrests were

The celebration was not confined to places of merriment. The chimes of hundreds of churches rang out as of old at midnight, while thousands of whistles shrieked an accompaniment.

Many thousands attended watch night smeetings in the churches. A chorus of 1800 voices sang at Madison Square Garden, while a pageant was presented.

#### CHICAGO HITS 'EM UP AT HIGH RATE

CHICAGO, Jan. 1-Chicago's husky young New Year nursed last night on hip pocket bottles, showed no signs of being as dry as congress and the su-

Cafes became cafeterias last night and serve yourself service proved adequate to produce all the traditional joys of the highest stage in the past 40 years. the new year welcome

Illinois search and seizure law, which et flasks were fashlonable, but thirstier ones transported their select private eases, baskets, golf bags, and in one case even a trunk was used

Police threats of enforcements of the ed. drastic search law failed of execution. Glum-faced detectives, assigned to watch the downtown cafes, stood idly by and band liquor disappear. Chief Garrity, who earlier in the day, had announced the law would be enforced, made the rounds at midnight and in a well known downtown hotel delivered a short speech to the revelers.

ing such a good time," he said

#### TESTIMONY IN AND ARGU-**MENTS BEGIN TODAY**

In Trial of W. C. Hall, Prohibition Inspector, Charged With Killing Lawrence Hudson - Case May Go to Jury Before Night.

(By The Associated Press.)

MANASSAS, Va., Jan. 1-With all testimony completed, arguments of the attorneys will begin today in the trial of W. C. Hall, prohibition inspector charged with killing Lawrence Hudson, last March. There is a possibility that the case will be submitted to the jury before night.

Hall took the stand in his own defense yesterday and testified that he believed both Hudson and his companion, Raymond Shackleford, were killed by bullets fired from his revolver. He declared, however, that Shackleford fired the first shot and that he did not shoot until after he had been struck over the head with a whiskey bottle by Hudson.

Joe Williams, chauffeur of the officer's car, completed his testimony in which he said he had taken no part in the shooting and was unarmed at the time. The court ruled irrevelant the attempts of the prosecution to draw from Williams testimony which the prosecution believed would incriminate one of the officers in the violation of the prohibition law.

#### **RHINE RIVER FLOODS AMERICAN ARMY PROPERTY**

(By The Associated Press)

COBLENZ, Tuesday, Dec. 30-Lower parts of this city are flooded by the rising water of the Rhine, the river being at A number of army units have been moved to higher ground, but the loss of prehibits movement of liquor even across | American army property is small, units the street went by the boards. Hip-pock- along the river banks being warned in time to move their supplies. The city is temporarily without gas and water, stocks to downtown eating places in suit while cellars of hotels and homes along the Rhine boulevard, including the mansion occupied by General Allen, are flood-

#### SEINE RIVER RISING.

PARIS, Jan. 1 .- The flood in the Seire with envious eye watched the contra- has risen nearly three feet more and the depth of the river at present exceeds that fixed in official estimates.

AMERICAN BARRACKS BURNED. NANTES, FRANCE, Jan. 1. - Barracks containing large stocks of Ameri-"I am glad to see everybody is have can army munitions were destroyed by fire here last night.

### PRODUCTION, ESPECIALLY IN TEXTILES, RESUMED IN HALF THE FACTORIES OF NORTHERN FRANCE

(By The Associated Press.)

LILLE, Jan. 1-Production has been resumed in about one half of the factories of northern France, where the outbreak of the war paralyzed industry and where battles raged for four years. Of this number, however, about thirteen per cent have been at work only a month. Figures examined today by the correspendent of The Associated Press, who is visiting the war zone under a special dispensation of the government, showed that in this region 30,000 plants employing 800,000 workers, were razed by gunfire, looted or badily disorganized.

There has been a noticeable increase in the resumption of plants, especially those turning out textiles, during the last few weeks, but it is estimated it will take three years for the majority of the principal trades such as glass making. wood working and sugar refining to re sume production on a normal scale, Large mechanical plants such as the locomotive works at Valenciennes and the coal mines about Lens, will be under a handicap for a longer time, and it is believed ten years must elapse before full speed ahead will be possible.

Machinery and equipment weighing about 25,000 tons have been returned from Germany and the French government has advanced to industrial firms credits totalling approximately 3,000,-000,000 francs. This sum will be applied against damage estimated in the chamber to amount to 50,000,000,000

A recent patent covers a motor driven sled that is propelled by a spiked drum, Mrs. Vester.

#### **SUMMONS ISSUED FOR RETURN MISS SUMMIT**

Lady, Who Implicated Mrs. Cecil Vester Is Recalled as Witness - Camp Custer Soldier May Testify.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Jan. 1-A summons was issued today for the return here of Miss Gladys Summit, of Battle Creek, whose story to authorities implicating her room mate, Mrs. Cecil Vester, caused a warrant to be issued for the latter charging complicity in the murder of J. Stanley Brown. Miss Summit is being recalled, it was announced, as a witness at the hearing to be given Mrs. Vester on Saturday, the accused woman having been arraigned late yesterday and entering a plea of not guilty.

Officers said Ben Sorenson, a soldier at Camp Custer, might also be requested to testify at the hearing. Storenson, Mrs. Vester declared, could support the alibi she had set up claiming she was in Battle Creek on December 23, the

night Brown was shot to death. Lloyd Prevost, cousin of the slain man's widow, who has several times been questioned by the authorities, was taken into custody this morning. No charge has been made against him, the officers said, but he will be questioned again as the result of further information obtained, particularly that given by

#### CAROLINA ALUMNI HAD SMOKER LAST NIGHT

Annual Holiday Event Well Attended and Highly Enjoyed - Prof. Frank P Graham Principal Speaker-To hold Semi - Annual Meetings Hereafter - New Officers Chosen.

The annual get-together meeting of the Gaston County Club and the Gaston County Alumni Association of the l'niversity of North Carolina was held last night in the lobby of the Central graded school. The meeting was in the form of a smoker in place of the banquet which is usually given during the Christmas holidays. About fifty alumni, students and prospective students were present from different parts of the county.

Prof. Joe S. Wray, president of the association, acted as toastmaster. After a brief speech of welcome Messrs. Ray Armstrong, David Houser, A. C. Lineberger, Jr., and C. T. Boyd were called upon for a few words. In a short talk Mr. A. G. Mangum described the service that the University is rendering the State at large. He pointed out the fact that several of the more important measures passed by the last legislature were the result of University agitation. Mr. E. R. Rankin, of the bureau of extension, traced the phenomenal growth of the University during the past decade. The attendance this year is the largest in the history of the institution, there being an enrollment of 1,350.

The principal talk of the evening was made by Mr. Frank P. Graham, dean of the student body and a member of the department of history. Mr. Graham did not confine himself to any one topic but spoke rather informally on several subjects of University interest. Like all other educational institutions the University was hard pressed during the war but she has come back stronger than ever. The "Carolina spirit" has survived the period of military discipline and today permeates the very life of the institution. It is this spirit that keeps Carolina to the front in every line of activity. Mr. Graham is a very entertaining speaker and his talk was greatly

At the conclusion of the smoker a short business meeting of the association was held. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, A. E. Woltz; vice-president, C. H. Sloan; secretary-treasurer, E. R. Rankin. It was voted to make the meetings semi-annual rather than annual and in the future similar occasions will be held at some time immediately after commencement as well as at the regular time during the holidays. Mr. E. R. Rankin was instructed to draw up and send to President Chase a set of resolutions expressing the loyalty of the Gaston County Alumni Association to their alma mater and their most hearty support in all matters pertaining to the University's welfare.

#### 82 LYNCHINGS IN U. S. **DURING PAST YEAR**

Annual Summary From Tuskegee Institute Shows 7 7 Lynchings in Southern States .—Seven Whites Among Number.

(By The Associated Press.) TUSKEGEE, Ala., Jan. 1-Lynchings in the United States during the last year numbered 82, of which 77 were in the southern states, according to Tuskegee University's annual summary published today. Seven white people were among those lynched.

Twenty-one persons were lynched in Georgia, according to the summary, twelve each in Mississippi and Arkansas; seven each in Alabama and Louisiana; five in Florida; four in Texas; three in North Carolina; two each in West Virginia, Colorado and Missouri, and one each in Nebraska, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington and Kan-

#### GASTONIA YOUNG MEN FORM YARN AGENCY

Earl E. Groves leaves tonight for Philadelphia, Pa., where he and Mr. Fred S. Wetzell will form a yarn agency early in January for handling all kinds of cotton yarns. They will act as eastern representatives for the Groves mills, of this city, and will also very likely represent other Gaston county spinners. Mr. Wetzell has heretofore been associated with the Lowell Cotton Yarn Co., of New York City. Mr. Groves is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Groves, of Gastonia, and Mr. Wetzell is a son of day. The jewelry, stolen during the ab-Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wetzell, also of

### AWAITING REPORTS OF DEATHS

**Authorities Throughout United** States Expect to Hear of Wave of Deaths From Drinking Poisonous Whiskey.

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 1. - Authorities throughout the country today gravely a waited reports from new year's eve-revels for confirmation or refutation of their predictions that the wave of deaths from wood alcohol poisoning which took a toll of approximately 125 lives during the 'hristmas holidays, would be repeated.

Early today there was slight evidence that celebrators of the arrival of the new year had profited by knowledge gained of the effects of drinking outlawed liquor. The more pessimistic officials pointed out, however, that it probably would require a full day for the serious consequences generally to become appar-

Chicopee, Mass., and the Connecticut alley, with 50 deaths, today still led all localities that suffered from the Christmas flood of fake whiskey. In Chicago, 32 deaths attributable to wood alcohol poisoning had occurred since December 1. according to Peter M. Hoffman, Cook ounty coroner.

Fully awakened to the dangers of conuming the poisonous beverage, city, state and federal officers from New York to San Francisco today were directing their efforts toward eliminating sales of the liquid. Several states attorneys announced their intention to ask the death penalty for vendors of the poison, if murder indictments were obtained.

In New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Memphis, Tenn., New Haven, Conn., and a number of other cities alleged sellers of

the poisonous liquors were under arrest. Whiskey substitutes intended for new vear's celebrators at San Francisco contained crude oil, embalming fluid, oil of peppermint and oil of carmine, chemical analysis revealed.

#### LORAY MOONLIGHT SCHOOL **DEGINS MONDAY**

A "moonlight school" will open Monday, the 5th, in the West graded school | Presbyterian Synod is being held here building. It will be operated under the joint auspices of the State and the Loray Mill management and will be supervised by Miss Idalia Provan. There will be general secretary, and Rev. J. L. Oates, four sessions each week, the hour being 7:30 p. m.

While the main purpose of moonlight schools is to afford educational advantages to the adult illiterate it is also a night school for young people who work in the day time and would otherwise be denied school advantages.

#### HARVARD-OREGON CONTEST THIS AFTERNOON

Both Crimson and Lemon Players Confident of Victory -Immense Crowd Will See

(By The Associated Press.) PASADENA, CAL., Jan. 1 .- Neither the Harvard eleven nor the lemon-clad players from Oregon lacked backers, morally or financially, today before their clash at 2:30 o'clock at Tournament Park, but for several neutral-minded persons to decide on a probable winner apparently had proved an impossible effort.

In the marked shift in the weather from warm to cool some saw certain augury of a crimson success in the great East-West football classic. Big men are more affected by heat than smaller ones, they said, agreeing that Harvard players from end to end of the line outweighed the Pacific coast team.

On one point all apparently were agreed, that both elevens would enter the game "full of fighting spirit." The Crimson warriors expressed confidence that they would win. The Oregonians seemed grimly determined to do their

Ticket speculators were up and doing early, although their activities were checked somewhat by the rapid depletion of their wares and the vigilance of federal agents waiting to arrest any unwary enough to ply their trade without turning over to the government the full amount of the tax exacted on all amusement tick-

Prevailing prices here and at the down town hotels in Los Angeles were \$12.50 for \$3.50 tickets. All of these today were believed to have been sold, however, and \$20, \$25 and even \$50 for the choicest was demanded this morning by some.

Big Haul Jewelry DETROIT, Jan. 1-Jewelry valued at more than \$25,000 was stolen from the home of Griffith O. Ellis, in the fashionable Indian Village section last night, according to a report to the police tosence of the family at a new year's party, included a necklace valued at \$20,000.

## FROM WOOD ALCOHOL 1920 WILL BE OPEN SEASON FOR BOLSHEVISTS AND NO QUARTER WILL BE SHOWN

#### DR. SCHOTT IS OUT UNDER \$8,000 BOND

Louisville Physician, Charged With Murder Miss Griffith, Enjoys Freedom — Grand Jury Will Investigate Jan. 9.

(By The Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 1-Christopher G. Schott, local physician who is shown, he declared, every movement aimcharged with murder of Miss Elizabeth | ed at the government, no matter how it is Ford Griffith, his office assistant, enjoyed cloaked, will be dealt with sternly." freedom today. He was released from jail last night on \$8,000 bond, provided gents of the department had traced diby friends, pending investigation by a rectly to this element 75 per cent of the grand jury on January 9. Preliminary unrest in the country. Acquaintance with trial yesterday in police court was most- the doctrines of the "reds", Mr. Pally to hearing testimony of witnesses for mer said, was the most forcible method the prosecution. They, testified chiefly of ending their activities and he urged to the effect that they saw Dr. Schott the American people in the interest of emerge from his office about 2:30 o'clock law and order, peace and happiness and of the afternoon of December 24, Coro- the maintenance of national solidarity to ner Carter has held that Miss Griffith, a study the full meaning of the radical former fiancee of Dr. Schott, but en- idea and to counteract it through the gaged to be married to Captain George | teaching of Americanism in the press, the K. Jordan, of the first division, today, church, the school and labor organizawas killed between 1 and 3 o'clock that tions. afternoon. The physician and his chief witness, Laurene Gardner, a girl of 12, who has asserted that she and Dr. Schott were delivering Christmas Gifts in another part of the city during the afternoon of the shooting, did not tes-

Police announced last night that they were guarding the home of William J. Ryan, principal witness for the prosecution, following receipt of a letter threatening death for his participation in the trial.

Committee Meeting.

A very important meeting of the general committee in charge of the Forward Movement of the Associate Reformed today. Those present are Dr. J. W. Carson, of Newberry, S. C., general chairman; Rev. W. B. Lindsay, of Charlotte, of York, S. C.

#### REMARKABLE SOUTH CAR-OLINA WOMAN DEAD

Both Husband and Wife Illiterate Manage to Educate All of 18 Children - One a Professor, Another a Minister.

(By Associated Press.)

ANDERSON, S. C., Jan. 1-Eightyfour years old, mother of 18 children. all of whom reached maturity and 12 of whom survive her, Mrs. Harriet Vaughn Vermilion, of Donalds, Abbeville county, dropped dead Christmas day, according to news just received here. Although she and her husband both were comparatively illiterate, they managed to educate all their children, one son being a college professor and another a min(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. - The year 1920 will be an "open season" for bolshevists, anarchists and kindred radicals, who are in this country with the idea of overthrowing the government. In a statement published today, Attorney General Palmer announced that the policy of the department of justice in dealing with the red" menace during the coming year will be one of "Unflinching, persistent and aggressive warfare" against this class of offenders. No quarter will be

The attorney general declared that a-

The bolshevist movement does not represent the radicalism of progress, Mr. Palmer declared, but introduces dictatorships by force and violence and is distinetly a criminal and dishonest scheme instead of a movement of liberty-loving

#### WILSON'S NAME WILL NOT APPEAR ON BALLOT

(Ry The Associated Press.)

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 1-The name of President Wilson will not appear on the March primary ballot of South Dakota with party indorsement, according to announcement from the secretary of state's office today. Neither the President nor Governor Lynn J. Frazier, of North Dakota, who was endorsed by the Non-Partisan League proposal convention, filed their acceptances of convention endorsement up to midnight last night, a requirement necessary in order to ensure placing their names on the ballots.

PASTOR PRESENTED WITH AUTOMOBILE.

At the prayer service held at the First Baptist church on Christmas eve the pastor, Rev. W. C. Barrett, was presented with an Essex automobile, the gift of members of his congregation. The presentation speech was made by Mr. James D. Moore. The funds for this handsome gift were all subscribed by members of Mr. Barrett's congregation with the exception of a generous subscription from Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, a former member of the Gastonia First church.

A City (?) Captured.

LONDON, Jan. 1-The capture of Yetkaterinoslav, on the southern Russian front, and Novomoskovsk, 15 miles of Yekaterineslav, is announced in a bolshevik official statement issued today.

### AMERICAN BUSINESS FEELS MENACE IN HIGH PRICES, HIGH LIVING AND REDUCED PRODUCTION

#### **WASHINGTON OBSERVES NEW YEAR'S DAY QUIETLY**

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1-New Year's day was quietly observed here today. In official circles there was the usual round of social functions although at the white house there was no formal celebration because of the illness of the president. Secretary of State Lansing and Mrs. Lansing were the hosts at a luncheon for the diplomatic corps and receptions were held by Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker and Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Crowell.

The New Year received a noisy welcome last night from crowds on the streets but there were no public or formal celebrations other than the church and home watch parties and balls. The was dispensed with because of President lem than systematic strikes. nation were issued by Vice-President be relieved by the increase in c Marshall and several members of the tion, which the report predicted we cabinet, in all of which was expressed a stimulated by a decrease in the note of optimism for the coming year. raw sites.

By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. - American business feels anxious over what the future holds, the federal reserve board announced in its review of December business conditions. The continued advance in prices, the reduction in production and the high cost of living are regarded as a commercial menace.

Although the retail trade showed great activity and wholesalers and manufacturers are piled with orders, the growth in business, the report said, was in terms of dollars and not in production. High priced labor refuses to work regularly and demands short hours with the consequent falling off in production.

Uncertainty as to the developments of the next three months in retarding expansion in trade, the report added, as cautious manufacturers were said to be inclined not to commit themselves far into the future.

Labor unrest showed some abatement during the month, but the idleness of customary watch party at the white house workmen was considered a greater prob-

Wilson's condition. Messages to the The housing congestion was expected to