

1—Doctors from all the veterans' hospitals gathered in Washington for a conference. 2—Maiden Dearborn, first of the fleet of airplanes which Henry Ford has put into operation between Chicago and Detroit for use of his company. 3—Parade in New York's Chinatown to honor the memory of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first President of Chinese republic.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Painleve and Caillaux May Pull France Through Her Financial Crisis.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FRANCE is struggling through the governmental crisis precipitated by her financial troubles, but the outcome is still shrouded in doubt. Paul Painleve accepted President Doumergue's invitation to form a ministry after Aristide Briand had tried and abandoned the attempt because the Socialist party voted against participation in the cabinet he was trying to constitute.

Though Painleve is premier, it appears likely the dominating figure in the new government will be Joseph Caillaux, who, during the war, was exiled as a traitor and to whom amnesty was only recently extended. This former premier and admitted financial genius was called on by Painleve to take the post of minister of finance and accepted.

GERMAN Socialists were considerably relieved by the developments in Paris, for it had feared that if the supporters of Poincare regained power there would be a revival of the "policy of violence" that would greatly help the candidacy of Field Marshal von Hindenburg for the presidency.

MORE than 150 American war ships and auxiliary craft of all kinds steamed out from San Francisco through the Golden Gate Wednesday on the way to attempt the "capture" of the Hawaiian Islands.

The attacking force, known as the Blue Fleet, was an imposing sight as it started westward. First was a flock of mine sweepers to clear up any mines the defenders, known as the Black forces, might have placed.

fuel and supply ships and the airplane carrier Langley, on which were about 30 planes.

When the Blue fleet, commanded by Admiral Robison, nears the islands it will be attacked by airplanes and submarines sent out by Admiral McDonald and General Lewis, commanders of the Black forces, and if these fall the troops there will try to prevent a landing.

THERE has arisen in Honolulu a most interesting case of army trial and punishment. Privates Crouch and Trumbull were convicted by court martial of attempting to organize a branch of the Communist party in violation of the territorial law of Hawaii against secret societies, and also of speaking contemptuously of the President and the flag.

SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER of Montana went on trial at Great Falls, before Federal Judge Dietrich and a jury, on charges of accepting a fee for prosecuting claims of a client before the Department of the Interior after he had been elected to the senate.

ALANSON B. HOUGHTON, our new ambassador to Great Britain, called from New York to assume his duties in London. He had little to say for publication before leaving, contenting himself with the statement that he was aware of the importance of his new post and realized "the necessity of maintaining friendly relations between the English-speaking peoples."

DEATH took two famous men last week. One was Elwood Haynes of Kokomo, Ind., credited with being the inventor of America's first automobile. This "horseless buggy" he drove in Kokomo in 1894, at the remarkable speed of eight miles an hour.

COMMERCIAL airplane service between Chicago and Detroit was inaugurated by the Ford interests, but the planes for the present are carrying only freight between Ford plants. Announcement is made that the General Airways System, Inc., is soon to begin operating an aerial passenger and freight service between Boston, New York, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

KING BORIS of Bulgaria had a close call from death at the hands of Communists last week. While motoring in the country he was ambushed and fired upon and two men in the car with him were killed.

One bullet carried away part of Boris' mustache. About the same time General Georgehief, a leader in the movement that overthrew the Stamboulsky government in 1923, was killed in Sofia. While a great crowd was watching his funeral procession an infernal machine exploded in front of the Sveta Bodilla cathedral, killing some twenty, injuring many others including Premier Zankoff and wrecking the cathedral.

THE revolt of the Kurds has entirely collapsed and the Turks have captured Sheikh Said, the rebel leader, and his suite while they were fleeing to Persia. Said was to be tried at Diarbakr and it was a certainty that he would be executed.

Now the Turkish government is worried by the murderous raids of the Nestorian tribesmen of the Mosul vilayet in Turkish territory. The authorities say these tribes are acting under British influence, and they have called more troops to the colors, feeling that the situation is alarming.

BY A decision in two cases brought by a packing company of Topeka against the Kansas industrial relations court, the United States Supreme court has held unconstitutional that part of the Kansas industrial court act which provided for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes.

In a case from San Francisco the Supreme court ruled that when labor strikes or lockouts do not result in material restraint of interstate commerce, the federal government is powerless to intervene.

Two important tax decisions were handed down by the Supreme court. The first was that states have the right to prescribe in their inheritance tax laws the method of determining the market value of property transferred, and to provide that no deduction shall be made from this value in computing the state tax for any inheritance or estate tax paid to the federal government.

WITH impressive ceremony, a handsome memorial gate, in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, was unveiled and dedicated at Port of Spain, Trinidad, where the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie died in 1819. The American cruiser Memphis was there for the proceedings and military and civic organizations took part.

DEATH took two famous men last week. One was Elwood Haynes of Kokomo, Ind., credited with being the inventor of America's first automobile. This "horseless buggy" he drove in Kokomo in 1894, at the remarkable speed of eight miles an hour.

John Singer Sargent, American member of the British Royal Academy and recognized as one of the greatest of contemporary portrait painters, was found dead in bed in his home at Chelsea, England. Born in Florence, Italy, in 1856, he won the highest honors that can be accorded an artist and numbered among his sitters many of the world's most eminent men and beautiful women.

BASEBALL, our national sport, opened its season most auspiciously with all the teams of the National and American leagues in action. The attendance surpassed that of opening day last year, that at the National league games being 109,000 and at the American, 128,000.

Each month, when they come to cash the otherwise welcome pay check home offices send out in some form of dollars, they find it a gamble whether they win or lose. The chance of profit is discounted by the corresponding risk of loss.

The situation was first brought officially to the council's attention by an American corporation having a large branch in Singapore, Straits Settlement. The concern paid its employees there in drafts against the American dollar, issued in the form of a revolving letter of credit.

Recent strength in sterling exchange, however, was reflected by sympathetic strength in the Straits dollar, with the result that the number of Straits dollars realized by the employees in selling their drafts in American dollars dropped perceptibly.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Kinston.—The last dollar for Kinston's 10-story hotel was raised by Chamber of Commerce workers. The structure will cost \$220,000. It will be the tallest building here.

Fayetteville.—After one week of a scheduled two weeks' experiment of not printing any crime news, the Fayetteville Observer announced "in response to an overwhelming public demand" for crime news, abandonment of the experiment.

Chapel Hill.—Orange county is going to build a new county home one mile out from Hillsboro on the Durham road. According to Ralph Ward, chairman of the board of county commissioners, the cost will be about \$40,000, including the \$7,000 paid for the land.

Wadesboro.—Fred Hargrave, aged 66 years, for many years a prominent citizen of this place, passed away at his home following a prolonged illness. He was a son of the late Johnson Hargrave, a prominent lawyer here some years ago.

Winston-Salem.—The sixth annual meeting of members of Group Five of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, composed of about 90 banking institutions located in the counties of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin, was held at the Robert E. Lee hotel. About 250 bankers were in attendance.

Danville.—Mary Catherine Lane, infant child of James Lane, was burned to death at Pelham, N. C. The father was visiting an ailing brother in Danville. The mother, who had been in the field, saw the house on fire. She tried to enter the dwelling but the heat drove her back. The building and all interior effects were destroyed.

Greensboro.—Concerted effort on the part of executives of the Carolina Motor Club will be directed toward decreasing child accidents during the present year, it is announced by C. W. Roberts, vice-president. Mr. Roberts urged that motorists correct its attitude relative to this situation. "Don't worry so much about children playing in the streets—watch your step yourself."

Asheville.—Richard Knapp, driver of the automobile which struck a telephone post on Biltmore Avenue, resulting in the death of S. H. Gosnell, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge MacRae in Police Court Saturday and was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$5,000.

Asheville.—Buncombe county increased its area by 100,000 acres when forced action was taken annexing Broad river township of McDowell county. The Buncombe county board of commissioners adopted a resolution changing its boundary lines so as to include the township, and to take charge of the affairs of the township.

Elizabeth City.—Rev. Daniel Iverson, of Howard Memorial church, Tarboro, was elected moderator of the Albemarle District Presbytery, at the opening session of the presbytery here at which work of organization for the sessions was completed. Rev. J. L. Yandell, of the Edgecombe county field, was elected temporary clerk.

Danville.—Strapped to and engaged in repairing wires Landreth Collins, aged 23, was instantly killed at Leaksville. He came in contact with a power wire carrying 2,300 volts. Workmen on the ground saw him collapse across the wire held by his belt. By the time a switch could be pulled and help could reach the lineman he was dead.

Elizabeth City.—Staring about breakfast on an April morning and wishing for a fresh fish to cook for the meal, Mrs. W. G. Etheridge, wife of the officer in charge of Nag's Head Coast Guard Station, had the surprise of her life when a large North Carolina herring, still alive and kicking, dropped at her feet in the kitchen door. The herring had fallen from the clutches of a fish hawk overhead.

Asheville.—Walter B. Carpenter, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Commerce was awarded damages in the amount of \$35,000 as a result of the death of his wife by the Jury in Superior Court in the proceedings against the Asheville Power and Light Company. The jury held that the death of Mrs. Carpenter over a year ago was caused through the negligence of the Power Company.

Wilson.—The formal opening of the Wilson Woman's Club new \$30,000 home held at the building on West Broad street proved one of the most brilliant events of the season. Several hundred visitors were entertained during the course of the evening, many of them from out of town and prominent in club circles throughout the State.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Frank O. Miller, of Jacksonville, president, and other officers of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, were re-elected, and Wilmington, N. C., was selected as the 1926 convention city, at the closing session of the annual convention of the association here.

Rocky Mount.—Robert M. Dillard, night superintendent and manager of Edwards-Cutchen Motor Company, was fatally injured here when the automobile which he was driving ran into and snapped off a telephone pole on the Tarboro highway in the vicinity of Pineview Cemetery.

Charlotte.—Mrs. Lucy Robertson, instructor in the Greensboro College for Women, was re-elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference at the closing session of the convention here.

Greensboro.—C. O. Yoakum, of New York, came here with a contractor and engineer to look over a piece of property upon which it is proposed to erect a hotel to cost over a million dollars. The property is owned by J. E. Latham, prominent cotton factor and real estate man here, and he will be interested in the hotel.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Pershing Is Handed a Man-Sized Job

Gen. John J. Pershing has been handed a man-sized job, even for the commander in chief of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Within a few days of his appointment by President Coolidge as head of the commission to supervise the plebiscite in Tacna and Arica that will decide the sovereignty of territory in dispute between Chile and Peru for forty years, he discovered he has been picked out for the most difficult, delicate and important diplomatic assignment on the American continent.

The Peruvian embassy in Washington touched off the fireworks by making public an official dispatch from Lima in which it was charged that the Chileans had already instigated a campaign of terrorism in the occupied territory.

The plebiscitary commission, headed by Pershing, has supervision over all registering and voting and one of the commissions' first duties will be in sifting the facts in the present allegations as well as other similar charges which will unquestionably be made over "The Alsace-Lorraine of South America."



Sol Bloom Tells of the Jewish Farmer



Representative Sol Bloom of the Nineteenth New York district (portrait herewith), one of the few Jews in congress—there are eight in the house and none in the senate—made an interesting speech in the last session on the work of the Jewish farmers in the United States today. He pointed out that the Jewish farm population is over 75,000, farming more than 1,000,000 acres worth more than \$100,000,000. The Jews are also prominent in the agricultural profession, as distinguished from "dirt farming."

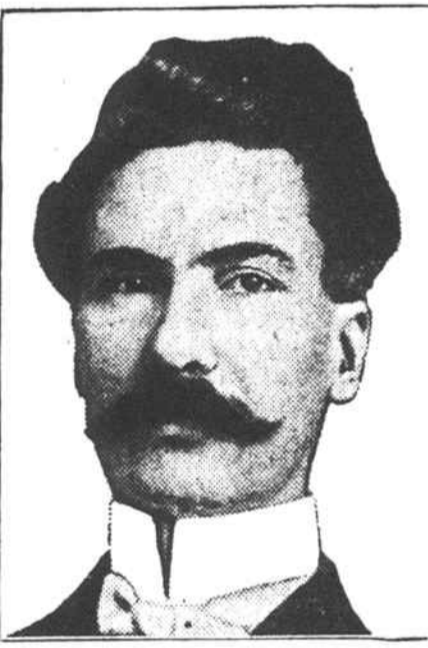
Asheville.—Richard Knapp, driver of the automobile which struck a telephone post on Biltmore Avenue, resulting in the death of S. H. Gosnell, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge MacRae in Police Court Saturday and was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$5,000.

Blease Says He Will Hoe His Own Row

Former Governor Coleman Livingston Blease is the new United States senator from South Carolina—and of course he's a Democrat. What will he do in the next session? Not even the Democratic leaders can guess. They can be reasonably certain, however, that there are certain things he will not do.

Senator Blease gave an interview to his home town paper, the Newberry (S. C.) Observer. The interview was not pleasant reading for such Jeffersonians as Robinson of Arkansas, Harrison of Mississippi, King of Utah, Simmons of North Carolina, Swanson of Virginia and Walsh of Montana.

To begin with, Senator Blease said he would from the start of his senatorial career fight "every attempt to involve this nation in the affairs of any other nation. I will," he continued, "resist any move toward participation in the League of Nations or the world court, and I will never agree to any recognition, diplomatic, trade or otherwise, of the Bolshevik government of Russia. I shall work in harmony with my Democratic colleagues, but will not be bound by the code of any man who calls himself a Democrat and at the same time tries to defeat the party (apparently a reference to Senator Wheeler)."



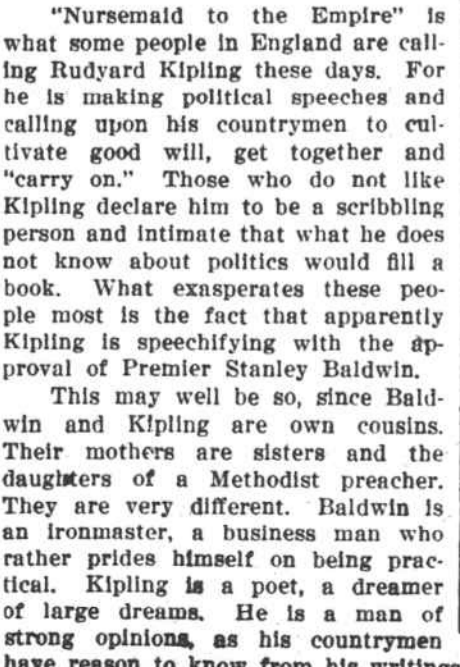
Stearns Goes Abroad; No "Colonel House"



The White House must look deserted these days without Frank W. Stearns of Boston, President Coolidge's friend. Anyway, he's in Europe for a pleasure jaunt. But he will be back soon, for his summer home at Swampscott, Mass., adjoins White Court, which has been selected as the "Summer White House."

Wilson.—The formal opening of the Wilson Woman's Club new \$30,000 home held at the building on West Broad street proved one of the most brilliant events of the season. Several hundred visitors were entertained during the course of the evening, many of them from out of town and prominent in club circles throughout the State.

Kipling "Nursemaid to the Empire"



"Nursemaid to the Empire" is what some people in England are calling Rudyard Kipling these days. For he is making political speeches and calling upon his countrymen to cultivate good will, get together and "carry on." Those who do not like Kipling declare him to be a scribbling person and intimate that what he does not know about politics would fill a book. What exasperates these people most is the fact that apparently Kipling is specifying with the approval of Premier Stanley Baldwin.

Charlotte.—Mrs. Lucy Robertson, instructor in the Greensboro College for Women, was re-elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference at the closing session of the convention here.

Greensboro.—C. O. Yoakum, of New York, came here with a contractor and engineer to look over a piece of property upon which it is proposed to erect a hotel to cost over a million dollars. The property is owned by J. E. Latham, prominent cotton factor and real estate man here, and he will be interested in the hotel.

AILMENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Relieved by Lydia E. Ham's Vegetable Compound School Teacher's Experience



In the treatment of ailments of young children, the most reliable remedy is Lydia E. Ham's Vegetable Compound. This is a natural, vegetable-based medicine that is gentle on the stomach and effective in relieving various ailments.

Electric Cranes Value

If You Need a Medicine You Should Have

Have you ever noticed that the most sensitive of our organs, the eyes, are often the first to show signs of trouble? This is because the eyes are so exposed to the elements and so dependent on the health of the body.

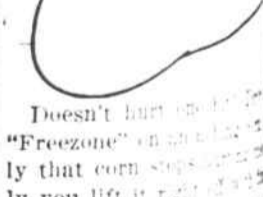
Swampscott, Mass., adjoins White Court, which has been selected as the "Summer White House."

Hints for Housewives

If a wire loop is used in a bag in which clothes are packed, the clothes will be soiled and the bag will be damaged.

CORN

Lift Off—No Pain



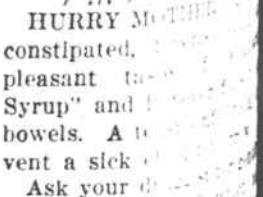
Doesn't hurt to use. "Freezone" is a corn product that is gentle on the skin and effective in relieving various ailments.

Woman Heads Negro

Richmond, Va. (Special)—The first step in the new administration is to bring back official or semi-official reports to the President of the United States as to the state of mind in Europe.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

CHILD'S BEST LIQUID



HURRY! Don't miss this opportunity to get your hands on the best liquid for children.