

## State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

**National News**  
 Washington, Dec. 14.—A constitutional amendment forbidding the United States to declare war unless the people approved in a national referendum gained additional supporters in Congress today.  
 Three representatives signed a petition to force a House vote on the amendment. This brought the total number of signers to 208—only 19 short of the figure necessary to make the petition effective.

Hollywood, Dec. 14.—Sidney Lanfield, director of Sonja Henie's motion pictures, "One in a Million" and "Thin Ice," was taken to a hospital today suffering from lung congestion. His physician said might develop into pneumonia.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The haste with which Japanese spokesmen assumed responsibility and pledged fullest reparations for the destruction of the American gunboat Panay allayed any alarm that a war crisis between the two governments was impending.

London, Dec. 14.—A Reuters (British) news agency dispatch from Peking today said that three American missionaries were believed to have been slain after leaving Shouyang, on the Shensi railway, Dec. 12. The three were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Harsh and a Miss Neher, addresses not given.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Federal Reserve board clarified its rules today to assure banks that if they lend money to households to finance purchases of household equipment and other consumers' goods, the notes are eligible for discount at the Federal Reserve banks.

The ruling clarifies previous discount regulations applying to finance companies and installment-financing notes.

Washington, Dec. 14.—A bomb was exploded in the Senate today by Senator Robert R. Reynolds over the sinking of the gunboat Panay in the Yangtze river in China by the Japanese.

The Senate had hardly settled down to business at noon, before the Tar Heel senator gained the floor and demanded that American ships, gunboats, and other craft be withdrawn from the war zone. This started a long discussion which flared at one time or another during the day.

Kansas City, Dec. 14.—A Ford mail truck was stoned and a group of men armed with brickbats was dispersed by sheriff's deputies today as work continued at the Ford assembly plant, where the United Automobile Workers of America called a strike Friday.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator George of Georgia took fellow Democrats to task today, declaring that instead of restricting the production of crops they should stick to fundamental doctrines of the party.

He thundered to an attentive ring of senator to take advantage of the "best opportunity in many years" and make the new farm bill an example of legislation against "special privilege."

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 14.—Sending seven year old Billy Joe Coleman back to his mother and father, the Arkansas Supreme Court declared today that natural parents will not be denied their child because some other person is willing and able to give it better advantages.

**State News**  
 Wilmington, Dec. 4.—A man believed to be Jack Borden, alias, Wash Turner, escaped North Carolina convict, was wounded in running gun battle with officers tonight, but a companion, identified by a highway patrolman as Hill Pappas, long-sought fugitive, escaped.

The man whose scalp was punctured and his skull fractured by a bullet during a high speed automobile chase with officers, said from a hospital bed that he was alone.

Gastonia, Dec. 14.—Former Governor Max Gardner of Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the dinner meeting of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce here January 27, it was announced today by Secretary W. Grady Gaston.

Sanatorium, Dec. 14.—There were 2,104 deaths among North Carolinians in 1936 of all forms of tuberculosis, according to the final tabulations of the State Board of Health. The disease caused 139 more deaths in 1936 than in 1935. The increase, also noted in the figures for the entire nation, authorities believe, is due to the cumulative effect of the depression.

New Bern, Dec. 14.—"I will not be a party to the passing of any punitive legislation predicated upon prejudice against the South," declared Representative Graham A. Barden here this week-end, in speaking of the pending wages and hours legislation, for it would only tend to create unemployment and make bad conditions worse."

Gastonia, Dec. 14.—W. C. Hall, of Bessemer City, was free under \$100 bond today after his arrest by Truancy Officer W. A. Minges on charges of violating the State's school law by refusing to send his school-age children to school.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Methods of wiping out illiteracy in North Carolina were discussed at a conference here today of county and city superintendents of education from the 19 units cooperating in the State adult education program.

Weldon, Dec. 14.—Fire destroyed a warehouse of the W. T. Shaw Knitting mill here today, together with its contents of cotton and cotton waste. Officials did not reveal the money loss.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The Utilities commission took under advisement today applications of the Atlantic Greyhound Bus Lines and the Smoky Mountain Stages to increase certain intrastate bus fares in North Carolina.

Rocky Mount, Dec. 14.—A man police Chief O. P. Hedgepeth booked as Leo McIntosh, escaped Georgia desperado, was under heavy guard in a hospital here today.

McIntosh was shot in a fight from Rocky Mount officers Saturday night. He attempted to jump from a patrol car enroute to the police station.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Governor Hoey said today he was not yet ready to announce a successor to Capus M. Waynick, who leaves the \$6,000 a year post of state director of purchase and contract Wednesday to become executive editor of the High Point Enterprise.



### Christmas Play To Be Presented Tonight

Miss Mary Frances Hord, Dramatic Teacher of Kings Mountain will present her Jack and Jill Players in an entertaining Christmas Play, "Cypher's Orphans" this evening at the High School auditorium. The play was written by Jean Lee Latham, and is said to be one of the most interesting for the Christmas Season.

The following will take part in the play:

Chris—Eugene Mathis  
 Ellen—Virginia Summers  
 Mary Ann—Jean Hord  
 Bobby—Bud Warlick  
 Clem—Billie Boyce  
 Lindy—Frances Williams  
 Susie—Louise Roberts  
 Jenny—Carolyn McDaniel  
 Betty—Willie Morris  
 Mrs. Holmes—Nina Putnam  
 Mrs. Chesterton, her sister—Elizabeth Plonk  
 Whipet, Keeper of the poor farm—Wilburn White  
 Mrs. Stude—Marjorie Hord  
 Miss Martin—Mary Frances Ligon  
 Mrs. Biddow—Lillian Moss  
 Mrs. James—Julia Herndon  
 Miss Carroll—Mary Frances Tidwell  
 Mrs. Barnes—Lallafaye Sides

The following are members of the production staff:  
 Stage manager—Wilburn White  
 Electrician—Hal Allen  
 Property manager—Billy Gene Neisler  
 Costumes—Naomi Edens  
 Business manager—Charles Thomson  
 House manager—Buren Neill  
 Marshalls for tonight's performance are: Gloria Cornwell, Melba Keller, Bill Davis and Edgar Cooper.

Miles and Earnest, "The Mauney Twins", will render several musical selections.

"Choirs of God" will be presented by Leota Hulse Black, and Fay Penland will give a reading.

Members of the chorus are as follows: Frances Stewart, Helen Faye Cash, Mary Julia Pollock, Vera Philfer, Sara Herndon, Dorothy Hayes, Juanita Hudspeth, Emely Lee Ashe, Eoline Keeter, Naomi Edens.

### B. S. Peeler Heads Red Cross

Mr. B. S. Peeler, local lumberman, was elected Chairman of the Chapter of the American Red Cross for the coming year at the annual meeting held last Thursday evening following the Men's Club Supper at the Woman's Club building. Mrs. C. E. Neisler, past Chairman, was First Vice President, and Mrs. Frank Summers was elected Second Vice President. Mrs. P. G. Ratterree was re-elected Treasurer, and Mrs. Grady King, elected Secretary.

### Former Resident Of Kings Mountain Dies

Funeral services for Carlson S. Hedrick, were held at the Baptist church in Clover last Friday afternoon and interment made in the Clover. A short service was held at his late residence on the Tuckasee road, Charlotte, before leaving for Clover. Rev. Raymond Long, pastor of Enderly Park Baptist church, Charlotte, and Rev. Ernest Cox, pastor of Clover Baptist church were in charge of the services.

Mr. Hedrick, who was a former police chief in Kings Mountain, and whose family lived here for several years, is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillie Hedrick, three sons, George, Irwin and C. S., Jr., all of Charlotte; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Legan of Kings Mountain; Mrs. David Mauldin and Miss Anna Belle Hedrick, both of Charlotte.

Mr. Hedrick's death came following a short illness and was a great shock to his many friends and relatives.

### Pageant To Be Presented

A pageant, "As With Gladness Men of Old," will be presented in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30, under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Chairman of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

### Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

I GUESS they still use switches on the school kids in some parts of the world. I've read something like that now and then, although I'd supposed they'd stopped licking kids at school a long time ago.

Anyhow, I heard about a boy that wasn't very good in school. He



came home terrible scared one night and told his mother he didn't want to go back to school any more. When the mother asked him what was up, he says, "Well, I don't mind getting slapped or whipped by the principal once in a while. But there was a couple of workmen over at the school when I came home tonight, and I heard one of them tell the teacher that they were ordered to put in an electric switch in the hall. Ordinary switches don't hurt much, but I'm afraid of an electric switching, and I ain't going to risk it!"

### Missionary Heard At Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. P. Price, of Nanking, was the speaker at the Presbyterian church last Sunday at both morning and evening services.

Rev. Mr. Price has been engaged in Christian Education work in China for the past 14 years, and in his talks at the Presbyterian church Sunday, gave much interesting first-hand information on the present conflict.

The following excerpts from an article written by Rev. Mr. Price, for the Washington Post, under the caption, "A United China Confronts Japan," are of intense interest:

"The tension which has led up to the present conflict began with the occupation of Manchuria by the Japanese army in 1931. Since that time, to the people of China and all friends of China, the story seems to be one of continuous aggressions and violations of all treaty agreements and principles of international law."

"One of the saddest parts of the whole picture is the ignorance of the Japanese people regarding recent progress in China, the real situation between the two nations, and the way in which the army has forced Japanese government policy upon the continent. Sooner or later the truth will penetrate Japan and her splendid people will condemn the mad military adventures which are bringing ruin to Asia and are wrecking the peace of the world."

"Rev. Mr. Price concluded by saying that the issues are of momentous significance to the whole world and quotes the following prophetic statement of a noted educator more than a year ago:

"China is convinced that by struggling toward political unification and all needed internal reforms as an independent state she is taking her rightful place in the family of nations and contributing most effectively toward peace in Eastern Asia."

Rev. Mr. Price was heard by a large congregation from Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Bessemer City and elsewhere.

### Holiday Color Drawing Crowds

Christmas color and decorations in Kings Mountain are attractions of residents of The Best Town in the State and surrounding communities.

The brilliant lights on the streets, the beautifully decorated Christmas Tree in front of the Town Hall, and the unusual window displays of the merchants have caused much favorable comment.

Residential areas are also taking on the holiday atmosphere as lawns and trees and porches are being lighted with multi-colored designs.

Postal officials reported that Christmas mailing is beginning to swell and is expected to be of overflowing proportions in just a few days.

Merchants have been feeling the effect of stimulated trade and are being forced to add new helpers. This week-end is expected to be the busiest since early fall. A climax will be reached next week, the week before Christmas.

### Financial Institutions To Pay Dividends

The three financial institutions of Kings Mountain will pay dividends to their stockholders for the last six months of 1937. One of the best indications that business is on the up grade is dividends from financial stock.

Mr. B. S. Neill, Cashier of the First National Bank, mailed dividend checks to stockholders today.

A. H. Patterson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Building and Loan Association announced dividend checks for the stockholders will be placed in the mails Monday December 20th.

Mr. J. C. Lackey, Secretary and Treasurer of the Kings Mountain Building and Loan Association, now has dividend checks ready for mailing Monday, December 20th.

The checks will be received in ample time for Christmas shopping and will come as welcome to the stockholders as Santa Claus comes to the little folks.

### Mrs. John Lemaster Buried

Funeral services for Mrs. John Lemaster, age 43, of Swannanoa, wife of a former Kings Mountain resident were held Monday afternoon, at the Wesleyan Methodist church, Kings Mountain, with Rev. Earl Armstrong, of Gastonia, in charge. Interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Lemaster died Saturday night in an Asheville hospital.

Surviving are the husband and the following children: Sara, Nancy, Sue, Mary Alice and Robert Lemaster, all of Swannanoa. Mrs. Lemaster's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Swift, of Swannanoa, also survive.

A large number of friends and relatives from Asheville, Swannanoa, Gastonia, Bessemer City and Kings Mountain attended the funeral services.

### Highway Patrolman Stationed Here

Highway Patrolman F. C. Hill, has been transferred from Shelby to Kings Mountain and now make his headquarters here. Patrolman Hill has secured quarters in the Fire Station located on the second floor of the new Town Hall. State Officer Hill will patrol highways in and around Kings Mountain.

### Washington Snapshots by JAMES PRESTON

(Opinions Expressed in This Column Are Not Necessarily the Views of This Newspaper.)

Strange as it may seem, a single farm crop had more to do with breaking the House deadlock on the wage-hour bill than anything else.

The situation was this: The wage hour bill was locked tight in the House Rules committee. The only way to force it to the floor was for a majority of the 435 House members, or 218, to sign a petition to take it away from the committee.

The most bitter opponents of the wage-hour bill were from cotton-producing states. They declined to sign the petition on the ground that the bill would wreck young and growing industries in their states. And there were not 218 members from other states who believed in the bill.

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### Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

### A Seeker After Information

By IRVIN S. COBB

IMMEDIATELY following the historic murder of the gambler, Rosenthal, in New York, the papers were full of stories to the effect that members of the uniformed police force had cleared the street in front



of the Hotel Metropole in order the assassins might pot their victims without interruption.

A night or two after the killing, a very tired man was clinging to an awning post opposite the Metropole, in Forty-third street, when a patrolman came by and ordered him to move on.

"Very well," said the weary one thickly. "Very well, ossifer; but I'd like to ask you a civil ques'n first."

"Well, what is it?" demanded the policeman.

"Who you fellows fixin' to shoot now?"

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### Chief Issues Warning About Fire Crackers

Chief of Police, Jimmy Burns, has issued a warning to everyone about shooting fire crackers in Kings Mountain, and especially in the business section.

Chief Burns says if fire crackers must be shot, to shoot them on the premises of the individual and not in the streets.

Chief Burns asks the cooperation of the parents to see that fire crackers are not taken away from home, as many children are injured every year from this so-called fun.

### School Holidays Begin Friday

Christmas Holidays begin Friday, December 17th, and lasts through New Year's, Monday, January 3rd. The two full weeks will be enjoyed by both the children and teachers.

The out-of-towns teachers are planning to return to their respective homes for the holidays.