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REBEL TROOPS IN FULL RETREAT

Jury Finds Fox Guilty Murder

SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY JUDGE AFTER JURY REPORT READ RECOMMENDING MERCY

JURY REQUESTED RE-CHARGE FROM JUDGE AFTER SEVENTEEN HOURS DELIBERATION RETURNING VERDICT IN TWO HOURS FOLLOWING

By United News. ATLANTA, Ga. Dec. 21.—Phil E. Fox, publicity director for the imperial palace of the K. K. K., was found guilty early Friday night of the murder of Captain W. S. Coburn, head of the legal forces of the "insurgent" faction in the Klan.

The jury accompanied its verdict with a recommendation for mercy which carries an automatic sentence to life imprisonment.

Just before 4 o'clock the jury returned to its deliberations a second time after being re-charged by Superior Judge G. H. Howard. At that time, it had been out more than 17 hours, although its official deliberations did not begin until Friday morning.

Deadlocked on Sanity Question. The cause of the deadlock in the jury room was believed to hinge on the question of Fox's sanity, as the court in its first charge had ordered an early verdict and carefully explained that the burden of proving Fox to be a paranoiac rested entirely with the defense, just as the proof of guilt rested with the state.

In his re-charge, Judge Howard went over these explanations and also dealt with the character of witnesses, the question of reasonable doubt and other matters. The verdict was reached after more than four hours of deliberations.

One Ballot Killed Insanity Plea. The jury took ten ballots. The question of Fox's sanity was never discussed seriously after the first ballot, one juror told the United News. He said that the entire time was spent in arguing whether the man should be sentenced to hang or be given life imprisonment.

The jury came to an agreement shortly before 6:30 o'clock, more than two hours after they had requested and received a re-charge on all three points in the instruction of Judge G. H. Howard. Fox, his face twitching and unresponsive, was brought in to hear his fate. He flopped into a chair at the counsel table, appearing wan and more nervous than ever, but the mask of unconcern that has seemed his face since the day of the killing of Coburn, was as fixed as it has remained throughout the trial.

Fox Faced Judge Listlessly. Then the jurors filed into the box, handed a slip to the bailiff, who read the verdict finding Fox guilty of murder in the first degree and recommending the mercy of the court. Fox was then called before Judge Howard to be sentenced. Approaching the bar of justice with a shiftless gait, he looked straight into the eyes of the judge for an instant, then hung his head listlessly while he was condemned to life imprisonment.

No Demonstration Shown. There was no demonstration of any kind by the large crowd which had waited patiently for the finish. When the convicted man was again led back to his cell in Fulton Tower, where he will await transfer to a road camp, the throng silently began to melt away. Fox shot Coburn to death in the latter's office on November 5, a few days after the conclusion of one of the numerous legal struggles between the factions in the hooded order, led respectively by Imperial Wizard Hiram W. Evans and Emperor William Joseph Simmons. Coburn was chief counsel for the Simmons faction in its battle to regain control.

Foxer Texas Newspaper Man. As publicity man for the Evans group, Fox was the editor of the official Klan publication. He was formerly a Dallas newspaper man. At the time of his death, Coburn, who served as a captain in the world war and with the Mexican punitive expedition, was preparing an appeal to the Supreme Court through which he hoped to have a receiver appointed for the Klan on the grounds of alleged mismanagement by Evans.

In gathering evidence of alleged misconduct of Klan officials in office, Coburn's investigators, according to testimony during the trial, had secured proof that Fox was guilty of misconduct with women and that he had been arrested in a hotel in company with one of them, a short time before. This woman, Mrs. Margaret Weaver, has been named as an access-

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A BOOTLEGGERS' SYNDICATE IS UNCOVERED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Washington police have uncovered a bootleggers' syndicate whose trails lead to a legation, the Capitol and the House office building.

Police have arrested 13 suspects, including three girls who compose the clerical force of the syndicate. Offices were maintained in two of the big bank buildings here, and were equipped with filing cabinets, card indexes and other modern office appliances. The customers list contains 1,400 names, including many well known in official life here.

After making the arrests, police went to the warehouse where \$35,000 worth of choice imported liquors were stored, but while they were taking preliminary steps to remove it, the secretary of a foreign legation here appeared and produced documents to show that the liquor about to be seized was under diplomatic seal. The secretary's name has been turned over to the state department, through which records of diplomatic liquor are transmitted to the prohibition enforcement bureau.

When police looked over the names on the bootleggers' list, they went to Police Commissioner Oyster and asked him if they should go ahead. "Go out and get them and don't worry about names," the commissioner said. "It's up to you to get everybody connected with this thing."

LA MAIE CLAIMS NEGRO IS MYTH

SAYS NEGRO STORY INVENTED TO KEEP WIFE FROM CONSTANT WORRY

By United News. LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 21.—"I invented the Lou Harris story to bring my wife back to life and to keep her from brooding constantly over the loss of the five children which were hers by a former marriage and who were taken away after she and I began living together," was the startling declaration here Friday of Elsie La Maie, theatrical and motion picture producer in denying that he tried to sell his wife for \$500,000 to a negro gambler.

"Lou Harris, negro gambler, is a myth," La Maie said. He declared that after he had made the sale proposal to Mrs. La Maie, "I thought this would sicken her. But the very thought of so much wealth seemed like fuel to the flame of her ambition to get her hands on a huge amount of cash. Harris became an obsession with her," he said. "The letters she claims to have received from 'Harris' I wrote myself. I even delivered them to her myself. La Maie announced.

In August, 1921, La Maie says, he went to Dallas, Texas, where I tried to put across a moving picture company proposition. That November I met Mrs. Howe. I visited Mrs. Howe several times, trying to interest her in my film company project. Here I met a woman referred to in press dispatches as Mrs. Violet La Maie. She has never been anything but a wonderful friend to me. "The thought of a possible chance

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JUDGE HAYNES SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

According to word received at this office Friday evening regarding the condition of County Superintendent E. R. Haynes, who at present is in a Temple sanitarium, he is slightly improved and has a chance to recover. A telegram sent to O. L. Slaton regarding his condition reads: "Judge Haynes' condition slightly improved. Has chance to recover." Judge Haynes recently underwent an operation, and for a time, according to his physicians, it was thought that he could not live, but reports from his bedside indicate that if no further complications set up, he will soon be on the road to recovery.

SAILSTAD AND LOVER WILL SPEND XMAS HOLIDAYS IN WISCONSIN JAIL

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 21.—Edward J. Sailstad and his "sunshine girl" Dorothy Anderson, will spend Christmas in jail, regardless of the ultimate disposition of their cases following their pleas of guilty to charges of arson.

The two lovers, who perpetrate the greatest disappearance hoax in the history of Wisconsin, and were recently brought back from California after a flight lasting three years, will go before Judge Archibald McKay for sentence next Friday morning. Their appearance for sentence has been postponed for one week.

CLAIMS HUGHES' FORD SUPPORT CHARGES FALSE ERS TO RALLY

RUSSIAN MINISTER DEMAND HUGHES PRESENT ALLEGED PROPAGANDA PAPERS

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia, has challenged Secretary of State Hughes to produce "before any impartial court of arbitration" the documents presented as communist propaganda for an American revolution. He declared that unless Hughes does this the secretary of state "will show the whole world that he consciously made himself an instrument in broadcasting forged documents."

Tchitcherin demands the unconditional withdrawal of the documents if they are not submitted to a tribunal and declared, "it is up to Secretary Hughes to acquit himself of charges that the papers are forged. The soviet minister issued this challenge in a statement Friday after he had received the full text of the documents published in America, and had conferred with the communist international which was said to have sent the revolutionary instructions. Gregory Zinoviev, president of the communist international, declares the documents are forgeries as does Stekloff, editor of the newspaper Izvesta, which the documents quoted as showing connections between the international, as the propaganda organ of the communist party, and the Russian government.

"Having acquainted myself with the contents of the Hughes documents, I communicated with Zinoviev and Stekloff," Tchitcherin said Friday. "On behalf of the government as well as Zinoviev and Stekloff, I emphatically declare that the documents are an unmitigated forgery, like the infamous 'Sisson papers.'"

(The Sisson papers were documents made public in America in the fall of 1918, by the committee of public information. They were obtained in Moscow by Edgar Sisson of the committee and stated that Lenin and Trotsky were paid agents of the German government.) "I challenge Secretary Hughes, failing the unconditional withdrawal jointly agreed upon," Tchitcherin said. "By failure to do this Secretary Hughes will show the whole world he consciously made himself instrumental in broadcasting forged documents.

"It is up to Secretary Hughes to acquit himself of these charges," Tchitcherin added.

Burns Saves Charges True. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Charges

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ASKS DIVORCE CHARGING HUSBAND THRUST HER IN SCALDING BATHS

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Charging that she had been thrust into scalding hot baths and otherwise brutally abused while about to become a mother, Mrs. Ruth Maude Devoy Scripps Friday began her fight for a decree of separate maintenance from James E. Scripps, scion of the millionaire Detroit family of automobile manufacturers and publishers.

After the baby was born, young Scripps was repentant of his abuse, and declared his millionaire father, William E. Scripps had instigated it, according to the testimony of Mrs. Scripps.

The couple were married after an elopement to Windsor, Canada, on December 31, 1921, when Scripps was 18 years old and his bride 21. The former was still in prep school. Mrs. Scripps was a St. Louis girl.

After he learned, a year and a half later, that she was about to bear a child, the wealthy youth made her ill by driving her over rough roads and once forced her into a tub filled with scalding hot water, according to Mrs. Scripps.

White House Singer Dies

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Madame Genevieve Johnstone, Bishop, singer and personal friend of the late President Harding, died here Thursday.

The body will be shipped to her former home at Marion, O. Madame Bishop had charge of all music programs given at the White House during the Harding administration.

Franc Reaches New Level

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The French franc reached a new low on foreign exchanges here Friday, being quoted at \$1.0511. The par value of the franc is \$1.93.

TO PRESENT PLAN TO A D FARMERS AND ABOLISH INTEREST STANDARD

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Henry Ford, who showered broken glass in the path of his presidential boom earlier this week heard the last tire pop Friday when a little group of his wild supporters who are determined to start something regardless, began plans to lead a "Coxey's army" of farmers in flippers to the national capital.

Roy M. Harrop of Omaha, president of the "National Ford-for-President Club," "The American Economic League," "The National Independent Progressive Party," and perhaps other organizations of uncertain numerical strength, has already conferred toward this end with "General" Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon, O. Both Harrop and Coxey hold similar ideas concerning money and taxes, and favor the abolition of interest. If taxes aren't reduced so as to materially relieve the condition of the farmers, Harrop says, ten thousand of them from Nebraska, Colorado and the Dakotas will hop into their mortgaged flippers and answer the clarion call, "on to Washington."

Once at the capital, Harrop and Coxey would present a plan to the government for federal issuance of a billion dollars in currency each year for payment of interest and amortization of the national debt. Farmers, it is understood, would under this plan be loaned money by the government without interest for almost indefinite periods.

Harrop thinks John Oberst of Nebraska, president of the Farmers' Union, would go well as the stalwart leader of the army's march. Some of Ford's friends suspect that the original intention was to have Ford head the procession in a 1924 model flivver, and that the automobile manufacturer may have heard about this just prior to his endorsement of President Coolidge.

DOG RISKED LIFE FOR HIS MASTER

WACO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Many tales have been told of dogs risking their lives for their masters; Henry McKim turned the situation around and risked his life for his dog.

Seeing the animal pawing frantically at the door of the burning Burdette Clothing Company, McKim rushed in to save him. The dog retreated and McKim followed into the inferno until he caught him and brought him to safety. Neither was hurt.

Mussolini Empowered Sign Treaty ROME, Dec. 21.—It is announced that M. Jordansky, soviet representative here, has presented Premier Mussolini with credentials empowering him to sign the Russo-Italian treaty, which is already drawn up except for a few details.

FEDERAL ARMY BREAKS DOUBLE LINE IN EAST WHILE WESTERN FRONT MOVES SLOWLY FORWARD

Sanchez Troops Practically Isolated and it Is Believed that Puebla be Controlled Within 24 Hours

By United News. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—The double thrust of federal armies on the eastern front has broken the rebel line, and the insurgents are retreating, according to a war department announcement. The federal armies advancing against Esperanza and Orienta have both dislodged rebel forces, it was said. It was learned from intercepted messages that insurgents' retreat was ordered by the Sanchez headquarters at Vera Cruz.

Owing to the rapid advance of Obregon's forces along the Mexican railroad, the Sanchez troops at Puebla are practically isolated. It is believed a battle for possession of Puebla will be fought within 24 hours.

The federal troops on the western front moved forward slowly Thursday, their objective being Guadalupe, capital of Jalisco, which is being held by General Estrada. No incidents were reported.

Public Opinion Favors Huerta. EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Passengers arriving in Juarez Friday afternoon from Mexico City and different sections of Mexico where the rebel movement is active under the command of General Guadalupe Sanchez, declared that the rebel movement will control the southern part of Mexico in a short time. Federal troops are very active against the rebels operating in the state of Jalisco, under the command of Enrique Estrada, former secretary of war in the Obregon cabinet.

In some cases federal soldiers have joined the rebels before they reach the rebel zone and in others, soldiers desert the federal ranks. The public opinion is in favor of Adolfo de la Huerta, passengers report.

Puebla Probably Be Recaptured. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—Smashing through the guard of a rebel retreat, Obregon armies have occupied Orienta and Esperanza in their thrust toward Vera Cruz, it is stated in government quarters.

In informing the United News of the victory Friday, officials predicted that Puebla will be occupied by Obregon troops by Saturday morning. Spreading fanfare east and west from Mexico City, the Obregon

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STRIFE LOOMS FOR DEMOCRATS

BUT LIQUOR QUESTION AGAIN SEEMS BE ISSUE IN COMING ELECTION

By RAYMOND CLAPPER. United News Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Democratic leaders who are interested in the success of the party rather than in the personal fortunes of particular candidates, are beginning early to prevent a repetition of the factional rows which weakened the campaign in 1920.

They have done considerable in this direction by bringing about the abandonment of the national Jackson Day dinner which was to have been held coincident with the meeting of the democratic national committee here about January 15. It was at the Jackson Day dinner in 1920 that the breach widened between the pro-league and the anti-league democrats. This rift had much to do with the personal antagonism which developed later after the Cox campaign began.

It was at that meeting that William J. Bryan warned his party that it would be fatal to go before the country in defense of the League of Nations—a statement which was instantly challenged by Wilson adherents and which later came back to plague the democrats during the campaign.

Cox Urged as Candidate. Matters have been heading toward the same situation again. Wilson's Armistice Day speech was a challenge to the anti-league democrats and the friends of James M. Cox, are urging him to declare his candidacy again and stand as the champion of Wil-

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TIDE AIDS TUGS TO SAVE U. S. GIANT

ABOARD S. S. LEVIATHAN, Dec. 21.—(By Wireless)—After persisting ignominiously for seven hours on the worst mud reef in New York harbor, the liner Leviathan floated free at dusk when the rising tide, aided by a score of tugs, pushed her free from the clutch of silt.

By that time all her first and second class cabin passengers had been ferried to the pier in tenders, and of the 830 passengers on the Leviathan, only the third cabin immigrants remained to wonder what was delaying their entry to America.

### Business Women's Club Entertained The Little Girls With Christmas Feast At The First Methodist Church Thursday afternoon

The Business Women's Club of Lubbock is one of the most alert organizations in West Texas, and that its members are capable of handling some of the truly difficult tasks of the city has often been demonstrated.

There are all kinds of organizations that are bending their efforts toward caring for the problem of the "boys" of the country, but the poor little undernourished, underprivileged girls are given very little attention, and realizing this the members of the Business Women's Club busied themselves to see that there were no little girls in Lubbock to whom the Christmas season means nothing, and on Thursday evening at the First Methodist church they staged what has been termed the "most philanthropic and heart gladdening" program of the week.

Some thirty little girls ranging in age from four to nine years were congregated at the church and seated with twenty-six members of the Business Women's Club, they partook of a Christmas feast, where turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, rolls, fruit salad and hot chocolate were provided in ample amounts.

Immediately following the turkey feast, cake and ice cream were served, then old Santa Claus, very cleverly dressed for the occasion, made his appearance and from his store of gifts, each of the little ones received a beautiful doll and a sack of candies.

The Yellow Cab company graciously lent their services without charge for the transportation of the children having been invited by the local Red Cross secretary, Miss Mina Ellis.

Miss Mary Dunn and Miss Gladys Douglass had charge of the program and the cooperation each of the members was admirable. The menu was efficiently carried out under the direction of Miss Dunn.

### ENGINEERS ORGANIZE TO SAVE THE FORESTS THROUGHOUT U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(United Press.)—The forest products division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will urge the adoption by congress and by the legislatures of the various states of a "definite, constructive program for maintaining the productivity of our forests and forest lands under government auspices and at public expense."

The division, according to an announcement made by Chairman Thomas D. Perry of Grand Rapids, Mich., will recommend that the society place its resources at the command of the Federated American Engineering Societies in arousing the interest of the nation's engineers in timber conservation and reforestation.

"It is absolutely necessary to continue our timber supply and to perpetuate our water power and inland navigation,"

The Federated American Engineering societies, of which Dean Mortimer E. Cooley of the University of Michigan is president, has a reforestation committee actively at work in co-operation with the United States Forest Service and state agencies under the chairmanship of Charles H. MacDowell of Chicago.

Communication, explaining the action of the forest products division, will be sent to President Coolidge, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, the governors of all the states, as well as the officers of state legislatures.

Reforestation will be a chief topic of discussion at the annual meeting of the American Engineering Council of the Federated American Engineering Societies in Washington, D. C., January 10-11, preceding which a national public works conference will be held.

### 30,000 SPECIMENS OF ALL KINDS OF MONEY ARE SHOWN

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., Dec. 21.—(United Press.)—A Babylonian promissory note on a clay tablet, \$4 United States gold pieces, original checks of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Russian coins of platinum, Indian wampum, "the blood money" paid to the Hessians for fighting for King George against the American Revolutionists, porcelain money of Siam and Germany, leather money of Mexico and Austria, \$11 and \$12 United States bills, wooden money of the Arctic regions, bullet money of Siam, amber money

of Lithuania, the first United States dollar, dated 1776, the tobacco money of Virginia and the South Seas, the "Mississippi bubble" money issued by John Law, Cleopatra's portrait coins, a check for one-half, the smallest known and another for \$40,000,000, the largest known, are among the collection of Farran Zerbe, well known numismatist, who exhibited at a bank here recently.

Zerbe's collection of money, at the various times it was negotiable, had an aggregate purchasing power of fifty million dollars. He probably couldn't buy a ham sandwich with it in a one-armed restaurant now, however.

The largest piece of money known, a Swedish copper coin weighing ten and one-half pounds, and worth about \$4 at exchange rates when issued, and the smallest, an Indian gold coin worth 4 cents are included in the collection.

Zerbe has spent about forty years in completing his collection and now spends his time traveling about exhibiting the fore-runners and competitors of the "almighty dollar." The 30,000 specimens represent the barter of 5,000 years and show that almost every substance has been used at one time or another as money.

### INTOXICANTS CAUSE SUSPENSION OF SEVERAL CHICAGO U. BODY

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Pre Yuletide celebrations carried to an indiscreet extent, led to grief Thursday for several students and co-editors in Chicago's higher institutions of learning.

One University of Chicago student was expelled outright and two more were suspended because it was alleged they attended a collegiate entertainment in an intoxicated condition. The university authorities attached such importance to the case that some forty more male students and co-eds were quizzed before this action was taken.

At Northwestern University, it was reported that three co-eds and four students had been suspended for a fortnight as the result of a recent all-night party. This was asserted by one of the students who claimed to have been suspended, but President Walter Dill Scott denied any knowledge of the suspensions.

However, it was admitted that six co-eds and six male students had gotten themselves in wrong by returning from a cabaret party at 5:00 a. m., and going to sleep on dormitory steps when they found they were locked out.

We have a good variety of name cards for your Christmas packages, and a good selection of Christmas seals, on display at the Avalanche office. They put the finishing touch to your Christmas packages.

### TRY TO REDUCE WEIGHT OF OUR SOLDIERS PACK

By A. L. Bradford.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Results of three years intensive study by army experts are about to be given to congress.

The problem they have been studying is: How can we make the "last long mile" easier for the American doughboy?

In other words, the army has been studying how to reduce the weight of the American soldier's pack.

The average weight carried by the American soldier is 72.77 pounds in

summer and 81.63 pounds in winter, including his clothing.

The recommendations to be made to congress by the chief of Infantry include these reductions:

- Elimination of extra pair of shoes, weight 3.391 pounds.
- Elimination of one blanket, 3.525 pounds.
- Carrying on trucks or one pack carrier, 4.56 pounds.
- Five tent pins, one tent pole and half of one tent, total weight, 4.082 pounds.
- This would lighten the pack by 8.063 pounds, in addition to the shoes.
- Further lightening would be accomplished by requiring the doughboy to carry only twenty rounds of ammunition in his belt instead of the full belt of 100 rounds as at present. Upon entering a combat zone the soldier would be given 60 rounds more, and just before going into action, 120 rounds, increasing the

weight by 4.750 pounds.

Gas masks and similar equipment would be carried on wagons until troops entered the combat zone.

Army experts found that foreign nations had reduced their soldiers' packs so that the Yank was carrying more than any other soldier.

**HUMANE SOCIETY SAYS BE MERCIFUL TO TURKEY**

FOR WORTH, Texas, Dec. 21.—The crusading zeal burns ever in the human breast.

The local humane society entreat everyone to:

"Kill Christmas turkeys as mercifully as possible. Give them the best feed and don't make their life miserable for them just before the killing."

St. Paul (Minn.) jail is so crowded prisoners have to stand up and the Christmas rush is not over yet.

### EARTHQUAKE TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN COLOMBIA

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 20.—startling stories of the death toll of the earthquakes along the Colombian-Ecuadorian frontier have reached this city.

Some reports state that 3,000 people have perished in the quake areas. It is also reported that 23,000 persons are homeless in the zone.

Confirmation of the stories is impossible, as the region lies far back from railroads and communication with the area is interrupted, because earth shocks have continued during the past week.

It is also stated that Las Granadas, near Tulcan, has disappeared.

# Courtesy!

In the operation of the City Light and Power Department, owned by Lubbock citizens, it is the aim and desire of the management to see that every complaint is given courteous attention and that immediate steps be taken to render the necessary aid.

Should there by any act of discourtesy on the part of any employee of this department, you will be conferring a favor upon us as well as rendering a service to the City, to report such cases to the office.

## City Light & Power Department

CITY OF LUBBOCK

## To-Day and Monday and then Christmas is Here

With only two days remaining the Christmas rush is entering its final stages. Gifts that have remained unpurchased must now be chosen quickly for time is very short. Many little things can be had here that will resolve themselves into most attractive Christmas Packages. Also many practical gifts that will bring joy to the recipient are to be found. By shopping in the morning you will avoid much of the rush of last minute shopping.

### Hosiery, Gloves Or Perfumery Are Gift Suggestions

Fine Silk Hosiery in black, tan, brown, or colors, an especially nice assortment in fine grades. —Priced \$2.50

Ladies Cadet Hosiery in black, brown and all the new shades, regular \$2.50 values. —Priced, Special \$2.15

Other nice Silk Hosiery in black and brown shades, in all sizes. —Priced, \$1.00 to \$3.50

Etches pretty Gauntlett Gloves in brown, tan and grey shades, something new. —Priced \$4.75 to \$6.00

Ladies black and brown 14 and 16 button gloves in fine kid leather. —Priced \$6.00 to \$6.50

Fine high class perfumery, Narcissus, Coty's and Harriett Hubbard Ayres, new odors. —Priced \$4 to \$12.45

Smaller packages in perfume and toilet water, attractive shapes, all odors. —Priced 25c to \$3.50

A few attractive toilet sets remain. Perfume, toilet water, soap, face and talcum. —Priced \$3.00 and \$4.00

Compacts in attractive shapes and with new cover designs, double and single. —Priced 50c to \$2.50

### BLANKETS and COMFORTS

A nice blanket makes an excellent Christmas gift. In all-wool and part wool in the light colors popular for guest rooms. An assortment you will like and at prices very reasonable. Priced \$6.50 to \$19.85

A nice warm comfort, either wool or down filled, with a pretty silk back would be much appreciated. In all colors they come, and in liberal sizes, with range of prices. —Priced 12.45 to \$19.85

### CHRISTMAS HOUSE SLIPPERS

Ladies pretty quilted satin Boudoir Slippers in light colors, pink, blue and rose, as well as pretty felt comfy styles, in all colors. —Priced \$1.00 to \$2.50

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### STORY ABOUT CHRISTMAS SEALS

A tiny piece of paper about an inch square. That is all it is but by giving it a Christmas meaning and making it a medium for a great service it has become worth millions of dollars, which proves again there is something in the meaning of a thing. There is something in the motive for calling a little thing into existence.

Sixteen years ago Jacob Riis wrote a story for the Outlook Magazine in which he told how Christmas stamps were sold to help support a children's hospital in Denmark. That was enough. It does not take an American woman many years to "catch on" to a good idea. It was another case of contagion, in which the germ was a new idea. Today the whole nation has caught the idea. As soon as Miss Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware, read that story she decided to try it in her state, and the same year sold a thousand dollars worth of Christmas seals to pay on the site for the first tuberculosis sanatorium in Delaware, the place called Hope Farm.

In 1907 a total of 300,000 Christmas seals were sold. In 1908, the sale of the new seals was taken over by the American Red Cross thru whose direction the sales were conducted until 1919. In 1919 the Christmas seal bore for the first time the double-barred cross which is the emblem of the National Tuberculosis Association. Today the Christmas seal means the fight against tuberculosis, and there is no way to tell all it has done, is doing or will do in the future for suffering humanity. The Christmas seal is a friend to humanity, both sick and well. Its aim is to help of the right kind of care and treatment can do it. And its mission is the well and strong is to keep them well and strong by protecting them from the dangers of this deadly foe. So you who are well and able to work owe something to the little piece of paper bearing this Christmas greeting just the same as the man or woman who has been rescued from a premature T. B. grave.

From 300,000 in 1907, the sale of Christmas seals had advanced to 384 millions in 1922. Approximately 2,000,000,000 (two billions) have been sold since the first Christmas Seal Sale and this year 1923 sales are in circulation. Last year \$3,842,500 was raised from the sale of Christmas seals and during the sixteen years that the sale of Christmas seals has been observed over \$25,000,000 have been raised.

Here are a few results of the sale of Christmas seals in the United States: Sixteen years ago there were about 100 institutions in our nation that would receive and give treatment to a tuberculosis patient. All those suffering from the disease who could not get admittance or could not afford the cost were scattered broadcast thru the nation, being cared for by their friends and neighbors which sometimes meant the wiping out of a whole family in a few years. Today there are 650 institutions making room and providing special care for the tubercular patients of our country; 56,000 beds are now provided for them in places prepared to give them special treatment.

Now look at these facts. In 1904, and previous to that time 202 persons out of every 100,000 died of tuberculosis in our nation. In 1921, that 202 had been reduced to 99 persons out of every 100,000. Can you see any hope in these figures? But still Texas loses 10,000 lives every year from T. B. Is there anything yet to do in Texas? It has been proven that the White Plague is preventable. How many of us are glad to buy a few seals then and help to fight this human foe with a few cents worth of Christmas cheer. Can you think of a happier way for us all to fight death than by buying Christmas Seals? A few months ago the world was

shocked and nations were almost paralyzed because in a few hours a 100,000 human beings lost their lives in the Japan earthquake. It was awful and brought out the sympathetic nature and real Christian principles of the world in response to suffering Japan. It was a terrible calamity to the whole world. But it was the result of nature's forces and no one in this world could have prevented that tragedy. It had to be borne. That was in the year 1923.

During this same year of 1923 in the United States of America 100,000 Americans have lost their lives by tuberculosis. Which is the greater tragedy? Which might have been prevented? Which is the worst? Why did one tragedy which happens only once perhaps in the history of centuries cause such broadcast feeling and the other tragedy which is being repeated every year right here in our own country pass by almost unknown and unthought of? Simply because one happened in a day and in one place. The world saw and felt the shock in its concentrate form. 100,000 men, women and children had died last year in a single city of the same disease the world would have noticed that also. But they were scattered all over the nation and other lives went out day by day throughout the year. That is the only difference. The loss, the suffering, the sorrow, is the same. But a better day is coming. It is here. But it is not a perfect day yet.

Today there are 555 clinics and dispensaries where persons go for physical examination, find out before it is too late. There are now 12,000 public health nurses who are trained to detect the T. B. germs in the homes and the schools and put the people onto the best methods of prevention. Rescue workers are busy collecting information of untold value. And when this information has been tested and its worth determined there are publicity experts whose business is to get this information to all the people. Knowledge is more than power. Knowledge is life and health and happiness. In the past 16 years more than a million pieces of printed matter have been broadcast throughout our nation. School nurses are employed. There are at least 3,000 out-door schools and camps for children in operation to day who have a tendency toward the disease. Lecturers, demonstrations, exhibits, motion pictures, health plays; and many other forms of useful education owe their origin and their results to the sale of Christmas seals. Truly no tiny piece of paper in all the land means so much to the health and happiness of our nation as the Christmas Seals. Therefore "Buy Seals. Sell Seals. Use Seals" and help "Protect Your Own Home" for "The Good They DO Depend on YOU."

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PAPER GIVES BRIGGS PROMINENT NOTICE

Long active in the secretarial profession in West Texas, George W. Briggs, newly elected secretary of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce has assumed his duties. Mr. Briggs has a wide scope of knowledge in chamber of commerce affairs, and was among the first to rally to the cause of the West Texas A. & M. movement for an A. and M. College for West Texas as well as the board of city development. Mr. Briggs was among those invited to attend the first meeting, called for Sweetwater and from then until the college was finally obtained he always took an active and intelligent part in all the various moves made.

Mr. Briggs came to West Texas from Wisconsin in 1914 and accepted the position as secretary at Lubbock. This place he held for several years, resigning to go into the insurance business. Later he was connected with the Panhandle-South Plains Fair. He is a college graduate and a close student of business affairs. West Texas Today

### RAY CARAWAY HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT

Ray Caraway, son of Pet Caraway of the South West Ward school community, was brought to the Lubbock Sanatorium last night following a car accident, in which his left shoulder was bruised and sprained, his right jaw dislocated and jaw bone broken.

According to the report of the injured man he was near the South West Ward school building where he was taking a Christmas tree when the radius rod became disconnected, turning the car over, enclosing the young man underneath, but he managed to pull the cushion aside and crawl from under the car.

Late reports from the sanatorium state that he is doing nicely.

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### LOCKNEY C. OF C. ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

LOCKNEY, Texas, Dec. 19.—At the regular monthly luncheon of the Lockney community Chamber of commerce, an enthusiastic meeting was held and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

G. Aubry Thomas, local manager of the Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., was elected president, and W. W. Angel was re-elected secretary. Talks were made by Arthur P. Barker, retiring president, and several members. It was decided to inaugurate a program for 1924 that would put Lockney on the map again, and plans were formulated for the support of a real live commercial organization. Quarters have been secured for a permanent home for the organization, and where an exhibit of agricultural products can be put on display. The office is also located so as to be of help to the tourist and will have some one in charge who can give any and all information to the traveling public.

The chamber of commerce went down on record as being in favor of the bond issue for \$35,000, to be used in improving the school system, in favor of paving the F. P. F. highway across Floyd county, and placing the highway west of Lockney along the railroad to the Hale county line.

Funds have been raised to care for the annual Floyd county poultry show which is to be held in Lockney, December 20, 21 and 22, at which time one of the best bunches of birds in West Texas will be on exhibition. The E. P. Thompson building has been secured for the show.

It was decided that a minstrel show will be staged January 24, 1924, to help raise funds for use of the organization in advertising the Lockney country during 1924, and many other entertainments will be planned.

There is a good acreage of the Lockney country in wheat which is in the very best of shape as the rainfall has been plentiful this fall. More than 1,500 bales of cotton are still in the fields, while we have gained over 2,500 bales making this year's crop exceed 4,000 bales.

A large acreage will be planted to

cotton—the coming year as the yield the past year has been good and the Lockney country is above the boll-weevil line, and free from the cotton pests.

With the bottom season we now have very little rain will be needed to raise a bumper crop of all grains, cotton and garden products the coming year.

The Lockney chamber of commerce expects to achieve more in the next twelve months than has been achieved in many years previous. Every effort will be made to make our little city one of the fastest growing towns in Texas. We are located in the very heart of the shallow water belt of the Plains country, and on the line of the two counties winning first and second prizes at the state fair this year.

The Lockney community is entering upon the new year in better financial condition than ever before and better prospects for a still better condition next year.

At the meeting Monday sufficient members were secured to reaffiliate with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Lockney has just finished paving the main streets of the city, and many new side walks have been laid, and other paving will be done during

the coming year, and inducements will be offered to bring various enterprises to the town.

### AVALANCHE IS AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT SAYS ADAMS

F. C. Adams was here Friday from his home one and a half miles north of the Canyon school. He was a very pleasant caller at the Avalanche office, and paid advance subscription to the daily for his brother, C. A. Adams, of Lakeview. A Christmas gift receipt was mailed from the circulation department to the Lakeview man showing that the gift had been made by his brother.

Mr. Adams stated that more than a year ago he paid an advance subscription to the Avalanche for a brother-in-law whose home was at Lindale, Texas, and that before the expiration of the subscription the paper had had such "pull" on him that he made a visit to the plains and purchased a splendid home near Lubbock.

Remember it is not yet too late to give the Avalanche as a Christmas remembrance, and Christmas receipts will be mailed to the recipient from the circulation department.

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## HIGH COST OF LIVING STILL ON THE BOUND

Following a world-wide tendency throughout the first three quarters of the year towards decrease in the cost of living and a stabilization of prices at a lower level, the final quarter of 1923 is being marked by a steady, almost violent, increase in the H. C. L. Statistics just gathered from all of the leading countries of the world by the International Labor Bureau show the upward movement in the cost of living to be general. While no specific cause is assigned for the change that has suddenly wiped out all of the brighter promises which the first nine months of the year held out the sudden tendency upwards is generally ascribed to the world-wide repercussion that is caused by the unsettled European situation, and especially of reparations. Germany, Hungary and Russia are the countries that are most violently affected for the moment by the increase in the cost of living. In Germany the change is so rapid that monthly index figures are no longer of use, and the International Labor Bureau has been obliged to ask for weekly index figures in order to keep abreast of the situation.

While wholesale prices for the moment are still decreasing in both Austria and the United Kingdom, the cost of living there has joined the world-wide upward movement.

In the United States, while wholesale prices have begun an upward tendency—the first since last spring—yet these are confined largely to products affected by seasonal fluctuations, such as cotton, wheat, food and foodstuffs, so that it is not yet certain that this will be eventually reflected in the cost of living. Switzerland has been badly hit by the sudden upward tendency and prices there average 8 per cent higher than during the last quarter. In Belgium the prices of everything are advancing rapidly except for several food groups such as wheat, oats, barley and sugar, but this slight advantage is more than offset by sharp increases in the cost of potatoes, eggs and butter. In Russia the most marked increase is in the prices of manufactured products, the slight tendency towards lower prices that was manifest in the early part of the year having disappeared entirely. Agricultural prices are also increasing, but not so rapidly as those of manufactured goods. Other countries that report this upward tendency in the cost of living are Canada, Finland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, India. Virtually the only countries that show an important or at least stationary prices are Italy, Bulgaria and Egypt. Experts at the International Labor Bureau hold out very little hopes for any improvement until some permanent adjustment of the European situation can be secured.

## WORLD TOPICS IN THE SCHOOLS

Charles A. Lee, state superintendent of the public schools of Missouri, asserts that the newspaper as the vehicle of world-wide communication and exchange of thought is a public necessity and believes pupils should be taught how to read and study the news in the better class of newspapers. A careful grasp of the dangers besetting government, he holds, can only be had by serious study of the actual developments day by day. He advises that each school subscribe for at least one newspaper to be used as a text for discussion of world events. The plan has met with such favor by some school directors that a large number of newspapers will be put into regular use in the class room work. This plan has been in operation in many eastern schools for several years, with great success, particularly regarding the application of national issues to local conditions. It has been found that these students are severe critics of editorial expression and official conduct, but they come into manhood and womanhood better fitted to cope with civic and governmental problems. If the plan should be generally adopted editors will be compelled to "brush up" on world events.

## JAPANESE FARMERS MAY LEAVE CALIFORNIA

The decision of the Supreme Court on the Japanese question ended a political fight of ten years for a "white California," but it has precipitated a new condition that threatens to alter the farming business of that state, where more than 30,000 Japanese farmers are preparing to abandon nearly 500,000 acres of the richest crop lands. Conservative estimates show that more than 30,000 Japanese were employed last year under cropping contracts by white landowners throughout the State. Now, it is said, these Japanese have abandoned their efforts and the production of tens of thousands of acres spread over twenty-nine of California's fifty-eight counties is menaced. To meet the situation a movement already is under way to obtain white farmers throughout the East and Middle West. It means the breaking up of some of the vast landed estates and the inauguration of the rule of the small farmer.

## WEST TEXAS TO BECOME THE LAND OF COTTON

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce in a recent report put out regarding the cotton crop has this to say: The United States cotton crop for 1923 is estimated at 10,000,000 bales with the state of Texas producing 4,000,000 bales or 40 per cent of the entire crop with a value of some \$700,000,000.00 that goes to the Texas cotton growers.

With the West Texas farmers receiving annually an increased proportion of the proceeds from the cotton and the West Texas farms producing from 1-4 to a bale per acre annually and with millions of rich virgin acres of land, lying along side these productive and newly improved farms, selling at a price that the proceeds of one bale of cotton will buy from 4 to 8 acres, the cotton growers of the South are becoming vitally interested in cotton production and cotton growing lands where reasonable production is certain and West Texas is at this time getting her share of attention from the fact the boll weevil is practically unknown and seldom are the other cotton pests of the Mississippi valley and coastal regions known to abide in the higher elevations of the West Texas territory, making the cotton production of the West more certain and easily produced than elsewhere.

With many of the large ranches of West Texas now being subdivided and offered to the farmer in small tracts at reasonable prices with small cash payment and long time on deferred payments with reasonable rate of interest, the impetus of home building and home buying in West Texas is today greater than in the history of the West.

Literally hundreds of covered wagons and other modes of travel are to be seen on every highway headed West loaded with household goods and farming tools with the one idea, a new home, in a new land to grow cotton and maize. The railroads are getting their share of the new traffic from the western homeseekers who are availing themselves of the emigrant car rates and moving from the more remote distance to new land of cotton and maize area.

## INDICTED FOR SELLING EXTRACTS

A dispatch from Sweetwater says that the examining trial was given H. Freeman, local merchant, Tuesday morning on a charge of selling Jamaica Ginger for beverage purposes in violation of the prohibition laws.

Bond was fixed at \$1,000 pending the action of the grand jury at the March term of court.

Local authorities say that little if any whiskey is being sold locally but numerous cases of intoxication have been traced to "jake" and flavoring extracts and are determined to break up the practice.

We do not know whether there is any of this kind of stuff going on in Lubbock, but we have been told that there is, and if such be the case, those guilty possibly had better take this as a fair warning.

## WHEAT GROWERS LIKE BRITISH PLAN OF MARKETING

American wheat growers call attention to the manner in which Great Britain has handled the wool business since the war. The government had a stock of 2,500,000 bales and it immediately established an association known as the "Bowra." Sales and prices were controlled until 1919 when public auctions were established. Under this system nearly 10,000,000 bales have been sold, including the Australian and South African clip. It is estimated that after all charges are paid Australia will receive \$165,000,000 under the profit sharing agreement, and the government treasury will be enriched \$155,000,000.

## AMERICA WILL FEED GERMANY

It is almost certain that within a comparatively short time Congress will supply a credit for the purpose of feeding the hungry children in Germany. Pending this action and in the faith that the American people will not shirk the responsibility placed upon them by the peculiar prosperity which the United States alone among the great nations of the world now enjoy. Secretary Hoover has initiated privately the necessary steps for collecting wheat, rye and other foodstuffs at convenient ports ready for shipment. It is estimated that Germany will have to have fully 150,000,000 bushels of wheat besides other foodstuffs.

## THERE WILL BE NO WET PLANKS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The Democratic Party is drier than ever—drier by several wringings apparently, than it was last summer when eight Democratic states stood out boldly for modification of the Volstead act, and when it was announced that ex-president Wilson was drawing up a platform that would contain such a plank. A recent canvass of the states shows that 29 of 45 states are opposed to any modification; 15 are non-committal and 3 make no reply. As the cards lay to day there will be no wet plank in any platform.

## Little Avalanches

A whistling buoy was washed across the ocean, so maybe it whistled to keep its spirits up.

Average auto uses 425 gallons of gas a year, barring accidents.

Robberies are increasing in New York because it is so easy to coax a stranger into a cellar.

Wisconsin phonograph dealer is in jail. But not, as some readers may think, for selling phonographs.

Your lot could be much worse. A man in a Seattle jail has 18 wives and Christmas is coming.

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING



Envoy Thos. H. Gregory, officer in charge of the local Salvation Army here, has reported at our office that he has had a little talk with Santa Claus. He will be on the street of the business section Saturday afternoon. Santa Claus is a jolly old man, he will be glad to shake hands with all the little folks. Santa Claus has also volunteered to help the army deliver their Christmas dinners to the worthy families here who would not enjoy such one otherwise. He is expecting the baskets to be well filled with all kinds of good eats, now we don't want old Santa disappointed so help the army in their Christmas effort by putting your contributions in the pots which are placed on the different corners of the business district.

Santa Claus will also be at the army Christmas tree given in behalf of the poor children at the army hall 1010 Avenue H Saturday evening December 29th at 7.30. He will see that every little tot that comes will receive some present. Remember the army gets and keep them boiling.

## CLAIMS HUGHES CHARGES ARE FALSE

Secretary of State Hughes that the bolshevik are actively planning to plant the red flag on the White House are "absolutely true." William J. Burns, director of the department of justice, who arrived here Friday declared.

The bolshevik are looking toward an armed revolt in the United States, Burns said. "Mr. Hughes' revelations are straight in every detail. The department of justice has all the evidence necessary to prove their truth," Burns announced.

## Charge Letter Is Forgery and That American Sentiment Feared

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Charges that the "Zinoviev letter" presented by Secretary Hughes as proof of alleged communistic attempts to bring about a revolt in America, was "faked by the Coolidge administration," were made here Friday by the Workers' Party of America, in a demand for a congressional investigation.

"We publicly accuse the Department of State and Department of Justice with having forged this letter to mislead the people of the United States," the statement from the party's headquarters says. "We assert that the whole Coolidge administration knows that this letter is an outright forgery," the statement continues. "The only reason it can have for stooping to such desperate deeds is that they fear the rising tide of sentiment among the American people for the recognition of soviet Russia."

## Hughes Convinced Notes Authentic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Hughes is personally convinced of the authenticity of the communist documents which he made public this week, it was learned here following a United News cable dispatch from Moscow in which soviet and communist officials describe the documents as a forgery.

Hughes had no comment to make.

on the challenge of Tchitcherin, Russian foreign minister, to carry the documents before an impartial court of arbitration and let the matter be settled there.

The department of justice obtained the papers, but Secretary Hughes has become thoroughly convinced that they are genuine. It is understood there are a number of other documents in addition to the alleged instructions which Hughes recently made public.

It is not likely, however, that this government would consent to any such arrangement because soviet officials would demand to know how the United States came into possession of the documents, a matter which American officials would refuse to discuss.

## CO-STARS FOR FIRST TIME

Bebe Daniels and Antonio Moreno Seen in "The Exciters."

Co-starring for the first time in their career, Bebe Daniels and Antonio Moreno appear in the principal roles of the Paramount production of "The Exciters" coming to the R. & R. theater Monday. This is a splendid picture of a successful play by Martin Brown, adapted to the screen by John Colton and Sonya Sevien and directed by Maurice Campbell.

Speaking of speed, one would believe that even the modern miss would, at least for awhile be satisfied with but one means of excitement. But not so with Miss Daniels in the role of Ronnie Rand in this picture. Ronnie is a real speed girl in every sense of the word. Morning finds her out for a spin in her power launch, and with the afternoon comes a series of thrills in the air.

The close of the day means to Ronnie a delightful trip in one of her motors with the anticipation of a series of similar exploits on the following day. Pleasure is all that this girl has to think of. She has not a care in the world—that is, not until she finds herself married to a supposed-crook, bent on extorting from the girl's family a goodly sum of money for an annulment of their

## MANY LOSE LIFE IN EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Loss of life in the earthquake which rocked three towns in the Baviapo river district in an inaccessible section of Sonora, Mexico, is heavy, according to meager details received here Friday by Joaquin Terrazas, Mexican consul.

The shock occurred in a mountainous, remote region, fifty to seventy miles from Nacoziari, Sonora, the nearest railroad town. Every house in the villages of Puta, Granados and Quasimas was demolished, reports here stated.

Slight tremors were felt at various points along the border Thursday, it was reported.

After an appeal for relief had been made to authorities in Agua Prieta, Mexico, near Douglas, Arizona, President Durazo is preparing to send assistance to the stricken district.

## An Official Christmas Card

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—President and Mrs. Coolidge have sent a blanket Christmas card to all the children in the United States.

The Santa Claus Association here received the message Friday, and passed it along. It said: "Through the Santa Claus Association, Mrs. Coolidge and I wish the children of the United States a very merry Christmas."

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## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PIONEER OF LUBBOCK HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. M. J. Acuff, age ninety-five years, were conducted at the Church of Christ Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Reverends Sanders and Collier.

Despite the inclement weather, many of the friends of the aged woman attended the services. Among the out-of-town people here for the funeral are her sons, T. A. Acuff of Clovis, N. M., M. F. of Denton and Lee of Merkel.

She is survived by the three sons-mentioned, Percy Acuff of Lubbock, and Mrs. E. J. Clark of Lubbock. Her grandchildren who reside here are Lawrence H. Brasher, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Jimmel, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Smith, Mrs. Forrest Blalock and Mrs. Terrell St. Claire.

She is the great-grandmother of little Pansy Smith, about whom there was a lengthy article in a recent issue of the Avalanche.

Mrs. Acuff had been a resident of Lubbock for 28 years and her death is mourned by a host of friends throughout the South Plains.

## DEATH CLAIMS NEWSPAPER EDITOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Frank J. Cobb, editor of the New York World, for 12 years, died Friday night at his Fifth Avenue home here after an illness of several months.

His death removes one of the outstanding figures of American journalism, a man who, behind the veil of editorial anonymity, has shaped the policies of a great newspaper for almost a decade.

His active life was intimately connected with the making of American history in the past 20 years. His greatest contribution, possibly, came in the war years when he was one of Woodrow Wilson's trusted advisers.

Frank J. Cobb was born in Shawnee county, Kansas, on August 6th, 1869.

At the age of 21 he became a reporter on the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Herald, and later was city editor of the Grand Rapids Eagle. At 25 he became a political correspondent for the Detroit Evening News, and afterwards an editorial writer on the same paper. He was barely past thirty when he became leading editorial writer on the Detroit Evening News.

In 1904 the late Joseph Pulitzer called him to New York to join the World. After a brief period of preparation in frequent conferences with Pulitzer, Cobb was almost constantly in charge of the newspaper, although the title of editor did not pass to him as long as Pulitzer lived. After the war he was decorated with the ribbon of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France, and Chevalier of the Order of Leopold of the Belgians, but he never wore either decoration.

## DALLAS MUNICIPAL TREE TO BE GENUINE FIR THIS YEAR

DALLAS, Dec. 1.—(United Press)—Dallas' municipal Christmas tree this year will be a real fir tree from the forests of Washington.

W. U. Smith, who is having a car load of fir trees shipped here, has promised to donate the largest one he has for the municipal celebration which will be held Friday night before Christmas.

Utah University boys have been ordered to quit drinking. Where do college boys get so much money?

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## HANNA'S TOE SENDS PIGSKIN OVER THE GOAL FOR THE ONLY COUNT REGISTERED DURING THE CONTEST

By the United Press.

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—Hanna, of the Abilene Eagles, kicked a field goal in the last quarter of the game here today between Abilene and Waco high schools, winning for his team the football championship of the State by a narrow margin of 3 to 0.

The game was played from beginning to end in a sea of mud, and when the final whistle blew, it was almost impossible to determine one team from the other by the color of their sweaters, or by their facial features, on account of their mud bespattered countenances. Play was frequently stopped by the referee to allow the men to wipe the mud out of their eyes.

A slow, drizzling rain started in the third quarter, but did not last long, however, it had its effect on the already sloppy field. The contest throughout was featured mainly by luck, as it was practically impossible to do anything with the ball. Straight line playing was used all through the exhibition, only three forward passes being tried, two of which were completed by the Wacoans.

Hanna played a brilliant game for Abilene, being in every play and fighting gamely throughout the entire game. Boody Johnson, star Waco backfield man, fought hard, but luck was against him, and he failed to scratch the sensational column.

The field was so slippery that the men finally gave up hopes of running, but would merely grasp the ball and dive, trusting to their star that they would hit a lucky skid, thus gaining more ground than by running.

### NEW RULES WOULD KEEP GAMBLER OUT OF AUDIENCE AT BOUTS

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It was a meeting of the New York Boxing Commission and things were dull.

So the boxing commission of New York passed four new rules Friday.

One prohibits gambling in fight clubs and bars known gamblers from the premises.

Another forbids admission to the boxers' dressing room to all persons except trainers, managers and seconds.

Another requires that there be a seat for every customer.

The fourth insists that there be nobody seated at the ringside on the side where the judges sit, except the time keeper, who must be at least six feet from the judges.

### MCGRAW SAYS GIANTS AND WHITE SOX TO TOUR EUROPE NEXT YEAR

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

United News Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—John J. McGraw returned from his inspection of Europe Friday, and after being stuck in the mud eight hours on board the Leviathan, in the lower bay, disembarked to the tune of cheers led by Mr. James Tierney, secretary of the New York Giants. As Mr. Tierney was greeting his own boss he was in slightly louder voice than the rest.

Herb McGraw did not find any pitchers in Europe, within the base-

and defense was not materially different from that of 1922, but there was a marked improvement in the technique of playing.

6. There has been less criticism of the game this year than formerly, because football has been adopted as a permanent and valuable adjunct to educational institutions.

### BRITISH GOLFER LEAVES N. Y. ON PLAYING TOUR OF U. S.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Arthur Havers, British open golf champion, and James Oekenden, his exhibition partner, holder of the French open title, left New York Friday afternoon for Pinehurst, N. C., on the first leg of a tour that will carry them to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Beyond some practice swipes, Havers gave New Yorkers no glimpse of the style that won the big title last spring. Havers carries a manager, W. T. Niblett, who announced that the 72 hole match between Arthur and the American professional champion, Gene Sarazen, has been postponed one week to January 25 and 27. This match is over 72 holes, 36 of which will be played in San Francisco and 36 in Los Angeles.

### SISLER SAYS NO TROUBLE EXISTS BETWEEN HIM AND NEW MANAGER

By United Press.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—There is no serious discord between Urban Shocker and George Sisler, respectively star pitcher and new manager of the St. Louis Browns, Sisler made plain in a letter received here Friday.

Sisler, who is out on the Pacific coast trying to recover from the eye trouble, which barred him from the game last summer, expressed the

opinion that Shocker is the best pitcher in the American league and declared that the Browns would never trade him for any less than they consider such a pitcher is worth.

"I'm sure that if Shocker stays with the Browns that we personally can get along all right together, as we always have," Sisler said, "and that he will prove a valuable asset."

### Local Happenings

Mrs. Zora Kelly and Mrs. Hoshall Sharp of Wisconsin, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shipman.

Mrs. Ida Gassaway left Friday for a three weeks' visit in Upsher county, where she will visit her father, E. G. Hall. She will also visit friends and relatives in Gilmer before returning.

Miss Patsy Charlie Shipman, a member of the Slaton high school faculty, will spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shipman.

Lee M. Duggan will leave this morning for Dallas, where he will spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Duggan has been in Dallas for the past ten days.

Benny Hilburn of the Lubbock Printing company, left Thursday for Dallas and Midlothian to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Hilburn and little son went to Midlothian some two weeks ago.

Marvin C. Overton, Jr., son of Dr. M. C. Overton, is here visiting his parents and friends. He has been attending the Texas Christian University for the past few months. He will be here for the holidays.

Alma Spikes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spikes, who has been attending Baylor college at Belton for the past few months returned for

the holidays. She will be here until the first of the year.

Miss Rebecca Quinn, who has been attending Baylor College returned home yesterday to spend the holidays here with home folks.

Miss Margaret Holmes is here for the Christmas holidays. She has been attending Baylor college.

C. W. Stropshire, of Dallas, is here visiting Hub and Frank Jones, local Essex dealers.

Mrs. V. T. Swenson nee Miss Flo Benson, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother. Mr. Swenson will arrive in a few days for a brief visit here. Their home is in New Mexico.

A peculiar situation in Europe is the more they owe the United States the larger their army!

### MAILED LETTER IN FIRE ALARM BOX

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 1.—(United Press.)—Back in Double Wells, Arkansas, Mrs. Delmon Schultz and Ollie Schultz wondered why they hadn't received the postcards "papa" mailed them from Dallas back in August.

"Dad" Garrett, fire alarm chief, unearthed the reason. He found two postcards and a letter that "Papa" Schultz had dropped in a fire box by mistake.

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# SENIORS HAVE CHRISTMAS BOX AND PROGRAMME IN CHAPEL FRIDAY MORNING ENJOYED BY ALL

Friday morning at the chapel exercises the seniors had a Christmas box and programme for the class and the faculty. The program was carried out with lots of action and pep. This is the first time that a Christmas program has ever been held in chapel. The members of the senior class were in child attire. Even the teachers of the seniors were dressed in the clothing of a child, which of course gave them appearance of being about 15-years younger.

The curtain of the program rose with the following words inscribed: "Merry Christmas From the Seniors." As the curtain rose the members of the class came rushing in as children do. Then Santa Claus came down the chimney. The children danced around Santa then fell out to one side of the stage. Two of the boys had a marble game. They were: "Little" Adams and Alex Hensley. These boys played until it ended up in a fight.

Dolly Clinton gave a reading with the expression of a child. The selection was "Twas the Night Before Christmas." She had to be prompted many times during her recital. Once the prompter forgot and it threw her into a fright which proved to be very comical.

Two little girls with dolls in their arms sang a Christmas song. The selection was "Santa will come tonight." These little girls sang very beautifully. They were Modell Simpson and Lula Denham.

Edna Sims gave a little reading. She gave it so fast, just as a child would do, that we could not get the substance of the selection. But it was very natural of a child to do that.

The presents were next given out by Santa Claus. The first present was given to the President of the Sophomore Class, Orvie Green, it was a cake of soap and a wash rag. The Freshman president was called to the stage where Santa Claus gave him a bottle of milk. Jimmie Awe, who is president of the class, was not reluctant in accepting the gift and seemed to be very joyous over the prospect. Mrs. Atkinson was the next recipient. Santa presented her with a rolling pin. She immediately began to get used to the pin so that she might know how to handle the pin before night.

Mr. Dupree then was given a dimming monkey. He took the toy with great pleasure and throughout the remainder of the program amused himself with it. He was still playing with the toy at the end of the chapel hour. Santa Claus asked "Pinky" Lowery to come on the stage and he had a present for him. "Pinky" was rather slow in getting there but finally came out before the student body. Santa gave "Pinky" a box to stand on so that he would be as tall as the rest of the faculty. Miss Coleman, Mr. Slage, Miss Armstrong, Miss Oldham, Miss Price, Miss Mathews, Mr. Marr and Mr. Mowery were all given a Christmas book. They were all happy over the gift and during the program people could hear them reading the stories of the book aloud in the audience. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter joined in with the others after Santa gave each one of them a Christmas book.

Santa never forgets those who instruct chemistry in all schools. He is quite a scientist himself and wants to give all instructors of the course something useful to work with. Santa in some way learned that the high school laboratory was very short on H<sub>2</sub>O. This was the gift that was given to Mr. Witt, instructor of chemistry.

Mr. Atkinson instructor of English was given a pair of curling irons so that he could keep his hair curled. Mr. Dupree made the remark after the program that there would be no use of the irons after his wife, who had received a rolling pin, got through with him. Although Mr. Atkinson with much life and joyous spirit accepted the irons and seemed to be very happy.

Miss Bledsoe was given a bath tub

but this was a gift that was hard to tell whether or not was accepted with a joyous feeling or not. But it seems as though it was. Anyway she held the tub above her head and smiled. So it was for sure that she did appreciate the thoughtfulness of some one.

Miss Boone and Miss Rose it was reported needed a grade book. So Santa was kind and gave to both of them a new grade book. It was the hope of the students when they received the books that they would stay clean of demerits and signs of thankfulness went up all over the audience when they went to get the books.

Floyd Honey was not forgotten at the program. Somehow Santa seemed to remember all of the babies of the town and community more than he does the older, any way Buster was given a toy and it cheered him so that he gave forth a shout of happiness.

The program ended with the singing of the senior song which is "The old gray mare ain't what she used to be!" The children then marched off of the stage to their seats. Then the announcement was made that there would be no more school until the seventh day of January, 1924. This announcement was cheered and with much happiness. Mr. Dupree then wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Chapel was then dismissed all having enjoyed the program.

## 222 MINERS KILLED IN ONE ILLINOIS COUNTY

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Dec. 21.—(United Press.)—Coal mine accidents in Franklin county here have killed 222 persons in the last twenty years, according to James Dunn, underground superintendent for one of the coal-producing companies here.

The latest casualties were in November in the largest soft coal shaft in the world, located at Orient, four miles from here, when two miners were killed and thirteen injured following an explosion caused by a gas-pocket being ignited by a miner's head lamp.

Of the 222 fatalities, 203 were killed by gas, fifteen by black powder, two by explosions of dynamite caps and two by breathing apparatus.

The first big disaster here occurred from a powder and gas explosion in which forty-eight were killed and three died from asphyxiation during rescue work in 1905.

The famous "Cherry Mine Disaster" of 1909, in which 258 miners were killed, occurred in a nearby county of Southern Illinois.

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## RULES FOR MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST IS CHANGED

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 21.—The rules of the statewide music memory contest, conducted by the University of Texas Interscholastic league, have been changed some for the coming year, according to Roy Bedichek, chairman of the league.

The old ruling was that two students from each school enrolled in the league could send in papers, and the ones having the best grade were to be the state champion. This was found unsatisfactory, as there were from 300 to 400 perfect papers turned in each year.

The new rules give each school with less than 100 enrollment, two contestants, and for each additional 50 students over 100, one more contestant. Each contestant sends in his or her paper, covering the contest, to the county officer of the league, where they are graded, and the papers that are perfect are sent to the league headquarters at Austin, where they are re-graded, and if still found perfect, the students who send in these are each awarded with a handsome gold pen by the league.

Mr. Bedichek says the new plan will do away with an individual champion, but at the same time reward the contestants in a more equal manner.

## CHRISTMAS WILL BE OBSERVED IN SCHOOLS

Prof. M. M. Dupre, superintendent of city schools, is on the go this week making preparations for Christmas programs in the various departments of the schools.

Everything is being done to make the kiddies glad during the Christmas season, and in this work Mr. Dupre has not only been given the assistance of the many teachers of the schools for R. E. Karper, superintendent of the agricultural experiment station has co-operated with him in providing the very most suitable Christmas trees available. These trees have been cultivated and grown by Mr. Karper and are greatly appreciated by Mr. Dupre.

Christmas in Lubbock will be observed with all the enthusiasm that school children know, and in having made these arrangements Prof. Dupre is rendering a service that cannot be weighed in a dollars and cents measure.

## HOLIDAYS WILL BEGIN AT A. & M. COLLEGE FRIDAY

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, December 21.—Special trains will be ready at 12:00 o'clock Friday to take the students of the A. & M. College homes for the holidays. Classes will be suspended at 11:00 o'clock Friday until January 2.

## FIVE THOUSAND MISSING WOMEN IN FIVE YEARS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—(United Press.)—Women and young girls disappeared in large numbers in Los Angeles during the year just ended, according to the statement of Mrs. Georgia Robinson, of the juvenile board and for many years a policeman in the city. Over 5,000 girls and women, from all classes of homes, rich and poor, are still on the books as missing during 1923. Probably a number of them have returned and have not had the police notified, but Mrs. Robinson believes the majority are still missing.

The daily disappearance of women and girls is one of the greatest problems confronting the police departments, secret service workers, juveniles bureaus and all those who are near and dear to them, according to Mrs. Robinson.

She attributes their disappearance to dissatisfaction. "Dissatisfaction in all its phases leads," she says, "to women and girls leaving home—an overwhelming desire to have what a parent or husband cannot afford to provide; a yearning to get out into the world alone, to see life from its many other angles, which cannot be experienced in their own little sphere. It is a menacing dissatisfaction so often leads people out into the world in an endeavor to find happiness or to get away from some unexciting, unhappy conditions at home."

The general spirit of the present age—freedom of life—causes boys and girls alike to feel that they are not afraid out in the world alone, and an innate something urges them to individual expression.

"There is something in the air which tells them if we do not like

our conditions, we can change them, and it is this frequently wrong use of this freedom that takes them into greater trouble. But the majority of girls who disappear are the pitiful ones who are known as delinquents. Most of them do not know better and this is the nation's greatest problem among youths."

"There is only one solution to the problem," Mrs. Robinson concluded. "More understanding parents, greater opportunity and freedom in the home surroundings and deeper love in the home circle."

## SECOND ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE KLAN IN MONTEREY FAILS

MONTEREY, Calif., Dec. 20.—Two strangers who arrived in town today from Santa Cruz with the announcement that they were going to organize a branch of the Ku Klux Klan here, were instructed by the police to "leave on the first train out," and then were placed in jail to await "train time."

"Monterey is too small for the Ku Klux Klan," Colonel William Faringhy, police commissioner, explained when ordering Police Chief Cording to make the arrests.

This is the second attempt within a year to establish the Klan in Monterey county, according to Faringhy.

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To the sheriff or any constable of Lubbock county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon D. C. Payne whose residence is unknown, and the unknown stockholders of the Rooney Mercantile company, a defunct corporation, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Lubbock county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Lubbock, Texas, on the third Monday in January, A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of January A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1923 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court, No. 1825, wherein C. H. Burris is Plaintiff, and D. C. Payne, the unknown stockholders of the Rooney Mercantile Company, a corporation; the Lubbock State Bank, a corporation; the Southland Life Insurance Company, a corporation, and the Texas Nursery Company, a corporation, are Defendants, and said petition being a suit for the recovery of the title and possession of Lots Twenty (20), Twenty-One (21), Twenty-Two (22), Twenty-Three (23) and Twenty-Four (24) in Block Two Hundred Twenty-Four (224) in the original town of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, being an action in trespass to try title and for the removal of the cloud cast upon the title of plaintiff to said property by reason of abstracts of judgment in favor of defendants and against one, J. T. Bullock.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Lubbock, on this 21st day of December, A. D. 1923.

(Seal) LOUIE F. MOORE, Clerk, District Court, Lubbock County, Texas. 47-4

## TEXAS IS PREEMINENT IN PRODUCTION OF PORK

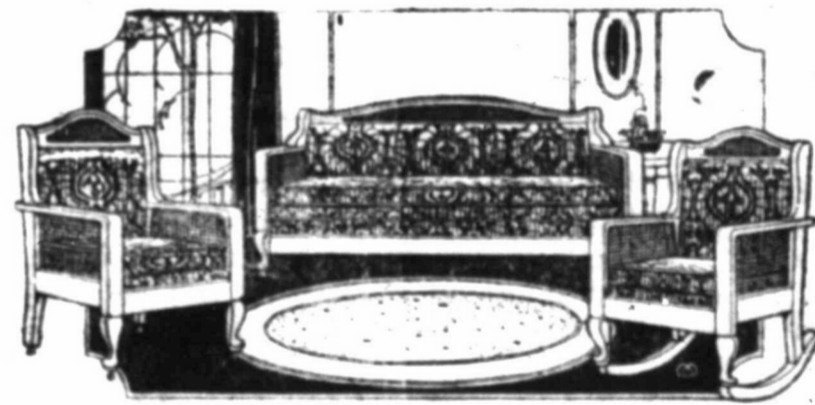
COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 21.—Additional proof that Texas is prominent in pork production will be carried to the world in the announcement of results of the Texas Ton Litter Contest which was carried out by the Texas Swine Breeders' association under the direction of A. L. Ward, secretary of the association and swine husbandman of the extension service of the A. and M. College of Texas. Indiana produced a litter of pigs weighing 3,040 pounds at six months of age last year and issued a challenge to Texas to beat it. It was accepted and the contest planned. Vic Hill of Waco has produced a single litter of 12 pigs weighing 3,898 pounds in the 180 day period. Of the 40 entries 28 produced litters weighing over a ton, nine weighing between 1,800 and 2,000 and only one weighing less than 1,800. A gold medal, silver medal and bronze medal were awarded for first, second and third prizes respectively by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association. Mr. Hill won the gold medal. The silver medal went to M. L. Marcom of Leonard whose litter of 12 Poland China pigs weighed 3,542. Third prize went to J. M. Martin of Denton whose ten pigs weighed 3,332 pounds, at the close of the 180 day contest.

Purebred animals and a balanced ration were the tricks of the contest as told by Mr. Ward. While a challenge was the stimulus for the contest, education was the purpose. It was to teach the farmer that by balancing other feeds with high priced corn he could produce hogs economically. Mr. Hill produced his litter at a cost of 5 1-2 cents a pound when the market was about 9 cents.

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# THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By HARLAN S. MILLER

Copyright 1923, by United News. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Herr Anton Laug, the "Christus" of the Oberammergau passion play, who has enacted the master role three successive times, told me today that he never again would be chosen to play the part. His face saddened at the thought and he smiled wistfully when he added that he might be chosen to play some other part in the greatest sacred drama of all ages.

"No, I can never again be the 'Christus,'" he said, "I am too old now. Christ was but 33 when he was crucified and I am nearly 50."

He did not add that he had been chosen for the extraordinary honor three times because of his blameless life and his great likeness to the universally accepted face and figure of the Savior.

"But I hope to play in the next presentation," he went on, "which will be during 1930. This is a wonderful thought now for it is not long since we feared the play would never again be given. That was the end of last year when we saw that there was nothing ahead for Oberammergau and we feared that our beloved village would break up through the loss of all those who should take the parts in the coming play."

"Of course, we are not sure yet that we will be able to give the play in 1930. Now we hope to please America with the products of our work so that Americans will provide a market."

"We have been trained for centuries to do our work. We make our carvings and pottery in the same way that our forebears did and that is by hand work alone."

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"Our visit here has proved to us again that the age old teaching was right—that faith supported by hard work accomplishes wonders."

## JURY FINDS FOX GUILTY OF MURDER

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sory in the murder. Two women saw murder. Two women, a secretary and a client of Coburn, saw the murder. Fox fired five shots, all of which took effect, and was captured as he fled down the hallway.

According to his captors, Fox declared at that time that Coburn had "something on him," and that he would rather be hanged than ruined.

According to other evidence, the publicity man had previously visited Simmons' home, armed, and threatened the life of Simmons, Coburn and other Klan officials. Then, for a week after his arrest, Fox refused to make any statement whatever. It was indicated that the jurors

had stood 10 to 2 for the death penalty on early ballots but that the majority had gradually come over to the granting of more lenient punishment.

Judge Howard, sentencing Fox, said: "If I can't say something good for a man I do not like to say anything. The court must carry out the order and do its duty."

**Victim of "Murderer Plot."** The killing of Coburn heightened the intense feeling within the Klan and Emperor Simmons issued a statement declaring it to be the direct result of the alleged policy of the Klan's administration. It was charged that Coburn was the victim of a "murder plot" engineered by the Evans faction.

After the two eyewitnesses had testified to seeing the shooting, the trial narrowed down principally to the question of whether or not Fox could be considered insane.

**Obeying "Will of God."** Defense alienists testified to the belief that Fox was a paranoiac and that when he killed Coburn, he was obeying what he believed to be the "will of God." The prosecution endeavored to riddle the insanity plea, claiming that Fox had consummated a diabolical plot while in full possession of his senses, and dramatically cried that Fox had obeyed the "voice of hell."

The prosecution also claimed that Fox had killed to prevent exposure of his moral shortcomings, while the defense sought to prove that Fox, once a brilliant newspaper editor in Dallas, Texas, was now but the shell of his former self because of his alleged hereditary insanity.

## LA MAIE CLAIMS NEGRO IS MYTH

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of obtaining a big sum of money brought my wife up from the terrible state of despondency in which she had been engaged and she began to appear to be happy." La Maie declared.

## STRIKE LOOMS FOR THE DEMOCRATS

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sonism. McAsco is cold toward the League of Nations and Underwood, while endeavoring to be non-committal, regard the league as a poor campaign issue for the democrats.

**Liquor Issue Brought Up.** Then there is the liquor issue which also stands in the way of harmony at this time. Wets are pushing Al Smith hard, and although his chances of being nominated are regarded as quite remote, he will have the huge New York delegation and perhaps some others which can be thrown to the desired candidate at a critical time, possibly with decisive effect.

Underwood also is encouraging the wet sentiment. This has led Bryan to begin a counter Underwood move-

ment by proposing some southern dry progressive. He is supposed to have in mind either Josephus Daniels of North Carolina or Governor Pat Neff of Texas. Here again, the plan is to rally as many delegates as possible behind a southern dry and then at the critical time swing them to some dry who has a real chance of being nominated.

In view of these possibilities, it was thought best not to bring the prospective candidates together for a Jackson Day party.

**Insurgent Movement Fought.** A third situation which must be adjusted before complete harmony can be obtained is that relating to the insurgent movement in congress. Bryan spent considerable time during the opening days of the session pleading with democratic members to join the republican insurgents and beat the conservative republicans back to a corner. Bryan felt that here was the opportunity for the democratic party to establish itself as a genuine organ of progressivism and thus lay the basis for a direct appeal to the liberal sentiment of the country in the presidential campaign. But he soon found his efforts being vigorously counteracted by the regular democratic leaders in congress, who took a more strictly partisan view of the situation. They regarded the insurgent row as an internal republican affair and favored keeping strictly out of it, leaving the republicans to expose their differences before the gaze of the country.

**Senate Likewise Hampered.** A similar situation exists in the senate, where the democrats have been ordered to vote solidly for Senator Smith, the minority candidate for chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

The meeting of the national committee next month will bring democratic leaders from all parts of the country to the capital, and at that time an effort will be made to smooth out these factional differences as

much as possible in order that the party may go into the campaign solidly united.

## REBEL TROOPS IN FULL RETREAT

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advance is under way. The army of the west has practically encircled General Estrada, whose rebel band holds Guadalajara, capital of Jalisco.

The Obregon troops are said to be well equipped and well supplied with ammunition.

When the government troops entered Esperanza they found that the insurgents on quitting the city, had destroyed oil tanks there to prevent the oil from falling into the hands of the federals. They also had done

considerable damage to buildings in the city.

A number of loyal generals have received letters from Adolfo de la Huerta, revolutionists' chieftain, urging that they join him. De la Huerta signed the letters personally, over the title of "supreme chief of the revolution." The generals turned the letters over to headquarters here, and ignored de la Huerta's appeal.

**Stone Defeats Shade in 12 Rounds.** NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Ad Stone of Philadelphia, won the decision in a 12-round bout with Billy Shade of California at Madison Square Garden Friday night. The fight was fast, with ample action. Stone weighed 174 1/2 and Shade 172.

**FRENCH CABINET VOTES DOWN WAGE BOOSTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS**

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Poincare government, triumphant in its foreign policies, has suffered a defeat at the hands of the high cost of living.

But the difficulty was purely a technical one, and Premier Poincare will not resign.

Minister of Finance Lasaterie of the French cabinet opposed the projected 1,800 franc a year boost for civil servants, who demanded the money on grounds of increased living costs.

The chamber Thursday voted to sever from the bill certain amendments the government demanded. The vote was 341 to 200.

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