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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

WEATHER Increasing Goodness tonight; probably rain Sunday.

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CHIEFS OF KLAN WILL INVESTIGATE

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—Klan chiefs of Louisiana met today to consider action to be taken in regard to the reports that have gained circulation that the members were responsible for the kidnapping and murder of a New Orleans news editor. A permit was granted to be present and papers in connection with the conference he authorized to announce that agents of the state would be sent to investigate what had occurred on August 24, the date of the kidnapping.

HUGHES MAKES A SUGGESTION

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—A suggestion that an independent commission of men competent in financial affairs could accomplish more than a general international conference towards solution of the European reparations tangle was put forward by Secretary Hughes tonight in the first public pronouncement on the economic crisis to come from responsible officials of the administration at Washington. The secretary, who spoke before the American Historical Association, added that he had "no doubt" distinguished Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission, which, he said, might be kept free from any responsibility to foreign offices or any duty to obey political instructions.

UNITED STATES NOT REPRESENTED

Paris, Dec. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Persistent reports that the United States would participate in some form of next week's conference of the interallied premiers were definitely eliminated today upon receipt of news that the United States government would take no part in the meeting. Unofficial but authoritative information reached Paris today that the American administration regards the forthcoming premiers' meeting as a purely European affair and as not warranting intervention by the United States.

UNION MAN ON COMMISSION

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Governor Harvey yesterday appointed the Columbia canal commission to take charge of the Columbia canal as soon as it is adjudicated to the state, if it is adjudicated. J. Ross Manshan of Charleston was appointed as chairman and Capt. J. C. Fannell of Columbia and T. C. Dugan of Union are to be the other members.

TWO VESSELS ARE IN TROUBLE

New York, Dec. 29.—Gales today continued to whip the North Atlantic into mountains and canyons, arousing fears for at least two vessels, descending scores and sending a few smaller craft crashing into the shore. The chief anxiety was felt for the freighter Bretonia, which sailed for this port from St. Pierre December 12, and the German freighter Heinrich Kaiser, which last reported when she sent out an S. O. S. 500 miles off Cape May December 6.

PLACES BLAME ON ENGINEER

Charleston, Dec. 29.—Engineer W. A. Williams of train No. 80, second section, Atlantic Coast Line railroad, was today blamed for the railroad accident at Hanahan December 9, which resulted in the death of Isaac Edwards of Sumter, a coroner's jury, J. Campbell Bissell, foreman, bringing in a verdict to that effect. Mr. Williams was released on his own recognizance.

Next Move up to Allied Premiers

Washington, Dec. 30.—The next move in the German reparations problem is apparently left up to the Allied premiers as a result of disclosures by Secretary Hughes that the Washington administration believed the international commission of financiers, including the Americans, might well be called upon to recommend a settlement, according to disclosures made in the speech at New Haven last night. Mr. Hughes said the American suggestion was offered as an alternative in the event the premiers failed to agree at the Paris meeting next Tuesday. He said he hoped for an agreement, and pointed out that the failing of such an agreement, the world might be facing the use of force to collect reparations from Germany saying this endangered the world peace. He reiterated the warning to the Allies that America was unfavorable toward the attempted forcible collection.

State League Convention Postponed

Greenwood, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Annie Spence, president of the State League of Women Voters, announced that the annual convention which was to be held at Greenwood on January 10th, had been postponed to February.

New Year's Reception Abandoned at White House

Washington, Dec. 30.—Owing to the illness of Mrs. Harding, the annual New Year reception at the White House has been abandoned.

Fire in Oklahoma

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 31.—At least one person has been killed and two are missing as a result of the fire today which destroyed two blocks here.

Agents for Ku Klux Investigated

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Agents for the Louisiana Ku Klux Klan are expected to go into Morehouse parish soon to conduct an independent investigation of the kidnapping and murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August. Within a few days the announcement was made after the conference of the Klan heads, who declared the plan was without blame and would seek to find the guilty parties.

Men Injured in Auto Accident

Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 30.—Clarence Alexander Wray, a member of the 1919 Pennsylvania football team, and Lewis A. Brunner of Philadelphia died today from injuries received when the train struck an automobile last night.

Miss Garner Entertains

Miss Blanche Garner entertained the members of the Tea and Topic club and a few other friends Friday morning at her home on South street. The main feature of this meeting was the election of officers for the new year. They are as follows: Miss Catherine Layton, president, and Miss Annie Tinsley secretary.

Miss Veda Burton of Greenville is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Harris.

The matter is plain enough from our standpoint. The capacity of Germany to pay is not at all affected by any indebtedness of any of the allies to us. The indebtedness does not diminish Germany's capacity and its removal would not increase her capacity. For example, if France had been able to finance her part in the war without borrowing at all from us, that is, by taxation and internal loans, the problem of what Germany could pay would be exactly the same.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Marsh, agent, was found frozen to death. The house was guarded and thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson, of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive this evening week-end with their mother, Mrs. P. B. Bobo.

Miss Marie Jennings will return to her school duties at Charlotte, N. C., after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. George H. Oetzel.

Miss Frontis Winn has been sick with flu for several days, but is now improving.

On December 29th Thos. McDaniel, S. R. Garner and V. E. Lawson destroyed 800 gallons beer on H. H. Flaves' place on Pacolet river.