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## CONGRESS CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS

### Many Important Measures Left Over

### GERMAN TREATY GOES OVER

**U. S. Deportation Bill, Aimed at Radical Agitators, Passed the House and Sent to the Senate. Senate Orders Investigation of Bolshevik Propaganda.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress closed down tonight until January 5 for its holiday vacation with the usual travail of adjournment congestion.

Under the holiday urge, more business was transacted today than often goes through in a month. Left for action in January, however, were many important measures, including the German peace treaty.

Closing hours of the Senate were enlivened by two moves toward a compromise on the treaty; but the question of ratification went over.

Trains leaving Washington tonight were crowded with members and their families homeward-bound and nearly all business is to be suspended until reconvening January 5, when congress is prepared to undertake work expected to hold it in session until the Presidential election next fall.

A score of bills and resolutions, mostly of a minor character, were passed today. Important measures included the Cummins railroad bill in the Senate, the sugar control bill, sent to the President, the Sweet bill increasing war risk insurance allowances of men disabled in the war and the \$33,000,000 urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

The house passed and sent to the Senate the alien deportation bill, aimed at radical agitators, and the Senate ordered investigation by the foreign relations committee of a Bolshevik propaganda.

Local requirements for translation to the President tonight of measures completed today, delayed adjournment until a late hour, although business was completed and almost all members left early in the evening. While enrolling clerks worked to top speed to complete bill for signatures of the Vice President and Speaker, the Senate and House recessed for dinner and only a handful of members returned for the formal adjournment.

The Christmas recess of congress began at 11:12 p. m. tonight when the Senate adjourned to meet again January 5. The House adjourned four minutes earlier and no business was transacted in either house during the night.

The delay in adjournment was necessary to permit bills passed today to be prepared for the signature of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate before being transmitted to the White House. Few members were present at adjournment.

### RED CROSS NURE SECURED.

**Miss Minnie Rodgers, Specially Trained Nurse, Secured by Laurens Chapter.**

The Laurens County Red Cross Chapter has secured the services of Miss Minnie Rodgers, a nurse who has been specially trained for the duties of a Red Cross nurse. She comes highly recommended and the local officials consider themselves very fortunate in securing her. She is to begin her duties here about February 1st.

Miss Rodgers is to be a Community Nurse, and as such her work will be that of a public welfare nature and not that of nursing individual cases of illness. She will advise the people free of charge relative to dietetics, sanitation, methods for the promotion of health, for combatting diseases, etc., and will give advice whenever and wherever possible relative to individual cases. "We believe that the work of a Red Cross nurse in our county will be worth many times the cost," said Mr. W. E. Mens, chairman of the nursing committee, yesterday.

Misses Annie and Vivian Huff and Mr. Otis Huff are all at home for the holidays.

### W. H. McKEE KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

**Fatally Injured while Driving Between Chick Springs and Greenville Sunday.**

Mr. W. H. McKee formerly manager of the local office of the Laurens Motor Car Company, was fatally injured in an automobile wreck between Chick Springs and Greenville Sunday afternoon. Mr. McKee was riding in a Chadler car and was accompanied only by a small negro boy. The car turned over from some unaccountable reason and Mr. McKee was pinned underneath. He was rushed to the Steedly hospital but died the following morning. The boy escaped without any serious injury but was not able to give a lucid account of the accident.

The body was shipped to Columbia and the funeral was to have been held there yesterday or today.

The deceased was 27 years of age. He is survived by his parents, who live in Columbia, and the following brothers and sisters: J. W. E. M. J. S. Albert and R. L. McKee and Miss Annie McKee, all of Columbia. J. W. McKee is a prominent automobile dealer and a former resident of this city. Mr. Drift McKee, another brother who resided here for several years died last year of influenza.

### SEN. DIAL HERE.

**Came Down Sunday Night to Spend Holidays at Home, Pleased by it at Home Again.**

Sen. N. B. Dial arrived in the city from Washington Sunday night and will spend several days in the city. He appears to be in the best of health and says that he is enjoying life as much as a hard worker can reasonably enjoy it in Washington. Not having been home in several months, he said he was very happy to be here again. All of his family are quite well, he said, except little Minter Dial, who is just recovering from a severe spell of pneumonia.

The Senator said that he had no particular interview to give out at this time, this being a pleasure and business visit entirely, but talks interestingly of his work in Washington, and incidentally, the "Colonel" as he is mostly called around here, is always accessible to anyone. Besides giving close attention to the interests of the State, he has been giving much thought to the Cummins railroad bill of late and made an extensive speech in opposition to it some time ago, on which he received much favorable comment all over the nation. This bill, he said, is framed in the interests of the railroads with the interests of the public left out. While admitting a deep interest in the railroads having formerly been a director in several, he said that he could not see his way clear to let this bill go through without raising his voice against it. He was supported in his stand by 22 democrats but the bill passed the Senate, and was sent to the House where it will likely be changed some.

### Christmas Oil Stock Dividends.

Quite a little flurry occurred among a small coterie of oil stock investors Saturday when a 12 1/2 per cent dividend was received through the mails by them from Mr. Haskell Dial, secretary of the oil exchange at Deming, New Mexico, through whom they had placed a joint stake. Mr. Dial had divided the investment among several promising companies and it appears that one at least has made a substantial development. Visions of vast riches are already being looked for by these "bloating" stockholders.

### Church Conferences Called.

At a recent meeting of representatives of the churches named below it was ordered that conferences be called to consider business of importance at the following churches and dates:

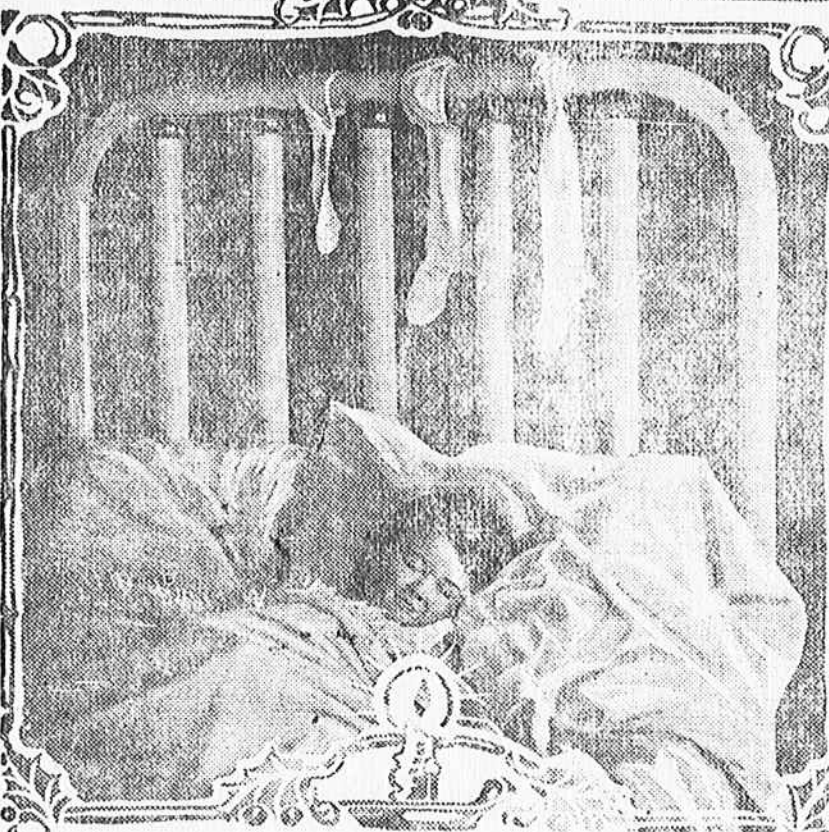
New Prospect next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock; Beaverdam, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Chestnut Ridge and Mount Pleasant Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members of these four churches are urged to attend their respective conferences.

B. Y. CULBERTSON, Chairman.

### Error Corrected.

In the account of the missionary meeting at Gray Court, carried in The Advertiser last week, it was stated that Bobbie Shell won the prize in the juvenile missionary society when it should have been Harold Shell.

## The EMPTY STOCKING



*There's an empty stocking hanging from many a little bed,  
Where a God-blown dream hangs over each sleeping curly head;  
And the vision gathers nightly of a day that's soon to come,  
Where little feet should patter to the music of the drum.*

*But out where splendor centers in the mansions of the great,  
No call will go unanswered, no lot will vainly wait;  
The Christmas horn will summon—the Christmas drum will roll  
The tide of joy in magic through the gateway of each soul.*

*There's an empty stocking hanging by many a wind-blown door,  
That must wait in vain for Christmas, in the gray haunts of the poor;  
And eyes that now shine brightly shall, through a rain of tears,  
See nothing there on Christmas but the sorrow of the years.*

*But where one gift would brighten the dark of weary days,  
No reindeer's hoof will thunder o'er Poverty's drear ways;  
And so, for God's white season—for some woe-dreamer's cause—  
Don't you think that you might whisper just a word to Santa Claus?*

### DR. JAMES W. POWELL, CORP. WHALEY AT HOME.

**Died at his Home in Kinston, N. C., Sunday Night. Be Buried Here this Morning.**

Dr. James W. Powell, who married Miss Tallulah Caine of this city about 12 years ago, died at his home in Kinston, N. C., Sunday night of pneumonia. News of his critical illness was received here several days before and Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Garlington, Mrs. Nottingham and Mr. Frank Caine, sisters and brothers-in-law, went to his bedside but death overtook him before their arrival. The body was brought to this city last night and the funeral will be held this morning at the Laurens cemetery at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Powell was 36 years of age. He was a dentist by profession and enjoyed a large practice. He has visited here on several occasions and had many friends who deeply regret his death.

Besides his widow, Dr. Powell is survived by a son about 10 years of age.

### Death of Mrs. John H. Copeland.

Mrs. Copeland, widow of the late Jno. H. Copeland, ex-Treasurer of this county, died at the home of her son George in Clinton last Tuesday night and was buried at Duncan Creek church Wednesday. She was 77 years old and had been in ill health for several months. She is survived by three sons, George, James and David, and two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Johnson and Mrs. Joe Hollingsworth.

### Christmas Services.

There will be a prayer meeting at 7:30 in the morning Christmas Day at the First Baptist church. Start this day of all days right by going to church. Everybody cordially invited. Samuel H. Templeman, Pastor.

**Member of the First Division at Home for Short Visit After 27 Months in France and Germany.**

Corporal Walter P. Whaley, 26th Infantry, First Division, arrived in the city a few days ago to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Sallie C. Whaley, at Watia Mills. Corporal Whaley came here from his present station at Camp Taylor, Ky., where he has been since he returned with his division from overseas Sept. 4th. He is wearing four gold stripes on his sleeve, indicating the length of service which he saw overseas. When asked about medals or other honors which he might have, he replied that he did not have any medals, "only" having a personal citation for helping break up a machine gun nest on the Soissons road July 18th, 1918.

Being in the regular army, Corporal Whaley was with the first contingents to go over, having left this country June 14th, 1917 and was in all of the fighting in which the First Division participated, his division suffering more casualties than any other American division.

Corporal Whaley will return to his regiment about January 15th. He says that he expects to give up army life at the end of his enlistment, which is not far off.

### Captures Large Still.

Rural Policeman W. D. Sullivan captured a 30 gallon capacity "moonshine" still recently about a mile from Princeton near the Greenville county line. The apparatus was disconnected and brought to Laurens where it was placed in the custody of the sheriff. No one was around when the capture was made, but the still had every evidence of having been recently operated. No arrests have as yet been made in connection with the case.

### SIMMONS PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

**One of the Largest Real Estate Deals in the History of the City Consummated Saturday.**

One of the largest real estate deals in the history of the city was consummated Saturday when the three story Simmons building on the south side of the public square was sold by its owner, Mr. O. B. Simmons, to Mr. D. E. Todd, of this city, for the Laurens Trust Company. It is understood that the price paid was around \$15,000.

This building was erected in the Nineties by Mr. O. B. Simmons and was used by him for many years as a dry goods and clothing store. At that time it had two store rooms on the ground floor. Several years ago a partition was put in one of the stores, making three store-rooms in all, these being occupied by Mr. H. Terry, Mr. O. B. Simmons and Lewis & Lewis, optometrists. The second floor contains several offices and the third floor holds the lodge rooms of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Todd stated yesterday that he bought the building as an investment.

### Other Realty Deals.

The real estate market has shown unusual activity the past week, in addition to the Simmons deal several other deals have been put through. Mr. John A. Fooks Monday afternoon bought the lot of the Dr. W. C. Ivey estate below Mr. J. H. Sullivan's store, 72 feet frontage and 99 feet deep, at the rate of \$110.00 per front foot. Mr. D. E. Todd also bought for the Laurens Trust Company all of the remaining lots of the old Robertson Hotel property on the south side opposite the Laurens Bonded Warehouse for \$8,000. This property was bought from a syndicate composed of T. C. Switzer, W. C. Waldrop, T. M. Babb and others. Mr. Todd also bought the McPhail lot on West Main street opposite the home of Mr. T. Mac Roper.

### LADIES REST ROOM BEING LARGELY USED

**One Thousand People had Registered Between September 23rd and December 16th.**

At a meeting of the Business Women's Club, under whose auspices the Ladies Rest Room in the court house is conducted, Miss Sarah Dorrach, secretary of the club, was asked to make a public report of the use being made of the rest room since it was opened September 23rd. The object of the report is to acquaint the merchants of the city with the benefits of the rest room as they are rendering financial assistance.

In recounting the uses being made of the rest room, Miss Dorrach states that exactly one thousand people, almost entirely women and children, had registered there between September 23rd, when it was opened, and December 16th, when the last meeting of the club was held. In addition to those who registered, Mrs. Bagwell, matron of the rest room, has stated that a great many visitors had failed to register. The matron has rendered aid to three sick women by calling a physician besides aiding others who were not sick enough to need medical attention. The rooms are also made use of by school children from the country who wait there for their parents to call for them in the afternoon. Clerks in the city who live a distance from the business section also eat their meals there, as do many people from the country who are shopping in the city. The rest room has also been of much benefit to mothers with babies. In addition to all of these uses made of the rest room, a social meeting has been held for the benefit of the club members.

### Meeting of Pecan Camp, W. G. W.

Gray Court, Dec. 23.—Pecan Camp No. 237, will have its next meeting Dec. 31st. We hope to have a full attendance of our members as we have a lot of work at this time. Don't forget your dues, as there is but one more day after the meeting.

D. D. PEDDEN, C. C.

J. E. JOHNSON, Clerk.

### About Seed Cotton.

Mr. C. A. Power, Clerk of Court, said yesterday that he had received many enquiries as to when seed cotton may be bought and sold. In order that all may be acquainted with the law, he said that it is unlawful to traffic in seed cotton except in the months of April, May, June and July.

## CHICAGO PACKERS GIVE UP SIDE LINES

### Dispose of Interests Not Allied With Business

### STOCK YARDS TO BE SOLD

**Agreement Reached Between Department of Justice and Five Firms as Result of Which Anti-Trust Suits Will be Settled. Decree Covers Much Ground, End of Long Struggle Between Packers and Government.**

Washington, Dec. 17.—The government's anti-trust action against the great meat packers, begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree to which the packers have acceded will be entered in the federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms, the big firms—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy have agreed:

To sell under supervision of the United States district court, preferably to the live stock producers and the public, all their holdings in public stock yards.

To sell, under the same supervision, and in like manner, all their interest in stock yard railroads and terminals.

To sell, under the same supervision and in like manner, all their interest in market newspapers.

To dispose of all their interest in public cold storage warehouses except as necessary for their own meat products.

To forever disassociate themselves with the retail meat business.

To forever disassociate themselves with all "unrelated lines" including wholesale groceries, fresh, canned, dried and salt fish, fresh, dried or canned vegetables, fresh, crushed, dried, evaporated or canned fruits, condiments, syrups, soda water, fountain supplies, etc., molasses, jams, honey, butter and preserved, lard, sausage, rollies, etc., coffee, chocolate, macaroni, salt, sugar, rice and cereals (with an exception to be made for bread, wafers, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, vermicelli, macaroni, cigars, candy, furniture, etc.).

To forever abandon the use of the branch houses, route cars and auto trucks comprising their distribution system, for any other than their own meat and dairy products.

To perpetually submit to the jurisdiction of the United States district court under an injunction forbidding all the defendants from directly or indirectly maintaining any combination or conspiracy with each other or any other person or persons, or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any bona fide business in the United States or engaging in any unfair and unlawful practices.

The decree further provides: The jurisdiction is perpetually retained by the courts for the purpose of taking such other action, or adding at the foot of the decree such other relief if any, that may become necessary or appropriate for the carrying out and enforcement of the decree or for the purpose of entertaining at any time hereafter an application which the parties may make with respect to this decree.

Two years are given to comply with the decree which affects 87 corporations and 49 individuals.

"In general," said Attorney General Palmer's official announcement tonight, "this decree prevents the defendants from exercising any further control over the marketing of live stock. It forever prevents them from any control over the retailing of meat products. It eliminates them from the field of meat substitutes, with the exception of eggs, butter, poultry and cheese, which are left for future consideration and appropriate action; and, therefore, the price of meat is within the control of the people themselves. It places the conduct of these great aggregations of capital immediately under the eye of a federal court with reference to their business practices. "But greater than all, it establishes the principle that no group of men,

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