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MANY CONVICTS RECEIVE PAROLES

Gov. Cooper Grants Clemency to Nineteen Prisoners on Recommendation for Board

Columbia, Dec. 24.—Nineteen paroles during good behavior, Christmas gifts to convicts, were granted by Governor Cooper Thursday afternoon. The list of recipients includes two women and four life-timers. A number of the paroled convicts were serving sentences for manslaughter. The recipients of the executive clemency, who will spend Christmas at home are:

John Pearson, of Marlboro county, serving a sentence of life imprisonment, for assault with intent to ravish. He was convicted in 1915.

Z. C. Morris, of Aiken, serving a two year sentence for breach of trust with fraudulent intent, sentenced in September, 1919.

Charles McDuffie, of Barnwell, sentenced in December, 1914, to serve seven years for manslaughter.

Lucretia Jackson, of Hampton, sentenced in June 1919 to serve two years for manslaughter.

Lewis Harvey, of Beaufort, sentenced in May, 1910, to serve a life sentence for murder.

Frances Hollis, a Union county woman, sentenced in May, 1916, to serve four years for manslaughter.

Henry F. Hendricks, of Pickens, given a nine months sentence in September, 1919, for manufacturing liquor.

Frank J. Hite, of Lexington, who has been serving since July, 1920, a one year sentence for conspiracy and grand larceny.

Walter Smith, alias Clint Grist, of Spartanburg, convicted in October, 1917, of larceny of a bicycle, and sentenced to serve five years in a reformatory, later being transferred to the state penitentiary.

Daniel Berry, of Aiken, sentenced in February, 1914, to serve eight years for manslaughter.

Wilbur C. Raton, sentenced in Columbia, in the fall court of this year to serve six months for breach of trust.

Ernest L. Adkins, of Greenville, who was sentenced last August to one year for grand larceny.

Lee Harris, sentenced in Anderson in September, 1916, to serve five years for burglary and larceny.

Arthur Mason, of Spartanburg, sentenced in January, 1918, to serve three years and six months for assault and battery with intent to kill and breaking of the peace.

Luther Jones, sentenced in Spartanburg in January, 1914, for manslaughter, serving a twenty year sentence.

Jim Verts, of Aiken, sentenced in June, 1905, to life imprisonment for murder.

NO PARDON FOR DEBS

Pres. Wilson Announces That He Will Not Show Clemency to Socialist

Washington, Dec. 24.—White House officials are unable to say whether President Wilson would grant any Christmas pardons, but the president said he would not pardon Eugene V. Debs, who is serving ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary for violation of the espionage act.

VICTIMS OF AUTOMOBILES

Several Persons Killed and Others Injured Christmas Day

Greenville, Dec. 26.—Walter M. Scott, judge of probate for Greenville county, was instantly killed, his brother, William Henry Scott of Oklahoma, was seriously injured, and his wife was slightly hurt when the automobile in which the three were riding overturned this morning on the Augusta road, ten miles below this city.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 26.—The 14-year old son of Anderson Creed of Gloverville, S. C., was instantly killed; Mr. Creed, his wife, and a Mrs. Purvis and her two daughters, also of Gloverville were seriously if not fatally injured, this afternoon near Langley, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by another car, in which there were two men and a woman, believed to be residents of Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Lloyd T. Hall, judge of the Juvenile Court of Richmond county and city editor of the Augusta Chronicle, died here this afternoon from injuries received this morning at an early hour when the automobile he was driving was wrecked in a ditch near Wrens, Ga.

Walterboro, Dec. 26.—A very sad accident happened at Islandton Monday afternoon in which little Harry Willard Rentz, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Rentz, met his death. His father had gone to Padgett's mill for a load of wood, and on approaching his home this little fellow, with two other children, ran to meet him. Mr. Rentz stopped and helped them mount the wagon and just as the mules started off little Harry fell beneath the wheels and was instantly killed, the wheel passing over his head.

RED CROSS WANTS DOCTORS

Call Issued for Physicians to Work in Central Europe

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COTTON FIRE IN ORANGEBURG

Eight Hundred Bales Burn in Warehouse

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LEADERS CLASH IN SENATE

Hitchcock Charges That Emergency Bill is Embargo Measure

Washington, Dec. 27.—Republican and Democratic leaders in the senate clashed today on the house emergency tariff bill. Senator Hitchcock characterized the measure as an embargo bill and a proposition to restrict American commerce. He charged that the Republicans proposed to rush through the measure practically without consideration. The Republican leaders denied that the legislation contemplated embargoes.

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS BANNED

Inter-Allied Commission Decides to Break up Civilian Guards in Germany

Paris, Dec. 27.—A Mayence dispatch to The Petit Parisien states that the inter-allied high commission has decided to break up all German military organizations, such as the civilian guards.

MR. W. T. P. SPROTT PASSES AWAY

Well-Known Clarendon County Legislator Dies

Foreston, Dec. 26.—W. T. P. Sprott, sixty years of age, for the past three years a member of the state legislature from Clarendon county, died suddenly at his home last night. He is survived by a widow, two daughters and five sons. Interment will be in Foreston cemetery at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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FLU EPIDEMIC NOT EXPECTED

Those Who Have Had the Disease Enjoy Immunity

Washington, Dec. 27.—Influenza attacks carry a definite immunity to subsequent attacks lasting several years, according to the public health service announcement, after an intensive study, which declared that since the epidemics of 1918 and 1919 affected such a large proportion of the population it seems reasonable for believing that should the disease become prevalent this winter it would not assume the epidemic proportions of last two years nor be in such severe form.

STATE HIGHWAY MAKES REPORT

A State System of Good Roads of More Than Three Thousand Miles Planned

Columbia, Dec. 27.—Appropriation of state funds for constructing certain links in the state highway not built by the counties, an act to allow the spending of county funds for roads within the limits of the towns and the establishment of a road materials testing laboratory are matters urged upon the legislature by the state highway commission, in its report to the legislature, copy of which was furnished the press today.

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BOLSHEVIKI DO NOT WANT PEACE

Russian Polish Negotiations Broken Off By Soviet

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—A Warsaw dispatch says the Russian-Polish peace negotiations have been definitely broken off. The head of the bolshevik delegation declared that Russia's international situation is so good that it is unnecessary to treat further with the Poles.

FIRE IN CINCINNATI HOTEL

Score of Women and Children Overcome by Basement Blaze

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—A score of women and children were partially overcome by fire in the Burnet house after midnight. The flames were confined to the basement.

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"FAIR AND COLD" CHRISTMAS

Slightly Below Average Temperature for This Time of Year in the South

Washington, Dec. 23.—Santa Claus on his visits to the home of American children tomorrow night will be compelled to resort almost completely to an airplane or some similar new fangled contrivance, for the Weather bureau tonight forecast a snowless Christmas for almost the entire United States.

"Fair and cold," was the weather forecaster's prediction for almost the entire portion of the country accustomed in "the good old days" to a "white Christmas." The only snow of sufficient depth for the sleigh of the Christmas saint, the bureau said, would be in Wisconsin, Northern Michigan, Northern New York and Northern New England, where snow fell early in the week and has not melted.

The Pacific coast was excepted from the forecast for fair weather, the charts and maps of the Weather Bureau showing that rain and generally unsettled weather might be expected west of the Rocky mountains. The South, where snow seldom appears as early as Christmas if at all, will have weather slightly below the average for this time of year, the bureau said.

CLARA WILL NOW BE GOOD

Woman Charged With Murder of Jake Harmon Makes Pledges

Big Springs, Texas, Dec. 21.—The consecration of her future energies to "atoning to her family for the sorrow she has brought it, and a determination to never again waste an hour of her life," is avowed by Miss Clara Smith, who is enroute to Ardmore, Oklahoma, to answer the charges of murder of Jake L. Harmon.

Marion, Dec. 21.—President-elect Harding today conferred with former President Taft on the world peace problem and the practical details of the organizing of the next administration.