

Weather Forecast

Colder in northern section, with falling temperature in south.

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Good Evening

On earth, peace; good will toward men.—Holy Writ.

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MAJOR PLAN SUBMARINES ABANDONED; MORE TALK

Conference Naval Committee Discuss Other Projects

SOME MORE PROPOSALS

Sharp Exchange Between France and Great Britain

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—The major plan to limit the tonnage of the five powers in submarines and auxiliary warships having been definitely abandoned, the naval committee of the arms conference was prepared to resume today its discussion of collateral subjects upon which proposals were advanced yesterday by the American delegates. First to be considered today, it was understood, were the proposals placing a limit of 10,000 tons on any auxiliary vessel and a limit of 2,000 tons on air-craft carriers.

Great Britain alone agreed to the first proposal when it was presented yesterday after the effort to limit naval strength in submarines and auxiliary ships had been abandoned in the face of the French announcement fixing a limit of 90,000 tons in cruisers and 330,000 in auxiliary craft for that country. The French, Italians and Japanese all announced that they would have to accept instructions before deciding on the proposed 10,000-ton limit for French vessels in a position to announce their decision to the American proposal regarding air-craft carriers also provided a limitation for the several nations in that type of ship. It was noted only briefly yesterday that the development of yesterday's committee session which permitted to begin reciprocal ship tonnage in arms before the termination of the ten-year holiday considered today by naval powers. In most proposals, which was of observation to France's ratio, was not to endanger in any agreement, but by Mr. Balfour's session as a "se-

exchange between Mr. Sarich delegation, a future war British emigration of the armistice day, was the discussion of the British delegation would reserve full submarine issue before a public hearing of it before the conference.

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Flitcraft, 40 police said late killed his wife, buried the home. Flitcraft for question- appearance of two hours' grilling admitted the slaying.

Harding Sends Greeting to Oldest Employee of Star

(By Associated Press.) Marion, Ohio, Dec. 29.—President Harding in a holiday greeting to Martin L. Miller, 77, oldest employee of the Marion Star, the president's newspaper, said that experience has taught him that there is "even more happiness in some of our humbler pursuits than there is in assuming responsibility in high places."

The greeting, received by Mr. Miller yesterday, was in response to one he had sent the president a few days ago.

Miller a compositor, was one of the employees of The Star when Mr. Harding first became connected with it in 1884.

ONE PRINCE FINDS AMERICA NOT LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—America, instead of a land of promise and prosperity, has proved to be the province of disappointment and pain to Prince Louis de Bourbon, who today is lying in a Bellevue hospital cot, badly injured. He came to the United States last spring as representative of a syndicate seeking to stimulate trade between this country and the Balkan states, asserting he was a half brother of King Alfonso of Spain.

Shortly after his arrival announcement made he was to marry Mrs. Bertha K. Archibald, widow of a wealthy Englishman and a resident of this city, but in August there was a statement from Mrs. Archibald that the engagement had been broken.

Last night Deputy Fire Chief "Smoky Joe" Martin was speeding to a fire on upper Broadway when near Forty-fifth street, a man hurried out from the curb, disregarding the warning clang of the bell on the veteran fire fighter's motor. He seemed not to realize his danger until the machine was almost upon him, and then he stopped. He was hurled forty feet by the impact, his left shoulder being broken, and he suffered internal injuries. It was Prince Louis.

Delegation From Siberia Arrives In Washington

Washington, Dec. 29.—Expressing a desire to assist the Washington conference in arriving at a just and proper solution of problems involved in Siberia, the special delegation from the chambers of commerce and industries of the maritime province of Siberia, now in Washington, has addressed a letter to Secretary Hughes as chairman of the conference recommending, among other things, that steps be taken to facilitate wide use of foreign capital in development of the resources of the region.

The report recommends regulation by international agreement of the salmon fishing industry in Siberian waters, urges friendly co-operation of foreign capital in the fishery enterprises, and declares that to establish the fisheries the Japanese troops should be evacuated from Saghalien province and the lower part of the Amur river.

beneath the house, found the body. The woman's hands had been tied behind her back and her skull had been crushed. The only motive for the alleged crime given by Flitcraft in his statement, according to the officials, was that he became angered when his wife did not return home Saturday night. It was later ascertained that Mrs. Flitcraft had been employed as a nurse and had been unable to leave her patient that

ISLAND WHERE KEPT NAM COUNTY TO WEST STANDS ONCE TUBERCULOSIS SOLD FOR \$2,000 IN SHORT TIME

Was Sold by Juan Pablo Sales Just 100 Years Ago

INTERESTING HISTORY TO REEXAMINATION

Mobile, Ala., Man Purchased, and Growth Started Then

(By Associated Press.) Key West, Dec. 29.—The island upon which the city of Key West now stands was regarded as of so little value at one time that it was sold for \$2,000 for just 100 years ago Juan Pablo Sales, who owned it, negotiated with John W. Simonton of Mobile, Ala., for its sale at that price and the deal was consummated January 19, 1822, transfer of the property having been recorded on that date. About the only reminder of the sale now remaining is a street here named for the purchaser.

Jefferson B. Browne, member of the Florida Supreme Court, in his book "Key West, the Old and New," tells the story. "The earliest recorded data about Key West is to be found in a grant of the island of Cayo Hueso on August 26, 1815, by Don Juan de Estrada, the then Spanish governor of Florida, to Juan Pablo Salas." Mr. Browne says: "The grant recited that it was in consideration of the several services rendered by him at different times, much in the Royal Artillery Corps stationed at this fort, as well as the services rendered voluntarily and without pay at the office of the secretary under your administration. "Nothing was done by Salas in the way of settling or improvements on the island were the same wild aspect that it had worn for ages, when on the twenty-first day of December, 1821, Salas offered to sell his right, title and interest to John W. Simonton of Mobile, who had met Salas in Havana. Having heard of the advantageous situation and capacity of the harbor, Mr. Simonton was induced from the certain prospect of improvement throughout the country, by the cession of Florida to the United States, which his mercantile experience led him to foresee must advance the interests of a settlement at this point, to purchase he island for the sum of \$2,000 on the nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1822.

"Soon after making the purchase he sold one undivided quarter of his interest to John Warner and John Mountain, respectively United States consul and commercial agent for the United States at Havana, and two other quarters to John Whitehead and John W. C. Fleming. The interests of Messrs. Warner and Mountain were soon after transferred to Pardon C. Greene, who became a permanent resident of the island at that time.

"Salas, however, had made a conditional sale to John B. Strong, who subsequently transferred his claim, such as it was, to John Geddes, who having the countenance of Captain Hammersley of the U. S. naval schooner "Revenge," then in the harbor, effected a landing and took possession of the island in April, 1822.

"A Dr. Montgomery and George M. Geddes were in charge of the party sent by Geddes to take possession in his name. It consisted of two white carpenter and three negroes, with provisions and lumber to build a shed. How long they remained on the island is not known but as they were supported by Captain Hammersley of the United States navy, the other claimants were helpless to do anything more than protest. A lawsuit resulted, which was finally terminated by a compromise. One of the legal documents connected with this claim states that the consideration given for the island, by Strong was a small sloop of about 31 tons burden called "The Leopard of Glasdonbury," for which he paid \$575. Strong's title proved imperfect, and Salas, in order to obtain the restoration of the island to the Simonton claimants, conveyed to him five hundred acres of a tract at "Big Spring," East Florida.

PHONE RATES PALATKA WILL HIGHER SOON

Increase of Seventy-Five Cents on Business Phones

INCREASE IS QUITE HEAVY IN MANY CASES AS SHOWN

(By Associated Press.) Palatka, Dec. 29.—The recent decision by the Florida state railroad commission upon the application of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company to increase its telephone exchange charges for service furnished by it within the state of Florida, was announced several days ago as being a slight advance in rates at some points in the state. The complete list of advances allowed has been made public and it is seen that the advances in many instances are far from being "light" as they will no doubt be considered quite heavy by the people who have to pay them.

The order of the railroad commission sets forth the maximum exchange rates and charges for telephone service furnished by the Southern Telephone and Telegraph company at its various exchanges, respectively, in the state of Florida. The order of the commission provides that the present additional charge of 25 cents per month for desk telephone service of the telephone and every exchange of Florida be company in the state of Florida and is hereby continued.

It is ordered that the application of the telephone company to classify its toll telephone service according to its proposed classification, and to increase its toll rates and charges within the state of Florida, be and is hereby denied, and the schedules of toll rates and charges now in effect and on file with this commission shall continue as its maximum rates and charges.

It is ordered that the application of the telephone company to increase its mileage charges applying in connection with main stations or private branch exchange system which are located outside the base rate area, but within the exchange area, be and is hereby denied, and the mileage charges and method of computing same now in effect and on file with this commission shall continue.

Palatka will pay an increase of 75 cents per month on business phones and 50 cents per month on residence phones. The present rate for a business phone is \$3.75 and the new rate \$4.50 per month; and the present rate for a residence phone is \$2, while the new rate is \$2.50.

DEBS GIVEN BIG RECEPTION; HE WILL GO IN SECLUSION

(By Associated Press.) Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, paroled several days ago from Federal prison, was resting at his home here today following a rousing homecoming celebration tendered him last night by thousands of his followers an idyllic townspeople. Relatives announced that for the next few days Mr. Debs would probably remain in the seclusion of his home. Persons in the big crowd which formed about the Debs home were bedecked with red hats, carrying brands of red fire and large placards in flaming red colors.

TO TRY MARINERS.

(By Associated Press.) Managua, Nic., Dec. 29.—Fifteen officers from the United States cruiser Galveston have arrived here to form a military tribunal to hear the cases against the American marines alleged to have been implicated in the killing of three Nicaraguan policemen and for committing excesses against Nicaraguans. The proceedings will be held in public at the American legation.

Annual Report Shows Increase Drunks in Chicago

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 29.—The annual report of the municipal courts of Chicago submitted today by Clerk James A. Kearns, showed drunkenness increased here the past year, 51,300 persons being arraigned for intoxication in 1921, as against 32,305 in 1920.

The report followed the action by the city council yesterday in voting, 52 to 6, for a resolution demanding that congress and the state legislature authorize the manufacture, sale and distribution of "wholesome beers and light wines."

POST CARD CAMPAIGN MAY RESULT IN GREAT THINGS FOR PALATKA

Absolute confidence in Palatka measuring up to her responsibilities is sufficient reason to believe that the city will meet the emergencies brought about by the recent postcard campaign, according to W. P. Merriam.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce has reviewed the many replies to Palatka's postcards, and with regard to the anxiety of such a number to invest or reside here, or to do both, is calling a meeting of the board of governors for this afternoon to urge the establishment of a building and loan association for Palatka.

The Chamber of Commerce has advocated such an institution here for several months, and has found no opposition of consequence. The support essential to a building and loan association, however, has not been forthcoming, as Mr. Merriam says, because those who could make it possible are not a unit due to their desire to be right before proceeding. Mr. Merriam is confident, however, that there is more than reasonable assurance, in the postcard replies, of the need of an institution to further building projects, and further convinced, he says, that a greater advertising of Palatka's advantages will attract many more desirable investors, home seekers and industries to the city.

The local civic organization has put forth particular effort to increase confidence in Palatka's potentialities, and the positive superlativeness of the city's future. A campaign, although not put forth as such, has been waged to encourage everyone to look forward to Palatka as a city several times its present size. The probabilities of such growth are not remote, and the possibilities are equal to Palatka's efforts. The growth of Jacksonville, the magnitude of Miami, the majesty of Atlanta, all reflect the confidence of the citizens of those communities, according to Mr. Merriam. The Chamber of Commerce board of governors will discuss the results of the postcard campaign this afternoon, and consider the immediate and consequent requirements. It is thought something progressive and characteristic of a growing community will be the result.

Thousands Pay Last Respect to Ex-Gov. Bickett

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Thousands of his fellow citizens, irrespective of race or political affiliation, paid silent respect to the memory of Thomas Walter Bickett, former governor of North Carolina, who died at his home here yesterday following a brief illness, as they viewed his body which lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol here for two hours this morning.

The flower-laden casket bearing the body of the former governor was removed from his home to the capitol early today and at 9 o'clock the four entrances to the building were thrown open and the crowds filed by the hie to get a last glimpse of the state's former chief executive. Tears were observed in the eyes of many

PROMINENT BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY IS WHIPPED

Mob Lures Him to Neighbour Mountain and Brings Blood

DIVORCED WIFE CAUSE Told He Must Immediately Remarry or Death Be Penalty

(By Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—City and county authorities made but little headway, they reported today, in their efforts to run down members of a masked mob who lured W. E. Tumlin, well-known Birmingham attorney, to Red Mountain Tuesday night and beat him until the blood streamed from a score of lacerations on his body.

Tumlin said when the mob got him he was told he must immediately promise to remarry his divorced wife or death would be inflicted immediately. He refused to make the promise and was severely whipped. The court records show that he was granted a decree of absolute divorce from his wife two months ago on the grounds of cruelty and voluntary abandonment.

The whipping of Tumlin has created considerable excitement here, but the officers said that they had not as yet the slightest clue as to the identity of any members of the mob. If Mr. Tumlin knows any of the members he has thus far refused to admit their identity.

Educators Meet With Forbes to Talk of Veterans

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—A group of educators and scientists met here today at the invitation of Colonel Forbes of the veterans' bureau, to discuss ways and means of "finding the best method of returning to society more than a hundred thousand men disabled in mind and body by the scourge of war." The conference, which met under the direction of Dr. John H. Finley, of New York, will continue three days. The veterans' bureau announced that it is the most important to be considered and acted upon at the meetings: "What shall be considered a vocational handicap rate of maintenance pay a ward rehabilitation; should vocational training be emphasized than placement training; what a trainee be considered re- and what efforts should be obtained co-operation of absorbing trainees into the community?"

Robberies and Murder Put Police to

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—A result of the last five in New York city, the police and district at work to prove a fact asserted that no crime was this. Of the dead two of the badly injured men and one robbed a murdered jewelry persons as the building. The casket rest beneath the dome and was draped in state flags. Flowers were placed on the side of the coffin, signs rested upon it