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**WEATHER.**  
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Generally fair tonight and tomorrow; not much change in temperature; minimum temperature tonight about 24 degrees. Temperatures: Highest, 47, at 4:30 p. m. yesterday; lowest, 23, at 5 a. m. today. Full report on page 2.  
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### POSTAL PAY VETO COMING TO VOTE

#### IN SENATE TODAY

Administration Leaders Confident of Sufficient Support to Sustain.

Party Lines Divided AS TEST IS OFFERED

Debate Brings Out Personal Traits at President for Use of Influence With Senators.

### Will Succeed McKenna

HARLAN FISKE STONE.

### STONE'S SUCCESSOR TASK FOR COOLIDGE

Rugg, Dietrich, Warren, Beck and Wilbur in Forefront of Those Mentioned.

### BRITAIN MAY URGE NEW DEBT PARLEY, U. S. LEADING PART

May Present Proposal for Conference at Present Session of Allied Financiers.

Question of Payments to U. S. Most Difficult for Experts Gathering in Paris.

President Coolidge's veto of the postal pay increase bill was a direct issue today in the Senate, with administration leaders apparently holding sufficient strength to sustain it.

A test on the question came last night, when two more than the necessary one-third of the total vote prevented an overriding of the veto. The motion was in favor of a motion to recommit the bill to the post office committee. The motion was lost, 30 to 52.

Friends of President Coolidge insisted that they not only could hold their full strength on the vote that must come today by 4 o'clock, but that they would draw some votes from those opposing the motion to send the bill back to the committee.

As soon as this vote has been taken Muscle Shoals automatically will become law. The administration is combining the pay increase with a raise in postal rates to take its chance with the calendar with other general legislation. The President's veto of the bill will fall of passage at this session.

President Coolidge today for the second time within a year set about finding a new Attorney General.

Harlan Fiske Stone, of New York, selected as head of the Department of Justice in the interim, after the retirement of Harry M. Daugherty, was given appointment yesterday by the President to the Supreme Court—considered by the legal fraternity generally as the highest honor within its reach.

The nomination of Mr. Stone was sent to the Senate within five hours after the vacancy on the highest court suddenly opened. Mr. Stone, who is 47, was appointed to the court from the Attorney Generalship 27 years ago.

Paris, January 6.—Plans for an interallied debt conference at Brussels today, in fact, if not in form, are probably being invited to send a delegate, are declared to have been formulated by Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, this afternoon, and this evening at the head of the British delegation to the conference of allied finance ministers which opens tomorrow.

Mr. Churchill, it was said, will present his proposal to allies for a conference during private conversations which he will hold with other heads of delegations. He already has an appointment with M. Clementel, French minister of finance, tomorrow morning to discuss, it is understood, the general subject of debts. It is believed that the British chancellor will undoubtedly go over plans for the proposed conference at that time.

### Party Lines Split.

There was a rending of Republican lines on the test vote last night. Such leaders as Jones of Washington, party whip, and the President's personal secretary, Wadsworth of New York, and Edge of New Jersey, refused to go along with the President. Only one Democrat—Dial of South Carolina—joined with the 29 Republicans to support the President's veto.

### Coolidge Acts Quickly.

The desire of Justice McKenna to leave the court was communicated to the President several weeks ago, and accordingly the formal announcement of his retirement was made by quick action at the White House. The Executive evidently had discussed the matter previously with Mr. Stone, but the final decision was made only after the nomination of Mr. Stone was sent to the Senate and was referred by that body to the judicial committee, in accordance with custom.

### Dispute on U. S. Claims.

The great rock in the path of the conference is America's insistence upon payment of her occupational army costs and damage claims against Germany. The British and Belgian delegations, on the other hand, are insisting that the United States should pay for the cost of the occupation of Germany.

### Charges Inconsistency.

Declaring the Executive was inconsistent in insisting on an increase in pay which he disapproved last June, Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, said there was a great deal of inconsistency in the man in the White House, for whom I entertain the most profound respect.

### Those Already Mentioned.

Among these were some of those mentioned at the time Mr. Coolidge was seeking a successor to Mr. Daugherty, including Arthur E. Rugg, chief justice of the Supreme Court, and Judge Frank S. Dietrich of Idaho and Charles E. Warren, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of California, from the Department of Justice.

### Inspector Headley Questioned.

Inspector Albert S. Headley, in charge of traffic, was questioned on his previous testimony before the Senate committee and regarding his estimate of the number of machines to operate on the streets of the District. He testified that there are between 120,000 and 140,000.

### Urges Revenue Proposition.

Senator Willis said the only sensible proposition was to pass a measure meeting the cost of that increase. The South Dakota Senator subscribed to the theory advanced by Senator Edge, Republican, New Jersey, who has charge of the vetoed bill, that there was no relation between expenses and income in the Post Office Department.

### Left Good Private Place.

Mr. Stone entered the cabinet last April at a time when he had just retired as dean of the Columbia Law School and had accepted a place in a New York law firm with the prospect of initial earnings, according to his associates, of \$100,000 a year. The cabinet position was a promotion. The Supreme Court pays \$14,500.

### Claims of Belgium.

The British viewpoint is that there should be a general reduction in the priority claim to 2,500,000,000 gold marks in reparations, which, contrary to the views of the reparations experts, the Belgians contend has not been entirely paid.

### St. Paul's Cathedral Dome Unsafe; Structure May Have to Be Rebuilt

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, January 6.—The great dome of St. Paul's Cathedral is declared by the city surveyor to be in such a condition that the municipal authorities, according to the Daily Mirror, have served notice upon the official custodians of the cathedral that they officially regard the dome as "a dangerous structure."

### Oil Company Official Heard.

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### More Use of Library Here.

The subcommittee, in response to questions, was told that Washington makes much greater use of its Public Library than some other cities because of the large number of Government institutions here. Dr. Bowdman, director of the National Education Association, in which the decision is made that the local library system is not up to the standard of a city of this size. He emphasized that educational authorities are manifesting considerable concern over the inadequacy of the local library, holding that the situation is one of national concern.



THE NEW MEMBER OF THE STATE FENCIBLES OF PHILADELPHIA.

### D. C. OFFICIALS FACE GASOLINE TAX GRILL

House Subcommittee to Call Commissioners, Auditor and Collector of Taxes.

### Warm in Day, Cold At Night Forecast For Next 48 Hours

Continued warm weather is in prospect for Washington for the next day or so, the Weather Bureau announced today. The night freezing process will recur every 24 hours to undo much of the work of the sun during the day, however.

### GOMPERS' WIDOW FIGHTS NEW WILL

Charges Fraud in Seeking to Bar Document Leaving Her Only Dower.

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Washington, on the other hand, has averaged but 55 cents per capita in public library expenditures. The remaining 40 cents were spent on the rate of not less than \$1.00 per capita. He presented data showing that half a dozen cities appropriate more than the rate of Washington, and being quoted as giving \$1.30 per capita for libraries.

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### British Authority Wants Showdown On French Finance

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, January 6.—France owes the world a complete statement of its financial condition, and the French people are deluding themselves in not making such a statement, Sir George Paish, British financial authority and editor of the London Standard, said today upon arrival on the steamship Adriatic.

### FRENCH DEBT NOTE RAISES FINE ISSUE

Personal Character of "Feeler" Makes Question of Summoning Committee Difficult.

### Officers Are Gratified.

It was clear that the French had seen their way clear to opening up discussions, at least, concerning the war debt to this country. The Herick communication, which included the personal and unofficial observations of Minister Clementel, generally discussing an 80-year term, moratorium of 10 years, with interest of 10 per cent during the 10-year term, was understood to have added practically nothing to the conversations which for some time have been proceeding between the Secretary of State and Ambassador Jusserand. The net result of the much-discussed memorandum was that no provision had been made therein for taking care of the debt to America.

### Reason for Discussions.

In fact, the opinion exists in certain quarters here that the Clementel discussions with Ambassador Herick, and his "personal and unofficial" memorandum, were the result of a long and largely because of the action when the recent celebrated balance sheet of France was made public, revealing the fact that no provision had been made therein for taking care of the debt to America.

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### COOLIDGE PROPOSES BANKS AND REALTY PROBLEMS SOLUTION

With Housing Owners, They Could Give Renters Relief, Executive Holds.

FAILING TO ACT, LEGAL PRESSURE HELD LIKELY

### Hoover Asserts \$50,000,000 Public Buildings Bill Would Ease Shortage of Apartments.

Reiterating his stand in favor of rent legislation of some sort for the District of Columbia, President Coolidge was represented at the White House today as suggesting that the bill be amended to include the real estate interests to preclude the necessity for legislation in Washington to force them, with the aid of the banks, to unite in remedying the abuses of the few whose actions would make necessary such legislation.

### Expecting Hearing Soon.

The Chief Executive was represented as feeling that the congressional committees would hold hearings soon on the bill to develop evidence and make such recommendations as law as its conclusions would warrant.

### Believes Banks Can Help.

At the White House, it was pointed out that there seems to be no other remedy at this time, in the face of the facts at hand. The Chief Executive feels that a great deal may be done by the banks and real estate men to correct the conditions here if they will frankly hold their hands and apply themselves to making corrections which legislation might compel them to make.

### Results Not Now Evident.

But the President does not know at this time just what results that would bring. It has been represented to him, it was said, that persons want to live in a particular locality and do not want to show a disposition to move into localities where the rent is cheap. It was pointed out that he believe may aggravate the situation here, but he is understood to have a firm hope that something may be done to remedy it.

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