

Peas, 45¢; Mexican gold, \$50; national, \$13.50; bar silver, domestic 99 1/2, foreign 95 1/2; copper, 14 1/2; grain, lower; livestock, higher; stocks, lower.

WEATHER REPORT. El Paso, fair, warmer; west Texas, fair, warmer; New Mexico, fair; Arizona, fair.

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COTTON IS BIG FARMING ASSET WEST OF TUCSON

Casa Grande Is Example Of What Irrigated Farming Is Worth.

BIG DAM TO BE BUILT SHORTLY Waters Of Gila River To Be Stored For The Indians And Americans.

CASA GRANDE, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Ten years ago the man who would have predicted that cotton would come to be one of the big products of "old Arizona" might have been tried for lunacy.

Today you ride for miles through the cotton fields of Arizona and you see the cotton raising in their fields and orchards they talk happy, thrifty and contented. It is one of the best crops in the state—and much to be said in its favor, for every year the acreage has increased and the "cotton belt" is extended into territory that a few years ago was considered the life of the mule and the cat, land which nobody would have dreamed of planting.

From Tucson to the place, the train passes through big fields of cotton and here and there they talk happy, thrifty and contented. It is an important thing to his life, for politics in Arizona is important—Arizona is one of the states in the country that is never passively Democratic or Republican.

Casa Grande is a product of the cotton crop of Arizona. Not so many years ago—indeed as long ago as the last El Paso trade excursion in the spring of 1890—Casa Grande was little more than a whittling post.

Today, if you happen to awaken at the train in Casa Grande, you are at Tucson until you rub the sleep out of your eyes. Casa Grande has grown like a mill's feed baby in the past few years and the boys here are not only growing up, but they are also growing up in the future. The school house they are now building is going to be a fine example of what they can do with their money.

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Gen. Anson Mills Gives \$3000 Check To El Paso Library

El Paso public library has received a Christmas present, a \$3000 check, from Gen. Anson Mills.

Gen. Anson Mills, of the El Paso public library, deposited the check in the library's savings account Wednesday. She said the money would be used to complete the air cooling system being installed in the new library building.

London, Eng., Dec. 22.—Italian government forces have established a close blockade of Fiume by land and sea, and it seemed possible today that fighting might be reported at any time.

Conditions of recognized gravity have arisen since Capt. Cavoglio announced he would resist enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo. In answer to an ultimatum sent him by Gen. Cavoglio, commander of Italian troops in the section, he has declared he will fight until his demands are met.

Four accused in Shepard Poison Plot Discharged. Mason, Ga., Dec. 22.—The four defendants charged with the murder by poison of Fred D. Shepard, wealthy Georgia peach grower, last June, were discharged by Judge H. A. Matthews at a preliminary hearing.

Hughes Calls Cabinet Job Story Mere Rumor. New York, Dec. 22.—Charles E. Hughes, in a statement here today characterized today reports that he had been tendered the appointment of secretary of state in the Harding cabinet, as "irresponsible rumors."

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EASTERN LINES PLEAD POVERTY Increase Needed To Meet Earnings Fixed By Congress, Is Claim.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Questions raised by practically every one of the railroads of the whole country, the decision in the transportation act may break down the relief of some kind is immediately forthcoming.

Another Rate Hike Looms. In fact, the New England line includes some of the most important of the country, have been so hit by the sharp decline in freight rates since October that they contend they are earning less than 5 percent on the value of their property.

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ONE MAN IS KILLED, LIFEGUARD HURT IN PIER CRASH

Huge Holiday Crowd Flees From Dance Hall at Venice Calif., When Gas Stove Fires Structure; Fireman Buried Under Falling Walls; Concessions Costing \$250,000 Wrecked.

VENICE, Calif., Dec. 22.—The seaside section of this city, where the chief industry is the purveying of amusement, was swept by a fire late last night and this morning in which one man lost his life, another was injured fatally, several suffered minor hurts and property damage was estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Rebuilt at Once. Kinney said the pier would be rebuilt at once, and walked about the concessionaires set or waited about the pier, about 100 feet from the shore line. The usual holiday season crowd of young and old was on the floor when an explosion gas stove set the wooden building afire.

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MILITARY AND IRISH CLASH; MANY KILLED

Heavy Fighting Results When Police And Military Are Ambushed.

CIVILIANS LOSE 15 IN FIGHTING. Thirty Attackers Captured Or Wounded; One Soldier Among Casualties.

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Heavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on one side and soldiers and police on the other, in the section lying between Callan, county Kilkenny, and Glenbowry, county Tipperary.

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SWEETHEARTS' TIFF CAUSE OF TRAGEDY; SLAYER CONFESSES

Pasadena Woman Tells Police Salesman Had Aired Her to Kill Herself and She Shot Him; Gives Herself Up and Directs Officers Where to Find Body; Victim Said to Have Been From Oakland, California.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Ed Bailey, 21 years of age, gave herself up last night to the police and said she had shot and killed Clarence Hogan, of Oakland, Calif.

President Wilson Window Shops In Capital From Auto. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—President Wilson went window shopping on F street yesterday, viewing the Christmas crowds and the brightly decorated shops from an open automobile.

BURGLARS ROB FIVE SCHOOLS IN EL PASO; POLICE ARE ASKED TO INCREASE WATCHFULNESS. BURGLARY of five El Paso public school buildings within the past week or so has resulted in request to the police to increase the degree of watchfulness maintained over the properties.

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