

# EUROPE EXPECTS UNREST TO END WITH NEW YEAR

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Europe at the year end is a continent of calmed nerves. A Europe hard hit by general world depression turns anxiously to 1931 for escape from widespread unemployment and domestic unrest in many countries.

Europe is at peace, but peace still brilliant with armaments. The League of Nations remains an important but unspectacular agent for social, economic and political recovery. The Kellogg pact is a standing force.

A "United States of Europe" is but a dream or an ideal, although M. Briand at Geneva found 27 nations that would admit interest in the plan.

Only enough, the Balkans, the powder magazine of Europe, is one of the few bright spots on the continental map.

Discontent in Turkey Russia, Germany, Poland, France Italy, Turkey and Spain all have their troubles, and the Balkans are by no means without the tinder to start another European conflict, but the first Balkan conference, held in Athens in the autumn, seems to have inaugurated a new era of good will.

Turkey has experienced riotous discontent, and the dictator-president, Kemal Pasha, is torn between fascist and soviet forms of government.

Over European countries are wrestling with the same problem. Russia continues to cast its uncertain shadow from the north.

Solid Scandinavia is affected by new thrusts by Russia on world markets where commodity prices are in a world slump.

The treaties that ended the world war are still under fire and Germans have not accepted the finality of Poland's gateway to the Baltic.

Hitler Gains Prominence In western Europe the ancient antagonism of France and Germany found new expression after the German elections had raised Adolf Hitler and his "Nazis," nationalists, to notoriety and the threshold of power. Germany faces a grave political and economic situation.

On the Italian frontier France is at stalemate with Italy over disarmament and the good effect of the London naval treaty is thus limited. At Geneva the preparatory work for a world disarmament conference progresses very slowly.

CHRISTMAS ALWAYS MERRY EVENT FOR WHITE HOUSE KIDS

By ALEXANDER R. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—To the home at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, probably America's most famous residence, Christmas comes again bearing memories of other Yuletides in the White House.

Some have been puritanically simple, some were described as "gorgeous" and others were war-saddened, but from John Adams to Herbert Hoover all were rich in the home-loving note that always has been a national symbol.

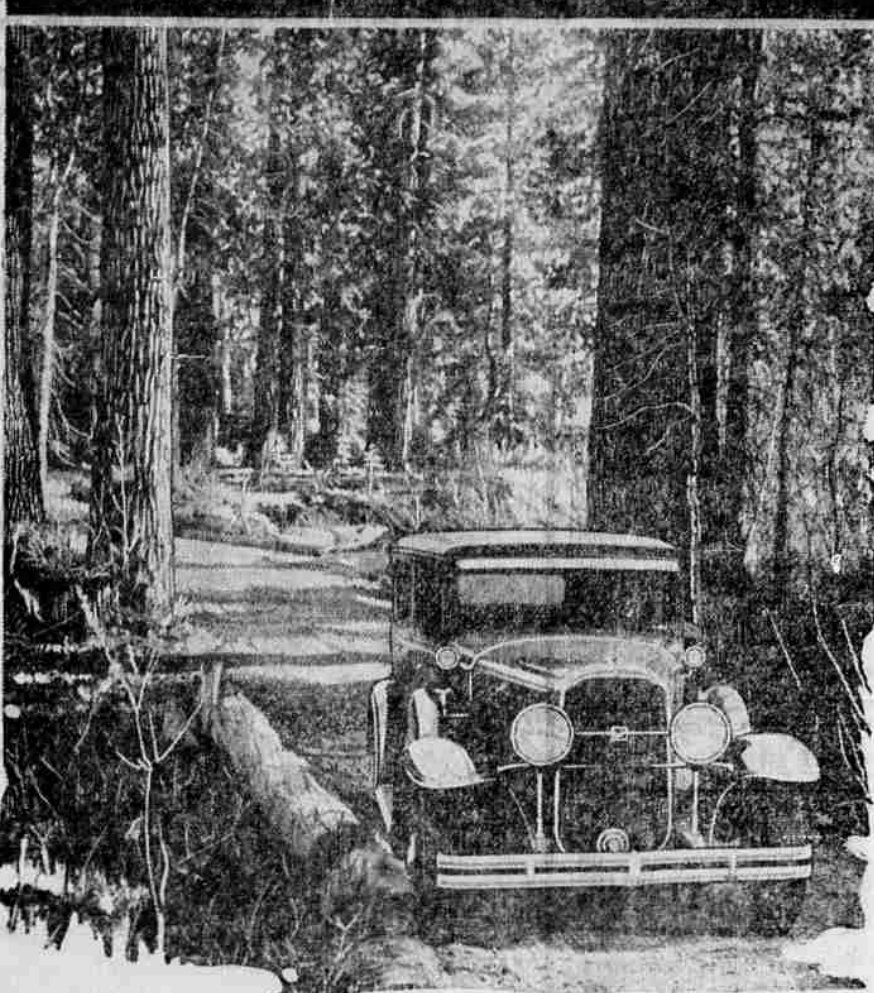
Washington never lived in the White House he helped design, serving his presidential terms in New York and Philadelphia.

When President Adams and his wife celebrated the first White House Christmas, Washington was a "wilderness city" and Pennsylvania avenue was a dirt road.

Construction of the executive mansion was not completed and Mrs. Adams had the family wash hung in the great audience room on the first floor.

President Adams' Christmas garb consisted of a black velvet suit, silk stockings, silver knee and shoe buckles, white waistcoat and powdered hair.

# Winter Trail in the Woods



There are thousands of places to go even if winter does block some of the roads. Highway commissions throughout the west are clearing the roads and keeping them passable during the winter season. Just because the days are short is no reason for putting the car away. The car in the picture is a Buick sedan, one of the new eight-in-line cars.

# An Apple a Day Drives Fat Away

Being fat is no lighthearted joke. Just something for your thin friends to "kid" you about. This is especially true if you are a vigorous, healthy fat individual, with a good appetite and a successful digestive outfit. The whole medical profession and the life insurance companies are out after fat, declaring it must "go" if health and long life are to be enjoyed.

There are many reasons why a person may be fat, or overweight. And many important things to be considered before one decides they are "overweight" and must begin at once to follow some of the foolish and very dangerous "reducing diets" which are really starvation diets. The Hollywood diet craze of last year undoubtedly reduced the weight of thousands who foolishly followed its regimen through either health or vanity.

The health of many perfectly well but obese persons. The proper way, indeed the only way, to get at the whole fact regarding overweight is to go to your physician for a health audit. Let him weigh, measure and consider all the factors, such as your family type, age, occupation, exercise and breathing, and on these findings decide whether or not your diet is the cause of your heavy poundage.

It may not be. Indeed it very often is just as normal to be heavy as it is to be light in weight. Therefore, the first step in deciding to reduce your weight is to have your family doctor decide whether your excess weight is 10 pounds or 100 pounds, or just normal for you.

# WEALTHY INDIAN PAIR SPEND \$8007 IN SPOT

OKMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 26.—(AP)—It cost Lucy McNair, wealthy Indian, \$8,000 to part, but they have been happily reunited for \$7. In successful divorce proceedings two months ago her attorney got \$2,000 and his \$5,000. The license for their remarriage cost \$1 and a justice of the peace performed the ceremony for \$3.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(AP)—What the five-cent cigar is to America the 10-penny smoke is to Germany.

Latest official statistics show Germans are smoking approximately 6,500,000,000 cigars annually, of which 1,750,000,000 fall in the 10-penny class.

Since 10 pennings is approximately 2 1/2 cents, smoking probably is a less costly habit here than in America—unless one smokes cigars, which are decidedly more expensive here.

"Honor" to Germany BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Germany boasts of having more gasoline selling stations compared to its number of automobiles than the United States. There are 45,000 stations throughout the Reich or one for 12.2 automobiles, while America has 340,000, or one for 74.4 automobiles.

"Gift" for Queen Mary LONDON.—(AP)—Queen Mary is giving herself a Christmas present this year. It is a miniature of her latest grandchild, Princess Margaret, and is being executed by her special commission. It will be the fourth of a series of tiny portraits of her grandchildren.

Museum Honors Franklin AURAY, France, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A museum honoring Benjamin Franklin is to be established here. Funds are being raised to mark the spot where Franklin landed when he came to France seeking the aid of Louis XVI for the American colonies in the revolution.

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# TROTZKY GIVES UP HOPE EXILED DAYS OVER SOON

PRINKIPO, Prince's Islands Turkey, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The second year of Leon Trotsky's banishment is drawing to a close with no sign of a break in his exile.

The feverish attempts Trotsky made to seek a refuge more congenial than Turkey have ceased. So, too, have his cries that "we have heard when several European doors failed to open at his knock."

Trotsky talked much after he was brought to Istanbul by Soviet agents February 12, 1929. But he talks no more.

One of his chief occupations now is slandering his own door in the faces of scores of itinerant newspapermen, mostly American. Writers make vain pilgrimages to this island in the Marmora sea, braving the wild south wind in a small Turkish steamer on a passage that can be as epically melancholy as an English channel crossing.

With luck, Ivan, the ruddy young son of Trotsky, is sometimes visible and monosyllabic, but Trotsky himself, never. Nor is there any one in Istanbul, except the doctors who frequently visit the villa, who has seen Mrs. Trotsky. She does not even seem to emerge into the long vegetable garden which stretches from the iron gate of their villa back to the Marmora shore.

Trotsky daily embarks in a rowboat on a fishing expedition. For seekers after information there are his son, a plain-clothes man and a police dog, who severely lay and bark them away.

That two events, one good, one bad, have marked the past year in the life of Trotsky was learned from the briefly responsive son. The first was that he has completed the first half of his history of the Russian revolution. He writes day in and day out.

The unfavorable news is the recurrence of the malaria from which he formerly suffered. When he first arrived here, Trotsky reportedly said the climate was detrimental to him. Now he apparently is resigned to the climate and to the loneliness imposed by the strict Turkish surveillance.

Ivan denied rumors that attempts would again be made to enter some other country. "Do you think of trying America?" he was asked. "Too far," Ivan answered, and then with a short laugh, "unless one takes a dirigible."

In a two-year period the Oklahoma state game and fish commission distributed 2,991,874 fish from its hatcheries to rivers and lakes.

See Simpler Flying PARIS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—It soon will be easier to fly a small touring plane than to drive an auto, says M. Verdun, a French leader in aviation. Shuttled wings, he thinks, will bring this result.

Mecca Takes to Radio MECCA, Dec. 27.—(AP)—This holy city of Islam soon is expected to be in wireless communication with every capital in Europe. Since accession of King Saud to the throne of the Hedjaz wireless stations have been doubled in number.

Woman Is County Official FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash.—(AP) San Juan county, the smallest in Washington state, will have a 25-year-old woman, treasurer, Miss Marjorie Stoner, after January 12. Miss Stoner defeated Fred Peasley, the incumbent, by 359 votes.

Girls Count Bank Notes WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Counting from seven to nine thousand bank notes apiece each day is the task of a staff of young women in the United States treasury department. The girls must have nimble fingers and keen eyesight.

Club President Honored WASHINGTON.—(AP) Indians of the Blackfoot tribe of western Montana have made Mrs. John F. Stipp, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, a princess. Her tribal name is Princess Red Flower Woman.

# MODERN COLOR FOR THE COLONIAL HOUSE



New Tints Brighten Old Style House By EDITH JOURNEY

The Colonial is still the most popular architectural style in America. In the thirteen original states, houses dating back to Colonial times are regarded as models for many houses built today; and in other parts of the country, we often see houses in the Colonial manner that remind us of the homes the early settlers left to travel west.

The Colonial house receives from this age one important contribution—additional color. The traditional white or yellow for the body and the darkened green for the shutters does not completely satisfy the growing taste for color today.

New notes of color are added to the shutters, sashes and window boxes. Old colored designs copied from Colonial decoration are often picked out in the shutters. Bright curtains may be seen at the

windows. The upright dignity of the Colonial house and its gracious proportions are accentuated by a judicious use of color. But restraint must be exercised for best effects. There is no reason for gliding a lily or hiding the classic beauty of a Colonial house with circus wagon colors.

The New England house pictured here has retained the usual white and green combination in a pleasing and colorful manner. Unpainted white-lead paint covers the body of the house and a dark green was mixed with the white-lead for the eaves, sash, shutters and doors. The outer edges of the shutters are painted a dull blue to lend additional interest to the scheme. The shingles of the roof are stained a warm brick red.

This house might have been given any number of other colorful treatments that would have been in keeping with the Colonial style. Either light tan or ivory might have been used on the body with white for the doors and blue or green for the window sash and shutters. Starting from that basis, bright green might go on the shutters and a dull blue be used for the roof. Still another combination suitable for a Colonial house is clear pale yellow for the body color, green for the shutters and doors, white for the window frames and cornice and golden brown for the roof.

# Seek Lowdown on Vegetable Life

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The stubborn problem of how vegetable life got its start on the surface of the earth, which at first had no soil, is believed to be nearer solution as the result of the work of a National Geographic society expedition to the Alaska peninsula last summer. A preliminary report has just been made to the society's headquarters in Washington by Dr. Robert F. Griggs, botanist, head of the expedition, who obtained cultures of plants from areas smothered by volcanic ash 18 years ago during the great eruption of Katmai volcano.

Plant Lives on Solless Ash On the sterile wastes of ash none of the ordinary higher plants such as grasses could grow, and for many years the ash areas remained wholly bare. In order that such plants can live their roots must penetrate soil—that is, bits of earth or pulverized rock mixed with decayed animal or vegetable matter containing nitrogen compounds.

Dr. Griggs made the surprising discovery that delicate little plants called liverworts are now thriving on ash areas in which there are apparently no traces of nitrogen. Where the liverworts have been established long enough to

but the second expedition discovered one of the world's most spectacular volcanic phenomena, the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," an area of more than 50 square miles from which myriads of jets of superheated steam hissed. This unique region, when brought to public notice by the National Geographic society, was made into a national monument by President Wilson.

Last summer's expedition found that the valley has lost much of its heat and can now be traversed more easily. Many of the smaller steam jets have ceased to be active, but the larger ones continue to throw off great volumes of white vapor. Hundreds of highly colored "paint pots" and bubbling cauldrons of mud make the area comparable to Yellowstone park, though even more active.

The expedition made photographs of the interior of the crater of Katmai volcano, which still shows some activity. It was found that the lake within the crater, which has disappeared and reappeared in the last 15 years, again covers the crater floor.

Buy Kipling's Signature LONDON.—(AP) An autographed copy of Kipling's "Recessional" published 33 years ago realized \$3,150 at an auction, purchased by Gabriel Wells, New York. Another autographed manuscript, "The Last Chantry" brought \$425.



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