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Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight with lowest temperature slightly above zero; Tuesday probably snow.

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27 EARNINGS DISAPPOINTING, AYS BANKER

“Confidence Talk” Emanates
From Those Whose Ideas
With Desires.

HOPE FOR 1928

“Confident” Predictions
Made on Same Basis as
Used Last Year.

BY HUGH MCK. LANDON
Vice President of the Fletcher Savings and
Trust Company

Recent weeks have witnessed an
upturn of “prosperity talk” from a
great variety of quarters. The sober
observer must have been impressed by the conviction that it emanates
largely from those whose expression
runs with their desires.

Conservative analysis whose state-
ments are not based on their hopes,
but upon careful study of the known
facts shown by the various charts
and graphs, condition are under no
apprehensions as to the kind of
year 1927 has been.

Lookin’s Review of 1927 as of
Jan. 19, says:

The year 1927 has been one of
appointment and contradiction; ap-
pointment because it neither
went so high as the optimists de-
sired nor so low as the pessimists
predicted, and of continuous contra-
diction since the business phe-
nomenon never pointed conclusively
in one direction.

Business activity was main-
tained with falling prices for a con-
siderable portion of the years and
profits on the whole have
been as great as in the preced-
ing year.

Banker, who has kept in
touch with his customers’ con-
cerns, says that this analysis is

ess Activity Breaks

out in business activity rose
during the first two months of
the year, since when with accelerating
pace in the middle of Decem-
ber, it was at the lowest

point for about 12½ per
cent on Dec. 24.

The margin steadily van-
ished during this period, no
time of turnover.

Examine the 1927

figures and you will be much
surprised to find that the matter of

the industries has
been put in most lines
in “spotty” both
localities. Thus
in the New Eng-
land the southern
good business.

is another ex-
ample of the conflict-

ment has been
in cotton, wool,
but downward

Mrs. Lindbergh Defies Icy Blasts; Insists on Completing Trip by Air

By United Press

EDWARNSBURG, Mich., Jan. 2.—Refusing to shake in her determination to complete the trip by air, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh today prepared motor to Sturgis, Mich., from where she will resume her flight to Detroit.

The Ford-Stout monoplane, in which she was returning from Mexico City, was forced down here yesterday when it became lost in a snowstorm. The plane landed safely on the farm of Walter Curtis. Mrs. Lindbergh was taken to the nearby farm of L. H. Allen, where she had New Year's dinner and spent the night.

Harry Brooks, pilot of the plane, was to take

off today from the cornfield in which he landed. He will taxi around the field, trying to harden the snow sufficiently to make a runway for the lightened plane.

Two automobiles which last night set out from Sturgis to rescue Mrs. Lindbergh, became stuck in snowdrifts and abandoned the attempt.

Attempts to persuade Mrs. Lindbergh to finish her journey by train or automobile were dismissed summarily last night. She insisted she was enjoying the experiences and would resort to other modes of travel only if the plane proved to be hopelessly locked in the snow.

DENIES SLAYING OF RICH WIDOW

Doctor, Will Beneficiary, to
Be Indicted.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—A chain of circumstantial evidence woven around Dr. Charles McMillan today failed to shake the doctor in his denial of guilty of the slaying of Mrs. Amelia Appleby, wealthy widow of a Chicago inventor.

A grand jury, which will meet tomorrow is expected to indict Dr. McMillan for murder. Mrs. Appleby's body was found near San Fernando, tied in a burial sack.

Shoes, gloves, jewelry and a purported will of Mrs. Appleby said to have been found in Dr. McMillan's possession will be presented to the jury.

Dr. McMillan, by the terms of the will, was given the power of attorney over Mrs. Appleby's extensive real estate holdings in the East. All property of the dead woman was bequeathed to the doctor.

HOTEL IS BOMBED

Chicago Starts New Year
With Another Blast.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Chicago got off to a good start in the bombing field for the New Year. The Newport Hotel, on the west side, was bombed today with more than \$2,000 damage resulting.

The hotel is owned by Jack Zuter, gambler. A clerk saw two men enter the lobby and plant the bomb.

He seized a bucket of water and attempted to extinguish the fuse, but it had gained too much headway. The clerk fled just before the bomb exploded.

Windows in adjacent buildings were shattered.

COUNCIL WILL SELECT NEW PRESIDENT TODAY

Little Interest Is Shown in Successor
to Negley.

Successor to Claude E. Negley, Republican, as president of city council will be chosen this afternoon, to take office at the reorganization meeting tonight. Before noon the councilmen had not decided who would be president.

Negley said that he was not a candidate to succeed himself and others expressed little interest in the position, which has been considered quite a prize in the past.

Six of the nine councilmen, including Negley, were indicted by the Marion County grand jury and await trial.

ACTRESS ASKS DIVORCE

Freda Brandy Breaks With Son of
Lumber King.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Florence Brandy, actress, has filed suit for divorce against Gilbert Wells, son of Charles W. Wells, Milwaukee lumber millionaire, and grandson of the founder of the Wells-Fargo Express Company. She charges Wells with threatening her life on numerous occasions.

They were married four years ago after successfully appearing as a vaudeville team of Wells and Brandy. Their domestic strife was said to have started when Wells presented his wife with a gown which had previously been worn.

ANOTHER WAR ON HISTORY

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Prussian minister of education, Karl Becker, today instructed school teachers to eliminate from the song books used in the schools those melodies glorifying former ruling princes and emperors of Germany.

BANNER YEAR FOR TRADE PREDICTED

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Francis I. Jones, director general of the United States Employment Service, predicted today that 1928 will mark new high levels in industry and business.

“Contrary to precedent established in former presidential election years, when the business world stood by avowed results before charting its policies, the opposite is true at this time,” he said.

His predictions point to the biggest

Charity to All

Homeless Will Be Guests
at Feast Prepared
by Ex-Slave.

By United Press

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The van-
guard of 1,000 hungry and
homeless—who are to be the
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LOSS \$115,000 IN TWO FIRES

Shelbyville City Hall and
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Department on 45 Runs;

One Dead, Property
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Indianapolis firemen made forty-
five runs between New Year's Eve
and this morning. One death and
several heavy property losses re-
sulted from thirty-nine fires during
that time.

Most of the runs were occasioned
by fires burning out, overheated
furnaces, and stoves and automobile
short circuits.

The store and dwelling of A. B.
Gunter, Sixteenth St. and Arlington
Ave., sustained a \$2,000 loss early
Sunday.

The W. C. Smith residence, 3753
N. Meridian St., sustained a \$3,000 loss
Sunday afternoon from an overheat-
ed furnace.

Hampered by lack of water, fire-
men were unable to save the home of
M. A. Mendenhall, 4032 Arlington
Blvd., outside city limits. The
building was destroyed with a loss
of \$3,500.

A frozen gasoline tank in the au-
tomobile of C. E. Morris, 521 N.
Alabama St., was being routed from
the covers early Sunday, when the
bed caught fire. The loss was esti-
mated at \$5.

Firemen had difficulty in extin-
guishing a fire at the rooming
house of E. L. Sullivan, 705