

zeal of Greece has recovered from the indisposition with which he was seized during the initial session of the new assembly and seems to be planning to become Foreign Minister in the new cabinet, says a despatch to Reuter's from Athens today. He is declared to have become optimistic regarding the achievement of unity within the nation and to be highly satisfied with the conversations he has so far had with the opposition leaders. Everything, adds the despatch, points to the definite overthrow of the Glucksburg Dynasty.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7th.

Flour, (hard winter clears \$4.90.
" hard winter straights \$5.50
Meal, Kilndried per 100 pounds \$2.20
New Season's Pork per barrel \$37.00.
Heavy Mess Pork per brl. \$26.00
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs.
\$7.03

Melasses Sugar 89 maximum 6.00.
Cotton, Middling, Upland, at Liverpool
per lb. 19 24-100d.

Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight \$4.27 (unchanged)
Exchange New York and London, sight
\$4.29½

LONDON, Jan. 7th.

Sugar, Demerara Crystals, nominal per
cwt. 67s. 0d.—70s. 0d.

" Muscavado nominal per cwt. 48s.
48s. 0d.—51s. 0d.

" White Java's cif United Kingdom
30s. 9d nominal.

Demerara Rum per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, good middling red per
cwt. 50s. 0d.

Cotton, good medium West Indian Sea
Island at Liverpool, per lb. 24d. nominal.
Bank of England Rate of Discount per
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Consols 55½.
Three-percent. Rentes in Paris Fcs. 58.10.

'WETS' JOIN NEW 'CITY BLOC' ORGANIZING IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 18th (C. N. S.)—The
"city bloc" is organizing in Congress to
supplement the other numerous blocs.

The father of the idea is Congressman
Robert H. Clancey of Detroit.

Clancey said the city bloc will not an-
tagonize legislation in the interests of
the farmers but will aim to effect closer
understanding among spokesmen in Con-
gress from the larger cities on such is-
sues as public buildings and larger devel-
opment of rivers and harbours. Some of
those expected to align themselves with
the new bloc are identified with the
"wet" wings of both the Republican
and Democratic parties.—*Boston Ameri-
can, December, 18th*

CARDINAL BANS DANCING IN QUEBEC.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Consternation and
resentment throughout the Province of

Quebec are evidenced following the edict
of Cardinal Bevin, primate of the Catho-
lic Church in Canada, placing a ban on
dancing in Quebec.

Social circles planning dances and
theatre parties during the holiday sea-
son, dancing masters, hotel and restaur-
ant proprietors and the younger set
throughout the province have voiced in-
formal protest.

Throughout there appears to be a
spirit of rebellion against the edict and
its ban on what has been considered
"harmless recreation," although the
cardinal is not without his supporters
in his attitude toward what he terms
"neopaganism."

The fox trot, tango, one-step, polka,
and even the waltz, are mentioned in
the decree as falling in the category of
"lascivious" dances.

Motion pictures and theatres are threat-
ened with being banned unless they are
improved.

"We caution you against bad plays,
which are invading more and more boldly
the theatres and the screens," the decree
said. "We also positively forbid lasciv-
ious dances, whatever may be their
names, in order to oppose an effective
dike to the rising tide of neopaganism."

"You know, very beloved brethren
what vigor the fathers of the church
stigmatized the passionate dances that
were in use in the pagan world. Since
the modern world wishes to resurrect
those kinds of dances we must make use
against them of the same arms which
the fathers used to preserve our souls
against the contagion."—*Ibid.*

RUM RUNNERS LAND ALE DESPITE GUARD

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The Ameri-
can power launch Dawn, which for a
week has evaded a Coast Guard cutter,
has landed her cargo, said to be 250 cases
of Canadian ale, apparently on American
territory. Canadian customs officials de-
clared.—*Ibid.*

THE APTNESS OF FRANKLIN.

A person who has a familiar knowl-
edge of the Bible is fortified with allu-
sions for all occasions. When Benjamin
Franklin, as a young man, went to
London he applied for a job as a type-
setter in a printing office. The fore-
man, however, was very scornful to-
ward him and expressed doubt that
anyone from America could set type
or do anything else well.

Franklin made no comment, but, step-
ping to a "case" at once set up the
following verse from John 1:46: And
Nathaniel said unto him, Can there any
good thing come out of Nazareth?
Philip said unto him, Come and see."

This was done promptly and without an
error, and so impressed was the foreman

with Franklin's ability and wit that he
gave him a job at once.—*The Pathfinder*
Dec. 22th.

Countee P. Cullen, a negro student at
New York university, took second prize
in the Witter Bynner undergraduate
poetry contest. Cullen was one of the
700 contestants representing over 60
colleges. The contest was held under
the auspices of the Poetry Society of
America. The judges were Carl Sand-
burg, Alice Corbin and Mr. Bynner.
Cullen's contribution, entitled "The Bal-
lad of the Brown Girl," is 200 lines
long. Its theme is:

Oh, lovers, never barter love
For gold or fertile lands,
For love is meat and love is drink,
And love heeds love's commands.

And love is shelter from the rain
And scowling stormy skies;
Who casts off love must break his heart
And rue it till he dies.

It contains a moral inasmuch as it
deals with the woes of one who permit-
ted gold to outweigh affection when he
had to choose between the two. Cullen,
who is 20 years old, is the son of a Meth-
odist clergyman. Many of his contribu-
tions have appeared in magazines. His
writing first attracted attention when,
as a high school student, he won the
poetry prize offered by the Federation
of Women's Clubs. His effort for that
contest took the form of a parody on
Alan Seeger's immortal "I Have a Ren-
dezvous with death." Cullen called his
poem "I Have a Rendezvous with Life."
It follows:

I have a rendezvous with Life,
In days I hope will come
Ere youth has sped and strength of mind,
Ere voice sweet grow dumb;
I have a rendezvous with Life,
When Spring's first heralds hum.

Sure, some would cry it better far
To crown their days in sleep,
Than face the wind, the road and rain,
To heed the falling deep.
Though wet, nor blow, nor space, I fear,
Yet fear I deeply too,
Lest Death should greet and claim me ere
I keep Life's rendezvous.

—*Ibid.*

DESTROYER OFFICER ACQUITTED

The court-martial at San Diego Cal.,
acquitted Lieut.-Com. Richard H. Booth
of charges of negligence in connection
with the wrecking of seven destroyers
on Point Honda in September. Booth
was the last of 11 navy officers to face
court-martial. Three of the officers
tried were found guilty in some degree
and eight were acquitted. The degree
of guilt will not be made public until
the proceedings are approved by the
navy department.—*Ibid.*