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THE WEATHER.
FORECAST, Sacramento and vicinity, until 12 m. tonight: Increasing cloudiness.

WHOLE NO. 25,473.

SUSPENSION OF HARDING LEANS TO NAVAL WORK SOUGHT

Borah Wants Agreement With Great Britain and Japan.

ASKS FIVE YEAR TRUCE

Construction Program to Be Cut in Half During That Period.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Rumored intentions of Great Britain and Japan to seek a tri-partite agreement with the United States for limitation of warship building programs came up today in Congress.
In the Senate a resolution was offered by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, requesting the President to seek an agreement with those powers for a five-year naval building truce, with construction programs cut in half during that period. It would, he said, develop whether Great Britain and Japan "are sincere in the talk of reducing armaments."
Senator Borah's resolution went to the foreign relations committee without debate. The Idaho Senator said he would urge prompt action.
The House naval committee prepared to inquire into the relative strength of the navies of the three powers. It was informed by Admiral Cootz, chief of naval operations, that if all building were suspended today, the comparative capital ship tonnage figures would be: Great Britain, 854,600; United States, 468,000; Japan, 226,000. The officer was instructed to be ready tomorrow to discuss in detail at an executive session in question relative to strength, existing and prospective.
Secretary Daniels told the committee he agreed entirely with Senator Borah's recent statement at Newport, that the navy should be commensurate with the nation's interests, reiterating his opinion that it should be equal to any in the world.
"I wish we could have a world agreement to settle disputes without recourse to arms," he added, "but until that time comes, and comes surely, we ought to carry out our naval building program."

WOOL MEN URGE RELIEF

Senate Agriculture Committee Considers Revival of War Finance Corporation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The bill of the Senate agriculture committee directing revival of the War Finance Corporation and favoring the extension of more liberal credits by the Federal reserve system as a means of relief for the farmers was referred to the banking and currency committee upon its arrival in the House today after its passage yesterday by the Senate.
The committee immediately began hearings at which representatives of wool growers appeared in support of the bill. At least \$200,000,000 the committee was told, should be made available for relief of farmers, livestock growers and business interests.
The Senate also continued its consideration of the farmer relief problem, in a discussion of the Capper-Hersman bill, which was passed by the House last May to authorize cooperative marketing by agricultural associations under regulation of the Federal trade commission.

Fire Damages Long Beach Packing Houses

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 14.—Damage estimated at \$200,000 was done here today to the plants of three packing companies from a fire of undetermined origin.
The fire started early in the afternoon in the plant of the Golden State Tuna Packing Company and spread quickly to the Halfhill Tuna Packing Company plant on one side, and to the Los Angeles Tuna Packing Company's establishment on the other.
The fire burned for nearly four hours before the fire department brought it under complete control. Then it was estimated the Golden State Company had been damaged to the amount of \$75,000; the Halfhill Company, \$100,000, and the Los Angeles Company \$25,000.

Gangsters Seek Change of Venue

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Five men charged with racketeering upon four days in a shack belonging to gangsters do not want their case tried in San Francisco.
Their counsel served notice on Judge Louis Ward, one that because of "the intense feeling against the defendants here," a change of venue would be asked. The motion will be argued before the trial tomorrow of Edmond (Spud) Murphy, one of the defendants.
Judge Ward will try all of the assault cases.
HANFORD, Cal., Dec. 14.—Edward Grounds, arrested here charged with having assaulted an aged woman of Daly City, a suburb of San Francisco, was taken north today by Marshal Henry Toft of Daly City, and two deputies.
Toft said there was high feeling in Daly City, and he probably would incarcerate Grounds at some nearby city.

League of Nations Marked Friendliness of President-Elect Toward Hoover Elicits Comment at National Capital.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Two things are disturbing the members of the so-called group of "Irreconcilables" who oppose the entrance of the United States into any association or League of Nations whatever. One is that President-Elect Harding is veering toward the present League of Nations and has about made up his mind that the machinery of the league must be used even though amendments and reservations freeing America from obligations or entanglements shall be the basis of American co-operation with the other nations. And the other thing is that Mr. Harding is showing a marked friendliness to Herbert Hoover and has hinted that he wants him in the cabinet.

AFTERMATH OF FIGHT.
When President-Elect Harding was in Washington, it was learned today that the amazing certain members of the irreconcilable group by his friendly references to Mr. Hoover. He got some frank expressions of criticism in return. It will not be forgotten that Senator Hiram Johnson, leader of the irreconcilables, fought Mr. Hoover in the California primaries and that the sores of that

Everybody This Christmas Is Remembering the Kiddies

Merchants Say Presents for Rising Generation Are in Unprecedented Demand.

Never before were presents for the kiddies in evidence as in these pre-Christmas days, according to J. P. Edwards, manager of the toy section of a large department store.
The "old man" this year is a mere private and even the mother is but a non-commissioned officer in the ranks of Christmas gift recipients. Every kid, however, is a major general, said Edwards.
REMEMBER THE KIDS.
"It seems as if adults who have passed through the stress of the great world war realize more than ever the momentous years confronting the kiddies and are determined to give them all the enjoyment possible before they take their places in the great battleground of the grownups.
"Dolls, wheel goods, such as autos, tricycles and bicycles are in great demand. We have not a German toy in our store but next year we will have a lot of them if our advice is correct."
BIG VOLUME.
That the volume of business in holiday gifts for this season will exceed any since the beginning of the war, was the unanimous opinion.
Practically every merchant interviewed said he had already been forced to replenish his stock of gifts. In many lines, he said it has been necessary to restock a number of times.
With Christmas less than two weeks away every store is crowded with people and clerks worked ceaselessly in an effort to keep up with the rush.
NORMAL GAIT.
Several opinions were voiced by the merchants for this increase over the past five years. Most of them, however, look upon it as indicating that the country has passed through the period of reconstruction and resuming the normal gait of pre-war days.

TAIT "TIPPED" BY COSTELLO

Secretary Says He Told Cafe Man of Prospective Prohibition Raid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—John D. Costello, secretary to United States Senator Phelan, testified today in the liquor conspiracy trial of Harry Broloski that he had "tipped off" to John Tait a prospective raid by prohibition enforcement officers on Tait's restaurant, one of the largest in San Francisco. Costello said he did this at the request of the late Loren Handley, former prohibition enforcement director for California.
"Handley told me that prohibition enforcement officers had raided two or three places previously, the political effect of which he thought was bad, and said he feared there might be other raids of a similar character, and that I might give the information to the other people," Costello said.
Costello, who is awaiting trial on a charge of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law, was put on as a defense witness, and on direct examination contradicted government testimony that he had told Harry Marquand that he was safe for him to sell liquor in his restaurant. His testimony regarding Tait's came on cross-examination.
He said he regarded his information to Tait as merely "an incident in a busy season."
Harry Broloski admitted on cross-examination today that he had frequented a dining at a hotel with Mrs. Glad Warburton, who became prohibition enforcement director after Handley's death last September in an automobile, and had hired a taxicab for her trips to and from her office.

CHARTER FOES START ACTIVE FIGHT

Calumnies and Lies Against New Plan Find Fertile Field in Isleton.

SCHOLEFIELD MAY TURN

Callahan Doesn't Like Idea of Being Under County Manager.

Open opposition to a county charter and a fight to prevent the board of supervisors from calling a freeholder election to allow the people themselves to express their desire has been inaugurated by the Isleton Chamber of Commerce.
The action was anticipated by the charter proponents. It was known false rumors concerning the proposed charter had been widely circulated.
The ordinance to be voted on Thursday by the supervisors calls for an election of freeholders because of the demand of taxpayers.
DO NOT DESIRE CHANGE.
The resolutions adopted by the Isleton Chamber of Commerce declare that public necessity for a new county charter does not exist; that the election and the subsequent charter election will put the county to an expense of approximately \$20,000; that there has been no petition of citizens presented to the board calling for an election; "that the government of Sacramento county as now administered, is an efficient and economical government; that taxes will not be reduced thereby, and that the change would be contrary to the best interests of the citizenry of the county of Sacramento."
These resolutions will be presented to the board Thursday and there will be a delegation from the down river section to open battle with the county charter committee and its supporters.
SCHOLEFIELD HESITATES.
This opposition which has been smoldering in Supervisor John Scholefield's district for the past

PROTEST FROM PLACERVILLE

El Dorado County Seat Depreciated of Early Train From Sacramento.

Discontinuance two days ago of the train on the Placerville branch of the Southern Pacific railroad, which formerly left Sacramento at 7:30 a. m. daily, already has aroused protests from the local postal authorities and the merchants.
Postmaster Fox has telegraphed to the third assistant postmaster general that residents of Placerville, Fair Oaks, Polson and other communities are deprived of their morning mail and papers, and the merchant community is impatient at the loss of

Sale of Lynching Bee Postals Stopped; Fox Waxes Wrathful

A man claiming to be a representative of the San Francisco office who was engaged in selling picture postals of the Santa Rosa lynching, in which three of the San Francisco vice gang members were killed, yesterday was forbidden to continue by Police Sergeant Richards, at the instance of Chief of Police Hugh B. Sydenham.
The man claimed he had the authority of Postmaster Fox to sell the pictures in front of the Federal building.
When questioned over the telephone regarding this alleged permission, Fox promptly replied: "The man is a liar."
One of the leading physicians of Sacramento yesterday said that as a result of being confronted with the gruesome picture, several women were under his care.

Jury Disagrees in Graydon Murder Trial

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—The jury which heard the case of Oscar A. Bowers, charged with the murder of McCullough Graydon, realty operator, in a quarter over the possession of a Venice bungalow, disagreed today and was discharged.
Retrial of the case against Mrs. Maybelle Roe, also charged with the murder of Graydon, and as to whose alleged guilt a jury disagreed two weeks ago, was set for January 5.
The trial of Edward F. Doane and his wife, Julia Doane, also accused of Graydon's murder, remain to be set.

San Francisco Star Suspends Publication

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The Star, prominent as a weekly publication here since its founding in 1884, suspended publication with this week's issue, which appeared today. It was edited by James H. Barry, naval officer for the district.
The high cost of print paper was given as the reason.
The current number contains a history of the paper, including details of two attempts on the life of the editor because of reform activities.

MAKE IT UNANIMOUS



Dempsey Knocks Out Brennan in Twelfth

Champion Scores Victory With Right Smash Over the Heart; Challenger Has Shade in Two Rounds.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 14.—Jack Dempsey, the world's heavyweight champion, knocked out Bill Brennan of Chicago tonight in the twelfth round of the first heavyweight championship fight staged in New York since the Walker law became operative.
There were many opinions expressed by flistic fans as to Dempsey's inability to finish his opponent quickly. When Dempsey did cut loose, however, he certainly made a quick job of it but it was not until after Brennan had shown that he was absolutely unafraid of the champion's punches and had split Dempsey's left ear with a right hook.
The champion proved to be Brennan's master in nearly every stage of the bout, but the challenger stood many hard blows in the wind and ribs through his magnificent physical condition.
Brennan entered the ring at 10:28, his green trunks peeping out from under a crimson sweater. Dempsey came through the ropes in Brennan's corner a moment later. The champion stopped for a moment to shake hands with his challenger and then each of them examined the bandages on the other's hands.
Dempsey wore white trunks, topped with a red, white and blue belt and only wore a towel over his shoulders.
Announcer Humphreys introduced Dempsey as the hardest hitting heavyweight champion ever known. Brennan was introduced as from Chicago and the most popular heavyweight in the middle west. The weights were:
Dempsey, 188; Brennan, 197.
John Haukup of Brooklyn was the referee and the judges were Thomas Shortall, Brooklyn, and Joe Ruddy of the New York A. C.
Marty Farrell, local middleweight, defeated Frank McGuire of Williamsport, Pa., in the first preliminary contest, which went six rounds. McGuire was on the defensive from the start, bleeding from the nose and mouth after the opening round. Farrell weighed 155 pounds and McGuire 157 1/2.
Charley Weinert, the Newark, N. J. fighter, was scheduled to fight with his challenger and then each of them examined the bandages on the other's hands.

Venezuela Would Make Sure Diplomas Simon Pure Brand

Two pebbled leather folders, seven by nine inches, with diplomas on inside of one fold, banked against the side of a dark red silk lining, one issued to Enrique Aguerrevere in 1919, the other to George Walker Hunt in 1916 by the Leland Stanford Jr. University, were received yesterday by Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan from the Venezuelan Legation at Washington, D. C., with request from Minister Santos A. Domencia that the signatures of David Starr Jordan and Ray Lyman Wilbur and other university officials' names affixed, there to be authenticated. Each diploma carried a degree of bachelor of arts. The exterior of the folders carries a gold inscription in italic letters, "Leland Stanford University, Diploma of Graduation."
Secretary of State Jordan said it was the first occasion that a request had come to his office for certification of signatures of officers of an educational institution, from a foreign power.

Pastor's Teeth Are Knocked Out by Church Members

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—The Rev. H. A. Schmidt, pastor of the German Lutheran church here, swore out warrants today for the arrest of four members of his congregation. He charged that he was accosted by the four men as he entered his parsonage last night, and that he was severely beaten and several teeth were knocked out. The Rev. Mr. Schmidt said his assailants were members of a faction of the church which is opposing him.

Increased Gas Rates Sought by P. G. & E.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—Increased gas rates in all parts of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's system were advocated by it before the State Railroad Commission today. An increase sufficient to meet a twelve-cent advance per barrel of fuel oil is desired.

DISARMING STEP TO BE TAKEN CAUTIOUSLY

Measure Acted Upon Favorably by Assembly of League of Nations.

MEETS SOME OPPOSITION

France and Belgium Consider Limitations Do Not Include War Losses.

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (by the Associated Press).—The limitation of armaments by the powers for the next two years by agreement among them was acted upon favorably today by the assembly of the League of Nations. The matter came up in the form of the report of the disarmament committee, the limitations clause in which was amended to merely a recommendation before the report was adopted.
With respect to the limitation clause, Leon Duogreais made the reservation that France was obliged to restore her armaments that had been worn out by the war. Belgian and Spanish delegations at the afternoon session, made similar reservations regarding the limitation of their armaments during the next two years.
Notwithstanding the reservations, France, together with Brazil, Chile, Greece, Poland, Rumania and Uruguay voted against the limitation clause.
E. Branting, Sweden, pointed out that the reservations did not change the situation, since a resolution on that subject was only adopted only if a recommendation by the delegates voting therefor, who are not understood as committing their governments.
The important subject of an international credits organization came before the league council, which has approved the plan of the Brussels financial conference. Two proposals dealing with the plan were adopted by the council, one relating to the creation of a committee to deal with credits for raw material and unfinished products, and the other providing for an international commission to examine the securities offered.

FEDERATION IS CONSTRUCTIVE

Editor Tells Better America's Head Labor Against Organization.

Woodworth Clum, managing director of the Better American Federation, addressing an audience in Masonic Temple at J and Eleventh streets last night of which more than 1,000 were present, declared that the federation had taken the initiative to advocate the ideals of liberty, justice and equality as guaranteed by the Constitution.
The speaker declared the federation was constructive not destructive in its plans; that it was trying to aid in the solution of problems that today confront the nation.

CLERK HELD FOR BIGAMY

Admits Having Two Wives and Living With Third Woman Here.

Claude Burt, 32, employed in the Woodworth department store was arrested yesterday on a charge of bigamy preferred by Mrs. Edna Margaret Burt, telephone operator of Berkeley.
The arrest disclosed, according to Deputy District Attorney Thomas Farrell and the arresting officers, Detectives McKinney and Richards, that Burt had deserted a wife in the east to enlist during the war, then had married the Berkeley girl and admitted he now was living with a third woman in this city.
Burt, according to his story, was married in Niagara Falls, N. Y., in 1900 and has two sons. He says he did not know whether his first wife had obtained a divorce after his desertion, but stated he was told such was the case.
The woman with whom the man is said to have been living in Sacramento is Mrs. L. E. Taylor, a Reno divorcee.
The report that he was engaged to another Berkeley girl was denied last night by Burt who asserted he had given the girl a ring as a birthday gift but had not asked her to marry him.
Mrs. Edna Burt was formerly Miss Edna Hunnewell.

Auto Accident Death Rate Shows Increase

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Deaths from automobile accidents continued to show an increase during 1919 with a total of 7963 for the census bureau's registration area, comprising about 80 per cent of the country's total population, according to statistics just compiled by the census.
The total includes 1080 deaths in 66 the larger cities of the country for which statistics were announced early this month and which total was not clearly indicated as representing the aggregate for those cities only.
The deaths last year from automobile accidents showed an increase of 414, over the total of 1918 in the registration area. The rate per 100,000 population in that area has not been compiled but the rate in the cities was placed at 141.

Bandits Jump on Auto, Rob Owner

Morton Swartz of San Francisco, guest at the Clunie hotel, was robbed at Thirty-first and H streets last night by two young men who jumped on the running board of his automobile. The bandits got two checks for \$100 and several dollars in silver.