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Highest Yesterday 41
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Cloudy tonight and Saturday.

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GIRL SMILES SHE TELLS OF KILLING MOTHER

Emerges From 12 Hours of Grilling Without Whimper and Is Nerveless.

FRIENDS ARRESTED

Night Life Musicians Taken Into Custody—Father and Brother Face the Girl.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Pleasure-loving Dorothy Ellingson, 16-year-old, confessed slayer of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, maintained today the smiling, yet inscrutable mask of indifference that characterized her attitude since her arrest early yesterday morning. The girl was charged with murder.

Emerging from 12 hours of pitiless questioning today the girl was "settled" in the life of the party just as she had been a short time after the murder when she danced at the apartment of a friend while her mother lay in their home shot dead during a flare of anger.

In a written statement, Dorothy has admitted shooting her mother last Tuesday night after the latter had upbraided her for her continued incursions of the city's night life due to her desire for "jazz parties" to preclusion of everything else.

The 16-year-old principal in the unprecedented matricide was taken into custody at four o'clock yesterday morning in an obscure rooming house in this city while police of every city in the state were conducting a feverish search. Immediately after the shooting, she told the police, she had packed a few belongings, taken whatever money she had found in the house and boarding a street car, rode a few blocks and entered a rooming house. There, she said, she had engaged a room for two weeks, telling the landlady she had just arrived from Los Angeles. Her apprehension was made possible when she decided to call a friend and finding him not there had left a telephone number to be called. "Bob" Wugh, a musician, for whom the number was left notified the police on his return and tracing back on the call, the authorities found the girl. At first denying culpability in the act and blaming it upon another, Dorothy suddenly confessed and in a composed manner laid bare all of the

Received Blows in Lieu of Wedding Gifts



Mrs. Nina Nedorovitch, pretty Russian girl, married Ignatz Nedorovitch, a New York furrier, to escape deportation as an alien and because she believed him a man of wealth, she declared in her suit for divorce in San Francisco. Instead of promised gifts she received beatings, the first on her wedding day, she told a Judge. The divorce was granted.

details of the slaying, how her mother had reprimanded with her for the late hours she had been keeping, how in a fit of temper she had fired the fatal shot.

The body was discovered by Earl Ellingson, brother of the slayer when he returned from work Tuesday night. He had steadfastly maintained that Dorothy had fired the shot, while Joseph Ellingson, the father, separated from his family because of the girl's pleasure-loving habits, was firm in his conviction that "his daughter would not have the heart to kill anybody."

Both father and brother confronted the girl in the city prison, the former sorrowful and pleading, the latter stern and unrelenting. The brother, stricken by the enormity of the crime, repudiated the advances of his sister when she sought to embrace him in the cell. With the cry "don't touch me—you killed our mother—the young man swept her from him.

The police today had rounded up three or seventeen young men for whom warrants have been issued for contribution to the delinquency of a minor. They included David Stein, in whose apartment Dorothy is said to have attended a party a few hours after the death of her mother; Keith Lord, arrested in Venice, Cal., where he was playing in an orchestra; and Harry Lesser alias Cheniz, taken into custody here. All of the men are mustered.

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FIGHTER QUILTS RING FOR LOVE OF HIS MOTHER

Benny Leonard Makes Statement Today Saying He Will Box No More.

WISH OF HIS MOTHER

Rather Than Cause His Mother Worry He Has Decided to Retire—Is Fixed Financially

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Love for his mother caused Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, to retire from the ring, he said in a signed statement today. For some time his mother pleaded with him to give up boxing because she feared he would be hurt. She became so insistent that finally Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, advised him to retire, saying "the shock of another fight will be too much for her."

"The newspapers were full of stories about my training—my fighting," said Leonard in his statement, "they told how I got my eye split open. They told how my teeth knocked out. They told how my hands were broken. And my mother read every line of it, and then saw me as I came home. Mother would sit crying



BENNY LEONARD

and trembling, saying: 'my poor Benny.'"

"My brothers and I made light of the injuries but right there and then mother said she would not let Benny fight again. My fight with Tender in 1923 was to have been my last. My mother has been very ill. All of us are greatly worried over her condition. One day she called our family together. She made me promise her I would never fight again.

"My fighting has come down to a question of my mother's health. I have to choose between that and the love of hearing the cheers of the newboys on the street."

Leonard is retiring from the ring in good financial circumstances and with a foundation for a stage career laid by months of preparation, thus he is following in the footsteps of another noted pugilist, James J. Corbett.

Leonard, who has not been active in the ring since 1923, has held his present title for nearly seven years. After fighting his way through the ranks for five years following his first appearance, he took the title from Freddie Welsh of Great Britain, May 28, 1917.

E. Harney was a business visitor in Roseburg Thursday arriving from northrup points, Mr. Harney is from Eugene, and left today for the north.

MRS. SWEETIN BEGINS LONG SENTENCE



MRS. ELSIE SWEETIN & MRS. C. E. RULIEN

Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, of Ina, Ill., convicted with the Rev. Lawrence M. Hight of poisoning their respective mates so they might be free to love, is shown in the Illinois State Prison, at Joliet, where she will serve her thirty-five-year term. Mrs. Sweetin was given the number 9521 by Mrs. C. E. Rulien, superintendent of the women's quarters of the prison.

"BIG MIKE," LEADER SCOTTSBURG QUARRY ROBBERY, IS PARDONED OVER COURT RECOMMENDATION

Statements of Court and District Attorney Ignored by Governor, and Desperate Criminal, Given a Life Term, Turned Loose—Court Not Even Advised Man Had Been Liberated.

Sentenced to a life term for the desperate robbery of an Austrian laborer at the Scottsburg rock quarry, Eli Wunovich, alias Mike Zealock, known to court officers as "Big Mike," is at liberty, pardoned by Governor Pierce.

When "Big Mike" was turned loose from the penitentiary by executive order is not known by court officials, who were not even informed that the man had been released. He was released in spite of the recommendations of the judge and district attorney, given at the time of his sentence, that he be kept confined for the rest of his natural life. The governor did not ask for a statement of the case, for the recommendations of the court officers nor any advice whatsoever before turning the desperado at liberty. The fact that the man had been released came only when his list of pardons was submitted to the legislature.

Big Mike" was the leader of the gang, which on June 16, 1919 robbed the Scottsburg rock quarry, down the river a few miles from Scottsburg, taking \$1,800 from an Austrian who kept his savings of years upon his person. The details of the crime had been carefully worked out, but in cutting the telephone lines the gang got the wrong wires, and when they returned to Scottsburg word had been telephoned ahead, and they were met by a quickly organized but determined and armed posse, which opened gunfire and captured the trio. Wunovich was wounded and for several weeks was kept under guard at the local hospital. He entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and robbery, armed with a dangerous weapon, and was given a life term by Judge Hamilton. He was later brought back as a witness against his companions in crime, and while confined in the county jail made a desperate effort to escape.

"Absolutely no recommendation was made from this court for the release of this man," Judge Hamilton stated this morning. "He was sent to the penitentiary for life, a sentence well deserved, because of his premeditated and cold blooded robbery of fellow countrymen at the Scottsburg quarry. He should have been kept in confinement and it was the recommendation of the court, when he was sent to Salem, that he should be required to remain in the penitentiary for the rest of his natural life."

"It is a farce—nothing but a farce to have such a dangerous man released from confinement after the seriousness of his crime has been so well established.

"I was never asked to make a recommendation regarding Wunovich, and knew nothing of his release until it was brought to my attention after Governor Pierce had submitted his list of pardons to the legislature. Any recommendation I would have advised the continuation of his sentence for the rest of his life.

"That man should never have been turned loose. He is a dangerous criminal and should have been kept confined."

Zealock had two companions in his crime, John Karis and Joe Jovitch. The latter was merely a tool in the hands of the other two, and his parole was granted within a short time after his confinement upon recommendation of court officials.

Strong pressure was brought to bear to secure the release of Karis, but the court refused to grant a recommendation for leniency in his behalf, but in spite of this fact he served only a short time on his 5-year sentence and was turned at liberty.

Now "Big Mike" the leader of the

BILL HART AND WIFE AIR THEIR HOME TROUBLES

Wife Tries to Break Separation Agreement on Account of Her Baby.

WANTS MUCH MONEY

Movie Star Looks on Stoically While Wife Sobs on Witness Stand and Tells of Cruelty.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.—Winifred Westover Hart took the witness stand in court here today in her suit to break the separation agreement with her husband, William S. (Bill) Hart, film star, and told for the first time the inside story of their domestic troubles.

Between fits of crying, while her husband looked on stoically and her baby boy frolicked in his nurse's lap nearby, the former screen actress told of Hart's frequent demands that she get a divorce from him and her repeated refusals on her baby's account.

They were married, in December, 1921, and all went well until May Day, 1922, when—following a disagreement between her and Hart's sister, Mary, he told her: "If that's the kind of stuff you are going to pull, I don't want you in the house."

Her husband added, she testified that he had \$400,000 and that he would create a trust fund of \$100,000 to provide an income for herself and another \$100,000 to take care of the expected child.

Mrs. Hart retorted that she did not believe in divorce, she said, and that she would not handicap her child by starting him in life with divorced parents.

Then, she testified, Bill dramatically declared: "I owe nothing to posterity."

Several times, she continued, her husband urged her to go to Reno and obtain a divorce but she refused and their relations became so strained that at times he denied her her home. On such occasions, she said, she went to her mother's.

Mrs. Hart is attempting to break that provision of the trust fund settlement which bars her from returning to the screen.

GORE TO QUIT ON MARCH 4



HOWARD M. GORE

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Howard M. Gore, recently elected Governor of West Virginia, will remain in active charge of the Department of Agriculture until January 1, when he assumes the duties of the late Secretary Wallace until that time.

FIND JEWELS AND MURDER MYSTERY CASE IS REOPENED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—The district attorney's investigators today seized a collection of uncut rubies and diamonds valued at \$250,000 which were said to have been placed in a safe deposit vault under an assumed name prior to his death by Harry I. Katz, diamond broker, who was shot November 10 last.

The seizure of the gems reopened the investigation of the mysterious shooting of Katz as he stood in the doorway of his apartment, the district attorney announced.

More than two score persons have been questioned concerning the activities of Katz before his death. This led to the discovery of the vault laden with jewels.

The district attorney said that the death was formerly accredited to a revenge motive, now, however he believes that some one who knew of the Katz jewel wealth killed the diamond broker intending robbery.

COOLIDGE ASKS HOOVER TO TAKE SECRETARYSHIP

Declines Post as Head of Agriculture Department of United States.

STAY WITH COMMERCE

Howard M. Gore Retires on March 4th to Become Governor of West Virginia.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Coolidge has tendered the post of secretary of agriculture to Secretary Hoover, but Mr. Hoover replied that he decided to remain at the commerce department.

Mr. Hoover, however, two years ago declined a transfer to the interior department when President Harding was seeking a man who would place that department on a business basis.

With the president's approval Mr. Hoover today issued this statement:

"In view of the press reports, it seems to me desirable to state that the president did me the honor to suggest that I consider transfer to the post as secretary of agriculture."

"He expressed his belief that present need of that department was an administration in which emphasis should be given to the solution of the farmer's marketing problem.

"To this I fully agree. Nevertheless, I feel that in the future as in the past the great contribution that I could make to the improvement of the farmer's position lay in the advancement of measures that make for the reduction of costs in our whole distribution system and in helping to bring about improvement and stability in the general industrial and commercial situation both at home and abroad. The farmer's problem is a problem of the nation as a whole.

"I deeply appreciate the confidence which the president has shown in me but I have told him that I believe it would be to the best interest for me to decide against the suggestion, which have done."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Although transfer of Secretary Hoover from the commerce department (Continued on page six)

FIRST WEEK OF LEGISLATURE SHOWS BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POLICY OF PIERCE AND SOLONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 16.—A sharp line between the policies of Governor Walter M. Pierce and those of the lawmakers is the outstanding development of the first week of the session of the legislature. In his message the governor hurled himself vigorously into the defense of Market Agent C. E. Spence and his department. Yet on the same day Senators Ritter and Taylor, the latter democrat introduced a bill for the abolition of that department and the return of grain inspection to the public service commission.

Consolidation of state departments has been preached by the governor during the first two years of his administration and is urged in his message. Yet Senator Hall, who was author of one of the outstanding consolidation bills in 1923 came forward on the first day of the present session with a joint resolution that would dismise the merger question with the appointment of a special committee of legislators and members from the state at large to make a study of the question and report either during this session or to the session of 1927.

Ratification of the child labor amendment proposed for the federal constitution is favored by the Governor, but indications are that the Oregon legislature will refuse to ratify it. A poll of the house indicated this, and an inquiry among the senators revealed the same sentiment in the upper body.

Governor Pierce will fare better relative to his prohibition policy than he will with any other subject affecting his administration that has come up this week.

The resolution from the senate committee on alcoholic traffic calling for an investigation of the state prohibition department passed unanimously in the senate and with a single dissent in the house. But both the governor and Prohibition Agent Cleaver invited the probe. Otherwise there doubtless would have been some dissenting votes.

The prohibition investigation committee will hold a meeting Monday night at which Governor Pierce, Prohibition Agent Cleaver, W. J. Herwig, head of the Oregon anti-saloon league, and the presidents of the sheriffs and the district attorneys' associations of the state will appear. After that the committee will operate much the same as a court with various witnesses appearing and a court reporter to take down the testimony. Some meetings will be in executive session; others will be open.

A number of other bills and resolutions have reached the senate already that are expected to start fights. One of these is the bill for resolution for a joint house and senate committee to confer with representatives of the California and Washington legislatures on the question of uniform speed, lighting and other questions relating to automobiles. Recommendation was made to pass this resolution because it was printed but it was not printed. Later in the day, after it had been printed, Senator Hall brought it up again but it was referred to the roads and highways committee. It may cause a spirited fight. Some senators object to it on grounds that the committee would spend a lot of money and that the resolution authorizes an extended junket.

CARBON MONOXIDE GAS NEARLY FATAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CROTON, Neb., Jan. 15.—Thirty children and five adults narrowly escaped death from the effects of carbon monoxide gas in the Star Theatre here last evening when the exhaust pipe leading from the gasoline engine which was being used to light the theatre became clogged.

The performance terminated just in time to save the audience.

LAD FALLS FROM RAFT AND DROWNS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 16.—Oliver Train, aged 10, fell off a log raft and was drowned in the Coquille river near Myrtle Point late yesterday.

SOCIALISTS WILL FIGHT GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The socialists attitude toward the new cabinet formed with Dr. Hans Luther as chancellor, is summed up by a leading editorial in the newspaper Vorwaerts today which declares the workers "regard the fact that a government has been offered them consisting of open and secret enemies of the republic as a slap in the face."

The workers, it adds, are preparing to fight, and the fight "will not be confined to the Reichstag, but will be carried into every field of German life."

EXPLOSION IS FATAL TO SIX

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 16.—Twenty-seven children were made fatherless yesterday when an explosion in the Diamond Coal company's mine No. 1, killed six miners who composed the powder gang.

Eighty-five miners left the mine an hour before the explosion.

PORT REPRESENTATIVES MEET IN PORTLAND TODAY AND WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR LARGE SUM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—Representatives of 15 port districts in Oregon met here today at the call of Governor Pierce, together with representatives of Washington and California to draft resolutions asking congress to spend \$20,000,000 in port development on the Pacific Coast.

George Rhodes of San Francisco and W. H. Peters of Grays Harbor were appointed by their governors.

Governor Pierce's own committee consists of I. N. Day, Portland, L. E. Bean of Eugene and Russell Hubbard of the Trappena port district. Bean is presiding officer.

In addition to asking the legislature of coast states to memorialize congress for \$20,000,000 to improve coast harbors to a depth of 30 feet, the conference delegates sought to start a movement for a conservation policy which would provide for cutting of the western forests at once under a system of adequate reforestation instead of holding ripe timber until it deteriorates to a complete loss.

Another movement discussed was to demand that the federal government be requested to pay taxes upon timber in the national forests on the same basis as taxes are required on privately owned timber, so as to relieve the burden of taxation in counties in which the bulk of the taxable property is locked up in government reserves.

Governor Pierce said that harbors could be made by building jetties at Nehalem, Tillamook, Yaquina, Siuslaw and Umpqua.

W. H. Peters of Grays Harbor, representing Washington, declared that money spent in improving Grays Harbor would eliminate loss of \$200,000 annually now caused by vessels being harbored. In the time that it takes to get out the 45,000,000 feet of timber tribu-

ary to Grays Harbor the saving in having adequate harbor facilities would amount to \$22,000,000 a sum sufficient to improve all the smaller harbors of the coast, he said.

George H. Rhodes, representing the governor of California, pledged his services in behalf of the movement and predicted that the legislature of California would memorialize congress in line with the recommendation of the conference.

He pointed out that Del Norte county, Calif., is a recent national forest, that pay no taxes, and the full burden of taxation falls upon the remaining 22 percent.

State Senator John Magidgy amplified the conservation idea that others had touched upon.

The way to realize on our forests and actually conserve them, he declared, "is to cut them now as fast as you can and reforest."

"The destruction of our forests in the past 20 years is inconceivable. Notwithstanding the propaganda of the pseudo-conservationists we will lose the bulk of our timber resources through their rotting in the forests if we do not cut them at once and use it."

"This is the case in the Cascades even more than on the coast. There is not a cruise that was made in our old forests 30 years ago that will stand up today so great has been their deterioration."

COMMITTEE TO MEET

The school site committee will meet in regular session tonight. The committees which have been working during the week inspecting various proposed locations, will have its report ready to submit, and it is desired that a full attendance of the membership be obtained in order that the plans may be thoroughly considered.