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Big Washout Halts Railroad Traffic Irish and British Are Ready to Clash

IRISH WAR MAY BREAK OUT AGAIN

Sinn Feiners Refuse to
Take Allegiance
Oath

CONFERENCE MAY
BREAK UP TODAY

Resumption of Armed Hostilities
Appears Certain
if Negotiations Fail to go
Through Immediately.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Government
circulars today expressed the belief
that the Irish conference would break
down almost immediately and resump-
tion of armed hostilities could not be
postponed.

The plan submitted to the Sinn
Fein conference last night in-
cluded requiring the Sinn Fein taking
an oath of allegiance to the crown.
The Sinn Fein replied that it had
many objections to the government's
plan but even if it agreed to discuss
the plan it could not assent to the
oath of allegiance.

Two Slayers May Escape the Noose

Way Opened for Appeal to Supreme
Court in Case of Elvie Kirby, Con-
victed of Til Taylor's Murder; Re-
prieve Expected for Rathie; Writ of
Habeas Corpus Denied by Judge.

SALEM, Nov. 30.—Elvie D.
Kirby and John Rathie, convicted
in connection with the murder of
Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla
county, may not hang Friday as
sentenced. Judge Bingham to-
day denied a writ of habeas cor-
pus asked by Kirby's attorney,
opening the way for an appeal to
the supreme court to be filed to-
day. The attorney argued that
the legislature of 1920 exceeded
its authority when it referred to
the people the separate joint resolu-
tion providing for the restoration
of capital punishment. The
governor may reprieve Rathie.

MARSHALL FOCH IS ON PACIFIC COAST TODAY

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—The pro-
gram for Marshall Foch here to-
morrow includes a parade in the morn-
ing, a trip along the highway and a
banquet in the evening.

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—Marshall
Foch is here today for five hours.
He made two addresses and toured
the city. This afternoon he reviewed
a parade and then left for Tacoma.

Sentenced To Jail For Theft Of Chain

Tate Jones, charged with larceny,
was given a choice of either a fine of
\$100 or 15 days in the county jail when
he appeared before Justice of the
Peace Arthur C. Williams yesterday
afternoon. Lack of funds forced Mr.
Jones to accompany a deputy sheriff
to the county jail and board at the ex-
pense of the county for two weeks and
a day.
He was charged with having stolen
a watch chain and a check book from
Miss Owen at the Foley hotel several
days ago.

Work of Local High School Coach Highly Praised by Pendleton

Twelve Killed at Crossing

High School Students Meet
Death at Red Bluff,
California

RED BLUFF, Calif., Nov. 30.—
Twelve high school students were killed
south of here today at the Prob-
ert crossing by a collision of a school
bus with Southern Pacific train No.
16. The automobile contained sixteen
children.

Four of the injured are not expected
to live. They were on their way
from their homes at Gerber to the
Red Bluff high school. The train hit
the bus in a dense fog. The auto
dashed against a post and was thrown
back on the train.

JAPANESE MAY ACCEPT RATIO SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The
purpose of the American armistice
delegation to accept no modification of
Secretary Hughes' proposed "5-5-3"
ratio of naval strength as the fun-
damental basis of any limitation
agreement was authoritatively re-
iterated Tuesday. The statement was
backed by disclosure of the facts as
to existing naval strength.

This showed Japan to have less
than the 60 percent status to which
the "5-5-3" plan would entitle her.
It showed also that the American
delegates had been over the whole
field and that their figures were cor-
rect.

Meanwhile, Prince Tokuwana of
Japan declared that the statement
Monday of Vice Admiral Kato of the
Japanese advisory staff, containing
for a 70 per cent status for Japan,
was based on "personal opinion." It
was not, he said, sponsored by the
delegation of which Vice Admiral
Kato is not a member.

The prince would not reveal, how-
ever, the actual view of the Japanese
delegates as to what percentage Japan
would insist upon in final strength.
He said the four delegates were de-
termining this for themselves, inde-
pendent of any additional instruc-
tions from Tokyo.
While these developments indicated
still more strongly that a decision
of this fundamental question was
drawing near, the arms conference
marked time. A further meeting of
the naval experts of the United
States and Japan scheduled for Tues-
day was postponed for 24 hours at
the request of the Japanese.

Island City Pig Club Listed Among Leaders In State

The Island City pork production
club is a 100 per cent boys' and girls'
club, according to final reports which
have been turned in to state club
leaders.

The club will receive a certificate of
achievement signed by Governor Ben
W. Olcott, George E. Ferrell, nation-
al club leader, Superintendent J. A.
Churchill, President Keer, Director
Paul V. Marx, H. C. Seymour, state
club leader, the county club leader,
county school superintendent, and the
local club leader, H. G. Avery.
The officers and members of the
club are Ray Bennett, president; Al-
bert Housquet, vice president; Lester
Blokland, secretary; Howard Bonquist,
Edwin Patton, Marion Alderman,
Howard Smith, Donald Patten, Les-
ter Blokland, and Joseph Sagre.

SUGAR OPERATOR DIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Robert B.
Hawley, president of the Cuban
American company, died Monday at
his home. He was 72 years old. He
was a member of the Cuban sugar
farmers' organization.

BRITAIN IS CONSIDERING QUICK ACTION

Entire Reparations Matter
Expected to be Threshed
Out on New Basis, Ac-
cording to Present Plan

FRANCE OPPOSES
MOVE OF BRITISH

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Reports that
the British cabinet is considering the
proposed moratorium for Germany
were confirmed in official circles to-
day.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The visit to
London of Dr. Walter Rathenau, for-
mer German minister of reconstruction,
and his secretary, Doctor Simon,
economic expert, following closely on
last week's presence here of Hugo
Singer, German financier, is accepted
in official and banking circles as be-
lieving an early discussion and pos-
sible revision of the arrangements for
German reparations payment.

Arrival of the German agents Tues-
day was due to supreme anxiety in
financial quarters, where Germany's
ability to meet the reparations instal-
ment has been a foremost topic during
recent weeks.

Trade Considered.
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Supreme Court REVERSES CASE OF ASSESSOR

Applicant Wins Remanding
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BULLETINS

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—Leo Ser-
tick, arrested in Seattle on a charge
of being a member of the I.O.O.F.
chapter, held up during the day,
the sheriff's office announced. He
and Joe Watkins, who was charged,
got drunk before the arrest.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—Cattle
were slow today at 40 cents lower.
Hog prices were 20 to 25 cents
lower. Hogs were 25 cents lower, pig-
lets 25 cents lower. Sheep were
steady, except two cents lower.
The buying price of current receipts
being 40 cents to 45 cents with white
hens at 45 to 50. Butter was
steady.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Ac-
cording to reports from the
armistice conference for direct
negotiations between Japanese and
Chinese delegations, over Shanghai
prospects for settlement outside of
the conference are considered good.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Details
of the American naval limitation plan
were discussed briefly at a meeting
today of naval experts of Great Brit-
ain, the United States and Japan.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—A jury
of 10 men and two women was sworn
yesterday afternoon to try Arthur
C. Bush, accused of the slaying of
J. Nelson Kennedy.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Lord Mount
Stephen, aged 92, Canadian railroad
builder, first president of the Cana-
dian Pacific system, died last night at
his country residence near Bedford-
shire.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30.—The
Produce association here announced a
drop of 5 cents in the price of fresh
extra eggs from 61 cents to 56 cents
wholesale.

Weather

Tonight and Thursday will be in the
western portion of the state and rain
or snow in the eastern portion. Cold
in the north and light and fresh
strong winds in the south.

Booze Raiders Are Exonerated In Case Of An Illegal Raid

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Prosecu-
tion agents who ran the "rum house"
after executing search warrants, and
held to blame, Prohibition Commis-
sioner Haynes in effect held in ex-
onerating E. R. Hendon, a special agent,
from charges preferred by Mayor
Stewart of Savannah, Ga.