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LACK OF AGREEMENT MAY BE REGISTERED

Is Minimum Acceptable to France, Says Poincare; Italians and Belgians Will Fight British Plan.

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PARIS, Jan. 3.—The allied reparations conference adjourned this evening until three o'clock tomorrow, avoiding an immediate break.
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PARIS, Jan. 3.—The cabinet council of French ministers this morning told Premier Poincare to move in the conference this afternoon for an adoption of the French reparations plan as the minimum acceptable to France in the event that the French plan does not accept the French plan. Poincare was directed to ask the conference to register formally a lack of agreement among the Allies.
Poincare said that the British plan displeased everybody, not only the French but the Italians and Belgians, and that the people that the Bank of England put in hands of gold left there by the Allies as security for loans was alarming.
He reiterated that the French plan was the minimum acceptable to France and said that the British scheme practically makes Germany the arbitrator in questions concerning the payment of her own debt.

IN GLOOMY MOOD
PARIS, Jan. 3.—The prime ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium and Marquis Della Torretta, for Italy, emerged Tuesday afternoon in a gloomy mood from the first short session of the reparations committee, called to solve the reparations complex. They were well nigh hopeless of agreement and members of their delegations talked of the conference breaking up in two days.

GAY WHITE WAY GETS A THRILL

Fleeing Thief Sends Fusillade of Shots Into Crowd; Two Injured; Cop Captures Him.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The gay white way trembled Tuesday when an alleged burglar fired several shots into a crowd pursuing him, hit a man and a woman, and fled in a commandeered taxicab.
A few minutes later it experienced a thrill, when a policeman, giving chase in another car through tangled traffic, jumped to the running board of the fleeing machine and but its occupant unconscious with the butt of his own revolver.
The man, who identified himself as John Russo of West Orange, N. J., was alleged by the police to have been caught in an ineffectual attempt to break into a theatrical rooming house in West Forty-fourth street.

Herbert Hoover Urges Controlling of Radio

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Control must be established over the medium filling the air from 21,000 radio "transmitting stations," Secretary Hoover of the commerce department told the house merchant marine committee Tuesday at hearings on the Kellogg-White federal radio control bill. Representatives of amateurs and various others interested in wireless communication also were heard by the committee.
The bill provides that the commerce department shall have supervision over all radio communication apparatus, designing wireless operators and otherwise supervising wireless communication to bring order out of the present chaos of jazz bands, sermons, crop reports, sporting services, concerts and what not running simultaneously on the same wave lengths.
Navy Enters Protest.
Vigorous protest was made against a provision of the bill that stipulates that whenever apparatus is used for other than government business it shall come under supervision of the commerce department. The navy, represented by Rear Admiral Zeigemeier, protested that any

PENSION BILL IS VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Bureau bill, providing for an increase of pensions for civil and military war veterans was vetoed today by President Harding.
His veto message declared that increased expenditures involved would amount to "heedlessness" and objected to the bill's loose "provisions for pensioning widows."

MORRISEY IS TO FACE MANNING

Change on Boxing Card Is Made, Due to Injuries to Battling Lubbes' Hand; Morrisey is Fast.

Lee Morrisey, one of the best known welterweights in the inland Empire, will fight Sailor Manning tomorrow evening in the Eagles' hall, taking the place of Battling Lubbes, who injured his hand in a recent bout with Morrisey, in which the latter knocked Lubbes for a row of counts in the eighth round. Morrisey hails from Boise and is a conger and is not entirely unknown to the local fans.
The fans of La Grande are going to have a real treat, promises the manager, as the Boise battler will probably throw something that fans in town of this size rarely see in the ring and it is through a piece of good luck that the boxing commission is able to secure such a man at this time. Morrisey is scheduled to meet Spug Mire of Pocatello on January 9th, Mire being the king pin of his weight this side of Denver.
Kid Sarp, of La Grande, and Ted McGee of Baker, lightweights, will appear in a six-round semi-final and two four round preliminaries will lead up to this contest. Earl Ford will probably throw something against Mickey Thomas and Lyle Stillwell will take on Lonnie Hollinger in the second prelim.
Rinside seats are going at the Imperial Billiard Parlors at \$1.05, and general admission at \$1.10; one lady to be admitted free with each gentleman's ticket.

County court convened today in the first meeting of the year, John Wells, elected county commissioner to succeed Cecil Galloway, of Elgin, going into office today. Routine matters and the auditing of bills are being attended to today.
County Judge U. G. Conck is presiding and Commissioners John Wells, Alfred, and J. F. Hutchinson, of Union, are present.

COMMISSIONER TAKES OFFICE

CLERKS PLAY M. I. A.
The Clerks and the M. I. A. basketball teams of the city league will open the season this evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. A second game, which was to be arranged between the Standard Oil team and Union, fell through and will not be played until a later date. The game will start at eight o'clock and promises to be a fast contest, with neither side sure of a victory.

Officers at this city are investigating the death of Alexander Harper, ex-convict, found dead with a bullet hole through his forehead yesterday. Suicide was at first supposed, but murder is now suspected.

DEATH PROBE MADE

IRRIGATION PROJECTS PROBED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The house irrigation committee today reported on the bill which would appropriate \$150,000 for the investigation of the feasibility of the Columbia Basin and Umatilla rapids irrigation projects of Washington and Oregon. The Umatilla project was included at the instance of Representative Sniwell.
Oregon Recommendations.
(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Among the buildings recommended were Astoria, \$300,000, and Eugene, \$120,000.
MARKET QUOTATIONS
(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Cattle were steady; hogs slow; weak; fat pig fifty cents lower; sheep steady; eggs weak; butter steady.

POLICE HOLD ARTIST FOR JEWEL THEFT

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Despite the statement of Mrs. Irene Schoellkopf, wife of a Buffalo manufacturer, who was held up and robbed of \$500,000 worth of jewelry as she left the New Year party, that she did not want Frank Barrett Carman, artist, host at the party, held in connection with the robbery, Carman was held by the police early today.
The police accused Carman of acting in concert with two men who engaged Mrs. Schoellkopf into a room on the floor below Carman's apartment, gagged her and robbed her of her jewels. They said that Carman had sublet the lower apartment to two men.
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GOVERNOR TO SEND SPEECH OVER RADIO

Walter M. Pierce, the new governor of Oregon, will broadcast by radio his formal message to at least in part to citizens of the state from the Oregonian tower on the day of his inauguration, Monday, January 8. Governor Pierce at the invitation of The Oregonian has chosen this method of announcing his policies, hopes and plans for the state because by it he can reach more people with the spoken word than by any other method.
The arrangement for this innovation, the first gubernatorial message by an Oregon governor to be broadcast by radio, were completed yesterday and Governor Pierce will face the transmitter in The Oregonian broadcasting studio at 9 o'clock on Monday night, when he will deliver to the vast radio audience, consisting of not less than 30,000 persons, his formal message to the state, or more salient parts of it.
The broadcasting hour between 9 and 10 o'clock was given exclusively to The Oregonian for that night by the Stubbs Electric company, which was to have broadcast another programme. This programme was canceled when The Oregonian suggested broadcasting the governor's message in order that no possible interference would detract from such an unusual feature.

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ERIN'S SONS IN RIOT AT CONSULATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Irish republicans contesting with Free Staters for possession of the Irish consulate, Tuesday night picketed city hall, parading in front of the building with placards denouncing "Mayor Hylan's police."
The unusual spectacle, occurring as the homeward bound throngs were passing through City Hall park for Brooklyn bridge, attracted a great crowd.
"What is Sir Basil Thomson's mission in the United States?" one banner was inscribed.
Others read: "Sir Basil is here to teach Mayor Hylan's police 'Black and Tan' methods."
"Sir Basil Thomson of Scotland Yard was entertained by Mayor Hylan's committee, while Mayor Hylan's police assaulted Muriel MacSwiney."
Lieutenant Gegan acts as judge and jury. The American courts to the rear.
England did not let Sir Basil Thomson manhandle Mrs. MacSwiney, as Mayor Hylan's Lieutenant Gegan did.
Hylan Slips Away.
Mayor Hylan was in his office when the demonstration began, but he slipped from a side door, reached his motor car without being observed, and was driven swiftly away.
When a policeman informed Mrs. Gertrude Corless, leader of the pickets, that the mayor had gone home, they disbanded after having been on duty for nearly two hours.
Despite the heavy pedestrian traffic through City Hall park in the evening rush hour, there was no disorder.
Tuesday night the republicans and Free Staters declared a temporary truce at the Irish consulate, after a clash for possession which stopped duty for nearly two hours.
The report said that the rent now paid to house government activities was over \$20,000,000 yearly.

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Baker Legal Talent Before Judge Knowles Today on Court Case
It has been some time probably since as many of Baker's leading lawyers left their home city at one time as are gathered in La Grande today before Judge Knowles in the case of Bell vs. Hutchinson. Those from the neighboring city are Judge M. D. Clifford, Oscar Correll, Blaine Hallock and Representative Charles J. Sniwell. Mr. Sniwell will leave for Salem in a few days to take up his work in the legislature.

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Mr. White will have under his direction not only Armour & Co. of Illinois, with its more than a billion dollars of business each year, but also Armour & Co. of Delaware, the newly organized subsidiary. If the proposed purchase of Morris & Co. goes through and Mr. Armour said today he probably would have an announcement to make on that matter before long. Mr. White will be the head of the great east packing industry ever created.

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Optimism is the General Feeling Throughout the Northwest; Both the La Grande Banks Show Deposit Increase.

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