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## DEBATE DELAYED ON IRISH TREATY

### Dial Votes Adjournment on Motion of Collins.

## ACTION IS VICTORY FOR PACT

### De Valera's Face Stern as Figures Are Announced.

## PARTY LINES ARE DRAWN

### Country Will Have Opportunity of Influencing Members Between Now and January 3.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Dail Eireann, 77 to 44, decided today on a motion submitted by Michael Collins, to adjourn debate on the Irish treaty until January 3.

It was not the motion, but an amendment on which the vote actually was taken. The amendment, introduced and seconded by treaty opponents, called for continuance of sittings day and evening until a division was taken on the treaty's ratification or rejection.

Defeat of the amendment automatically decided the motion. With few exceptions the vote followed the party lines of those favoring or opposing the treaty.

## Eagerness Is Manifested

Nobody tonight believed, of course, that if a vote had been taken on the treaty itself, the majority would have been so great, but there is no doubt in the minds of observers that this thoroughly approximates the feeling for and against the treaty. This is attested by some treaty opponents, who asserted that it was not felt many deputies disliked the idea of debate continuing through Christmas.

In fact, Countess Markievicz, a strong opponent of the treaty, seconded Mr. Collins' proposal, apparently having in mind, as indicated in her satirical seconding speech, the possibility of the debate continuing until the day after Christmas.

Mr. Collins showed eagerness to push his motion through to quick decision. He checked Mr. Milroy, who interrupted the vote to have the question cleared up as to whether deputies representing two constituencies should have two votes. Mr. Collins declared he would not hear of having the fate of Ireland decided on a technicality.

## De Valera's Face Grim

When it became apparent that there was to be a party line on the vote the atmosphere became tense with excitement. De Valera's face was stern and grim when the figures were announced. Considerable attention was shown by Collins and his adherents. Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of propaganda, who supports the treaty, said tonight he believed that more than ten opponents of the treaty voted for adjournment.

Pierce Beasley, an active Sinn Féin member, who intended to speak today for ratification, informed the Associated Press correspondent shortly before the vote was taken that he could not make a guess on the outcome of the treaty vote, but believed that "the fate of Ireland is trembling on the balance."

Mr. Collins' proposal had been suggested by him some days ago, and at that time turned down by Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith. It had in the meantime become evident that the proceedings were not nearing an end; more than 20 additional speakers had indicated their intention to speak to the assembly and the tendency of all speeches was to increase in length.

## De Valera Opposes Collins

Mr. de Valera again met the proposal of Michael Collins with strong opposition and suggested sitting far into the night with a view to shortening the speeches and reading a resolution this week. John McNeill, a treaty opponent, followed De Valera giving as one of his reasons for advocating continuous sittings his belief that if the Dail rejected the treaty the country would follow the Dail.

He concluded by moving continuous and prolonged sittings until a decision was reached.

The frank indication of the motive for this course afforded the first test for the relative strength of the opponents and supporters of the treaty. It was soon seen that this procedure raised an important technical point or there are five members who represent two constituencies each.

## Debate Gets Acrimonious

Four of these members, Griffith, Collins, Milroy and MacNeill, support the treaty, while the fifth, De Valera, opposes the treaty.

De Valera's supporters argued that only one vote each should be allowed and the debate was becoming very acrimonious when Mr. Collins waived any claim to two votes. The deputy speaker gave a ruling allowing only one.

The net result of the vote is twofold. The country will have an opportunity of influencing the various representatives between now and January 3, and such portions of the country as are doubtful may, it is expected by some, be influenced in favor of the treaty by the impression.

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## 17 SHOTS ARE FIRED IN HOUSEBOAT RAID

### BOOTLEGGERS SAID TO HAVE TERRIFIED WOMEN.

### One Man Is Arrested After Battle in Which Lantern Is Shattered and Auto Hitted.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—After a gun fight with bootleggers at Kerry last night, in which 17 shots were fired, Deputy Sheriff Hessong of Columbia county and Ernest Anderson succeeded in arresting Arthur Warranka, alleged to be one of the gang, and lodged him in jail.

The bootleggers were said to have been operating at Kerry for some time and the officers finally found their headquarters in a houseboat. Hessong, who had left his automobile at the highway, went to the houseboat and rapped on the door. It was opened by one of the men, who was immediately seized by the officers.

At this juncture Warranka came outside with a gun and was said to have threatened to shoot the officer, who backed away, keeping his prisoner between himself and the rifle.

A moment later another of the occupants of the houseboat began shooting and during the excitement the prisoner escaped from Officer Hessong. Notwithstanding the large number of shots fired, no one was injured, but Hessong's automobile was pierced by several bullets and a lantern which Anderson carried was shattered.

After the fusillade was over some of the men went to the home of G. Escala and fired several shots into the house, forcing Mrs. Escala and Mrs. Hessong, who was with her, to take refuge under a bed. Arthur Warranka was overpowered and arrested as he drew a gun on William Simmons, who was just leaving home in his automobile.

## WEST DECLARED FAVORED

### Recent Appointments to Interstate Commission Protested.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Southern democratic senators are understood to have protested in executive session of the senate this afternoon against the confirmation of Clyde B. Atchison of Portland and Henry C. Hall of Denver as members of the interstate commerce commission.

Their protests are said to have been predicated on the fact that with these two men the west has three members on the commission, J. B. Campbell of Spokane being the other one, while a greater area in the south is without representation. Charles C. McChord, chairman of the commission, is from Kentucky.

Senator McNary sought both yesterday and today to secure Mr. Atchison's confirmation. The objecting senators said they had no thought of defeating the confirmations, but that they desired to hold them up for a short period just as a protest.

## FIRE KILLS 2 CHILDREN

### Father Badly Burned While Rescuing 3 Other Little Ones.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—Ruth and Donald Dawson, aged 3 and 2 years, respectively, were burned to death this morning at Kopliah, nine miles east of here. Their father, J. E. Dawson, was badly burned about the face and hands in saving three other children, and Mrs. Dawson was injured when she rescued an infant, the youngest of her six children. The father was brought to the hospital here.

Mr. Dawson arose early and made a fire in a heating stove and went back to bed. At 6 o'clock the house was discovered with great success and it was totally destroyed. The charred bodies of the two victims were found in the ruins.

## NEW FOG SIGNAL TRIUMPH

### Extension of System Urged by Lighthouse Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Extension of the newly perfected radio fog signal system, described as "the greatest advance made in a long period for the protection of vessels," was recommended today by George R. Putnam, commissioner of lighthouses, in his annual report to the department of commerce. The first of these stations has been installed and tested with great success in the vicinity of New York bay.

Many lighthouses should be replaced, the report said, 12 of them being more than 50 years old.

## JOHN M. JONES CONFIRMED

### Portland Postmaster to Receive Commission in Two Weeks.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—John M. Jones was confirmed by the senate late this afternoon as postmaster of Portland. In the usual order Postmaster Jones should receive his commission in about two weeks.

Other Oregon postmasters confirmed are: Major G. Miller, Dayton; Ruby O. Engelman, Ione; and Lawrence F. Clark, Rainier. Edwin L. Hughes was confirmed as postmaster at Nappavine, Wash.

## ENGINEER MISHAP VICTIM

### Phoenix, Ariz., Official Killed When Auto Overtaken.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Hiram Phillips, consulting engineer for the city of Phoenix, was killed and L. R. Hitchcock, city engineer, and Mrs. Phillips were injured, the former seriously, in an accident today.

The automobile in which they were riding overturned on a road near here.

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## U-BOATS AND GAS BIG ARMS ISSUES

### Military Experts Against Poison in War.

## CONFERENCE IS RUFFLED

### America Wants Part in Settling Submarine Question.

## REAL DISARMAMENT AIM

### Delegates Evade Stand on Whether Land Equipment Should Be Subject of Action.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.  
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The most optimistic friend of success for the limitation of armaments conference must admit that it is just now in the midst of hurdles. At the present moment the submarine is being treated as if it were an issue between Great Britain and France, and as if any compromise achieved between them would be a satisfactory settlement. This could be a comfortable thought, only it fails to take account of the amount of public sentiment, both in the senate and in America outside the senate, which regards America as an interested party in the submarine controversy.

America has not carefully read or fully weighed the speech which Senator Borah made in the senate ten days ago. I am told that this speech has been cable to Europe and reprinted there, and been made the basis of important European policy in those quarters which realize the power of the American senate in international affairs. Senator Borah made that speech to serve warning on the conference. He said:

"The justification for the remarks I am going to make is that I do not speak at a time when possibly what I had to say might have been listened to in other places. I do not want to be stopped hereafter by silence at this time."

## Real Disarmament Wanted.

Then Senator Borah went on to say, among other forceful declarations: "The extent and vigor of my opposition to this treaty will be determined hereafter."

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## THE DARK SIDE OF THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—With 7 inches of snow on the level in The Dalles and the fall continuing without abatement at 6 o'clock tonight, a repetition of the paralyzing storm of a month ago seemed imminent. The Columbia river was still blocked with ice, in jams at Grate's.

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## GOUGING OF PUBLIC L Aid to Retailers

### ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO BE PROSECUTED.

Attorney - General Daugherty Launches Inquiry Into Methods of Holding Up Prices.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Federal investigation of retail prices charged in various parts of the country for food, fuel, shoes and clothing was initiated today by Attorney General Daugherty.

He ordered Director Burns of the bureau of investigation of the justice department to assign men at once to obtaining data on retail prices.

Mr. Daugherty declared prices of necessities were too high, and that in some instances profits of retailers were "unconscionable." It would never be possible, he asserted, to get prices down to the pre-war level, but with wages lowered and the costs of foodstuffs reduced, the prices determined to learn whether the present "badly proportioned" retail prices should be maintained.

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Though snow was falling last night on the eastern edge of Portland, Weatherman Wells made a definite forecast of rain today—a warm rain that will send Portland's expectations of a white Christmas sliding into the gutters. The barometer was down for precipitation and general weather conditions, yesterday indicated that the temperature will rise enough to bring the moisture down in its wettest form.

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## LUMBERMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER CAR

### FRED F. WILLIAMS VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT.

### Wife, Son and Daughter-in-Law Injured When Machine Plunges Down Steep Embankment.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Fred F. Williams, prominent lumberman of this state, was killed and his wife, son and daughter-in-law were injured in an auto wreck at the concrete highway bridge over Canyon creek this morning.

Mr. Williams and the members of his family were on their way from Glendale to Portland to spend Christmas with relatives when their big touring car skidded on the icy pavement at the approach to the new bridge, about seven miles south of Canyonville on the Pacific highway. The machine went over a steep embankment and plunged down a distance of 75 feet before turning over. Mr. Williams was pinned underneath, one of the rods of the top pressing on his throat and strangling him to death.

The other occupants were thrown out of the machine and badly bruised and scratched but not seriously injured. The efforts of the other members of the party to lift the car from Mr. Williams were unavailing, and the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sumner Williams, started out for help, in spite of the fact that she was covered with blood from her injuries and her clothing badly torn. She walked three miles before she could find aid, and because she was gone so long her husband, fearing she had fainted from her injuries, started after her.

When the relief party arrived Mrs. Williams was found crazed with grief frantically endeavoring to lift the car from the body of her husband. It was not until other help could be summoned that the car was removed and the body extricated.

Mr. Williams was head of the Fir Pine Lumber company and had headquarters in Glendale. He formerly lived in Portland and in Medford. The body will be sent to Portland tomorrow and funeral services will be held there.

## McNARY IS FOR TREATY

### Senator Denies Widely Circulated Reports to the Contrary.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Senator McNary today denied widely published reports that he had declared himself as opposed to the four-power treaty. He said he had been inclined to take the president's oft-quoted view of few days ago that the homeland of Japan was not included in the islands of the Pacific region around which the agreement centers and that he had drafted a reservation to clear up that situation.

"I am strongly in favor of the treaty," he said, "but simply desire to make sure that the homeland placed on the footing as the other three powers in the compact by limiting the agreement to cover only the island possessions of that country which are apart from the seat of the empire."

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THESE ARE DREARY DAYS FOR THE PESSIMISTS WHO PREDICTED THAT NOTHING BUT CALAMITY COULD RESULT FROM THE CONFERENCE.

## SENATE HOLDS UP FAIR TAX ON FUEL

### Committee Kills Time on Roads Measures.

## SENATOR UPTON TO BLAME

### Fate of Income Bill in House Is Awaited.

## SPEAKER BEAN IS BUSY

### Most of Day Is Spent Lining Up Support on Floor for Pet Measure.

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On a motion by Senator Patterson that the committee adopt the gasoline plan of finance, a test vote was taken. It was five to four. Those favoring the gasoline impost were Senators Patterson, Banks, Hare and Eddy. Voting against were Senators Upton, Dennis, Robertson, Porter and Hall. The committee stood a tie until Senator Hall, as chairman, voted with the opposition to the plan.

## Income Tax Action Awaited.

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