

HARDING UPSETS BORAH PROPOSAL

World Economic Session Is Opposed.

SENATE VOTE IS DUE TODAY

General Debate Held, but Action Is Put Over.

DEFEAT IS PREDICTED

President, in Letter to Lodge, Hints Present Negotiations Might Be Embarrassed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Senate warfare over the Borah proposal for a world economic conference reached a dramatic turning point today when President Harding threw the full force of the administration against Senator Borah's plan as contained in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill and in a letter read in the senate virtually asked for its defeat.

Another day's general debate followed, but action went over. Plans were made for a vote tomorrow, but so many more senators desired to speak that, with forces favoring the Borah rider reported sparring for time in an effort to do recruiting delay over the New Year's holiday appeared possible. Defeat of the amendment was predicted positively by administration leaders and conceded on the present status of the battle by its champions.

Letter Sent to Lodge.

The president's letter was addressed to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, and said the Borah amendment would create "false impressions" abroad as well as at home, to the embarrassment of what the administration already was doing toward aiding Europe. Evidently drafted with great care after consultation with Secretary Hughes, however, the communication failed to give any details of the negotiations it hinted were in progress.

Suggestion Rouses Interest.

A suggestion from the president in his letter that congress "free the hands" of the allied debt commission "so that helpful negotiations may be undertaken" developed special interest in the senate. Senator Lodge said he was authorized to state that the president meant that time for payment of principal and interest of foreign debts might be extended.

Senator Borah, however, in brief comment on the president's letter, charged that the administration proposed in effect to cancel the foreign debt by deferring payments "until the seventh or eighth generation has passed over the Jordan."

In discussions at the state department rumors of the administration's activities continued of wide and varied form. One was based on press reports from abroad, suggesting possibilities of a four-power European peace pact as a means of settlement of the reparations questions, but this also failed to elicit any comment whatever in official circles.

The unofficial report was that Germany desired the United States to suggest such a course to the allies, France, Great Britain, Belgium and Germany, to join in the peace agreement, and possibly Italy.

Rejection Is Impossible.

While it was impossible to get any reaction in official quarters on this new phase of the European peace pact suggestion, it is known to have been considered first abroad more than a year ago, it attracted much unofficial attention. A possibility that it had been evolved in Germany as a means of meeting French demands as to adequate security from attack was unobtainable. Since the peace agreement for defense of France, which would have insured American and British support against any German aggression, failed when rejected in the United States, it occurred to some observers that the United States might be selected as the logical agency for presenting a four-power European peace plan as an alternative.

Another overflow holiday crowd followed today's senate debate, in which the principal speeches were made by Senators McNary, republican, Oregon; France, republican, Maryland; Heflin, democrat, Alabama; and Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, in support of the Borah amendment and by Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, in opposition. Several lively tilts occurred also between Senators Borah, Lodge, Johnson, republican, California; Reed, democrat, Missouri; and others.

Senator Borah sought to reply at (Continued on Page 1, Column 1)

RANCHER REPORTED TO HAVE SLAIN TWO

WIFE CHOKED TO DEATH AND NEIGHBOR MURDERED.

A. Perrie, Kitchen Canyon Farmer, Said to Have Done Killing While in Drunken Frenzy.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—L. A. Perrie, rancher in the Kitchen canyon district, 19 miles southwest of Myrtle Point, was reported tonight to have choked his wife to death as the result of a drunken frenzy, and to have killed James Culver, a neighbor, who went to the woman's rescue.

The crime was reported by Samuel Stevens, another neighbor, who said Perrie also had attacked him, but that he had overpowered the drunken man and tied him up. Culver's body has not been found, and it was supposed that Perrie had shot him and either had hidden the body, or had allowed the man to run away, wounded, only to die later.

Stevens reported that the first attack on Mrs. Perrie had been made about 9 A. M. Culver, who was passing the house, heard her screams, it was said, and went to the rescue. After disposing of Culver, Perrie was said to have gone home to kill his wife.

After the double slaying Perrie was said to have gone to the Stevens home and to have told of the crime. Stevens said Perrie attacked him when he expressed horror at the details.

Coroner Wilson and Constable O'Leary left Myrtle Point for the scene as soon as the crime was reported. No word from them had been received at a late hour tonight. Communication with Kitchen canyon is difficult, because telephone wires are down as a result of a recent storm.

POISONER ADMITS GUILT

Minnesota Man Arrested in California Confesses.

AUSTIN, Minn., Dec. 28.—Clarence Hamblen of Ceylon, Minn., arrested in Stockton, Cal., on a charge of arson, has confessed that he poisoned his wife in her sickbed at their home in Ceylon, October 3, according to a statement issued today by Sheriff Carver.

The alleged confession, the sheriff said, was made in the county jail here last night.

LONG FLIGHT NEAR END

Seaplane on Way to Rio Janeiro Meets With Mishap.

CARDELLLO, Brazil, Dec. 28.—By the Associated Press.—The seaplane Sampio Correlia II left for Pernambuco at 7 o'clock today. This leg of the plane's trip from New York to Rio Janeiro is about 100 miles long.

Shortly after taking off the timbers broke and the plane came down to await repairs.

SINGER HAS RECOVERED

Schumann-Heink, Recently Ill, to Sing Again Soon.

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ernestine Schumann-Heink has recovered from her recent attack of pneumonia and will sing in Meadville, Pa., January 5, it was announced today.

She tried her voice before a family gathering Christmas day and those who heard her said that her notes were as full as ever.

NEGRO ADMITS KILLING

Woman Attacked and Beaten to Death in Cellar.

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 28.—Police Captain Ryan announced this afternoon that William Battles, negro, had confessed to having murdered Mrs. Eleanor L. Brigham, wife of a New York business man, in the cellar of her home here yesterday.

The body had been crammed into a preserve closet after Mrs. Brigham had been criminally attacked and beaten before she was killed.

PLANE KILLS AVIATOR

Man Backs Into Propeller at Flying Field in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Ralph W. Beale, aged 30, an aviator, was instantly killed when he backed into the propeller of an airplane at a local aviation field while he was measuring the gasoline in the fuel tank.

Beale came here two years ago from Leona, Idaho, and was unmarried.

SLAVS SEND OUT APPEAL

Support of Russia's Disarmament Programme Urged.

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—An appeal to the nations of the world to support Russia's disarmament programme was decided upon in a declaration adopted at the closing session here of the all-Russian congress.

ITALIAN FORT BLOWS UP

Nine Men Killed and Debris Scattered for Miles.

ROME, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nine men were killed when a fort near Trent blew up last night. The accident was caused by the accidental explosion of a shell which set off the other ammunition. Debris from the demolished fort was scattered for miles around.

BOY IS SHOT DEAD IN LONELY SHACK

Chauncey Morris, 18, Is Victim of Killing.

FRIEND, AGED 16, IS SOUGHT

Police Think John Pall Can Solve Mystery.

PAIR GO OUT TOGETHER

Revolver, Taken Along Presumably for Target Practice, Is Discovered Beside Body.

Chauncey Morris, 18-year-old Klamath Falls youth, was shot and almost instantly killed in a deserted shack along the Canyon road some time yesterday afternoon, and police last night were looking for John Pall, 16-year-old lad of that neighborhood, who, it was thought, holds the key to the mystery.

Whether the killing was murder, suicide or accident the police were unable to say.

Morris had been employed on the dairy of Anton Kluser on the Canyon road. Yesterday afternoon, in company with Pall, he went to the cabin on the heights alongside of the road. The two lads took with them a .38-caliber revolver and a number of shells, presumably for target practice.

At about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon young Pall returned to the Kluser home and dropped the remark that "Morris is staying behind to put out the fire." With those words, he disappeared.

A few minutes later, John Kluser, 18 years old, started up to the cabin to join Morris. There he found the older youth dead. The revolver was by his side.

Young Kluser was so frightened that he was unable to give a coherent story of the condition of the body or the status of the wounds. He picked up the revolver, ejected the discharged shells and ran back home.

Case Reported to Police. The case was reported to the police. Attaches of the coroner's office started for the body at once.

Detectives attempted to locate young Pall, but up to a late hour last night were able to find no trace of him.

Young Morris' relatives live at Klamath Falls, but for some time he has been making his home with his grandmother, Mrs. Jack Hobson, 1115 Division street.

MAN, 72, DIVORCED WIFE.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—George Z. Moody, 72 years of age, and a well-known Washougal attorney, was today granted a divorce decree from Mrs. Mabel Moody whom he married in 1914. The case has not been completed as yet as the property settlement is still to be made.

ENTIRE GREEK ARMY HEADS FOR THRACE

WAR IS INEVITABLE, SAYS ATHENS DISPATCH.

Neither Greek Nor Turk Capital Has Much Faith in Conference at Lausanne.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Athens says the entire Greek army is moving toward Thrace, war being considered inevitable. The dispatch adds that former Premier Venizelos telegraphed the revolutionary government advising it to send reinforcements to the Thracian front and asking to be informed of the number of troops there.

The reservists of the 1920 and 1922 classes, the dispatch continued, have been called to the colors. War Minister Pangalos has been appointed commander-in-chief in Thrace and has left with his secretary for Salonika.

(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.) ROME, Dec. 28.—News from the Balkans says that both the Greeks and Turks are preparing to renew armed conflict. The Greeks, it is reported, are massing 20,000 troops on the Thracian frontier and the Turks are getting ready to resist an attack. It is said that neither Athens nor Ankara has very much faith in the conclusion of peace at Lausanne.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French government has practically completed its plan for the seizure of certain German state forests as a result of the formal action of the reparations commission last Tuesday in declaring Germany in voluntary default for her failure to deliver the specific amount of timber during the present year.

Some of these government-owned forests are in the occupied territory of Germany and others in Bavaria. It was authoritatively stated to-night that, apart from any general settlement that may be reached at next week's conference here of allied premiers, M. Poincare has made up his mind to take these forests in economic reprisal for Germany's "wilful default," even though the other allies refuse to participate in the operation.

The French premier will insist that his plan of seizure be the first item on the agenda of the premiers' meeting. He will ask the approval of the allied powers, but if this is not forthcoming he is prepared to act alone.

FORD BUYS COAL MINES

Property in Kentucky Taken Over by Motor Company.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The sale to the Ford Motor company of the coal mines, mining plant and equipment of the Pond Creek Coal company, situated in Pike county, Kentucky, was announced today by T. B. Davis, president of the latter company.

The purchase price was not announced, but Mr. Davis estimated that upon final liquidation, the net worth of the present company would approximate \$45 a share. There are 212,920 shares of common stock.

The board of directors of the Pond Creek Coal company at a meeting late today confirmed the sale and authorized the calling of a special meeting of stockholders to ratify their action.

RIVER RISES TO 10.5 FEET

Weatherman Believes Water Has Reached Maximum Height.

With a rising barometer and a tendency for the weather to "dry up," the opinion was expressed yesterday afternoon by Edward L. Wells of the weather bureau that the Willamette river might not at (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

GOING TO THE RESCUE—ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME.



UMATILLA COUNTY SWEEPED BY STORMS

STREAMS FULL AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION DOWN.

Willamette River Reaches Highest Point of Winter at Albany; Medford Drenched.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Rain, followed by a heavy wind storm, swept Umatilla county this evening, and lines of communication were torn down. The Umatilla river was rapidly rising and all creeks were flowing full.

Window panes were reported smashed in some towns of the county, but no serious damage was done. Practically the entire deficiency in moisture for the year has been made up in the rainfall of the last week.

The maximum temperature was 50 degrees today and more rain was indicated.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Willamette river reached the highest point of the winter here today when it went to the 13-foot mark. The rise started three days ago, when the water went to the ten-foot stage. Heavy rains are responsible but the storm has ceased and the weather was colder tonight, which was expected to check any further rise. The Santiam and Calapoopa rivers also were high, especially the Santiam, which nearly overflowed its banks today.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—This city and vicinity got an unusual amount of rain this week. More than 1.57 inches fell here the past few days, of which .75 of an inch alone came in last night's downpour. Further rain was predicted for tonight and Friday.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Willamette river today reached the highest stage since the flood in November, 1921. At 8 o'clock this morning the river stood at 14.8 feet above normal. The river has risen 13.3 feet since Tuesday, December 19. The rise is attributed to the recent rains, which have metted the snow in the mountain districts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The power schooner Stockton City was wrecked in a storm last night off Russian Gulch, approximately 70 miles north of here, but the crew was saved, according to a message received today by the marine department of the chamber of commerce. The Stockton City was of 18 tons net register.

The Stockton City ran between San Francisco and points on the California coast as far north as Mendocino. According to the marine department, she was caught in a gale reported to have been 60 miles an hour off Point Arena last night and was driven ashore. She was operated by the Charles Nelson company of San Francisco.

The Stockton City was wrecked near Fish Rock, where the British tramp steamer went aground in a fog a few weeks ago and subsequently was broken to pieces by heavy seas.

Tea for Girl Athletes Urged. Dean Bovard said that his standardization plan is now complete in outline, and that University of Oregon presently will forward the suggested table of scoring to all state high schools and institutes. But in comment upon the project, he veered to deplore the present tendency toward specialized student activity in baseball, football, basketball and similar games.

He declared that the physical programme should be broadened in scope without detriment to the great triumvirate, in order to include all students—a suggestion that was approved by the department.

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MRS. M'CORMICK MAY SOON WED ARCHITECT

DIVORCED WOMAN FREE TO BECOME BRIDE OF KRENN.

Son and Elder Daughter Urge Attorney to Dissuade Mother From New Venture.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Society expects announcement of the approaching marriage of Mrs. Edna Rockefeller McCormick and Edwin Krenn, the young Swiss architect she brought home with her, either tomorrow or early next week.

Under the Illinois law Mrs. McCormick is free to wed again. She was divorced from Harold F. McCormick—who has since married Ganna Walska, the Polish prima donna, exactly a year ago today. Her decree was absolute on the grounds of desertion.

It is not expected that Fowler McCormick, her son, or Muriel, her elder daughter, will be present when the marriage takes place. Miss Muriel has been bitterly opposed to the Krenn match. It is said Muriel and Fowler recently visited Judge Cutting, attorney for Mrs. McCormick, and urged him to dissuade her from the marriage. Muriel, the younger daughter, is in Europe and it is expected she will become the bride of Max Oster, a Swiss horseman, in a few months.

Persons close to the situation believe Mrs. McCormick will call a minister to her mansion and that the ceremony will be very quiet and that there will be no wedding tour.

PIRATES MAKE BIG HAUL

10,500 Cases of Liquor and Lot of Money Captured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A report received by custom officials today from Nassau, Bahamas, of a \$1,000,000 Heur robbery on the high seas was taken by customs officials as proof of reports that pirates were raiding rum-runners off the Atlantic coast.

The report said the Vincent A. White, which cleared from Nassau for Miquelon October 21 with 10,500 cases of liquor, had been boarded off the New York coast and all the liquor and money she carried taken.

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NEW BRIDGE OPEN AT OREGON CITY

Impressive Ceremony Is Held at Dedication.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY FINISHED

Span Links Road Between Canada and Mexico.

10,000 SEE PROGRAMME

Portland, Oregon City, West Linn and Rest of State Join in Big Celebration.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Materialization of a vision of years ago when the early settlers in the great Pacific northwest saw in the future a connecting link of magnificent highway, linking together the great states of the Pacific coast, occurred here today when the new span crossing the Willamette river between this city and West Linn was formally dedicated. Far-reaching in significance has been this occasion, for the bridge is the major link in the Pacific highway which now forms an unbroken trail from Canada to Mexico, and of vast local interest, for the span has supplied the bond of civic friendship between two communities.

Monumental in design and a fitting exemplification of the stability which has marked the construction of the great system of highways, the new bridge stands symbolical of the efforts of the people of Oregon and of the untiring tasks of a highway commission which has endeavored to bring about the realization of the dreams and desires of the people. Its dedication today, although formal in character, was a simple expression of the faith of a friendly and progressive citizenry in the future progress of the state wherein they live.

Whistles Announce Event. Amid the shrieks of whistles from the huge paper factories which line both sides of the Willamette river and 1000 feet below the great waterfall which supplies the potential energy for these industrial plants, the basic foundations of the two now wedded communities of Oregon City and West Linn, Queen Harriet, christened the beautiful structure at noon today. From her position in the center of the bridge, with the stars and stripes floating above her, she cast the bottle of crystal fluid, fresh from the spring of the Old Rose farm, a pioneer settler's home near here, against the pier and the bridge was formally opened to traffic.

10,000 See Ceremony. Ten thousand persons crowded the structure and their cheers mingled with the shrieks of the whistles from the mills, when the hour of 12 o'clock brought with it the significant message that the span was completed. Eighteen months in the (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

LUMBERING OREGON'S GREATEST INDUSTRY.

Few realize the part which lumber plays in the industrial life of this state. For instance, investigators have reported that 70 per cent of the state payroll is dependent, in one way or another, upon lumber activities.

The year 1922 saw huge timber projects initiated and was the greatest year for the industry in the history of Oregon. Southern pine districts found it impossible to keep abreast of the markets, and for the first time Oregon lumber went into the construction of homes and business structures on the Atlantic coast.

While technically not an Oregon project, the mammoth developments initiated at Longview, Wash., where the Long-Bell interests are establishing a modern city as the concentration point for the largest lumber enterprise