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Premiers

Of Allied Countries to Meet in Paris on Jan. 2.

For Advice From Over Atlantic by Asking

America In

By David Lawrence (Copyright 1932, by The Journal) Washington, Dec. 22.-When the alied premiers meet in Paris on January 2 they will in all probability invite the United

States overnment to help solve the economic situation of Europe. Pos sibly an American diplomatic repreentative may be end the meeting. But it is becom ing more and more apparent that ome from the European govern-United States does

not want to be placed in the position of assuming responsibility for the execution of its sugestions, nor does it want to forced into the position of having tried to dictate to Europe.

This explains to some extent the chemence of Secretary Hughes in delying the story that a commission American business men were to act with the unofficial sanction of the American government in trying to fix the amount of German indemnity. HUGHES ANNOYED

Mr. Hughes was perturbed today because the press reports took his state-ment as the usual "diplomatic denial."

The plan to have a commission of American business men cooperate in fixing the sum that Germany can pay has many sponsors here, and business men of prominence are trying to get this government and European govern-ments to assent to it, but the department of state is not connected with the proposal, either officially or unofficially, any more than it was with J. P. Morgan's visit to Paris last June and the meetings of the International Bankers' committee. It is an interested onlooker, but not a prothese plans.

FEELING WAY The truth is, the United States government is feeling its way. Thus far it has not done any more than make plain informally to the powers that it stands ready to help them with influence and advice whenever it shall be sought. This in itself is a step forward, because Europe has been clamoring for three years for American oring for three years for American help and has pointed to the number of invitations which have gone unac-

What America wants Europe to un-dertake now is that the United States will sit in the councils of Europe and discuss these matters. The thought of an international economic conference is still in the minds of many governments, but it may be said at this stage of the proceedings that the United States will not call it. There are certain obligations imposed upon the host to lay down a program and to set forth what can be done by the nation calling the conference. WANTS CONFERENCE

An illustration of this was the naval rmament conference a year ago, when America felt compelled to announce its own sacrifice at the very beginning. Enrope would expect the United States to announce how much of the allied er the interest would be forgiven, or some such concrete suggestion for a of the whole problem.

What the United States government would like to see is a conference, either of premiers or ambassadors. which would bring to the front all the phases of the European economic situa-tion, and America would be ready to give its advice along with the other

APPEAL TO UNITED STATES It will be recalled that when the premiers met in London recently they a deadlock and decided to their meeting until January with the understanding that in the informal appeals would be what the American government would suggest. It has already been told from London that Mr. Harvey informed the allies he believed America was opposed to the invasion of the Ruhr. This, too, has been confirmed by dispatches from this side of the

Whatever the silies said to Mr. Harvey was deemed of such importance that President Harding and Secretary Hughes decided to call him to Washington for a personal conference. The hope is that the situation will be maneuvered so that if an economic conference is called it will be at the initiative of some European govern-ment, and that if America is asked her advice it will be given as advice and not as a proposal, but this coun-try wilt not undertake the execution of guarantees or some other political entanglement which might be contrary to American public opinion. FEARS WRONG IMPRESSION

The Harding administration believes it can render advice without entangling itself in any obligation to guarantee the security of France or Germany or any other power,

But until Europe asks for American dvice formally, all talk of an Amerian plan to solve Europe's ills must be considered as premature. Secre-

Interior Department Appropriation Bill, Reported to House, Carries \$294,215,300; Northwest Plans Get More Money.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- (U. P.) -- The annual interior department appropri-ation bill was reported to the house today by the house appropriations com-The measure carries \$294,215,-300, of which \$254,858,460 is recom-mended for the United States pensions office. Of the latter sum, \$252,000,000 is for the payment of army and navy

The reclamation service, under the bill, will get \$12,250,000, a decrease of \$2,550,000 from current appropriations. Various Western projects are taken care of as follows:

Baker river project, Oregon, \$500,000. Umatilla project, Oregon, \$900,000. Klamath project, Oregon-California, Okanogan project, Washington, \$65,

Yakima project, Washington, \$1,310,

Boise project. Idaho, \$1,390.000. King Hill project, Idaho, \$35,000. Minidoka project, Idaho, \$665,000. North Platte project, Nebraska-Wy oming, \$1,420,000.

The Bolse, Idaho, project is given an increase of \$170,000; the Carlsbad, New Mexico, project an increase of \$15,000; the Baker river project, Oregon, an increase of \$100,000; the Umatilla project. Oregon, an increase of \$400,000, and the Okanogan project, Washington, an increase of \$25,000 over appropriations for the present fiscal year. All the other projects are slated for decrease. An appropriation of \$125,000 is recommended for development of the Natus unit of the Wapato project on the Yakima reservation, state of Wash ington Irrigation projects in Wash-ington have been increased \$141,000 over current law.

Stanfield Ends His 'Mystery' Trip; Is Now in Washington of Wallace Reid today following a day Price of Radium

Washington, Dec. 22.—(WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) Senator Stanfield ended his Western "mystery trip" today and reappered in his seat after an absence dating from Thanksgiving. He said that upon leaving he had expected to go only as far as Chicago, but this was extended by urgent business to Utah, Nevada and Idaho, where he traveled extensively by automobile. He intends to remain here until congress adjourns, he said.

Discussing current legislation, he said that after viewing the distress of agriculture he is ready to support almost any measure for its relief, even the Norris bill, which is being urged by the so-called radical group, for stabilization of farm prices.

War Finance corporation ald must in ratification was he be continued, he declared, but this on American people. alone is not enough, as farm prices must be inflated to save agriculture. He has not committed himself on the ship subsidy bill, he stated. While favoring subsidy in principle, he desires to study certain features with a view to securing greater benefits for Portland and Pacific Coast interests.

Ford Company Is to Have \$6,000,000 Plant at Chicago Fatty Arbuckle pictures will not be shown in Portland, according to Mrs. Alexander Thompson, chairman of the board of censors, and Will Hale, a sectional description of Women's clubs—I don't feel that any person who has so transcended the bounds of decency as Arbuckle has should be allowed to ap-

(By United News)
Chicago, Dec. 22,—The Ford Motor company is about to build a \$6,000,000 manufacturing and assembling plant here, which will employ approximately 16,000 men, according to an announce

ment Thursday. Title to a 70-acre tract of land to e used for this purpose has been taken over by Ford. The first unit of the new plant, which will have a floor area of about

16 acres, will be employing about 4000 Will Hays." men and producing cars by May, according to plans. Ultimately the plant is expected to be one of the world's greatest automobile establishments. will be brought in boats, while the Nickel Plate road, running alengside the site of the plant, will handle most of the traffic.

Beside building closed car bodies, previously constructed in Detroit and disewhere, the new plant is expected

onel Barrymore Divorced by Wife By United News) WYORK. Dec. 22.—An interlocutory see of divorce has been entered by the content of the arbuckle case of divorce has been entered by the content of the core association—I agree with Mr. Hays in his declaration that every man should be given a chance to make good, but I do not think "Fatty" Arbuckle should be given that chance by means of motion pictures. The publicity given the Arbuckle case when I read the recent developments on the Arbuckle case. I was amazed, then my second thought was that administion of the Master, "Judge not," so I would not want to judge. However, I would not want to see Arbuckle. ASK PARDON RECALL Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Will thay only an unsavory effect. I do not the Arbuckle case. I was amazed, then my second thought was that administion of the Master, "Judge not," so I would not want to judge. However, I would not want to see Arbuckle. ASK PARDON RECALL Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Will thay today was called upon to re-Lionel Barrymore

(By United News)
New York, Dec. 22.—An interlocutory decree of divorce has been entered against Lionel Barrymore, seion of the famous American family of actors, it was ascertained Thursday. The divorce was granted in favor of Mrs. Doris Rankin Barrymore, herself a membe reports will give the impression abroad that the United States stands ready to that the United States stands ready to was based on a referee's findings as Mrs. M. W. Wyville, chaired a great many filings which American to Supreme Court Justice motion picture division of Oncluded on Page Nineteen, Column Seren) Morschauser.

Man Falls 3 Stories; Uninjured

T. G. Collins, No. 86 Fremont street, a window-washer, fell from the third story of the Railway Exchange build-ing. Third and Stark streets, about 8 o'clock this morning, as he was washing windows of the Aetna Fire Insurance company's office. He landed or his feet, but no bones were broken. He was conscious when assistance reached him, but suffered a severe shock and was sent to Good Samaritan hospital. Collins had his safety belt n, and the cause for his fall is unexplained.

Collins said he "let himself down easy" when his feet struck the cement walk. The result was no diminution of shock, but a saving of bones.

London, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A mas-sacre of Moslems has broken out upon the Greek island of Crete and many have been slain, according to a Central News dispatch from Athens today, shal C. R. Hotchkiss. quoting reports received in that city Famine conditions prevail in Crete

is a result of the tremendous influx of refuges from Asia Minor. Many farms owned by Moslems with all their stocks are said to have been seized by Greeks. The Italian consul in Crete has intervened in an effort to establish or-

2 Prominent Men of Chicago Convicted

(By Universal Service) Chicago, Dec. 22.—William A. Bither, rominent local attorney, and Henry victed by a jury on a charge of con-piracy last night. The state charged they conspired to collect \$21,000 in real estate rent that belonged to the board of education. Bither was former attorney for the school board.

Wally Reid Uneasy; Visitors Barred

of Wallace Reid today following a day and night of increased temperature and restlessness. The noted motion picture actor, who is in a Hollywood sanitarium suffering from influenz and complications brought on, his wife says, by the drug habit, must go on a liquid diet for several days, his physi-cians said today.

Poincare Wants Treaty Ratified

Paris, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Premier Poincare, in addressing the chamber foreign relations committee this afteron, insisted upon ratification of the Washington conference treaty limiting naval armament. He said that delay in ratification was having a bad effect

ond member of the board, who stated emphatically today that they would vote against the showing of any Ar-buckle films in Portland. There are

"For Will Hays to presume to par-

don Fatty Arbuckle is preposterous,"

convicted by the jury, he was convicted

by public opinion, and public opinion has not yet pardoned him. The women

of America are already raising their

voices in protest over this action of

"Will Hays has killed himself," de-

clared Will Hale, another member of the board. Of course, the decision of

the board can be appealed to the coun-

ager in Portland will make any effort

have only an unsavory effect. I do not think the children of America should pay the price of Arbuckle's making good; he should find a chance through some other channel.

Other opinious were obtained as fol-

show an Arbuckle film"

think a motion picture show man-

only three members on the board.

said Mrs. Thompson.

HAYS IS TARGET

PICKETS ARE

Judge Wolverton Wipes Out 60-Day Sentence Against Couple Found Guilty of Violating Railroad Strike Injunction.

Christmas pardons were granted leorge Scharman and Robert A. Green, striking railroad shop crafts employes, by Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton today. The men were found guilty on August 29 of contempt of court by establishing a picket line on August 1 at the entrance to the Al-bina shops of the O-W R. & N. company and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and fined \$100. On November 13 they gave up their fight to have the sentence rescinded and surrendered to United States Mar-

The disgrace attached to conviction so affected Green that he became a nervous wreck six days after he entered the county jail, according to representations made to the court this morning by B. A. Green, counsel for the two men. From November 21 to December 14 he was in the county hospital under a physician's care. CAN'T PAY FINE

Green, it was stated, is the father four minor children, and is trying to buy a home on the installment plan. His attorney told the court that he was not financially able to pay the

Scharman is a much older man than Green, being 60 years old, and has an invalid wife and invalid brother dependent upon him. He also requested that he be freed from payment of the After hearing the pleas of the two

men Judge Wolverton turned to A. A. Murphy, counsel for the railroad com-pany, and asked if he had any objection to the petition. Murphy said his company objects to any ruling which might change the findings in the case, as the company believed the man guilty of contempt. "It was with considerable reluciance (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

Drops Following New Discoveries

Denver, Colo., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Radium has dropped \$50 a milligram, the Radium Company of Colorado an-That would be \$49,600,000,800 a ton,

But it doesn't.
The annual output of the company's heaped on a nickel.

That much would be worth about \$1:000,000

The drop follows discovery of rich deposits in the Belgian Congo. The company has closed its Paradox Valley mines and w after January 1. mines and will buy from Belgium

pear before the public. It is an injus-tice to the motion picture people who

country to have him appear again.

Miss Julia Spooner, president of the

Portland Grade Teachers' association

-I shall be surprised if the women of

will so soon forget all that has hap-

Mrs. Julius L. Louisson, president of

the Council of Jewish Women-Any-

one who has such poor taste as to want to see Arbuckle, should be per-

Mrs. D. B. Kelly, president of the Portland Parent-Teacher council — I must confess when I read the recent

Censors Oppose Arbuckle

from here, it was reported to officials in Mer Rouge by a woman who said her husband discovered the bodies while fishing. Officers left here immediately for Lake La Fourche to verify the woman's story. Lake La Fourche is 15 miles from Mer Rouge and a trip of about an hour and a half over poo

dence. The woman was positive the bodies had been found. A ring with two keys on it was found on the shore of Lake La Fourche shortly after discovery of the bodies was made. Captain Cooper believed this discovery may turn out to be valu-Federal agents here remained silen

Club Women Present Views over the discovery. They said they knew nothing of the use of dynamite Other authorities declared they believed arrests to be imminent.

Identification of the two bodies, was said, may be very difficult. Captain Cooper, in command of guardsmen here, verified for the International News Service that two bodies had been found and attributed the discovery to the work of persons Mrs. Mary Mallett, state president of who last night attempted to destroy the W. C. T. U.—It can never be for the derrick from which the diver was any good to the young people of the to start work this morning. He believes dynamite had been fastened to

the mooring chain and set off and that this caused the two bodies to come to the surface.

Daniels and Richards disappeared this country allow Arbuckle to gain Daniels and Richards disappeared favor again; I cannot think that they sens of Mer Rouge were kidnaped fol-lowing a barbecue at Bastrop, which is nearby. Two of the men were badly beaten and told to return to Mer Rouge. Daniels and Richards never have been seen since. The men who captured them numbered about 35 and each wore the familiar hooded costume of the Ku Klux Klan: Both had previbeen investigating the murders for more than a fortnight.

Suppressed Deficit Of 16 Million Found

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Will H. Hays today was called upon to reverse his grant of clemency to "Fatty" Arbuckle, movie comedian, by Miss Errie MacGregor, who declared shee spoke in behalf of 500,000 class room teachers of America.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—An alleged suppressed balance sheet of the United States postoffice department abowing a deficit of \$16.193,000 for the first quarter of 1922 was made public here today by General Charles G. Dawes, Dawes intimated that "other washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Will class for further discussion, which could him the children of America should find a chance through could find a chance through could find a chance through the should find a chance through the chairman of the solid miles for further discussion of the came of America should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should please for the should find a chance through the chairman of the should please for the should find a chance through the chairman of the should please for the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should please for the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the chairman of the should find a chance through the should shoul

Scene of Alleged Houseboat Murder

FLOATING home of Cash Weir, riverfront character, who is accused by Helen Leary of having murdered an unidentified girl of 15 last September. Arrow points to crevice

in side of house through which she stoutly reiterates that she watched Cash Weir violate and slay the little stranger, later with the aid of Earl Weir, his son, taking the body down

river in a launch. Lower picture gives close up view of same crevice by the window. Be

low at right is Earl Weir, son of accused, who is being questioned.

TACOMA GIRL MISSING
Tacoms. Dec. 22.—U. P. 1—Ellen
Selander was listed as missing here
on the police records of September
3, 1922. There is no record of her
being found, and police have been
unable to locate any of her relatives up to this (line. When she
disappeared in company of Pansy
Converse she wore a black dress The bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, who were kidnaped last August by a band of masked men, were found floating on the surface of Lake La Fourche, a short distance

Converfe she wore a black dress and black straw hat, but sise car-ried a brown dress, the police records show. Police searched the files in the rec-ord bureau this morning and had the wires hot over the Northwest trying to get track of some missing girl anroads will be necessary to confirm the story, which, however, was given creswering the description of the young woman who was alleged to have been murdered in Cash Weir's houseboat

September 23. The missing girl most nearly answering the description given by Helen Leary, the accuser, was Ellen Selander of Tacoma, a 15-year-old girl who fled from her home September 5. She had blue eyes, brown hair, wore a brown hat turned up in front, a brown dress and black stockings and pumps. She resembled in almost every particular the girl described by Mrs. Leary. Afto, the mystery of where she went has never been solved, though it was believed she was headed for Portland. Mary Kearns, 10, and Martha Quigly. ton girl's home at Everett. Wash., on

Firebugs Destroy Canada's Most Beautiful Church

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Quebec, Que, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)— The Church of Netre Dame de la Recouvrance, oldest basilica in the city; and many art treasures, were dea mass of ruins early today.

For a time many of the city's finest buildings were endangered. These in-cluded the Chateau Frontenac, the Ca-nadian Pacific Railread hotel, and newspaper offices.

The fire was believed to have been incendiary. The chief of detectives received a threatening latter several days ago, saying the church, most beautiful in all Canada, would be burned December 18. The blaze was a climax to others in Canada recently

Wage Board Grants Building Trades Eight Increases

San Francisco, Dec. 22.-(I. N. S.) The impartial wage board organized to stabilize the building trades in San today calling for eight increases and by General Taylor of the army engilayers were raised from \$9 to \$10 a just arrived concerning the making of day; hodestriers from \$6 to \$6.50; a fill from dredging at Astoria and by cement finishers from \$8 to \$8.50; glass workers from \$7.50 to \$8; composition roofers from \$7.50 to \$8; tile setters from \$8 to \$8.50.

Son Denies Father Warned Him Against Girl as Related by Elder Weir, Who Said Murder Tale Was Based on Revenge.

After four hours of cross-examina tion of Earl Weir, 26-year-old son cl by Mrs. Helen Leary of the murder of an unidentified In-year-old girl in the Weir houseboat September 23, police detectives and Deputy District Attorney John Mowry announced at 4:30 this morning they believed they were nearer the truth of the story.
The authorities felt this convicti

because, although they could not shake young Weir's denial, they found in his story a discrepancy in detail from the story told by his father. On the other hand, out of a maze of recrimination and contradiction involving young Weir and Helen Leary, the girl's story re-mained as at first related. STORIES CONFLICT

The main point of conflict in the stories told by young Weir and his father was found when the elder Weir vehemently stated that the girl's story was inspired by revenge because he had warned his son against her, while the son as firmly deales that his father, ever apoke to him of the girl in this way. On this discrepancy the detectives base their hope of jarring loose ammething tangible enough to solve the mystery.

The girl is said to have worn two rings. One of them was an agate and bore a scene representing a tree and clouds. The ruby ring was set in whitigoid and was worn on the third finger of the left hand. The agate ring was said to have been on the little finger of the left hand.

Mrs. Leary also declared the girl wors a lavallers committing of two agates, one strung below the other.

SEARCH OF LINNTON BOAD in an effort to locate the spot where she claims Earl Weir told her he throw the murdered girl's body in the river. From descriptions of the country and the distance from Portland, the police ry declared this morning

to the girl was not accustomed to underworld and was of good per onality.
"I liked het fine," she said, "but I Cannot remember her name.

Weir was arrested at 9:30 o'clock
Thursday night as be went ashore at
Rainier from the tugboat Cowlits, es
which he was a pilot. He was taken
into custody by Sheriff Wellington of

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Dredging Project Reaches Capital

. Washington, Dec. 22.—(WASHING TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL) no decreases over the 1922 scale. Brick- neers this afternoon that a report had

Aged Veteran Keeps Home Wins Fight Over Mortgage

tional gallery to cheer wildly when justice prevailed; no hiss with vigorous venom when the little farm was in peril, but even without the giorious gallery, the footlights and the fancy back drop, the familiar story of the old homestead and the mortgage was impressively unfolded with fine dramatic values today in Circuit Judge
Tucker's court. Ticker's court.

Martin Gerspach, 86, retired veteran of the Civil war and Alaskan service, was doubling for the late Denman Thompson. Gerspach was fighting for his little home, a few miles out of Portland, the one thing in the world be owns except his monthly government pension. RECEIVED NO MONEY

The record reads; "Martin Gerspach vs. Austin Maloney," suit in equity, to set aside a mortgage for 3400 and dismiss a cross complaint calling for a foreclosure. Gerspach, according to the cross complaint, exe-

he even claimed he had never gotte. the \$40. The preponderance of evidence tended to show the old man had not gotten any money, but always lived frugally on his meager pension. Judge Tucker declared the mortgage void and dismissed the cross-compl asking for foreclosure.

Tottering with a cane, Gerspach slowly moved into the judge's chambers after the suit, resembling the lead in some fine old melodrama, with his heavy set, stooped figure, his long

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE WILL DISCUSS THE IRISH SITUATION IN THE SUNDAY JOURNAL NEXT SUNDAY

IN THE third of the series of articles which he is writing for The Sunday Journal, the former British premier reviews the circumstances attending the conference with the Irish delegates last year, and recalls Gladstone's appearance in the parliament on a similar mission, years ago.