

## COLOMBIAN PACT IS UP IN SENATE FOR RATIFICATION

SENATOR LODGE OPENS DEBATE URGING \$25,000,000 BE PAID.

By L. C. Martin  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Four years of senatorial debate (off and on) over the proposal to pay the republic of Colombia \$25,000,000 in settlement of the dispute over the Panama canal question, today drew near its end. The senate took up the proposed treaty with Columbia, under an agreement, to vote after eight days' debate.

Supporters and opponents of the pact jumped into the fray today right at the start. Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee, opened the discussions with a speech favoring ratification. Lodge's speech was largely an explanation of his change of position. Four years ago he signed a report in which the treaty was called "international blackmail." Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, followed with a speech opposing ratification and took the position that the same reasons exist today as existed in Theodore Roosevelt's time for not acceding to Colombia's demand for payment.

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**SAWDUST DUMPED UPON MAN WHO SUFFOCATES**

By United Press  
ABERDEEN, Wash., April 12.—Hugh J. Rogers, employe of the Bay City mill, lost his life here yesterday when a load of sawdust was dumped in a bin which he was cleaning.

Rogers suffocated before he could be rescued.

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**COOLIDGE DISCHARGES MAN WHO BROODS, KILLS SELF**

By United Press  
MARBLEHEAD, Mass., April 12.—William D. Trefry, former state commissioner of taxation and corporations, shot and killed himself at his home here Monday after yielding to despondency that afflicted him since Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, then Governor of Massachusetts, retired him from office. Coolidge, who was about to go out of office, appointed his own secretary, Henry F. Long, to succeed the veteran Trefry.

Trefry had held his office for more than 20 years and was 68 years old. His replacement by Long occasioned much surprise and was a great blow to Trefry who brooded over it constantly. He became bitter against Coolidge and complained that he had been treated "very shabbily."

The medical examiner's report was "suicide, as the result of despondency."

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**CHARGES AGAINST CLOCK ARE DROPPED**

CHECK DEAL RESULT OF MIS-UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO PRINCIPALS.

Upon failure of Dr. H. C. Dodds to press a charge of grand larceny, sworn out by him against Frank Clock following an alleged check mix up, Clock was this morning released from the \$1000 bond upon which he had been at liberty and the case against him dropped.

According to Dodds, the whole affair was a mistake. He gave Clock the \$1000 check, expecting to tear up the \$900 check. Clock however took both checks, thinking that, in line with some former discussion on the subject, he was supposed to pay a number of outstanding accounts against the Dufur drug store, in purchase of which the two checks were being tendered. Missing the \$900 check and not realizing that Clock had planned to settle the outstanding accounts with it, Dr. Dodd caused Clock to be arrested in Eugene and brought back to The Dalles upon a charge of grand larceny, he said.

## MARKETING BODIES ARE DISBANDED

OREGON GROWERS' ASSOCIATION SUPPLANTS CHERRY UNION, PRODUCE ASSOCIATION.

The Cherry Growers' union and the partly organized Fruit and Produce Growers' association were both disbanded last night, by action of members assembled in a mass meeting at the court house. This action was taken in order to make way for one highly organized body to be formed under the direction of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. Resolutions disbanding the local organization were so worded that the action is provisional upon the securing of the acreage in the county demanded by the state cooperative association before it will establish a branch here.

The disbanding of the two local organizations was necessary in order to expedite the work of the state association, as many persons signed in the old organization hesitated to sign up with the new association until released.

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## SHIP SINKS; 22 DROWN

By United Press  
PORT ARTHUR, Texas, April 12.—The steamship Colonel Bowie sank today off the coast of Mexico, near Tampico, according to a wireless report. Twenty-two persons lost their lives, the report stated.

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**"SHAMROCK" MURDERED —POLICE SEEK BLONDE**

By United Press  
ST. LOUIS, April 12.—The police are today combing the city for a blonde woman, who shared the apartments of "Shamrock," notorious criminal found dead in his rooms yesterday.

"Shamrock" had many aliases, and was best known as Michael McNamara, two times a convict and alleged leader of a nationwide gang of safe blowers.

The murder is believed by the police to be the outcome of a dispute over the division of spoils of a recent haul.

McNamara was shot four times, his assailants escaping in a motor car.

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**WOMEN WILL KILL MACHINE POLITICS**

FAIR VOTERS WOULD MAKE WIFE ABANDONMENT CRIMINAL ACT.

By United Press  
CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—Woman, the newly-enfranchised, is going to drive machine politicians and ward-healers out of the American political system.

This was the keynote of the annual report of Mrs. Maud Wood Park, chairman, delivered before the second annual convention of the National League of Women Voters, in session here.

The committee on uniform laws is to present the following recommendations:

An equal interest of husband and wife in each other's real estate.

The removal of all common law disabilities of married women.

Wife and child abandonment should be made a criminal offense.

Common law marriages should be abolished.

The state should require health certificates before issuing marriage licenses.

There should be uniform state legislation on marriage and divorce and statutes prohibiting the evasion of marriage laws.

## U. S. SHALL TAKE NO PART IN LEAGUE OF WORLD GOVERNMENT DECLARES PRESIDENT HARDING

PASS EMERGENCY TARIFF AT ONCE, BRING GOVERNMENT EXPENSE INSIDE FEDERAL REVENUES, INVESTIGATE RAIL SITUATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY AID, POINTS.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—"In any existing league of nations, world governing with its super powers, this republic will have no part," President Harding today declared in his first message to congress.

High lights of the message of recommendations, which contained 7,000 words, follow:

Passage of the emergency tariff at once, with possible revision later. Bring the cost of maintaining the government inside the present revenue.

Congress advised to investigate the railroad situation.

Federal aid for highways.

Soldier relief should be directed by a policy of generous gratitude.

Endorsed federal maternity bill.

Supported creation of department of public welfare.

Prudence forbids a rash disarmament bill.

"The surest procedure in every government is to put its house in order."

"I know of no more pressing problems at home than to restrict national expenditures."

"The most substantial relief from the tax burden must come, for the present, from readjustment of internal taxes and revision and repeal of those taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purposes."

"I believe in the protection of American industry. It is our purpose to have America prosper first."

"A reduced cost of basic production has been recorded but the high cost of living has not yielded in like proportion."

"The United States means to accomplish and maintain a great merchant marine."

"Our very immediate concern is for crippled soldiers and those very deeply in need of the helping hand of the government."

"Congress ought to wipe out the stain of barbaric lynching from the banners of a free and orderly representative democracy."

By Raymond Clapper  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Before completing the final revision of his

message to congress, President Harding today called all republican members of the senate foreign relations committee to the White House for a conference.

The cabinet meeting scheduled for today was called off to allow Harding to confer with the senators, although he had planned to go over his message with cabinet members.

The calling of the senators to the White House led to reports that Harding had made foreign trade, Versailles treaty and league of nations important features of his message and wished senators intimately concerned with foreign relations to go over his recommendations before they became public.

Proofs of the message reached Harding from the government printing office shortly before the senators came to the White House. He at once set to work correcting them.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—President Harding planned to go over his first message to congress with his cabinet today before reading it before the joint session of house and senate.

The president goes to the capitol at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The cabinet meets two hours before that.

The message is a composite of the views of Harding and the recommendation of his cabinet. He has for instance conferred with Secretary Hoover on foreign trade and Secretary Denby on naval matters before writing his recommendations to congress on those subjects.

This being his first message to congress, Harding prepared it with unusual care and has been writing and revising it since last Saturday.

Harding wrote practically all of his message in long hand, making few corrections in the penciled copy. Numerous insertions were made when he began revising it however.

Whether the new president will follow permanently the custom of reading his message to congress in person will depend upon the reception he gets at the capitol today.

The message is expected to be much longer than the last ones written.

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By United Press  
PORTLAND, April 12.—The financial affairs of John Bruno and Harry Pawluk, the man Bruno confessed to killing in the hills west of Portland, were today disclosed in the murder trial. The state endeavored to disprove the self defense plea and showed that Pawluk had just been paid off by the Steamer Montague, on which both men were employed. The state attempted to establish robbery as a motive for the brutal murder.

In an effort to establish a defense for Bruno, Attorney Tom Garland told how the slayer had sat for three hours beside the man and pondered upon what would be the best thing to do with the body. Garland told the jury that Bruno had first struck Pawluk with a revolver butt and then sent two revolver bullets crashing through his brain. The deed was done in self defense, said the attorney.

Bruno would have gone to the authorities immediately, Garland said, but had no witnesses to prove that what he said was true. So he took the money and all other things from the body and fled from the state. He was later captured in Seattle.

Pawluk's body was found by a group of Campfire girls.

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## BLACK AND TANS ARE EX-CONVICTS

JAMES WELSH TELLS OF BURNING OF IRISH VILLAGE BY ENGLISH.

James Welsh returned from a visit to his old home in Ireland, Sunday. He left The Dalles in February of last year, spent two weeks visiting a sister in Gloucester, Mass., and then made the ocean voyage to the Emerald Isle. Mr. Welsh was a young man 21 years old when he left Ireland to come to the United States. This was his first trip back after 57 years. Many of the people whom he had hoped to see were gone. Soon after arriving in his home village he met two men who recognized him and they told different ones until his arrival was well announced to the friends and relatives. There followed invitations into the different homes, until as he says, "it would take several pages to tell of all the times and places I was entertained."

His family lived in the County Killeney for more than 300 years. The peoples here follow purely agricultural pursuits. They grow wheat, clover, oats and timothy. Dairying

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## DOORN CASTLE FLAG IS AT HALF MAST

MEMBERS OF HOHENZOLLERN FAMILY GATHER FOR EX-KAISER'S FUNERAL.

By United Press  
DOORN, April 12.—The German flag flew at half mast over Doorn Castle today as members of the Hohenzollern family gathered for the funeral of the ex-Empress Augusta Victoria.

The crown prince reached here from his asylum at Wierengen. The entry was quiet.

The ex-emperor remained indoors. He was said to have isolated himself and to be showing signs of the deepest grief.

Dr. Dyxander, former court chaplain, will have charge of the private services in the little chapel today or tomorrow.

Plans were laid today for the removal of the body early in the morning after the services here. It will be taken to the railway station in a specially built automobile. At the boundary line the kaiser and crown prince will be halted while the remains of the empress go on to Berlin to be paid the honors of royalty.

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## "MURDER SQUAD" IS GET EVEN AGENCY

CHICAGO WOMEN SEND MAN HUNTERS TO HARASS PERSONS DISLIKED.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, April 12.—Chicago women's little game of calling out the police "murder squad" to raid the homes of women they have grudges against must cease.

Police Chief Fitzmorris said so today.

Ever since the notorious Tommy O'Connor killed a policeman and escaped two weeks ago, police have received several hurry up calls every day, such as this:

"Hello, police? Shush! Tommy O'Connor is hiding right next door to us."

Whereupon the "murder squad" with orders to shoot to kill when they found the elusive Tommy, would rush the house, break down the door and point shotguns at the frightened housewife until the place was searched.

Of course, no Tommy was found.

Chief Fitzmorris discovered that it wasn't that the neighbor woman wanted to cooperate with the department to bring a criminal to justice, but merely gave the "bum steer" to spite persons they hold a grudge against.

## AMERICAN OWNED LAND IN MEXICO WON'T BE SEIZED

NATION WINS IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC FIGHT IN EXPROPRIATION MOVEMENT.

By A. L. Bradford  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—The United States has won in an important diplomatic fight with the Oregon government of Mexico, according to state department advices today.

It was learned today that the department had protested to the Mexican government against steps to expropriate valuable American farming land in that country for division among Mexican peasants.

Secretary of State Hughes has now been advised by American Charge d'Affaires Summerlin in Mexico City that Oregon had given assurances that no American or other foreign property would be disturbed in this proposed expropriation of land.

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**McNARY CONFERS ON RECLAMATION MEASURE**

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau.)  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Senator McNary has been in conference with Chairman Sinoott, of the house committee on public lands, Commissioner of the General Land Office Spry and E. F. Blaine of Seattle, representing the Western Reclamation association, as to the details of the reclamation bill which Senator McNary hopes to be able to introduce in the senate within a day or two.

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**FISHERMEN ACCEPT WAGE CUTS OF 23 PERCENT**

By United Press  
SEATTLE, April 12.—Fishermen at all coast ports agreeing to a drastic reduction of wages, the Seattle cannery ship St. Paul, operated by the Northwest Fisheries company, sailed for the north last night. The new scale conditionally accepted by the fishermen means a cut of approximately 23 percent less than the wage of last season.

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**BROOKS' SLAYER IS CHARGED WITH MURDER**

By United Press  
BELLINGHAM, Wash., April 12.—A first degree murder charge will be filed against Harry Feasner, confessed slayer of Maurice J. Brooks, shot Friday night, and who died yesterday.

According to Brooks' ante-mortem statement, he was carried into the home of a resident by Feasner, after having been shot in an alley. The man and the woman of the house conferred for several minutes before Feasner left and he called the police. The woman is out on bail on a charge of assault. Brooks is 26 years old. He leaves a widow and two small children.

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## "FARMERS' FIRST" TARIFF UNDER WAY

AGRICULTURAL AND LABOR INTERESTS OPPOSE PROPOSED SALES TAX.

By Clarence Dubose  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, April 12.—The "farmers first" tariff program of the new congress got well under way today.

The emergency tariff bill, protecting wheat, wool, meat and other agricultural products from foreign competition was reported from committee.

It will pass the house Wednesday, Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee predicted. Republican Floor Leader Mondell named Thursday as the time limit.

The suggested sales tax to be considered soon by the senate finance committee will provoke much opposition from farmer and labor interests, according to indications reaching congressmen.