SEVENTIETH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 28, 1921

GIVEN SUPPORT

Favor Reduced Navies.

SENATOR KING URGES MODERN NAVAL UNITS

Value is Belief of High Officers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. - Bypartisan support for the naval dis-

resolutions. naval program was endorsed. Senator Borah spoke in behalf of his

project. The disarmament discussion was interjected in the tariff debate. The house naval committee today postponed indefinitely the hearing of General Pershing on disarmament scheduled for tomorrow, because of the illness of Chairman Butler,

Senator Borah declared that if the people of the United States, Great Britain and Japan could TWO voice their opinions, he felt confident they would speak for an agreement to reduce naval build-

"There are two ways to dedisarmament," he declared. "One is to oppose it conscientious-Another is that adopted by others in public life who are willing to give lip service to disarmament but conjure up all conceivable methods to secure delay."

He said his other resolution, calling on the senate naval comfor an opinion as to whether the American naval building program could be suspended six months until the value of capital ships had been determined was designed to evelop "as definitely as can be known what will bring us an efficient navy."

Many high naval officers, he said, believe that capital ships the case was given to the jury. have lost their value, because of the development of submarine and he said, to state their real opinion. Notice was served by the sena-

of inquiry he would introduce another resolution calling for a thorough investigation of the na-

Senator King also urged an "exhaustive investigation" to determine what units would make a life imprisonment for his client. modern navy. He cited that the present building program was dopted five years ago, before the United States entered the war and submarines.

DRASTIC CUT IN ARMY HIGH LIFE

Provisions Made in Army Appropriations For 150,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- Provision has been made in the annual army appropriation for an army of only 150,000 at the suggestion of President-elect Harding, Repreentative Anthony of Kansas, chairman of the house appropri ations sub-committee, said tonight in announcing that the bill was ready to be reported.

The proposed army of 150,000 which compares with the present army of about 213,000 and with the army of 152,000 men fixed in a resolution acopted by congress, was suggested by Mr. Harding as proper maximum, Chairman Anony said. Mr. Harding, accordng to Mr. Anthony, expressed the sellef that an army of 150,000 toether with the reserves, national guard and other forces, should provide sufficient military establishment during peace.

The army appropriation bill. which probably will be submitted to the house tomorrow, carries apropriations of \$328,000,000 which represents a reduction of \$62,000,-000 from the appropriation for this year and a cut of more than half in the war department estimates of \$690,000,000.

that the army has been living too ___

MYSTERY EXPLOSION

SON IS FOUND 20 FEET FROM SCENE OF TRAGEDY.

Whole Southern Portion of Tacoma Shaken by Force of Unknown Explosion

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.-Mrs. Cora E. Castner, widow, 55 years old, is dead and her son Elvin Sastner, 26, is dying as the Senator Borah Declares the result of an explosion of unknown Committee of Experts Again cause which demolished the Cast-People of United States, per home here tonight. Mrs Great Britain and Japan Castner was found with her clothing on fire and lying near the kitchen stove. She is known to have been calling during the afternoon and to have just returned to her home a few minutes prior to the explosion. She died a few minutes after the arrival of the first of the neighbors. Melvin Castner was found about

20 feet from the scene of his Capital Ships Have Lost in mother's death and was clear of Germany Must Pay Indemnthe debris from the house. His right leg was broken in two places, according to those who assisted in the rescue, and his head was badly cut, indicating a fracture of the skull. Castner is an electrician's helper.

The whole southern portion of armament movement was given in the city was shaken by the force the senate today during discussion of the explosion and dishes and of Senator Borah's disarmament windows 12 blocks from the scene were broken. It was first thought that gas had been the cause, but Senator Borah's plan for an of- it was later stated that while a ficial determination of the future gas main ran to the house, it value of big ships in the American was not connected. The police tonight are attempting to learn the true cause.

Women Jurors Weep When Verdict Is Submitted

SEATTLE, Wash, Jan. 27. John Schmitt, alleged bandit, was found guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for hanging, by the jury which heard declared there was no difference his trial in superior court here today on the charge of killing Police of the problem. Detective James O'Brien in a gun battle last Friday. The jury, including four women, was out 54 minutes.

On hearing the verdict the defendant smiled and said: "Let's go." Schmitt had pleaded guilty to the charge of first degree murder. The trial opened at 9:30 o'clock this morning before Judge W. A. Frater and at 4:05 p. m.

The formal sentence that Schmitt be hanged, which is manperial warfare, but were unable, datory under the jury's verdict, was deferred by Judge Frater when Schmitt's attorneys, appointfor that if the naval committee ed by the court, filed motions for should not act on his resolution a new trial and for arrest of judgment.

Prosecuting Attorney Malcoln and Deputy Prosecutor John D. Carmody urged the death penalty in their closing arguments to the jury. Schmitt's attorney asked for the trial. While awaiting the jury verdict, he remarked:

"Ordinarily I don't believe in before the changes wrought by the capital punishment but in my case do. It's the only way out. I'd rather be hanged than go to prison for life. Some people could stand imprisonment, but not I." Cordons of police kept hundreds from crowding into the courtroom

during the trial and when the jury reported its verdict. Schmitt's speedy trial and verdict established a record in local coutrs. He was arrested last Friday after killing Patrolmen W. T. Angle and Neil McMillian and Detective James O'Brien in two gun battles, arraigned Monday, when he pleaded guilty and his trial set

Two of the four women jurors were weeping when the jury filed into the court room to submit its

Appointment of Ambassador To Russia is Opposed By Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. - The house voted down tonight a proposal to pave the way for appointand struck out of the diplomatic not accept before investigating a in the session over the proposal ment of an ambassador to Russia appropriation bill a provision for raising the American legation at Peking to an embassy.

Then finding its feet entangled in diplomatic problems, it quit now, for neither the allies nor the with an agreement to continue

consideration tomorrow. After brief debate the house rejected an amendment by Representative Mason, Republican, Illinois, to set aside \$17,500 as the

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KILLS MRS, CASTNER NATIONS ARE

Consider Question of the German Reparation and Its Collection.

DOUMER DEMANDS ARE ABSURD SAYS PREMIER

ity, But How Taxes Statesmen

of German reparations is again for injuries received while in the in the hands of committee of ex- county employ. He is to be paid perts, which committee is to con- \$5000. sider certain details and report to the council before a final decis- extending authority to localities of some former friend or acquainion is taken.

Doumer's Demands Impossible The discussion on reparations ment when the subject was resumed.

The British premier is under-Doumer were impossible of reali- only 15 minutes after noon. zation.

The committee is composed of M. Louchour and Doumer for France; Baron D'Abernon and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans Sir Laming Worthington-Evans for Great Britain; Colonel Theunys for Belgium; Signor Giannini for Italy and Kengo Mori for Japan. The committee is

Lloyd George took up question of reparations at opening session of the council. He Bill of opinion regarding the merits

Utmost Indemnity Wanted "Germany must pay to her ut most capacity." he asserted. "To assure this the allies must stand together. It is useless to try to get more than Germany can pay. for her interests are identical with the interests of the allies. It is to Great Britain's interest as well as to the interests of Belgium and France that Germany pay to the last farthing. But the question is how to get it.

"Germany could easily pay inside the limits of her own territory but she cannot export her forests nor her railways. If the allies took possession of her railways and doubled the passenger paid only in paper marks. It was generally recognized France had sustained the greatest human loss hand Great Britain had been nancial expenditure. effort alone cost ten billions of pounds.

Collection Puzzles Nations Germany, he continued, can of bonds. pay only in exports. If she exported too much to the allies, it would mean the ruin of allied industries; if she exported too much to the neutrals it would mean the loss to the allies of the neutral markets. Consequently the question of effectively securing payments of reparations must be taken up with due account for these facts.

He insisted on the necessity of This could be accomplished if France would accept the Boulogne suggestion as a basis of discussion, that is to say, six billion pounds in 30 or 35 annuities, with

Certain things must be insisted on, he said-the determination of Germany's capacity to pay, the renovation of Germany's "fantastic budget" and the imposition on her people of taxes as heavy as those paid by the allied peoples. Germany must make her people economize as the allies have done. legislature. the total of the debt must be fixed and the mode of payment should meet Germany and finally

discuss a settlement. M. Doumer said Lloyd George's speceh did not change his opinion, Count Sforza, Italian foreign minister, strongly favored the expert program of the Belgians.

Premier Brian asserted France was not asking for the impossible. French public opinion was ready to accept what might reasonably be collected, but would one-sided theory that Germany is unable to pay.

Lloyd George insisted it was essential that something be done world generally could bear further delay.

WHITMAN IS BEATEN.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 27,-The - at basket ball here tonight, 23 earthquake. Large careks appear to 17.

TIME CREDIT BILL FOR CONVICTS IS PASSED

ON MONDAY CALENDAR

Former Friend or Acquaintance Bridge Over Coumbia Unopposed

Senator Hare's measure exending to inmates of the penitentiary the privilege of a fiveday time credit monthly for the first year of sentence and 10 days monthly after the first year for good behavior, was passed by the senate. Under the present law the allowance is five days, regardless of the length of time the prisoner has served. The bill has the approval of Warden Comp ton of the prison and of the state parole board.

Upon motion of Senator Joseph. seconded by Senator Moser, the port of Portland consolidation bilis were yesterday made a special order of business for 11 o'clock next Monday.

The senate yesterday passed a delegation authorizing the county court of that county to com-PARIS, Jan. 27.-The question pensate Frances Willard Taylor

Senator Smith's bill No. 150, to develop certain materials for tance, of the Witherell's having fertilizer purposes, was passed.

The senate yesterday passed. was taken up in an atmosphere without opposition, the Norblad made unfavorable by a position bill calling for a survey and esassumed yesterday by M. Doumer, timate of cost for the proposed French minister of finance, who construction of an interstate named 212,000,000,000 gold bridge across the Columbia river further from me. Have \$50,000 marks as the total indemnity near the mouth of the river. The Germany should pay. M. Doum- bill calls for a survey by the state er's attitude caused embarrass- highway commission and a report to the legislature of 1923.

Yesterday was a desultory day in the state senate. The upper stood to have indicated that the body was in session only about radical demands made by M. 30 minutes in the forenoon and

Will Empower Municipalities to Build Community Houses

A bill will be introduced before which in effect would be a sweeping amendment to all city charters in the state, not so providing already that the cities would be empowered to build community houses for the benefit of service men without the expense and in-

charters themselves. It is provided in the proposed bill that any incorporated city or the necessary site within its boundaries and to build a community sailors and marines who served in pose to levy taxes or issue bonds and endured the greatest suffer- when empowered to do so by the special election. At such an elec-Her naval the maximum amount of money

real progress at the conference. Redistricting of State to Be Considered by Special Committee

> Speaker Bean of the house and President Vinton of the senate completed the joint reapportionment which will consider all legislation introduced into the legislature dealing with redistricting the state for representation in the

Rither announced the follow ing senators to serve on the comestablished. Then, at a meeting mittee: Dennis of Union county, similar to that at Spa, the allies Staples of Multnomah, Patterson of Polk, Hall of Coos, and Robedtson of Wheeler. The house members are Bur-

> dick. Carter, Hurd, Gordon and Gallagher, Senator Upton, who introduced the resolution providing for the committee, requested that he not be named a member.

> This was a result of controversy that arose in the senate early some of the senators holding that the standing committee on elections and privileges should have the consideration of legislation relative to redistricting.

VILLAGES ARE SHAKEN.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 27. In the ground at several places.

WIFE OF WITHERALL IS HELD FOR RANSOM

PORTLAND PORT QUESTION NOTE DEMANDS \$50,000 IN CASH FOR RELEASE

> Former Friend or Asquaintance Believed to be Instrumental In Disapprarance

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27,-The disappearance Tuesday of Mrs. Gladys Witherall, wife of O. S. Witherall, president of a loan and investment company, followed by demands for ransom money was attributed tonight by detectives, investigating the case to 'someone completely familar with the habits of the Witherell household." This statement followed a day of clues which led 100 miles outside of Los Angeles. Neighbors of the Witherells re

ported Mrs. Witherell left home in an automobile. Today it was stated a demand for ransom had been made and that Mrs. Witherell had made a personal appeal for succor. Later private detectives bill of the Washington county working on the case said they discovered a typewritten demand for \$50,000 ransom had been slipped under the door of the Witherell house

At the police detective bureau tonight it was said investigation was being made of the possibility involved in the disappear-

The second note slipped under the door read: 'Mr. Witherell - your wife is safe. Don't worry until you hear! eash ready for me as you will hear from me again soon. Don't notify police or detectives or all

The police declined to give details of the first communication. Witherell today offered a reward of \$500 for information as to his wife's whereabouts.

More Than Thirty Members Hear H. S. Hudson

first weekly noonday luncheon of the Marion County the legislature by Senator Hare Real Estate association, organized last week, was held yesterday at the Marion hotel. More than 30 prominent real estate dealers. members of the association and several invited guests were in at-

H. S. Hudson, president of the Inited Artisans, representing the Interstate Real Estate association. addressed the gathering. The keynote of the address was for the town is authorized to purchase development of Oregon's industries, the advocacy of keeping within our own country, money and freight rates, they would be house for the benefit of soldiers, available for loaning purposes and on all sides to see that they kept

That the people of Oregon advocate the support of home indusing, he said, but on the other legal voters at any general or tries, and forget to "carry on," was the firm conviction of Mr Schmitt was impassive during forced to incur the greatest fi- tion the voters would designate Hudson, and in the course of his remarks he called attention to the to be expended for the purpose immense sale in this state, of Canand specify whether the funds be adian bonds, which go to build up procured by taxation or the issue the Canadian industries in place of the industries of our own coun-

During the year 1918, \$200, 000,000 were expended by the state for outside industries, and \$500,000 within the state. This would mean that for every dollar invested, 99% cents went outside the state, the speaker said. The result is apparent. To protect home industries, provide for an exchange in business, and establish a form of ethics should be considered by the association of most mportance, in the opinion of the

L. A. Hayford, president of the association, named members of the 10 committees provided for by the constitution: Valuation committee, W. H. Liston chairman, membership. Charles Neimeyer chairman. George Hubbs of Silverton, W. E. Moses of Jefferson publicity, E. Grabenhorst chairman, Hugh Magee, Karl Beck; municipal ordinances, Albert Copley chairman, K, Pearcy, W. L Cummings; legislative. John Scott chairman, W. H. Grabenhorst, Karl Beck; ethics, A. J. Mills chairman, G. Grabenhorst, A. C. Bohrnstedt; city planing, Chester L. Smith chairman, M. W. Rowley Mrs. George Patterson; arbitra-G. Grabenhorst chairman, John Scott, H. S. Radeliff; taxation, J. M. Rupert, chairman, G. T. Moisen, Charles Sweegle; legal . Bohrnstedt, Mr. Wilkinson.

forms, John Scott chairman, A. The formation of eight new committees to perfect the work of committee on insurance. The oththe organization was advised by er three were, upon third reading the president, and appointments yesterday, referred to the commitmade to serve as special commit- tee to permit of a public hearing tees, until such time as they are and investigation concerning cermade permanent. The commit- tain propaganda raised against the Socolofsky chairman, Mr. Emmett, Arthur Peterson: entertainment, noon. Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn chairman, Mrs. Gertrude Page, W. L. War- Malheur and Harney raised the ing; horticulture, K. Pearcy principal objection to the bill on -Villages in this section were chairman, O. K. DeWitte, Albert the point that upon death of the haken today for the third time Copley: agriculture. George holder of the policy no protection

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PRESIDENT NOT RESPONSIBLE DATH TO 500

Ceremonial is the Greatest Since Founding of New Organization of Klan and Incorporation in 1915.

SELECT FEW PERMITTED TO WITNESS CONCLAVE

Imperial Wizard Relates the Purpose and Membership Of Klan Organization

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 27-More than 500 candidates waded knee-deep in water and slush tonight into the mystic cave of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and mounted to the heights of superior knighthood, where they may now sit among the gods of the empire invisible.

Ceremonial is Described The ceremonial, described as the greatest since the founding of the new organization of the klan. was held the 54th anniversary of the taking of the oath as imperial wizard by General Bedford Forrest, when the original invisible empire of the Ku Klux Klan was founded on January 27, 1866 in the hills of Tennessee.

Half the Alabama state fair grounds, where the ceremony was held was flooded knee deep in water. The candidates were not permitted to pick dry spots, but were forced to splash forward to the strains of wierd music.

The initiates took the oath bout the fiery emblem of the order, on the inside of a great quadrate, formed by hordes of white-robed, hooded figures. The outer walls of the great square were guarded by Klannish horsemen, that none might enter but those who were conversant with secrets of the order.

Wizard Relates Purpose The Klansmen, shrouded white, formed a living cross the center of the race track; each held a cross aloft, the standard being white the cross-arm red. Two great searchlights played upon them. In front was the throne of the imperial wizard, surrounded by a thousand Klans-

The Klansmen were marched forward in fours, passing the brone and the cross, and there, in front of the living emblem, the

oath was administered This was the first time in history the public has been permitted to witness the conclave, Newspapermen were permitted to stand on a house-top inside the fair grounds enclosure, with guards the places assigned to them. W J Simons of Atlanta, im-

perial wizard, in a statement to newspapermen, said the new or-"One hundred per cent Americanism and reconsecration to bedrock principles.

White supremacy "To keep forever church and state. "To protect woman's honor and the sanctity of the home." Mr. Simons cited the following figures on the membership of the

Ku Klux Klan: The order has 30,000 members above the Mason and Dixon line: it has 7000 in Chicago. hundred inquiries have been re ceived from Los Angeles regarding the organization of a Klan on the Pacific coast. A middlewest domain office is to be established either at Chicago or Cincinnati.

The present organization was incorporated in 1915. it includes in its ranks a few survivors of and Character," Dr. John Brown the original Klan.

PASSES HOUSE

Domestic Companies May Act as Trustees of Proceeds

Unexpected controversy arose yesterday afternoon in the lower house over the bill authorizing life insurance companies to act as trustees of the proceeds of certain insurance policies. This measure was one of four introduced by the include: Industrial, D. D. insurance committee. The hearing has been set for Monday after-

Representative Gallagher of the drastic cut. Chairman Anthony said, resulted from the conviction of the drastic cut. Chairman Ansalary of an ambassador so that
University of Idaho won from in less than two weeks by what
Swegle chairman, H. F. Brown,
was offered in the bill which inprison after an eleventh-hour atfer to carry out his vacation pro-

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WILSON IS MEASURED BY SERVICE TO WORLD

FOR WASTE Rep. Venable Declares Wilson' Figure Will Stand Forth Among World's Greatest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- Hisory will write the name of President Wilson among the great men of the country and his figure will stand forth among the great, 87 Per Cent of 1,000,000 Representative Venable, Democrat, Mississippi, declared in the house today in discussing achievements of eight years of Democratc rule

Declaring he admitted there had been waste and stealing in the big work of conducting the war, Mr. Venable said:

"It is the height of injustice to hold Mr. Wilson responsible for he is no more at fault than congress, which made appropriations from which the thieves had a chance to steal. Punish the guilty but don't lose sight of the achievements of the people."

Declaring that it had been charged that Mr. Wilson was cold and aloof, Mr. Venable said it came as a surprise to those who knew the president.

"But what does history for that?" he asked. "History will measure him by his service to

the world. "When his body and health were broken, when his voice was stilled and he could not defend himself, it seemed that the virulance of attacks was redoublde, when decency should have manded human sympathy."

Twenty-First Annual Inter-State Y. M. Convention Started

About 150 delegates from all arrive in the city today to attend the 21st interstate convention of the Young Men's Christian association which starts today and closes Sunday night. The sessions will be held in the Pirst the agreement specifying that a Presbyterian church, the opening session convening at 10:30 this morning. Rev. James Elvin, secretary of the local association and his corps of workers have been untiring in their efforts to make the convention one of mutual inspiration and far-reaching bene-

The program for today follows: 10:30 a. m. Opening song service, Walter Jenkins, executive secretary eomniunity Portland, leader.

Devotional Blaine Kirkpatrick, pastor First Methodist church, Salem, # 11:10. Organization of conven 11:30. Keynote address, Geo

irving, secretary religious work department, international committee, New York. 12:15. Luncheon 2 p. m. Song and devotional service, Walter Jenkins and

Blaine Kirkpatrick. 2:30. General topic, "The As sociation's Field and Opportunity in Health and Recreation," Dr. John Frown, Jr., senior secretary physical department, Internation al committee, New York. 1. "Survey of Typical Field,

L. E. Elam, chairman physical committee, Y. M. C. A., Boise, and A. R. Hodges, physical director, Y. M. C. A., Boise, 2. Symposium on outstanding catures of program, Tom Gawley, physical director Y. M. C. A.

Portland; E. A. White, physical director, Y. M.-C. A., Astoria; Cash Wood, secretary, Y. M. C. A. Jackson county, Medford.
3. Address, "Physical Fitness

6 p. m. Dinner, War Workers Other groups as arranged. 8. Song service, Walter Jen-

Greetings: For the state, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner; for the city, F. L. Utter. Response: W. J. Kerr, presiient Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis. Address, "War Time Experien-

ces and Their Bearing Upon the

Present Day Work of the Y. M C. A., Dr. John Brown, Jr.

OLDEST MAN PASSES. UKJAH, Cal., Jan. 27 .- Pat rick Healey, 119 years of age and man in California, died here today after a short illness. Healey, who was born in Ireland March 17, 1802, came to America in He resided in California 1840. during the past 69 years. Rev. Father Sebastian of this city, on visiting Ireland recently, verified Healey's birth record. Healey boasted of never having been sick. His mind was keen and active until death

DEATH PENALTY PAID.

OSSINING, N. Y., Jan. 27 .-Augustin L. Sanchez and Henry Garcia, Mexicans, convicted of formalities to attend his visit. murder, were put to death tonight | A committee from Miami also viction of committee members be prepared to establish diplomattempt to gain a reprieve from gram without devoting attention Governor Miller had failed. I to popular demonstrations.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Tons of Shipping Subject To Foreign Requisition in Case of War.

WASHINGTON SENATOR UNCOVERS AGREEMENT

Franklin, President of International Mercantile Company Explains

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 .- Officials of the International Mercantile Marine company, headed by P. A. S. Franklin, president, today gave the shipping board their story of their twenty-year agreement with the British government stipulating that they "pursue no policy injurious to the interests of the British mercantile marine or of British The agreement trade". brought to the notice of the board through an address by Senator Jones of Washington.

Company's History Reviewed President Franklin reviewed the history of his company and defended its policies, which he characterized as being "100 per cent American at all times." He cent American at all times." presented a list of shareholders to substantiate his statement that 94 per cent of his company was owned by Americans "in the United States," and offered other papers to show "the Americanism" of his managing officials, none of whom he declared was a foreign-

Questions developed that 87 per cent of the more than 1,000,abroad and was subject to req sition by those foreign ments in case of war. Attention also was directed to the clause of sidiary companies in England must be British subjects.

Statements made on these points by International Mercantile Marine officials caused Chairman Benson to say that although Americans owned the ves tual control rested with the foreign directors of the subsidiary companies. Mr. Franklin declared, liowever, that the stock was "locked up in New York, owned by Americans," and foreign control could not affect operations of ships by his company. The next step in the inquiry will be taken by the board in executive session after the testimony has been digested by the commis-

sioners. The board will also consider an 'invitation" extended today by Mr. Franklin and his legal advisor, J. Parker Kirlin, to tell the International Mercantile Marine what it can do to "establish the American merchant marine in the most desirable and effective

Mr. Franklin described his company as an "outcast", despite the fact, he said, it had attempted to sell its British tonnage to "get money to buy American vessels, flying the American flag" and would have done so but for the objection of President Wilson, He said that the British fleet at first regarded the International Marine as an "American trust in England," and as an "invasion of American financiers in British trade."

The feeling in England was so strong, he said, that the British government was compelled to "take measures for self-protec;

Reviewing the operations of his reasels since the agreement was made, Mr. Franklin declared the British had never invoked any part of it and experience had proved that they would not, uness another emergency such as the world war should cause them to requisition ships flying the British flag. He said the agreement did not affect the vessels operated by the international mercantile marine under the American flag.

President-Elect Avoids Popular Demonstrations

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 27 .resident-elect Harding visited the fashionable colony here today. He did not board his houseboat Victoria until late in the evening for the last lan of his journey to Miami. The Victoria is expected to reach Miami Saturday. Eluding a crowd at the docks.

Mr. Harding went ashore early in

the afternoon. After a private luncheon at the cottage of Joseph Ritter he played golf and was a guest at a dinner at the Everglades. Plans for an official reception

to the president-elect were abandoned when his personal representatives stated he wanted no