

SANDS OFFERS TO SURRENDER

COLDEST SPELL OF WINTER IS FELT IN EAST

Several Deaths, Explosion and Numerous Cases of Hardship Attributed to New York Weather.

TWO DEGREES BELOW TEMPERATURE IN CITY

Coast Guard Cutters Dash to Sea for Protection of Big Ocean Liners

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The coldest day of the winter in this section tonight was held responsible for several deaths and an explosion besides a number of minor mishaps.

Two of the deaths occurred in Landing, N. J., when the dynamite packing house of the Atlas Powder works blew up.

Cold Spell Drawn Out
With the temperature two degrees below zero in this city it was as much as 50 below in the Adirondacks.

A by-product of the cold was the pilgrimage to charitable organizations of homeless women and children from other parts of the country, some of whom had come to New York in search of missing husbands or fathers and who found themselves without shelter from the icy blasts.

Spokane Woman Stranded
One young woman from Spokane, Wash., who had come here in October to look for the husband who had deserted her, was sent back west; a mother and her two children were shipped back to Washington, D. C., and two women were sent overseas, one to Italy and one to Turkey.

PIONEER DIES

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Mary Frances Bean, 64, well known northwest pioneer, died here today.

PROHIBITION COMING

THE HAGUE, Feb. 17.—The first chamber of parliament returned by a vote of 18 to 17 a bill providing local option on the question of regulation of the liquor traffic.

SUICIDE ATTEMPTED BY GIRL WHO TAKES POISON AT HOTEL; MARRIAGE PROMISED BY YOUTH

Frances Lectcher, 21, of Dayton, Or., lay near death at Willamette sanitorium at 1:30 this morning following an attempt to take her own life while in Salem last night.

"I want to die. I told Dave of my condition and he won't marry me and I don't want to live any more," she said as she lay in pain.

While at the women's lavatory of the Bligh hotel at midnight, Miss Lectcher swallowed a quantity of arsenic and fell groaning to the floor where she was found by Clerk D. T. Sears and a guest of the hotel.

"I want to die!" the young woman repeatedly moaned while she was being rushed to the hospital where Dr. W. H. Byrd attended her.

"Dave" so often referred to by Miss Lectcher, is David F. Robinson, one-time lover who this morning consented, if she lives, to marry the little woman after an interview with Chief of Police Vernon Moffitt.

REPRESENTATIVE M'ARTHUR NOT TO VOTE FOR SOLDIER BONUS; SAYS PEOPLE CAN'T STAND IT

MAIDENS AND BACHELORS TO PAY BIGGEST

Larger Proportion of Nation's Income Tax is Assessed Against Unmarried Folk

This is a sad story about bachelors and maidens. According to reports coming from various offices where income statements are made, it is the bachelor and the bachelor maid who are paying the greater part of the income tax this year.

The reason that the bachelors, both male and female, are paying almost all the income tax is as follows: The new law gives a married man exemption up to \$2500. Then in addition to this there is an exemption of \$400 for each child or dependent.

Thus, if a man has a wife and one child he pays income tax on an excess of \$2900. If he has two children and a wife, the internal revenue collector doesn't get him until the income last year was in excess of \$3300.

Now, it is no secret that from a business point of view the year 1921 was a pretty disastrous one, and in fact few men in business—that is, average business men—made in excess of \$3000. In many instances there was an actual loss.

But taking the business and professional man on the average, a very small per cent will be paying income tax to the internal revenue collector this spring. It is mostly left to the bachelor maid and the bachelor man who is making more than \$83.33 a month.

Military Funeral Given Young Silvertown Logger

SILVERTOWN, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—A military funeral was held by Robert Reeves post, American legion, at Silvertown this afternoon from the Jack & Eckman chapel over the body of K. Becker, known here as Dave Collins.

Becker was shot and killed at Camp 6 early Monday morning by a bullet accidentally fired by a logger named Riddowich. The only mark of identification to be found was the tattoo across the chest which read "K. Becker, Dec. 1887."

An army discharge paper bearing the same name giving his age as 30 years and birthplace as Stockholm, Sweden, was found on the body. An effort is now being made to find a trace of relatives in Sweden.

Becker was a private in Infantry Company K, 362nd division. He was credited with having fought in St. Mihiel, Meuse and the Argonne.

Chairman Fordney Says Measure Will be Ready to Submit to Caucus of House Republicans Within Ten Days—Much Opposition Develops to Sales Tax—Labor and Grange Leaders Comment on Move

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The outstanding development today in the bonus legislation situation was unexpected announcement in the house by Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, that the bonus bill would be ready for presentation to a caucus of house Republicans within 10 days.

A moment after this statement was made, there was a shout from the Republican side of the chamber when the chairman, lifting his voice to its highest pitch, declared the soldier measure would be passed by a Republican house.

Breaking into the thick of a row over charges by Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the committee, that the bill was being framed secretly with the aid of representatives of the American Legion, Mr. Fordney shouted to the Democratic side that the Republicans did not deem it proper to seek advice on the bonus from those unalterably opposed to it.

While there was no other reference to the bonus on the floor, however, that the Republicans were determined to put the bill through the house, regardless of what might happen to it in the senate. In the event the bill is in shape for consideration by a Republican caucus within the time set by Mr. Fordney, leaders said it would be passed prior to March 4.

"There is no power in the house to head off the soldier bonus now," said a Republican leader, who seemed to be the view of most members insisting upon its early passage.

Democrats opposing the measure, insisted, on the other hand, that objection to the sales tax was so strong in some quarters, that if the matter of payments was presented squarely it might be defeated.

Production Tax Hinted
But if the sales tax method is resorted to, it was said, President Harding would view with favor a tax on production rather than a general retail sales tax. The executive department is now studying the matter.

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UNION SCHOOL AT GERVAIS IS PROPOSED IN PETITION

The Gervais school district sent to the county school superintendent's office yesterday for blanks by which petitions may be circulated in the school districts of Gervais, Waconda, Parkersville, St. Louis and Manning for the first move in the way of establishing a union high school at Gervais.

One-third of the legal voters in these school districts must sign a petition for a hearing before the school boundary board and if the board approves the proposed union high school, each district will at a later date vote as to whether it wishes to be included in the union high school rather than a separate intermediate grade.

Another movement in the way of a union high school is under way in the Woodburn district. The Woodburn district proposes to donate for a union high school its high school property and building, entirely free from indebtedness, if the surrounding districts will come in under a standard high school. This will be voted on March 4.

Already Woodburn is transporting to its high school pupils from 29 districts and the movement is to secure the permanent support of surrounding districts for high school purposes.

If other districts vote to come in under the high school law, it will reduce high school taxes in those districts. It will also enable Woodburn to maintain one of the best union high schools in the state.

Before this can be done, Woodburn must first vote on its offer of donating free of indebtedness its high school building and site, and then the various adjoining districts must vote as to whether they will come in with Woodburn in establishing a union high school.

Portland Bank Robbers Draw Long Sentences
PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 17.—Sentence of 25 years in the state penitentiary was imposed in circuit court this afternoon upon Shelby Murdock, and James E. Burge, who were charged with robbing the East Side Bank here December 1.

When it first became known that the girl had attempted to take her own life, Robinson was indifferent to her condition and

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MOVE IS MADE FOR APPROVAL OF TREATIES

Administration Attempts to Hasten Ratification of Pacts Entered Into at Arms Conference.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS MAKE OPINION SURVEY

President's Reply to Request for Full Information Is Looked for Monday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The administration moved to hasten ratification of the arms conference treaties today by bringing quickly to the surface all the principal issues involved in their consideration by the senate.

In the foreign relations committee, Republican leaders completed a preliminary survey of opinion on every one of the eight conference agreements laid before the senate with the result that it became apparent what particular points the opposition was preparing to direct its heaviest fire.

At the same time President Harding canvassed opinion in the American delegation regarding the senate's request for full information on the four-power treaty negotiations and let it be known that his reply to the resolution of request would be sent to the capitol not later than Monday. He is expected to tell the senate in a brief message that no stenographic record of the negotiations was kept or was practicable.

Few Surprises Develop
The committee discussions which began yesterday, developed few surprises in their disclosure of senate sentiment. In the view of the Republican leaders, they confirmed the expectation that the four-power treaty would encounter greatest opposition, that the naval limitation treaty would be questioned by some senators because of its provision against further fortification of Guam and the Philippines and that the general Far Eastern and Chinese tariff treaties might have some opponents among those who had hoped to see the conference give China a greater measure of independence from foreign interference.

The treaties relating to the island of Yap and to submarines and poison gas are expected by the leaders to be the least opposed, and some senators believe they may go through without a dissenting vote.

No Menace Seen
It is the belief of those who are plotting the treaties through the senate that none of them face opposition strong enough to menace seriously ratification or even to assure adoption of reservations.

On the other hand, a reservation to prevent use of armed forces under the four-power pact, without express authorization of congress, has gained so much support in the committee that some Republican members think it will be adopted here.

A second reservation talked of in discussions of the four-power treaty, would provide for automatic termination of the agreement should any signatory power violate it. Several drafts of each of these proposals have been prepared by individual senators although neither has been formally presented in the committee, or definitely endorsed by any organized senate group.

To Resume Monday
With the formal reading of the general Far Eastern question and Chinese tariff treaties today, the committee completed its formal preliminary examination of all the arms conference pacts except that relating to Yap. The Yap treaty also has been discussed in a general way without formal reading and is expected to come up again when the committee meets Monday.

At the same meeting the president's reply to the four-power treaty is expected to make it possible to resume consideration of that instrument.

Senator Johnson, Republican, California, led in the questioning at today's meeting in regard to the fortifications of the naval limitation treaty. He suggested that the committee should have the benefit of advice from American naval officers before it acted on the article and indicated he would formally ask that naval experts be called before the committee.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, indicated some doubts about the protection of Chinese sovereignty under the Far Eastern treaties.

Democrats May Line Up
So far as revealed by the committee discussions the sentiment among Democratic members does not favor a general policy of opposition.

WEATHER
Rain; fresh to strong south-west gales.

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HIGH ARMY OFFICER WILL WED EASTERN SOCIAL STAR



Mrs. Louise Cromwell Brooks, bride to be of Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, is the only daughter of Mrs. Stotesbury of Philadelphia. Her first husband was Walter D. Brooks, Jr., the marriage being dissolved in the French courts in 1919. Gen. MacArthur is 42 years old, a West Point man and holds a number of war honors.

AUDIT OF COUNTY'S BOOKS SHOWS INTERESTING FIGURES

Complying with the law, there has just been completed an audit of every Marion county office at the court house. The expert auditors were Frank G. Wrightman and A. L. Downing.

This audit was yesterday turned over to the county clerk and the county clerk. Among the interesting statistics in the report are the following:

During the year 1921 there was received in fees at the county recorder's office \$7529.49. The heaviest monthly business was during April, with receipts of \$729.45. The slowest month for recording deeds and mortgages in 1921 was August with fees collected amounting to \$494.20.

Many people just settle temporarily in Salem or the county and from these the assessor collects a transient tax; that is, collects a local tax before the transients move away. Last year the county assessor's office collected \$1564.95 from these transients.

The office of the county superintendent of schools handles large sums of money. Last year the total receipts were \$253,772.05 from the county school fund. On the basis of \$10 for each pupil in the county, the county school fund received \$139,590.

From the elementary school fund of a 2 mill levy, there was paid into the school superintendent's office \$86,314.70, and from the library fund \$1453.52.

The sheriff's office collects but few fees, the total last year being \$276.

In the county clerk's office there was collected last year from fees the sum of \$9161.48.

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MARION COUNTY BRANCH OF POULTRYMEN IS ORGANIZED

A well attended meeting of Marion county poultrymen was held in the Commercial club rooms in Salem Friday afternoon and there was organized a local or county branch of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers' association of Portland, through which the egg product of a large proportion of the commercial poultrymen of Oregon, Southern Washington and Idaho is marketed.

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MISSIVE SENT ATTORNEY MAY UNTANGLE CASE

District Prosecutor Offers to Free Butler of Embezzlement Charge if He Points Way to Slayer.

KNOWLEDGE OF CRIME CLAIMED BY WRITER

Woolwine Acts After Conference With Officials and Police Heads

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Immunity for Edward F. Sands from prosecution on a charge of embezzlement preferred against him last August by William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, was promised today by Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, provided Sands can establish his innocence of the slaying of Taylor and can "untangle this murder mystery."

Mr. Woolwine's promise to the missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, was made in a letter he addressed "to Edward F. Sands, through the public press," in answer to a letter purporting to have been written by Sands.

The letter, which was signed "E. F. Sands" was dated February 14. The writer declared he was living in Los Angeles and inquired whether if he surrendered himself and established his innocence of the murder of Taylor, he would be set free.

Mr. Woolwine stated the letter purporting to have come from Sands was postmarked February 15 but came to his attention only today.

He said that when he realized its import in case it was proved genuine, he called in conference police detectives and his own special investigators assigned to the case.

The unanimous conclusion, he stated, was that it would be best to answer the letter on the chance it was genuine and might, therefore, result in the solving of the mystery.

A copy of the letter purported to have been written by Sands, including both spelling and punctuation, as made public by Mr. Woolwine, follows:

"Los Angeles, Feb. 14, 1922.
"Mr. Woolwine:
"Los Angeles, Cal.

"Dir Sir: This letter will probably surpris you when you read it. I am taking this liberty to write you to make matters more easy for you in the first place. I am Mr. Sands although a friend of mine is writing this letter under my dictation. Mr. Woolwine you need not look all over the world for me for I am living right here in Los Angeles and am reading the papers every day concerning the Taylor murder. I will be frank with you Mr. Woolwine, I haven't had any peace of mind since the murder and I have come to the conclusion that the quicker this thing is settled the better off we will all be now Mr. Woolwine in the first place I did not murder Taylor but I know who did it but what assurance have I from you to know that you will accept my story none."

"Therefore I want a guarantee from you that if I surrender myself into your hands and if I establish my innocence of the crime you will set me free.

"If you will do this Mr. Woolwine I can untangle this murder mystery for you you may answer me in any of the Los Angeles papers."

"Thank you.
E. F. Sands."

Mr. Woolwine's reply follows: "To Edward F. Sands, through the public press:

"I am in receipt of a letter dated February 14, 1922, postmarked Los Angeles, which by its language, purports to have been dictated by you.

"I have no means of knowing whether or not the letter is genuine, as I receive a vast number of bogus communications, but I intend to treat it as genuine for

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