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MOVE IN SENATE TO SECURE NEW PEACE MEETING

Borah Introduces Suggestion to Instruct Harding to Call Another Conference So Reparations Can Be Arranged.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A move to instruct President Harding to call a world economic conference in addition to the proposed world disarmament conference was made today by Senator Borah when he introduced an amendment to the naval appropriation bill now before the senate. The Borah amendment would take the place of the provision concerning the president to call a disarmament meeting to take up things left uncompleted by the conference of November, 1921.

Consider Economic Problems.

The president would be encouraged to call such governments as he deems necessary to send representatives to a conference which would be charged with the duty of considering the economic problems of the world with a view to restoration of trade and the establishment of sound financial and business conditions. Borah's amendment stated: "No mention is made of what countries should be invited or where the conference might be held. The Borah amendment also embodies the provisions of the appropriation bill which specifies that the executive should call a new arms limitation conference to take up the matters of land, sea and aircraft armament with a view to reaching understandings relative to limiting future construction. Borah asked that the amendment lie on the table and that it be taken up when the naval bill is considered—possibly tomorrow. "We are traveling in a vicious circle," Borah said in advancing his proposal.

Future Looks Bad.

"No business man or anyone else who has reflected upon the situation dares to look over the next year if the next year is to be similar to the year which is just passing," Borah said. "It seems to me that there ought to be a hard effort made not only to stop the threatened naval race but also to deal with economic problems. "The question of reparations is the key to the European situation. If that can be adjusted, nothing can be adjusted. "It may be possible in a conference of this kind to break the deadlock on that subject. If there is a better program any-

93 Accused of War Guilt are Given Freedom

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The supreme court of Leipzig, in a secret session today, dismissed 93 "war guilt" cases tried in accordance with the Versailles treaty. Generals Von Gallwitz, Von Fockenberg, Von Linsingen, Von Buelow and Von Dicks and Professor Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped. Many witnesses were heard but proceedings were strictly private, and all representatives were not present. The court declared the defendants had been proven neither absolutely guilty nor innocent of crime against German law.

Seven hundred and seventy-one cases are pending. The German court includes the former crown prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, accused of deportations from northern France during the war, and the duke of Wurtemberg who ordered troops massacred at Namur and other famous offenses.

The allies drew up a long list of those considered guilty and required the Germans themselves to try them.

OREGON GROWERS TO VIEW LOCAL CANNERY

Twenty-five directors of the Oregon Growers' association and leading fruit raisers of Oregon are expected in Eugene Saturday to attend the directors' meeting at the Eugene Fruit Growers' meeting at the Eugene Fruit Growers' cannery, and it is likely that this same type of cannery may be adopted by the state growers.

The Oregon growers deal mostly in apples and pears. At present, a small cannery is operated at Salem, but nothing so extensive as the Eugene Fruit Growers cannery has been successfully operated by the Oregon growers, or any other cooperative marketing organization in the northwest. It is to study the developments here that the meeting is being held.

Growers' contracts with the Oregon Fruit Growers' association will run out within the next two years and an extensive study is being made to determine the proper lines of reorganization. A meeting will be held at the Eugene plant in the morning and a business session at the Chamber of Commerce in the afternoon.

Mayor Refuses to Let Arbuckle Films Show

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—"Fatty" Arbuckle films were barred from Indianapolis theatres today by Mayor Lew Shank.

Only the flappers and flippers and imitators will go to see Arbuckle now since Bill Hays has reinstated him," Shank declared. "The showing of these films is one of the things I'm going to fight to the finish," Shank said. "I'm going to fight to the finish to stop the showing of these films. I'm going to fight to the finish to stop the showing of these films. I'm going to fight to the finish to stop the showing of these films."

Detroit Bars Arbuckle

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Roscove Arbuckle will not be welcomed back to the movie screens in Detroit, it was indicated in a statement issued today by Acting Mayor John C. Lodge.

Four Pranksters At U. of W. Suspended

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—University of Washington circles were agog today over the action taken by the University disciplinary committee yesterday in suspending Richard Holbrook and three companion students who were involved in a student prank on the night of November 20, which led to the shooting of Holbrook by Patrolman J. H. Karlberg of the Seattle police force.

Bankers Are Ready to Play Basketball

With two tentative basketball teams in the field, prospects for a "twilight" basketball league are brighter today. Upon hearing that the hardware men were organizing and ready to go, local bankers got together and have announced they are ready to put a fighting organization of bankers in the lists. Business leaders have some fine talent hidden behind their windows and would no doubt make a strong bid for title honors, should the league get under way.

Elks Treat Kiddies to Candy Xmas Day

Kiddies of Eugene will be made happy Christmas afternoon when Elks lodge No. 227, R. P. O. Elks, do the big brother stunt and treat them all to candy. The sweets will be distributed at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, at the main Elks Christmas tree that will be put up in front of the Elks temple, tonight.



The Weather

Clear, mild, with light winds. High 55, low 40.

NEAR MOTHER IS HELD GUILTY OF POISONING MATE

Most Lurid Trial in English Criminal History Completed When Woman Sent to Hang; Unborn Babe May Save Her.

London, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Edith Thompson must hang for the murder of her husband, Percy Thompson, of which she was found guilty with a 17-year-old boy, her lover.

The lord chief justice today dismissed appeals by Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters, who had previously been found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. Thompson was stabbed to death October 4. Appeal of the condemned woman, who admitted frequent attempts to poison her husband, probably will be carried to the home secretary, her last hope of life.

Trial Sensational.

William C. Bridgeman, whose life, by a coincidence, was recently attempted through poison, said in the mails, under a pseudonym, whether a woman about to become a mother can be hanged. Mrs. Thompson is understood to be in a delicate condition. The trial of Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters was one of the most sensational in English criminal history.

Mrs. Thompson, a girlish figure, who will be 29 years old on Christmas day, maintained her composure in court as witnesses accused her of administering poison to her husband. She admitted giving the man deadly poison, but said she did so only to "weaken him" so he would succeed in heart attacks.

Had Secret Lover.

From June 1, 1921, until October 4, 1922, she gave her husband occasional doses of poison, while continuing to smile upon him and hold secret rendezvous with her lover. Finally on October 4, she prevailed upon Bywaters to stab Thompson to death and so put an end to him.

Only once during the trial did Mrs. Thompson show any emotion and that was when the bloody knife was exhibited. At that sight she turned pale and pressed her filmy lace handkerchief to her eyes. At other times she appeared to be in a trance, unaware of what was going on around her.

After her conviction, considerable sentiment was stirred up in her favor. Her case she was her mother. It was held that the state had no right to execute an unborn babe by sending its mother to the scaffold. This will undoubtedly be brought strongly before the home secretary when he considers whether she shall live.

Husband Befriended the Man.

Frederick Edward Bywaters, was a young naval officer, befriended by the murdered man and taken into the Thompson home at Liverpool. A friendship between himself and Mrs. Thompson led to an illicit love affair, it was admitted in court, and as an outgrowth of this, the lovers plotted to dispose of the unsuspecting husband.

"I put ground glass in his food but it didn't work," Mrs. Thompson wrote the man. Their love letters were at one moment aflame with passion; the next they would be discussing details of poisons and means of disposing of Thompson. Mrs. Thompson admitted trying several means without success.

Finally one night, when Thompson was accompanying his wife home from the theatre, he was stabbed. Stricks of his hand brought her to the scene, to find his ex-wife in her arms.

Bernhardt Takes Her Disliked Rest

Paris, Dec. 21.—Sarah Bernhardt, famous actress, today consented to take a rest which she previously claimed "for me means death."

Physicians who announced that she has passed the crisis of her illness. It is known that, after making many objections, she has agreed to remain in bed for 15 days or so.

The doctors ceased issuing bulletins. This was taken to mean that they considered her well on the road to recovery, although she remains weak.

First Prisoner Breaks S. F. Jail

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—William J. Huff held for burglary, escaped from the San Francisco city jail today by cutting bars of his cell.

BODIES OF LOST AVIATORS FOUND IN ARIZ. DESERT

Victims Found Charred. While Machine Was Burned Up; Thought Planes Forced to Land and Crashed to Earth.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 21.—The bodies of Colonel Francis Marshall and Lieutenant Charles Webber, army aviators, were found today at Indian Springs, a hamlet on the Papago Indian reservation.

The bodies were burned and the airplane was a mass of charred wreckage. It is thought the two aviators had trouble and were forced to land and that the plane crashed, causing the gasoline tank to burst and take over. The bodies were found by some cowboys scouting for cattle in that district.

Indian Oasis consists of a few abandoned shacks and a water hole. It is 75 miles from Tucson and 35 miles from the nearest railroad point. It is believed the two aviators, realizing they could not continue their flight made a desperate attempt to reach the water hole in order not to run the risk of dying of thirst.

The two aviators set out on Thursday, December 7, to fly from San Diego to El Paso in an army plane.

One of the biggest desert vents here conducted was organized following reports that the aviators had not arrived at El Paso and that they were last seen flying over Yuma.

Thirty-six airplanes belonging to the army, navy and to private individuals were sent in the search. The hundreds of thousands of square miles of southern Arizona desert was combed from the air.

Indian scouts, experienced guides, cowboys, United States infantry and cavalry were all put to work in an attempt to locate the lost plane, who was thought, might have escaped death only to be faced by death in the sand wastes from thirst and starvation.

President Obregon of Mexico telegraphed special permission for United States army and navy planes to fly over Mexican territory as it was thought the two men might have lost their way and been living below the border when they met with an accident.

STATE TAX LEVY IS LESS FOR NEXT YEAR

Salem, Dec. 21.—A total of \$8,855,235.50 must be raised by the taxpayers of Oregon for state purposes under the levy for 1923, according to the tax levy promulgated today by Acting Governor Ritter, Secretary of the State Kozer and tax commissioner.

The amount raised for state purposes this year, which totalled \$9,649,289.11.

Both levies include the special millage levies for educational, bonus, road and elementary school purposes. Deducting the elementary school tax, which is levied by the state but retained in the various counties for its support of grade schools, the net state tax for 1923 will be \$8,855,235.50, as compared to \$7,514,954.72 in 1922.

The 1923 levy in addition to covering the estimated needs of all state institutions and departments for the coming year, also covers all deficiency appropriations for the biennium 1921-1923 aggregating \$210,000, all appropriations made by the legislature at the special session in December, 1921, aggregating \$212,000; interest amounting to \$10,195.45 protected during the past year on various bonds by the state treasury; "not paid for want of funds," and \$400,000 estimated as necessary to cover the cost of new buildings and repairs on existing buildings at the various state institutions, during 1923.

Taft Is Recovering From Serious Illness

Washington, Dec. 21.—Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court is recuperating at his home here today from a serious operation several days ago. Taft was removed to his home yesterday from Garfield hospital, physicians stated. The operation was for gall stones, it was stated.

Firearm Finds Own House Aflame In Answering Alarm

Patrolman played a mean trick on J. O. Bristol, city fireman, this morning.

Perched atop the speeding fire truck, Bristol had anxious eyes fixed on the smoke from the fire reported at 1700 North and Columbia. The rig crashed over the crest of the hill at the name's end, and from this vantage point he spotted the blaze.

"Here's help," he yelled, "it's no soap house!"

Although flames were shooting three feet high from the roof, it was found that only a single fire was burning. Explosion of a few dollars worth of covers of damage, a spark from the burning caused the charge.

ARBUCLE FATE HANGS ON WHAT PUBLIC WILL DO

Censured In Some Parts of the Country, While Others Favor Hays' Action; Final Decision Depends On Patrons.

(By United Press)

Fatty Arbuckle's fate is now in the hands of the public. Following his reinstatement by Will H. Hays, the big question is whether the distributors that support the movies will go to see his films, or whether they will be barred by local authorities.

The Los Angeles Federation of Women, who announced opposition to the Arbuckle films, New York movie censors stated they had no jurisdiction and that it would be a matter for the public to decide. From state censors that about the same view. Other United Press dispatches showed Mayor Lew Shank of Indianapolis barring "Fatty" from the theatres in that city; ministers, school superintendents and others opposing him in Milwaukee, and acting Mayor Lodge of Detroit, recommending that the police commissioner bar Arbuckle pictures.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A dress act censors a protest, director of public safety McCandless will not interfere with showing of Arbuckle films here, McCandless announced today.

Omaha, Neb.—Plans for a public indignation meeting to protest the reinstatement of Arbuckle pictures were out today by leaders of the U. T. E. here today. Dr. Jennie Callias, head of the Omaha chapter, and Mrs. C. J. Roberts, a state officer, are heading the movement.

London, Dec. 21.—Mrs. E. H. Scheraga, head of the "Better Movies" department of the Iowa state chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution, said her organization had decided to take no action in the Arbuckle case.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—The Arbuckle case, remodeled comedian may be barred in Des Moines, it was indicated today. The matter will come before the city council in the near future, Mayor Grever declared.

George Bonacker, chairman of the local board of theatrical censors, said that the matter of showing of Arbuckle films in Seattle will be discussed at a meeting of the board to be held next week. "There seems to be a good deal of popular prejudice against the films and we would not sanction their display without holding a public hearing on the matter," Bonacker said today.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Hollywood believes in Santa Claus. But the big boys and beautiful girls of filmland think they see behind the white whiskers the benign, shrewd features of Will H. Hays.

Hollywood's Christmas stocking was pretty full today, as its own picture, Santa Claus was whirled eastward on a transcontinental limited. Hays' brief visit to the picture city has resulted in the following Christmas joys:

- 1—Wally Reid winning his battle against serious illness, with Hays' blessing so that the star's later does not affect the integrity of filmdom.
- 2—Fatty Arbuckle restored to grace and peace.
- 3—Ed Roberts, author of the "sins of Hollywood," tales of petting parties and strip poker, supposedly based on the film colony's life, under indictment for improper use of the mails.
- 4—Investigation of the movie traffic urged upon state and federal officials.
- 5—One hundred million dollars worth of equipment was Hays' Christmas present to a special motion picture committee of the National Educational association, aimed to be used in developing the film as an educational factor.

Hays Shows His Power.

"In one week, Will Hays, with terrific dynamic energy, has his license business as advanced the movie industry more than it has advanced in the past five years," one producer told the United Press.

"We producers thought we knew all about Hays in this industry. We thought he ought to be handled. We found we did not know anything. Hays turned the industry upside down in a week, swept us out of our feet, then sold his big idea to the public and motion picture people alike. Hays set us up and we had to restore confidence in the industry. He did it in just one week through being human."

Hollywood's head was in a whirl through all the blessings showered down on the picture colony when the "sins of Hollywood" were put on the screen. Hays' first visit to the industry was about that he was a mere figurehead. Today filmland was convinced he meant business.

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Agriculture Has Notable Recuperation

Washington, Dec. 21.—American agriculture in 18 months has effected one of the most sensational economic recuperations in history, Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, today declared in his annual report to President Harding.

"The farmer and stock man are not yet completely out of the woods, but in spite of local difficulties here and there and unsatisfactory markets for some commodities, their position on the whole has been greatly strengthened," Meyer said.

"They are still suffering from a burden of debt, the aftermath of the crisis, and some thousands of banking institutions in the country districts are in an overextended condition. But, probably at no time in our history have there been so rapid and extensive an improvement in our economic position as during the past 18 months."

Meyer described the agricultural situation a year ago when the corporation commenced to aid agriculture as "a desperate plight" and declared that the "stability of our whole agricultural and banking structure was seriously threatened."

The war finance corporation immediately sought out the weakest spots in the situation, Meyer said, and applied to them the stimulus of needed credit.

The growth of co-operative marketing associations, Meyer declared, "is one of the most encouraging developments in the marketing of agricultural products in recent years, for it promises to bring about definite and far-reaching improvements in our whole system of distributing farm products. They have established methods which will facilitate the gradual, orderly marketing of many of our staple commodities."

MANY DAIRY COWS IN STATE DISEASED

Twenty per cent of the dairy cows of the state are infected with contagious abortion, and this disease is causing a loss of at least three and four million dollars a year, according to Professor W. M. Braund, dairy specialist of O. A. C., who spoke before the Chamber of Commerce here today.

Contagious abortion is not inherited, but it is not transmitted through the milk to humans like tuberculosis.

Four great losses are caused by contagious abortion according to Professor Braund—the loss of calf, sterile cows, disease of the udder and the loss of milk production, and also decreasing milk production in other ways than disease of the glands.

Contagious abortion is not inherited, but it is not transmitted through the milk to humans like tuberculosis. Only pregnant cows are affected by the disease, according to Professor Braund, who draws his conclusions to experiments made at the college.

A way of combating the disease is to isolate infected cows from the remainder of the herd. The disease is only detected by a blood test of the animals. Samples of blood can be sent to the experimental station where the tests will be made for the dairymen.

There are two great diseases among dairy cattle—contagious abortion and tuberculosis. The first is causing a greater economic loss in the state than the second, declared Professor Braund. However, it is not transmitted through the milk to humans like tuberculosis.

S. P. WILL GET NO LONG LEASE, DEVERS

The interstate commerce commission will not grant the Southern Pacific a long term lease on the Central Pacific line in the opinion of J. M. Devers, attorney general of Eugene, and former resident of Eugene, who was here today. Devers represented the state public service commission at the recent Washington emergency hearing.

In his opinion the Southern Pacific attorney submitted would tend to show that the S. P. is against the common good idea. Further, he says, the question asked by the interstate body of witnesses would tend to show that the commission favored the common good plan for railroads.

At a hearing in Portland January 15, the state of Oregon will present to the interstate commerce commission its plans for the further railroad development of this state.

HORRID MURDER DISCOVERED BY PORTLAND COPS

Women Tells Story After 3 Months of Silence; Girl, 15, Slain By Young Man In a Boathouse On Willamette.

Portland, Dec. 21.—Three more arrests in the Leary-Weir "murder mystery" early this afternoon caused police to abandon their air of speculative indifference to the gruesome story related by Mrs. Helen Leary, a waitress, and to start vigorous combing of the river front for additional evidence in support of the woman's story that Cash Weir, aged riverman, had brought about the death of a 15-year-old girl named Earl in a lead cray on his Ross Island houseboat. The slaying of the girl took place in the boathouse of the late Dorothy Robertson and Al Lewis, whom police and Mrs. Leary claimed had seen living together on Weir's houseboat, were taken when police visited the houseboat this afternoon and were lodged in the city jail for questioning. R. E. Brown, a river man, also was arrested and held in connection with the investigation.

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Story Is Investigated.

Portland, Dec. 21.—One of the queerest mysteries which has ever intrigued the interest of the Portland public continued today to be as queer as it is mysterious.

Mrs. Helen Leary, 20-year-old waitress, accused Cash Weir, 65, known all up and down the river front as a "char-acter," of luring a 15-year-old girl to his houseboat moored off Ross Island, and there encompassing her death in a lead cray.

Mrs. Leary has told the same story repeatedly officers declare, not omitting a single detail, nor tripping once in cross questioning. She claims to have watched the whole affair through a knot hole in the side of the houseboat the night of September 23, and that Cash Weir and his son, Earl, now sought by the police, buried the body in the river. Later, she maintained, Earl threatened to kill her or make her marry him to sell her lips. Old Man Dennis Story.

The old man denies all knowledge of the alleged tragedy, and claims the woman is employing criminal spivack against him because he has opposed her marriage to his son.

While sheriff's officers along the Columbia river lay in wait for an unnamed tough upon which the son is said to be working, a second squad of officers are investigating the spot in the river where the woman claims Earl took the body was dropped "under a ton of rocks."

A third squad is examining the houseboat at Ross Island, where Weir has lived many years. Police are admittedly at sea, notwithstanding whether to give credence to either the Leary story or the Weir denial.

Either Murder or Slander.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—Portland police today ventured to state what they claim to be one of the most gruesome murder mysteries, or else one of the most flagrant cases of slander in the history of Portland crime.

By roundabout methods officers Wednesday afternoon tried to probe what Helen Leary, a young matron, had told friends she had witnessed the murder of a 15-year-old girl in a Willamette river houseboat last September, and accused Cash Weir, 65, a houseboat dweller and lawyer, of slaying the girl.

Repeat Her Story.

Mrs. Leary and Weir were brought together at headquarters Wednesday night, where the woman repeated her story and Weir denied all knowledge of the girl's death.

Weir said he knew Mrs. Leary and charged she had concocted a slanderous story to "get even" with him for his opposition to her association with Earl Weir.

Police Lieutenant Thatcher and Deputy District Attorney John Mowry questioned the woman at length last night and caused her to repeat her story several times. She did so without alteration of a single detail, police announced, and detailed questions failed to shake her narrative.

Weir Is Silent.

Officers claim the woman could not have witnessed the grilling and made such consistent answers had her story been a fabrication. Weir's denance was equally insistent and consistent, and his frank denials of all knowledge of any girl's death has impressed police, they said.

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White mice should be diluted one-half per cent with water. Tell Hinkley is still dabbling in politics as he has no law practice left back on.