

## SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES FIGHT

**Bolivians Win Action in Chaco District; Young Men Called to the Colors.**

**Asuncion, Paraguay.**—A decree mobilizing the classes between 18 and 25 years of age was published Sunday. The action was declared necessary for defense as provided by article 20 of the constitution, and was approved by President Guggiarri.

**La Paz, Bolivia.**—Unofficial reports of the fighting in the Chaco district said that the Bolivian troops had captured 20 wagons loaded with provisions and munitions and also a large tractor, besides numerous prisoners. It was said that more than 100 Paraguayan soldiers were killed while the Bolivian losses were said to have been light.

**Lima, Peru.**—The Paraguayan legation here Sunday afternoon stated that Bolivian troops were marching against the Paraguayan fort, General Aguirre.

The legation confirmed the attack on the Paraguayan position at Bahia Negra by Bolivian airplanes, which dropped bombs and fired machine guns at the Paraguayan troops.

It is stated that the Paraguayans suffered no losses.

Bolivians in wild frenzy celebrate capture of Fort Boqueron.

A note was sent to the council of the League of Nations and a session of the council may gather in Paris if the situation becomes more acute.

**Amundsen Memorial Unveiled.**  
**Oso, Norway.**—In the presence of great crowds Crown Prince Olav unveiled a memorial to the late Roald Amundsen at Borje, near Sharpshorn, where Amundsen was born in 1872. Sunday was the 17th anniversary of Amundsen's arrival at the south pole.

**Tennessee Farmer Killed by Hog.**  
**Nashville, Tenn.**—Attacked by a 250-pound hog as he crossed a pasture lot, John T. Potts, 62, farmer, died in ten minutes.

The most humiliating punishment you can inflict on one who has done you a wrong, is to do him a favor in return.

## They Found Happiness In A Companionate Marriage



Betty Bronson and Richard Walling in "Companionate Marriage"

One of the outstanding motion pictures of the year is the First National film, "Companionate Marriage," which opens an engagement at the Grass Valley Theater Tuesday, December 25th and Wasco Theater Wednesday, December 26th. It is a picture which every person interested in the institution of marriage—and what adolescent or adult person is not?—should make it a point to see. It clears up, through the telling of a powerful, human and very dramatic story, the theory of companionate marriage, as a remedy for matrimonial ills, advanced by the noted judge of Denver's Juvenile Court, Judge Ben B. Lindsey, in his much-discussed book, "The Companionate Marriage." It contrasts a happy "companionate marriage" with two very wretched marriages occurring under the present laws regarding matrimony.

The picture is a forceful denunciation of present-day matrimony as well as a defense of the companionate variety, told vividly and dramatically in a very human, believable story, through a group of actions that reach brilliancy in the performance of their roles. "Companionate Marriage" is a picture that everyone should see, the unhappily married as well as those who have found happiness, companionship and love in the partnership of marriage.

Do not get the idea that "Companionate Marriage" is merely a preachment, for it is nothing of the sort; the preachment, such as there is, is inherent in the story which measures up in interest, excitement and entertainment to the best that recent motion pictures have afforded. The producers, assisted by Judge Lindsey who helped prepare the scenario and was constantly on the set during the filming of the production, set out first of all to make a picture that would interest, entertain and amuse the public; the instruction which it affords is inherent in the colorful and exciting story. See "Companionate Marriage" and you will know exactly what Judge Lindsey's new theory of marriage is and you will be entertained at the same time, and terrifically moved unless you are beyond the appeal of a human story dramatically told.

Betty Bronson and Richard Walling supply the main love interest as the companionate couple and make a clean, likeable, typically American young couple. Miss Bronson has not been seen to better advantage since her cameo in the story with her seven "Peter Pans." The entire cast deserves a special word of praise for effective, simple and dramatic performance. Alec B. Francis, who is co-featured, as the Judge, with Miss Bronson, Hedda Hopper, Sarah Pedden, Edward Martindel, William J. Welsh and Arthur Rankin. A screen newcomer, eighteen-year-old June Nash, gives a truly remarkable performance as the jazz-mad girl who gets married as a part of a cabaret show. Eric C. Kenton has directed the film with understanding and dramatic fire.

## GERMANY THREATENS LEAGUE WITHDRAWAL

**Lugano, Switzerland.**—Dramatic in the extreme was the close of the league's council meeting in Lugano. The meeting ended with an explosion that has shaken the entire League of Nations, and is reverberating throughout Europe.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British delegate, proved a poor prophet when, on the first day of the present meeting, he predicted that nothing sensational or exciting would happen. In a short speech, which, although short, was one of the most dramatic ever made before the council, Dr. Stresemann, Germany's foreign minister, violently asserted and in scarcely veiled language, threatened in effect the possible withdrawal of Germany from the League of Nations.

At the same time, he virtually proclaimed himself the champion of the minority nations under foreign or alien rule in the league states, of whom there are some 20,000,000 in Europe. He predicted that continued disregard of their rights by the League of Nations, would wreck the Geneva organization.

## OREGON BOY 4-H VICTOR

**Edgar Grimes, National Champion, is Acclaimed at Albany.**

**Albany, Or.**—Edgar Grimes, 17-year-old youth of Harrisburg, was honored by his home folk last Sunday, in recognition of his winning the Moscs silver trophy, the award for the National 4-H club championship recently won in competition with 4-H club leaders of the United States and Canada. For the second consecutive year Oregon brought back the trophy. It was held last year by Alex Cruikshank of McMinnville.

Among those paying tribute to Grimes were Governor Patterson, representing the state; W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon State college; Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, and several others.

"He no longer belongs to Linn county," said Governor Patterson, "but to the entire state of Oregon. He succeeded by hard and intelligent work, the only way to succeed."

It requires constant vigilance to keep from condemning a man simply because he is different from us.

## SPEED OF CONGRESS MAY BREAK RECORD

**Rapid Enactment of Bills May Make Extra Session Unnecessary.**

**Washington, D. C.**—Congress is on its way to a record-breaking performance in the enactment of its routine work of the session—the appropriation bills authorizing the funds necessary to run the government during the approaching fiscal year.

In two weeks the house has passed two of the nine regular supply bills, and taken up another. Before the Christmas recess begins next week, leaders intend to establish the record of getting four of these bills out of the way. The senate has passed the first of the bills sent to it by the house and leaders hope to have two others out of the way before Saturday.

Failure by this congress to enact the appropriation bills is the only thing which would absolutely force Herbert Hoover to call an extra session of the new congress.

However, the president-elect has promised an extra session for the consideration of farm relief legislation, if it is not provided at this session, and whether this problem is going to be left to him and the extra session still is problematical.

Some republican leaders, who also are members of the farm bloc and were prominent in the campaign of Herbert Hoover, want this entire question left to the care of the new administration.

Opposing this group is a sizeable bloc of republicans who are strongly opposed to an extra session next spring. They want a farm marketing bill passed now and the other portion of the agricultural relief pledged in the party campaign platform—upward tariff revision—left to an extra session next fall or to the regular term of the new congress beginning a year hence.

## MORE DIVORCES; FEWER MARRIAGES

**Washington, D. C.**—In the United States during last year there was approximately a ratio of one divorce to every ten marriages.

The estimate of this ratio was made in the census bureau preliminary figures for 1927 on marriage and divorce. The figures indicated a steadily rising divorce rate, accompanied by a decline in marriages.

Divorces granted during the year numbered 122,037, an increase of 11,384, or 6.2 per cent above the previous high year, which was 1926. Marriages for 1927 numbered 1,200,494, or 1880 less than in 1926. The number of marriages was 10.12 per 1000 of population in 1927, whereas in 1926 it was 10.27, while divorce rate was 1.62 per 1000 population in 1927, against 1.54 in 1926.

The number of legal unfastenings of the marital tie in Nevada during 1927 was 1953, an increase of 91 per cent over the state's total of divorces in 1926, producing a ratio of 25.23 divorces per 1000 of the state's population in one year.

## WATSON SENATE LEADER

**Indiana Senator Assured of High Post by Withdrawal of Jones.**

**Washington, D. C.**—Withdrawal of Senator Wesley L. Jones as candidate for the senate leadership clears the way for Senator James E. Watson of Indiana by practically unanimous vote.

Watson, by early and energetic work, had corralled so many votes that if the contest had gone to its full length his success was generally predicted. Aside from this, Senator Jones was confronted with the likelihood that if he took the leadership he would be required to drop the chairmanship of the commerce shipping and river and harbor legislation, which are of high importance to his state and the Pacific Northwest.

It is assumed that Senator Jones will be retained as the republican whip and assistant to the leader upon the retirement of Vice-President-Elect Curtis from the senate.

## Gas Tank Car Evolved.

**Washington, D. C.**—The latest achievement in lighter-than-air aerial navigation was announced by the war department recently in the development of tank car gas stations for army dirigibles. Instead of taking 1200 small cylinders for helium gas to fill army blimps as has heretofore been necessary to obtain a sufficient supply, it now is all carried in one tank car.

## Big Aircraft Factory in Seattle.

**Seattle.**—Formation of the biggest aircraft corporation of the world, to be known as United Aircraft & Transport, and headed by William E. Boeing of Seattle, was announced recently.

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### COLLEGES REPORT ENROLLMENT GAIN

Philadelphia, Pa.—An increase of 2 per cent in enrollment—the smallest annual gain since the war—is shown in reports received by Dean Raymond Walters of Swarthmore college from 218 colleges and universities throughout the United States, which are on the approved list of the Association of American universities.

These reports, as presented in the current issue of "School and Society," reveal increases in 101 institutions, comparing the November 1 registrations with those of a year ago.

An analysis by states shows that in 26 states there are more fulltime students in approved colleges and universities of those states than in 1927, and in 22 states there are fewer such students.

As to the cause of enrollment decreases this year, Dean Walters quotes various suggested explanations, "such as agricultural and industrial conditions, the development of junior colleges, a trend in certain areas away from the small colleges to the state universities and deliberate limitation of enrollment." He declares that "the present collegiate period, if it is a plateau, is nevertheless a plateau 25 per cent higher than it was five years ago and very markedly higher proportionately than any similar popular level reached in other countries."

### BRITISH MONARCH MUCH IMPROVED

London.—The spirit of hopefulness which prevailed in royal circles Sunday became more pronounced Monday with the issue of two favorable bulletins on the condition of King George. Both were very short, but both announced continued slight improvement.

The evening bulletin, issued at 4 p. m., said: "The king had a quiet day and the improvement in his majesty's condition noted this morning has been maintained."

The morning report was: "In spite of a restless night, his majesty's condition has slightly improved."

Members of the royal family are beginning to move with greater freedom as the result of their relaxation from the anxiety which held them in the critical days after the operation on Wednesday. Queen Mary ventured for the first time in a long while to take a meal abroad. She, with Viscount Lascelles and Princess Mary, visited the Piccadilly home of the duke and duchess of York to take luncheon with them.

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