

WEATHER Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Friday, rising temperature, fresh N. E. and E. winds.

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Government Not Only Human But Immense Organization

Sometimes One Branch Does Something That Other Knows Nothing About And Reports Go Out That There Is Conflict When There Isn't

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Washington, Dec. 21.—Government is not only a very human institution but an immense organization, and some times one branch of it does something which the other knows nothing about.

That's the explanation for the opinion which President Harding innocently voiced at his meeting with the newspaper correspondents concerning the meaning of the four-power pact, an opinion which was at once sent broadcast as a conflict of view and contradiction of ideals between Secretary Hughes and the President.

In fairness to all sides, the facts of the incident ought to be stated. Mr. Harding submits twice a week to interrogation by the newspaper correspondents. They offer their questions in writing and Mr. Harding can answer or not, as he pleases. One inquiry related to the debate which has been going on in the Senate as to the true meaning of the preamble of the new four-power treaty.

The president read the question carefully and stated his own personal impression. He said at the outset that he had not consulted the members of the American delegation about it—for indeed he has left them the task of working out such problems as these. He did know, however, that it was not the intention of the United States to guarantee the territorial integrity of Japan.

Mr. Harding's views were based upon personal impression and it is worth while recording that when Senators Borah and Poindexter first read the treaty they too insisted that the inclusion of the Japanese mainland was not intended. It so happens, however, that for several days the correspondents have been inquiring on this point at the department of state where Secretary Hughes frankly told them that he saw no particular importance in the point they had raised.

"If it did happen, therefore, that Japan was attacked by a power other than one of the other three signers of the treaty, as for ex-

Takes No Risk.



Hockey players are provided with many kinds of guards for that strenuous sport, but E. W. Gould of the Princeton team has evolved a new one. He's the inventor of that mask he's wearing above.

MANY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Natural Gas Causes Partial Wreck Of Building In Columbus, Ohio, With Much Damage

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Search of the ruins continued today of Wright Woman's Furnishing Store, which was partly wrecked by an explosion of natural gas, injuring over thirty-seven persons, including two women who died. Two more men are missing.

Sam McVey, Boxer Dying In Hospital

New York, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Sam McVey, one of the greatest negro heavyweight boxers, is dying of pneumonia in a hospital here.

ample, Russia or Germany, the United States would naturally tender good offices and do what was possible to avert a war whether a treaty existed or not but in the last analysis the American delegation contends that the United States could decide to remain neutral and keep hands off without violating the spirit or the letter of article two. That's why President Harding in his statement from the White House announced that he had no objection to the view that "insular dominions" might include the homeland of Japan though he feels that it doesn't mean that the United States guarantees Japan's territorial integrity.

HENRY WATTERSON DIES IN FLORIDA

Brilliant Southern Journalist Of Old School Passes Away At Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists and former publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, died at his hotel here early today. He was here on his annual winter visit, had been ill for six weeks but his death was unexpected.

Watterson died peacefully, retaining consciousness almost to the end and conversing during the last half hour with his wife, son and daughter. His death was due to heart failure superinduced by lung congestion. He will be buried in Kentucky.

Think Little Boy Will Entirely Recover

Sherman Sawyer, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Sawyer of Columbia, was brought to the Community Hospital Monday in a critical condition. He was suffering with an abscessed appendix and was not expected to live. Following treatment at the hospital the little boy is now doing well and at noon Thursday it was thought that he would certainly recover.

Daniel Williams who has been in the hospital since the accident in which his leg was so badly hurt that it had to be amputated, expects to get out in time to spend Christmas Day with his family.

There are now eight patients in the hospital, 5 white and 3 colored.

Many Letters On Win And Beer Tax

Washington, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Letters both favorable and unfavorable discussing the possible relaxation of prohibition laws to enable a tax on light wine and beer to be levied as a new source of revenue are pouring into the treasury, officials said today.

SPEED UP ALCOHOL FOR ALL THE SICK

Washington, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Efforts to speed up the distribution of alcohol for the sick are being made by prohibition authorities, the treasury said today. Protests have been received from all parts of the country.

To Be Vice Governor Of The Philippines

Washington, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—It is understood that Eugene A. Gilmore, University of Wisconsin law professor, will be appointed vice governor of the Philippines.

No Discrimination In Favor Henry Ford

Washington, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Henry Ford's attempt to reduce freight rates on coal twenty per cent on his railroad was today disallowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, claiming that the reduction would constitute discrimination.

Says Nobody Wanted Irish Peace Treaty

Dublin, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Richard Mulcahy, Irish Republican army chief of staff, declared in the Dail Eireann today that nobody wanted the peace treaty but there was no alternate to its acceptance.

Seeking Shelter From Bitter Cold

New York, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The municipal lodging house is crowded by people today driven in by the bitter cold. There are many women and children.

Five Killed In Train Collision

Rome, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Five persons were killed and thirty injured in a collision of express trains on the Piave river bridge.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS TODAY

Washington, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Congress is expected to adjourn today for recess over the holidays until January third.

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION DOING IMMENSE BUSINESS

Washington, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The War Finance Corporation is doing business at the rate of several million dollars daily, according to its annual report. To November 30th, the report said, \$82,000,000 had been advanced for agricultural and livestock purposes, of which \$22,000,000 was for cotton loans.

Body Is Found Riddled By Bullets

Quitman, Ga., Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The body of Lee Robinson, negro, was found near a deserted cabin today riddled with bullets. He had had trouble with some white men.

Many Are Entering Baptist Ministry

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The Southern Baptists have reported a large increase in the number of young men entering the ministry.

At Home From College

Misses Eunice Goodwin, Elizabeth Etheridge, Marge Bell, Emily Jennings, Ina Mae Leary, are at home from the North Carolina State College for Women for the Christmas holidays.

Begorrah and We're Satisfied



"Sure, Joan darling, and did you hear the wonderful news? I'ma Dubby, to his wonderful full-blooded Irish Terrier helpmate. 'Faith, and what news be you meanin'?" asked Joan. "The sign of the Irish Peace Treaty and nothin' else." So together they climbed into a chair in their Dublin home to read about it.

Fisheries Commission Meets To Pass On Fishing Grounds

Dare County Fishermen Want Restricted Area North Of Croatan Sound Opened To Pound Nets, and Edenton Fishermen Strongly Oppose It Before Meeting Here Thursday

Whether or not the area at the north end of Croatan Sound, in which pound-net fishing has been prohibited since the passage of the Vann bill in 1905, should be reopened to pound net fishermen, was the principal matter taken up by the North Carolina Fisheries Commission, which met at the Chamber of Commerce offices here Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

The prescribed area under consideration is at the northwest end of Roanoke island, and is roughly a square between 2,000 and 3,000 yards on each side. The fishing grounds in upper Croatan Sound have been materially reduced by the government channel-dredging operations now in progress in the sound, and the fishermen of Mann's Harbor, Stumpy Point, and Mashoes contend that they should be allowed this new territory in place of the fishing areas lost to their pound nets thereby.

Those opposed to the opening of the fishing grounds in controversy are mainly the pound net fishermen of Edenton and vicinity. They claim that pound nets located in this particular area would tend to cut off the fish that might otherwise go on up Albemarle Sound, and eventually be caught in their nets. In support of this contention they point out that the grounds are directly in the route of fish coming northward through either Roanoke or Croatan Sound; and that to permit the Dare County fishermen to set their nets there would work their fishing industry great harm.

State Fish Commissioner J. A. Nelson, of Morehead City, was present at the meeting, as well as Assistant Fish Commissioner T. S. Meekins, of Manteo. Of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission, Chairman J. K. Dixon, of Trenton, E. H. Freeman, of Wilmington, W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, and Dr. J. C. Baum, of Poplar Branch, were present, the only absentee member being S. P. Hancock of Beaufort.

Another matter brought before the commission deals with the fyke net fishermen of Currituck County operating in the North River, mainly in Camden County waters. These asked that they be permitted to ship the fish thus caught up to April 30, from Currituck County. As the fishing regulations stand, they are allowed to catch fish in the waters of Camden County, and to ship them from that county, up to April 30; but the laws governing fishing in the waters of Currituck County do not permit them to catch or ship the fish after April 1st.

The fykes net above referred to is a long bar net stretched by hoops, into which fish can pass easily without being able to return. Fishermen of Coiñcock, Powell's Point, Point Harbor and other North River landings have their ice houses and packing equipment in Currituck County, and the law prohibiting the shipment of fish caught in fyke nets virtually amounts to the prohibition of such fishing, inasmuch as there are no available shipping points on the Camden County side of the river.

STORES CLOSE MONDAY

The stores will be closed all day Monday, December 26. On Saturday night the stores will remain open until ten o'clock. Tonight and Friday night the stores will be open until nine o'clock.

WANTED—TABLE BOARDERS, \$5 a week. Special rates to families. Sunday dinners a specialty, 35 cents. Lovely big room for rent also on January 1st. The house will be open all summer, too. No. 1 W. Main Street. Dec 21-1f

BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL MAN BUT NO EVIDENCE FOUND

Bloodhounds brought from Portsmouth Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff Reid in an effort to trace the burglar who broke into the store of the Farmers' Mercantile & Supply Company at Weeksville, trailed straight to the home of a colored man not far from the scene of the burglary, but the officers found no other evidence connecting the man with the crime, and made no arrest. The store was broken into some time between midnight and day Wednesday, and a quantity of merchandise was taken.

Charged With Murder Of Taxicab Driver

Austin, Texas, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—Federal Prohibition Agent Wiles, Detective Young and Policemen McNeil and Mayberry are charged with the murder of Peeler Clayton, taxicab driver, who was shot near the Ku Klux Klan hall.

Plan Rebuilding Of Central Europe

London, Dec. 22 (By The Associated Press)—The allied supreme council at its coming meeting will be asked to invite interested powers to appoint a commission for an elaborate comprehensive scheme for the rehabilitation of Central Europe and Russia. The United States will be invited to be represented and Germany will also be represented.

FOOTBALL HERE MONDAY

Elizabeth City and Washington will clash in a football game here Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to play off the 0-0 tie at Washington Thanksgiving day. The two elevens will meet on the West Main street gridiron at the baseball park, and a fast game is indicated, since the teams are very evenly matched. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged at the gate.

DRAFT SAUSAGE LAW

The ordinance committee of the City Council met Wednesday night at Mayor Goodwin's office to draft an amendment to the city ordinances regulating the sale of fresh meats here. The amendment, which must now be passed upon by the Council, is intended to prohibit the sale of "green" sausage by merchants not authorized to deal in fresh meats; and it also provides more stringent sanitary regulations for meat dealers operating stands outside the City Market. It is understood that no official action will be taken upon it until the next regular meeting of the Council on the first Monday night in January.

FIRE COMPANY GETS CHECK

While one fire truck was at the Lane home on Dyer street a second alarm was turned in from the fire box at the corner of Speed and Walker streets, and the other truck responded. The fire was at the home of Haywood Boye, colored, and was caused by a defective stove pipe. The damage is estimated at ten dollars.

On Thursday morning the fire company received a check for \$15 from the Eastern Cotton Oil Company as a tribute of appreciation for the service rendered by the department on December 14, when a small but dangerous blaze was checked before it had gained headway.

Leaves For Philadelphia Director F. F. Gosden, of the "Jollies of 1922," left Wednesday night for Philadelphia, where he will direct the production of the popular show.

Here From Washington Elsworth Raman, formerly of this city but now of Washington, D. C., is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER Park your car at our McMorris street entrance and let us fill your radiator with denatured alcohol, the only anti-freeze compound that does not injure the radiator.—The Apothecary Shop.