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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

IISE OF PARDON POWER EXPLAINED BY BICKETT: PREPARING FINAL LIST

Not a Defense, But Confession of Faith, Chief Executive Declares

HAS FAITH IN MEN

Relief in Indeterminate Sentence One of His Guiding Principles

(Special to The Star)

RALEIGH, Dec. 21 .- Prior to the exesion of executive clemency to the batch of prisoners who will be ardoned and paroled by Governor sickett, the governor has prepared a stement about his pardon record which he says is not a defense of that ecord, but a confession of faith. The governor admits that he has ade some mistakes-every governor efore him has made mistakes and all hose who follow him will make misakes, he says-but he has pursued his ardon policy along well defined lines. The statement, which follows, is ade on the eve of issuance of pardons a number of prisoners as Christmas

The governor has had a number of hese cases under consideration for me time and the pardons will be med in time for the prisoners to get their homes and loved ones ristmas day.

The list will be issued later, but the atement concerning his own pardon cord is made public now: Text of Statement

"I am this week issuing my final see clemency I desire to make a stated this criticism but have not resented . It is entirely possible that if some nong his critics. It is simply imposble for an outsider to see the case

all who follow after me, and this r the simple reason that a man who the people of North Carolina to be

at resembles an apology for throwing the life-line to men who have fallen erboard. I am deeply grateful to God d to the people of North Carolina giving me the power to do so. But think it proper, just before the rtain falls on my administration, to take known to the people the princiles that have guided me in the exerof the highest and most sacred

action of my office. Indeterminate Sentence (1st) I believe in the indeterminate tence. That all punishment should for a minimum and maximum time. he people of North Carolina believe this principle. The general assemiges the right to impose these indeminate sentences. In the vast mafity of cases before me I have simpapplied this principle to prisoners victed before the passage of this Wherever the judge has imposed maximum and minimum term I have so far as I can recall, interferred any case before the minimum term posed by the judge had expired. The derlying principle is intended to reild men, and not destroy them.

(2nd) I am profoundly convinced essentially a criminal. As attorney eral of the state I prosecuted every ninal case that came before the su-During duty to sustain every conviction en legally possible to do so, and my rk tended to develop a bias against prisoner. But these eight years exience and study has produced in my a deep and definite conviction the average violator of the law is whelming temptation commits an with the nation's business. he will not be a menace to sowas before he fell into temptation. has learned something about the

Some Exceptions ere are, of course, gross and viciexceptions to this general rule, but onviction that the average pristensified by my study of crimes my experience with criminals durfour years service as governor the exercise of the almost Godpower granted me by the constitu-It to society at large? This is no defense of my pardon pleaded not guilty.

Deal gently with the erring one. Oh! do not thou forget, lowever darkly stained with sin, ie is thy brother yet.

leir of the selfsame heritage, Child of the selfsame God; He has but stumbled in the path

hou hast in weakness trod. Considers No More Pardons governor today announced that (Continued on Page Two.)

Defendants In Poison Case Freed by Court

MACON, Ga., Dec. 21.—All four of the defendants charged with poison-ing Fred D. Shepard of Houston county, for his money, were dis-charged here late tonight by Judge H. A. Mathews, of superior court.
The judge held that, even granting that Shepard was poisoned, the state had not presented sufficient evideace to connect them with the deed. He also deciared testimeny of experts regarding the alleged

of experts regarding the alleged poisoning was conflicting.

There was a mild outburst of applause as the preliminary hearing, which had lasted a week, came to a close and then Shepard's widow, now Mrs. Pauline Elmer of Jacksonville, leaped up and facing the judge cried, "Jesus did not walk alone in the garden. I Md not walk alone. God was with me."

The woman's words drifted off into incoherency and suddenly she toppled over backward, but was saved from a fall by attorneys nearby. Friends crowded around the other defendants, Mrs. Elmer's son. Ernest Hopson; her younger sister, Mrs. Ione Henry, and Mrs. Annie Cutts of Fitzgerald. In a few minutes Mrs. Elmer had recovered sufficiently to be taken away by friends.

The courtroom which had been well filled throughout the hearing was crowded fought and friends of the defendants crowded around to congratulate them. As they left the courshouse, they were halted again on the sidewalk to receive congratulations.

MESSAGE OF PILGRIMS IS RECALLED BY LODGE

Prophecy Made By Daniel Webster Is Fulfilled

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 21 .- A mesection with these last acts of execu- fathers and fullfilment of a prophecy made here by Daniel Webster, 100 years ago, marked the formal exercises here today before a distinguished the pardoning power. I have regret- audience in observance of the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pil-

> States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. The prophecy was fulfilled by Governor Calvin Coolidge, vice president-

the Pilgrims was to be found in their lives, which showed a strong and active sense of public duty, obedience to the law and the placing of spiritual Pilgrims of Plymouth, it will take no with his spirit by visiting the family detriment even from the hand of time," residence which she vacated at the

In the midst of his address just after he had spoken of the significance of Across the continent came a voice from Brooklyn. California. A mement later Governor Coolidge, speaking from the chair of a governor of the Plymouth colony, delivered a greeting to Governor Stephens and the Golden Gate from the governor of Massachusetts and Plymouth Rock.

POINDEXTER AND MORROW CALL ON HARDING

Hopeful Lines"

MARION, O., Dec. 21.—The world peace situation and various domestic issues were discussed by Presidentelect Harding today with Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, a Republican irreconcilable in the treaty fight and with Governor Edwin P. Morrow of

here at Mr. Harding's invitation would talk about the details of their conferences, but both said they believed ne was working along hopeful lines in his efforts to formulate an association of

Senator Poindexter also took occasio as secretary of the Interior, suggesting that the appointment might well be given to Governor-elect Joseph Dixon of Montana.

Another caller during the day was William Butterworth of Moline, Ill. riminal, but is a perfectly normal about business conditions. He asked especially that the department of commerce be placed under the supervision

for which he is very properly sent Late in the afternoon Senator and Prison. But, after this normal man Mrs. Harding motored to Westerville, me, if the state gives him another Mrs. Mary E. Lee, an old friend. Senator-elect and Mrs. Willis and membut will be a better citizen than bers of the Columbus Republican Glee club, also were guests at the dinner.

SEVENTY CONSTABULARY ADMIT SEDITION CHARGE

not fundamentally wicked has Trials On Charge of Murder to Come Later

MANILA, Dec. 21.—Seventy members between the United States and Mexico, of the Philippine constabulary pleaded not far from El Paso, Clara Smith baye not been guided by im-guilty here today on charges of sedi-Hamon, will surrender to Sheriff Buck the state of Sheriff Buck to the state of Carter county tomorrow, the state of the search instituted for her in the state of the search instituted for her in the state of the search instituted for her in the search instituted fo

bord it is my confession of faith— Hearing of the cases of the seven Mathers and Coakley, retained as countain laith whose roots reach back to the pleading not guilty was set for Jansel for Miss Smith.

We of my childhood when I used to are the people sing in the old church pleading guilty will not be pronounced until the trial of the other seven is stranded at the completed. The maximum penalty for completed. The maximum penalty for completed. The maximum penalty for completed.

highest courts if necessary.

complaints were filed yesterday in considers No More Pardons the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as governor today announced that the seventy-seven constabulary men possible but the total changes little, ould consider no more pardons with assassination and conspiracy in by reason of discharges from ships (Continued to the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, but the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, ould consider no more pardons with assassination and conspiracy in by reason of discharges from ships the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as possible but the total changes little, the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as the court of the first instance charging curing berths for them as rapidly as the court of the first instance charging curing berths for the court of the first instance charging curing berths for the court of the first instance charging curing berths for the court of the court connection with the fatal riots. | coming in to lay up temporarily.

DECLARES DEFLATION CAME ALL TOO FAS

Down-Grade Kick From serve Board Was Not Neces sary," Says Harris

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The nat-ural deflation of credits "came all too fast," Senator Harris, Democrat Georgia, declared in a statement to-night in which he warned "those in authority that suffering among the farmers of this country will have a "A down grade kick from the federal reserve board was not necessary. he added. "It was their duty to try keep the line orderly."

Declaring that all of the financial wisdom of the nation was not concentrated on the federal reserve board, Senator Harris cited a statement by former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in support of his declaration that the country needed a better policy in the matter of more discount rates. I have no desire, the Georgian added, to harass the federal reserve board with needless legislation nor tamper with the financial system of the country, for I believe the federal reserve act is a great achievement. There are a large number of competent financiers who do not think the system was created as money making proposition. I believe that lower discount rates will help the people who grow the agriculture prodso strongly that I have introduced bill limiting the maximum discount. "The south does not ask for sympathy," he asserted, "nor does the west want anything but a 'square deal."

NOT HEARING FROM DEAD.

whose body was found on the beach this winter. It was announced an examination of

Dr. Lee, who was known in medica Mrs. Lee became highly hervous and frequently attempted to communicate

was made today by Arnold T. Ghegan, Webster's speech, a telephone bell rang. the dead woman's real estate broker in An autopsy late today disclosed that

there were no bullet wounds or serious injuries or bruises on the body. It had been previously announced that superficial examination showed a bullet wound in the face.

UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUE IS DISTURBING ENGLAND

Believe He Is Working "Along Considered More Serious Than be heard distinctly above the field, the the Irish Question

> LONDON, Dec. 21 .- (By The Asso ciated Press.)-The government in its labor's demand for a solution of the chine. unemployment problem, which daily grows more urgent. Of the three main difficulties facing

the government at the present moment, finance, Ireland and unemployment, it varied his flying in height and radius is reported that the government views unemployment as the most serious. . Lloyd George was postponing his visit him constantly in sight. appears, however, that this is not the Liberty motor of the high compression

reason but that the premier's confer- type. Although designed to carry 3,200 to see the results of the Brussels finan- flight. Food is being carried to last was presented by T. J. MacNamara, rick as mechanican and relief pilot. minister of labor, admitted the seri-

ousness of the situation, which, said

the minister, made the Christmas outlook the darkest in many years. Mr. Lloyd George in a general reply to the criticism of Mr. MacNamara's statement agreed that the government scheme was a temporary, palliative chance to relieve immediate distress. He contended that unemployment was the inevitable sequel of the great war and is not confined to England, on the

CLARA HAMON EXPECTED TO SURRENDER TODAY

every country.

contrary, it was to be found in almost

Law Firm Announces She Ready to Give Up

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 21 .- At point along the international boundary question, 'Is the man worth saving, night which resulted in eleven deaths. November in connection with the fatal society at large?'

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Flipino military power in the fatal November in connection with the fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon, according to society at large?'

This is no defense of my pardon pleaded not guilty.

The fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon, according to an announcement made here tonight to an announcement made here tonight by James Mathers of the law firm of the law firm

STRANDED AT NORFOLK

completed. The maximum penalty for sedition is ten years imprisonment. Murder charges against the constabulary men will not be tried until the sedition charges are disposed of.

Attorneys for the defense announced the constabulary men would plead not guilty to the murder charges and the cases would be fought through the highest courts if necessary.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—About 300
Scandinavian sailers are awating ships at Norfolk, and almost as many more are at Newport News, as a result of the temporary laying up of a number of ships here in the past month.

They are unable to get ships for their home ports by reason of lessened steamship service to the Scandinavian accountries. countries. The seamen's union is se-curing berths for them as rapidly as

OAL PROFITEERING CHARGED AGAINST FEDERAL OFFICIALS

itness Tells Senate Committee Use of Government Information and Position Enabled Number to Clean Up Large Sum

Charges that government officials joined in coal profiteering into legislative session. during the period of shortage last summer were made by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, testifying under oath today before a senate investigating com

In an executive session the committee, according to Senator Calder, Republican, New York. its chairman, was furnished by Mr. Cushing with the name of one man, said to have been a to have been intimated. principal in an operation by which a group of men in government service obtained 450,000 ucts of the country, and I believe it tons of coal, which they sold later at a profit of \$600,000.

army officer also participated in the profit-making, Mr. Cushing hature WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE was said by Chairman Calder to "The statements of public officials of have charged."

"The statements of public officials of impending fuel famine this winter," he said, "didn't cause the high prices, have charged.

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Dec. 21—Melancholy which fostered attempts to communicate with her dead husband interstate commerce commission, the friends today as supporting a theory of suicide in the case of Mrs. John A. Commerce commission telling the son the commerce commission telling the son through spiritualism was advanced by geological survey, the railroad administration and the senate interstate said, if maintained at the present rate of suicide in the case of Mrs. John A. Commerce commission telling the son this winter whose body was found on the beach this winter.

the stomach would be made for eviganization of operators, the off ce rec-

Kirkpatrick Takes Air Shipping Board's Repair Period of 34 to 37

under the shafts of searchlights guiding the flight of Lieutenant Ross C. Kirkpatrick, army pilot, who ascended vessels owned by the United States tempt to break the world's record for endurance flying. At 10 p. m., when the hum of Kirkpatrick's ten-passenger biplane could and construction department.

flyer had been up more than 14 hours. He has undertaken to stay in the air high as "250 per cent above the list continuously from 34 to 37 hours. The prige," Commander Gatewood world's record for the feat is 24 hours were working a serious handicap to the 19 minutes and seven seconds, esteb- successful competition of an American a tax which he said he was confident lished at Villesauvage, La., Marnogue, statement to parliament today was France, June 3-4, by the Farman vessels. able to give but little satisfaction to Goliath, a two motored French ma-

tonight kept the field almost as bright as day, Lieutenant Kirkpatrick hovered mothlike about 500 feet above. He huncheon of American ship owners at ing within the ear shot of observers, It was said today that Premier who, during the daylight hours, kept

ence at Nice has been delayed in order pounds, it has a load of 4,200 on this ial conference. 35 hours. Max Goodnough, a former A statement in the commons which army aviator, accompanied Kirkpat-

Sharpshooters Scour City on Bandit Hunt

NEW YORK, Dec. 21-Armed with repeating rifles, 20 sharpshooters of the New York police tonight scoured the city in automobiles in a hunt Each sharpshooter, a picked man

from the police rifle squad, was acompanied by three detectives and uniformed patrolman. Under orders to shoot every suspect who attempted to escape them the men searched the high-ways and byways of the city throughout the night.

Other drastic measures to curi New York's exime wave, which to-day swept beyond the city's border into nearby New Jersey towns, were judges. Removal of Police Commis-sioner Enright was proposed in a board of sidermen,

An increase in the police force of 769 men was authorized by the board of estimate and in order to provide funds for paying the extra patrolmen, an issue of special reveaue boads in 1921 was approved. Judge Melatyre, of the court of general sessions, ordered 150 persons now on ball of from \$1,500 to \$10,000 on robbery charges to appear tomorrow when he said, their ball will be increased. In five cases today men previously released on lower ball for similar charges were held in \$25,000 ench.

New Jersey police aroused by today's crimes—an attempted bank robbery in Militown, the chloroforming and robbing of a girl, and two holdays—gave orders that all tube stations and ferries in Jersey be kept under guard to prevent the influx of criminals driven from New York. An increase in the police force of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- | Cushing to explain the shortage. Mr. Morrow was excused until tomorrow when the committee took Mr. Cushing

Chairman Calder at the close of the legislative session recounted a part of Mr. Cushing's statement, saying that no names would be made public by the committee until investigation of the charges was completed. Certain officials, it was said Cushing testified, were able to secure information as to comwere particularly feared and possessed tax revision legislation. information as to the effects of priority orders on the furnishing of coal cars. These officials also were said to have obtained information as to coal in tran-

One "pool" mentioned by Cushing Senator Calder said, involved 450,000 tons while other operations were said The government official named by Cushing was said by the witness to

have resigned some time ago. Mr. Cushing, in the open session said that railroad officials had joined in the profit-making "diverting ship-ments going over their own rails to new destinations," but refused to give Railroad officials and one cause my muckraking days are over." , On the subject of the shortage last summer, the witness said it "had released the worst elements in human

was an "actual shortage of 20,000,000 J. A. D. Morrow, vice-president of tons in production last spring, arising the National Coal association, an or- from the coal strike of 1919 and the strikes on the railroads." Senator ords of which were examined last week Edge. Republican, New Jersey, proby the senate committee, took the stand late in the day and began a destand late in the "panic" theory advanced by row.

For Endurance Flight Bills Found Excessive

Pilot Hopes to Remain Aloft For Serious Hindrance to Develop ment of Merchant Marine. Says Commander Gatewood

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- Mitchel avia- NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- Charges of

merchant marine with foreign flag would produce at least \$1,000,000,000.

He appealed for co-operation of the "reasonable" figures. Commander Gatewood spoke at appointed vice chairman of the shipping board, was a guest. Mr. Thompson spoke in support

the Commander Gatewood's plan, and rates were driving rich investors to said he had the "full support of the board, and no influence, direct or in- ities most of which, he declared, were direct, is going to alter that position." Detailing some of the allaged excessive costs, which he had investigated, that by fixing the surtax charge at Commander Gatewood said that the present monthly bill of repairs on \$6,500,000. This amount, he said, was present tax. \$2,000,000 in excess of what it should

Renair costs in American vards far exceeded those in Japan and Great Britain and repairs made on British and Japanese owned and operated ships were nominal as compared with repairs on American vessels, he de-

SUSPECT IN WALL STREET CONSPIRACY ARRESTED

Isador Cohen Long Sought By ing. Eastern Police

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Isador Cohen, long sought by the police of New York, Washington and other cities in connection with the \$5,000,000 theft conspiracy of a year ago in Wall street, was arrested tonight at the union station here while supposedly on

EVANS DIRECTS SEARCH FOR MISSING BALLOON

Authorities Admit the "Situation Is Serious'

ROCKAWAY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Lieut. Albert W. Evans, naval aviator, bal-loonist and dirigible pilot, was ordered o leave tonight for Ottawa, to direct search there for the balloon missing from the Rockaway naval air station for more than a week.

While the authorities at the naval air station have not given up hope for the three men in the balloon, they admitted that the giventure of the three men in the balloon, they

litted that the situation was se-They now are working, Lieutenant Evans said, on the theory that the A-5598 did not land in the Adirondack mountains, but passed north of Ottawa.

BANKER IS HEARD AS SALES TAX ADVOCATE: SCORE **WOULD RAISE TARIFF POLICY**

Plan of Otto Kahn Also Includes Not Supported By Mass of Brit-Repeal of Excess Profits Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- Establishment of a sales tax, repeal of the tax excess profits, reduction of the higher rates on income surtaxes, upward revision of the tariff and the levying of a flat tax on net profits of brations were advocated before the house ways and means committee today by Otto H. Kahn, New York bankmunities where shortage conditions er, in a comprehensive discussion of

Mr. Kahn, one of the few witnesses invited by the committee to appear before it, dwelt at length on the question of sales tax, partly in response sit and to have been able to obtain to indications in the committee that supplies which could be diverted to this sort of tax is gaining in favor.

more lucrative markets.

Chairman Fordney, before Mr. Kahn was called, said he and several other members believed some sort of sales tax would result, but were seeking methods by which the tax would not be multiplied and the consumer unjustly taxed in the final purchase.

As a result of the chairman's state ment, Mr. Kahn discussed that phase of the problem, advocating legislative provisions which would require the tax to be made known in each sale and added to the selling price as a separate item. Such an arrangement, he said, in his opinion, would check "the profiteer ing which has resulted" from the excess profits tax.

Prevents Healthy Growth In his discussion of the need for revised taxation program, Mr. Kahn declared that American business could Such Is Theory Advanced in This phase of Mr. Cushing's testiAs to the condition today, he congovernment continued "on a road of
tended that "anybody can buy coal excessive taxation and continued to abconcentration of taxes on incomes and den" had already actually stopped com mercial development.

he continued, "can reasonably be exand have seen its disastrous results. It has forced every business house to run to banks for credit to conduct business, but finally the banks ran out and

"After this came the collapse in marbeen struck to the extent that I he will. You can see from that what

One of the means suggested by Mr Kahn for lifting the present tax burden was a funding of the victory notes and war saving securities.

The witness said he was not pre pared to say a sales tax would be a success. He said, however, that he tion field blazed with brilliance to light excessive and "exorbitant" costs made believed it would work successfully. by American shippards for repairs to but because it was in the nature of an experiment, he would propose a low tax rate for the initial test. He sugat 7:35 o'clock this morning in an at- shipping board and private firms were gested a rate of one-third of 1 per cent, made here today by Commander R. D. estimating that such a levy would pro-Gatewood, head of the board's repair duce approximately \$650,000,000 a year This yield, Mr. Kahn said, was based on the assumption that conditions would Excessive cost of repairs, ranging as be normal when the tax would become

effective in 1921-22. Mr. Kahn also proposed a tax of 1 per cent on net profits of corporations The tariff revision which he proposed

the witness said, ought to add approxi ship owners in efforts of his depart- mately \$350,000,000 to the import reve-While powerful lighting apparatus ment to bring these prices down to nues now obtained annually, making that source yield nearly \$700,000,000. Under the revised income surtax schedule proposed, Mr. Kahn estimated which Frederick I Thompson, recently the government would derive between \$850,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000. Questioned as to rates for the reduced sur-It was therefore his belief, he said, or near 33 1-3 per cent as a maximum. the treasury would receive as great a American ships amounted to about yield if not greater than under the

NEGRO SENTENCED TO DIE

ROCKVILLE, Maryland, Dec. 21 .negro, was convicted today in the consul general at London, she said, Montgomery county court of murder in and when she returned to Manchester the first degree and sentenced to be hanged for an attack several weeks ago on a white woman, wife of his em-

Robinson was charged with attackher and then setting fire to her cloth-

Robinson narrowly escaped lynching after the attack and since that time has been held in a Baltimore jail for safe-keeping. The three judges sitting in the case rendered their verdict within three minutes after conclusion of testimony and arguments.

ANNOUNCE LOWER WAGES CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Wages tion of that city. Manufacturing company, here, makers CABINET OFFICER'S SON of textiles, will be reduced 22 1-2 per cent beginning January 10, according to announcement today. The plant will be closed tomorrow night and will reopen January 10.

JACK DEMPSEY FINDS ROTARIANS RETTRING

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 21.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight box-inx champion, threw out a challenge today which was not accepted.

The champion was the guest of honor at the local Retary club's luncheon. He declared that he was not a speaker, which reminded him of the story of the man who went to a dance and who couldn't sing nor dance, but was willing to light.
"To be sociable, I will fight anyone in the room," Dempsey said unid

MANCHESTER WOMEN

ish Opinion, They Tell Committee

FORESEE DOMINION

Deliberate Effort to Force Emigration Is Charged By One Witness

DUBLIN, Dec. 21 .- (By the Aunoelated Press),-Beavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on one side and soldiers and police on the other in the section lying between Callan, County Kilkeny, and Glenbower,

County Tipperary. The military and police ambushed at not less than three different places and numerous casunities resulted on both sides. These included Sergeant Walsh, Royal Irish constabulary, killed, and Sergeant Shannon and several soldiers wounded. About thirty civilians were wounded or captured.

An official communication, issued by general headquarters tonight. stimates the casualties among the attacking forces at sixteen and gives the military ensualties as one private severely wounded.

The inhabitants of the countryside are in a state of terror and
many are ficeing from their homes.

sincerity in its policy towards Ireland" was presented today by two English women to the commission of the com-mittee of one hundred investigating

the Irish question.
Miss Efficen C. Wilkinson, of Manchester, one of ten women who investigated conditions in Ireland for the Women's International league, declared that if a referendum were taken it would be found that the "mass of British opinion was not behind the govern-

yet" if the government adopts a sincere policy.

Both women indicated their bellef the final solution of the Irish question.

"Little scraps of flations are op-posed by the English as inviting struggles between masters," Miss Wilkinson said, adding that the fear of other powers using Ireland for military bases probably would prevent the English people from willingly accepting the complete severance of Ireland from the United Kingdom. Both women told of the burning of homes and the destruction of property

"While English opinion is becoming more aroused to the needs of a prop policy in Ireland," Miss Wilkinson said "It has been hard for us to believe that our men were committing the crimes with which they were accused. I had a was stationed for a time in Ireland." Miss Wilkinson described reprisals by the military in Cork, which she

said she witnessed in October. "At 10 o'clock at night," she said. became quiet with startling sudden-ness. Lights were cut off. Up the street on which my hotel was situated came a body of infantry in extended formation. A searchlight from the end of the street played upon their glistening bayonets and steel helmets. armored cars followed and behind them troops moved with precision and discipline through the quiet streets. Suddenly they commenced firing methodically into the houses. They marched back and forth until 3 o'clock the next morning. I could hear constant firing, and the challenge of sentries."

Passport Refused
Mrs. Robinson told of the refusal of American Consul Wells, at Manchester to vise the passports to America of herself and Miss Wilkinson. After the refusal she visited the office of the her passport was vised after she had promised not to "engage in propaganda,

or to give interviews for the newspa Destruction of co-operative industry ng the woman with an axe, assaulting and agriculture in Ireland is a deliber ate effort by the military to force emigration of the young men, Miss Wil-kinson said. Lord French, she said, had declared that Ireland could be

pacified if the "300,000 too many young men" would leave. Misses Annie and Sugan Walsh, sistersin-law of the late Lord Mayor McCurtan of Cork, who left Cork the day after the burning of the business sec

KILLED BY AIRPLANE

Walter Alexander Dies on Washington Aviation Field

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Walter R. Alexander, son of Secretary Alexander of the department of commerce, was killed instantly at Bolling Field by the propeller of an airplane in which he was preparing to make a flight, strik-ing him on the head.

The commerce secretary's son was a commissioned officer in the army air service during the World war, and had gone to the aviation field today to make a flight so as to keep in training. Mr. Alexander, who was 28 years of age, had been connected with the shipping board and had recently returned from a trip to Europe on government business.