

SURPRISE IS SPRUNG WHEN EXEMPTION BILL PASSES UPPER HOUSE

Twenty-Two to Twelve is Vote Recorded on Third Reading

WESTERN SOLONS IN BITTER OPPOSITION

Measure Reduces Personal Property Exemption To \$100

Senator Tom Watson Threatens to Slap Major's Face Because of "Insulting Look" and Inquiry Into Alleged Army Hangings Closes in Big Flurry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Threats by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, to slap the face of an army officer sitting within touch of his elbow threw the meeting of the senate committee investigating charges that American soldiers had been illegally hanged in France into an uproar today and brought a quick demand from Chairman Brandegee for a sergeant at arms to prevent any physical clash.

Thirty-Foot Channel Bill To Be Introduced In Congress By Lyon

Introduction was expressed by citizens of this port will mean that vessels of deeper draft will soon commence calling at this port, the reported intention of one concern being to bring vessels to this port that will measure 550 feet in length and draw 26 feet of water.

GRIFFITH, SINN FEIN CHIEF, EXPECTED TO PUT TREATY THROUGH

Balance Of Opinion Decides Against De Valera Opposition

BELIEVE PLEBISCITE WOULD BE FAVORABLE

LONDON, Dec. 9. (By the Associated Press).—After the first surprise occasioned by Eamon de Valera's repudiation of the proposition for creating the Irish free state, officials in both London and Dublin were occupied today mainly in canvassing the prospects for ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty when it comes before the meeting of the Dail Eireann next Wednesday.

Federal Authorities Aid State Officials In Halting Disorders

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—Federal and state authorities combined today to stop violence in connection with the stock yards war.

Testimony Connecting Man With Murder

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Testimony in the trial of Arthur C. Burch, the superior court here today of the charge of conspiring to murder William Hall, whose body was found in an automobile that had fallen into a creek near here a year ago.

FOUR-PLY TREATY TO REPLACE ANGLO-JAP AGREEMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT SESSION TODAY

CRITICAL STAGE IN SHANTUNG REACHED WITH RAIL ITEM TODAY

Chinese Say Success of Conferences Hanging on Decision Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press).—The critical stage of the Shantung conversations between the Chinese and Japanese delegations was reached late today when it was agreed to take up tomorrow the question of the Kiaochow-Tsinanfu railway, now under Japanese control.

MORRISON WELCOMES FRENCH WAR LEADER

Monroe and Carolina Pays Tribute to Foch

MONROE, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press).—The last leg of his trans-continental tour of the country, was welcomed to North Carolina here tonight by Governor Cameron Morrison, who presented him to a vast crowd as "the world's greatest military leader."

NEGRESS ACCUSED

FOUND NOT GUILTY

A Sapphire Ring

A sapphire ring placed on the finger of Camilla Westbrook meant much more to her than acceptance of a trial engagement to Reggie Van Tuyl; it brought Adventure, romance, danger—and revelations.

PLENARY SESSION IS CALLED TO ANNOUNCE SUBSTITUTE ALLIANCE

Decision To Hold Meeting is Reached Suddenly After Conference

FRENCH ACCEPTANCE OF PLAN RECEIVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (By the Associated Press).—The four power agreement to govern conditions in the Pacific as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance will be announced at a plenary session of the Washington conference at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Shidehara Out Again

RACE TO CAPTURE YACHT'S BOOZE SUPPLY

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 9.—A race is on between the owners of the yacht Glendover, which was burned and sunk in St. Andrew's bay, near the explosion of gasoline Sunday night caused destruction of the craft and loss of one man, caused him to send two officers of his force from here, and they are now on their way to take possession of the hull, which lies in fourteen feet of water.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The Southern Pacific company is attempting to bring about rate reductions on its Southern routes in order to drive the steamship lines operating between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts out of business.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—Fire early this morning destroyed a large portion of a block in the heart of the business and financial district.

TOKIO, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press).—A severe earthquake occurred here at 9:35 o'clock this evening.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—(By Associated Press).—Up to noon today the most serious damage reported through the earthquake which occurred here last evening was the breaking of the city's water mains, necessitating the temporary cutting off of the water supply.

PETE BERMAN WINS

Federal Labor Board In Court As Defendant In Pennsylvania's Suit

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—Buffeted about by the criticism of both railroads and railway workers for more than a year and a half, the United States Railroad Labor Board today was haled into federal court today when it was made defendant in an injunction suit brought by the Pennsylvania railroad, which procured a temporary order from Judge K. M. Landis restraining the board from handing down a decision against the road in a shopmen's controversy.