

CONFERENCE TO TALK LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ASKED BY DAUGHERTY

Attorney General Wants State and Federal Prosecutors to Discuss Plans

DON'T SEEK TO SHIFT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES Refers Particularly to Prohibition and Food and Fuel Supply Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Co-operation of state law enforcement officials with those of the federal government was asked by Attorney General Daugherty in letters sent late today to the attorney generals of the various states. Such co-operation, it was maintained, would result in better and more uniform enforcement of all statutes.

BIG INTERESTS ARE CHARGED WITH SECRET EFFORTS TO GET SUPPORT OF FARM ORGANIZATION LEADERS

Would Perpetuate Guaranty Section of Transportation Act, Says LaFollette

SECRET CONFERENCE IS HELD IN WASHINGTON Action of Railroad and Other Interests Exposed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Charges were made by Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, in a formal statement issued today, that representatives of the railroad interests and of the coal, steel and lumber interests had a "secret" meeting held in Washington December 25, and attempted to obtain from farm organization leaders, and did obtain from some such leaders, adherence to an agreement not to put legislation to repeal the commonly called guaranty section of the transportation act and to restore state control of state rates.

GOVERNOR BICKETT PARALYSIS VICTIM; MAY NOT RECOVER

Stricken Last Night and Physicians Entertain Little Hope of Recovery

RALEIGH, Dec. 27.—Former Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, 62 years of age, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home here this evening and his condition was such at 10 o'clock that his physicians entertained but slight hope for his recovery.

EXPORT AND IMPORT VALUES UNDER 1920

Imports \$4,189,343,000 During Past 11 Months

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—American business houses exported \$4,189,343,000 in merchandise in the first 11 months of this year, according to figures made public today by the department of commerce.

SETS MONDAY AS DATE FOR PETITION FOR COMMUTATION

RALEIGH, Dec. 27.—Governor Morrison set next Monday as the date for hearing the petition for commutation for Wright Rouse, negro sentenced to die for the murder of William Whitley, Rouse was convicted with Mrs. Whitley who has received a life sentence. The negro is 75 years old and is said to be feeble-minded.

DEBS IS REPRIMANDED FOR MAKING A SPEECH AT WASHINGTON DEPOT

Failed to Get Permit for First Platform Utterance After Release From Prison

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Freed by President Harding from Atlanta Federal penitentiary, where he was serving a ten-year sentence for making speeches in violation of the war laws, Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, was reprimanded tonight by union station police here for making a speech without a permit before leaving for his home in Terre Haute, Ind.

ALBEMARLE WOMAN MISSING IN BALTIMORE FOUND IN HOSPITAL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Miss Lila Dale Russell, 25, of Albemarle, N. C., who disappeared from the south branch of the Young Women's Christian association, was found this afternoon at a local hospital where she was admitted shortly after her disappearance on Christmas night. The girl's condition is not thought to be serious.

KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET TO REOPEN EARLY IN JANUARY

KINSTON, Dec. 27.—The local tobacco market will reopen early in January with several weeks' business still ahead of the warehousemen and buyers. Estimates of the outstanding buycall today varied widely, though the general opinion was that not more than a million or two pounds of "breakers" will be sold.

FALLS IN HOLE AND DROWNS

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—P. H. Cauthen, telegrapher for the Southern railway at Branchville, S. C., fell into a hole between the tank and coal chute late Monday night and was drowned, the water being more than ten feet deep. The hole was recently dug for a second water tank.

FRENCH VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE EFFORTS AT LIMITATION OF FLEET

Her Determination to Have a Powerful Fleet is Expressed in Senate Discussion

FRANCE AT DECISIVE POINT SAYS BERENGER

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—France's determination to have a powerful fleet and objections to the limitation efforts of the Washington conference were vigorously voiced in the senate today during a discussion of the marine section of the government's budget.

EXPANDING ACTIVITIES MAY SWAMP U. S. COURT

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Expanding activities of the federal courts may swamp them, and delaying is a denial of justice, Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States supreme court said tonight in an address before the Chicago Bar association urging reforms to expedite court procedure.

FRENCH IN WASHINGTON RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The instructions of the French government on the submarine question, reached at a meeting of the cabinet today, were received tonight by the French delegation to the Washington conference, and while their nature was not announced it was said that Admiral de Bon had conferred with Secretary Hughes that France would accept the original French proposal for her to maintain the status quo in submarines.

WEATHER FORECAST BY STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Virginia: Fair and colder Wednesday; Thursday increasing cloudiness with rising temperature.

DELEGATES BANDON HOPE OF AGREEMENT ON AUXILIARY CRAFT

American People Indulge Heavily In Picture Shows

Seriously Discussing Plan to Defer Matter To Future Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The American people spend from seven hundred and fifty million dollars to one billion dollars a year to see motion pictures, and the finance committee was told today in the course of arguments for and against a high tariff on foreign made pictures. The investment in the industry totals made \$2,000,000, and employment is given to about 250,000 persons.

AMERICAN DELEGATES MEET FRENCH AND JAPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The submarine controversy has revealed so wide a difference of opinion among the powers that the arms delegates are seriously discussing a plan to leave the whole question of auxiliary craft to be taken to a later international conference.

MEANTIME THE NEW FOUR-POWER PACIFIC TREATY ALREADY SIGNED BY THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Meantime the new four-power Pacific treaty already signed by the United States, Japan, Great Britain and France, got back into conference discussions through a suggestion from Japanese quarters that the four powers agree to apply the terms of the pact to the principle of the "open door" empire. In view of differences of view developing in the United States and Japan as to the meaning of the treaty, Howard Taft said to be considered the suggestion of such an interpretative agreement.

Wide Difference of Opinion is Revealed by Discussion of Submarines

But Agreement Apparently No Nearer; Shantung Negotiations More Serious

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ROBERTS' FATHER TESTIFIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Actions of Arthur C. Roberts on trial on the charge of murdering J. Belmont Kennedy, both before and after Kennedy was slain, were related at length today by the Rev. William A. Burch, of Evanston, Ill., father of the defendant, in support of the opinion he said he had formed that his son is insane.

THE PRESIDENT, IT WAS SAID BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, WOULD BE MUCH DISAPPOINTED IF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE (Continued on Page Two)

As tentatively outlined, such a treaty would be similar in purpose to that which the United States and Japan, that just concluded to cover the Pacific, and would have as its signatories France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany. Should they desire to do so, it was said, the United States and Japan might also participate in the treaty, although the inclusion of the four European powers, including Germany, especially, would be considered undesirable.