

## USES PATRONAGE TO BLOCK "BLOC" IN SENATE FIGHT

Harding and Old Guard At-  
tempt to Discipline The  
Progressives

## THEIR APPOINTMENTS FAIL TO GO THROUGH

Senator Simmons Calls On  
War Department To Clear  
Up Reports Regarding  
Fate of Benjamin King,  
Alleged By Witness To  
Have Been Hanged

The News and Observer Bureau,  
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Washington, Dec. 22.—Trouble in  
the postmaster's appointment  
business has taken a new turn in  
the last few days and this turn is  
involved around the activities of the  
"agricultural bloc" in doing things  
displeasing to President Harding and  
the Old Guard organization. In this  
matter President Harding is said to  
be now attempting to discipline the  
Senators of that bloc with reprisals  
in the way of turning down their  
recommendations for the appoint-  
ment of postmasters in their respec-  
tive states.

It is said that in several instances  
that Republican Senators found that  
the men whom they had approved  
for postmasterships were not the  
men whose names were sent in, and  
that an accounting was asked, the  
information received being in a diplo-  
matic way that these were the men  
selected by the organization, and  
that for the present there would be  
no need for any recommendations  
for selections of postmasters by the  
inquirer of the agricultural bloc.

## Members of Bloc on Black List

As one after another of the Re-  
publican bloc sought information in  
matters they found that there was  
a kind of official black list against  
recommendations for Federal jobs  
from them and putting two and two  
together they found that it made  
four, and that four meant that their  
wishes as to postmaster appoint-  
ments were of the person gratified  
just so long as they were found  
backing the administration. This  
matter, so the report comes, is mak-  
ing the agricultural bloc Sena-  
tors see red and they are more and  
more determined not to be driven  
away from the position they have  
taken as a matter of principle and  
the outlook is that with the recom-  
mending of Congress after Christmas  
will be even more united and deter-  
mined than heretofore.

With the aid of Democratic votes  
they realize they can rule the Senate  
and they know also that Democratic  
Senators are up in arms as to the  
method being used to camouflage Re-  
publican backing of the civil ser-  
vice law as long as postmasters  
with and without preference as for-  
mer service men.

This outrageous sidestepping of  
civil service by the Postmaster Gen-  
eral under the direction of the Presi-  
dent's executive order, which is more  
and more recognized as having been  
framed in order to pretend to ad-  
here to civil service and at the same  
time give the positions to Republi-  
cans, continues to excite opposition  
and condemnation among the Demo-  
crats. Representative Weaver has  
two cases which he holds to be of  
the most virulent kind of Republi-  
can partisanship. Examinations  
were ordered held for the filling  
of vacancies at Lake Jocassee and  
Montreat and both examinations  
were duly held. At Lake Jocassee  
the only eligible secured by the ex-  
amination was Miss Emma White,  
who is a Democrat and at Montreat  
the only eligible was Albert R. Bau-  
man, a Democrat and present post-  
master. Under the plain rule and  
by simple justice these two had won  
the appointments, but as they were  
Democrats they were refused the  
nominations and new examinations  
were called for by the postoffice  
department. Similar things have  
been done in the case of Democrats  
in other States and there is an up-  
heaval all along the line.

## Glaring Example of Hypocrisy

A notable case of Republican par-  
tisanship as to the postmaster's  
list is at Greenville, S. C. Major W. F.  
Robertson, the present postmaster,  
who is a Democrat with a splendid  
record for service in France with  
the American army, stood first on  
the list with a rating of 84. The  
third on the list, Charles C. Wilkin-  
son, only lately removed to South  
Carolina from Massachusetts and a  
Republican, attained a rating of  
72.40, and is also an ex-service man.  
He was nominated for the position,  
but Senator Dial has made the case  
such a notable one, denouncing the  
methods used by the Postoffice De-  
partment as being a method of  
"hypocrisy" that as a result the news  
is that Wilkinson's name is to be  
withdrawn and the name of the sec-  
ond man on the list, also a Republi-  
can, is to be sent to the Senate,  
this man, Robert T. Thorn, to be  
named as acting postmaster in a few  
days so that the Republicans may  
have the job and the salary till  
some Republican gets the commis-  
sion.

## The Senate Left Unacted on a Large Number of Nominations for Post- masters Throughout the Country When It Adjourned for the Holidays this Afternoon and There are Many of These for Postmasters in North Car- olina. President Harding added to the list this afternoon by sending in five nominations for postmasters in the State, the list being:

Benben H. Stanton, Henderson-

## Present Burley Crop To Be Sold On Cooperative Plan

Dr. J. Y. Joyner Gives Official Denial of Rumors Cir-  
culated in This State That Kentucky Tobacco Grow-  
ers' Association Will Not Be Able To Function This  
Year And Says Organization Is Assured For Three  
Bright Leaf States

Simultaneously with receipt of  
definite assurance that this year's  
crop of burley tobacco in Kentucky  
and other States will be marketed  
on the co-operative plan, Dr. J. Y.  
Joyner, chairman of the organiza-  
tion committee of the Tobacco  
Growers' Association of North Car-  
olina, Virginia and South Carolina,  
yesterday issued a formal statement  
declaring that the success of the  
"sign-up" campaign in the three  
States which will close on January  
1, is assured.

As a result of widespread rumors  
in the Eastern part of the State  
to the effect that the co-operative  
association organized in Kentucky,  
Ohio and Indiana will not be able  
to begin operations in time for this  
year's burley crop which has not  
yet been put upon the market, Dr.  
Joyner addressed an inquiry to of-  
ficials of the association. In reply,  
the following telegram was yester-  
day received from James C. Stone,  
president of the association and  
widely known tobacco warehouse-

man and grower of Lexington, Ken-  
tucky:

"Reports that Burley Association  
will not handle this year's crop is  
absolutely false. We are buying our  
receiving plants this week. Have our  
organization for fiscal operation  
about completed and will begin re-  
ceiving tobacco within short time.  
Have over 25,000 signed contracts  
in association. Conditions could not  
be better for us."

"This is the first time that I have  
made an official statement that we  
would go over the top; but we now  
have contracts to support the  
statement," stated Dr. Joyner yester-  
day. Virginia is already well past  
the fifty per cent "sign-up" which  
makes the contracts valid and  
encouraging reports from South  
Carolina are included in Dr. Joy-  
ner's statement which follows:

Organization Assured.

"From the information at Raleigh  
headquarters, the organization of the  
Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Mar-

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## PUTS UP SURETY OF HALF MILLION

Citizens Furnish 220 Times  
Bond Required of Officer  
in Kelly Suit

Surety justified at \$500,000 was  
yesterday furnished to cover a re-  
quired bond of \$2,250 by F. C. Han-  
dy of the United States Department of  
Justice, upon whom two orders of  
hail and arrest were served by  
Deputy Sheriff J. P. Stell, of Wake  
county.

The orders of arrest were issued by  
the Clerk of the Lee county Superior  
Court, where C. J. Kelly, last week  
sentenced to five years in the federal  
prison at Atlanta for traffic in stolen  
automobiles and N. C. Kelly, another  
defendant in the automobile theft  
cases who has not yet been tried,  
have instituted civil suits for the  
recovery of the value of three auto-  
mobiles.

Sixteen machines were seized from  
the Kellys at about the time of their  
arrest last May and all of them  
have been returned by Judge  
Henry G. Connor. All of the auto-  
mobiles except three, a Buick, a  
Kline and a Peerless have been  
taken as a matter of principle and  
the outlook is that with the recom-  
mending of Congress after Christmas  
will be even more united and deter-  
mined than heretofore.

## MOTHER IN DOUBT AS TO FATE OF HER SON

Wilmington, Dec. 22.—Al-  
though Robert A. Harrison, an  
ex-service man of this city, testif-  
ied before the Watson Senate  
committee that Bessie F. King,  
another Wilmingtonian was hung  
in France because he refused to  
obey the order of his superior to  
clean-up a stockade with stub-  
brush, Mrs. Oscar Edwards, of  
this city, mother of King, de-  
clared today that she is yet  
doubtful as to the fate of her  
son.

Having been informed from  
official and other sources that  
King had died of wounds in  
France; that he was sentenced to  
four years in prison for abusing  
an officer and finally that he  
was hung, the relatives here of  
the man are doubtful as to what  
to believe. Mrs. Edwards stated  
this afternoon that until now  
she had firmly believed that her  
son had died a soldier's death  
in France.

The name of King had been in-  
cluded in the list of the which  
are to be placed upon the Nation's  
memorial to the World War  
dead, but committee in charge of  
the memorial announced that it  
will be removed if he was hung  
or dishonorably discharged.

## LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN PERFORMS HEROIC ACT

Dives From Engine Into  
Creek In Effort To Save  
School Boy

New York, Dec. 22.—Jerry Dris-  
coll, a locomotive fireman on Staten  
Island, was congratulated as a hero  
today. While his train travelled at  
25 miles an hour, he jumped from  
the engine into a creek and saved the  
life of William Alexander, a school  
boy, who had been struck by the  
engine and thrown into fifteen feet  
of water. The boy died later, how-  
ever, in a hospital.

The train had gone ahead almost  
a mile before the engineer missed  
Driscoll and when he stopped and  
looked up, he saw the fireman sitting  
at the edge of the creek, holding the  
boy, who was unconscious from a  
fracture of the skull. Persons who  
saw the rescue said Driscoll dived  
four times before he found the boy  
immediately.

## ARMED ROBBERS GET \$14,000 FROM HOME

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Two  
armed robbers today entered the home  
of Stephen Malato, a former As-  
sistant State's Attorney, bound and  
gagged Mr. Malato, who was alone,  
and robbed the house of jewelry and  
money estimated at \$14,000.

## DAUGHERTY SAYS LEVEL OF RETAIL PRICES TOO HIGH

Attorney General Initiates  
Country-Wide Investiga-  
tion of Prices

## BURNS INSTRUCTED TO START WORK AT ONCE

Profits of Retailers in Some  
Instances Are "Uncon-  
scionable," Declares The  
Attorney General; Blames  
Organizations of Retailers  
For High Prices

Washington, Dec. 22.—Federal in-  
vestigation of retail prices charged  
in various parts of the country for  
food, fuel, shoes and clothing was  
initiated today by Attorney General  
Daugherty. He gave orders to Di-  
rector Burns, of the Bureau of In-  
vestigation of the Justice Depart-  
ment, to assign a force of men at  
once to the duty of obtaining data  
on retail prices in different locali-  
ties.

Mr. Daugherty declared that prices  
of necessary commodities were too  
high and that in some instances the  
profits of retailers were "uncon-  
scionable." It would never be possi-  
ble, he asserted, to get prices down to  
the pre-war level, but with wages lower-  
ed and the costs of foodstuffs re-  
duced, he was determined to learn  
whether the present "badly propor-  
tioned" retail prices should be main-  
tained.

## Start Work at Once

Mr. Burns was instructed to put  
his men to work simultaneously, to  
obtain the variations in various lo-  
calities in the retail prices of gen-  
eral foodstuffs, such as meats, pro-  
visions, beans, bread, and butter,  
fuel, shoes and clothing and to make  
schedules of the comparative prices.  
Reports will also be gathered on the  
wholesale prices of wheat, beef and  
meats of all kinds in order, Mr.  
Daugherty explained, that compar-  
isons might be made of the costs of  
these commodities with the prices  
charged by the butchers and grocers.  
The department's agents are to be  
instructed to do their work carefully  
but as rapidly as possible.

## Plan of Action

Action to remedy price conditions,  
Mr. Daugherty declared, would be  
taken through several channels. In  
the main, he said, the situation was  
a local one and the states would be  
asked to do as much as they could  
to solve it with federal co-operation.  
Secretary Hoover, he added, would  
be invited to join with the Justice  
Department in its effort to lower  
prices while it was believed that the  
publication of the comparative  
wholesale and retail prices would do  
much to remedy high prices by con-  
veying to the housewives of the  
country accurate knowledge of ac-  
tual conditions.

## Blames Organizations

Organizations of retailers in dif-  
ferent parts of the country were  
blamed by Mr. Daugherty for high  
prices. "These associations, he de-  
clared, were formed by smart men  
who sold schemes to defeat the  
laws of the country by perfecting an  
organization for fixing prices which  
concealed its real purpose under a  
declaration of a desire to help com-  
petition."

## LEON CASH RESIGNS FROM FORSYTH BOARD

Prominent Twin City Man  
Forced To Retire On Ac-  
count of Health

Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.—On ac-  
count of ill health, Leon Cash, has  
resigned as a member of the board of  
county commissioners, to which he  
was elected last year. Mr. Cash was  
also chairman of the board. He left  
today for Hot Springs, Ark., to take  
treatment for rheumatism from  
which he has been suffering for sev-  
eral months. Mr. Cash is one of the  
leading members of the Masonic  
order in this State.

## CONGRESSMEN TAKE RECESS FOR HOLIDAYS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Congress  
recessed today until January 3  
and immediately Senators and Repre-  
sentatives began leaving for their  
homes for the Christmas and New  
Year holiday period. The House ad-  
journed at 4 o'clock and the Senate  
at 4:50. All business will be sus-  
pended during the recess except for  
the tariff hearings by the Senate  
Finance Committee.

## PASSENGERS REMOVED SAFELY

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—The passen-  
gers on the steamer Cambridge,  
which was in Eastern Bay in  
last night's heavy gale while on her  
way from Baltimore to Claiborne,  
Maryland, were taken of this morn-  
ing and landed at Claiborne. The  
steamer was reported still afloat  
and in an easy position, the sea hav-  
ing subsided appreciably.

## "Marse Henry" Claimed By Death



COL. HENRY WATTERSON

## Col. Henry Watterson Dies In Florida Hotel

Venerable Editor of The Old  
School Was Internationally  
Known

## Simple Services At Jacksonville Today

Hundreds of Messages of  
Condolence Pour In From  
All Parts of Nation

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—The  
body of Colonel Henry Watterson,  
old school journalist and internatio-  
nally known editor, who died in his  
hotel apartment here early today,  
will be placed in a vault tomorrow  
after a simple funeral service, at  
which only members of his imme-  
diate family will be present, there to  
remain until spring when it will be  
taken to Louisville, Ky., for inter-  
ment in the family plot in Cave Hill  
cemetery.

This arrangement was determined  
upon by his son, Henry Watterson,  
Jr., because of the state of health  
of his mother, he deeming it inadvis-  
able for her to go to Louisville dur-  
ing the winter. The Rev. Mr. J. T.  
Boone, pastor of the First Christian  
church of this city, will officiate at the  
service.

## Brief History

Colonel Watterson, who with his  
family came here from Louisville  
three weeks ago to spend the winter,  
passed away as the result of heart  
trouble superinduced by bronchial  
congestion after an illness of only a  
few hours. With only his son and  
daughter and several grandchildren  
present, Col. and Mrs. Watterson  
celebrated their 50th wedding anni-  
versary in their apartment Tuesday  
evening the day Col. Watterson con-  
tracted a slight cold, which was not  
regarded seriously, but yesterday  
forenoon he suffered an acute bron-  
chial attack and was ordered to bed  
immediately by his physician.

## Suffered Very Little

Col. Watterson suffered very lit-  
tle, but was in a comatose condition  
the greater part of the time from  
early in the evening until he passed  
away, with brief periods of conscious-  
ness during which his mind was per-  
fectly clear. At midnight he realized  
the end was near, but his son, who  
was with his mother and sister, was  
at the bedside constantly, said he did  
not discuss it other than to say he  
was ready to go. His wife was alone  
with him during the last few min-  
utes of consciousness a short time be-  
fore the end and he passed away in  
her arms.

## Hundreds of Messages

Hundreds of messages of condole-  
nce were received today by Mrs.  
Watterson from old friends of Col.  
Watterson and newspaper men in all  
parts of the country who were trained  
under "Marse Henry." One, pecu-  
liarly touching, was from Arthur  
Krook, editor of the Louisville  
Times. "Jim and I are weeping for  
the death of Old Marster," it read.

## Jim is Jim Wilson, aged negro servant, who has resided at the Wat- terson home for many years.

## Bryan Pays Tribute

Colonel R. W. Bingham, publisher  
of the Louisville Courier-Journal,  
learned of Col. Watterson's death  
as he rode to Havana. He immediately  
sought Mrs. Watterson to offer his  
condolences. From Miami came a  
tribute for the soldier-journalist  
from William Jennings Bryan, alter-  
natively opposed and supported in  
his Presidential aspirations by the  
trenchant pen of Col. Watterson.

"The country will learn with deep  
regret of the death of Henry Wat-  
terson," said Mr. Bryan. "His ability,  
long experience, his picturesque  
style and his impressive and genial  
personality gave him a conspicuous  
position among the nation's journal-  
ists. He was a unique character—  
no one can fill his place."

## Bingham's Tribute

Col. Bingham, deeply moved at  
hearing of Col. Watterson's death,  
paid him the following tributes:  
"Mr. Watterson had a very full  
life, filled with honors, accomplish-  
ment, achievement. He played a

## Col. Watterson Pays Tribute To Louisville Grieved By News of His Death; Taft De- livers Eulogy

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.—Col. Henry  
Watterson, who died in Jacksonville,  
Florida, early today, left Louisville  
three weeks ago for his annual pil-  
grimage to the South, where for years  
he had spent the winter. Apparently  
he was in his usual health which,  
however, for several years had not  
been good.

News of his death was received  
with many evidences of grief in  
Louisville, where for more than fifty  
years he had been a notable figure.  
Apparently he faced with calmness  
the end of his span of life. Once,  
before undergoing an operation, he  
said to the managing editor of the  
Courier-Journal:

"I am prepared at any time to  
surrender my life to God who gave  
it. We do not know about these  
things and I face the outcome with  
serenity, whatever it may be. It is  
a perilous thing for a man in his  
seventy-ninth year to submit to the  
surgeon's knife, but I am ready for  
it and all that may follow."

While convalescing from a pre-  
vious illness, Mr. Watterson consented  
to read some advance obituaries  
of himself and wrote this:

"I am getting a foretaste of my  
own funeral—sitting up in the grave  
as it were and reading the obitu-  
aries—and grinning at the boys, but  
very cheerful and grateful. It is  
kind of nice—maybe better than  
being haddled with motives and called  
names."

## Was Fearless Fighter

Col. Watterson was known as the  
fearless man who, having arrived at  
a decision on matters of public  
policy, fought brilliantly and with  
tenacity for the position he and the  
Courier-Journal had taken. All  
through the World War every edi-  
torial he had written invariably con-  
tained the slogan "To hell with the  
Hapsburg and Hohenzollerns." Later,  
after he had retired as editor he  
occasionally made contributions to  
the Courier-Journal's editorial  
page. On the approach of his 75th  
birthday, under the title "An Auto-  
biographic Foray," among the last  
of his editorials, he wrote on a va-  
riety of subjects, including woman  
suffrage and Woodrow Wilson. A  
few of woman suffrage, he said those  
who favored it regarded it as an enter-  
ing wedge—openly to turn loose and  
proclaim that the Bible is a man-  
made lie out of the whole cloth de-  
signed for the subjection of wom-  
an, and "that under the Christian  
dispensation, the world is a man-  
made world of wrong, injustice and  
false pretense to women."

## Warning to Wilson

He warned Mr. Wilson, then Presi-  
dent, to "hold himself to the consti-  
tution and be held by it, not above  
it."

"Whoever wants to consider this  
disloyal," he wrote, "may accept in  
advance my scorn as a poor crea-  
ture whose good opinion, if uttered  
loud enough, would kill a dog, who-  
ever regards it as the pessimism of  
an old man, has my invitation to try  
conclusions, Marquis of Queensbury  
rules. But whoever believes that the  
storm has passed me by and that I  
can no longer keep up with the pro-  
cession ought to see me swim."

The conclusion of the editorial was  
regarded as picturesque by Watter-  
sonians.

"On the limb of a tree," it said,  
"by the tumbling ocean sat a little  
tomtit. He was musing upon the  
perpetuity of men and things  
official. Over the waves came a ten-  
torious voice exclaiming: 'Oh for an  
hour of Conkling and Lamar!'—and  
from a crag upon the mountainside,

## REGARD SUBMARINE AS VALUABLE PART OF NAVAL DEFENSE

British Plea For Abolition of  
Undersea Craft Receives  
No Support From Other  
Powers

## AMERICAN DELEGATES SUGGEST REVISION OF METHODS OF WARFARE

Spokesmen of France, Italy  
and Japan Declare Sub-  
marines Legitimate and  
Valuable Naval Weapons  
When Properly Used and  
Are Unprepared to See  
Them Abolished; Question  
of Auxiliary Craft to  
Come Up Next, With  
Waiting On Presentation  
of Estimates By The  
French; Much Significance  
Attached To Exchanges  
Between Washington and  
Paris; Treaty Discussion  
Continues

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By the As-  
sociated Press.)—Great Britain's  
plea that the submarine be banished  
from the seven seas was presented  
to the arms conference today, but  
it received no support from any  
other power.

In turn, the spokesmen of France,  
Italy and Japan replied that they  
regarded submarines, when properly  
employed, as a legitimate and val-  
uable arm of naval strength, and  
were unprepared to see them abol-  
ished.

The American delegates took no  
final stand on the question, but sug-  
gested that the conference turn its  
efforts toward such a revision of  
international practices as would pre-  
vent a repetition of the ruthless sub-  
marine methods of the World War.

## Further Exchange Today

A further exchange of views on  
the British proposal will take place  
tomorrow unless France, whose rep-  
resentatives again are awaiting in-  
structions from their premier, is pre-  
pared to go ahead with the delayed  
presentation of estimates for auxil-  
iary craft the desire to keep under  
the naval reduction program. The  
French indicated tonight that they  
hoped at tomorrow's meeting to at  
least know their exact requirements  
as to submarine tonnage.

Today's discussions took place be-  
hind the closed doors of the commit-  
tee room, but the British asked that  
their indictment of the submarine be  
made public, and indicated they  
probably would carry their fight  
later to an open session of the con-  
ference. They apparently do not  
hope to succeed, however, after to-  
day's expression of views, and are  
planning to join in the move for an  
understanding to restrict the opera-  
tions of under-water craft in future  
wars.

## French Cause Surprise

Announcement of the French that  
they were unprepared to present  
figures today as to their auxiliary  
tonnage requirements caused general  
surprise in conference circles. Be-  
fore the committee meeting they had  
indicated that their estimates were  
ready, but later it became apparent  
that cable exchanges of an important  
nature were in progress between  
Washington and Premier Briand. In  
these exchanges Secretary Hughes  
joined as the conference chairman,  
receiving word of the latest desires  
of the French Premier in a message  
from Ambassador Harvey at London.

The nature of the exchanges was  
not revealed, but considerable sig-  
nificance was attached to a news  
dispatch from abroad saying that M.  
Briand felt he must consult with the  
French cabinet before making a defi-  
nite answer to the messages from  
Washington.

That development generally was  
accepted as greatly dimming the  
possibility of agreement on the  
auxiliary craft for several days,  
and some of those in conference  
circles professed to see a chance that  
some new issue had arisen which  
might again obscure some of the  
major plans of the conference.

## Treaty Still Holds Sway

While the naval problems were in  
the place of prominence during all  
of the day's negotiations, the dele-  
gates found time to give increasing  
attention to the discussion in  
American official quarters over in-  
terpretation of the new four-power  
treaty. They weighed the possible  
effect of the difference of view be-  
tween President Harding and the  
American delegates and watched de-  
velopments in the Senate where a  
group is organizing to oppose ratifi-  
cation of the pact.

Meantime, the Japanese announce-  
ment they had prepared to present  
at the next meeting of the Far East-  
ern committee, now expected to be  
held next week, a statement in op-  
position to China's request for rat-  
ification of the agreements that re-  
sulted from the "twenty-one de-  
mands." No further instructions  
came from Tokio to permit resump-  
tion of the Shanghai negotiations  
and it was indicated that the naval  
discussions would continue to oc-  
cupy the major attention of the dele-  
gates until after Christmas.

## Legitimate Weapon

The case of Great Britain against  
the submarine was presented to the  
committee today by Lord Lee, chief  
of the British Admiralty, who de-  
clared underwater craft not only en-  
dangered all considerations of human-  
ity, but by illegitimate methods jeop-  
ardized the national life of the  
world.

## Five Persons Killed

Rome, Dec. 22.—Five persons were  
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## MILITARY SITUATION IN IRELAND DISCUSSED

London, Dec. 22.—(By the As-  
sociated Press.)—A long confer-  
ence was held at the Colonial  
Office today, presided over by  
Winston Churchill, Colonial Sec-  
retary, and attended by Sir Lam-  
ont Worthington-Evans, Sec-  
retary for War; Sir Hamar Green-  
wood, Secretary for Ireland, and  
General H. M. Tudor, Commander  
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It is understood the military  
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## ADJOURN DEBATE ON IRISH TREATY

Dail Eireann To Take Up  
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pect Ratification

Dublin, Dec. 22.—(By the Associat-  
ed Press.)—The Dail Eireann, by a  
vote of 77 to 44, decided late today,  
on a motion submitted by Michael  
Collins, to adjourn further debate  
on the Irish treaty until Tuesday,  
January third. It was not the  
motion itself, but an amendment to  
the motion, on which the vote was  
actually taken. The amendment,  
introduced and seconded by op-  
ponents of the treaty, called for  
continuance of sittings day and  
evening until action was taken on  
the treaty's ratification or rejection.

The defeat of the amendment  
automatically decided the motion.  
With few exceptions, so far as could  
be observed, the vote followed the  
party lines of those favoring or op-  
posing the treaty.

## Shows Treaty Attitude

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