



**ALEXANDER EISEMANN**  
Alexander Eisemann, international engineer and multi-millionaire, who recently married Mrs. Harry James of Atlanta, Ga., noted for her beauty.

**INFORMATION IS SUPPRESSED**

No Further Explanation is Required Than That British Envoy Sought Loan of Four Billion Dollars.

Washington.—William Denman, of San Francisco, first chairman of the shipping board, declared in an open letter to members of congress that the reason Arthur J. Balfour, former British secretary of state for foreign affairs, failed to disclose to American government officials the existence of the secret treaties between Great Britain and Japan required "no further explanation than his quest for the four billions of dollars" which the United States loaned Great Britain early in the war.

Mr. Denman said Mr. Balfour arranged "for these moneys" in May, 1917, when he was in this country as head of the British war mission.

"His protestations of deep friendship for the interest of the United States," wrote Mr. Denman, "filled our press and warmed his auditors in the halls of congress and at the tables where our hospitality was extended to him. While he was making them the ink was scarcely dry on the last of the three notes constituting treaties, which, from a naval standpoint, destroyed the island of Guam, probably our most valuable naval base in the Pacific."

**New Birmingham Daily.**  
Birmingham, Ala.—The Advance Co. have announced the publication of the Birmingham Advance as an afternoon daily newspaper beginning January 24. The plant is now being installed.

**Foundry Officers Murdered.**  
Cleveland, O.—W. W. Sly, president, and George J. Fanner, vice president, of the W. W. Sly Foundry Co. were murdered by five pay-roll bandits who escaped with \$4,200 in cash after holding up the two men at the company's plant.

**1,470 Automobile Victims.**  
New York.—Automobiles killed 1,470 persons in New York state last year, and of these fatalities 748 were in New York city, the National Highway Protective Association announced here.

**Huns Expect Early Peace.**  
Berlin.—The feature of Germany's international relations which is arousing keen interest on the opening of the new year is the prospective early peace with the United States.

**Mining Claims Bill Signed.**  
Washington.—The bill extending for six months the time in which 1920 assessment work on mining claims can be done was signed by President Wilson.

**Caruso Resting Comfortably.**  
New York.—The condition of Enrico Caruso, opera singer, confined to his hotel here with pleurisy and empyema, was reported comfortable.

**More Killing in Ireland.**  
Belfast.—Twenty-five persons were killed or died from wounds in Ireland between December 22 and December 29, covering the Christmas holidays.

**Attack on Italian Army.**  
Rome.—The discovery of a plot in Milan in which the fascist (extreme nationalist party) and anarchists are alleged to have been preparing a joint attack on the Italian army operating against Fiume is reported by the newspapers here.

**General Harris Sentenced.**  
Washington.—General Peter C. Harris, adjutant general of the army, was sentenced to ten days in jail by Justice Siddons of the District of Columbia supreme court for contempt of his court.

**D'Annunzio to Leave Fiume.**  
Trieste.—The protocol effecting settlement of the Fiume question has been signed.

Gabriele d'Annunzio and his legionaries will leave Fiume within five days, it was announced here.

**NO JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR CONDUCT**

SENATOR THOMAS USES SHARP LANGUAGE IN DISCUSSING PANAMA CANAL MATTER.

**OLD TALE OF WRONGS RETOLD**

Speaks to Question of Paying a Long Overdue Claim of \$25,000,000 Owning to the State of Columbia.

Washington.—American conduct in the negotiations for the construction of the Panama canal, begun first with the republic of Columbia and later carried on with the revolution built State of Panama, were "without justification and therefore indefensible," Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, declared in the senate, speaking for ratification of the treaty involving payment of a \$25,000,000 indemnity to Columbia, which has been pending several years.

He recounted the involved story of the diplomatic and commercial dealings of 1903 that finally resulted in the canal's construction and charged that President Theodore Roosevelt "acquired the right of way for the canal from a band of filibusters by bartering for it the honor of the nation."

"The only comfort one gathers from the shameful and sordid story is that it finds no precedent in our history," he said in stating his conclusion. "I trust that we may soon acknowledge the wrong and make some reparation lest it be invoked sometime to shelter or justify assault upon the integrity of some weak and helpless nation."

**Decrees are Set Aside.**  
Washington.—Federal court decrees holding that the Clayton act in effect legalized "secondary boycotts" by organized labor, were set aside by the supreme court.

The court held in the case of the Duplex Printing Press company of Battle Creek, Mich., against the international association of Machinists to restrain the latter from boycotting its product, that the "immunity clause" of the Clayton act could not be stretched to cover "illegal" acts of labor organizations.

**Joins the Plain Smiths.**  
New York.—Alfred E. Smith, retiring governor of New York, ended a twenty-two-year career in public life when he shed his hat and coat in the offices of the United States Trucking corporation and went to work as chairman of its board of directors.

**Anarchy in Armenia.**  
Constantinople.—News from Armenia continues confused. The territory of the Armenian soviet republic is the scene of important military movements of Russian troops. The country appears to be in a state of complete anarchy; the bulk of the Armenian army has taken to the hills and many towns and villages are being looted.

**Planning a Sick Spell.**  
Washington.—A bill designed to prevent the doctoring or adulteration of the sick man's liquor was introduced by Representative Vane, republican, of Pennsylvania. Specifically it would stop the manufacture and sale for medicinal purposes of whiskey containing less than 45 per cent of alcohol.

**Surrender Much Material.**  
Paris.—Marshall Foch's report on Germany's disarmament, according to The Temps, says that the Germans have surrendered 41,000 cannon, 29,000 unmounted cannon barrels, 163,000 machine guns and barrels, 2,800,000 rifles, 16,000 airplanes and 25,000 airplane motors.

**Cone Reduces Wages.**  
Greensboro, N. C.—Cotton mills of the Cone interests, employing 3,000 workers, announced a wage reduction of 25 per cent. The company also announced a reduction of 25 per cent in the prices of merchandise handled in its stores, which supply the employees.

**Hawaii's Great Sugar Crop.**  
Honolulu, T. H.—There are prospects for an enormous sugar crop in Hawaii in 1921 with comparatively low prices prevailing, according to the Hawaiian Trust company.

**Made Homeless by Earthquake.**  
Paris.—Fourteen persons were killed, 300 injured and 10,000 rendered homeless by an earthquake which nearly obliterated the city of Elbasan, Albania, according to an undated despatch, received here from the American Red Cross at Tirana.

**Seek Ways of Raising Revenue.**  
New York.—Tax reform and new means of raising revenue will take first place for discussion in at least 15 State legislatures now about to open judged by reports.

**Tokio is Seventh City.**  
Tokio.—The figures of the recent census show that Tokio is the seventh city of the world with a population of 2,147,190. The population of Osaka, the second city of Japan, is 1,248,966, but if the suburbs are included Osaka's population is 2,679,361.



"Nifty" is my name.

I have hired myself to the niftiest clothing store in this town.

You will SEE me and my pet lamb in this paper every week. We will remind you where to buy the clothes you need.

REMEMBER when you see us (and see us you MUST) that we mean good, "nifty" clothes for a low price.

I'm going to work for

**Dockery-McNair Clothing Co.**  
Outfitters for Men and Boys.



**BUICK**



A CAR as dependable as business transportation is important—no matter what the weather. That is Buick, and that is why Buick cars are in such great demand in business everywhere.

The new Buick Nineteen Twenty One models combine utility with beauty; reliability for business with riding comfort so pleasing in hours of relaxation.

A nation-wide Authorized Buick Service guarantees initial Buick dependability.

Effective January 1, regular equipment on all models will include cord tires



**Richmond Buick Co.**

J. W. JENKINS, Prop.

R. R. SIMMONS, Mgr.

**DRY LAWS WILL BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED**

PRESIDENT HARDING HAS HIS MIND MADE UP AS TO THE PROHIBITION ACT.

**POSSIBLY CALL OUT THE ARMY**

If the Statute Does Not Express the Will of the People it Should Be Either Changed or Repealed.

Marion, Ohio.—The people of the United States are going to learn what prohibition means before the last day of 1921. President-elect Harding, it is learned, is determined to enforce the Volstead act strictly, smiting violators hip and thigh. If the law does not express the will of the people, Senator Harding believes it should be changed, but until it is changed it should be obeyed as honestly as other and older laws.

Enforcement will be accomplished, if necessary, by the use of the United States army, for the present situation is considered intolerable. Chronic violation of the law, in the mind of the President-elect, can only result in the development of a national hypocrisy that will degenerate into a general contempt for all law and all authority.

Senator Harding is understood to believe now that if the law is enforced the public will become aroused to such an extent that Congress will be forced to consider the eighteenth amendment anew. He gave a hint of his feeling in his speech accepting the republican presidential nomination.

**Big Business Events of 1920.**  
The big business events of 1920 were:

One: The greatest crash in wholesale commodity prices since 1873. Caused largely by a buyers' strike. Buying power of the dollar starts coming back as cost of living begins topping.

Two: Shrinkage of excess of exports over imports with same speed as our trade balance increased during the war.

Three: Ending of government control of railroads and coal, with a general tendency back to private ownership and away from governmental interference with business.

Four: Intense credit inflation which led to frenzied speculation, was checked by banks calling loans and making money tight. War profits and war prices doomed as period of deflation begins.

During 1920 wholesale commodity prices dropped an average of 35 per cent. They now average lower than when the United States entered the war, but still are 55 per cent above prices August 1, 1914.

**Senator Penrose Comes Back.**  
Washington.—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, prominent republican leader, signalled his return to Washington and to public affairs, legislative and political by giving an interview, discussing tariff and other governmental affairs, receiving a few senators, posing for motion pictures and preparing for active work in Congress, beginning this week.

**Subject to Deportation.**  
Washington.—So long as the Russian Soviet government seeks to stir up insurrection against the government of the United States its members resident here will be subject to deportation, Secretary Wilson said in a letter to Charles Recht, counsel for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet agent in the United States now under sentence of deportation.

**Trade With Huns Increases.**  
Washington.—American trade with Germany continues to improve, the monthly statement of the department of commerce showing exports last month of \$35,051,000, as compared with \$23,644,142 in the same month a year ago and imports from Germany of \$7,577,688, as compared with \$3,212,831 in November, 1919.

**Four Drown in Gulf.**  
Philadelphia.—Clarence Gibbney, attorney for Grover C. Bergdoll, convicted draft dodger and fugitive from justice, and three other Philadelphians, were drowned in the Gulf of Mexico, near the port of Chankin, on the coast of Yucatan.

**50,000 Matches Made.**  
Berlin.—Reports received here from Moscow, said communistic marriage bureaus have been established and that 50,000 "matches" have been made through them to date.

**Senator Chamberlain Better.**  
Washington.—Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, who underwent a second operation, was reported to be resting well. His condition was said to be satisfactory.

**Detective Gave Wrong Tip.**  
Geneva.—M. Wader, a wealthy resident of Bienna, Switzerland, has just sued a detective agency for wrongly recommending an immoral man as husband for his daughter and has obtained a verdict of 140 pounds with costs against the agency.