

FRANCE WILL ACCEPT THE ORIGINAL RATIO

Of Naval Equipment as Laid Down by Secretary Hughes at Washington Conference—Announcement Today.

PREMIER BRIAND INFORMS HARVEY

Accepts Only as to Capital Ships, and Does Not Alter Demand for Submarines and Cruisers.

London, Dec. 18 (By the Associated Press).—France will accept the original ratio laid down by Secretary Hughes at the Washington conference, Premier Briand informed George Harvey, the American ambassador, at their meeting last night.

Although Premier Briand's authorization which has already been conveyed to the French delegation in Washington makes no mention of submarines, there is reason to believe the French proposals regarding submarines were discussed by M. Briand and Ambassador Harvey. It is hinted that the French may have more to say on this subject.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from London to the semi-official Havas Agency today said that Premier Briand accepted Secretary Hughes proposal concerning capital ship tonnage as follows:

United States 5; England 5; Japan 3; France 1.70; Italy 1.68.

The interpretation put upon Premier Briand's interview with Ambassador Harvey in official circles here this morning was that France's acceptance of the American point of view as to naval tonnage was an acceptance "in principle" only so far as capital ships were concerned and that it did not alter the French insistence upon adequate allowance of submarines and cruisers.

It was also declared that so far as official advice received here shows, no definite ratio had yet been decided by France.

Briand Sends Advice

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Secretary Hughes was understood to have received a telegram today from London stating that as a result of conferences between the American ambassador, France was expected to accept America's proposal for limitation of capital ships.

The advice to Secretary Hughes was said to bear out the unofficial reports from London that Premier Briand had advised the French delegation here to accept America's proposal for 175,000 tons of capital ships for France and Italy. French acceptance, it was said, was on a tonnage, and not a capital ship basis.

Washington Warns Against Optimism

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press).—A five-powered treaty to limit naval armaments apparently has been brought much nearer by a new move on the part of the French.

Cabled instructions for the French delegation, said unofficially to include Premier Briand's acceptance of the American proposal for French naval strength, reached Washington today, and impelled the French delegation to ask for a 24-hour recess in the naval negotiations, while they decoded the messages and pondered its contents.

Meantime, despite unofficial advice from abroad saying there had been positive acceptance by the French government, conference leaders are sounding note of warning against over-optimism.

The French themselves manifested great surprise at newspaper statements reporting an acceptance. They had presented a proposal for twice as great a French capital ship fleet as that provided under the American figures, and they are not ready to believe their home government has so quickly accepted the lesser proposition unless important conditions are attached.

In some quarters it is regarded as probable that the message from M. Briand, which is of considerable length, makes the capital ship arrangement contingent on a settlement regarding auxiliary craft which will give France what she wants in submarines and cruisers.

Reduction of Interest Rate in Sixth District

Atlanta, Dec. 18.—A reduction of the interest rate on all classes of paper from 5-1/2 to 5 per cent was announced today by M. B. Wellborn, governor of the 6th Federal Reserve Bank.

CAR OF ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT

At Southern Station. Will Sell in Bulk or in Small Quantities at Attractive Prices.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

By Vote of 43 to 40 the House Voted Down Motion a by Crisp to Reconsider Its Action on Dunlap Bill.

SPEED LIMIT BILL PASSED 3rd READING

Bill Would Change Speed Limit to 35 Miles an Hour in County and to 25 Miles an Hour in Cities.

(By Max Abernethy, Special to The Tribune.) Raleigh, Dec. 18.—By a vote of 43 to 40 the House today voted down the motion made by Crisp, of Dare county, to reconsider its action of Saturday in sending the Dunlap bill, providing for an extension of 90 days in which to pay this year's taxes without assessment of penalties. This bill is still in the finance committee.

The Senate bill changing the speed limit of automobiles from 25 to 35 miles in the country and from 18 to 25 miles in cities, was passed on three readings, after considerable debate.

The proposal to bond all "For Hire" automobiles operating in the state passed two readings, but went over on objection of Graham, of Orange county.

The Senate passed on the second reading the municipal finance act and school deficit bill, both houses adjourning this afternoon and will complete their work at the night session.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Eleventh hour attempts will be made by rash and romantic members of the House to re-consider the Glover bill empowering the governor of the State to remove his appointees and the Dunlap measure which seeks to repeal the penalties in the payment of taxes.

The first bill is yet in the hands of the committee where it has been for night on to seven days. At today's session which is expected to run into the midnight hours before adjournment is taken, proponents of the measure have indicated their intention of wringing some sort of report from this stubborn committee. With this proposition back before the House where it can be discussed, they believe enough strength can be mustered to put the bill across before final adjournment.

Governor Morrison, who is credited with having inspired the measure, will not be here for the final no matter what action is taken upon it; he, with his little daughter, Annetta, has gone to Washington City for a two days' visit. But the governor is still favoring the measure and his supporters say they have canvassed the House and that there is enough strength to make the bill a law. It will, of course, require fast work on the part of both houses or the bill will die in transit.

For the Dunlap bill to repeal the penalties in all cases where the taxes are not paid in full by February 1, there exists considerable support. House members who favor this measure were busy Sunday conducting a systematic lobby amongst their colleagues and unless their report is favorable, there is no chance of the bill's passage to the House to keep his followers in line.

Saturday this measure occupied the stage center when Tom Bowie of Ashe, sought to have the bill placed on the calendar over the protests of Mr. Doughton, but the Grand Old Man won, the bill going to the committee on finance of which he is chairman. And the Grand Old Man is eternally opposed to repealing the penalties clause of the law.

What Mr. Bowie and his colleagues hope to do today is to override the action of the House Saturday and bring the bill back up for discussion. If they can do this, it is claimed, enough strength can be mustered to secure favorable action on the measure since a large number of representatives will not be here today who voted for the Doughnut proposal at Saturday's session.

Representative Crisp of Dare county also hopes to force the issue on his State-wide bill, the only other measure over which there is a division of opinion, which provides for a change in the time of closing the polls at all elections.

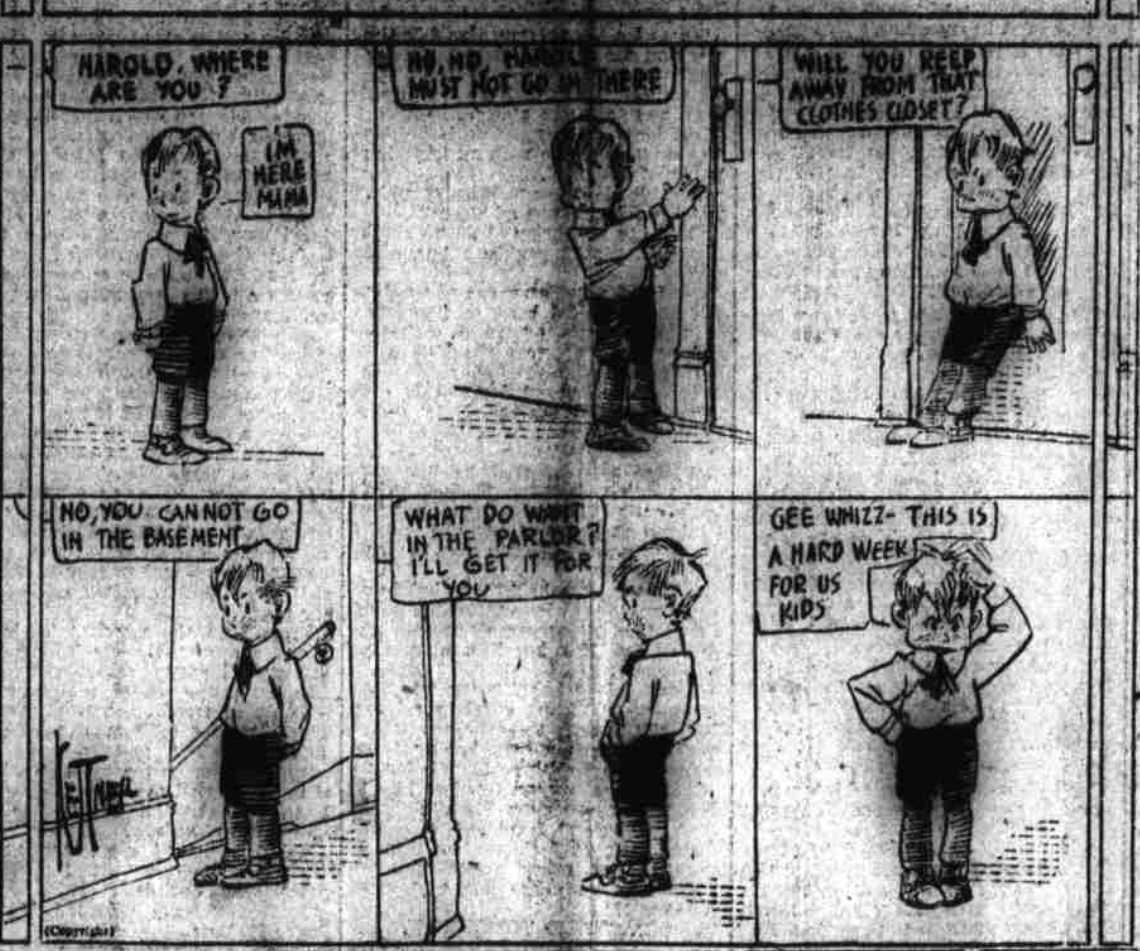
The Crisp bill would run the time up to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. There are many advantages to doing this, he says. It will not only expedite the tabulation of the returns but will permit the newly enfranchised women voters to know how badly they have been beaten or won, early so they can go to their homes in time to prepare the evening meal.

He hopes the bill will pass and has won over Speaker Grier of almost all votes. Speaker Grier thinks that a provision should be made for working folks who cannot get to the polls before four o'clock, but he would have them satisfy the election officers that such is the case.

Those somewhat able issues will take their turn when the House and Senate are not busy with pending property, school deficit bill and the municipal finance act. There can be no doubt but that both measures will stand up to court by the time adjournment is taken some time tonight. Every possible precaution has been taken to safeguard both measures.

Cotton on the local market is quoted at 17 cents per pound; cotton seed at 45 cents per bushel.

144 Hours to Christmas



ARIZONA ACT OF 1913 IS UPHOLD BY COURT

Supreme Court Hands Down Ruling in Regard to Picketing.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Arizona act of 1913, prohibiting issuance of injunctions restraining picketing, was in effect upheld by the Supreme Court today so far as it prevents court interference with peaceful picketing.

In the case of W. M. Tamm and others under consideration by the court it was held, however, the methods of picketing used were legal, and should have been enjoined.

THE COTTON MARKET

Market Showed Continued Steadiness

New York, Dec. 18.—The cotton market showed continued steadiness during today's early trading. After opening 9 to 20 points higher prices reacted slightly under realizing but soon steadied up again with January advancing to 18.42 and March to 18.25, or 17 to 20 points better than last week's closing.

Cotton futures opened firm, Jan. 18.40; Mar. 18.17; May 17.70; July 17.50; Oct. 16.65.

With Our Advertisers

When you think of Christmas gifts, think of Love's. See change of ad. in this paper.

You can find an abundance of Christmas goodies at the U-Save-It Store. Nuts, raisins, currants and other goodies. See new ad. today.

You can find gift suggestions for every "him" in the City's Pharmacy ad in this paper today. Don't fail to see the ad.

Prices have been reduced on candy by the box or pound at Pat Conington's. Prices from 25 cents to \$1; read new ad carefully.

Fisher's is open day and night now, and this store has a variety of gifts for all. Call and see the stock offered.

The Big Before Christmas Sale at the Parks-Bell Co. is now on. There are only five more days till Christmas. The store will be open at night till 9 o'clock every evening this week in order to give everybody a chance to do Christmas shopping.

Government Wins Suit Against Hardwood Association

Washington, Dec. 18.—The government today won its suit to compel the members of the American Hardwood Manufacturers' Association to terminate co-operative selling methods and agreements alleged to have been adopted for the purpose of eliminating competition among themselves and to maintain and increase prices.

Richard Croker Near Point of Death

Pror, Okla., Dec. 18.—A cablegram stating that Richard Croker, former Tammany chieftain of New York, was very ill, sent by his wife Mrs. Reulish Croker, has summoned Bruce Garrett, a local citizen hurriedly to Ireland. It became known today. Mrs. Croker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Edmondson of this city.

Several Injured in Wreck on Southern

Anniston, Ala., Dec. 18.—C. R. Coleman, fireman, was killed and several persons seriously injured when the Kansas City Special on the Southern Railway was wrecked at Tatum near here at noon today. Among the seriously injured are engineer S. T. Watkins of Atlanta, and two mail clerks.

Defenses Held in Evidence Case

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The defense in the trial of Robert D. Phillips, charged with the murder of the Rev. J. P. Campbell, was held in evidence today. Phillips' case is being tried at the Federal court here.

THREE MEN ARRESTED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Charged With Manufacturing, Transporting and Selling Intoxicating Liquors.

Federal warrants have been issued here for F. C. (Texas) Smith, Ed. Goodman and Walter Patterson, all of this county, charged with the manufacture, transportation and sale of intoxicating liquors. The warrants were issued Saturday and were served yesterday afternoon and this morning, and the men will be given a hearing tomorrow before Commissioner E. Kessler.

Smith was arrested yesterday afternoon and released on \$2,000 bond. The other two men were arrested this morning and freed on bond for appearances at the hearing tomorrow.

Prohibition agents who have been working in this county for the past several months, stated that the men were arrested for alleged ownership in and operation of the monster still captured by the officers on October 17 on the land of Patterson. No one was arrested at the time of the raid, and the warrants were issued after the officers had made a thorough and searching investigation.

The still was the largest ever found in this county, being of 200-gallon capacity and being in full operation at the time of the raid. Twenty-seven hundred gallons of beer were found at the still, together with a full kitchen outfit, several chairs, and a bed, and 300 pounds of sugar.

Prohibition agents, declare the arrest of the three men probably will be followed by other arrests, and the investigation of the operation of this still is expected to bring out developments in other States, where it is claimed, some of the liquor made from the still, was disposed of.

FATAL RESULT OF ROW IN HUNTSVILLE CAFE

One Man Is Dead and Another Is in a Dying Condition.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 18.—Will Ricketts, proprietor of a local cafe, is dead. Fred Manter, son of a local merchant, is in a dying condition, and five girls are in jail charged with murder and assault with intent to murder as the result of a fight here last night.

Ricketts and Manter were shot in what was described by the police as a free for all fight in a house in the suburbs and came as the climax to a gay party at which were a dozen participants. The police report the discovery of evidence that whiskey flowed freely.

The women under arrest are: Jessie Echols, Tricie Riser, June Dew, Nellie West, and Jewel Earle, all Florence Bridges. They have declined to make a statement.

Stores Will Close December 25th.—In accordance with a well established custom here, when Christmas comes on Sunday, as it does this year, our merchants and business offices generally will observe the next day, Monday, December 26th, as the Christmas holiday.

The stores and business places generally of the city will be closed next Monday, December 26th. Most of the mills, I understand, will be closed for several days, including Monday, the 26th.

Honor Roll Grades Two and Three of Mt. Pleasant School

Grade two—Virginia McAllister, Margaret James, Lenny Roger, Miriam Helms, Mary Evans, Phil, Miriam James.

Grade three—Fred Herrin, Elizabeth Nunnally.

Mother and Six Children Burned to Death in Home

Windsor, N. C., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Nathan Johnson and her six children ranging in age from 3 to 12 years, were burned to death, early today in a fire which destroyed their home.

Mr. John Liddle, manager of the New York office of the Cannon Mills, arrived in Concord this morning. Mr. Liddle came to be with Mr. J. W. Cannon, who has been so critically ill for several days.

BUFFALO IS SWEPT BY 95-MILE-A-HOUR GALE

Plate Glass Windows Broken and Trees Uprooted—One Man Loses His Life.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A 95 mile an hour gale swept the city today, uprooting trees, tearing down chimneys, smashing plate glass windows and piling up the water in the harbor to an unprecedented stage. One man was killed in the storm.

The damage throughout the city was great, but heaviest losses occurred along the waterfront where a 300 foot wireless tower was demolished, boat houses and small docks were swept away and several hundred pleasure craft were smashed or carried down the river.

The property loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A window hatch torn from the top of a business block fell on a passing automobile, killing E. Krieger, one of the two occupants and injuring the other seriously. The hatch went through the windshield and pinned Krieger to the seat. The automobile, with both occupants unconscious, ran about a block before it swerved and crashed into a store front.

Two women were caught under a falling tree near the water front. One of them, Miss Margaret Cochrane, sustained both legs broken. Her sister, Katherine, was internally injured and foremen had to cut away part of the tree trunk before she could be released.

The wind, blowing from the southwest directly down Lake Erie, piled up the water until the Island pier and Square Island were almost completely submerged. Nearly 100 squatters' shanties were carried out into the Niagara river. Their occupants were rescued by police, firemen and coast guard crews.

Three ferry boats used in the service between Buffalo and Fort Erie were piled upon the rocks between the river and the canal.

At Tonawanda the water rose eight feet above normal, flooding the large lumber yards there and carrying thousands of feet of timber into the river and over Niagara Falls. A dredge anchored off Grand Island began to drift toward the falls, but managed to find anchorage by digging its steel dipper into mud on the river bed.

Seldom has such a volume of water poured over the brink of the Niagara cataract as today. The waters of Lake Erie crowded into the Niagara river, caused a swirling flood where usually there are only a few scant inches. Such floods poured over the precipice that the pier of the Maid of the Mist was submerged.

Many islands just above the falls were submerged for the first time in years. Great property damage was done on the upper river between La Salle and Niagara Falls to River Slide boat houses and motor boats. One estimate of the property loss there is \$300,000. No loss of life was reported.

All the large lake boats here weathered the storm. Some dragged their anchors, but none was beached. Three gasoline fishing boats were sunk in the harbor at Dunkirk.

High Winds and Heavy Rain Visited New York Sunday

New York, Dec. 18.—Winds of cyclonic character, accompanied by heavy rain, visited New York today, caused slight damage in lower Manhattan, then jumped to the Bronx and wrought destruction over a wide area in the union port section. An unidentified man, dead from exposure, was found on a bowery sidewalk.

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High School Students Out on "Strike"

Ocala, Fla., Dec. 18.—Students of the Ocala High School today went on a "strike" in an effort to enforce a demand that they be given a two weeks vacation during the holidays, instead of one week as announced by the faculty.

Mr. J. F. Mabry is the administrator of the estate of the late W. J. Mabry.

Mrs. T. L. Hinchell of Morganton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Jones.

LINDENFELD MAKES A FULL CONFESSION

Man Arrested in Warsaw in Connection With the Wall Street Explosion, Tells His Life History.

TELLS WHO MADE THE FATAL BOMB

Statement Corroborates Belief That the Entire Plot Was Financed in Moscow, to Kill J. P. Morgan.

Warsaw, Dec. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Lind, arrested here at the instance of the American secret service for alleged connection with the Wall Street bomb explosion of September, 1920, has made three written statements to the police, one of which in English covers his activities for the last sixteen years.

Sylwester Cosgrove, the operative who brought about Lindenfeld's arrest yesterday cabled the American department of justice the name of a blacksmith who, according to Lindenfeld, manufactured the bomb and engineered the details of the explosion.

Cosgrove declares that Lindenfeld's confession corroborates his previous statement that the plot was financed in Moscow, and that the motive was to kill J. P. Morgan, striking terror into America and showing the world that Wall Street was not beyond defiance. (At the time of the explosion Mr. Morgan was in England.)

BRITISH PARLIAMENT PROLOGUED TO DEC. 31ST.

This Announcement Made in House of Commons by Austen Chamberlain, Government Leader.

London, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press).—British Parliament will be prorogued this afternoon until January 31, it was announced by Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons. The original understanding was that the prorogation would not take place until the Irish Free act on the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Meeting of Sub Committee Postponed

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press).—The meeting of the arms conference naval sub committee of 15 was postponed until tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Chairman Hughes today on request of M. Sprunt, head of the French delegation. The committee had been called to meet today at 11 a. m.

The French delegation through Ambassador Jusserand explained to Mr. Hughes by telephone that Mr. Sprunt had called to Premier Briand on Saturday for further instructions, and a dispatch had been received from M. Briand, which would take some time to decode. A delay of 24 hours was therefore requested.

Smell His Sweetheart Over the Telephone

Paris, Dec. 18.—"Santograms" may be next year's correspondence fad, following an invention by a Roumanian scientist of a machine strengthening the power of perfume 10,000 per cent.

The machine splits up the perfume rays and can be attached and operated by an ordinary wireless outfit, or a telephone.

This foreshadows the day when a woman will be able to smell his sweetheart over the telephone. By a box containing, electrically controlled, and containing two ounces of perfume, as large an amphitheatre as Madison Square Garden can be perfumed.

Mother's Faith in Runaway Boy Rewarded After Ten Years

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 18.—The unwavering faith of a mother that her boy would return after an absence of ten years, exemplified by a lighted lamp that she has kept constantly in her window since his disappearance, has been rewarded.

A telegram was speeded today to Bernard Harvey, near Los Angeles, California, bidding him to hasten East to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harvey of Oakhurst, near here. The telegram follows the receipt of a letter, the first word received since the boy ran away to sea ten years ago.

Senator Reed Asks Postponement of Trial

Boston, Mass., Dec. 18.—"Complications very serious in nature that have developed in the senate committee considering the re-funding of our foreign loans," were urged by United States Senator Reed in the Supreme Court today as the reason for the postponement of the trial of District Attorney Jos. C. Poffeter on charges of malfeasance in office. Senator Reed is counsel for the District Attorney. He asked the court to postpone the proceedings until next Thursday at the earliest.

Little Change in Mr. Cannon's Condition

No marked change is reported this afternoon in the condition of Mr. J. W. Cannon, who has been so dangerously ill since Saturday. Members of his family were more hopeful this morning, however, as Mr. Cannon had suffered no such serious heart attacks as threatened his life twice during Sunday, but his condition this afternoon again was worse.

Stores Full of Goods at Spencer Station Saturday

Spencer, Dec. 18.—The store of J. A. Blood, 2nd street, almost overflowed Saturday night with several hundred dollars worth of goods being carried away in a truck. There is no clue as to the identity of the visitors.

WALTER PATTERSON COMMITS SUICIDE

Well Known Concord Citizen Shoots Himself in His Bathroom Some Time Before 2 O'clock.

TOP OF HIS HEAD WAS BLOWN OFF

Was Prominent Farmer of the County But Lived in the City—Worried Over Arrest for Selling Whisky.

Walter S. Patterson, aged 50, prominent farmer of the county, committed suicide at his home here this morning by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. The body was found in the bathroom of the home shortly after 2 o'clock by Mrs. Dan Isenhour, who with her husband, had been searching for him for several hours.

Worried over charges of manufacturing, transporting and selling whisky, which were made against him this morning by Federal prohibition agents, is alleged to have been responsible for the rash act. A large still was found on Mr. Patterson's farm in October, and after investigations lasting since that time, prohibition agents this morning served the warrants on the deceased. He gave bond for his appearance before Commissioner Kessler tomorrow, and is believed to have returned immediately to his home and shot himself.

The entire top of the head was blown off, and pieces of the skull and brain were scattered all over the bathroom. The gun was lying by his side, with an empty shell in it.

Mrs. Patterson and children left this morning for the Patterson farm, located near the city and Mr. Patterson had been alone. He appeared before police officers some time before 10 o'clock and arranged his bond, and no one saw him alive after that. Mr. and Mrs. Isenhour began their search for him about 11:30, when they wanted to invite him to their home for dinner, and after a search of the city and his farm had failed to locate him, Mrs. Isenhour made a second inspection of the house. After having failed to locate the body in a search about 12:30.

Friends of the dead man state that he has not been himself during the past several weeks. Ripeybe, said on his farm and the finding of a monster still and 2,700 gallons of beer, it is said he has been grieving greatly, and had often remarked that no matter how he came out of the trial, he had ruined his family name.

The wife and four children survive, the oldest boy being 19 years of age.

DE VALENA SUBMITS AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL

Has Done This in an Effort to Secure Unanimity in the Dail Eireann

Dublin, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press).—The Dail Eireann which met shortly before noon today and began consideration of motions for and against ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty adjourned at 3 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. There was every indication that the speech making would continue through tomorrow.

An interesting feature of the first session was the disclosure that Eamonn de Valera, the republican president, had submitted to last week's private meetings of the Dail an alternative proposal to the agreement signed in London. He explained he had done this in an effort to secure unanimity in the Dail Eireann.

FOUR HUGE HANGERS DESTROYED BY FIRE

One Martin Bomber Aero Destroyed Today at Newport News.

Newport News, Dec. 18.—Four huge frame hangers at Langley were destroyed by fire this morning entailing loss of more than \$200,000. The origin of the fire is unknown and investigation will be made by the board of inquiry.

One Martin bomber and most of the tools at the station were destroyed, it being impossible to get to them, so rapid did the flames spread.

EXTRA POLICE NEEDED TO QUET STRIKE DISORDERS

Third Week of Strike in Packing Industry in Omaha Began With Disorders.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—Disorders in which a number of persons were hurt marked the opening of the third week of the strike in the packing industry here. Extra police were called out to restore order.

The trouble followed picketing which began early today.

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