

### IMPORTANT STEP ABOUT BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT

#### American Participation in Proposed Disarmament Conference Means Definite Formula Found

#### CHIEF COMPROMISES

#### President Will Get Funds to Send Mission Abroad But Will Discuss Instructions Before They Leave

Washington, Dec. 26.—The biggest and most important step in international co-operation is about to be taken by the United States Government. It is the result of an argument by Senator Borah, leader of the irrecconcilables, and President Coolidge as to the scope of American participation in the proposed disarmament conference and it means that a formula for future association with activities of the League of Nations has been found at last.

Mr. Coolidge is insistent that the United States shall not assume any obligations of the Government of the League of Nations, but, on the other hand, he has assured America of the opportunity to gather information first hand and participate in conferences called by the League so that no act of international co-operation of a treaty character would be signed until Senate leaders have been consulted.

Strictly speaking the Chief Executive through his ambassadors and ministers can negotiate treaties and sign them leaving it to two-thirds of the Senate to ratify or reject. But Congress, too, must provide the funds for American missions sent abroad. So Mr. Coolidge has found a compromise whereby he will get the funds to send missions abroad but he will discuss the instructions to such special missions before the latter leave.

Thus in the proposed disarmament conference to be held by the League of Nations, Mr. Coolidge has agreed in advance with Senator Borah as chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, that no security compact obligating the United States to protect or preserve the boundaries of foreign countries will be signed by the American delegation. Also, the American mission will be instructed not to vote for any reduction of American land armament as the United States considers it has reduced its military establishment to a mere police force.

But America will consider further limitation of naval armament and the restriction on the use of poison gases and other weapons. This is in line with the traditional policy of the American Government under the Republican party in particular in The Hague conference and the Washington conference for limitation of armament.

In deciding to send Hugh Gibson, American minister to Switzerland, to attend the informal parties of a preliminary nature at which the program for the disarmament conference is to be discussed at Geneva, the President has simply availed himself of his right to order his ambassadors and ministers to report on any matters which get on in the respective countries to which they are accredited.

Mr. Gibson is a trained diplomat and when he attends as an official of the American Government any conference that is called at Geneva he stands on an equal footing with the representatives of other countries which are members of the League.

In this effect America becomes associated with the League though not a member of it. The United States retains freedom of action. But foreign governments are so anxious to have the distinguished advice and moral influence of the United States that they would prefer America as an associate for special occasions rather than to have the United States remain aloof and pigeon hole document after document and communication after communication which comes from the League as was the case in the early days of the Harding administration when feeling against any interference whatsoever with the League ran high.

Effort for the change of policy on the part of Mr. Coolidge is difficult to give but unquestionably men like Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University and a leading Republican, as well as Elihu Root, Charles Evans Hughes and Colonel House have had a good deal to do with the decision reached by the President. Mr. Butler on his return from Geneva last summer advocated that the American minister to Switzerland keep in close touch with the activities of the League of the United States Government.

Colonel House, who was a recent guest at the White House, has been urging for two years that the United States forget for the moment about direct membership in the League and adopt a

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### REFUSES MERCY TO HIS ENEMIES

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The foreign office has received advices from the Japanese Council at Mukden that General Chang Tsulin has refused to promise mercy for the preservation of the lives of the defeated Marshal Kuo Sung Ling's family and also for the lives of Kuo's officers.

Consequently, it is feared that a general execution of Chang's enemies is imminent.

### COURT REFLECTS QUIET YULETIDE

#### Relatively Few Cases as Aftermath of Christmas in This City

Additional evidence that Christmas was observed quietly and without an accident or serious infraction of the law was forthcoming in recorder's court Saturday morning. The cases on the docket comprised one for alleged possession of liquor for purposes of sale, and six involving the imbibing of holiday spirits.

Tom Hritchard, living in the Forks community, was convicted on a charge of violating the Turlington Act, and was put under suspended sentence of four months on the roads and fined \$100 and costs. His arrest occurred after a Christmas Eve search of his premises by Sheriff Carline, in which the sheriff testified he found one pint of liquor and a number of empty five-gallon jugs.

The defendant denied vigorously that he had the liquor for purposes of sale. County Judge Sawyer, in passing upon the case, declared the officers had had many complaints about alleged trafficking in whisky there, and expressed regret that the evidence did not justify him in dealing more severely with the accused man.

Jerry Sawyer, Jr., charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$10 and costs. Differ Houghton testified he was a trifle belligerous in front of the Busy Bee Cafe Christmas Eve, and broke a slot machine. Alex Kinsey and Clifton Carter, both colored, were fined \$5 and costs each on charges of simple drunkenness.

Levy Sprull, colored, was let off upon payment of the costs in connection with a little Christmas celebration in which he was accused of having "slapped over" his wife.

Russel Bowen and Luther Holoman, white youths from Edenton, were fined \$10 and costs each on charges of simple possession of liquor. Evidence was that they were about to take a drink in a stable on Matthews street when watchful officers flashed a light on them and broke up the party.

"The people at large should be congratulated on the orderly way in which Christmas was observed here," Judge Sawyer commented at the close of the court session. "and the police force is to be congratulated, too, on the efficient way they handled the situation. It is to the credit of the city that there were no accidents here, and that there was no serious violation of the law."

### AMERICAN CHAIN STORES ADOPTED BY THE FRENCH

#### United States' Methods of Quantity Production Better Weapon Than Low Wages, Says Brunel

#### STUDYING METHODS REPRESENTING FRENCH SYNDICATE WHICH HAS 1,200 STORES AND ARRANGING SECURE AMERICAN GOODS

By J. C. ROYLE (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

New York, Dec. 26.—American methods of quantity production are a better weapon with which to fight for world trade than low European wages, according to foreign manufacturers who have come to this country to study American methods. American chain store methods are being adopted in France according to Rene Brunel, representing Ernest Toulouz, head of a French syndicate dealing in foodstuffs.

The chain store method of merchandising, he said, was not new in France and had been used for 45 years but the chain store idea, as practiced here had been a revelation to him. The Toulouz syndicate has 1200 stores. With two other members of his firm, Mr. Brunel, has made a circuit of the United States, studying food production methods in the West and arranging for the sale of certain pacific coast products in France.

The American chain stores now are winding up one of the best years they have ever experienced. Some have piled up a volume of sales never before equaled. There has been keen competition between different chains in some localities and more stores have been opened in new suburbs than the demand warranted. This mistake has been avoided in some sections by a merging of conflicting chains.

It has been a maxim for years among makers and dealers in women's clothes that the Parisian designers and dressmakers were able to dominate the field. More American women have been in Paris this year than in any previous season for years. They have bought heavily and yet French modistes have been sent over to this country to investigate and adopt American methods of production.

Lucien Letoux, a noted designer and one of the largest employers of women in France, was chosen to make the investigation by the French ministry of fine arts, public instruction and labor. He was sent here to make a study of women in industry and learned something of enlightened American factory management.

"It is fairly easy for us in Paris to lead women's fashions for the world," he said. It is harder for us to manufacture dresses in the quantities the world now demands of us."

Dresses are to Paris, he continued, what automobiles are to Detroit, and dressmaking is the largest Parisian industry, the essential element ranging in size from the little houses of the famous famous houses, all over the world. The business, he indicated, gave employment to 300,000 Parisians and establishments employing 1,000 or more workers are numerous.

Last year the "Haute Couture," that is, the leading dressmaking houses, produced model coats and gowns valued at more than \$25,000,000 and four fifths of the annual production of the Paris studios now are exported. Of these exports the United States absorbs one half.

### MORE COTTON GINNED THIS YEAR THAN LAST

Cotton ginnings from this year's crop prior to December 13 were slightly higher in Pasquotank County than during the corresponding period last year, and substantially higher in Camden County this year than last. In all 3,042 bales were ginned in Pasquotank, as against 3,018 last year, and 4,353 in Camden, against 3,313, according to figures just given out by W. H. Price, special agent of the census bureau of the Department of Commerce.

### DECLINE DIALECT SPEECH CHARGED CHIEFLY WOMEN

Sheffield, Eng., Dec. 26.—Decline of dialect speech has been brought about chiefly by women, said Prof. W. E. Haigh, formerly master of English at Huddersfield Technical school, in addressing the dialect society.

"Adults of all classes and ages, especially girls and women, are now and more dropping dialect and trying to 'talk fine,'" he said. "Boys and girls, instead of being ashamed of dialect, take the forceful and expressive if somewhat rugged speeches of their fathers, should be proud to present it as a dual tongue with the standard of English."

### INDIAN POETESS IS GIVEN GREAT OVATION

Cawspore, British India, Dec. 26.—The Indian congress met today under the presidency of the nationalist poetess, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, who received an ovation from the large crowds which greeted her on her arrival from Bombay. Proposals for complete independence and boycott of British goods are thought to have small chance for adoption.

### FUNERAL MRS. LASSITER

Funeral services for Mrs. C. L. Lassiter, who died Wednesday night at her home, 307 East Burgess street, after a long illness, were conducted Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Two hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Aid me in Jesus," were sung by members of the First Methodist choir. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

### Congressman Thinks Hired Girls Save the Home

By CHARLES F. STEWART (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

Washington, Dec. 26.—As something entirely out of the ordinary in a legislative way, Representative Sol Bloom's bill to amend the immigration law, so as to let foreign "hired girls" into the country on a non-quota basis, has recently been the subject of a good deal of discussion in Congress.

People not so very old can remember when nearly every even moderately prosperous American family had its hired girl.

Her pay averaged around \$3 a week.

As we all know, this epoch is past.

Sol Bloom says so and it's true. A domestic servant costs so much that a family has to verge on being actually rich to keep one. In the vast majority of American households the misad does her own work.

Housework is hard work, as Sol again truthfully says. He doesn't blame the American woman for dishing it, as evidently she does, he takes notice, for she shows an alarmingly increasing tendency toward getting something else to do, or, if that's unnecessary, toward hotel or restaurant life.

Thus, in Sol's opinion, the American home is in danger—a danger which more hired girls would avert, so Sol thinks.

Of course the immigrants would have to be genuine hired girls. Sol provides for that. He requires of them at least a year's foreign experience in domestic service and a minimum of three years of it here.

Right at this point the bill's critics raise an objection.

The girls virtually would be bonded servants for three to five years, they argue. "Present a girl, for three years, from rising in life, if capable of it!" "Wholly un-American! Impossible!" exclaim the critics.

Nor do the bill's opponents believe a mere reduction in wages, even assuming its desirability, would solve the servant girl problem.

The skeptics have an idea that the cost of housing a hired girl and keeping her in idleness would be prohibitive, except to the comparatively wealthy, regardless of her wages.

### SECRETARY ANDREWS IS AT WILMINGTON

Wilmington, Dec. 26.—Assistant Secretary Andrews was today in Wilmington on an extended survey down the Atlantic Seaboard which will carry him far South as Cuba.

Mr. Andrews, accompanied by William R. Vallance, assistant solicitor of the State Department, were here to begin the study of the South Atlantic Seaboard and to obtain first hand information with respect to prohibition conditions. The party left at noon for Charleston.

### HOPE MANIFEST IN THE COAL SITUATION

New York, Dec. 26.—A proposal that the striking anthracite coal miners resume work immediately under the wage scale of the last contract pending further negotiations was made public today by the anthracite operators' conference. The proposal was addressed to the anthracite workers and their leaders.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—With the anthracite joint subcommittee scheduled to renew work negotiations at New York in the effort to end the suspension of mining in effect since September 1, all interested parties including the anthracite consuming public today manifest an air of hopeful expectancy.

### FOOD SHORTAGE IN WAKE OF TIDAL WAVE

Tokio, Dec. 26.—A food shortage is reported on the island of Yap as the result of a tidal wave and storm which swept the island, December 15. The government is preparing to send a ship load of provisions to relieve conditions.

### POLICE INVESTIGATING REPORTED CASUALTIES

Police are seeking three brothers, James, Lee Ed and George Franklin, in connection with a little altercation in a colored restaurant on Culpepper street on Christmas Eve, in which Rickoid bottles cut about the head. All four are colored, and all live in the Eorinth community.

Officers also are investigating a report that a negro was shot in the leg the night before Christmas, somewhere in the vicinity of the City Market. Definite details were not available Saturday. The shooting was said to have resulted from a quarrel in which moonshine liquor was involved.

### NORTH CAROLINA HAS SAFE, SANE HOLIDAY

Charlotte, Dec. 26.—A quiet Christmas was enjoyed over the State with no casualties reported from holiday.

### MRS. ADDIE MORGAN

Mrs. Addie Morgan, aged 63, died Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home on the Newland Highway, near this city, after an illness of five weeks, preceded by several years of failing health.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. E. L. Jacobs and Miss Nettie Whitehurst, living near Elizabeth City, and Mrs. R. F. Coats, of Franklinton; two sons, E. L. and F. B. Whitehurst, of this County, a sister, Mrs. D. E. McKinnis, of Louisiana, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home by the Rev. J. W. Harrel, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, with a short burial service at the grave in the Whitehurst family cemetery on the Newland Highway.

A nephew, Henry Brothers, of La Grange, arrived Saturday to attend the services. He was accompanied by his wife and son, James Brothers. Other relatives were expected to arrive Sunday.

### Chief Offered A Job While Watching Yule Crowds

Chief of Police Holmes has been connected with the Elizabeth City force one week or another, off and on for a good many years, and in that time has had a wide variety of experiences, amusing and otherwise. But a little incident that happened late Christmas Eve took the cake, he declares.

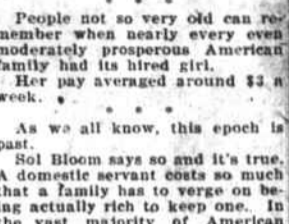
The chief was in Woolworth's five and ten cent store in the middle of the Christmas rush, and while standing near the door watching the crowds come and go, he felt somebody touch him on the arm. He turned and observed that a colored woman, wheeling a baby carriage occupied by an infant, had stopped beside him.

"Mister, won't you please look after this baby while I do some shopping?" she requested.

The chief politely informed her that he liked to help folks whenever he could, but that tending to a baby was a little out of his line. And besides, he explained, somebody might come after him any minute.

Thus it was that patrons of the five and ten cent store were denied the treat of observing Elizabeth City's chief of police soliloquizingly attending a very young colored resident while the mother bought gifts for her family and friends.

### 15 YEARS



With a prison term of 15 years hanging over his head, Roscoe Warren, 48, of Kansas City, Mo., has married Miss Dorothy De Crof, 19. She says she is willing to face whatever the future will bring. Warren is out on bond pending appeal. He is convicted of killing John C. Deskins.

### BODIES THREE MEN FOUND IN STREET

New York, Dec. 26.—Three unidentified men were shot and killed today as the climax of the Christmas dance at the Adonis Social Club, a South Brooklyn resort.

Police believed the men came at midnight to the club where dancing was going on. They were accompanied by girls and it is believed that quarrel between the strangers and dancers over the choice of partners arose.

The triple crime was discovered when police found the bodies in the street.

### LONDON WANTS BE MORE UP TO DATE

London, Dec. 26.—London early in the new year will launch a movement designed to bring the British metropolis more up to date as a fashion center in competition with New York and Paris.

A new home of the modes here will be opened in fashionable Regent street in January under the auspices of the leading manufacturers, who have decided that the only way to increase sales and help the industrial situation is by establishing their own fashion center.

Leslie Raymond, director of the movement, says:

"It is our intention to be guided by the Paris fashion, but the outlook for the British manufacturer is practically hopeless. In cloaks and gowns we shall strive to make 'the London model' as well known as the Paris model or those created in New York."

### MANY LEAVE LONDON TO SPEND HOLIDAYS

London, Dec. 26.—The lure of winter sports in Switzerland and the desire to bask in the sun of the Riviera is threatening the traditional English love of spending Christmas at home. Paris is also attracting many Londoners, and the cross-channel aviation companies have inaugurated holiday excursion rates and put on extra airplanes to handle the traffic which began with a rush a fortnight before Christmas Day.

More English people are going abroad for the holiday season than ever, and the popular Swiss sport centers have been full for a week. At Murren and Grindelwald many sets of the rooms were reserved even during the summer. Along the Riviera it is expected there will be several hundred thousand from the British Isles, among them the Duke of Connaught.

### TO FILL PLACE OF LATE FRANK MUNSEY

New York, Dec. 26.—William T. Dewart today was elected president of the companies publishing the New York Sun and Evening Telegram to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Frank A. Munsey.

### Yuletide Proves Quiet Holiday In This City; Many Kiddies Made Glad

It was a quiet Christmas, everybody agreed today. After brilliant sunshine the day before, Christmas dawned cloudy and warmer, and all day long Old Sol struggled vainly to smile through the cloud drifts that hid his face from the earth. It was an uneventful December 25.

Santa Claus paid a visit to the Anna H. Lewis Home for underprivileged children at Nixonton on the eve of the holiday, accompanied by a committee from Pasquotank Tribe of Red Men, and distributed a variety of attractive gifts, fruit and confections, and many garments that his young proteges needed. The 14 children at the home were gladdened with the joy that the Yuletide brings childhood, when the patron saint of the day arrives.

The children at the home had written letters to Santa, telling what they wanted, and each received the gifts asked for, along with much besides. The members of the committee were C. W. Ward, U. D. Johnson and Robert Griffin, and W. Ben Goodwin accompanied the first named on the trip, which was made in automobiles. Probably the children didn't notice it, but Old Santa himself bore a decided resemblance to Mr. Goodwin, if one discredited a slight hoarseness. Mr. Goodwin had assisted tirelessly for several strenuous days in preparing for the show, and Santa was there, too. Besides the children, she and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, in charge of the home, received gifts.

Rotarians Make Present

The Elizabeth City Rotary Club sent a delegation to the home with a handsome Virola and a pair of shoes, and was running at a lively clip when the Red Men arrived. All in all, the day was a memorable one for the children there.

The Red Men and other fraternal organizations and the churches sent baskets to many needy families in the city on Christmas Eve, and if any one in all Elizabeth City lacked for good things yesterday, it wasn't the fault of these organizations. The work was sponsored by the Rev. A. H. Outlaw, County Welfare Officer, assisted by the other ministers of the city and a number of interested individuals.

Feeling for the glad anticipation of the approaching holiday, eight Christmas carols of the kind that have held high place in the hearts of Elizabeth City folks for a generation and more were sung by a massed choir at the Elks Home Thursday night. L. E. Skinner, choir leader of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, directed the singing, and Mrs. J. B. Barrett, organist at Christ Episcopal Church, was accompanist.

Christmas morning brought the supremely glad moment of the year for more than 200 children who were assembled at the Elks Home for the annual Christmas celebration given by that order. Nearly 4500 worth of toys, confections and the like were distributed, and many a child's face brightened as the big paper bags loaded to the brim with things to delight a youngster's heart, were distributed.

The Elks brought the children to the home in automobiles, and afterwards carried them home. Among the articles distributed were 22 large dolls, 50 small dolls, 4 mechanical mice, 25 toy pistols, 21 pairs of auto gloves, 65 pairs of roller skates, 28 Boy Scout knives, 11 footballs, 47 dolls, 21 tea sets, 21 girls' silk scarves, 21 compact, 73 squawling dunks, 72 boys' silk ties, 20 Bobbie combs, 24 bottles of perfume and 18 harmonicas. There was an abundance of fruit and candies.

Turkey's Run Short

There were special services in several of the city's churches yesterday morning, and afterwards most folks celebrated the day quietly at home. The usual blowing of horns, jangling of cowbells, and rattle from a dozen kinds of noise-making devices, to say nothing of the crackers, was conspicuously missing yesterday, as it had been on Christmas Eve.

Christmas turkey was missing from many tables yesterday through an unexpected last minute shortage in the big birds that long have graced the festive board on that day. Many families who had put off the business of procuring a turkey until Christmas Eve found, to their dismay, that the supply had run out. Many more and chicken substituted for their more aristocratic cousin in many a Christmas dinner.

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### JOJLY HOLIDAY IN MOVIE LAND

Work Suspended Until Monday at Hollywood for Good Times

By JOHN K. EMGE (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

Hollywood, Cal., Dec. 26.—Just around the corner from Hollywood Boulevard on a quiet shaded street, is a modest little church known to the world as the Episcopal Church of St. Mary of the Angels, but to the film profession as the "Little Church Around the Corner."

Here Christmas began for the motion picture community with the annual midnight service. Stars whose names and faces are known throughout the world, were joined by extras, camera men and directors for the service conducted by the Reverend Neal Dodd, affectionately known as "Father" Dodd. Bishop Stevens led the solemn procession while organ and voices united in the majestic "Adeste Fideles."

From Thursday evening to Monday morning the camera ceases to grind while old and young celebrate Christmas. The big companies distributed cheer among their employes in the form of bonuses and some decorated large Christmas trees for the entertainment of the film children.

Mary Pickford gave dolls to the little girls and electric trains to the boys working with her in "Scraps." Three Christmas trees were decorated at Pickfair. Doug dressed up one for Mary and Mary trimmed one for Doug, while both worked on the third, for the entertainment of Charles Spencer Chaplin, Jr., who, with his father and mother, were guests at the Fairbanks home Friday.

Christmas here was grandmother's day at the home of Bebe Daniels, who celebrated the holiday and her grandmother's birthday at the same time. The guests were asked to bring their grandmothers or some other elderly person. Pola Negri, who had not spent Christmas with her mother for four years, provided one Christmas tree for her mother, who recently arrived from Poland, and another for the orphanage in Poland which her mother superintended.

Betty Bronson, and Mary Brian co-stars in Peter Pan, invited their mothers to be their guests at the Bronson home.

Florence Vidor spent a quiet day with her five year old daughter, Suzanne. Her young Lloyd, rode out to look through his specs at his new million dollar Beverly Hills home and Buster Keaton joined him after visiting the Schenck home to extend holiday greetings to his sisters-in-law, Norma and Constance Talmadge.

Jackie Coogan fixed a tree for his new brother, Bobbie, and Little Frankie Darrow asked his father if there was any chance of Santa Claus bringing him a baby brother to play with.

### SIXTEEN DEAD IN HOLIDAY TRAGEDIES

Atlanta, Dec. 26.—Sixteen persons were dead and six others suffering more or less serious injuries today as the result of 15 occurrences on Christmas day in the South, reports received by Associated Press revealed. Seven automobile accidents, five shootings, two suicides and one train wreck figured in the series of happenings. Six states were involved in the deaths, as follows: Georgia, six; Florida, four; Louisiana, one; Alabama, two; Kentucky, two; Arkansas, one.

### MANNISH



In keeping with the desire for things mannish is this very mannish version of the man's evening waistcoat. Of white satin brocade, it carries out the lines of the tailored coat. A scarf, folded to resemble a stock, completes the effect a stock.