

## Newberry Declares Innocence

### Michigan Senator Gives Details of Campaign Against Ford in Prepared Address to Senate.

### He Submits to Questions

Washington, Jan. 9.—Truman H. Newberry, whose seat in the senate has been brought into question through charges of abnormal expenditures in his campaign in 1918, made today to the senate his first statement in connection with those charges and then for 30 minutes submitted to questioning from the democratic side, conducted by Senator Walsh of Montana.

The Michigan senator first read in measured tones a carefully prepared statement, the delivery of which consumed half of the hour allotted him. From the beginning to the end of the reading an unusual silence pervaded the chamber. Some 70 odd senators sat quietly in their places, facing the speaker, while hundreds of spectators looked down from crowded galleries.

Senator Newberry concluded his statement at 2 o'clock. There was just one hand clap. Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, then began questioning the senator. Senator Walsh asked if it were true that he did not go on the stand in his trial at Grand Rapids.

"It is," Senator Newberry replied. "Senator Walsh then asked why he did not make his statement in the senate today, and Senator Newberry replied that he did not go on the stand at Grand Rapids on advice of his lawyer, who said he had no information to give" to the jury.

### Requests No Interruptions.

A business man and not an experienced public speaker, Senator Newberry said he desired to give the senate what he thought was the best regarding the charges made against his election. At the outset he asked that he be not interrupted until he concluded his address.

"I cannot remain silent any longer, during the consideration of my right to represent Michigan," he said, "and did not venture to appear before the committee of the senate which took testimony in this matter, because I really had no information that would assist in the investigation of the charges filed by my opponent. It seems to me that the time has come to speak, because my silence might be misunderstood by my friends."

"On the 6th day of June, 1917, I was commissioned a lieutenant commander in the navy and on July 1, 1917, I was assigned to the Third naval district, with headquarters in the Brooklyn navy yard. I immediately took up my duties and from that day, July 23, 1917, until after the signing of the armistice, November 11, 1918, I was never in Michigan. The primary election and the general election of 1918 occurred during my absence. In the early fall of 1917 I began to receive visits and letters from men active in public and political affairs in Michigan urging me to become a candidate on the republican ticket for senator. I was not unmindful of the suggested

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## Ice-Breaking Tugs to Search Superior for Missing Official

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 9.—Ice-breaking tug-boats, acting on instructions from the governor of Minnesota, late today took up the search for James Maher, Minnesota state commissioner of Grand Portage, missing on Lake Superior since he left Cloud bay December 29.

Donald Maher, 15, his son, who had planned to head a searching expedition, yielded to the persuasions of an uncle and started for his home in Grand Portage.

Warmly clad and with a lunch pack on his back, Donald started off cheerily on the 30-mile walk. "Old Plummer," a trapper, who was with James Maher on the first part of the motor boat trip that ended in Maher's disappearance, declared he believed Maher was "at the bottom of the lake."

## Deadlock Over Shantung Issue Near Settlement

### American Officials to Conference Confident That Agreement Between China and Japan Will Be Reached.

By GRAFTON WILCOX. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, Jan. 9.—American conference officials confidently predicted today that the deadlock over Shantung would be broken. They said they could not conceive that the Japanese and Chinese statesmen here would find it impossible to reach an agreement, particularly when they are so nearly in agreement on terms for the restoration of Shantung to China.

What is believed to be going on behind the scenes is a series of informal conferences in which Mr. Hughes, Mr. Balfour and others have been persuading the Japanese and Chinese to make further concessions. It is indicated that the Chinese delegates will accept the final Japanese proposal with some modifications.

As the situation stands, Japan has offered to give up all public properties in Kioochow except a few buildings for use of a consulate to be established in Tsing Tao, market structures, etc. Other properties upon which the Germans spent millions of marks and upon which Japan has expended much are to be turned over to China without cost.

Japan has also offered to give to China wharves and warehouses, estimated to be worth \$50,000,000 gold marks, and to make improvements for the cost of permanent improvements made by Japan.

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There are in China, three kinds of railways: Full concession railways like the Eastern Manchurian; the South Manchurian, which is Japanese; and the Shantung railway, also Japanese; foreign loan railways and full Chinese railways. Japan believes that it is legally entitled to have the Shantung railway on the same footing as the Germans had it, having succeeded to all German rights in Shantung.

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## Naval Pact Void in Case of Warfare

### Five-Power Treaty Provides Should Signatory Nations Engage in Conflict Obligations Halt.

### Plan Acceptance Soon

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The text of the five-power treaty reducing and limiting naval armaments was submitted to the delegations to the international conference today, with a view to its formal acceptance at a plenary session Thursday.

The treaty, which consists of 25 articles and contains about 3,000 words, conforms in general to the original Hughes-Obama-Bee Lease Wire. It provides that in the event of a general or local war, the treaty shall be null and void.

The treaty is to remain in force 15 years. The first 10 years will be the naval holiday, during which construction of capital ships will be generally suspended. During the remaining five years the powers will be at liberty to make replacements in conformity to detailed rules embodied in the agreement.

In no sense an offensive or defensive alliance, the treaty, neither by express provision nor implication, proposes any common military action by the powers. There are two provisions, however, for consultation concerning amendment of the obligations and for suspension of its obligations in the event of war.

Amendments Provided for. "If the needs of any of the signatory powers," the treaty provides, "are materially affected so far as the question of naval defense is concerned, during the term of the treaty, as a result of some change of circumstances which arises from the nations signatory to the agreement shall confer for the purposes of considering the treaty and of amending it that shall be considered necessary."

Illustrations of the "change of circumstances" contemplated would be development of a large navy by a nonsignatory nation or an invention revolutionizing warfare.

It is further provided that "if any of the signatory powers should become engaged in war involving naval operations," such power "may give notice to the other contracting powers of its or their suspension of the obligations of the treaty." In this case, "the other contracting powers agree to confer among themselves as to what

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## Fremont Divorcee Licensed to Wed

### Ethel Smersh to Marry Son of David City Merchant at Chicago.

Ethel B. Smersh, divorced wife of Stanley B. Smersh and prominent in the younger fashionable set of Fremont, Neb., and Benjamin O. Stoops, son of Charles Stoops, leading clothing merchant of David City, Neb., were licensed to wed yesterday at Chicago.

Plans of Cupid evidently had been delayed as Mrs. Smersh, known as "Gay" young divorcee, is said to have announced some time ago at Fremont that she was to be married at the Hotel Conant in Omaha during the holidays. Her trousseau of expensive and beautiful gowns already had been made up at that time.

Mrs. Smersh, daughter of Charles Brugh, wealthy retired farmer of Fremont, was married to Stanley Smersh, druggist, in Omaha August 9, 1910. They lived in Fremont for some time, where the husband operated a drug store. Later they moved to Salt Lake City.

The wife was granted a divorce January 10, 1916. She claimed that her husband had failed to support her and their daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, now 11. She also charged that her husband consorted with other women and had a "vicious and vulgar" character.

Smersh is now said to be operating a drug store at Hordville, Neb. Mr. Stoops, the prospective groom, has been employed in his father's store at David City. His wife died about a year ago. He has a small child. Rumors of the wedding have been current at David City, it is reported there.

## Prize Cow Makes Record of 19,200 Pounds of Milk

Morgantown, W. Va., Jan. 9.—West Virginia's record milk cow is Johan Potter Belle, a prize Holsteiner of the herd of L. V. Harner, a dairyman of near Sabrarton, which has just completed a year's registry test with a record of more than 19,200 pounds of milk. The previous state record was held by Nellie Wayne Uilkie, a Holsteiner cow of the same herd, which completed a year's test this month with a record of 16,863 pounds of milk. The previous record was held by a West Virginia university Holsteiner, with a milk production record of about 15,000 pounds.

## Second Arbuckle Trial Put Over to Wednesday

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—The second manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle, charged with having caused the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, Los Angeles motion picture actress, will be postponed to Wednesday, as the result of today's proceedings in the superior court.

## Cronin Rushes Home to Open Court; Court Off; Now He's Mad

United States Marshal Dennis Cronin's usual sunny Irish disposition was clouded yesterday. And with good reason.

His first visit to Washington, D. C., cut down to 24 hours by necessity of being home in time to open court in the Grand Island district of the marshal hurriedly to the capital only to find that the court was postponed because Cronin remained until the 11th of February.

"All I had time to do after my official business was over was to take one peep at the Congressional library," said the marshal ruefully. Cronin left here last Monday night with Chief of Police Dempsey to escort a federal prisoner, and was back in Omaha Sunday. Deputies in the marshal's office did not learn court was postponed until after Cronin had started back west.

## Wallace Urges Freight Rate Readjustment

### Secretary of Agriculture Says Roads Must Reduce Costs Rather Than Increase Charges.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—To bring about a normal adjustment in agriculture and, through it, in industry, railroad deficits "must be met by reductions in operating costs rather than by advances in rates," Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, declared in an address tonight.

Agriculture, he said, "urgently needs the adjustment of freight rates on farm products to a point at which they bear about the same ratio to the price the farmer received for those products as prevailed before the war."

It would be better for all interests, he continued, if, during the reconstruction period, a general price level normal could be established and farm prices brought up to this level rather than that other prices be forced down to the level of agricultural products. But this seems impossible at present, he said, so "other prices must come down as agricultural prices come up until the normal relation is restored."

"It would be unfair," he continued, "to say that the unprecedented depression in which we find agriculture today is due wholly to the large increases in freight rates imposed during the war, but it is fair to say that these increased charges are a large factor in retarding agricultural recovery."

The trouble now is that, whereas the prices the farmer receives for his crops are lower than before the war, the cost of transporting his crops has risen from 25 to 75 per cent above the prewar prices. Hence, the purchasing power of the major farm crops is probably lower than at any time in our history, and this has very much to do with the nationwide industrial and business depression.

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## Europe's Crying Needs



The cartoon illustrates the economic and political challenges facing Europe at the time, specifically the need to restore economic security to Germany, salvage the Russian economy, and revive British commerce.

## Vital Problems to Be Discussed at Farm Meeting

### Grain Marketing, Finance Corporation and Dairying to Come Up at Educational Union Conference.

Problems of vital importance to Nebraska farmers will be discussed at the ninth annual convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative State Union of Nebraska, which opens in Omaha today, according to C. J. Osborne, state president.

Delegates from 1,472 organizations will be present and President Osborne declares this will be one of the biggest farmers' meetings to be held in the state this year.

The delegates will discuss grain marketing plans as proposed by the United States Grain Growers, Inc., Mr. Osborne said yesterday.

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## De Valera Scoffs at War Talk

Resigned President of Irish Republic Says Rumors of Fratricidal Strife Are Nonsense.

Dublin, Jan. 9.—Ireland tonight is without a government of its own. Eamonn De Valera resigned the presidency and the proposal for his re-election to that office, which included the office of premier, was defeated in the Dail Eireann by a vote by a vote of 60 to 58.

Mr. De Valera made it clear that all the members of the ministry, whether they voted for or against the treaty, went out of office with him. He said there should be no doubt. William Cosgrave, minister of local government, who daily, he said, was sending out letters from his department to Irish public bodies, asked if all that was to stop. De Valera replied it must stop until successors of the former ministers were appointed.

The vote on De Valera's resignation was doubtful until the figures were announced. The London delegates who signed the treaty, were divided, four voting against De Valera, and one, Robert C. Barton, in his favor. Mr. De Valera, himself, refrained from voting, while Liam Rosait, member for Cork, city, when his name was called, said he would not take the responsibility for plunging Ireland into fratricidal strife.

Tribute to De Valera. Cheering followed the announcement of the figures. Both Griffith and Collins were quick to pay tribute of admiration to Mr. De Valera while the whole assembly arose and applauded him.

The noteworthy feature of Mr. De Valera's later statement was that talk of fratricidal strife was all nonsense; the Irish people would know how to conduct themselves.

The course to which the former opponent vowed to appoint a president in his place and let that president appoint his own ministers. He accepted defeat in good spirit and pledged his support to the new government so long as it was marching along the road to Irish independence.

He explained his reasons for assenting to a motion for his re-election by being to keep a reserve power in the interests of the Irish republic behind the men in contact with the British ministers.

Griffith Mentioned. It soon became evident that the supporters of the treaty were not anxious to submit any names for the presidency. Richard Mulcahy, chief

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## Wholesale Prices of Eggs Drop Sharply

Kansas City, Jan. 9.—Wholesale prices for eggs dropped five cents or more a dozen here today. First selling as low as 28 cents. Late in the day buyers were unwilling to purchase even at that price. Selected case lots to grocers sold at 34 to 35 cents.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Conditions in the egg market are "almost panic," due to heavy offerings of fresh eggs and consequent unloading of storage eggs, according to S. E. Davis, secretary of the Chicago Butter and Egg board.

There was a marked decline in fresh eggs today, he said, with heavy offerings, and the price of April futures was 22 cents, compared with 41 cents last year. The eggs, he said, were also of much better quality.

West Virginia Mail Carrier Attacked by Highwayman. Wellsburg, W. Va., Jan. 9.—Herman Williams, a rural mail carrier, was attacked by a highwayman shortly after noon today. He was knocked down and as he fell reached for his pistol. The highwayman fled and Williams went to a nearby house, where he collapsed. Physicians said his skull was fractured.

Approximately \$2,000 is said to have been included in the mail Williams carried.

Former Postmaster Held on Charge of Forging Orders. New Orleans, Jan. 9.—Carl J. Moran, former postmaster of Harding Grove, S. D., was arrested by federal agents and charged with stealing scores of money orders, blanks, forging them, and cashing them here.

Federal agents say he has cashed money orders here that total thousands of dollars. In each case the order was made out for less than \$100.

Victory of Andrew Jackson Over British Celebrated. New Orleans, Jan. 9.—The 107th anniversary of the victory of Gen. Andrew Jackson's forces over the British at Chalmette, near New Orleans, was celebrated here yesterday with religious services at several Catholic churches, and by the dedication of a new Knights of Columbus building.

Squawman Slayer Escapes From Asylum at Norfolk. Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Gustave Bahr, Squawman slayer of Percy Street at Pierce, escaped from the insane hospital here. Search is being made for him in the vicinity of his old home near Bloomfield.

## Lawyer Named to Succeed Penrose

George W. Pepper, Philadelphian, Appointed by Sproul to Fill Out Term.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphian lawyer, was appointed U. S. senator by Gov. Sproul today, to succeed the late Boies Penrose. Under the law the appointment stands until a successor is selected at the November election, to fill the unexpired Penrose term ending in 1927.

George Wharton Pepper is not unknown to many members of the senate. During the time the Versailles treaty was under consideration Mr. Pepper attracted wide attention by opposing the ratification of the league of nations covenant in joint debate on the public platform with Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska in this city and with Senator Pomeroy of Ohio in Indianapolis.

Like Boies Penrose, Mr. Pepper comes from an old Philadelphia family. He will be 55 years old March 16. He was educated in private schools and was graduated in 1887 from the University of Pennsylvania, of which he is now a trustee, and from the law department two years later.

Mr. Pepper is a prominent member of the Episcopal church and an expert on the canonical law of the denomination.

In his university days Mr. Pepper was a hammer thrower on the Pennsylvania track team and also played football. He defended organized baseball in the Federal league trials and had much to do with the drafting of the present national agreement of the American and National leagues.

Governor Sproul, in announcing the appointment, said that in order that there might be a full understanding of the situation he desired to say that he expected Mr. Pepper to be a candidate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Penrose.

\$5,000,000 Advanced to Nebraska Farmers. The War Finance corporation has approved \$5,000,000 in advances to Nebraska farmers and stockmen up to date, according to F. W. Thomas, chairman of the Omaha agency. The Omaha agency has approved \$8,800,000, although \$3,800,000 yet remains to be approved by the Washington office. The funds are being paid under the direction of the Federal Reserve banks to 512 Nebraska banks.

Sinn Fein Clubs are Urged to Smoke Irish Cigarettes. London, Jan. 9.—The Daily Eireann publicity department recently issued a circular, drawn up by the minister of labor, calling upon members of the Sinn Fein clubs to smoke Irish cigarettes and cigars only, and stating that hands are being disintegrated from Irish factories as a consequence of an attempt by the enemy to recapture Irish trade.

A list is given of Dublin, Cork and Dundalk manufacturers and brands.

Agricultural Industries in Argentina "Alarming". Washington, Jan. 9.—Conditions in Argentina's agricultural industries were described as "alarming" by Commercial Attaché Feely in a summary of the general situation made public by the commerce department.

"There is little to indicate," he said, "that the situation has experienced any general improvement during the past month."

## The Weather

Forecast. Tuesday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperature.	
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	33
1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	37
3 p. m.	39
4 p. m.	41
5 p. m.	43
6 p. m.	45
7 p. m.	44
8 p. m.	42
9 p. m.	40
10 p. m.	38
11 p. m.	36
12 m.	34
Highest Monday.	
Chicago	44
Denver	40
San Francisco	56
London	48
Paris	