

BRIEF DRIEFT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

JURY MUCH IN LOVE WITH SONG AS SING.

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 4.—Nathan Barrow was charged by Harry Green with the theft of five hams. Barrow declared he had been listening to a phonograph playing "I've Got the Alcoholic Blues" and, being in sympathy with the song, he fell. Asked to sing it, Barrow did, and the jury freed him.

DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO GET WELL ACQUAINTED.

New York, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Helen Hamilton, who lives in the Hotel Albert, told Magistrate Sweetser in Yorkville court that a new acquaintance, Philip Kearney, 37 years old, of Brooklyn, she had met in a restaurant, had in a brief time become altogether too friendly with her. They started out in a taxi on their way down town, she said, when Kearney playfully removed a \$2.50 necklace from around her neck and refused to give it back.

MUST GIVE NAMES IF GETTING LIQUOR.

Toronto, Can., Jan. 4.—The Ontario license board has ordered that the identity of the consignees of every package of liquor imported here be furnished by the express companies.

PERHAPS POINCARÉ HAD WONDERFUL TIME.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Two Frenchmen and one American stood at Maxim's bar. "The shah of Persia is back in Paris," said M. Premier. "Oui, and President Poincaré has just given him a grand ceremonial hunting party at Bronilly," said M. Douzième. "Our poor president! He will die of it."

DO NOT APPROVE OF DAUGHTERS IN SCHOOL.

Wealdstone, England, Jan. 4.—The local council here does not approve of Dr. Christopher Addison, minister of health, with a salary of \$25,000 a year, sending his daughters to a public school at Harrow, where the fees are only \$10 a term. "One councillor stated that he did not consider that persons with \$25,000 a year should monopolize the school which was intended for the masses. There was a waiting list of 75."

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Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 4.—The sun failed to shine on Yuma Saturday for the first time in 45 years, according to persons who have lived here that long. Rain fell throughout the entire day.

HEAVY SNOWFALL REPORTED IN ARIZONA.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 4.—Arizona Sunday was visited by the heaviest storm of the season which was general in all sections of the state. Flagstaff reported the heaviest fall, a foot of snow being recorded there within the past 18 hours. Yuma, one of the driest points in the United States, recorded 1.08 inches of rainfall, more than a third of its average annual rainfall. The precipitation varied in other sections of the state from 1 to 10 inches.

CANNOT SEE HOW H. C. L. WILL TOPPLE.

Washington, Jan. 4.—No prospect of any considerable fall in prices for several years to come is seen by Royal Meeker, handling statistics and head of the bureau which collects information on the trend of prices used by the government in official negotiations concerning wages and similar questions. He recommended a monetary unit of value to replace the present units of weight.

MANY CHILDREN ARE ILLITERATE REARED.

Washington, Jan. 4.—A surprising number of American-born children are growing up illiterate—more of them in the country districts than in the cities—according to figures made public by the children's bureau of the Department of Labor. Statistics gathered in five states in general, it was stated, show that out of 19,696 children between 14 and 16 more than one-fourth could not read or write the names legibly. Nearly 10 per cent have never gone beyond the first grade of school and 1 considerably more than half were in the fourth grade or lower when they left school. Only about 3 per cent as far as the eighth grade and about one in 100 had reached high school.

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SCORES DEAD IN EARTHQUAKE

THE WEATHER: Mostly cloudy Monday, probably with snow in east portion; Tuesday fair and colder. Hourly temperatures: 5 a. m., 10; 6 a. m., 10; 7 a. m., 10; 8 a. m., 10; 9 a. m., 10; 10 a. m., 10; 11 a. m., 10; 12 noon, 10.

NAVAL HEAD REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Secretary Daniels Tells Why Awards of Decorations Were Made in Letter to Chairman of Probe Committee.

GOES INTO DETAIL OVER EACH AWARD. Thinks D. S. O. Should Not Be Given Out Except for Specially Meritorious Duty in Face of Danger.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Daniels replied today to attacks on his awards of navy decorations in a letter to Chairman Page of the senate naval committee, which with the house naval committee probably will investigate the whole row precipitated by the refusal of Rear Admiral Sims and other officers to accept the decorations awarded to them.

Follow Act of Congress. "In thus following the act of congress authorizing three classes of medals," write the secretary, "honors less than the distinguished service medal should be awarded to officers whose shore duty was meritorious, but not of great responsibility."

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Berger Boasts He Will Carry Socialist Flag To Congress or Prison

New York, Jan. 4.—Victor L. Berger, representative-elect from the Fifth Wisconsin district, boasted to an audience of about 1,500 socialists tonight that he would carry the socialist flag either to congress or to prison.

Senator's Wife Dies.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Rena Paddock Townsend, wife of Senator Townsend of Michigan, died at the Townsend home here after an illness which began with a nervous breakdown five years ago and was made more serious several months ago by a paralytic stroke.

"TIGER" MARRIED TO WIDOW, PARIS RUMOR ASSERTS

Report of Recent Wedding in England, However, is Contradicted. Paris, Jan. 4.—Allusion to the "approaching marriage" of Premier Clemenceau to the widow of a "former senator and former ambassador of France" is made by Humanite today.

President Wilson's "League of Nations" Pet of Senator Borah. Washington, Jan. 4.—No dogs allowed! The sign hangs out of the White house. If it didn't President Wilson might find himself swamped with canine gifts.

Republicans Gather in Chicago for Conference. Chicago, Jan. 4.—Republicans of 14 central western states gathered Sunday for the opening Monday of a two days conference.

Admiral Jellicoe Most Impressed by Capital. Washington, Jan. 4.—As unobtrusively as a private citizen, Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, admiral of the British fleet of Jutland fame, arrived Sunday from New York for a visit to the capital as the guest of the Navy department.

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Wage Advance Refused.

London, Jan. 4.—The railway men's offer to the railway government which concedes considerable advance in wages, was rejected, at a mass meeting of railway men held in the east end of London and at Northampton.

Produce Much Petroleum.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Production of petroleum in the United States in 1919 was approximately 376,000,000 barrels, an increase of 20,000,000 barrels over the previous year, the geological survey announces.

MANY NATIVE AMERICANS AMONG REDS

Department of Justice Agents Make Public Matter That Shows Nature of "Poison" Radicals Are Spreading. FLYNN SAYS ROUNDUP IS NOT NEAR THROUGH. "Going to Continue Gathering in Reds," Secret Service Head Asserts—280 More Arrested in Detroit.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Plans of the communist and communist labor parties against whom the great raids by government officers inaugurated Friday night are directed, to gain control of all labor organizations as the means of fomenting revolution, were revealed tonight in documents made public by Assistant Attorney General Garvan of the Department of Justice with the desire, he said, that the American people learn the "real purposes of these menacing groups and the nature of the poison they are spreading."

280 Held in Detroit. Two hundred and eighty persons arrested today in Detroit were added to the list of those taken into custody, which is fast approaching 4,500. Ninety-four additional arrests of aliens were reported to Mr. Gary's office today, sending the total against whom the department believes it has "perfect cases" to 2,729.

Thieves Steal Taxi, Fur Coats and Real Money. Break in Thorne Store Window Near City Hall—Many Thefts Reported by the Police.

Congress Faced by Busy Session on Reconvention. Months of Hard Work in Sight With No Adjournment Till Fall. Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress reconvenes at noon tomorrow, after a fortnight's holiday, with months of hard work in sight and adjournment expected by few leaders before the presidential campaign next fall.

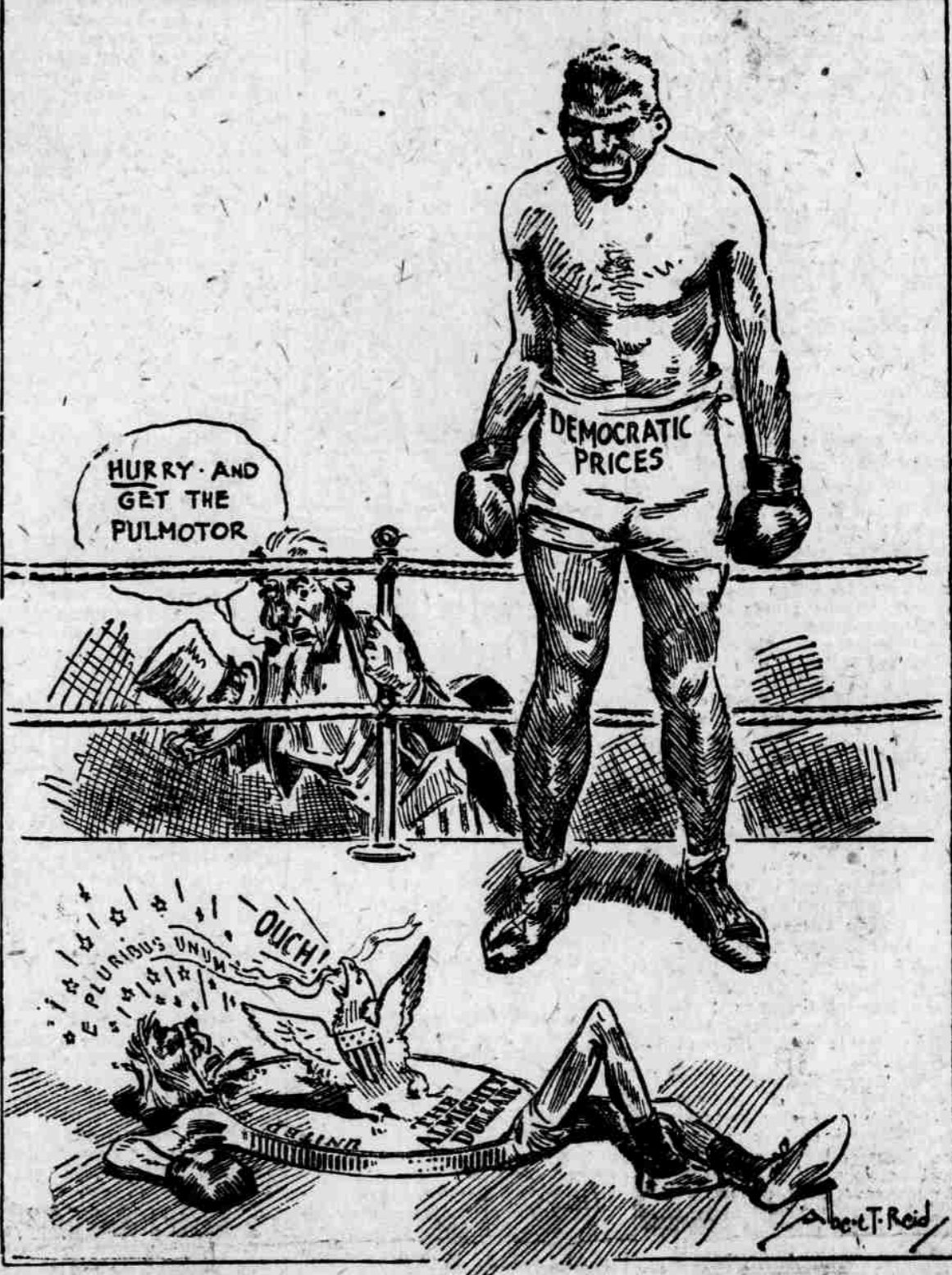
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Another Champ Has Fallen



THIEVES STEAL TAXI, FUR COATS AND REAL MONEY

Break in Thorne Store Window Near City Hall—Many Thefts Reported by the Police. Thieves committed a bold robbery within 150 feet of the city hall at 5 Sunday morning when two valuable fur coats were stolen out of the show windows of the F. W. Thorne company, 1812 Farnam street.

Steal a Taxi. The crowning feat of the entire night's theft was the pilfering of a taxicab belonging to the Central Taxicab Co., 1405 Farnam street, from Fifteenth and Douglas streets.

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Peace Terms Up. The senate returns tomorrow in the hope of disposing of the German peace treaty this month, but without substantial results from compromise negotiations during the holiday recess.

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BIG TOLL OF LIFE TAKEN IN MEXICO

Disturbance Believed to Be Near Volcano of Orizaba—State of Vera Cruz Center of Suffering. COMMUNICATION WITH SMALL TOWNS CUT OFF. Great Alarm in Large Cities, Although No Casualties Have Been Reported—Number of Dead Unknown.

By The Associated Press. Mexico City, Mex., Jan. 4.—Scores of persons have been killed in a violent earthquake which occurred in many parts of Mexico last night. The center of the disturbance is believed to have been near the volcano of Orizaba.

Continued Sunday. From San Juan Coscomatepec it is reported that the shocks still continued Sunday morning. Information secured from the government observatory at Tacubaya shows that there were three distinct shocks, the strength of which centralized the instruments.

Due to Volcano. The damage in Mexico City was limited to cracks in the larger buildings. There were no deaths and none of the inhabitants was injured. While the government observatory has not decided what caused the shocks, reports received from Cordoba, state of Vera Cruz, assert that they were due to the volcano Orizaba.

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