

### Alliance Woman Has Hearing on Murder Charge

#### Testimony of Friends Damaging—Denies Confession Police Chief Alleges She Made After Shooting.

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Evelyn Preiss McElhaney, 25, and pretty, was held to the district court on a charge of first degree murder, in connection with the fatal shooting of Earl B. Anderson, barber, here last Tuesday morning, following a preliminary trial in county court here. Her trial in district court, which is in session here, has been set for next Wednesday. It will be the first case in the history of Box Butte county, and possibly in western Nebraska, in which a woman had been tried on a first degree murder charge.

Four witnesses were examined at the preliminary hearing, three of whom gave strong evidence against Mrs. McElhaney. Two of these were friends of the defendant.

Earl B. Anderson was shot to death in an alley at the rear of the Joe Smith pool hall about 1 1/2 last Tuesday morning. Mrs. McElhaney is alleged to have told night Chief of Police Eugene Stillwell, who arrested her a few minutes after the shooting, "I shot Anderson." She denied making this statement.

#### Friends' Testimony Hurts.

The most damaging testimony against Mrs. McElhaney at the preliminary hearing was given by her personal friend, Miss Mydia Mike Verdie, who was Mrs. McElhaney's partner in conducting the Wilson rooming house here, which has borne a nonsensical reputation, and by Tom Gray. Miss Verdie testified that Mrs. McElhaney pulled a revolver out of her pocket while the two women were walking along the street a few minutes before the shooting and remarked that if she did not kill Anderson he would kill her. She said Mrs. McElhaney said that it was a case of one or the other getting killed.

Miss Verdie left Mrs. McElhaney near the scene of the shooting and went into a restaurant to get something to eat. Within a few minutes word came that Anderson had been shot. Miss Verdie then went to the alley at the rear of the pool hall and found Anderson lying on the ground in an unconscious condition. She said Mrs. McElhaney and several other persons were standing over him and that Mrs. McElhaney remarked that she had aimed at his heart. The bullet which killed Anderson pierced his abdomen and lodged in his spine. He died within half an hour after being carried into a pool hall.

#### Says Victim Drunk.

Miss Verdie testified that Anderson came to the Wilson rooming house about 5 on the night of the murder in an intoxicated condition and later at 11. He demanded entrance to Mrs. McElhaney's room and she said, and Anderson refused to kick a panel out of the door and went in. Later he left and went down the alley. Mrs. McElhaney and Miss Verdie then left the rooming house together and it was there that Mrs. McElhaney remarked that if she didn't kill Anderson he would kill her. She said she pulled a revolver out of her pocket and carried it in her hand, Miss Verdie testified.

She said Anderson had previously made threats against the woman and was very jealous of her.

Tom Gray testified that he was passing the alley when the murder occurred and heard Mrs. McElhaney quarreling with some one a few minutes before the shooting. Persons standing in the alley with Mrs. McElhaney, just before the shooting, were Fred Melick, prominent business man of Alliance and Hemingford, and Earl Anderson, testimony showed.

When Gray heard the shooting he returned to the alley and said he heard Mrs. McElhaney say, "I shot that man and if he dies I suppose I will be tried for murder." After Anderson had been carried into the pool hall Gray said the woman called him across the street and inquired if Anderson was dead.

#### Cave Man Tactics.

Miss Verdie on cross examination testified that Anderson had beaten Mrs. McElhaney on several previous occasions, but that she did not know whether or not he had struck her on the night of the murder. She said the two frequently quarreled.

Earl B. Mallet, pool hall employe, testified that Mrs. McElhaney a short time before the shooting passed him on the street and inquired if he had seen Anderson. He said she was carrying something in her hand but he could not see whether it was a revolver or not. He said she told him that she was afraid Anderson would kill her if she didn't get him first.

Mallet testified that before the shooting he advised Mrs. McElhaney to go home and stop quarreling and that she replied that it was no use for her to go home as she was afraid Anderson would follow her there and kill her.

#### Smile Wears Off.

Mrs. McElhaney appeared in court stylishly dressed. She did not wear the smile that she did the day following the shooting and appeared nervous throughout the hearing. When the charge of murder was read to her by the county attorney and she was asked to plead, she replied in a voice scarcely audible, "not guilty." She smiled with her face in her hands most of the time and did not once smile throughout the hearing, which lasted more than two hours.

Her husband, L. A. McElhaney, who operates a tailor shop at Edgemont, S. D., and who has not lived with his wife for some time, followed the hearing closely. At the close of the hearing they embraced each other. She laid her head on his shoulder and they stood for some minutes with their arms around each other. She dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief frequently. Mr. McElhaney has stated that he will do everything in his power to free his wife on the murder charge.

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TWO MORE PICTURES IN TOMORROW'S BEE.

### Tarzan Feature is Hit of Singer Show at Gayety Theater

The much heralded "Jack" Singer's Show with Harry Lander and his brother, Willie, opened at the Gayety theater yesterday and it scored a complete triumph. The scenic and costume equipments must be seen to be fully appreciated. The show was again the laugh hit of the show, although his "Newly Way to Catch a Woman" novelty did not fall short of copying the honors. In his brother, Willie, he has an able assistant.

One of the most amazing acts ever witnessed on the burlesque stage is that presented by Tarzan, the human ape. He can box and some of his poses while wearing the gloves would do credit to a champion. Besides, he rides a bicycle at break-neck speed about the stage; does a few acrobatic stunts and ends his act by lighting a cigar and smoking it.

Sam Wilson, negro comedian, repeated his success of last year when he sang jazz songs in Yiddish. The cast throughout is a capable one. Ameta Pynes scoring heavily in two dance numbers. Henrietta Byron and her songs were favor. Others in the cast are Bobby Moore, Leo F. Daly and Robert C. Miller. Then there is the usual chorus of beauties.

### Mystery Surrounds Death of Wealthy Chicago Widow

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Mystery attaches to the death of Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, 33, widow of a wealthy coal dealer, who was found dead on her couch in her luxuriously appointed dining room. Two burglars of the kitchen range were wide open and the house was full of gas.

Mrs. Reynolds was fully dressed, and on her fingers were diamonds worth thousands of dollars. There was no indication that she had taken any of her valuables. Officers of the body was her hat and scarf, indicating she had either come in or was preparing to go out when overcome. There were no marks of violence.

### Mrs. Wilcox Elected Head of American War Mothers

Mrs. W. A. Wilcox was elected president of the Omaha chapter of American War Mothers at a meeting held in the memorial room of the city hall. Officers elected are: Mrs. M. E. Lewis, first vice president; Mrs. L. Bullock, second vice president; Mrs. Weeks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Shields, record secretary; Mrs. Harmon, treasurer; Mrs. Leavertson, secretary; Mrs. Harlow, and Mrs. Neihart and Mrs. Wolfe, auditors.

### Federal Judge Raises Car Fare in Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Martin J. Wade of the United States federal court issued an order late Saturday granting the Des Moines Street Railway company an 8-cent fare, 10 tickets for 75 cents, five tickets for 38 cents. The court also orders an increase in the service of 40 per cent. The order will become effective Monday.

### Three Holdups and Store Robbery Reported to Police

Four robberies were reported to police late Saturday night.

H. B. Nelson, living at the Hamilton annex, Twenty-fourth and Farman streets, was held up at Twenty-second and Davenport streets by two men who attacked him when they found no valuables in his pockets. Nelson resisted for a few moments and then broke away and fled.

A lone bandit entered the store of Charles Horwich, 2108 N. Street, South Side, and covering the proprietor with a revolver, robbed the cash register of \$80. The man, who was about 24, made his escape.

John Navarsky, 1413 Westfield street, was held up and robbed of \$38 by two men at Thirteenth and Deer Park boulevards. Police were summoned, but were unable to find the bandits whom Navarsky said had disappeared into Riverview park.

K. M. McGough, 3821 North Twenty-third street, was robbed of \$60 and a pair of gold cuff links late night by two highwaymen, who covered him with a revolver as he was walking west on Laird between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets.

McGough summoned police immediately, but a search of the neighborhood proved fruitless.

### Department of Justice to Deal With Alleged Spy

Washington, Dec. 12.—The War department is preparing to turn over to the Department of Justice, the case of John A. Willers, alleged American army deserter and German spy who in his original enlistment gave his address as La Fayette, Ind.

The charge of desertion in time of war, punishable by death, will not be dropped, it was said, but will be held over Willers in the event he is not convicted of espionage.

### Liquor Agent Refuses to Prosecute Sick Man

Boston, Dec. 12.—William J. McCarthy, prohibition enforcement director, refused to prosecute a sick man in whose home had been found a bedside still and some moonshine whiskey. The man was so weak when the officers made the raid that he could not be moved. He told the officers that his finances would not permit him to purchase whiskey on a medical prescription and as he needed whiskey to keep him alive he had installed the still.

### Stock Salesman Gives Up To Answer Indictments

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 12.—H. C. Beeson, former stock sales agent for the Iowa Bankers Mortgage company, returned and surrendered to Sheriff Taylor. Three indictments were returned against him by the Lynn county grand jury.

One charge, an indictment of \$19,000 from the company and the other two allege the utterance of forged instruments.

### Mail Burned, Two Clerks Injured in Explosion

Deshler, O., Dec. 12.—A large quantity of mail was destroyed and two railway mail clerks severely burned when an explosion set fire to a mail car on Baltimore and Ohio train No. 16. The explosion is believed to have been caused by the contents of a package in the mail.

### Harding to Seek Opinions of Many Men and Women

#### Conferences During Present Week to Include Some of Most Prominent Leaders in Country.

Marion, Dec. 12.—As he continued his consultations on an association of nations, President-elect Harding let it be known that he expected to seek opinions of more than 100 men and women before inaugurating day and that his conference during the coming week would include some of the most notable figures in both political parties.

W. J. Bryan, Elihu Root and Herbert Hoover are among those he will consult virtually at the outset of his effort to find a middle ground on which divergent schools of national thought may unite.

Mr. Hoover is to be here tomorrow, Mr. Root Monday and Mr. Bryan Friday. From each Mr. Harding expects to gather much of an informative nature as well as much advice on the practical problems of diplomacy.

The appointment with Mr. Bryan, like those of Mr. Hoover and Mr. Root was made at Senator Harding's request. Since the league of nations discussion begun there has been much talk about the Bryan administration as a possible basis for international amity of a broader scope and it is understood that for one thing the president-elect is anxious to hear first hand, about negotiations from which these pacts resulted.

Mr. Bryan's advice is expected to be interesting, in view of his active effort to secure ratification of the Versailles treaty with republican reservations.

Mr. Root's position as secretary of state has been buttressed by several weeks of consultation with leading statesmen of Europe in formulating a world court under the Versailles league. Pardon for some such court has been favored by Mr. Harding as part of an international peace movement and the work done is expected to be one of the principal subjects of his talk with Mr. Root.

### Farmer-Labor Party Complete Plans for Aggressive Campaign

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The national committee of the farmer labor party completed plans for what it announced would be an aggressive campaign to organize the party in every state and place full national and state tickets in every election.

The proposed organization would be effected largely through labor unions, according to an announcement. The statement invited all labor unions to join the effort for independent political action of the workers by sending delegates to the party labor conventions. The plans of the party will be placed before every labor union in the country.

Frank Esper of Illinois resigned as secretary of the national committee, and J. J. Brown of Seattle was elected. Members of the executive committee elected included Mrs. Alice Meyer, Utah.

### Man Murders His Wife and Attempts Suicide

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 12.—Mrs. J. C. Myers, 25, of Sparta, Wis., is dead with her head crushed by a farmer, five miles south of Sparta, is suffering from a badly slashed wrist as the result of an alleged murder and attempted suicide.

Myers was placed against him tonight.

Myers, according to the sheriff, declared Mrs. Myers, who is his second wife, had left him several months ago and he had killed her because she refused to come back and live with him and the five children of his first wife.

### Important Changes Made in 10 New Scout Cruisers

Washington, Dec. 12.—Important changes have been made in armaments of the 10 scout cruisers now under construction for the navy. The vessels will carry 12 instead of 8 6-inch rifles, with the 4 additional guns mounted forward and aft on twin mounts.

The change will increase displacement to 7,500 tons and cut down the speed of the 10 scout cruisers from 35 to 33 knots, it was said. The first of the type, the Omaha, will be launched at Tacoma, Wash., soon, and it is expected all will be commissioned before 1923.

### Negro Laborers of Chicago Offer to Accept Wage Cut

Chicago, Dec. 12.—More than 70,000 negro laborers in Chicago and vicinity, anticipating possible loss of work by lessened production, have agreed voluntarily to present their employers an offer to accept a reduction in wages, R. E. Parker, president of the American Unity Labor union, announced. He declared there already were 100,000 unemployed negroes here and that the negroes in his organization would accept a 10 per cent cut for unskilled labor and a 15 per cent decrease for skilled workers.

### York Grocer Plans Two Stores to Solve Credits

York, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The storekeeper occupied by Etel's grocery until it was gutted by fire some time ago, is being remodeled. Mr. Etel will conduct a grocery store on the old stand for credit customers and will also carry a stock with the public market for cash and carry customers.

### Parents Problems

At what age should children be told who Santa Claus is? This is a matter that individual parents must decide. Some tell their children from the first, some wait until the children are 5 or 6 years old, and some do not reveal the pretty secret until the children ask, "who is Santa Claus?"

### Watchman Suffers Concussion of Brain When Struck by Car

Henry Kopp, block night watchman for the Creighton university, Twenty-fifth and California streets, suffered concussion of the brain and several broken bones Saturday when he was struck by a west-bound Harney street car.

Kopp was crossing California street from the north, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh, when he was hit by a street car, said to have been traveling down the hill at a high rate of speed. The motorist was A. B. Cummings, 4231 Douglas street.

Kopp was knocked unconscious and removed immediately to the Ford hospital, where the attending police surgeon, Dr. Kinyon, said his condition was serious.

### Plea for Erin Addressed to Head of League

#### Cablegram Sent by Representative Mason Asks That Truth About Conditions in Ireland Be Made Known.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 12.—A cablegram calling upon the league of nations to "permit America to know the truth as to conditions in Ireland" was sent to Paul Hymans, president of the council of the league of nations, by Representative William E. Mason, Illinois, in his capacity as a member of the house foreign affairs committee.

"Five distinguished Americans," the cablegram reads, "representing a committee of 100 eminent citizens of all shades of opinion organized to study all phases of the war in Ireland in the interest of international understanding and world peace, obtained passports from the American government for a visit to England and Ireland to make first-hand inquiries."

"The British government has refused visas, America has evaded in the recent election, has little faith in the league of nations as at present constituted, believing it dominated by British and other imperialist governments for selfish ends.

"Can Advance League. "Nevertheless you and your colleagues at Geneva can do much to advance the league's influence with the common people of the world by affirming the stability of international communication of fact and opinion as the fundamental requisite of international understanding and world peace.

"In the present instance, the league of nations is afforded an extraordinary opportunity to prove to Americans its freedom from British domination by inducing the British government to permit the truth to be known to America as to conditions in Ireland.

"Americans do not accept the issuance from London as the truth the situation, and the British government's vouchers to the peoples of the world the right of free and untrammelled international communication the people will, in my opinion, continue to consider the world as a vast jail, to which the British government holds the keys."

Guests of Honor. Mrs. MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, and Miss Mary MacSwiney, his sister, who have been giving testimony on Irish conditions before the American investigating commission here, were guests of honor at a public reception today and expected to remain in Washington several days, although their testimony before the commission is concluded.

Mrs. MacSwiney, in an interview, appealed to the men and women of America to aid in procuring Irish emancipation. She urged them to write to their senators and congressmen on the subject.

### All Overseas Mail Records Shattered

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 12.—Uncle Sam will handle the largest Christmas mail dispatched to foreign countries in the history of the postoffice department this year, according to postal authorities. Ships leaving the port of New York daily are laden with masses of mail, ranging from postcards to cumbersome packages and the rush will continue until after the holidays.

Nine out of the 10 packages sent to Germany contain foodstuffs, coffee, sugar, tea, smoked meats and especially cocoa, soap, lard, condensed milk and chocolate, are articles found on the declaration as of every package. Articles of wearing apparel are missing, as are candy and tobacco. Those sent to Poland, however, contain mostly clothing.

### Voluntary Reductions in Apartment Rents Made

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 12.—Owners of four large Springfield apartment blocks have voluntarily announced reduction in rents and in anticipation of rent reductions within the next six months. W. F. Grady, president of the Tenants Protective association has cautioned members to accept no leases for more than six months.

### Ponzi Begins Serving Five-Year Jail Sentence

Plymouth, Mass., Dec. 12.—Charles Ponzi entered Saturday upon service of his sentence of five years at the Plymouth county jail that was imposed by the federal court as punishment for the fraud by which he obtained millions of dollars from thousands of persons.

### Oakland Cattle Men Ship Special Train to Chicago

Oakland, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Thirty-seven cars of cattle were shipped to Chicago from this point by a combination of local stockmen. A special train was obtained over the Burlington. J. A. Danielson and W. A. Magnuson organized the shippers.

### Vote on Johnson Measure Carried Over to Monday

#### House Plans Final Action on Bill to Suspend Immigration for 14 Months First of Week.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 12.—By unanimous consent the house late this Saturday voted to carry the Johnson immigration bill over until Monday for a final vote on passage.

Consideration of the bill was concluded, but many members had to leave Washington and all wanted to go on record either for or against the proposed measure.

As finally whipped into shape, the bill provides for suspension of all immigration for a period of 14 months, two months of which are left open to immigrants who may be on ships coming to this country or holding passports and waiting for ships at the time of the enactment of the law. The status of Chinese and other Asiatic exclusion is not interfered with by the bill and all efforts were defeated to have the bill provide against Japanese immigration. It was decided by the house to leave the question of Japanese immigration to the State department for settlement with Japan.

Before the bill is through the house a vote will be taken on whether the suspension shall be for one year, as urged by Representative Mann of Illinois, or for two years, as desired by a majority of the members of the house immigration committee. Mann has won out temporarily on his fight which is a suspension, but he is not certain of winning finally in the house.

### Congressman Reavis Asked to Serve on Reorganization Body

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Coincident with the action of the house rules committee in giving a privileged status to the resolution of Representative C. F. Reavis of Nebraska for a special committee to reorganize the administrative department of government, it developed that the Nebraska member had been requested by Speaker Gillette, to serve on the proposed committee.

Mr. Reavis says that he has not yet decided to accept, being deterred by the great amount of detailed work involved in the undertaking, which is the first attempt to put the government on a systematic basis since the days of Alexander Hamilton.

The committee will be confronted by a work of sheer drudgery, according to Mr. Reavis, requiring the almost constant attention of its membership for the next two years. He estimates that the elimination of duplications will save the government \$1,000,000 a day.

### "Tubby" Clark Found Not Guilty of Charge of Robbing Empress

After deliberating from 5 Saturday afternoon until 8:15 the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Glen "Tubby" Clark, tried on a charge of robbing the Empress theater the night of October 24.

Two masked men "covered" Walter Ledoux, owner and manager of the theater, with revolvers in the private office that night as he was stowing \$3,143, two days' receipts, in the safe.

They forced him into an inner office and bound him. Then they escaped with the money.

Clark, who has been arrested frequently heretofore on various charges, presented an alibi as his chief defense. Manager Ledoux was positive in his identification of Clark as one of the robbers.

### Reed Named Head of County Farm Bureau

C. A. Reed of Washington township was elected president of the Douglas County Farm bureau at the annual meeting held in the court house Saturday afternoon.

The organization decided to have a membership campaign the latter part of January. A small membership fee will be fixed and all farmers in the county will be invited to join the bureau. Permanent headquarters will also be maintained.

Other officers were elected as follows: Secretary, William Boettger, Florence township and treasurer, C. B. Noyes, Washington township.

The following men from the township indicated were elected: Vice presidents, William Kempke, Washington; Fred Oht, Jefferson; N. C. Wickland, Valley; Will Loneragan, Union; J. C. McArdle, McArdle; John Burschat, Florence; Charles Saunders, Chicago; Hans Pahl, Douglas; August Doll, Millard; Frank Safford, Waterloo.

### Two School Boys Are Held For Death of Playmate

Detroit, Dec. 12.—Clyde Santure and Henry Damasewski, 12 and 14, respectively, were sent to the detention home for boys to await the coroner's inquest into the death of their playmate, Raymond Kleinschmidt, 9.

Questioning the boys brought the explanation, according to the authorities, that Kleinschmidt was a brilliant pupil and that this aroused the jealousy of the lads detained, who, it is said, attacked Raymond on his way home.

### Hoover Urges Churches To Aid in Relief Work

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European relief council, issued an appeal to all churches to observe December 19 as national collection day and to take part in the campaign to raise \$33,000,000 as America's Christmas present to European children. The campaign will extend over the holidays, collections being made in all public places and through civic organizations.

### Sanitation Lost Art in Many Cafes

#### Thousands of Pounds of Decomposed Food Seized in New York Restaurants.

New York, Dec. 12.—Thousands of pounds of decomposed, moldy and poisoned food have been condemned in New York restaurants, groceries and butcher shops within 10 months, Ole Salthe, acting director of the bureau of food and drugs of the health department, declared in a report which pointed out "an unusual condition of unsanitation."

In many restaurants the director said he found sanitation a lost art. More than 1,000 convictions were obtained during the 10 months against restaurateurs charged with improper cleaning of utensils and dishes.

Typical instances of unsanitation cited by Mr. Salthe are: "One thousand pounds of dirty and wormy candies taken from a confectionery store.

Seven pounds of bad eggs taken from a bakery and 90 pounds of moldy eggs from another.

Chopped meat containing sulphur dioxide to conceal taint, taken from a butcher shop.

More than 7,000 pounds of decayed fish condemned in a large fish store. Conviction of a roach manufacturer who used second-hand barrels, following the investigation of the illness of many families from arsenic poisoning. They ate pickles taken from a barrel originally used by a chemical company.

### Kincaid Would Stop Short Forfeitures of Water Right Titles

Washington, Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—With a view of affording relief to water users who are seriously perturbed over recent action of the reclamation service with respect to water rights, Judge Kincaid introduced a bill vitally affecting the North Platte and kindred governmental activities by prohibiting the government from foreclosing under one year's notice on the lien which it holds on account of construction charges.

The bill seeks to amend the drastic features of the act of 1912, which would automatically cause the forfeiture of the title when the construction charges are not met by the water user. Judge Kincaid's bill has the effect of stopping action on the part of the reclamation service pending its consideration and final disposition.

### More Hospitals for Ex-Soldiers Urged by Health Department

Washington, Dec. 12.—Additional hospital facilities for former service men and women and appointment of an administrative head for the three major agencies involved in rehabilitation work are recommended by Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, surgeon-general of the public health service, in his annual report sent to congress by the Treasury department.

Dr. Cumming says the war risk insurance bureau, the federal board for vocational education and the public health service should operate under an administrative head as coordinate and independent bureaus in close co-operation.

Emphasizing the need for additional hospital facilities, Dr. Cumming points out that 20,000 patients were receiving hospital care from the public health service on last July, as compared with 2,000 in October, 1919.

### Caruso Bursts Blood Vessel in His Throat

New York, Dec. 12.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, burst a blood vessel in his throat while singing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Saturday night. The performance was stopped.

The accident which it was said is not serious, occurred during the first act of Donizetti's "L'Elisir D'Amore" but the singer did not stop until the end of the act.

A physician then told him it would be unwise to continue, for if he did so the result might prove serious. In addition, the blood in his throat interfered with his vocalization on the stage.

The manager in dismissing the audience said: "Mr. Caruso assures me he is willing, and even anxious, to finish, if you wish him to. It is for you to decide."

"No," came the answer.

### Another Warm Debate Held at League Session

#### Cuban Representative Gets Applause by Asserting Assembly Is Able to Decide Course of Procedure.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—The manner of choosing the four elective members of the league of nations council developed a long and earnest debate in the assembly in which Dr. Aristides Aguiar, Cuba; Dr. Wellington Koo, China; A. J. Balfour, England, and Edward D. Miller, Australia, were the principal participants.

The Cuban delegate was applauded when he contended that the assembly was able to decide for itself what its procedure should be.

Mr. Balfour said he doubted the right of this assembly to commit future assemblies by fixing the term of membership in the council beyond one year or by appointing members from different parts of the world as proposed.

H. Branting, Sweden, held that the adoption of the clause attributing three members to Europe and the Americas and one to Asia amounted to an amendment of the covenant.

World disarmament must be a slow and gradual process, the league commission which has been deliberating on it for more than three weeks decided. Opinions of leading members are that neither the political situation nor public opinion is yet ready for full realization of that object.

In fact, even beginning reduction of armaments is not considered possible by the commission at present. Accordingly the program to be presented to the assembly is to proceed in three stages. The first involves an agreement between the powers to make no further increase in armament. The second will provide a gradual reduction on a basis to be laid down by the armament commission. The third will provide for general and complete disarmament when it may be found that the situation permits it.