

Harding to Seek New Canal Pact

Will Attempt to Reach Understanding With Great Britain Regarding Free Passage Through Waterway.

Details of Plan Secret

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 19.—In addressing himself to his announced project of exempting American ships from the payment of Panama canal tolls, Mr. Harding, it was disclosed, intends to seek a new understanding with Great Britain removing the provision of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty prohibitory of such discrimination.

Exemption Repeated

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty provides that: "The canal shall be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations on terms of equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise."

Authorities Disagree

Senator Root and other authorities on international law contended that the exemption of even coastwise shipping was a violation of the treaty. Defenders of the exemption argued that it was no discrimination against foreign shipping because foreign vessels are excluded from the American coastwise trade and therefore do not compete with American coastwise ships.

Big Coal Production Reported During Week Ending December 11

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 19.—The production of bituminous coal during the week ending December 11 was 12,865,000 tons, the United States geological survey reports. The output of the bituminous mines for 49 weeks of the year was 525,403,000 tons. If this rate of production is maintained during the succeeding three weeks, the total output in 1920 will be 557,610,000 tons, or about 17,000,000 above the estimated minimum needs of the country for this year.

Five Reported Dead When Boat Capsizes

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 19.—The number of dead as a result of the capsizing of a Kanawha river ferry boat today was set at five by county officials tonight.

Cambridge Pioneer Killed In Fall From Step Ladder

Cambridge, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special)—Eugene Axell, 67, an old settler of this community, was killed while removing an old wooden awning from the front of a store. The awning came down when he was not expecting it and threw him from the top of a step ladder. He was injured internally and died within a few minutes after being carried to the hospital. He came to this country in 1879 and homesteaded near Cambridge. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

Arguments Against Sale Of Rio Grande Road Heard

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Arguments of attorneys representing stockholders of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad who are opposing its sale for \$5,000,000 as authorized by the federal court in Denver, were heard by judges Sanborn and Lewis in the United States circuit court of appeals. The case was taken under advisement. Evidence was submitted to show the stockholders would suffer a heavy loss if the sale of the railroad should be confirmed.

He-Vamps Fond of Marcelle Waves; Corsets Big Help to Retaining Form

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 19.—Women who operate beauty parlors in Chicago, were interviewed on the extent of their masculine patronage. They freely admitted that they have many male patrons who come in regularly to have their hair marcelled and their eyebrows plucked.

Unemployment in Great Britain Is Becoming Grave

Socialist Papers Take Advantage of Labor Situation to Stir Up Agitation—Merchants Dissatisfied. By JOHN STEELE. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—The government is being stirred to action by the growing gravity of the unemployment problem and the small but active revolutionary element is taking advantage of the situation to stir up trouble.

Thousands Greet Constantine at Greek Capital

Huge Crowds Line Streets as King Drives From Depot to the Royal Palace. By the Associated Press. Athens, Dec. 19.—King Constantine of Greece, removed from the throne by action of the allied powers in 1917 and called back by the recent plebiscite to resume his former status, arrived in Athens today. He came into the city by train and was received at the Place de la Concord.

Christmas Treats Offered at Gayety in Jollities of 1920

Santa Claus will meet with competition for the public favor this week. Sam Howe's Jollities of 1920, a galaxy of beautiful women and costumes, jazz, comedians and music, furnishes the holiday crowds with one of the most entertaining productions of the season.

Charges Bodies Cremated in Boiler Room of Asylum

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—The practice of cremating unclaimed bodies under the boilers in the engine room at Bayview asylum was brought to light by Dr. C. W. Wood, member of the board of supervisors of city charities.

Printers Strike Against Move to Reduce Salaries

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 19.—Designers, engravers and printers at the Pacific Print works, about 80 in number, went out on a strike against a wage cut of 22 1/2 per cent, which is to go into effect Monday. Should the strike continue, it would eventually affect the entire plant, employing about 2,000.

Logging Plant Closes

Salem, Ore., Dec. 19.—The C. K. Spaulding Logging company announced that the Salem plant of the corporation would close indefinitely. Approximately 400 men will be thrown out of employment.

Sing Sing Convicts Happy Over Security From Wave of Crime

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Sing Sing convicts through their "official publication" the Sing Sing Bulletin, congratulated themselves today on their safety from the crime wave sweeping New York.

Ship Sinks

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Listing so badly that its lath combings were awash, due to a shifted cargo, the steamer Chicago City this morning sank off the coast of Newfoundland.

Man Held for Explosion

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 19.—Fred Welch, Astoria, Ore., survivor of the explosion of the dredge Beaver Thursday night, in which four persons were killed, was charged with responsibility for the disastrous explosion.

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Trial Is Sensational

W. A. Prince of Grand Island, the attorney who secured the conviction of Cole and Grammer, conducted the case, assisted by County Attorney Gantz of Alliance conducted the defense.

Philippine Soldiers Charged With Murder Of Four Americans

Manila, P. I., Dec. 18.—Charges of murder will be filed in court Monday by the city prosecutor against 27 Philippine constabulary soldiers as a result of the rioting Wednesday in which four Americans and seven Filipinos were killed, Governor General Francis B. Harrison, announced.

Men Warned Against Overuse of Tobacco

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 19.—Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland warned against "indecent smokers" those who indulge in tobacco, and who did so in the wrong time, in the wrong places. He said the use of tobacco in pipes, cigars and cigarettes was being greatly overdone.

Postpone Withdrawal Of Japanese in Chentao

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The withdrawal of the Japanese expedition to the Chentao district, on the Korean-Manchurian border, which has been indefinitely postponed, according to the Jiji Shimbun, the newspaper, which says its information obtained from reliable sources, adds that the postponement was because of the increasing gravity of the situation in the district, where Korean insurgents and bandits have been active.

Alleged Bootlegger Bound Over to District Court

McCook, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special)—Mike Moore, alleged bootlegger, was given a preliminary trial before County Judge A. L. Zink and bound over to the next term of district court on a charge of illegal sale of liquor.

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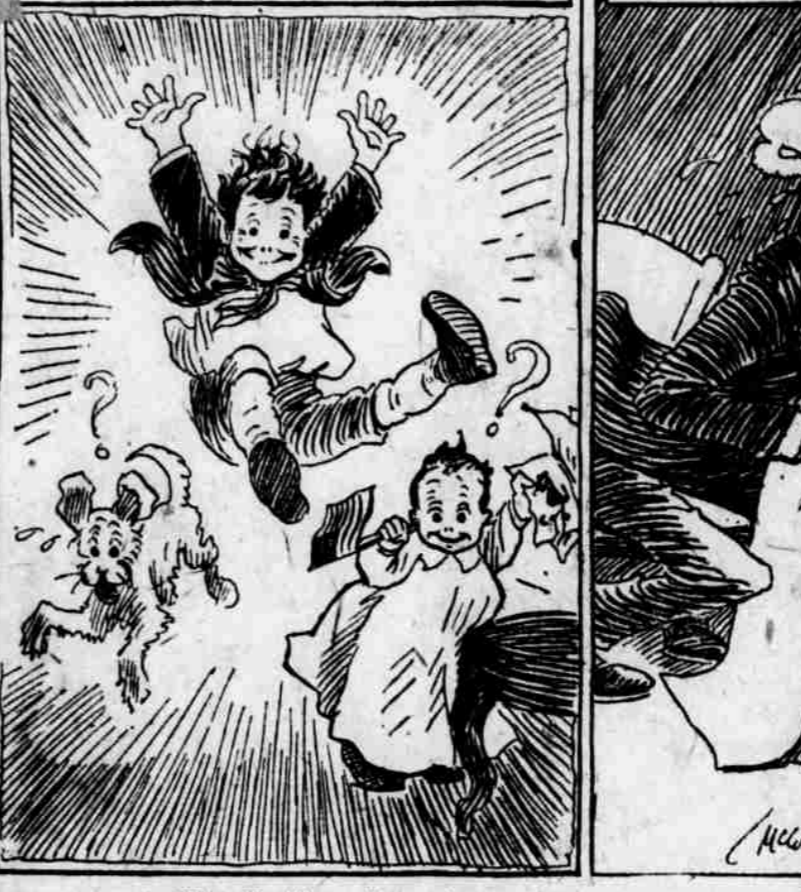
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The Changing World

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When He Was a Boy. After He Grew Up.

House Members Asked to Support Tariff Measure

Committee Decides to Make an Appeal for Backing of Bill Regardless of Political Affiliations. Washington, Dec. 19.—An attempt to obtain bi-partisan support in the house for the Fordney emergency tariff was decided on by the committee representing house members from agricultural districts.

Councilman Blames "Cottie Garages" For Auto Accidents

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 19.—"Cottie garages," the puffs of hair women and girls wear over their cars and "sickle hooks" the stiffly plastered curl of hair drawn down around the temples, are engaging the serious attention of Chicago aldermen.

Frank Roberts, Omaha Man, Dies in Denver On Visit to Sisters

Denver, Colo., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram).—Frank Roberts, 41, of Omaha, died after three days' illness Friday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Caldwell Yeaman, 1640 Grant street. Another sister of Mr. Roberts is Mrs. Charles MacAllister Wilcox.

Two Pacific Coast Men Given Scholarships

Boston, Dec. 19.—Two Pacific coast students were appointed to Rhodes scholarships-at-large as the result of this year's election, announced by Prof. Frank A. Underhill of the Massachusetts institute of technology, American secretary to the Rhodes trustees. They are Lloyd Haberly of Silverton, Ore., and Richard H. Scofield of Los Angeles.

Relations Between Spain and Great Britain Cordial

Madrid, Dec. 19.—(By The Associated Press).—Although Markus De Lema, Spanish foreign minister, was non-committal when questioned regarding the reports of an important treaty having been concluded between Spain and Great Britain, there is inclination in political circles here to give credit to the indications which have found publicity recently that Spain intends to break away from the isolation which has been her policy since the restoration of the monarchy.

Banks Requested Not to Distribute Gold Coins

Washington, Dec. 19.—National and other banks have been requested by John Burke, treasurer of the United States, not to distribute gold coin for holiday purposes. The request is in line with the policy of the treasury to conserve the gold reserve, it was explained.

De Valera to Come Out of Retirement Christmas Day

New York, Dec. 19.—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," will come out of retirement Christmas day in New York City, according to his secretary, Harry Boland, who recently denied reports that De Valera had left for Great Britain.

Hundreds Killed In Earthquake

Approximately 150 Dead Already Taken From Ruins of Argentine Towns—Worst Shocks Since 1869.

Citizens Panic Stricken

By The Associated Press. Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Earthquake shocks which, on Friday afternoon, destroyed several towns along the Argentine slope of the Andes mountains, were the most severe experienced in this country since 1869, when half the city of Mendoza was laid in ruins. Reports from the area where the shocks were heaviest indicate great loss of life and property, upwards of 150 bodies having already been taken from the wrecks of buildings.

People Panic-Stricken

Minor shocks continue throughout the district, one particularly strong tremor being felt yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the towns of San Martin and Rivadavia. The people are reported as being panic-stricken. The city of Mendoza was shaken, but did not suffer any extensive damage.

Murderers Die In Penitentiary This Morning

Cole and Grammer First to Pay Supreme Penalty by Electrocuting in Nebraska History. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram).—As the first grisly tints begin to streak the eastern sky tomorrow, Alton B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, the latter's mother-in-law, will pass into the great beyond, according to present plans.

Christmas Thoughts Are Shown in Window Display

The Yuletide window display of the Nebraska Power company is one of the neatest and most daintily arranged in the city. A background of azure blue with stars twinkling lights up the window, while the brightest star throws a shaft of light on an electrical appliance. As the star of Bethlehem and the three wise men to the manger, so the window decorator of the power company has a star leading the wise men of today to his products.

Textile Workers to Send Christmas Gift to Debs

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 19.—A collection to send a Christmas gift and greeting to Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president in the last election now in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, was taken at a mass meeting of the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America. Cigars and oranges will form a large part of the gift, it was said.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Unsettled, probably light snow.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. 5 a.m. -11, 11 a.m. -10, 2 p.m. -10, 4 p.m. -10, 6 p.m. -10, 8 p.m. -10, 10 p.m. -10, 11 p.m. -10.