

Ruth Ayer's Sweetheart Kills Self

Francis Alexander, Lover of Hayes Center Girl Who Died From Illegal Operation, Shot Accidentally.

Suicide Was First Report

Hayes Center, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Francis W. Alexander of Hayes Center, sweetheart of Ruth Ayer, 19, who died in August from an illegal operation in Omaha, was shot with a .22 caliber rifle Monday morning at 9, dying an hour later.

Walter Counce, son of Alexander's brother-in-law, at whose home the shooting occurred, and who witnessed the shooting, said Alexander had planned to go on a hunting trip and was opening the barn door, carrying the loaded rifle in his hand, when the gun was accidentally discharged.

Alexander fell to the ground, unconscious, and was carried into the house. A doctor who was summoned stated after an examination that the bullet had penetrated the youth's abdomen.

He died at 10, an hour after the shooting, without regaining consciousness.

Suicide Theory Denied.—First reports of the affair stated that the boy had ended his own life as a consequence of grieving over the death of his sweetheart. He had declared more than once that he would rather be dead than hear about the story of the girl's death any more.

The suicide theory, however, is emphatically denied by members of his family.

No inquest was held, the coroner who investigated the affair apparently being satisfied that death was accidental.

Funeral services were held at Hayes Center today.

Young Alexander came to Omaha in August in answer to a letter written by Ruth Ayer just before her death. He was arrested upon his arrival and charged with being an accessory after the fact of her death, alleged to have resulted from an illegal operation.

Stunned by News.—He was stunned by the news of his sweetheart's death, and when shown her body at the inquest, stepped back as if struck in the face, crying:

"My God! Yes," in answer to County Attorney Shotwell's question: "Is that Ruth Ayer?"

The youth at once told the authorities of his relationship with the girl and how, after he had learned of her condition, had begged her to marry him.

The girl, he declared, refused to marry because she wanted to learn nursing and wanted him to continue collegiate studies, and insisted on having an operation.

He then gave her all the money he could raise, he said, and let her come to Omaha the night of August 2.

Trio Arrested.—The next time he saw his sweetheart, she lay cold and dead on a slab in the Omaha morgue.

Immediately after the girl's death, Dr. L. S. Fields, Mrs. Minnie Devo, practical nurse, at whose home the girl is said to have died, and young Alexander were arrested.

The doctor was convicted of manslaughter two weeks ago, and young Alexander was the principal witness for the state at his trial. During his testimony on the witness stand the young man could hardly contain himself and spoke in such faint whispers the judge ordered him to speak up.

Kisses Letter.—While attorneys for the state and defense wrangled over the admission of the girl's last letter to her lover into evidence at the trial, the youth raised the letter reverently to his lips and kissed it, as his eyes filled with tears.

Dr. Fields admitted treating the girl, but denied performing the operation. He said he merely tried to save her life after someone else had performed the operation.

Nurse Devo refused to testify. A motion for a new trial for Dr. Fields was to have been heard yesterday afternoon in Judge Goss' division of the district court.

Sale of Whisky in Kentucky Widespread, Governor Says.—Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Governor Edwin P. Morrow, addressing a joint session of the Kentucky Judges' association and the Kentucky Commonwealth's attorneys association, declared that the illicit manufacture and sale of whisky in Kentucky is more widespread than ever before. It has reached a point, he declared, where its suppression presents one of the most serious problems confronting the state.

He asked energetic co-operation in suppressing the traffic, adding that one of its most alarming features was the spread of intemperance among youths of the state.

Two Lava Streams Flow From Kiluaea Volcano.—Hilo, T. H., Dec. 28.—Two lava streams, each a quarter of a mile wide, are flowing from Kiluaea volcano after several weeks of steady rise of the lava pit, according to reports from the volcano observatory.

The overflow is through a crack made by eruptions of 1868 about 500 feet above the main pit, where lava fountains have been playing spectacularly for weeks.

Illinois Is Cold.—Dixon, Ill., Dec. 28.—Ten degrees below zero, the coldest of the winter, was officially recorded here during the night.

Hayes Center Youth Who Shot Himself



Harding Hears Varying Views On League Issue

Ideas of Senator McCumber Of North Dakota and Oscar Straus of New York Are Conflicting.

Marion, O., Dec. 28.—Conflicting counsel regarding an association of nations was given President-elect Harding today by former supporters of the league of Versailles.

Senator Porter J. McCumber of North Dakota, who voted for unreserved ratification of the Versailles treaty, advised the president-elect to put the league aside and try for a new deal all around in his efforts to form an international peace society.

Oscar Straus of New York, a former ambassador to Turkey and pro-league worker in the treaty fight, took the view that the United States still should accept the league in some form and should launch its next move for world peace through that agency.

Both expressed confidence in Senator Harding's policy of seeking to unite the country behind an international program, but neither would express an opinion regarding the president-elect's specific proposals for a world council as he outlined it to them.

Although he was the leading republican supporter of the league through both ratification battles in the senate, Senator McCumber said he regarded the covenant as definitely rejected so far as the United States was concerned and thought an association of nations now could be built up independently of the league machinery.

He suggested that the greater powers be linked by a network of arbitration treaties as the basis of the new society and that a disarmament agreement might be consummated as the next step toward world peace.

As acting chairman of the senate finance committee, Mr. McCumber also talked with the president-elect about taxation and tariff proposals. He held out little hope that the present session of congress would do more than pass appropriation bills and a budget measure.

All Mommence, Ill., Is Present at Funeral Of Lieut. Pat O'Brien

Mommence, Ill., Dec. 28.—This little city saw Pat O'Brien again Monday. For the first time in the history of Mommence he was quiet.

Through a blinding blizzard, a long procession of automobiles and citizens on foot moved slowly and sadly to the cemetery. They were burying Lieut. Pat O'Brien, aviator hero of the great war, the light hearted, who ran away from home to seek adventure and found it, who dodged German machine guns, escaped from German prisons and finally took his own life in a hotel in Los Angeles.

At the head of the funeral procession marched the Knights Templar, the Shriners, and other representatives of the Masonic order. Among the dignitaries was Governor-elect Len Small. Despite his sad ending, Lieutenant Pat will always be a hero in Mommence.

Milwaukee Rail Agent Sees Signs of Business Revival.—G. L. Cobb of New York City, general eastern agent of the Milwaukee railroad, spent Monday in Omaha and brought an optimistic report as to the probable revival of business prosperity. Mr. Cobb is a former Nebraskan and made his annual Christmas visit to his mother at Fremont.

Eastern manufacturers and wholesalers are planning to send out more salesmen in January than ever before, according to railroad reservations now being made, Mr. Cobb said. This he accepts as indicative of a business revival. He also declared that California travel is unusually good.

President Wilson Celebrates His 64th Birthday Quietly

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson today celebrated his 64th birthday, receiving numerous messages of congratulations. Two of the president's daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, were with him for the occasion. Tonight Mrs. Wilson and the president's daughters expected to attend the wedding of Miss Marjorie Brown, cousin of President Wilson's first wife.

Judges In With McKelvie

Violent Verbal Argument Marks Conference of 24 District Judges With Governor On Paroles.

Will Ask Change in Law

Violent verbal clashes between four judges of the district court of Douglas county on one side and Governor McKelvie and H. H. Antles, secretary of the State board of Public Welfare on the other, marked a banquet and conference called by the governor in Lincoln Monday night.

Governor McKelvie, after hearing the heated remarks of district judges against the evils of sentencing men for crime, only to see them turned out of the penitentiary by state officials, announced that he will recommend to the next legislature the amendment of the indeterminate sentence law.

24 Judges Present.—With the law amended judges will impose whatever sentence, within certain limits, they believe fits each case and will proceed to "put the fear of the law back into the hearts of criminals and check the present wave of crime." They also hope to have the present parole law amended.

District Judges Troup, Sears, Goss and Day were present. Twenty other district judges from all over the state were there.

The word battles started over the indeterminate sentence and the parole activities of the state.

Given Hope.—The district judges declared that the efforts of their courts, juries and prosecuting attorneys in securing convictions of criminals were being persistently interfered with by the activities of the state officials in paroling convicts.

Mr. Antles said that all convicts worked on road gangs were men to whom hopes of parole had been held out.

"And was Ben Marshall on one of these gangs?" asked Judge Sears. Marshall is a negro sentenced 12 years ago to 30 years imprisonment for two assaults on Omaha women. His impending parole was stopped by public protest a few weeks ago.

"He was," said Mr. Antles.

Nothing to Say.—"And had you seriously intended to parole that man in the face of two letters I wrote you about him and in the face of his crime and conviction?" demanded Judge Sears.

"Yes, we had," said Mr. Antles. "If that is the condition of things in this department of our government, I have nothing more to say. It will be useless," said Judge Sears.

Mr. Antles, earlier in the meeting, had declared that the only thing the parole board considered in paroling a prisoner was the possibility of reformation.

Punishment Must Follow.—The judges declared that the individual's past record should govern his parole. They declared that the laxity of penitentiary sentence enforcement has come to be a scandal.

"The time has come," declared Judge Troup, "when an adequate punishment must follow conviction of a crime. The building of a wall of sentimentality and unwarranted pity around every convict must stop if we are to check crime and make society safe."

"Why, it has come to a pass where criminals laugh at us. They believe that even a heavy sentence means only a few months in the penitentiary. All they need to do is stay on their good behavior for a short time and appeal to the sympathies of officers and make promises. There is too much sympathy in the carrying out of sentences duly imposed after fair trials."

Missing Balloon Said to Have Landed Near Lake

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The missing United States navy balloon A-5598, which floated away from Rockaway naval station, New York, December 13, and was swallowed by the mists of the northland after being last sighted at Wells, N. Y., is believed to have descended near Lake Temiskaming, 200 miles northwest of here.

Superintendent, director of the Dominion meteorological bureau at Toronto, reported today that a careful analysis of winds and other atmospheric conditions obtaining during the flight made it nearly a certainty that the gas bag had been carried into the Temiskaming region.

Lake Temiskaming is an elongated body of water forming part of the Quebec-Ontario line at the head waters of the Ottawa river.

Massachusetts Coal Men Ordered to Adjust Prices

Boston, Dec. 28.—Massachusetts coal dealers were told to come down from the high price perch of recent months in a communication from Fuel Administrator Eugene C. Hulme. Asserting that the price of anthracite coal in many communities was excessive, the administrator said there was no justification for continuance of high prices and he requested a prompt readjustment.

Author Is Bankrupt

New York, Dec. 28.—Eugene Walter, author and dramatist, filed voluntary bankruptcy proceedings, placing his liabilities at \$7,479 and assets at \$100. Among the creditors named are David Belasco, producer, \$500 for money loaned, and the Friars club, \$588 for dues and house account.

Women Would Sprinkle Streets With Liquor Seized in "Dry" Raids

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 28.—Five hundred gallons of liquor seized in raids in New Mexico will be used to sprinkle streets in Albuquerque, if a celebration, being planned by the state W. C. T. U. for January 16, is carried out.

A delegation of women asked Captain R. E. Perkins, prohibition enforcement officer, for permission to use the liquor in this manner. They plan to put the liquor into a sprinkling wagon and spread it over six blocks. The day will be "Carrie Nation Day." Captain Perkins has not yet announced his decision.

Italian Troops Occupy Fiume, Is Word of Premier

Report of Wounding of D'Annunzio Confirmed—Leader Struck On Head at Headquarters by Shell.

London, Dec. 28.—There is reason to believe Fiume is occupied by regular troops, Premier Giolitti of Italy declared at a press conference at Rome last night, says a Central News dispatch from that city.

Triest, Dec. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—News confirming reports that Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian insurgent leader at Fiume, had been wounded in the recent fighting between his legionnaires and General Cavallia's regular troops, was received here today. No details were given, however.

Later advices said that D'Annunzio was struck in the head by a piece of shell while conversing in the palace, but that the wound was slight.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Newspaper reports received here declared that the wound suffered by Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio at Fiume was caused by a fragment of shell which fell on the palace where D'Annunzio has his headquarters. A Rome dispatch states that Premier Giolitti told a delegation from Parliament that Italy was forced to hasten its action against the state of Fiume by an attack upon Fiume by Jugo-Slavia.

Ancona, Italy, Dec. 28.—Italian troops attempting to dislodge legionnaires from the city, were repulsed by work by women of that city, according to statements made by soldiers who have arrived here. As the troops advanced toward the barracks, many women formed in line in front of them, screaming: "Kill us first, and then you can exterminate the volunteers."

A few hours later the legionnaires surrendered, and were brought to this city as prisoners.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The mayor of Fiume has asked General Cavallia, commander of the regular Italian forces, for a suspension of hostilities, says a Fiume dispatch today. General Cavallia stipulated two conditions, one of which already has been accepted. It is expected that in an interview arranged for today between the mayor and General Ferrario, commander of the blockading force, the terms of capitulation will be agreed upon.

Maj. Gen. Omar Bundy And Wife to Visit In Central America

Maj. Gen. Omar Bundy, commander of the Seventh army corps, with headquarters at Fort Crook, will depart Monday on a two months' leave of absence.

General and Mrs. Bundy will sail from New York January 4, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan S. Bryan of Richmond, Va. They will visit Jamaica, Colombia and Panama, and also central American countries.

Mr. Bryan is publisher of the News-Leader of Richmond, Va., and was editor-in-chief of "Trench and Camp" publications issued during the war.

While General Bundy is away, Brig. Gen. Edward Mann Lewis, now in command of the Third division at Camp Pike, Ark., will be in command of the Seventh army corps.

Cyclone in Spain

Oviedo, Spain, Dec. 28.—A cyclone has caused enormous damage in the province of Oviedo. Forty homes were destroyed in the hamlet of Santa Lengua, and buildings in the vicinity of the city were damaged. Many trees were uprooted. The potato, maize and chestnut crops are said to be destroyed.

Burlington Cuts Force

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 28.—Orders were received here today to lay off 25 per cent of the employees of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad shops December 31. About 2,000 men are employed in the shops.

"Uncle Joe" Establishes New Record for Length of Service

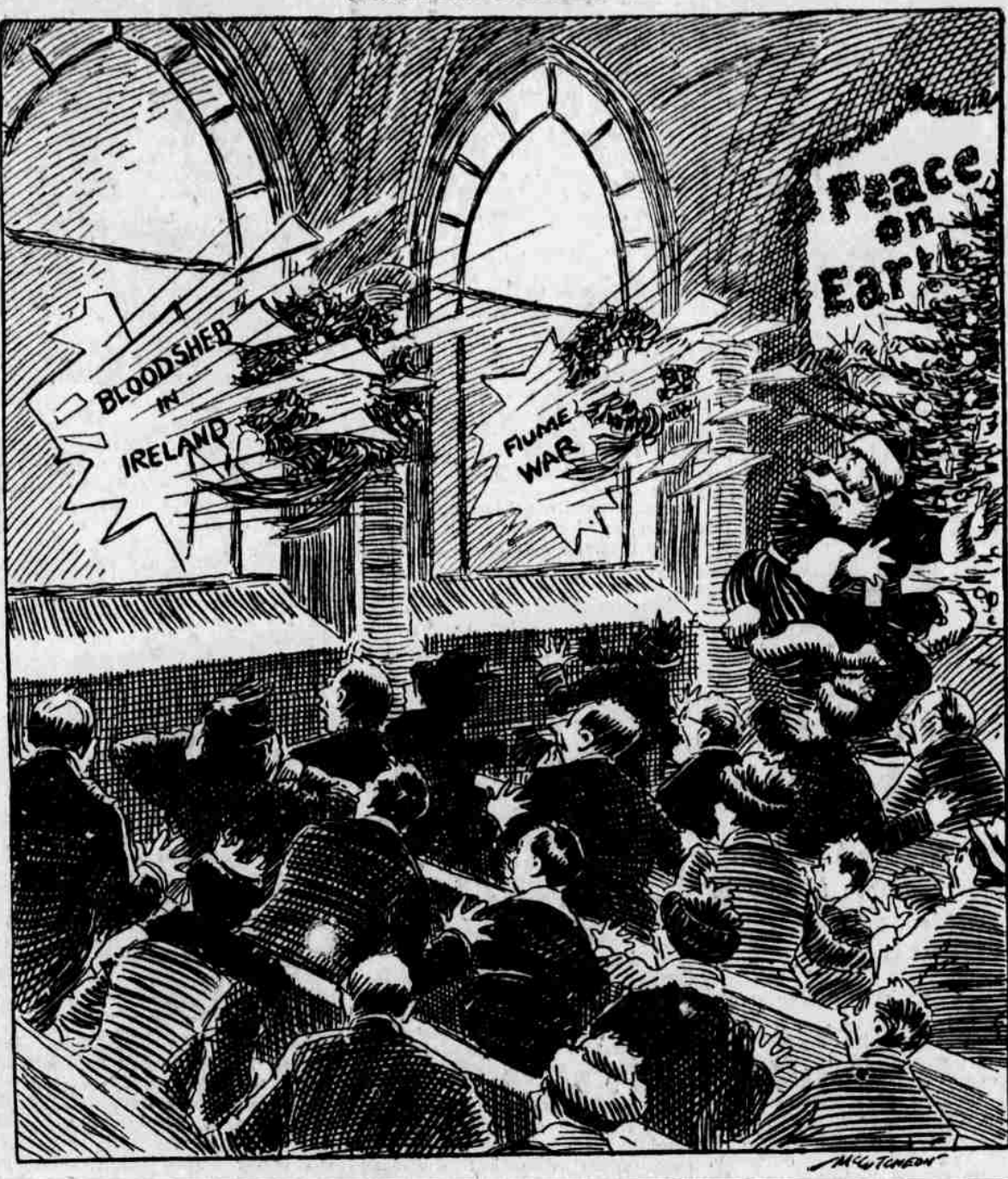
Washington, Dec. 28.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, war horse of the house of representatives, today established a new American record with the passing of a dull hour session he passed the mark for length of service set by Justin Smith Morrill of the Vermont, who as senator and representative, served 43 years, nine months and 24 days. The former speaker will begin tomorrow adding new time to his own record.

With the closing of the record, the old age of 100, and bearing Gladstone's record of 53 years in the British house of commons.

"Uncle Joe's" achievement will be celebrated in the house tomorrow with Champ Clark, himself a veteran, who retires March 4, leading the speaking ceremonies. Mr. Cannon also will speak, and many of the older members will ask time for a few remarks.

Walking about corridors of the capitol today, chewing his long black cigar, Mr. Cannon told a friend there was no use offering a little advice to younger representatives, because somebody else was

Discordant Notes in the Christmas Spirit



Plot to Release State Convicts Is Discovered

Arkansas National Guard Troops Sent to Prisons Following Disclosure of Plan For Wholesale Escapes.

Little Rock, Dec. 28.—Reliable reports of a widespread plot to free convicts in the state penitentiaries were responsible for the mobilization of the Pine Bluff machine gun company of the Arkansas national guard, according to a statement by Governor Brough.

According to the governor, the plot was reported to him by penitentiary officials and involved plans for the release of Tom Slaughter and Fulton Green, Oklahoma outlaws, now serving life sentences for murder.

Slaughter and Green are confined at the penitentiary at Little Rock and principal precautions are to be taken there, but it was learned details of the contemplated escape. The governor also declined to say whether the plot includes reports of outside aid to the convicts as was the case several days ago when trustees at the penitentiary confessed that a similar plot was on foot to release Slaughter, Green and other convicts.

It was learned that the troops stationed at the penitentiary will conduct a thorough search of the convicts and the buildings for weapons or tools and prohibit visitors within the walls.

Governor Brough declined to discuss the details of the reported plot, but stated that the troops would be kept on duty long enough to prevent the escape of the convicts. The governor also declined to say whether the plot includes reports of outside aid to the convicts as was the case several days ago when trustees at the penitentiary confessed that a similar plot was on foot to release Slaughter, Green and other convicts.

Utah Mining Property Damaged by Snowslide

Salt Lake City, Dec. 28.—A snowslide four miles in length carrying thousands of tons of earth and debris from the mountainside, damaged the properties of the Utah, Michigan, the South Hecla and the Alta Consolidated Mining companies in Little Cottonwood canyon here. A boarding house in the path of the slide escaped demolition, the snow sliding off the roof. No body was injured. The damage to the mining properties is estimated at several thousand dollars. The slide is said to have been one of the most severe in Utah.

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Mexican Killed In Poker Game

McCook Man Charged With Murder by Dying Victim Is Arrested.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A brutal murder concluded a poker game last night between three Mexicans employed by the Burlington railroad here. One, Sanchez, a roundhouse employee, is dead, and his alleged murderer, Pete Lopez, a section hand is in the county jail. Manuel Sanchez, connected with the affair, is still at liberty, although his arrest is expected at any time.

Sanchez died within two hours of the shooting through the abdomen, but charged Lopez with the crime before his death.

Lopez spent last night in a haystack south of McCook, but was arrested this afternoon within a mile of Cedar Bluffs, Kan., by Sheriff McClain and City Marshal Traphagan and is now confined in the steel cell in the county jail. Lopez bears an unenviable record for cruelty and murder, a white man, and a year ago roared an aged man and woman over a hot stove in an effort to extort money from them.

The murder is said to have resulted over the refusal of Sanchez to loan Lopez some money.

Court Holds Pardons Of Villistas Legal

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 28.—Pardons granted by Governor A. O. Larrazolo to 16 Villistas serving terms in the state penitentiary for their participation in a raid on Columbus, N. M., are valid, the state supreme court ruled, but it likewise upheld the action of Luna county officials in re-arresting the men before they had been actually released from prison.

The Mexicans will be kept at the state prison pending trial on new charges of murder in connection with the raid.

The supreme court's decision was handed down as a result of habeas corpus proceedings brought to compel the prison officials to release the Mexicans in accordance with the governor's pardons. Parties fighting the release of the men argued that the governor exceeded his authority in pardoning the men without the recommendation of the state prison commissioners. The court held that the governor's constitutional pardoning power was absolute and could not be restricted by any legislative act.

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Statements of Houston Scored By Legion Head

Commander Says Testimony Before Senate Finance Committee on Proposed Soldier Bonus Is Misleading.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Testimony by Secretary Houston of the treasury before the senate finance committee yesterday, placing the cost of carrying out the pending adjusted compensation or soldier bonus bill at \$2,300,000,000, was characterized by F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion as a "cuttle-fish skirmish to muddy the waters so that the principle involved can be clouded in a lot of figures that mean nothing."

Mr. Galbraith estimated the maximum amount the bonus bill would cost the government at \$1,878,800,000.

"Secretary Houston's whole presentation of the matter," said the legion commander, "was misleading and designed to frighten the country into a repudiation of its obligation to ex-service men. The general impression was conveyed by his testimony that the passage of the adjusted compensation bill would entail the immediate appropriation of billions of dollars by the government and seriously cripple the financial condition of the treasury. The facts are that appropriations necessary to carry out all features on the bill except that of cash compensation would be negligible for this year and for several years to come and that appropriations for cash compensation are not asked until July, 1921, and are to be spread over two years."

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The Weather

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Hourly Temperatures.
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Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: North and east 15 degrees above; south 15 degrees; west, 20 degrees.

Agreement With Japan Probable

Movement Under Way to Effect Compromise on Immigration and Land Ownership Controversy.

Both to Concede Points

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

Washington, Dec. 28.—A movement of influential sponsorship is under way to effect a compromise of the immigration and land ownership controversy with Japan on this basis.

Extension by California of its recently enacted land holding law so as to prohibit the acquisition of title to real estate by all aliens instead of aliens ineligible to citizenship.

2. A revised "gentlemen's agreement" under which Japan would prevent the immigration to continental United States and the Hawaiian islands, of all Japanese. If this proposition meets with a favorable reception by the people of California, the legislature of that state at its forthcoming session will be asked to amend the act as an initiative at the November election so as to apply the land holding prohibition to all aliens.

The Japanese government has indicated that it will be willing to settle the controversy on the basis prohibited.