

Parliament Ratifies Irish Pact

House of Commons and House of Lords Both Reject Unionist Amendment, Thus Voting for Treaty.

Dail to Vote on Monday

Dublin, Dec. 16.—A vote on the question of ratification of the peace treaty between Ireland and Great Britain will be taken at a public session of the dail eireann Monday morning at 11, according to an announcement made public tonight by Eamon de Valera and Arthur Griffith.

London, Dec. 16.—Both houses of the British parliament ratified the treaty creating the Irish free state by overwhelming majorities this afternoon.

The House of Commons adopted the reply to the speech from the throne on the Anglo-Irish treaty, rejecting the Unionist amendment to the address by a vote of 401 to 58.

The adoption of the address meant the acceptance of the treaty by the House of Commons.

The House of Lords took similar action only a few minutes later. The lords rejected the Unionist amendment by a vote of 166 to 47.

Favored By Labor. At the resumption of debate on the treaty in the House of Commons Arthur Henderson, labor leader, stated that the labor party welcomed the treaty and hoped it would be ratified.

Maj. Robert O'Neill, speaker of the 31st Parliament at Belfast, attacked the treaty particularly on the grounds that it proposed a revision of boundaries between north and south Ireland without the consent of Ulster.

Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier and Colonel Spender, secretary to the Ulster cabinet, arrived in London today for consultations regarding Ulster's position under the pending Irish settlement. Sir James told newspaper men he had come in connection with the important question of Ulster's boundaries, which the treaty stipulates are to be fixed by a commission.

Boundaries Serious Question. The present position appears to throw us back to where we were in 1914," he said.

He added that the boundaries issue seemed to him to be a very serious matter indeed.

"Without that I think I might have been able to secure approval of the treaty," he declared, "but the boundary proposals entirely alter the outlook.

De Valera Halts Dail. The Dublin meeting of the members of the Dail Eireann at the entrance of University college was much thinner today than on the two previous days of its consideration of the Irish peace treaty.

The private sessions of the Dail, it is declared in some quarters, have been devoted largely to an attempt to discover some method whereby it can accept the treaty and at the same time not register a defeat for Eamon de Valera and his followers.

The principal difficulty in the way is said to be De Valera himself.

The attitude of the republican army is causing much speculation. Its heads in the Dail are admittedly divided on the question of accepting the treaty, but all the leaders agree in deprecating any interference by the army in the political decision.

Englishmen Awaiting Deportation Freed

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—By a decision of Federal Judge Johnson today, 71 Englishmen awaiting deportation on grounds of having entered the country under the contract labor clause of the immigration laws, will be released from custody of the immigration inspectors.

The men came to this country during the war to take employment with the Bethlehem Shipbuilding company as marine engineers, but the government charged their work was that of draftsmen, which comes within the class of skilled labor, barred from entering the country if a contract previously has been made for their services.

Sebastian Salerno Found Guilty of Robbing Store

Blair, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The trial of Sebastian Salerno, charged with burglarizing the Sipp general merchandise store in Kennard September 8 and getting over \$1,100 worth of goods and \$130 in cash and checks, was held here today and Salerno found guilty. He faces a sentence of from one to seven years in the state prison.

About one-half of the goods were recovered.

Milk Ordinance Passed By Atlantic City Council

Atlantic City, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Mayor Coomes has given his approval to an ordinance requiring that all herds furnishing milk to Atlantic shall be officially tested. The ordinance requires that the milk shall be pasteurized and that all dairies shall pass inspection before milk is sold. The ordinance was passed by the council by a vote of 4 to 2.

Lumber Man Dies

Stinson, City, Dec. 16.—William Newton Ford, 55, head of the Ford Lumber company and a resident here for 25 years, died of heart disease. Mr. Ford was confined to his bed about four weeks ago by a sudden attack and continued to decline gradually.

Her Divorce Suit May Be Reopened



Penfield Plans To Attack Decree Granted His Wife

Conference With Millionaire Fruit Man Follows Raid Staged on Room in Exclusive Hotel.

New York, Dec. 16.—Leaning over the table in an apartment in a fashionable New York hotel and emphasizing his points with clenched fists, one stern-faced man said to another:

"You must marry my wife. My suspicions have been confirmed. Now do the decent thing. You have robbed her of a name. Now give her another."

The speaker was Walter Scott Penfield, noted international lawyer of Washington, and the time was late in October, 1920.

Eugene W. Ong, vice president and general manager of the \$100,000,000 United Fruit company, was the other man in the room.

Alicia present over Mrs. Alice Lucille Bacon Penfield, beautiful young wife of Walter Penfield, and Mrs. Bessie Preston Ong, wife of Eugene Ong.

Meeting Follows Raid. This dramatic conference followed a raid by Penfield and several friends on an apartment in the Hotel Lafayette in Washington. Here Ong and Mrs. Penfield were found. Ong was registered not under his own name but as "E. Walker Owen."

Then Mrs. Penfield slipped away to Reno. A decree of divorce was awarded her on July 26, last. Brief accounts in Washington newspapers asserted that Mrs. Penfield had charged desertion, alleging that when the Penfields were at Swampscott, a fashionable watering place in Massachusetts, Penfield had packed his clothes and left.

Later he had written, said Reno dispatches, that he had made up his mind not to return. A property settlement was effected and an agreement was reached regarding their 19-months-old daughter, Virginia.

Penfield Dissatisfied. Now, however, friends of Penfield say he may move to re-open the Reno divorce case, based upon his alleged discoveries. Although Penfield, still shouldering the burden of an extensive law practice, remains silent, his friends say he is not at all satisfied with the outcome of his domestic difficulties.

A close friend of Ong said today: "It is true that Ong registered under an assumed name. It is also true that Mrs. Penfield visited him in the Lafayette. But she called to consult him as an attorney about a professional matter. There was absolutely no impropriety in the visit."

However, Penfield and a detective and at least one friend suddenly appeared at the hotel and something like a raid occurred.

Lucile Bacon Penfield formerly was Lucile Bacon of Omaha. She is the daughter of the late Frank Bacon, who was for many years a resident of this city. She was prominent in society and a popular debutante before her marriage to Mr. Penfield.

Mrs. Penfield is reported in New York with her mother.

Advocate of Birth Control Plans to Lecture in Japan

Boston, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger, one of the organizers of the American birth control league, announced last night that she planned to spend next March in Japan, in response to an invitation from a Japanese publication asking her to give lectures.

Stores Open Until 9

Department and other stores will remain open every evening until 9 o'clock, beginning today and continuing till Christmas.

"I'm 30 Years Behind Times," Says Condit; Protests Own Paradox

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 16.—Because he says he is 30 years behind the times and if he would not know what to do, Dan Murphy, oldest white prisoner in the state penitentiary, yesterday protested against his own pardon.

"I have been in this prison more than a quarter of a century," he said. "The world is 30 years ahead of me. It is better for me that I live and die here. I'm happy. I have some friends here. What would I do if I left?"

Murphy was sentenced for life in 1894 for the murder of Robert Cope, treasurer of Orangeburg county. It was alleged he held Cope up, robbed and killed him.

Auto Band Robs Bank At Ithaca

State Sheriff, Deputies and Detectives Join Hunt for Holdups—Bank Employees Locked in Vault.

No Estimate of Loss Made

Two automobiles loaded with State Sheriff Hyers, deputies and City Detectives Pzsanowski, Danbaum and Palmatg rushed out of Omaha at 3 yesterday afternoon to aid in the pursuit of two automobile bandits who held up and robbed the Farmers State bank at Ithaca, Neb., at 1 Ithaca is in Saunders county, not far from Wahoo.

The officers were heavily armed with revolvers, riot guns and files. No estimate has been made of the loss, which consisted of currency and silver.

The bandits drove up in a big automobile and entered the bank where one of them asked Cashier J. M. Hall for change for \$5. When the cashier returned with the change he looked into the muzzle of a revolver. The other robber "covered" Velma Hageman, the bookkeeper. Both were ordered into the vault and the door was locked.

Escape From Vault. The robbers then scooped up all the money in sight and made their escape, driving north. Ten minutes later the prisoners released themselves and gave the alarm.

Sheriffs and deputies of surrounding counties were notified and set out, armed with shotguns, in automobiles after the robbers. The bandits escaped in a maroon-colored touring car with a Missouri license, according to information from Ithaca. They headed toward Omaha. No trace of the car was obtained after it left Ithaca, though a farmer informed State Sheriff Hyers that two men in a maroon car had inquired of him the road toward a long bridge near Valley.

Investigate Omaha Suspects. Omaha detectives are investigating two men who were released from jail yesterday and who had in their possession, when arrested, a maroon-colored car and automatic guns. Police believe they were implicated in the Ithaca "job."

A Hollister, living on a farm a mile east of Waterloo, told deputies yesterday of the suspicious actions of two men whom he saw enter a cemetery near Waterloo early Thursday night with suitcases and later leave the grounds without their baggage. It is believed the two men changed their clothes in the cemetery before and after holding up the Ithaca bank.

Suspect in Bomb Plot Arrested in Warsaw

Warsaw, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—A man by the name of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, was arrested in connection with the Wall street explosion in New York, September 16, 1920. The Warsaw police said they made the arrest at the request of the American department of justice. They claimed to have the man's full confession of being connected with the disaster.

Bandits Express Hope For Recovery of Victim

Panama, P. R., Dec. 16.—John Williams, shot by bandits who robbed the State Bank of Panama December 12 and escaped with \$31,000, has received a letter from the bandits, postmarked St. Louis, it read:

"We are sorry we shot you, Jack, but we thought you were following us. We hope you make a quick recovery."

Why Men Go Wrong

Convicts at the Nebraska state penitentiary in a series of interviews delve into their own pasts and explain what led them from the "straight and narrow." It is a story that will interest every thinking man and woman.

Next Sunday's Bee offers also two fiction features of extraordinary merit. Did you read the opening installment of "\$100,000 Reward" last Sunday? "Nuff said." The second installment of this Henry C. Rowland serial is even more thrilling than the first.

"Survivals," by Grace Torrey, is a Blue Ribbon short story of a flapper who liked to shock the old folks. It combines humor with an interesting plot.

"The Married Life of Helen and Warren" and another of the series of lessons on piano playing are included in the features of

NEXT SUNDAY'S BEE

Auto Dealer Killed In Hotel Room of Girl

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 16.—Henry L. Christensen, prominent automobile dealer of this city, was shot and killed this morning in Miss Smith's room in the Globe Hotel, Globe, Ariz., where he was staying. Christensen, and now is in the Globe Hotel, Globe, Ariz., where he was staying. Christensen, and now is in the Globe Hotel, Globe, Ariz., where he was staying.

No charge has been filed against Miss Smith.

When Christensen was taken before the United States commissioner here on the Mann act charge the commissioner dismissed the charge.

Christensen was married in Phoenix early this month.

Ayres Man Dies, Iowan Injured, In Rail Accident

Two Seeking Work in West Run Over by Train at Ravenna—Two Others Have Narrow Escape.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A. L. Robinson of Ayres, Neb., is dead and Andrew Snehovis of Ottosin, Ia., lies seriously injured in a Grand Island hospital as the result of an accident in the Ravenna railroad yards at 1 this morning.

Roy C. Frailey of Mt. Polaski, Ill., and Frank Schmidt of Chicago, accompanied the two men to this city after narrowly escaping death. The four men were standing at the rear end of a box car in the Ravenna yards of the Burlington, when an engine hit the string of cars violently and the men were knocked down. Before Robinson and Snehovis could be grabbed out of the way by their fellows, the car gave a second lurch and Robinson was so seriously cut up that he died shortly after reaching the hospital.

The exception of Robinson all were ex-convicts.

Frailey and Robinson met at York. They were headed for the beet sugar works at Scottsbluffs. Robinson said that his wife was a school teacher and that he had a family at Ayres. Schmidt and Snehovis were making their way to Sheridan, Wyo., where Schmidt was acquainted and where he thought he could get work.

Robinson and Frailey hooked up with Schmidt and Snehovis at Grand Island Thursday and the quartet was beating its way together—three of them because they had no money and Schmidt because he said he was not sure of a job and that he wanted to be as easy on the \$110 he had saved as possible.

The men left the train in Ravenna to limber and warm up. Walking over to a side track, they got behind a freight car. An engine backed into the car and Robinson and Snehovis were hurled to the track. Robinson beneath Snehovis. Frailey and Schmidt were hurled off the track. They tried to remove their companions and had succeeded in getting Snehovis partly out of the way when the car took a second lurch and ran over Robinson.

Cold Wave With Snow Hits Western States

Denver, Dec. 16.—The Rocky mountain region today was in the grip of a cold wave that sent temperatures down to 2 above zero at several points with a general heavy snow fall was reported by the district weather bureau in northern Wyoming and Montana. The snow reached a depth of from eight to 10 inches at Miles City, Mont.

Sheridan, Wyo., was covered by a blanket of snow three inches deep. At Yellowstone and Kalispell, Mont., the temperatures were 2 degrees above zero.

Compromise on Picketing

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Fifty union packing house employees who have been on strike returned to work today after a compromise agreement between the union and the packing companies here affected by the strike. This is the first instance here in which strikers returned in a body since the strike was called.

Midwinter Ploughing

Muscatare, Ia., Dec. 16.—Midwinter ploughing is now in vogue on Muscatare county farms. The exceptional mildness of the weather has prompted many farmers to start preparations for spring ploughing.

"Tis a Hard World," Says Guy, Who Didn't Recognize Dry Sleuth

Guy Abrell, owner of a soft drink parlor at Genoa, Neb., didn't recognize his old friend, Columbus Moore, when the latter entered his place of business, late Thursday and called for a "drink."

"That accounts for Guy's appearance in federal court yesterday to answer to a charge of illegal sale of liquor."

"He knew me and knew I was a prohibition agent, but he didn't recognize me because I was all bundled up for an auto ride to Lincoln," Moore related. "I told him I was cold from the ride."

"I didn't think you'd do that to a friend," was Abrell's reproach.

They Are All on the Same Rope



Strikers Enjoined From Molesting Nonunion Men

Federal Judge Takes Action In Labor Difficulties at Nebraska City Packing Plant.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Federal Judge T. C. Munger issued a temporary injunction today ordering striking employees at the Nebraska City packing plant from unduly molesting men who want to work in the plant.

The judge, following the recent ruling of the United States supreme court, held that one picket will be permitted at the entrances and one at the exits of the plant. These pickets, under the Munger ruling, will not be allowed to follow or abuse workers, but may talk to them and present their side of the case.

The packing plant is given until December 21 to prepare for presentation of its affidavits to support a petition for a permanent injunction against the strikers and the strikers have until December 24 to file an answer.

Attorneys in arguments cited several instances of personal violence at Nebraska City and pointed to the written request of the mayor, county attorney and sheriff for state aid, which later was cancelled.

Attorneys for strikers declared the local authorities had the situation under control and everything had been quiet for the last 24 hours.

Eccentric Millionaire Held to Be Incompetent

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.—William F. Wendt, millionaire manufacturer of Buffalo and Los Angeles, was declared incompetent to handle his own affairs by a jury here today.

The case was given to the jurors yesterday afternoon. Their verdict was reported at the convening of court today.

Wendt's eccentricities according to the evidence, included the giving up of his home here to live in a cheap hotel; carrying about in his pockets bonds worth several hundred thousand dollars; claims of close acquaintanceship with royal families of Europe and the writing of strange-ly worded letters. He was a heavy whiskey drinker, one of the witnesses testified his average indulgence being three pints during a day and a quart at night. He did not come here for the trial.

Lawyers representing Mrs. Wendt and her daughter, Margaret Wendt, petitioners in the action said they would ask a county court tomorrow to appoint a committee of three to handle Mr. Wendt's affairs.

Reduced Rates on Grain Ordered in Effect Dec. 27

Washington, Dec. 16.—Reduced rates on grain, grain products and hay in trans-Mississippi territory which the carriers recently sought to have suspended for six months, were sustained by the Interstate Commerce Commission today and will go into effect December 27.

The reductions average about 16 1/2 percent of the 1920 grain rates and are further decreased by the commission's order today which requires that corn and other coarse grains be carried for 10 per cent less than wheat and other breadstuff grains.

Cleared of Murder Charge

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 16.—Dr. F. S. Collier, president of the village of Vicksburg, charged with the murder of Robert Thompson, was acquitted by a jury yesterday. Dr. Collier pleaded self-defense, declaring he fired at Thompson only after the latter had attacked him.

5-5-3 Navy Plan Upset By France

Intention to Build 10 Capital Ships Between 1925 and 1935 Bombshell In Conference Circles.

Death-Knell of Holiday

By The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 16.—British spokesmen hurled a bomb into conference circles today with the announcement that France had asserted before the naval committee of 15, its intention of building between 1925 and 1935, 10 capital ships of 35,000 tons each. The statement stood unchallenged from French quarters through the day.

It appeared that a French proposal was submitted at the meeting of the committee after Secretary Hughes had announced the agreement between Great Britain, Japan and the United States to abandon projected building programs, scrap 68 capital ships, aggregating nearly 2,000,000 tons and set their navies in 10 years on a 5-5-3 ratio basis as between themselves. The one action disclosed at today's meeting of the committee of 15 was the agreement not to talk of what was going on until a conclusion had been reached.

The British statement as to French proposals preceded the committee's "no talk" decision. An official communiqué as to today's session said merely that the committee met, adjourned and would meet again tomorrow.

Will Continue Session. There were indications that the French group had not concluded presentation of its case in the three-hour session of the committee of 15, during the day. They are expected to continue tomorrow and to have in progress in the "big three" naval negotiations culminating in the agreement late yesterday and it appeared possible that when the French government had taken time to study closely the three-power agreement, vague hints of such possible developments were in circulation tonight, but whether founded on knowledge or hope could not be determined.

The relentless rule of silence applied to committee of 15 deliberations presented no official nor even semi-official explanations as to France's position. It did not prevent, however, a tumult of discussion outside the committee membership.

Details of the French proposals (Turn to Page Two, Column Five).

Black Handers Demand \$10,000 of Mennonites

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Black Handers have issued an ultimatum to members of the Rockport Mennonite colony in Hanson county, and also to members of the old Elm Springs and new Elm Springs colonies, demanding \$5,000 from the first and \$2,000 from each of the other two. If the three colonies refuse to pay the Black Hand letter threatens destruction of the buildings of the three colonies by fire and the general killing of the colony members.

The Black Hand letter was signed with the usual skull and cross bones and was addressed to John Wipf, known as the boss of the Rockport colony. He was instructed to communicate with the other two colonies. The \$10,000, according to instructions, was to be placed in a sack and deposited in the mouth of a certain ravine. No checks or drafts would be accepted.

Farmers in Cass County Will Reduce Corn Area

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Cass county members of the county members of the county farm bureau will cut their corn acreage for the coming season below what it has been heretofore. This will conform with a resolution adopted by the bureau's board of directors calling on the members to reduce the corn acreage as a means of increasing the price of corn.

Worthless Checks Passed On Atlantic Business Men

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—For the second time within a few days a check writer has victimized Atlantic business firms with worthless paper. Four checks bearing the signature of L. C. Jensen and C. L. Jensen were drawn on the Farmers Savings bank. No one of the name has an account there.

Convict Escapes Prison By Hiding in Packing Case

Boston, Dec. 16.—Harry Berwin, a state prison convict, escaped today by secreting himself in a packing case.

The truck on which the box was loaded passed all guards without challenge. When the case was examined at a freight terminal the fugitive's prison clothes were found.

Lovett Retains Post

Washington, Dec. 16.—Robert S. Lovett was permitted by an interstate commerce commission order today to retain his places as officer and director of 18 railroad corporations, including the Union Pacific and New York Central systems.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday fair; much colder. Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 3 a.m., 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., 12 noon.

Highest Friday

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Rows include Chicago, Davenport, Des Moines, Dodge City, Lincoln, Omaha, St. Paul, St. Louis, and North Platte.