

SENATE RATIFIES PACIFIC TREATY

Band Shoots Family of 7 in Belfast

City Stirred as Raiders Force Way Into Home and Slay Saloon Keeper and Four Sons.

Clash in County Tyrone

Belfast, March 24.—(By A. P.)—A band of men forced their way into the home of Owen MacMahon, a saloon keeper, early this morning, and shot seven members of the family. News of the raid stirred the city.

MacMahon and three of his sons were killed outright, another son died of his wounds, and two others are near death. The crime is thought to have been in reprisal for the shooting of a number of special constables in May street yesterday.

At about 1:20 o'clock the raiders, who are reported to have worn uniforms, smashed the door of the MacMahon home in the north end of the city and rushed upstairs, where the occupants of the house were sleeping. The male members of the family were taken down to the living room, lined up against the wall and riddled with bullets.

Three Bodies in Heap.
The shootings were heard by occupants of a nearby house, who notified the Glenravel street barracks. Mrs. MacMahon and her daughter rushed down to the living room when the attackers departed and found the seven lying on the floor, three of the bodies in a heap.

Ambulances took the victims to the hospitals, where it was found that four already were dead.

Another son who was ordered into the room escaped by throwing himself under a lounge and was uninjured.

An ambulance attendant collapsed after helping carry the bodies into the hospital, although hardened with scenes of bloodshed.

Crawls Under Lounge.
The son who crawled under the lounge was a 6-year-old child who had been taken from his bed at the same time as the other members of the family.

Mrs. MacMahon pleaded tearfully but in vain with the assassins to spare the family. Then she screamed from the window to a nursing home adjoining to summon help.

The MacMahons are a Catholic family.

Three murderers were reported from the Fermanagh-Tyrone border. The victims were Frank Kelly, Edward McLoughlin and William Cassidy. All were shot to death. It is believed the murders were in reprisal for the recent terrorism at Trillick, County Tyrone, in which Samuel Laird, an Ulster special constable, was shot and killed and numerous unionist houses were burned.

A freight train was held up near the city this morning by 12 armed men who opened the registered mail it was carrying and scattered the freight along the tracks.

Hall Commandeered.
The Y. M. C. A. hall here was commandeered today by a British regiment. At a unionist meeting last evening Lady Craig, wife of the premier, announced that she had received a letter from a friend in London.

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Rickard Has Alibi, Declares Attorney

New York, March 24.—Opening the defense of Tex Rickard, charged with criminally assaulting 15-year-old Sarah Schoenfeld, counsel for the sport promoter today told the jury that a perfect alibi would be proved for November 12, 1921, the day of the alleged offense.

Max Steuer, counsel, also set forth that the two apartments on West Forty-seventh street mentioned in connection with the case had been rented by Rickard while he was arranging the Dempsey-Willard fight in Toledo to stop his liquor, because he saw prohibition coming.

Rickard, Steuer said, never had been in the suites in his life, and had gone to the apartment houses themselves only twice to ascertain from the janitor that his cellars were a. k.

Rail Workers Pay Demand Called Strategic Move

Chicago, March 24.—Counter requests for wage increases by railroad shopmen at a time when railroads were asking reductions were charged as a strategic move, coldly calculated to interfere with the new wage agreement, by J. W. Higgins, representing western roads, before the railroad labor board today.

Mr. Higgins made the closing argument against employment charges preferred by B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts unions, that the railroads had not held proper conferences with employees under the transportation act, prior to bringing their wage-cut requests to the board.

Plan to Limit Speed of Motor Trucks Approved

New York, March 24.—The committee on public thoroughfares of the board of aldermen this afternoon voted in favor of a proposed ordinance requiring installation of governors on all commercial motor cars to keep the speed to 15 miles an hour.

Ex-Emperor Charles Is Seriously Ill



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London, March 24.—(By A. P.)—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, exiled on the island of Madeira, is ill with fever, says a Central News dispatch from Funchal today. His temperature is given as 104, and a consultation of physicians has been called.

Responsibility for Tax Levies Is in Many Quarters

First Essential for Property Owners Bent on Reduction Is to Find Where the Money Goes.

By PAUL GREER.

Who gets the money? If property owners are wisely bent on reducing taxes, the first thing to do is to analyze the apportionment of them. The bald statement that total taxes on a piece of property used to be a certain amount, and that they have now grown to another and greater sum does not convey any new information.

Everybody knows that taxes have gone up. Responsibility for the levies, however, is so divided up and shifted about that the average taxpayer does not know who to blame. In Omaha, for example, there are five different assessment boards.

When a citizen receives a bill for taxes, each of these has a share coming. The situation is much the same out in the state. Perhaps it will dispel some of the fog to examine in detail the apportionment of taxes in various parts of the state. The figures are all taken from the books of the county treasurers. For example, the residence of W. C. Wiley, 1320 Loring street, Fremont, carried a tax total of \$21.51 in 1914 and \$36.28 in 1921.

This is the way the Dodge county treasurer divided up Mr. Wiley's contribution, on a valuation of \$1,385:

	1914.	1921.	Inc.
State	\$1.85	\$4.27	\$2.42
County	8.92	12.24	3.32
City	8.12	11.63	3.51
School	1.62	1.24	-.38
School bonds	6.75	12.84	6.09
Total	\$27.26	\$42.22	\$14.96

Taxes Almost Doubled.

At Tenah and Union streets in Fremont is the home of Mary Hansen, with an assessed valuation of \$2,340. In the last eight years her tax bill has increased from \$32.68 to \$61.32. The state's portion of this increase was \$4.36, out of the total increase of \$28.64. At the same time the city tax went up \$7.31, school tax \$13.14, county tax \$2.92, and school bonds, 81 cents.

Four miles out of Fremont is the 168-acre farm of Joseph Roberts. The (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Heir to Million Dollar Estate Still Missing

New York, March 24.—Mrs. Graham Duffield, Chicago widow, who is here seeking Gordon Duffield, her missing son, who is heir to a million dollar estate left by his grandfather, made only one short trip in search of him today.

She went to Cooper Venion this evening, but failed to find any trace of the lost boy, who left a school in Plainfield, N. J., because he did not like conditions there. Mrs. Duffield said that although she has had two telephone conversations with Gordon in the last two days, he has not come to her hotel as he promised.

MILLICENT was too temperamental for the hotel Van Buskirk's staff, so her "biggy poppa" suggested the vacant flat in the neglected Alhambra. A BLUE RIBBON short story by

Louis Weitzenkorn

Tomorrow in

The Sunday Bee

Will Live 100 Years, Avers 'Spirit Message' From Dr. Peebles

Nebraska Society With Omaha Headquarters Named Chief Beneficiary in Testament of Gordon Man.

Other Bequests Sought

A \$35,000 bequest, one of the largest ever made to a local charitable institution, has come to the Nebraska Children's Home society, it became known yesterday.

N. C. Sherman of Gordon, Neb., who died two weeks ago of Bright's disease, was the generous donor. He made the will five or six days before he died.

"The first we knew he had any intention of remembering us in his will was when he telephoned to the Omaha office to ask what the corporate name of the society was," said Rev. R. B. Ralls, superintendent. "Of course, we had no idea it would be such a handsome gift."

Leaves No Children.

Sherman was a widower for 23 years and had no children.

"His interest in the society was enlisted five or six years ago by the late Rev. R. B. Hall, district superintendent," said Ralls. "He made annual contributions, though not very large ones, but his attention was evidently called to what we work our society did in his county. We have taken a number of dependent children out of that locality and furnished fine homes for others in his district."

Sherman's bequest includes 1,000 acres of Nebraska farm land, valued at \$25 an acre, and \$10,000 worth of personal property, including horses, Liberty bonds, notes, farm machinery and other valuable effects.

May Rise Higher.

Sherman recently was offered \$30 an acre for the land. F. W. Thomas of the First National bank and secretary of the society, was informed by a banker at Gordon, so the amount of the bequest may rise higher than \$35,000, eventually.

The Sherman bequest will be the nucleus for a \$100,000 endowment fund. Mr. Ralls hopes to establish a \$2,000 cash bequest was made less than a year ago by W. A. Wolfe, late banker at Beatrice, Neb.

"If we have a few more we will soon be on a permanent footing," said Ralls.

The deceased farmer left a number of other bequests. He willed 160 acres to a friend who nursed him through his last illness, and \$3,000 each to some nieces and nephews.

Directors Rejoice.

The Nebraska Children's Home society, established for more than a quarter of a century, cares for an average of 1,000 children each year, according to Ralls. Eight children were placed in good homes this week. A staff, including the leading child specialists of the city, ministers to the medical needs of the needy children. Offices are at 602 McCague building.

Directors of the society, headed by Frank W. Haller, rejoice greatly in the munificent bequest.

Love Missives Were Plea for Money, Charge

Lincoln, March 24.—(Special.)—Love letters for her in letters presented to a court as a defense in an order to obtain approximately \$1,000, Mrs. Letta M. Hook told a court here yesterday.

Fred Vaughn, charged with being the writer of heated, verbose love letters, which always ended with a plea for money, is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. One letter read in court follows in part:

"Sweetheart, I am going to ask one more favor of you. I love you, I love you body and soul and I am up against it. I can't tell you all only that I must raise \$225 by 4 o'clock tomorrow.

"There is nothing impossible for you. I have that much confidence in you. Now if you get it come to where I told you and if you are not there, please remember love, I am taking the only thing left. Trust me and help me!"

Hamilton County Seeks Dismissal of Wentz Appeal

Lincoln, March 24.—Argument was heard today in the supreme court on the motion of County Attorney Reinhardt of Hamilton county to dismiss the appeal of Charles W. Wentz, convicted of violating the state banking laws. The county attorney alleges Wentz is a fugitive from justice. Objection was made by Wentz's counsel, who asserted Wentz can be produced whenever necessary.

Receiver Appointed for New York Exporting Firm

New York, March 24.—Federal Judge Knox appointed Martin Conboy receiver in equity under \$25,000 bond for the exporting firm of Isaac Brandon & Brothers, against which a bill in equity had been filed by the Panama Banking company. The assets of the firm, which does an extensive business in South and Central America, are estimated at \$2,000,000 and its liabilities at \$1,000,000.

It's a Crime to Die Under 100 Years, Avers 'Spirit Message' From Dr. Peebles

Friend of Late Physician Reads Communication at Banquet of Longer Life League—Doctor Reports He Is Exploring Moon and Stars and Rheumatism Is Thing of Past.

Los Angeles, March 24.—Dr. James Martin Peebles, physician and scientist who died in Los Angeles February 15, was present in the spirit last night at a banquet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth, it was announced to the 300 men and women who assembled to honor Dr. Peebles' memory, by Dr. Guy Bogart, head of the Longer Life league, which arranged the gathering.

Standing beside a chair left empty in a row otherwise occupied by speakers of the evening, Dr. Bogart announced the arrival "from beyond" of the departed scientist.

"He is with us, sitting in this chair," Dr. Bogart said. "Some of you who are clairvoyants may be able to see him. He has been under the care of nurses and teachers since he left us in the flesh and is not yet able to communicate with all of us."

Reads Message.
Later, Dr. Bogart read a message he stated he received from Dr. Peebles, since Peebles had died, through the late Herman Kuehn, publisher of Chicago. He explained that because of the late Dr. Peebles' short life "beyond" he was unable to communicate directly. The message was as follows:

"A word to Guy (Dr. Bogart) and the Longer Life league friends. I knew in my innermost vision that I would celebrate my centennial beyond the gates—but that I would be with the Longer Life league in the spirit, as well. It made little difference to me on which side of the gate I made the celebration. I had lived so long and felt that I had given myself the joy of working long enough in the flesh. Guy recalls that I told him a couple of

years ago that I was anxious to explore the moon and go journeying among the stars.

Wishes Gratified.
"Well, I am gratified my wishes gratified, and the old rheumatism is a thing of the past."

"May the Longer Life league bring about a condition where you won't make such a flurry about a few centenarians in your midst."

"In the service of love you will find your excuse for living. It will make your life full and overflowing. Watch the physical side—the diet and exercises—to lengthen the years. It is a crime to die under 100 years—a racial crime now, but in the dawn of age it will be an individual crime."

"This one word more: I am glad to add my testimony to the fact that there is no death."

"What must the church do to be saved? Let the church serve and love and it is saved."

Dr. Bogart added that he had received another message during the evening from Dr. Peebles, extending "Greetings" to the gathering and urging his friends to investigate psychic research "scientifically."

Dr. Peebles before his death, told friends he intended to attempt to communicate with them, as he had been deeply interested in various forms of psychic research.

The program included a speech by Dr. George A. Morrison, who will be 102 on June 4, next.

A memorial service for Dr. Peebles was held last night at a Los Angeles auditorium. During the day, his ashes were scattered, according to a request in his will, over a rose garden, the location of which was kept a secret.

Gov. Robertson to Have Early Trial

Penalty Provided by Law Calls for Penitentiary Sentence or \$5,000 Fine.

By The Associated Press.
Oklahoma, March 24.—With the announcement by District Judge Mark L. Bozarth that an early trial will be accorded the defendant, interest here centers in the probable court action charges filed against Governor J. B. A. Robertson, Fred G. Dennis, former state banking commissioner, and several financially prominent local men in indictments returned by the district court grand jury after an investigation into bank failures in Oklahoma.

Judge Bozarth said he would call a term of district court probably within three or four weeks and would, at that time, set the cases on his docket. He pointed out that the indictment must be arraigned to enter pleas several days in advance of the trial, but that it was not compulsory that the defendants appear in person.

The penalty prescribed by statute for accepting a bribe with which the governor and Dennis are charged in a joint indictment is a penitentiary sentence, not exceeding 10 years or \$5,000 fine or both.

It also provides that the officer shall forfeit his office and be forever disqualified from holding public offices in the state.

Five Passengers of Flying Boat Drowned

Miami, Fla., March 24.—A wireless message, intercepted here tonight from a passing ship, said that Robert Moore, pilot of the flying boat Miss Miami, which has been missing for two days, had been picked up at sea and that the five passengers had been drowned.

The Miss Miami left here Wednesday for Bimini and an extensive search had failed to locate any trace of the boat or its occupants.

Schoolboy Commits Suicide.

Jackson, Ga., March 24.—Leaving a note saying he had been punished by his teacher, Arthur Walt, 15, committed suicide by firing a bullet through his heart.

Subpoenas Are Mailed Out for "Man of Mystery" Case

Lincoln, March 24.—Subpoenas for witnesses in the case of the government against William Coutant, known as the man of mystery, of Pawnee city, were being mailed out today to points in Nebraska, Washington, Texas, Iowa, and Kansas. Coutant is to be tried on a charge of using the mails to defraud during the term of federal court that opens April 3.

Cousin of Washington Buried

Los Angeles, March 24.—Funeral services were held here for Mrs. Lazara A. Meeker, said to have been the granddaughter of a cousin of George Washington. She was nearly 101 years old. She died after an illness of three days. Mrs. Meeker was born in Grand Isle, Lake Champlain, N. Y. She came to Los Angeles from Pittsburgh, Pa., 25 years ago. She was the widow of the Rev. Amos Meeker.

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Four Dead 16 Missing in Explosion

Coal Mine Near Trinidad, Colo., Scene of Blast—200 Workers Have Narrow Escape From Death.

Rescuers Rush to Scene

By The Associated Press.

Pueblo, March 24.—Four bodies have been taken out of Sopris mine No. 2, near Trinidad, in which an explosion took place at 3:45 this afternoon. Only one of the bodies has been positively identified. It is that of Joe Bonato. Sixteen still are missing.

The explosion took place just as the men were changing shifts. Two hundred men had been in the mine and while the change was taking place it is believed that only about 40 were in the mine when the explosion took place. All of these, with the exception of the 16 still missing, have been accounted for.

The rescue work is being carried out in an orderly way, according to reports received from the mine which is eight miles west of Trinidad. There is no fire in the mine and rescue workers have been able to go underground to a considerable depth. As yet no theory as to the cause of the explosion has been advanced.

List of Missing.

Mine Superintendent Pete Dalozzo; Jack Dalozzo, his son; Joe Martin, Feliz Maglio, Guiseppe Bonato, Pete Muzia, Antonio Beretto, Francisco Anasit, Frank Valenichick, Matt Valenichick, Max Cobi, Oradain Serrano, Charles Romero, Robert Herrera.

Cause of Blast Unknown.

Denver, March 24.—According to a telephone message to the Associated Press from D. A. Stout manager of the fuel department of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, who was at the Sopris mine when the explosion occurred, there were not more than 17 men in the mine at the time of the explosion, the hour of which he fixed at 3:30. Two hundred men had worked in the mine today. Their time for getting off shift was 3 o'clock.

The cause of the explosion, Mr. Stout said, had not been ascertained. The only visible sign of the damage caused, it was stated, was at the top of the ventilating shaft. The explosion, it was declared, did not disable an exhaust fan, used to keep the mine free from gas and foul air.

Within an hour after the explosion, the fan again was functioning. Helmet men were rushed to the scene from the Trinidad district and also from Walsenburg and the Colorado Fuel and Iron company's rescue corps, which was standing on the tracks at Trinidad, five miles distant, was sent to the scene of the accident.

Crete Man Ends Life by Hanging in Barn

Henry Kortman, 80, committed suicide about 5 this afternoon by hanging himself. He had not been feeling very well and called to get medical assistance yesterday. He grew despondent and secured a big rope to a rafter in the little hay loft tied the noose around his neck and jumped into the opening. He was found hanging by his wife, who was also sick but who had missed him for a time and went to look for him. Mr. Kortman and family have lived in Crete about 12 years. He owned several farms west of the city and is considered a wealthy man.

Pioneer Sutton Doctor Dies Suddenly at Home

Sutton, Neb., March 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. Martin V. Clark, one of the pioneer citizens of Sutton and the first physician of Clay county, died at his home here. The funeral was held in the Methodist church, of which he was one of the officers. Dr. Clark was a soldier of the civil war serving first in the Seventh Ohio infantry and later in the artillery.

Chicago Man Indicted for Making False Tax Returns

Chicago, March 24.—Charles J. Boedeker, president of the American Coal and Supply company, was indicted by the federal grand jury, charged with making fraudulent returns and with evading payment of income taxes. He was declared to have falsified his 1920 returns approximately \$100,000.

The Weather

Forecast.
Saturday probably rain; somewhat colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

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Chicago Reserve Bank Cuts Rediscount Rate

Chicago, March 24.—The federal reserve bank of Chicago today announced to the member banks of District No. 7 that the rediscount rate will be reduced to 4-1/2 per cent. effective tomorrow. The rate has been 5 per cent.

Prince Pops Question on Second Meeting



Princess Olga.

Copenhagen, March 24.—The engagement of Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark to Princess Olga, eldest daughter of Prince Nicholas of Greece, announced on March 5, came as a surprise here, even to King Christian and Queen Alexandra.

How much so can be judged from the fact that a supposed picture of Olga printed in the Danish newspapers and authorized by the court chamberlain turned out to be that of another Greek princess.

It seems to have been a case of love at first sight, for the correspondent has been given to understand that the crown prince proposed marriage the second time he met Princess Olga at Cannes. The prince is 23 years old and the princess 18.

Wife of Former Senator Hollis Denies Divorce

Statement Follows Report of Marriage of Husband in Italy—Decree Denied in Paris.

Concord, N. H., March 24.—Mrs. Grace B. Hollis authorized through counsel here today—a statement that she had not been divorced from former United States Senator Henry J. Hollis in any proceedings of which she had knowledge or notice. The statement was made after receipt of announcement that the former senator was married this week in Italy.

"In December, 1915," the statement said, "Mrs. Hollis obtained a decree of separation which does not give to either party the right to re-marry. From that time to the present, which then had unquestionable jurisdiction. The decree was obtained upon the ground of abandonment. In June, 1920, Mr. Hollis filed a libel for divorce in the French courts in Paris. His wife also is residing in France and has been notified. She appeared by counsel and pleaded her rights as an American citizen and especially those growing out of the decree of New Hampshire and denied the rights of the courts of France to grant a divorce."

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