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To-Night's Weather—LIGHT RAIN.

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## 12 to 30 Die, Scores Wounded in Mexico City Water Rioting

### 2 TO 30 DIE, SCORES HURT. IN MEXICO CITY WATER RIOT; MACHINE GUNS REPEL MOB

Thousands March on Municipal Palace Crying "Water, Water." FIRE TO BUILDING. Bands Shoot Up and Loot Shops and Threaten President Romero.

RIGHT 1922 by United Press Association. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—Not since "tragic ten days" of 1913 has Mexico City presented such an aspect of sanguinary rioting. The sun gleamed upon the historic city before the portals of the grimed, flame-scorched Municipal Palace (City Hall) filled with shrapnel, broken glass and other debris.

WOUNDS OF THE DEAD RANGED AS LOW AS TWELVE, AND AS HIGH AS THIRTY. THERE WAS NO WAY OF TELLING ACCURATELY AT THIS HOUR, AS MANY OF THE DEAD HAD BEEN BORNE AWAY BY THEIR MEN, AND MANY OF THE SCORES OF WOUNDS WERE UNRECORDED.

IN 1913, DURING THE TRAGIC TEN DAYS, FIGHTING WAS BETWEEN TWO GROUPS MEN STRIVING FOR POWER. LAST YEAR'S BATTLE WAS BETWEEN A HOST OF MEN, CHAUFFEURS AND OTHERS ARMED BECAUSE THE CITY WATER SUPPLY FAILED, AND THE SOLDIERS WHO STOOD WITH THE MOB AND THE MUNICIPAL PALACE. BUT THE RESULTS WERE NEARLY THE SAME—BUZZING BULLETS, GROANS, WALLS, AND DEATH.

Early in the evening the throng mounted upon boxes and demanded municipal officials for permission to put the water plant to be depleted. The rioting in putting the city on a water ration for one hour daily.

Women shrieked at the top of their voices. Men roared in chorus gathered up sticks, stones and missiles as they went along. A column gained momentum as it advanced. Lights in windows winked as the rioting of the mob added its approach. Jazz bands in streets cut off their dance tunes in the middle and the merry makers, hysterical, flocked into the streets.

### SEE PROGRESSIVES HEADING FOR THIRD PARTY BEFORE 1924

Conference in Washington Denies That Goal, Admits Possibility.

### PREFER CAPTURE G.O.P. IF BORING FROM WITHIN FAILS, THEY WILL HAMMER FROM WITHOUT.

By David Lawrence, Special Correspondent of The Evening World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (Copyright).—The Presidential campaign of 1924 might well be said to begin to-day. An intense struggle for control of the Republican Party, in fact an undermining of its present conservative leadership from the East, is directly involved in the conference of "progressives" called by Senator La Follette and meeting here to-day and to-morrow.

Obviously the movement is bi-partisan. Some Democrats have been drawn into the progressive group. Ostensibly its motive is merely legislative. Some of the major issues will be discussed and ideas exchanged with the purpose of persuading the progressives to act in concert. The idea of a bloc is disclaimed—no pledges are to be asked for specific measures, which is the way the tariff bloc and the farm bloc have operated. But the ostensible purposes are not the real purposes.

Something deeper and more far-reaching than the attitude of a small group of fifteen Senators and fifteen Representatives on current issues is meant by the "progressive" conference. Perhaps none of the conferees can tell at the outset just what the objective is, for there are internal jealousies and Presidential aspirations and sectional interests all entangled and interwoven.

But the one certain thing about which there can be no dispute is the avowed confession of a lack of confidence in the leaders of the Republican Party. Senator La Follette is striking out for leadership of his group, because he feels more can be obtained that way than by hammering at the unyielding conservatives who run things for the Administration in Congress.

The object, then, is revolt. "Progressives" argue that they are merely banding themselves together to secure the advancement of progressive measures. They deny a third party is in the making. The truth is they don't know any more about it than anybody else on the outside. They have by their call of a conference, however, broken away from the regular Republican leadership and are trying to take things into their own hands. They are trusting to circumstances.

### Anti-Saloon League Opposes Scientific Booze Commission

Not What Will Actually Intoxicate, but What Standard to Enforce, Is Their Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Anti-Saloon League is opposed to the proposal that Congress, with a view to possible amendment of the Volstead act, appoint a "scientific commission" to determine what is intoxicating liquor.

### HARDING OBVIOUSLY CANDIDATE IN 1924, HOOVER DECLARES

Country Will Appreciate by That Time Man Who Steered Nation in Reconstruction Period. PALO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 1. The Republican Presidential candidate in 1924 "obviously will be Warren G. Harding," Secretary of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover said in an interview at his home here to-day.

### JILTED MINISTER WOULD SUE HIS "PRAYER FIANCEE"

Wealthy Bride-to-Be Postpones Wedding for Illness Due to Publicity.

### MYSTERY IN THEFT OF \$50,000 GEMS OF MRS. BEDELL

Police Baffled After Jewelry Disappears From Dresser in Biltmore Hotel.

Although thousands of circulares have been sent out and New York City detectives have kept close watch on pawnshops and suspected fences in this and other cities, no trace has been found of \$50,000 worth of jewelry stolen from the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bedell at the Biltmore Hotel on June 6, last.

### 160 DEAD STATE'S TOLL FROM AUTO ACCIDENTS DURING PAST MONTH

80 Killed Here, 21 More Than November, 1921. Fatalities From Trucks Show Increase. According to the report of the National Highway Protective Society, issued to-day, 150 persons were killed in automobile accidents in the State of New York during November.

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### SLAIN MRS. BECKER WHOSE HUSBAND FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Mrs. Becker Buried Alive in Pit. Is Belief Now of Bronx County Authorities

Evidence of Partial Suffocation Found by Medical Examiner—Husband May Be Indicted To-Day—Jurors Call Twenty-One Witnesses, Including Neighbors of Family.



### GIRL STRANGLED, LEFT BY AUTOIST NEAR PASSAIC, N. J.

Murder Mystery Confronts Police After Finding of Body Near Hothouse.

### STOCK DIVIDENDS DECLARED BY MORE BIG CORPORATIONS

Flood Continues of New Issues and Extra Cash to Evade Future Taxes.

The flood of stock dividends and distributions of extra cash dividends by big corporations which evidently wish to hand to shareholders a substantial part of accumulated surplus earnings before these earnings can be made taxable continued to-day.

### WANAMAKER'S CONDITION IS REPORTED AS GRAVE AFTER COUGHING SPELL

Passed Comfortable Night, Physicians Report, Though Much Weakened in Vitality. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The condition of John Wanamaker, eighty-four-year-old merchant, who has been confined to his home with a severe cold, was reported as grave to-day.

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### QUIT ON PENSION AFTER 54 YEARS

After more than fifty-four years in the employ of the New York Central Railroad, Webster Deacon, for twenty-nine years first agent at the Harlem Division depot in Mount Kisco, has been retired to private life.

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Evidence of Partial Suffocation Found by Medical Examiner—Husband May Be Indicted To-Day—Jurors Call Twenty-One Witnesses, Including Neighbors of Family.

Assistant District Attorney Cohn, said to-day that after a talk with Dr. Carl Kennard, Medical Examiner in the Bronx, he inclined to the belief that Mrs. Jennie Becker, whose body was dug up in an abandoned boiler pit at 140th Street and Southern Boulevard, had been buried alive.

Dr. Kennard, he said, had discovered evidences of partial suffocation when he examined the woman's body. The position in which the latter was found, face downward, strengthened somewhat the new theory. Also it was pointed out that Mrs. Becker's left foot was found to be twisted about at right angles to the right. This gave rise to the belief that she may have moved after being thrown into the grave.

In support of the theory that Mrs. Becker was buried alive, Dr. Kennard testified before the Grand Jury to-day that the woman's skull was fractured by a blow back of the left ear, and that the resulting fracture was not of a character to be immediately fatal.

Detectives of the District Attorney's office are now investigating a report to them that after Mrs. Becker was buried one man standing at the grave handed \$100 to another and that the two then shook hands over the trampled-down earth.

Reuben Nordkin, detained by the police as a material witness in the murder, was held to-day in \$10,000 bail by County Judge Gibbs. The District Attorney had asked that he be held without bail.

Great store is set by the District Attorney on the testimony to be furnished to the Grand Jury by Mrs. Yetta Weinberg and her husband, Philip, of No. 604 Union Avenue. One of their friends was a Mrs. Eisenberg, proprietor of a corner shop at Prospect Avenue and Avenue St. John, who wanted to adopt a child.

When Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg learned of the disappearance of Mrs. Becker, leaving her children behind, they went to see Becker to make inquiry about the possibility of adoption of one of his children. This was three or four weeks after the disappearance.

They talked to Becker about taking little three-year-old Eosha Becker, and Becker was quite willing, according to all accounts, Mrs. Weinberg reported the result of the visit to Mr. Eisenberg, and the latter had her attorney draw up adoption papers. The attorney said it would be better to see Becker about the matter of Mrs. Becker's return, as in that case Becker's signature to the adoption papers would be invalid.

Mrs. Weinberg went back to see Becker, she told the District Attorney, and explained what the lawyer had said, whereupon Becker replied, according to her, "You go back to Mr. Eisenberg and tell her I'll give her a written guarantee that the mother will never show up to claim the child."

The attorney for Mrs. Eisenberg then demanded that Becker obtain a waiver of the right of motherhood from Mrs. Becker, and when Mrs. Weinberg repeated this to Becker she said he said to her, "She'll never be able to sign a waiver again."

Medical examination was to-day reported to have fixed the time of Mrs. Becker's death at 1:30 o'clock in the morning of April 7. This was about an hour and a half after she had left the home of Mrs. Linden.

Twenty-one witnesses were called before the Bronx County Grand Jury to-day to shed what light they could upon the murder of Mrs. Becker. Her husband, Abraham Becker, motor truck driver, will be arraigned in Morrisania Court to-day charged with killing his wife. She disappeared April 6 and no trace of her was discovered until the body was turned up by the picks and shovels of the police.

The Grand Jury witnesses will tell all they know of Mrs. Becker's life before disappearance, of her last night at the home of Mrs. Jennie Linden, No. 17 East 110th Street, and of what Becker said about his wife's absence

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