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HEAVY GALES SMASH LIFE BOATS ON ATLANTIC LINERS

HARDING ALREADY MOVING ON BORAH'S ECONOMIC PLAN

Believes Time Is Not Yet Ripe to Call Nations to Parley.

PRINCIPLE ALL RIGHT. Political Differences in Europe Must First Be Settled, Is Capital View.

By David Lawrence. (Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (Copyright).—Opposition to Senator Borah's proposal for an international economic conference is not aimed at the principle of a conference to restore economic normalcy to Europe and the world generally, but at the timeliness of the measure. Administration Senators who are lining up against the Borah resolution, which would authorize the President to summon an international economic conference, have been advised privately that the Executive Branch of the Government already has been discussing the project with other powers and that action by the Senate at this time might be construed as committing the United States Government to a course of action which it might otherwise be free to avoid.

Curiously enough, Mr. Borah's proposal and the circumstances which surround it are almost identical with the situation which existed before Mr. Harding called the Conference on Pacific Problems and Reduction of Armaments. The President was in negotiation with other Governments when Mr. Borah's resolution was projected, and it looked to the outside world as if the Idaho Senator had driven the President into the course he finally took. The record at the Department of State will show that the subject was being discussed in diplomatic channels long before it was mentioned in the Senate.

Mr. Harding is not averse to the idea of an international economic conference. He would gladly have America participate in one, but he hasn't made up his mind that it would be a good thing for America or the world for him to take the initiative. Upon the outside calling any international conference, rests the responsibility for the program. When the Armaments Conference met in Washington, Secretary Hughes laid before the assembled nations at

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BECKER SENTENCED TO DIE FEB. 5, BUT HIS APPEAL IS A STAY

Pit Slayer Stoldal as He Hears Doom—Later Shakes Hand of Deputy Sheriff.

Abraham Becker, who was found guilty in the Bronx County Supreme Court last week of the murder of his wife, Jennie, was sentenced to-day by Judge Gibbs to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing Prison during the week beginning Feb. 5. Counsel for Becker gave notice of an appeal, which will insure Becker a few months of life beyond the time set by the court. Becker, undersigned by the order of sentence was as calm and cynical of demeanor as he was throughout his trial. As he was being led from the courtroom he nodded to a couple of detectives and shook hands with one of the deputy sheriffs who guarded him in the court room while the trial was on. Assistant District Attorney Cohn said the prosecution will ask the Court of Appeals to expedite hearing on the appeal. Reuben Norkin, Becker's alleged accomplice in the murder of Mrs. Becker, will be placed on trial for his life on Jan. 2. Becker arrived at Sing Sing prison in time for lunch without incident. His record taken, he was bathed and given a uniform. He will be placed in solitary confinement in the death house. Becker answered questions in a low, apparently awed, voice.

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Chinese Heiress Vanished on Eve of Wedding to Teach Old Folks Independence of American Girl

Bride-to-Be Resented Having to Travel Here to Fiance, Instead of His Going to Her.

The true story of the flight of pretty nineteen-year-old Mildred Wen from her father's home in Washington on the eve of her marriage to George Num Lee, the son of one of the most prominent Chinese families in this country, and her mysterious return, was told in Chinatown to-day.

Naturally, it did not come from the tight lips of one of the, so to say, orthodox Chinamen, because they have little enough to say about native affairs. It came from one who is thoroughly Americanized, a fellow student of young Lee's in New York University. And he told it without a trace of accent, too.

"What Miss Wen did," he said, "was to show the elder folk that she believed in the American way of doing things, as opposed to the Chinese method. She did it first when she bobbed her hair. She's a high school girl. You might call her a flapper if you meant only something nice. She is independent, after the manner of American girls, and she didn't believe it was the duty of the bride to go to her prospective husband and be married. What she believed was that the prospective husband, George Lee, should go to her and marry her in her own city, Washington.

"Don't get any idea that she was protesting against the age old Chinese custom of marriage arranged without the consent of the bride and groom, because Miss Wen and George Lee had been engaged for a year. There was no arrangement of the wedding. They fell in love with each other and decided to be married, and both were American enough to know that they could have their way.

"They met first at the Chinese Students' Association in Washington and again at the Chinese Legation. It was love at first sight, American fashion.

"And George Lee was surely delighted to learn that she had returned to Washington to-day on the first train he could get, and now there's going to be a big wedding. Really, it's one of the most important social events in Chinese society in this country. It may be that the wedding will occur here to-morrow, but I rather think it will be later in the week. I know this, that thousands of dollars have been spent in presents of jewelry for the bride and for entertainments for them, banquets and that sort of thing.

Henry Chu, a Columbia graduate, brother-in-law of George Lee, said he and Miss Wen might be married in a hotel in Washington. He added that Miss Wen, when she disappeared, went to the home of a Sunday school teacher near her own home and remained in hiding there.

"It is the plan of George and his bride," he added, "to come to this city and attend New York University together, as she wants to continue her education in the American way."

To Chinatown for the wedding festivities have come prominent members of the Ong Leong Tong, of which Lee Quon, father of the prospective bridegroom, is national President. Also he is proprietor of stores and restaurants in this city, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago and Detroit. Miss Wen's father is a member of the inner council of the Ong Leongs and a rich restaurant owner of Washington.

Young George Lee, already two years in New York University, is specializing in trade and transportation. He lives at No. 22 Mott Street.

The Most Help Wanted Ads for Employees and Best for Employers

Number of Help Wanted Adverts, November, 1922

THE WORLD.....	73,100 advs.
The Times.....	11,361 advs.
The American.....	7,916 advs.
The Herald.....	3,999 advs.
The Tribune.....	290 advs.
THE WORLD'S LEAD.....	61,739 advs.

THE WORLD FIRST AS USUAL

BIG STORM BATTERS LINERS, SMASHING THEIR LIFE BOATS

Report of Three Ships in Distress Appealing for Aid Discredited.

MANY VESSELS LATE. Crew Rescued From Death on Sinking Schooner Brought Here.

Nearly all of the transatlantic steamship lines report delays in the arrival of vessels bound from Europe to this port, due to heavy gales at sea. There was a cable message that the captain of the freighter New Columbia on being forced to go into Queenstown to get oil reported he had heard three different vessels asking for help, but could get no reply to his offers of assistance.

This information was discredited by Naval Communications, the Independent Wireless Corporation, the Radio Corporation of America and Marconi Wireless, which are in constant touch with every corner of the Atlantic, either by direct messages or relays, and had heard of no appeals for aid in the last week.

The captain and crew of the two-masted schooner Gordon Fudge, of St. Johns, N. F., came into port to-day on the British freighter Memmice, after being rescued from almost certain death in a violent storm five days ago.

The Memmice picked up the schooner 1,000 miles off the American coast. The little boat was bobbing around in the gale, her sails in shreds and her rudder post shattered. Both her life boats had been crushed.

Capt. E. O. Fudge, skipper and owner of the schooner, said that he had been fighting the storm for fourteen days. He had a load of salt which had become wet and his ship was waterlogged. The schooner was abandoned, and her skipper feels certain she sank soon after the crew was taken off.

The French liner Savols, which has been in communication with its home office at Le Havre or the New York offices since leaving Le Havre, has mentioned nothing of any supposed disaster. Neither has the Niagara of the same line coming from Bordeaux. Both vessels report heavy weather causing a delay in arrival of two days. They were due yesterday.

The Cunard liner Caronia expects to arrive late and dock tomorrow. The American liner Manacoria, due Wednesday, is not expected before Friday. The United American liner Mount Carroll, due to-morrow, will be a day or two late, as will the United States liner President Monroe, due to-day.

The White Star line has had no reports of extraordinary storms from its vessels, though the Celtic reached Queenstown with several smashed.

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Coal Tender Foils Attempt To Wreck Santa Fe Limited

Defies Shots of Pair, Drives Them Away and Then Flags Train.

JOULET, Ill., Dec. 26.—What is believed to have been an attempt to wreck and hold up a Santa Fe Limited train early last night was frustrated through the quick action of Thomas Sokolowski, a tender at nearby coal chutes, who drove off the bandits and then flagged the limited a few feet from where spikes had been removed from the rails.

Sokolowski noticed two men working on the westward track. He shouted and started toward the place. The men abandoned their task and opened fire. Sokolowski kept on and they disappeared.

When he arrived at the spot, he found that fourteen spikes had been removed from the inside of the rails and four bolts had been taken from the fish plates.

ENGAGEMENT TO SON OF AUTHOR-PUBLISHER IS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY



MISS M. THERESE PERKINS.

Miss M. Therese Perkins, student of Vassar, to be bride of Palmer Coslett Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Perkins at a luncheon to-day at their home at Brookline, Mass., announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss M. Therese Perkins to Palmer Coslett Putnam, son of Major George Haven Putnam, publisher and author, of this city.

Miss Perkins is now a senior at Vassar. Mr. Putnam, who is a nephew of Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress since 1893, is a student of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in a post graduate course in preparation of a thesis recording his explorations of the volcanoes of South America. He is a member of the Number Six Club and the Beaver Club. He served with the British air forces in France.

NOON-HOUR THROGHS SEE STUBBORN FIRE ON BROADWAY NEAR 17TH

Two Alarms Sounded for Blazes—Typists and Clerks Forego Favorite Dining Place.

A stubborn, smoky fire in the basement of the four-story building at No. 361 Broadway near 17th Street at noon to-day summoned apparatus in response to two alarms and kept the firemen busy for more than an hour. According to the firemen the cellar was jammed with old and new packing cases and rubbish and a small quantity of celluloid, owned by the Globe Ivory Company, which occupies the first floor. The upper floors are untenanted.

Next door to No. 361 is a soda fountain which is the favorite lunch place of hundreds of stenographers and clerks of the neighborhood. The smoke from the fire killed the luncheon business to-day.

SINN FEIN CLUBS URGE PEACE WITH FREE STATE

Pass Resolution Calling for Congress to Arrange It.

DUBLIN, Dec. 26.—A meeting of Sinn Fein clubs here to-day passed a resolution urging convocation of a national Sinn Fein Congress to arrange peace with the Free State.

EIGHT ARE KILLED BY XMAS LIQUOR; TWO ARE WOMEN

One Victim Falls in Front of Family After Yuletide Celebration.

YOUTH, 14, IN STUPOR. Twelve Others at Bellevue Suffering From Effects of Bad Booze.

Eight persons are dead to-day, two of them women, from wood alcohol or "bad booze," and hospitals of the city are treating scores of others believed to be suffering from alcohol poisoning. Bellevue Hospital alone having twelve such cases.

One, Thomas McNamara, forty-one, of No. 48 Moylan Place, drank wood alcohol. The others succumbed to only slightly less deadly varieties of bootleg liquor.

McNamara's case came to the attention of the authorities when he fell down a flight of stairs at his home. Medical Examiner Gonzales found him unharmed, but in such condition that he ordered him sent to Knickerbocker Hospital, where he died shortly after. Examination showed unmistakable signs of wood alcohol poisoning.

Minnie Schreiber, fifty, was found unconscious last night in an alleyway near her home at No. 107 West 109th Street. She died one hour after being taken to Knickerbocker Hospital.

When Frank Held reached his home, No. 49 West 98th Street, early yesterday morning a Christmas tree and packages of presents were awaiting him. Before he could join in the celebration he gasped and fell to the floor dead.

The Medical Examiner has under investigation the case of Elizabeth West of No. 447 West 25th Street, who was found dead yesterday at No. 52 West 29th Street with evidence of alcoholic poisoning.

The death of Charles Bennett of No. 93 Third Avenue, at a furnished room house at No. 109 Third Avenue yesterday was also reported to the Medical Examiner as probably due to alcoholism.

The other victims were John Glennon, thirty-eight, of No. 225 East 23d Street, found dead last night on the sidewalk at No. 261 East 23d Street; Joseph Fage, forty-five, No. 12 Little West 12th Street, who died in front of that address, and John J. Burns, forty-five, found dead in bed in a lodging house at No. 9 Mulberry Street.

Suffering from what was diagnosed as alcoholic stupor, Joseph Fitzpatrick, fourteen years old, of No. 121 West 60th Street, was taken to Bellevue Hospital last night. The boy was found at 29th Street and Eighth Avenue by Patrolman J. McCaffrey of the Arsenal Station, who commanded a passing taxicab and took him to Flower Hospital, from where Dr. Kaye took him to Bellevue in an ambulance. The boy's condition was reported to have improved during the night.

At Bellevue Hospital twelve other patients suffering from alcoholic poisoning were admitted. None of these cases were reported as serious.

HOCH KILLS ONE, POISONS 30, IN BOSTON. BOSTON, Dec. 26.—One man is dead and more than thirty persons are in hospitals here to-day as a result of drinking liquor sold during the Christmas holiday. William Brady, removed in an unconscious condition from his home in the south end, died in a hospital.

TORE HOOD FROM KLANSMAN, CRIED OUT HIS NAME, THEN WATT DANIELS WAS SLAIN

Second Arrest Reported in K. K. K. Killing of Two—Relative of First Prisoner Said to Have Recognized Him by Voice, Saw Face When Hood Was Lifted to Take Drink.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 26.—The investigation of the murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards by a band robed in Ku Klux regalia has gone so far that, with T. J. Burnett under arrest and the names of others, said to number twenty, in the hands of the agents of the Department of Justice, detectives working under the direction of Gov. John Parker, with the protection of militia, have been able to reconstruct the events of the night of the murder.

Gov. Parker at Baton Rouge to-day declined to discuss a report that another man besides Burnett is now in custody and has turned State's evidence.

Watt Daniels, his father, J. L. Daniels, Richards and W. C. Andrews were kidnaped by a band of fifty men in white robes the night of Aug. 24. They had been charged with no crime but had been persistent and open in denunciation of the activities of the Klan in interfering with and influencing the coming election. They had defied the Klan to elect them.

The four men, according to the Federal investigators, were taken to a secluded spot on a ridge in the southeast corner of Morehouse Parish, There, while J. L. Daniels and Andrews were tied up and flogged and tortured Watt Daniels and Richards were held a short distance away as "witnesses of the punishment" of the other two.

Young Daniels broke from the men who were holding him and tried to reach his father. He was overpowered and taken to a spot where he could no longer hear his father's cries.

The young man wrested himself loose again and tore the mask from one of the men who was trying to restrain him and shouted out the name of the man whose face he saw. Another of the guards promptly shot Daniels down. There was an excited council as to what should be done with Richards who had heard the name called out by Daniels.

There is evidence that among the men, irresponsible members the danger that Richards could not be terrorized into keeping secret the name of the man whose face was seen by Daniels prevailed, and he was also killed, after being tortured. The body of Daniels was frightfully mangled and the bodies of the two were taken to Lake Fouché, weighted with heavy iron weights found on the shore near the ferry, and sunk.

Definite information is believed to have been gained from Berry Whetsstone, a nephew of Burnett, who was a former Sheriff. Whetsstone, who lives near the ridge where the murders were committed, was called from his home and compelled to carry water to the "place of punishment." He set on a log outside the circle of white robed figures while they drank the water he brought and he is understood to have recognized many members of the band as they raised their heads to drink.

Whetsstone is being kept in seclusion under heavy guard to protect him from the vengeance of the Klan. Powers as mysterious as those involved in the crime connived to-day to clear from blame those suspected of the forging and routing of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards. Outside of one or two persons understood to have given State and Federal investigators extensive evidence, the citizens of Mer Rouge and vicinity maintained silence and carried guns to back up that silence.

Scores of Upper Louisianans, clanish farmers and townfolk, visited T. J. Burnett, in jail on a charge of murder in connection with the killings, and were open in their sympathy toward him. Among these visitors were several parish officials. They openly declared "a mistake has been made."

Authorities investigating the killings are trying unsuccessfully to establish the identity of a well dressed stranger who called at the jail to see Burnett yesterday and then vanished.

IRISH EX-CONSUL WHO GOT DEATH THREAT, VANISHES

"Consulate" Is Closed—McGrath Was Warned to Leave Country Before To-Day.

The office of the "Irish Consulate," from which Daniel J. McGrath directed the affairs of the Dail Eireann in this city before he received a letter threatening death unless he left the country before Dec. 26, was closed to-day.

Leaders in Irish affairs in the city claimed they did not know where Mr. McGrath was. They said they did not know where he lived. Employees of the building in which the rooms are situated said they had not been told the office would be closed and declared they knew nothing about Mr. McGrath or his affairs.

Mr. McGrath received the letter, signed by "Military Authority, Irish Republican Army," on Dec. 14. In it he was told he would be shot on sight after the morning of Dec. 26 because the writers held him responsible for the execution of Rory O'Connor and three other Irish Republican leaders in November.

At that time Mr. McGrath declared he was not actually Irish Consul. He said he had directed affairs since the resignation of Joseph Connelly a few weeks before, but insisted he had resigned even the slight office of Consul when O'Connor was executed. He also said that the letter he received was incorrectly addressed to "James McGrath," although it was correctly addressed to the "Irish Consulate."

Signs on the doors of the consulate stated to-day that the office hours were from 9:30 A. M. to 5 P. M. At noon no one had appeared at the office, although on Dec. 14 McGrath had at least four girls doing clerical work in the rooms.

Officials in the British Consulate said to-day that Mr. McGrath had not been officially recognized as Consul here.

FIRE NEGRO WAITER WHO DROPPED BOTTLE

Capitol Chef Won't Have a Hip-Toter on Premises.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (United Press).—As part of the campaign to rid the United States Capitol Building of bootleggers and liquor sellers, the assistant chief of the Senate restaurant waiter of the Senate restaurant who dropped a bottle of home made moonshine on the tiled floor last Saturday.