THE WEATHER
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ENROSE IN SADDLE AS COUP SUSPENDS CROW-GRUNDY FEUD

eping Potion Supplied by Senator to Wear Off After Short Siesta

RRY WAR PREDICTED WHEN ASSEMBLY MEETS

vernor and State Chairman heath Knives After Master Stroke by Sick Leader

ORE REMAINS NEUTRAL

yor Looks for Phila. Laws as re Men Look to Combine f Brown and Cunningham

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

e public and politicians of high low degree have been informed in orate detail that the Crow-Grundy has again been patched up.

or it is a patch up. It is a make- for a purpose. It is neither gen-, sincere nor permanent.

s for the public in Philadelphia throughout Pennsylvania, it mat- very little whether Senator Pen-, in almost lacrymose tones as is ed, pleaded for harmony or used meat axe.

he unanimous voice of those inter- l is that the harmony was arranged personal grounds.

wasn't personal. Such deals are ys practical. This one was a mat- f cold, calculating politics.

nator Penrose executed a coup. It as clean and clever as anything r ever put over, and it doesn't mat- what stage accessories or machinery sed.

Sick But Still in Ring

spite of the handicap of an al- fatal illness, with enforced re- ment for months from political and r activities, he has reestablished elf as the undisputed head of his y; the Republican leader para- nt of Pennsylvania.

ccording to the elaborate accounts he Spruce street melodrama, every- did about everything except fall each other's neck and weep. Ap- ently there was nothing lacking but tted calf and trimmings.

ll sorts of promises and pledges, it rowed, have been given by Senator rose, party of the first part, to e Chairman Crow and Governor ul, parties of the second part.

he test of the deal is going to come shortly after the opening of the legislative session. It will be an test. There will be an open out- k unless it is compromised in the ntime, and that does not seem pos-

to the present. Where are Jo- R. Grundy and Samuel S. Lewis, tor general-elect? What about R. pangler, who has been unanimously reluctantly, smilingly yet regret- if the truth be told, catapulted the speakership of the next House? essrs. Spangler and Lewis, I under- d, declare that they are going to fair with everybody and lay their s on the table face up. They have e no public pledges as to what they going to do when the next Legisla- convenes.

t Grundy is still in the woods. e is no voice crying harmony in wilderness of Bucks county. At none that can be recognized as that he president of the Pennsylvania ufacturers' Association.

nator Penrose, it is understood, guaranteed that these gentlemen play straight with administration ures. He has apparently gone bail he trio.

here are a number of citizens who wondering if it may not prove to case of straw bail, the outcome of senator's zeal and hope for har- y.

Grundy Aide to Penrose

is well to folow the sequence of ts in this personal connection. Sen- Penrose and Mr. Grundy have been friends. As president of the sylvania Manufacturers' Associa- Mr. Grundy has been a right arm he senator.

hen the fall-out occurred between Grundy and State Chairman Crow Grundy made his first play for . He selected Mr. Lewis, of York ty, as his candidate for auditor ral. And he put him through.

e speaker at the last session of Legislature, Robert S. Spangler, of York, was and is a protege of new auditor general. It was Messrs. ady and Lewis who originally se- d Speaker Spangler to succeed elf.

s for Governor Sproul, the anti- gler movement manifestly wasn't

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LSON SELECTS MEDIATOR

Name Representative in Armenian Discussion

Washington, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—sident Wilson is understood to have ted a personal representative to act him as mediator between the Ar- ians and the Turkish Nationalists, his name is expected to be an- nced today.

aris, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Presi- Wilson's decision concerning the enian boundaries was delivered to French Foreign Office yesterday ugh the American embassy, with a from Ambassador Wallace, reserv- to himself a voice in the decision n it is made public.

he document consists of an ex- ely long note printed in book form green paper. It is signed by Presi- Wilson and is accompanied by k book of maps, constituting one of most magnificent documents ever ived by the foreign office.

he only impression given out by the ign office was that President Wil- had allowed Armenia very liberal ders.

Today's Developments in National Capital

Foreign governments finance movement of radicals to America, Knutson charged in the House in a debate on the immigration bill.

A memorandum by Secretary of State Colby presented to Congress today declares curtailment of expenditures has brought about disgraceful conditions in American consulates and missions abroad.

Acting Secretary of State Davis appeared before the Senate foreign relations committee to explain negotiations on the disposition of German cables.

Secretary Baker told the House military affairs committee that provisions of the army reorganization act fixing the peace-time army strength at 280,000 men are mandatory.

CANNON AND 4 DETECTIVES REDUCED IN POLICE ORDER

Failure to Suppress Gambling Causes Demotions of Men

Lieutenant Frank P. Cannon, Fifteenth and Locust streets station, was reduced to street sergeant and assigned to detective headquarters as acting detective today, after he was found guilty of disobedience of orders and neglect of duty by the Civil Service Commission.

Four district detectives attached to the same district were reduced to patrolmen and ordered to street duty. They are J. J. Coyle, James H. Foy, John G. Nolan and William W. Malone.

Cannon was charged with having failed to suppress gambling in the Fifth police district. He is one of the best known men in the police department. He has served thirty-one years in the Department of Public Safety and most of this time was attached to detective headquarters. For a long time he was assigned to the banking district. It is understood that he will comply with the decision of the Civil Service Commission.

FIANCE FAILS TO GREET GIRL HAVERFORD ARRIVAL

Young Englishwoman Among 196 Passengers Held at Gloucester

One hundred and ninety-six passengers of the Haverford were held at the Detention House, Gloucester, last night on completion of the investigation of the officials.

Among the number was Miss Anna H. Hight, of England, one of eight young women who came here to be married. Her husband-to-be is C. B. Major, whose address is given as Proup, Tex. He has not yet arrived in the East, and Miss Hight, who is twenty-two years old, will be held at Gloucester until definite advices reach the immigration officers.

Seven of the brides-to-be found their fiances waiting for them, and the ceremonies have already been or will be performed in eastern towns. One wedding took place last night in the Baptist Church of Gloucester, when Archibald Pennock, of Lehigh avenue, Gloucester Heights, was married to Miss Elizabeth MacNeill, a pretty Scotch lassie, just twenty years old. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. T. Keith Cherry. Pennock has waited eagerly for three weeks, the license having been issued to him Thanksgiving Day.

Causes for the holding of nearly 200 passengers included absence of relatives who failed to arrive in Philadelphia, fixing of minor details of trips to western points, and further investigation of a number of cases.

Three children who made the trip across the Atlantic unaccompanied started last night for New York, where M. Goord, an uncle, will meet them. They were Morice Storck, Miss Lana Storck and Miss Sura Storck, fourteen, eleven and ten years old, respectively. They came from Warsaw, where their mother is living.

ASK MORE EMBARGOES

Cattle and Wool Growers Seek Relief From Foreign Competition

Washington, Dec. 10. — (By A. P.)—Further requests for embargoes on wool and livestock products were heard today by the House ways and means committee. S. W. McClure, of Salt Lake, Utah, presented an appeal from the Western Range Stock Growers' Association, urging immediate action, and Prof. W. C. Coffee, of Urbana, Ill., eastern vice president of the National Wool Growers' Association, told the committee that "the deplorable situation now existing has embarrassed farmers to the extent that sheep production today is on the decrease."

"With no market for wool and bad markets for lambs," Mr. Coffee said, "we cannot hope for increased production of these animals. Foreign imports constitute a real menace."

LIGHT SNOW FALLS

Seen in Suburbs, but Scarcely Can Be Called "Snowfall"

There were light flurries of snow in the outlying sections of the city and in the suburbs last night, but hardly enough to deserve the designation of "snowfall."

With rising temperature the flakes soon changed to a misty rainfall. In 1919 there were several snowfalls—in quantity shipments—on dates earlier than December 9.

The following is today's forecast: Rain this afternoon and tonight; Saturday, generally cloudy; lowest temperature tonight about 40 degrees; gentle winds, mostly southwest.

TO MAKE U. S. "CHRISTIAN"

International Reform Bureau Plans Million Expenditure in 3 Years

Washington, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Expenditures of $1,000,000 during the next three years in safeguarding prohibition, extending the "blue laws" and amending the federal constitution so the United States will be designated a "Christian nation," is proposed by the International Reform Bureau, according to Wilbur F. Crafts, its superintendent, who addressed the opening session on the subject here.

2 PATROLMEN HELD AS BANDIT AIDES; MAYOR AT HEARING

Eight Other Men Are Arraigned for Series of Robberies. Magistrate Refuses Bail

SAY PRISONERS "FRAMED" THEFTS WITH DRIVERS

Mayor Moore sat beside Magistrate Renshaw in Central Station today and saw two patrolmen of his police bureau, their uniforms forfeited for civilian clothes, held without bail for the grand jury on the charge of aiding a band of eight alleged robbers and hold-up men.

Besides the two patrolmen, two other men were held without bail for the grand jury, and six men were held without bail for a further hearing in ten days, at the instance of Lieutenant McBride, of the Fourth and Race streets station.

Mayor Moore's interest was centered throughout the hearing on the two accused patrolmen. They are Harry J. DeLange and Thomas B. McElroy, both of the Fourth and Race streets station. DeLange lives at 127 Cherry street, and McElroy lives at 5456 Race street. Both are veterans of the war.

Mayor Watches Patrolmen

As the ten men were arraigned for the hearing the Mayor ascertained which were the two patrolmen accused of a compact with the alleged highwaymen and robbers. He then leaned far forward across the magistrate's bench, gazing intently in the faces of the two patrolmen, as thought to determine for himself whether they are guilty or innocent. The accused patrolmen's eyes shifted to various parts of the courtroom, but did not meet the piercing gaze of the Mayor.

Mr. Moore remained seated beside Magistrate Renshaw until the hearing was concluded. He would make no comment, but appeared satisfied at the magistrate's decision to hold the men without bail for the grand jury.

Besides the two patrolmen, Jacob Spurber, of Forty-ninth and Smedley streets, and John Foley, of Second street near Vine, were held without bail for court.

Were Arrested Yesterday

Six others, including "Kid" Brookman, sixteen years old, of Sixth street near Vine, were held without bail for a further hearing in ten days. Besides Brookman, who was rebuked by Magistrate Renshaw because his face was soiled, were Charles McIntyre, Race street near Eighth; Francis B. Reeves, Fifth and Quarry streets; Thomas Bushman, Sixth street near Race; Philip Rahn, who gave no address, and William E. Clarke. Clarke, a former patrolman, of the Second and Christian streets station, was discharged from the force June 4, for disobedience.

Lieutenant McBride, who with Captain McFadden, of the Second division, arrested the ten men yesterday, asked Magistrate Renshaw to hold all of them without bail for a further hearing. He said that at this further hearing he hoped to produce further evidence against them. He is continuing his investigation to determine the extent of their alleged police-protected program of crime.

Counsel for the two patrolmen, Spurber and Foley objected to their being held for a further hearing, and demanded they be held for the grand jury.

One attorney asked on what grounds the men were to be held.

"I have three written confessions from Reeves, Rahn and Bushman, implicating all ten of the men, including the patrolmen," said Lieutenant McBride, who appeared against the men.

Says Story Is "Framed"

He said he also had verbal confessions from two others.

The patrolmen, he said, would make no confession of guilt. He said following the hearing that they had "framed a story" to the effect that they feigned friendliness with the alleged robbers in order to capture them all.

Lieutenant McBride said the patrolmen told him they had not notified their police station of their plans for the capture of the men because they said they feared interference which might frustrate their plans.

Superintendent of Police Mills attended the hearing. Magistrate Renshaw did not question any of the prisoners except the boy, known as "Kid" Brookman.

McElroy has three children and lives with his father and sister Mary, at the Race street address. His wife died on last November 29.

"I believe my brother is absolutely innocent of these charges," said Miss McElroy. "He has always been interested in his home and children. He has never brought any money home but his pay envelope. I think he has been unjustly accused."

Father on Police Force

Matthew McElroy, father of the accused patrolman, is also a patrolman. The elder McElroy has been on the force for twenty-seven years. He is at present attached to the Twelfth and Pine streets station.

"Some one is trying to cover up and using my son," said McElroy. "He goes straight and I have never known him to be dishonest."

Arrest of the patrolmen and alleged robbers was made yesterday by Captain McFadden and Lieutenant McBride, after several truck drivers had been found who admitted they had been approached by offers of police protection if they would misappropriate collections

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U. S. SHIPS LOSE ADVANTAGE

Preferential Rail Rate on Exports Temporarily Suspended

Washington, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Operation of the provision in the merchant marine act, allowing preferential railroad rates on goods destined for export in American ships, was indefinitely suspended today by the shipping board.

It was announced, however, that as soon as adequate shipping facilities became available at certain ports, prompt enforcement of the provisions would be made. Meantime the board will make every effort to hasten the providing of these facilities.

NEW YORK EXCURSION NEXT SUNDAY
Leaves Reading Terminal 8:00 A. M.—Adv.

MAYOR AT HEARING OF PATROLMEN

Ledger Photo Service

The city's chief executive was an attentive spectator at the hearing in Central Station this morning when two patrolmen, accused of aiding bandits and sharing in their loot, were held without bail. The Mayor sat on the bench with Magistrate Renshaw. He also was interested in the case of four men accused of running a gambling establishment at Twelfth street and Girard avenue, where it is alleged a broker lost $17,000 in four months

OPENS HOPE CHEST IN LOVE BALM SUIT

Kathryn McDonald Shows Jury Linens She Says Defendant Gave Her

ONLY FRIENDS, HE SAYS

Silverware and linens, said to have been given to Kathryn McDonald as pre-nuptial gifts, were displayed to a jury in Judge Kates' court in Camden today at trial of the young woman's suit against George H. Bleyer for breach of promise to marry.

Miss McDonald, formerly of Paulsboro, N. J., now lives in this city. Bleyer, who married another girl last February, lives at 622 North Sixth street, Camden.

The plaintiff asks $20,000 damages.

Miss McDonald said she met Bleyer in 1909. He was very attentive, she said, and asked her to marry him. The wedding was fixed for Thanksgiving, 1913, according to the plaintiff, but the wedding was postponed.

In subsequent years, she told the jury, she tried without success to have Bleyer agree on a wedding date.

Miss McDonald said Bleyer gave her money to buy a bedroom suite and also money for silverware, linens and articles for her trousseau.

Several sets of silverware and a quantity of linen were shown the jury. Bleyer admitted he had given the silver and linens. He denied asking her to marry him. He told the jury they had simply been friends.

Bleyer was married in February to Mrs. Gertrude O. Feitig, divorced wife of John Feitig, a wholesale meat dealer of this city. According to Feitig, who was in court today, Bleyer was named as the co-respondent in Feitig's suit for divorce. Bleyer is employed as a foreman at the New York shipyard.

BLISS DOUBTS LONG GUESS

Weather Forecaster Skeptical on Canadian's Six-Month Hope

The general public should not take much encouragement from the statement that it will soon be possible to forecast weather conditions for months ahead, according to Forecaster Bliss of the Philadelphia branch of the weather bureau.

R. M. Stewart, assistant director of the Dominion Observatory, at Ottawa, Can., yesterday told the Royal Astronomical Society that he thought very soon observatories would be able to predict weather with accuracy six months or even a year ahead.

"No information we have obtained thus far regarding the movement of the centers of activity of weather conditions and disturbances would lead us to hope for such a possibility, at least not for some time," said Mr. Bliss today.

"Mr. Stewart bases his belief upon the influence of solar radiation upon weather conditions, but that such has any influence is still an open question.

"The public is only too ready to take too much encouragement from such a statement as Mr. Stewart made, and simply because the causes of weather disturbances are not known some one breaks out with a radical statement that has a far-reaching effect."

TERRIBLE, IF TRUE!

One Wife Says Husband Has "About Dozen Wives"

Laurence A. Schaeffer, a New York stock promoter, was arrested in that city last night, after his wife declared he had "about a dozen wives, at least two of whom are Philadelphia women."

The wife who swore to the complaint is Mrs. Estelle Farrell-Schaeffer, who said she married him in New York last January, but discovered some time later that her husband had "married" Miss Florence Flambeau, of Brooklyn, only six months prior to the ceremony.

The prosecuting wife declares her "husband" has other "wives" in Bridgeport, Brooklyn and elsewhere.

SINGS AS HE AWAITS DEATH

Choir Boy Gives Concert Before Going to Gallows

Chicago, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Nicholas Viana, former choir boy, was hanged in the county jail today, his nineteenth birthday. He was the second member of the Cardinella gang to die on the gallows in the county jail. Samuel Cardinella, the leader, is also under sentence of death.

Viana, who was known as the "songbird" of the jail, because he sang daily for the prisoners, gave his last concert last night when his mother, father, brother, four sisters and about fifty other relatives called to say good-by. At his mother's request he sang Kipling's "Mother o' Mine."

MAYOR HAS BUDGET IN HANDS AT 7 A. M.

Moore, Back From Harbors Conference, Takes Up City Appropriations Bill

INCLUDES MUNICIPAL COURT

Mayor Moore figuratively shed his coat and rolled up his sleeves at 7 o'clock this morning and tackled the 1921 budget, passed by Council yesterday, including the $1,000,000 "melon" for Judge Brown's Municipal Court.

The Mayor was in Washington last night at a rivers and harbors conference, a subject that held his deep interest all during his long service in Congress.

He returned here with City Solicitor Smyth, their sleeper reaching Broad Street Station at 4:35 o'clock this morning.

At 6 o'clock the Mayor arose and had breakfast in the station. An hour later he was in his City Hall office. He was still digging into the mass of budget figures when his office staff arrived at 9 o'clock.

Later the Mayor went to the office of Director of Public Welfare Tustin. It is said a shake-up is impending in that department.

Ammunition for a bitter-end fight over the court is being gathered by emissaries of Brown and his enemies in Chicago.

Judge Brown has Chief Clerk Arthur Morrow, of the court, gathering statistics of the operation of the Chicago municipal tribunal to use as a rebuttal of attacks made against the court here.

Councilman Roper will go to Chicago to gather data to be used in his fight against the Philadelphia court's request for money.

The reason of Mr. Roper's visit is ostensibly his scheduled talk to Princeton alumni there, but the following telegram sent ahead to a personal friend explains his trip.

"W. W. Roper, city Council, Philadelphia, will be with you Friday. His trip is made ostensibly 'to speak at the Princeton alumni meet,' but he is interested in getting detailed data about the expenditures and appropriations of your Municipal Court. A political fight is brewing. Roper on one side, against present high expenditures and padded payrolls. Fight soon to be waged in earnest."

Morrow Wanted It Secret

Mr. Morrow, when told Mr. Roper also would investigate the Chicago court, told employes there he preferred his visit to remain a secret, and he did not want to meet the councilman, because they were on "opposite sides of the political fence."

Mr. Morrow expressed no interest in the workings of the various parts of the court. He wanted figures showing expense and the number of employes and cases. His coming was heralded by the following telegram:

"Secretary Chief Justice Municipal Court, Chicago.

"Chief Clerk Morrow, of the Phila-

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PILE UP FACTS ON MICHEL

Witnesses Try to Prove Banker Knew Concern Was Insolvent

Efforts were made in Quarter Sessions Court to prove that Louis H. Michel, former president of the North Penn Bank, which failed July 18, 1919, accepted deposits even after he knew the bank had failed.

Letters from Michel to the bank commissioners explaining and excusing irregularities, which the commissioners had called him for, were given as evidence that Michel knew conditions.

C. P. Bergner, a coal dealer, said he had borrowed $5000 on his note from the bank; later paid it off, but failed to receive the note. Later he found it, he said, at the Union National Bank. He told of his efforts to obtain the note from Michel and other men at the bank. They always told him the note was lost, but would be looked up.

BOMB IN RUMANIAN SENATE

Member of Ministry and Bishop Killed When Missile Explodes

London, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—A bomb was thrown among members of the Rumanian senate Thursday afternoon shortly after it had assembled, and M. Greceanu, a member of the ministry, and Bishop Radu were killed, says a Central News dispatch from Bucharest.

Another minister, M. Saleanu, General Coanda, two bishops and several other members of the Senate were dangerously wounded. A large number of others were slightly hurt.

ARE YOU A JUDGE OF A CIGAR?
Smoke Godfrey S. Mahn's Key West PRINCE OF ALL Coronas, 10c; 2 for 25; 15c—Adv.

MOB HANGS 3 MEN, TAKING THEM FROM JAIL TO CEMETERY

Californians Wreak Vengeance on Thugs Who Attacked Girls and Slew Detectives

AUTO HEADLIGHTS SHED WEIRD GLARE ON SCENE

By the Associated Press

Santa Rosa, Calif., Dec. 10.—George Boyd, Terrence Fitts and Charles Valento, accused of having murdered Sheriff Petray, of Sonoma county, and Detectives Jackson and Dorman last Sunday afternoon, were taken from the county jail here early this morning and hanged.

At 12:30 a. m. a mob of about 100 men, all wearing black masks, entered the jail, overpowered the officers there, took their keys and removed the prisoners to waiting automobiles.

Fifteen machines carried the party. They moved quickly down the street to a cemetery, three blocks beyond the city limits. Ropes had been prepared. The men were taken from the machines and hanged to an oak tree inside the cemetery. Members of the mob were stationed to prevent intrusion. These guards and many of the mob were armed.

Auto Lights Illuminate Scene

Not more than five minutes was required by the mob to enter the jail, overpower the officers and remove the prisoners. Within fifteen minutes the three alleged gangsters and murderers had been lynched.

For another fifteen minutes, while the bodies dangled from the oak tree in the glare of three automobile headlights, the mob waited at the scene to make certain their grim task was completed. Then all departed, leaving the bodies swinging in the darkness.

But another crowd soon gathered to take the places of the executioners. The coroner was notified and so were city and county officials. The new crowd gathered quickly as news spread of what had been done. It soon numbered hundreds.

They found a weird scene. Lights of new automobiles and in greater number again lighted the scene. From the oak the bodies swung in the breeze in and out of the glare of the headlights.

Victims Were Ex-Convicts

The three men were former convicts. Boyd having served two terms, Fitts three and Valento one. Boyd and Valento had been identified last Monday by three young women as members of the gang which attacked them at a house in Howard street, in one of the more densely settled sections in San Francisco.

A score of young women were attacked in the house. The officers were shot by Boyd, he confessed, when they attempted to arrest the three men as members of the Howard street gang.

Two attempts to take the men from jail here were made last Sunday night, a few hours after they had been arrested. One was broken up by officers and the other failed when Mrs. Petray, widow of the slain sheriff, begged friends not to countenance mob violence. When the three men were arrested, hundreds surrounded the jail and attempted to get the prisoners.

The actions of the mob today indicated plans had been laid beforehand. The members of the mob moved to the jail without ostentation. A cordon was thrown about the structure of granite, concrete and steel.

No Hurry, No Confusion

Twelve men were detailed to approach the door. Six entered. Sheriff John Boyes, appointed after the death of Sheriff Petray, was in his private office at the right, with four deputies. The six were armed. They "covered" Boyes and his deputies and made them put up their hands. The officers were disarmed and the keys to the jail taken.

Boyes pleaded with them, but the men said not a word. They made him lean over a chair. While some of the men inside the jail guarded the officers others went immediately to the cells. Boyd, suffering from the wound inflicted by Jackson, had been kept in a cell because the officers feared to send him to a hospital for treatment on account of the feeling against the three men. Boyd yesterday was reported to have developed possibly fatal complications from the wound.

Three steel doors had to be unlocked to take Boyd. He was on the ground

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PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE
Who announced in the House of Commons today that martial law would be applied at once to certain areas in the south of Ireland

GERMAN GOVERNMENT OVERTURNED, IS RUMOR

Belgian Paper's Report of Coup d'Etat Lacks Confirmation

Brussels, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—The newspaper Le Peuple announces that railway traffic has been suspended in both directions between Belgium and Germany since yesterday afternoon and that there is talk of a German coup d'etat.

The Belgian ministry of foreign affairs, however, states it has no confirmation of this rumor.

In well-informed circles it was stated that the suspension of traffic, mentioned by the newspaper, applied only to the parcels traffic with Germany.

The Belgian rumors of a German coup d'etat are unsupported by advices from any other quarter, and lacking these and in view of the Belgian foreign ministry's denial of knowledge of any such occurrence, the reports are received with reserve. They come out of a comparatively clear sky at the moment, for although there have been charges and counter-charges by extremists and monarchists in Germany that revolutionary plots were hatching, there have been no recent indications that any attempt to disturb the present German Government by force was imminent.

Recent reports have not revealed any exceptionally disturbed industrial situation.

HEAVY QUAKES IN HONDURAS

Shocks Also Felt in Nicaragua. Details Lacking

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.)—Terrific earthquakes have occurred in Choluteca, Southern Honduras, according to reports received here today, but details are lacking.

Very violent shocks also were felt Wednesday in Cinandega and Corinto, western Nicaragua, twenty-five earth tremors shaking Corinto. The loss of life and extent of the damage caused by the earthquakes is not known.

THREATENED WILSON'S LIFE

Prisoner Alleged to Have Said He Would Blow Up White House

The federal authorities today have in custody a man in Chester whom they charge with threatening the lives of President Wilson, Secretary of State Colby and Attorney General Palmer. The man is Charles Abell and gave an address in Unionville, Pa.

He was originally arrested Tuesday night and lodged in the Chester county jail when he was detected with several loaded revolvers in his possession. The threats were sent to the government officials in registered letters. One of them was signed by the defendant, federal agents say.

He will be arraigned today before United States Commissioner Manley in the Federal Building here.

In the letter to the President the desire was expressed that the writer would like to get for himself as a souvenir the hand of the chief executive when "you will be blown to pieces when I destroy the White House with a bomb."

Abell, according to the agents, is a man of some education, who has read much of radical literature and they believe he has become a fanatic on the subject.

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GO GET IT!

Some Famous Limericks

You all know what a limerick is. It's just about the most popular form of jingling verse and about the easiest one to write. Once you start a good limerick, you are likely to bump into it in one form or other or into some of its progeny all through the rest of your life.

For instance, some years ago the Princeton Tiger sprang this one:

There once was a man from Nantucket
Who kept all his oats in a bucket.
But his daughter named Nan
Ran away with a man
And, as for the bucket, Nantucket

A paper out West grabbed that and added this to it:

But he followed the pair to Pawtucket
The man and the girl with the bucket
And he said to the man
He was welcome to Nan,
But, as for the bucket, Pawtucket

Both of these verses were snapped up by a columnist — or is it "columnist"?—down South, and he adorned them with the following annex:

Pa followed Nan to Jamaica
Where the copper did soon overtake her.
"Where's the bucket?" he cried.
"Won't tell," Nan replied.
Then Pa shouted, "Judge, won't Jamaica?"

Those verses went all over the country, each time being increased by the addition of another limerick. Goodness only knows how many are built around the original today. Every now and then they appear again with an-

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When you think of writing, think of WRITING.—Adv.

PEACE OR SWORD OFFERED TO IRISH BY LLOYD GEORGE

"Double Policy" Announced by Premier in Commons; Martial Law Planned in South

WILL GIVE SINN FEINERS SAFE CONDUCT TO PARLEYS

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 10.—Martial law to be applied to "certain areas" of Ireland to put down "murder and outrage" and a move to bring about conferences between the government and Sinn Fein leaders on the Irish situation were announced by Premier Lloyd George in the House fo Commons today.

In announcing this "double policy" of the government, the premier declared that under martial law persons found possessing arms after a certain date or unauthorized persons wearing uniforms would be liable to the death penalty.

On the other hand, to facilitate negotiations, the premier announced the government had decided to give safe conducts to Sinn Fein members of the House of Commons who had not been "involved in the commission of serious crime."

Two or three very important documents had come from Ireland in the last few days, Mr. Lloyd George continued. The most important, he said, was that from the Galway county council. This was "the first area of dry land which had shown itself after the deluge of unconstitutionality in that country." This, he commented, marked the return on the part of an important body to constitutional methods.

The communication, said the premier, was a welcome sign of a new spirit in Ireland, and it was the duty of the government to encourage it, because it was an encouraging return to constitutional methods in an area which had been one of the most disturbed and most difficult in Ireland. The resolution was carried, he commented, against the protests of the Sinn Fein leader in that area.

Not Ready for Peace

The government, said Mr. Lloyd George, was regretfully convinced that the section of the Irish population which controlled "the organization of violence, murder and outrage" was not yet ready for real peace; namely, for a peace which would accept the only basis on which peace could be concluded—acceptance of the unbroken unity of the United Kingdom.

The communication of these "controllers of outrage" were all conceived in the spirit of an independent, belligerent power, offering peace to another independent belligerent with whom they are at war and to whom they were in a position to dictate, the premier said. Therefore the government had decided on a double policy.

On the one hand the government felt, continued the premier, that it had no option but to continue and intensify its campaign against that "small but highly organized and desperate minority" which was using murder and outrage in order to attain the impossible and which could bring peace neither to Ireland nor to Great Britain.

On the other hand the government, the premier declared, would open and encourage every channel by which the forces in Ireland which really were anxious for an honorable settlement could find expression and so lead to negotiations which would produce a real and lasting peace.

Mr. Lloyd George said in making this eagerly awaited statement on the Irish situation there had been no negotiations between the government and the Sinn Fein, but that the government during the last few weeks had been in touch with intermediaries and this had enabled the government to reach certain conclusions.

The government, he said, was convinced that a majority of all sections in Ireland was anxious for peace and a fair settlement, and the government was equally anxious for peace and a fair settlement.

With evidence at hand that the Irish section in control of the "organization of violence, murder and outrage" was not yet ready for real peace, however, the premier said the government felt it could take no course but to continue and intensify its campaign against this "highly organized and desperate minority."

In making announcement regarding martial law the premier said the government had been driven to the conclusion, in view of recent incidents, that it must take stronger action in certain disturbed areas.

Side by side with the encouragement the government was anxious to give all those who desired peace—and they were growing in numbers and independence, showing that intimidation was decreasing—the government was determined, declared the premier, to do all in its power to break up the terrorists.

Under martial law, said the premier, a proclamation would be issued demanding that all arms and uniforms be surrendered within the prescribed areas by a certain date. After that date unauthorized persons found possessing arms would be treated as rebels and be liable to the death penalty on conviction by a military court.

The same penalty, added Mr. Lloyd George, would be applicable to unauthorized persons wearing uniforms.

A reasonable time would be allowed for the surrender of arms before these provisions came into force.

GENERAL BLISS TO OPEN TALKS ON PEACE TONIGHT

Military Representative on Commission to Be Heard

The first of fifteen talks constituting inside history of what really happened in the peace conference in Paris will be given tonight in the foyer of the Academy of Music by Major General Tasker H. Bliss, of the United States army.

General Bliss is the first speaker in the Public Ledger Forum on the Peace Conference, under the supervision of Colonel Edward M. House. He was the military representative of the United States on the supreme war council, and also commissioner plenipotentiary on the American peace commission. His subject will be "The Limitations of Armaments."

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