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TRAIN CREW 151 **BLAMED BY JURY** FOR P. & R. CRASH

Men in Charge of Outbound Cars Accused of Negligence in **Disobeying Instructions**

NO NAMES ARE MENTIONED IN CORONER'S VERDICT

Bryn Athyn Station Agent Says Conducter, After Crash, Said He Misread Order

ACCUSED - MAN SILENT

Attorney for Evans, Named by Witness, Refuses to Go on the Stand

Coroner's Jury at Wreck Inquest

Dr. Willoughby H. Reed, drug-

Elmer Beideman, bookkeeper. Elwood Rhoads, retired. John A. Edmondson, manager. James A. Welsh, moulder.

"The negligence of the crew of Train No. 151," outbound from Philadelphia, was blamed by the Coroner's jury at Norristown today for the wreck on the Newtown Branch of the Reading Railway December 5, when twenty-six per-

H. Jones Brooke, clerk,

This "negligence," the jury pointed out, lay in the crew's disobedience of orders given by the train dispatcher to stop on a siding at Bryn Athyn to let had been going over the minutes of Train No. 156, inbound from Newtown, the board in the board's meeting room

The Coroner's jury was out only

George and twenty-five others came to also been locked. their deaths as a result of injuries received in a head-on collision between Trains No. 151 and No. 156 on the New Beck, who lives across the street, say York and Newtown Branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, in a cut a short distance west of Woodmont.
Lower Moreland Township. Montgomery County, Pa., on December 5, 1921.

Miss Cheesman said today she thinks it "very strange" that she was locked in the school when it was known to the superintendent that she was there exam-

The jury finds that the collision was ce of the crew of Train No. 151 in failing to obey orders

Says "Mistake" Was Admitted

The most sensational feature of the testimony given at the inquest, held in the Montgomery County Courthouse, was the assertion under onth of Russell Clayton, station agent at Bryn Mawr, taht Conductor Charles Evans, of Train 151, had admitted to him con-

Clayton declared that he had seen Evans in the Bryn Athyn station an after the wreck, and Evans had to asked to see a copy of the orders.
"I read them to him," said Clayton, "and I think he read them him-

self over my shoulder. He understood the order and then admitted he had been confused in the numbers of the vains, by He had confused '156' for '154' if I remember correctly. This is the first admission that has

was any confusion in the mind of any member of the crew of train No. 151. order referred to instructed Train No. 151 to wait at the Bryn Athyn locked in the building and considers it siding for train No. 156 to pass it.

Another train. No. 154, a milk train, passed and No. 151 pulled out.

Knows nothing of Miss Chevanan being locked in the building and considers it is mistake of the janitor, George Huff. Huff said he locked up the building, thinking everybody was out. It was believed by many that Evans had confused the numbers, and had thought the milk train was the one for which he had been ordered to wait.

Evans Not a Witness

Conductor Evans was present, but not go on the witness stand. He was called to testify, but his attorney. President Harding is disposed to rether thomas Lane Bean, of Norristown, closely in Washington for the refused to let him answer questions. of Montgomery County. railroad workers, many of the named in their blue shirts and peaked caps, just as they came in from runs. There is a strong feeling of sympathy tmong the railroaders for Evans, the conductor of Train No. 151.

The President has written a letter to Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, explaining his inability to attend lina, explaining his inability to attend to select the conductor of the 150th anniversary at New conductor. named in their blue shirts and peaked ence and the regular session of Con-

stand just before the case went to the of St. John's Masonic Lodge at New jury to tell why he had failed to see Berne in that State the latter part of train No. 151 pull out of the Bryn January. Athyn station until it was too late to been instructed to convey rushing to sudden death.

Clayton said his view and hearing had been obstructed by a shed which was between the station building and the switch over which the train passed out of its siding.
"I cannot understand," he said finally, "why I did not hear or see the

train pulling out,"

Conductor Is Called

The inquest opened at 10:45 o'clock. S. Hagerman, undertaker, who took arge of the bodies, described them as terribly burned. District Attorney inger had no questions to ask, William Smith, conductor of Train one of the trains in the wreck. was the next witness. He had operated on the branch twenty-nine years. questioned by the Coroner. "Where was your last stop before the wreck?" he was asked at one point. outhampton.

"When did you leave Southamp-"About 7:51. We were four or five minutes late. The district attorney then cross-ex-

DO YOU WANT A JOH? THERE ARE

Probing R. R. Wreck



DISTRICT ACTURNEY RENNINGER

Montgomery County official who says his investigation of the Bryn Athyn wreck will be pushed despite the verdict of the Coroner's Jury, which meets in Norristown today

TEACHER LOCKED UF SAYS IT'S A TRICK

Miss Cheesman, Gloucester City, Imprisoned in School Building Half Hour

JANITOR ACCEPTS BLAME

Miss Helen B. Cheesman, Gloucester City school teacher, who aroused the school authorities three months ago by refusing to obey a transfer order, was locked in the high school building by accident last night.

Miss Cheesman, with Louis J. Morton, clerk of the Board of Education, go by. No individual was named in the and when they tried to get out, about finding.

They went to the basement where about ten minutes before returning with they found a door with a spring lock, the verdict. It follows in full: . In the yard, however, they found they "The Coroner's jury finds that Lena were still prisoners. The gates of the iron fence surrounding the school had Just as Mr. Morton was about to

assist Miss Cheesman over the fence school directors, Dr. J. A. the plight of the couple and came to

their rescue with a key to the gate.

Miss Cheesman said today she thinks
it "very strange" that she was locked superintendent that she was there examining the minutes. She says she had in to go over the was ordered to leave and then allowed to go back again after she had conferred

Although she made no direct accusations, Miss Cheesman indicated that she considered the "lock-up" as an un- into his ear. timely stroke because her appeal from the decision of Commissioner of Education Enright comes before the

Board of Education temorrow at Jersey City. The Gloucester School Board had fusing the train numbers in written ordered her transferred. She refused and was dismissed. She appealed to Commissioner Enright, who upheld transfer, but ruled against the dis-missal. Then Miss Cheesman appealed missal. the State Board against the

of Commissioner Enright upholding her Tomorrow night the School Board will hear charges against Superintendent of Schools Wilmer C. Burns brought the Citizens' Committee grounds that he is inefficient and conducted himself unbecoming a school ficial. These charges are also said to be been made, publicly at least, that there an outgrowth of the dispute over the transfer of Miss Cheesman.

Superintendent Burns said today be knows nothing of Miss Cheesman being

HARDING AT HOME 3 MONTHS

Cancels Engagements on Account of Conference and Congress

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)— President Harding is disposed to remain three months and is canceling all tenta-The courtroom, used ordinarily as tive engagements for speeches or trips branches of the Orphans' to various parts of the country. It was was indicated at the White Ho crowded with the friends and relatives that this policy would be followed be-of victims, officials of the railroad and cause of the pressure, of business in last connection with the Armament Confer-

the same amount give warning to the crew that they were news to others who extended similar invitations.

CHILE KEEPS PARLEY OPEN

in ites Peru to Continue Negotiations on Tacna and Arica

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 20 .- (By A. -The Chilean answer to Peru's note electing Chile's proposal for a plebi-Tacna and Arica invites the continuance of direct negotiations in an estempt to find some solution of the dif-ficulty under the terms of the treaty of Ancon, which it says cannot be ignored by the countries signing it.

The latest Chilean note was cabled to Peru after being unanimously approved by the Foreign Relations Committees of both chambers of Congress. was first approved at a Cabinet session at which President Alessandri pre-

ANTI-ALIEN LAND ACT UPHELD San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The consti-tutionality of the California Anti-Allen er is forecast for tomorrow in the East Land Law forbidding allens ineligible to citizenship from owning or leasing Continued on Page Eighteen. Column Three agricultural land was upheld late yesterby a court of three Federal Judges. Several other States have enacted laws patterned on the California act.

JUDGE WARNS JURY TO GIVE EASTLAKE BENEFIT OF DOUBT

Evidence Purely Circumstantial and Prejudice Must Not Take the Place of Justice'

COURT GASPS AT CHARGE: PRISONER SMILES IN HOPE

Montross, Va., Dec. 20.-Judge Chinn, sitting in the case of Roger D. Eastlake of Philadelphia, accused of the murder of his wife, today charged the jury in words that drew little gasps from the spectators who crowded every inch of space in the shabby old court

The Judge bade the jurors remember that the benefit of any doubt must be given to the prisoner and that the evidence offered by the Commonwealth has en purely circumstantial; that unless find it to have been "concise, specific and within the narow form pre-scribed by law' they cannot but acquit the defendant and that 'justice and not prejudice must determine the destiny of

Charge Causes Commentation

This charge, regarded as distinctly favoring the defense, set abated buzzing through the courtroom and brought a desperate smile to the pale lips prisoner, as he sat straining forward in his chair as if to drink each grave and balanced sentence, spoken by Judge, as though it were a magic fluid that would save him against doom. It is carnival day in the little town of Montross, the like of which has not been known in many a year. The whole county and even the "counties 'round" came here before daybreak so that they might get soonest and at first hand, it possible, the news that would send their frantically pitched interest into climax Those who came not so early and were unable by any unnatural squeez-ing to get into the courtroom, walt outside the doors of the courthouse taking whatever news filters from in-

The few stores of the The few stores of the place are swarmed with women folk of the men who wait inside or outside of the courthouse-women who are killing the extra bird of Christmas shopping. In the streets there is an unheard-of traffic in hastily baked pies, fresh corn pone, poultry and anything else apt to attract or the palate of the visiting

Inside the courtroom there is no light save that which flits through the top of the window that is close by the dock where the prisoner sits. The other windows are blocked by the bodies of the spectators who stand against them: Curiously enough, this light falls on the decorations for service in the Span-ish-American and World Wars which are the owners of the building. the prisoner wears on the breast of his wrinkled naval uniform.

Beside the prisoner stands his

mother, who greeted him and covered his face with kisses when he entered the courtroom. She strokes his shoulder and whispers words of encouragement

But Eastlake would seem almost at the point of prostration. For an hour has heard himself presented to the jury by the State's Attorney, The Hunter, as one "beside whom Judas Iscariot was a saint." The stinging words of the prosecutor seemed to strike him across the face. He flinched and grimaced and cowered in his chair.
Only occasionally does he seem to

eyes fixed on the jury and with his mouth limply open. Presecutor Grows Bitter

relax and then he stands with glassy

At the close of his bitter argument, the prosecutor said:
"You have on trial a man who hangs

behind the skirts of a woman, whose counsel would have you believe the woman in this case. Sara Euphonia Knox, is responsible and will come be- P. & R. PROPOSES WAGE CUT fore you again to convince you she You will bear in mind, what the

State has revealed, that the defendant saw his wife after her death and then calmly and coolly changed his clothes bloody garments and stripping off the

then went to his work
"Even when he was brought back
to the scene of the crime he sat down and ate a hearty breakfast of ham and

After scoffing at Eastlake's churchgoing pretentions, the Prosecutor went on while the defendant shuddered,

seemed almost automatically, at the lived in that little community

at Colonial Beach. He tried to fool the good people of that place. But he Continued on Page Eighteen, Column Two

CANAL ZONE RENT PROTEST Judge May Be Sent From U. S. to Hear Employes

Panama, Dec. 20.—(By A. Rent collections from the 2000 Canal latter part of January 1, and against which the Fed-Secretary Christian has also eral Employes' Union has protested, amount to approximately \$75,000 and a catalogue which did not include monthly, according to estimates made the name of Lieutenant Governor Beid-

public today. against the Canal Government, out in official circles today it was indicated a special judge might be brought from the United States to hear the case. did not see them. All he wanted was Court should exact high bond to insure nection with the situation in the Harrent payments, in case the Government won, they would not be able to furnish

COLD CHRISTMAS ON WAY

Abnormally Chilly Weather Is Due to Arrive Thursday

Christmas throughout the Eastern half of the country will be preceded by abnormally cold weather, the Weather Bureau in Washington predicted today The area of extremely low tempera tures which has overspread the North is continuing to ern Central States, and much lower

the Atlantic Coast by Thursday. Temperatures below zero were enacted ported this morning as far east as Du- about ten days, if her health

Marchioness a Mother MODIFIED FRENCH



MARCHIONESS OF BLANDFORD Daughter-in-law of the former Consuelo Vanderbilt and the Duke of Marlborough. A daughter was week, making the Duchess, now the wife of Lieu-tenant Colonel Louis Jacques Balsan, a grandmothe

CONSUELO A GRANDMOTHER

Daughter Born to Marchioness of Blandford in London

London, Dec. 20.—Consuelo Vander bilt, formerly the Duckess of Marlborough, now the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Louis Jacques Balsan, became a grandmother Sunday Her daughter-in-law the March-ioness of Blandford, gave birth to a daughter at her London home.

BROKEN HOSE HAMPERS ALLEN ST. FIRE FIGHT

Gorges-Pierle Company Badly Dam aged by Flames

bursting of two lines of hose caused firemen a great deal of difficulty in checking a fire which started about o'clock today on the third floor of 144 East Allen street, occupied by the Gorgas-Pierie Company, manufacturers

The blaze had gained considerable headway by the time the fire engines arrived. The first line of hose burst midway between the connections, while the other burst at a joint. After runing twelve lines of hose into the building the blaze was put under con-The damage was estimated a trol. \$5000 by a member of the firm.

building is of concrete, The stories high and is known as the Trad-Warehouse. The Gorgas-Pierie

FIND HAZLETON ALDERMAN MURDERED IN HIS YARD

Peter Fallon, Democratic Leader, Stabbed and Blacklacked to Death Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 20 .- Peter Fallon, sixty-nine years old, a Demo-cratic leader for ten years and an alderman of Hazleton, was killed early today. He was found with three stab wounds in his abdomen and his head

crushed with a blackinck The victim was still breathing when to the house last night. He never re- naval ratio of capital ships was congained consciousness and died an hour ditioned upon a satisfactory

10 o'clock last evening. The dead man superintendent was at one time Hazle Township schools.

Letter to Employes Says Demand for

Lower Rates Necessitates It Wage reductions of from five to fifteen cents an hour in the maintenance of way department of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway are the company, according to a letter posted in Reading today by General Conferences will be held in the near future concerning the proposed wage revision.

An excerpt from the letter follows: meet the general and insistent demand for reduction in transportation costs and to adjust railroad wages on a scale that will be just and reasonable requires a reduction in railroad wages, The contemplated reduction will affect the maintenance of way department throughout the system.

BEIDLEMAN SEES PENROSE

Call Follows Omission of His Name as Gubernatorial Candidate Washington, Dec. 20.-On the heels

Senator Eyre's catalogue of candidates for Governor, a catalogue said to have been inspired by Senator Penrose, leman, Mr. Beidleman arrived in Wash District Judge Kerr has declared he ington yesterday and had a long confer-has jurisdiction for handling the case ence with Senator Penrose. "I did not see Mr. Beidleman very

Labor officials said today that if the to see the Postmaster General in conrisburg postoffice. There is a Demo crat holding over there, and some delay in the appointment of a Republican: but I am leaving such matters to the Congressman from that district." The Senator added he did not have time to discuss Pennsylvania politics.

MARY GARDEN IS BETTER

Will Give "Salome" in Ten Days If Her Health Permits Chicago, Dec. 20.—Mary Garden, who suffered a bronchial attack, passed

comparatively restful night.
Miss Garden's illness forced the temwithdrawal last which was to have been re rived after eleven years. "Faust" Was Miss Garden told her physicians Sun-

that she would give

OFFER INSISTS ON DEFENSIVE FLEET Grants Concessions on Capital

Ships, but Not on Submarines or Auxiliaries BRITISH REQUEST PLENARY

SESSION ON SUBMERSIBLES

By the Associated Press Washington, Dec. 20,-The modified roposals of the French Government as o the naval ratio to be allotted France under naval limitation agreement were of Fifteen of the Washington Confer-

understood, proposed a fleet proportion can Advisory Commission has been rein the several classes of craft so as to ceiving have asked for the abolition of give France a navy that could be de- the submarine. roted largely to defensive purposes.

ciples, much attention being given to has home sentiment in mind. They can the necessity felt by France for ade- bardly go back to England without quate defense. The French delegation having put on record a vigorous protest had indicated France's willingness to against the sea craft which in the late make concessions on capital ship tonnage, but not as to submersibles and ther auxiliaries.

British Raise Submarine Issue

Prior to the meeting of the naval sub-committee a spokesman for British delegation announced that request had been made by his delegation for a plenary session of the Conference either tomorrow or Thursday to allow the presentation of Great Britain's views on the question of submarine tonnage. The British view is that submarines should be abolished entirely. So far as could be learned, however, no steps had been taken to call a plenary session of the Conference.

The impression was given as the Na val Committee went into session that an agreement with respect to capital ship tonnage of France and Italy would be reached without great delay. In American quarters it was stated that acceptance by France of limitation of capital ships was not understood to be ontingent on an agreement as to aux

iliary craft. The imp impression gained at French delegation headquarters today was however, likely to be reached without some days examination of the latest French suggestions, but full confidence exists of ultimate accord.

Agreement Hinges on Submersibles It is expected that the plenary ses sion requested by the British will be held Thursday. Lord Lee, it is under-stood, as head of the British Admiralty, will present the British case in a care fully prepared statement dealing large! with technical features. Arthur J Balfour, head of the British delegation probably will follow, discussing general chases of submarine warfare.

Whether there will be general disother delegates did not develop today. but it is expected that the other gates will ask for time to consider the The British spokesman in discussing the submarine tonnage question de-clared that unless an agreement was

reached on that phase of the question all that had been accomplished toward naval limitation might be upset. discovered lying in the yard of his home by his son John, who had gone out in search for him when he failed to return Britain and Japan in regard to the ditioned upon a satisfactory supple mentary agreement in regard to the Occasional Violators to Be Little George H. Taylor Unable to Say finances and, best of all, gave control of the occasional Violators to Be Little George H. Taylor Unable to Say

A stiletto made of a file and a black-jack were found beside the body. Mr. In quarters close to the British dele-fallon remained at his office until about gation, it was suggested that two plensessions might be sought, the first statement of the British case regarding ubmarines. The British stand as to submarines

has been taken after most careful consideration both before and since the Conference opened, and may be expected to have the tenacious support of the delegation in the discussion to be given subject. If total abolition of the submersible arm is generally opposed. was said, Great Britain will then regular offenders before the Courts. a Senate committee today that he says move for substantial curtailment in the form of decreased submarine ratios as compared with those allowed under the original American plan.

London, Dec. 20 .- (By A. 'France has accepted Secretary Hughes' for capital ships, naval ratio are glad of the relief it will afford us. as declaring in an interview with the

"Regarding secondary units, we are tion. Just how they may be enforced yet uninformed respecting the six is left to the discretion of traffic officers, 10,000-ton ships which Germany is "This index we will maintain," he 10,000-ton ships which Germany is allowed to build under the Versailles said, "will enable us to determine those Treaty. We shall ask the Washington hogs of the street who are responsible on April 1, 1919, at Camp Wilson, and onference to take this consideration for traffic congestion. into account.

M. Briand repudiated the idea that plied by traffic and mounted officers, France wished to maintain the burden will show which persons make it a of great land armaments, especially as practice to leave their automobiles for she had just emerged from a terrible hours at the same place, day after day. war. But, he contended, the Wirth government in Germany was weak, and "Its very fragility compels France to remain armed, for there is no saying what government may take its place to-district, this method will offer a solu-"" was a Negro. A chaplain to the scaffold and prayed and trouble were we to bring every one into they hanged him." "Was the man harded tried by co martial?" Chairman Brandegee ask district, this method will offer a solu-

seriously the differences between France accomplish our purpose of driving the and England in regard to reparations, and was sure that a solution would be to have this ordinance forbidding park-Of the European situation in general he said: Russia is a question which Great sponsible for it to just go down the va-

He declared he had never taken very

Britain and France should examine toand France should examine to-but I fear the disorganization as it might be done with a steam roller. of that vast country is greater than is Its aim is to get the persistent violator, "Great Britain and France must to-discretion in fulfilling it." gether undertake the reconstruction of

Europe. The maintenance of peace is

All differences between England and

France can be settled by frank explan-

solidly upon an entente cordiale

ation and discussion. Oppose Bus Company Jitneys Harrisburg, Dec. 20 .- (By A. P.)-The Pennsylvania Street Railway Asso. ciation has joined in the protests filed brick through the window of the cignt the troiley lines operating in vicinity store of Charles Kammerer, at 280 Fed-Philadelphia against issuance of papers authorizing jitney service in At least that was what Herbert said Delaware, Montgomery, Chester and when he was arraigned before Recorder Philadelphia counties to the Montgom. Stackhouse Bus and Main Line Transit Com-The cases were set for arguyesterday and were continued find work. He was given four months lanuary 9.

the table of the latest the original terms of

until January 9

British to Launch Final Drive Against Submarines

Plan Public Appeal for Support of America in Plenary Session of Arma Conference Tomorrow or Thursday

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Dec. 20 .- The plenary stand play of tomorrow or the next day will be a reduction of the submarine allowance from the 90,000 tons maxisession of the Arms Conference, which will be will probably be held tomorrow or mum proposed by Mr. Hughes to 60,000. Thursday, will be the final big effort of or perhaps to 45,000 tons. But the abthe British to swing American popular oiltion of the submarine is not a serious the British to swing American popular possibility. sentiment against the submarine. Either Mr. Balfour or Lord Lee will ask pubpressed by British arguments, the pros licly for the abolition of submarines as slightly weakened.

make much of the failure of the Con-ference to deal adequately with modern a weapon of naval warfare. and destructive instruments of warfare Conference that an unsettled issue will while scrapping obsolete battleships. That will be the line of attack upon presented to the naval Sub-Committee be presented originally in the open. British propaganda has been directed the naval side of the agreement to be ence today by Albert Sarraut, head of skillfully against the submarine from the outset and to considerable effect The French plan as presented, it was for most of the letters which the Ameri-

Besides trying to reach the American The presentation of M. Sarraut, it public dramatically through an appeal was learned, was largely one of prin- in open session, the British delegation war brought Great Britain so near to

Likely to Reduce Maximum

England might have beaten the sub-marine in the Conference had she stood as resolutely against it as Japan stood against the scrapping of the Mutsu. But Britain gets so much out of the imperil her gains by obstinately opposing any feature of the American pro-

HARDING HOLDS 4-POWER PACT DOESN'T COVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- President Harding, If was said to-

day at the White House, does no tregard, the four-Power Pacific

treaty as covering the principal islands of the Japanese Empire.

This view, which is centrary to that voiced repentedly by official

spokesmen of the American delegation, was described at the White

House as the President's personal opinion, not based on consulta-

LANCASTER SHOOLBOY KIDNAPPED

napped today while on his way to school. The boy had been living

his mother, who lived in Detroit, married again after giving him

to Mis, Fetrow. The police say the mother has sought the boy's

POLICE START INDEX PHILADELPHIAN SAW

FOR 'PARKING HOGS' 12 ARMY HANGINGS

In other words, the parking hog is with his own eyes twelve American solthe man for whom the regulations were diers hanged around Is-sur-T

may bring their automobiles into the was unable to say whether any of them restricted sections and park there will had been convicted by court-martial.

Superintendent Mills insisted today French girl, by a French court martial

there is every reason to believe the new at which one American officer was pres-

parking laws are being observed. He ent. Taylor gave the name of the soldier

never hear of their violations so long as they remain few and far between.

"Our records, through numbers sups gallows to witness it

the home of Mrs. Eften Fetrow, by whom he had been adopted

James Alwelt, twelve years old, of Lancaster, Pa., was kid-

tion with other members of his Administration

possession for the last two years orthout success.

Affected by New

Ordinance

designed primarily. Those persons who

said they were clastic in their applica-

hours at the same place, day after day, "Where we might have all sorts of

There was no other was we could

was never the idea of those re-

to have this ordinance forbidding park

So He Threw Brick Through Cam-

den Window-Wish Answered

Frank Herbert, of Trenton, threw a

also, he had gone to Camden several

weeks ago and since had been trying to

Because he was starving and wanted

this morning. He said

ing passed.

Just how they may be enforced

PRINCIPAL ISLES OF JAPANESE EMPIRE

concerned. China's raising of the issue of the twenty-one demands comes a little late. The more radical of the Chinese wish to see the trenty rejected but it is uncertain whether their coun-sels will prevail to the extent of inducing the Chinese delegation to reject the decision of the Conference. Division of Chinese counsels and the failure of Chinese propaganda to raise sharp issue and make the American people leaves the

pects of the treaty in the Senate will be slightly weakened. Senator Borah will

Chinese Action Tardy

So far as weakening the treaty

The purpose of the conference has been to do something for China which would make a plausible showing and avoid the deeper and more dangerous The one word which meant anything in this country with regard to the Orient was Shantung. Japanese have eleverly seen that if they could satisfy American Conference that she was unwilling to on Shantung they would be required to

To make their concessions with regard to this province impressive they What will happen after the grand. Continued on Page Eighteen, Column Seven

Whether Any Were Con-

victed

By the Associated Press

One of the soldiers hanged, he de-

and said he was a sergeant from De-

decided to omit the name from its rec-

the entire command was ordered to the

hanged was a Negro. A chaplain went

"Was the man hanged tried by court

"Was any announcement made to that effect?"

The second execution, a week later, he said, was precisely like the first.

second hanging had been tried

Taylor did not know if the victim of

martial?" Chairman Brandegee asked.

troit, Mich., but the committee

assault on a

GRIFFITH CLASHES WITH DE VALERA **in** HOT DEBATE IN DAIL

Two Members of Irish Parlia ment Speak in Favor of

Treaty-Three Oppose

IRISH PRESS FEARS PACT

Queenstown, Dec. 20.-(By A.)-Removal of the British troops from Ireland, which was to have been begun today, has been suspended and they will not be withdrawn unless the treaty is ratified, it was

stated here. A transport which was to have aken on board troops at Queenstown today has been recalled to England and the special trains to convey troops from various places in Southern Ireland, which had been arranged for, have been can-

Dublin, Dec. 20 .- Just before adoccurred

be fooled by more private proceedings. It was unworthy of Mr. Griffith to the republican President responded. de Valera said something else had been brought back from Downing Street besides the trenty.

meaning of this amid loud cries "Withdraw!" addressed to Mr. Charles Burgess, the Minister of Defense, explained that anybody "knowing the business end of a gun" must know

to charges that had been made. When it became clear that the state-ment of the Minister of Defense would

cret session, and harmony was re-Five more members of the Dail, in cluding the first woman to be heard.

Mrs. Kate O'Callaghan, widow of the
assassinated Lord Mayor of Limerick. presented their views on the treaty at the morning session. Two of them

those members who had not yet made up their minds how to vote to follow the lead of the women of the Dail. Finian Lynch, one of the secretaries London delegation, argued

say they had been intimidated.

Griffith to Move for Vote MILLS SAYS IT'S FLEXIBLE ONE MAN WAS LYNCHED It was announced this morning that Aruth Griffith would move in the Dail Eireann today for a vote on the question of approving the treaty and

department hopes to be able to bring a National Army man overseas, told forters of the Irish peace treaty heretofore awaited action by the Dall Elreann has given way to uncertainty as the result of the developments at yesterday's open session. anxiety over the outcome.

> serious danger that the result of the debate may not be ratification. Independent adds:

the plempotentiaries will probably ab-"They had a double line of soldiers from voting." at the gallows," said Taylor, "and Major Ross was in command. The man Commenting on the delegates' speeches resterday in justification of their signing the agreement, the Freeman's Jours

> tives of the Irish people, is one of the ost amazing tragedies in a tragic his-

would

What became of the bodies?" They were taken to the hospital. "Nice Little Necktie Party" Robert A. Harrison, of Wilmington C., testified that in 1917 he witnessed the lynching in France of a sol-STARWING, YEARNED PRISON El Paso or Eagle Pass, Texas, who

Continued on Page Eighteen, folumn Six RICHARD CROKER SITS UP

to go to jail where he would be fed. Recovering From Chill Contracted While Returning From U. S. Dublin, Dec. 20. - (By A. P.) -Rich. ard Croker, former Temmany chieftain, who has been ill at his home. Glencuirn Castle, was reported today as showing

continued improvement. He has been suffering from a chill. contracted while returning to Ireland from the United States, which had con-Today he was sitting up in his room.

MAY FAIL OF RATIFICATION Britain Halts Withdrawal of Troops From Ireland

By the Associated Press

celed for the present.

ournment of the Dail Eireann for uncheon today, after a session at which debate on the Anglo-Irish treaty had been continued, an angry exchange between Eamon De Valera and Arthur Griffith over the question of the Dail holding a brief session at the afternoon meeting to hear - state. ment by the Minister of Defense. Griffith asked if the people "were to

Mr. Griffith demanded to know the

the necessity for secrecy in military matters. He desired to reply privately

deal only with military affairs Mr. Griffith withdrew his objection to a se-

spoke in favor of the pact and three against it.
Mrs. O'Callaghan concluded her ap-

strongly for the treaty. He declared the issue before the Dail would be to decide between the treaty and a "compromise which is less than a republic." Mr. Lynch's mention of a compromise taken as a reference to President Valera's alternative proposals, which efore the Dail when Mr. de Valera oved rejection of the treaty. Secretary Lynch said he supported ie treaty on four grounds. It gave an Irish army, it gave evacuation by the British troops, it gave control of

over education. It was an insult to the men who signed the treaty, declared Lynch, to

machines that daily park in areas pro- Washington, Dec. 20—George H. ident, would move its disapproval.

norning newspapers show material Will the treaty be rejected?" asks the Irish Independent in a seven-colunn benelline today. The newspaper declares that, according to information in well-informed Dublin circles, there is

It is stated that a few members who are not satisfied with the terms of the treaty and at the same time consider they cannot in honor repudiate

That they should be called upon to defend and even struggle to save their work from destruction at the hands of persons calling themselves representa-

Irish Times Warns Dail The Irish Times, warning the Dail

of its responsibility and urging ratifica-If the Dall rejects the agreement last word will not have been said, for the nation will insist upon the controlling voice in the settlement of destinies. If the middle course which opponents of the treaty are now hinting at is taken-to ask the Dail to modify the

treaty, seaving Ireland half within and

utterly

course, for, unlike rejection, it

without the British Empire-it

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take final decision out of the hands of the Irish people," the Times declares, Moreover, it would be supported only by men who wished to wreck the agree-

placing Prof. John MacNeill. de Valera, addressing the Daff

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