

THE LOSS OF LIFE IN FLOODS OF WASHINGTON

BORAH ATTACKS FOUR POWER TREATY IN SENATE

HAS MILITARY LOOK, CLAIM OF IDAHO SOLON

Says Real Disarmament Alone Can Remove the Flavor of Arms.

Poindexter Defends and Reed Joins in Denunciation of Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate Monday got its first taste of the promised fight on the new four-power Pacific treaty. The pact was both denounced and defended. Practically all of the new treaty was read into the record in advance of formal submission. The attack came from two "irreconcilables" in the Versailles covenant controversy, Senators Borah, republican, Idaho, and Reed, democrat, Missouri.

Threatens to Fire Any Cop Who Takes Tom O'Connor Alive

Chicago, Dec. 12.—"Lucky" Tom O'Connor, gunman and killer, is leading the combined force of 3,000 police and deputies a merry chase, after a sensational escape from jail Sunday with four other prisoners. O'Connor's reputation as a killer suffered when he failed to use a revolver which had been smuggled to him.

COOLIDGE PRAISES ARMS PARLEY, SAYS SUCCESS ASSURED

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—So important has been the success of the Washington conference that its success is assured, Vice President Coolidge declared in an address here Monday night. All recent developments have shown that the Japanese are as anxious as the other nations to get out of China, he said, while the prompt response of Admiral Baron Kato to accept the proposals of Secretary Hughes for a naval reduction indicates that an agreement of naval ratios will be reached.

FIXING VALUE OF KIO CHOW RAILROAD NOW

Chinese and Japanese Delegates Working on Shantung Problem.

Peking Representatives Pleased at Prospect of Money Settlement.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press).—Determination of the value of the Kio Chow railroad in Shantung with a view to compensating Japan in case she agrees to restore to China the complete control of the road, was taken up by the delegates of the two nations Monday at the resumption of their conversations on the leasehold. Withdrawal of foreign post offices from China by January 1, 1923, was authorized at another meeting by the far eastern committee.

GOVERNMENT OWES 243 MILLIONS ON RAIL WAR CLAIMS

Director General Davis Submits Report to Senate in Compliance With LaFollette's Demand; Refuses Details of Settlements Made.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Final payments to railroads by the government on claims and adjustments arising out of wartime control are estimated to require \$243,042,000, according to a report sent by Director General of Railroads Davis to the senate Monday in response to a resolution introduced by Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, that the administration had available cash credits with the treasury of \$153,330,000 for use in the settlements and likewise holds much larger sums in securities. He refused to report on section of the resolution which requested details and items of the settlements made with the individual roads.

MAN ROBBED PROMISES HE WON'T ESCAPE

Charges Crime Urge to Skull Pressure on His Brain, Says Lawyer.

Prison Authorities Will Be Asked to Perform Operation on Head.

Phoenix, Dec. 12.—Withdrawing his plea of "not guilty," Roy Gardner, twice convicted of mail robberies, Monday pleaded guilty in the United States district court to another charge of having attempted to rob a mail car and received his third sentence of 25 years in a federal penitentiary. Gardner now has been sentenced to serve a total of 75 years in federal prisons. Gardner's trial here on a charge of robbing a mail car at Maricopa, Ariz., resulted in a hung jury Sunday. Judge William H. Sawtelle immediately sentenced Gardner.

RIVERS ARE OVER BANKS, LOWLANDS SOAKED, AND RAIN STILL FALLS

Rail Traffic Irregular and in Some Instances Suspended and Wire Communication Seriously Impaired; Heavy Property Damage Results and Conditions Are Growing Worse.

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Former Salesmen of Great Falls Found Murdered on Oregon Farm

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Irish Split Not Limited to Question of Approval Alone, of British Treaty

Dublin, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press).—The division of opinion among members of the Dail Eireann is not limited to the question of approval or disapproval of the treaty with Great Britain signed in London last week. Some Sinn Fein leaders who think the treaty is a good one, agree with Eamon de Valera, the Sinn Fein president, in believing that it embodies such a departure from the policy previously submitted to the south Ireland electors that it cannot be accepted without a direct and fresh mandate from the various constituencies.

Bureau of Aviation Independent of Army Advocated in Senate

Washington, Dec. 12.—Legislation to carry out the recommendation of President Harding for creation of a bureau of civil aviation was adopted in the senate Monday by Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York. The proposed bureau would be established in the department of commerce and be supervised by a commissioner. Functions to be assigned to the bureau would include provisions to lay out air routes and conduct flights, license pilots, and regulations governing the carrying of passengers and freight by civil craft.

Class Guam Yap Cable Was Sealed in October, 1919

New York, Dec. 12.—George Clapper, traffic manager of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, Monday considered as "totally unauthorized and untrue" the statement that the Guam-Yap cable had been sealed within the last three days, as reported through the San Francisco Examiner office.

Cotton Breaks \$5.50 Bale as Result of Big Crop Estimate

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—The crop estimate of 8,340,000 bales by the department of agriculture, took the cotton market by surprise Monday. The price broke from \$4.12 to \$5.50 or about \$5.50 a bale as the result of heavy selling.

INSURANCE VERDICT REVERSED; WAIVER MUST BE BOLSTERED

Creamery Burned, Then Adjuster and Owner Agreed on Loss; Red Tape Case.

Helena, Dec. 12.—In the case of C. Snell and the North British mercantile company the supreme court reversed the lower court's decision in its ruling on the matter of an allegation in the complaint and set the case back for further proceedings. The case was argued with the views expressed by the supreme court.

ONE KILLED ON WRECK

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 13.—Atlantic Coast Line train No. 84 from Jacksonville to New York, was derailed at Johns Island, near here early this morning and one man was killed and one injured. One coach and three other cars were derailed. The cause of the wreck is known.

MEXICAN VOLCANO VIOLENTLY ACTIVE THROWS MUCH LAVA

President Oregon Notices Eruption and Sends Aviators to Investigate.

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press).—Bopocotepetl, the great volcano southeast of this city, burst into violent eruption Sunday afternoon, a column of smoke and ashes being thrown 2,000 feet above the mountain summit. President Oregon has announced a party of friends at Chapultepec and had strolled with them on the balcony when he observed the eruption. He held up strong field glasses and after closely observing the column of smoke rising 40 miles away, directed that aviators be sent to the mountain to ascertain the seriousness of the outbreak.

Mrs. Morony Dies at Los Angeles, Cal.; Mother of J. G. Morony

Helena, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Anna Morony, mother of the late John G. Morony and well known in Helena, died Sunday near Los Angeles, according to word received by friends in Helena Monday. The funeral will be held in Deer Lodge on Thursday, at an hour to be announced later.

TRIAL BRINGS REWARD

At first the justice department ordered that Gardner be taken to Leavenworth, Kan., to serve the sentences already imposed upon him without further trial here. When it was found, however, that this would prevent the payment of a reward of \$5,000 to the individual who would be taken to Leavenworth to serve his sentences.

ONE CHARGE DISMISSED

As soon as sentence was pronounced, Thomas A. Flynn, United States district attorney, moved that the charge of robbing a mail car at Maricopa, Ariz., on November 3, be dismissed, and the court ordered that that be done. It was on this charge that Gardner was tried last week. He admitted committing the robbery but claimed that he was insane at the time. The jury was unable to agree on a verdict.

PLAN AMALGAMATION OF FARMERS' WHEAT POOLING AGENCIES

Meeting to Be Held in Chicago in March, According to George Jewett.

Spokane, Dec. 12.—With the purpose of attempting an amalgamation of all co-operative wheat marketing agencies of the United States a conference will be held in Chicago in March, it was announced here Monday by George Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers' association at a meeting of members of the organization.

GRASS RUG MAKERS ASK HIGH TARIFF ON JAPAN IMPORTS

Protection Also Demanded for Flax Growing Industry by North Dakota Senator.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Additional tariff protection for the American grass and fibre making and flax growing industries was urged and opposed Monday before the senate finance committee.

Winnett Explosion Kills One, Injures Falls Man; Town Dark

Lewistown, Dec. 12.—A special to the Democrat-News states that the compressed air tank at the Winnett electric light plant exploded Monday night, blowing a great hole in the side of the building.

Woman Gives Birth to Eight Children in One Day, Claim

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—From Tampico comes a report, published by El Universal that Senora Enriqueta Falbo at that place gave birth Sunday to eight children, all of whom survived. The mother is well.

NOOKS AND SKAGIT RIVERS ARE OVER BANKS

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 12.—The Nooksack and Skagit rivers, as well as numerous smaller streams, were out of their banks in places Monday as a result of almost continuous rainfall since Saturday night.

200 FEET OF G. N. TRACK WASHED OUT NEAR SULTAN

Everett, Wash., Dec. 12.—Further crippling the Great Northern main line 200 feet of track has been washed out near Sultan by the Skykomish river. The Miller river is rising again, stopping work on the temporary bridge around the Miller's home collapsed that was wrecked Sunday morning when a mail train went through it after it was partly undermined by high water.

Montana Wool Crop Greater This Year Than Last, Estimate

Spokane, Dec. 12.—Preliminary estimates by the bureau of market and crop estimates here indicate that the 1921 wool production in the state of Washington will be less than last year; will be the same in Oregon, and more in Idaho and Montana. The figures are for raw wool, pulled wool not being included.

LANDSLIDES IN SEATTLE WRECK SEVERAL HOMES

Seattle, Dec. 12.—Nine city firemen and street department workers who were searching for the bodies of Mrs. Samuel C. Andrews and her two stepsons buried in the ruins of their home by a slide Sunday night were injured by a second slide Monday morning. They were taken to hospitals and homes in the vicinity.

Premiership Given to Mackenzie King as Christmas Gift

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press).—The premiership of Canada will be handed as a Christmas present to W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal party, which triumphed at the polls last week over Premier Meighen and his conservative element.

AMERICAN BOAT FINED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

San Pedro, Calif., Dec. 12.—The fishing boat Mabel, American register, which has been in Mexican detention for the past week arrived here with her crew from Ensenada Monday after payment of a fine to the Mexican government under protest for alleged fishing without license in Mexican waters.