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Fair today and tomorrow;  
colder today and tonight;  
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TWO CENTS.

## BOY'S SUICIDE AFTER FATHER GIVES SCOLDING

### Chided for Entertaining Friends Without Permission.

## FOUND BY MOTHER HANGING FROM JET

### Wounded Man in Hospi- tal Refuses Version of Shooting.

Returning last night from a shopping tour on which he and his wife had made purchases of Christmas gifts for their five children, Frederick Hoffman, of 922 I street southeast, upbraided his son, Frederick, Jr., aged 16 for entertaining boy friends in the absence of his parents. Two hours later, at 8 o'clock, the boy's body was found hanging from a gas jet in the parlor.

Shortly before this discovery, Mrs. Hoffman went to the front door and called her son several times, believing that he was playing in the street. Receiving no answer she came back into the house and was told by one of her younger children that Fred was "hiding in a corner" in the darkened parlor.

### Lad Dead When Discovered.

Upon beholding a light, Mrs. Hoffman struck her son with a small piece of rope suspended from the jet and fastened around his neck. Neighbors were called and the boy cut down, but he was pronounced dead upon the arrival of a physician.

The boy's father said last night that he told Fred not to have any company while he and Mrs. Hoffman went downtown. On his return, he said, he learned that Fred had had boy friends in the house while the parents were absent, and the elder Hoffman scolded the boy.

### Slept As Boy Died.

The latter, who is employed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as a plate printer, working from midnight until 6 in the morning, was awakened from sleep and told of his son's death.

Young Hoffman was a student at the Tyler School, Twelfth and G streets southeast. The Hoffman household was in the morning, on September 19, 1919. The four other children are Arthur, 10 years old; Nicholas, 7; Helen, 5; and Beatrice, 3. Coroner Nevitt viewed the body last night and issued a certificate of death by suicide.

## Bullet Tears Through Body; Wounded Man Keeps Silent

While his sister-in-law and two brothers-in-law were presenting his wife with Christmas gifts, William H. Osburn, 35 years old, closeted in the bathroom of his home, 1322 Quincy street northwest, shot himself through the left breast with a .38 caliber automatic revolver, shortly after 8 o'clock last night. Bernard and Charles Gosnell, the two men visitors, rushed upstairs and found Osburn clutching at his blood-stained shirt. The bullet had bored through his body and penetrated the white tile wall.

Osburn was taken to Emergency Hospital, where his condition was reported as critical. Mrs. Osburn, her sister and two brothers could assign no cause for the shooting. At the hospital Osburn, who remained conscious, refused to say whether or not the shot was accidentally fired.

Osburn is engaged in the automobile repair business at 7 Sumner court northwest, and, according to his neighbors, is enjoying a prosperous business, employing seven assistants. The Osburn home, into which the Osburns and their eight-year-old boy recently moved, and is made to have a hearing before paid-up property in his name.

## Last Toll Gate Is Lifted From Frederick Pike

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 23.—Frederick is giving a Washington and the surrounding territory a welcome Christmas present. The town, which is known nationally as the richest per capita in the United States, today formally opens the last toll road in Maryland when the gate on the North Market street pike is "lifted."

## MEXICANS HELD AS U. S. PLOTTERS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Three additional arrests have been made in connection with the Federal grand jury indictments charging former prominent Mexican politicians and army officers with inciting revolt in their home country while residents of the United States and violation of the United States neutrality.

Gen. Gonzales was taken by Federal officers just as he was returning from Kelly Field, where he had been the guest of United States army officers. Gen. Gonzales took the field against the Huerta government last June in an unsuccessful cutting railroad communication near Piedras Negras before he was captured. He was later released by order of Huerta.

## Oregon Senator Seriously Ill

SENATOR GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN. The condition of Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, who has been at the Emergent Hospital since last Monday, suffering from kidney trouble, became so serious yesterday that physicians decided, upon an operation, which will be performed early today.

Senator Chamberlain is 66 years old. His home is in Portland, Ore., and he lives at the Benedict bachelor apartments, at Eighteenth and I streets northwest. Relatives have been notified of his condition.

## ARNSTEIN JURY DEBATES 7 HOURS WITH NO VERDICT

## Court to Convene This Morning When Decision Is Expected.

Unable to reach a verdict after seven hours' deliberation yesterday, the jury in the case of Julius (Nick) Arnstein, David W. Sullivan, Norman S. Bowles and Wilen W. Easlerday, charged with conspiracy to bring stolen bonds into the District, was locked up for the night.

At 8:30 Arnstein and the other defendants left the courthouse for their hotel. The verdict, if any has been reached will be announced this morning at 10 o'clock.

The jurors were escorted to a nearby cafe for their dinners at 5:30, and shortly after that Arnstein returned and was followed by Bowles, Sullivan and Easlerday, accompanied by T. Morris Wampler, their counsel.

Shortly before the jurors were taken to their dinners, Isadore (Nick) Cohn was brought in before Clerk Edwin S. McKee to furnish bond which to make for the conspiracy. Plans of the New York authorities arranged. Cohn was rearrested on complaint of the New York authorities who sent a warrant to police headquarters here.

By a pre-arrangement, T. Morris Wampler immediately presented a petition for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Cohn and that individual was brought before Justice Gould.

Justice Gould then fixed bond at \$1,000 for the habeas corpus proceedings which Cohn furnished immediately. The court announced that the hearing on the habeas corpus would take place sometime after the holidays. Cohn is now at liberty under a total of \$11,000 bail.

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Rumor that other warrants had been forwarded from New York for some of the other defendants were strengthened by the appearance of Detectives Mullen, O'Brien and Kelly from headquarters, who kept a watch on all persons entering and leaving the courthouse.

Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, of New York City, who first investigated the \$5,000,000 bond theft, was on hand as well as Sol Myers, counsel for the National Surety Company, a concern who guaranteed the fidelity of the four messengers who confessed to their part in the thefts and the bringing of some of the stolen bonds to this city.

## Plan Billion-Dollar Inland Water Request

Appropriation of \$100,000,000 a year for ten years for the completion and maintenance of all inland waterways in the country will be pushed at a conference of representatives from twenty-seven Mississippi Valley States to be held here January 19 and 20.

## FARM CREDITS, BONUS DOOMED, SAYS HOUSTON

### Predicts President Wil- son Will Veto War Fi- nance Measure.

## AGAINST OUTLAY FOR WAR VETERANS Suggests Cut in Army And Navy to Curb Vast Expense.

Opposition on the part of Secretary of the Treasury Houston to the bill reviving the War Finance Corporation will lead to the veto of that measure which was received at the White House yesterday, those keeping in touch with the situation believe. Similar opposition on the part of Houston will lead to defeat of the proposed soldiers' bonus measure, on which hearings are now being held by a subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee, it is believed. Houston bases his opposition to both measures on the statement that the present financial obligations of the government will not stand additional burdens.

"If the Federal government is forced to continue in the banking, business, and go out and raise additional loans, as it certainly will have to do to support either the finance corporation or a soldiers' bonus," Mr. Houston told newspaper correspondents, "it will be a dangerous business and its immediate result will be to further deflate the value of government securities already touching low rates on the market."

Secretary Houston appeared before the Senate subcommittee handling the bonus yesterday. He warned the Senators that the present fiscal year would see a national deficit of \$1,100,000,000, and next year would present a similar deficiency of \$1,500,000,000. He explained that ordinary receipts for this year should exceed ordinary expenditures by about \$355,000,000; but these excesses would not meet the annual increase of the public debt of approximately \$1,200,000,000, in addition to which there is the sum usually laid away in the sinking fund to meet maturing obligations and the interest on them.

The sinking fund plan, the Secretary urged, must not be botched. "When we go tampering with the sinking fund," he said, "I believe we are gone."

Means Treasury Demand. The point emphasized by the Secretary as of important was that the first step in reviving the corporation would mean a demand on the Treasury for the \$355,000,000 credit which it now has with respect to the bonus payments or support bonus measure, unless special provision were made to raise the needed sum. The government's annual income is hardly enough to meet annual expenses, and the present day expenditures are so large that Treasury would be forced into the open market again to raise additional sums that might be needed to finance the corporation.

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Another matter touched upon by Secretary Houston at both the hearing and the conference was the subject of a billion-dollar commercial credit extension to Germany, which has recently been broached in some quarters. He described both this suggestion and the financing of foreign trade plan as only temporary expedients that would deceive those who are depending on them for any real relief.

## Boys Caught After Looting Cash Register

GRANTSVILLE, Md., Dec. 23.—Three youths held up Laird Cole, aged 14, in the accessories department of the Central Auto Company, at Brownsville, on the National Pike above here yesterday and robbed the cash register of \$148.

## AIR POLICE RIDDLE SUSPECT'S PLANE TO FORCE LANDING

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 23.—Machine guns mounted in an airplane manned by members of the Royal Canadian police and private detectives riddled an airplane driven by Joseph H. Gadbury, alleged American confidence man, forcing him to land near Winnipeg and resulting in his capture, Minneapolis police learned today.

Gadbury is wanted in Britt, Iowa, on charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses, police say. The suspect is a former aviator and saw service in the World War. He induced farmers to subscribe approximately \$18,000 to build a proposed airplane factory.

After passing \$1,390 in checks alleged to be worthless he started by airplane for Winnipeg. At Emerson, Minn., he was forced to land.

Private detectives, reaching Winnipeg, learned of his accident. They secured the assistance of Canadian police who started in an airplane to capture him. Meeting Gadbury in his machine, an aerial battle, rivaling exploits of the World War, was enacted. The propeller of the fugitive's machine was damaged, his gasoline tank punctured and the fuselage riddled, and he was forced to the ground and captured.

## MAY ASK BRITISH TO EXPLAIN NOTE SENT TO KELLOGG

### Embassy Letter About Cable Evidence Called Etiquette Breach.

A breach of diplomatic courtesy involving the British Embassy on the ground that it had taken directly with Senator Frank W. Kellogg matters under consideration by the Senate was disclosed yesterday by the State Department. Just as the State Department announced that Julio Bianchi, minister from Guatemala, had made a satisfactory explanation of his call on Senator George H. Moses in regard to the proposed Guatemalan investigation.

Senator Kellogg forwarded to the State Department yesterday a letter he had received from the British Embassy containing a denial of the testimony of Newcomb Carter, president of the Western Union, that the British were censoring American commercial messages.

Officials of the State Department said that they had not taken up the matter with the British Embassy, but that it was understood the letter had been written without the knowledge of Sir Auckland Geddes, who is ill with influenza. A minor official of the Embassy, it was said, had been clipping dealing with the British denial of Carter's testimony and that there had been no desire to influence any action the Senate might take.

An explanation will, of course, be asked by this government, more especially in view of the fact that the British Ambassador paid a call on President-elect Harding during his recent visit to Washington and thereby laid himself open to criticism from certain administration circles.

Senator Kellogg refused to make public either the letter that he had received from the British Embassy or the letter that he had written to the State Department but said that he had referred the matter to the department on the advice of Fred K. Neilson, Solicitor of the department.

The incident is considered closed by the State Department and the following statement on the case was issued by Norman H. Davis, Acting Secretary of State.

"The Minister of Guatemala has explained to the Department of State his procedure in calling upon one of the members of the committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate. The minister has stated that his intention was merely to explain to Senator Moses, who introduced in the Senate a resolution requesting certain information from the Department of State regarding the conduct of the American legation in Guatemala, the policy of his government regarding the imprisonment of Ex-President Estrada Cabrera, and to explain certain hints contained in the memorandum accompanying the resolution as interpreted by the press. The Minister has further stated that he made no commitments regarding the policy of his government, nor of the actions of the American Legation in Guatemala, and has expressed his regret that his lack of familiarity with English custom here should have caused him to take the action which he did. He has volunteered his assurances that no similar occurrence will take place in the future. In view of the minister's explanation and apology to the department is glad to be able to consider the incident closed."

## HELD BLAMELESS IN RAID KILLING

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 23.—All recent officers involved in the fatal shooting at a Halifax, Va., store when Sterling Strang was killed "have been exonerated by a magistrate at South Boston. There was no evidence that the officers did the killing, owing to the varied angles at which shots were exchanged. It was shown that Strang was shot in the back of the head by a bullet from his breast. Evidence before the court was that the Federal agents shot after they had been fired on, the still operators, it was said, running some distance and then turning on the officers. W. L. Seay, cousin of Strang, says the youth was prompted by curiosity to see a still running and willingly accompanied his uncle to the spot, arriving when the officers raised their rifles.

## Kills Three Children And Wife—Then Suicides

YORK, Nbr., Dec. 23.—Carl E. Nicholson, farmer, living nine miles west of here, killed his wife and three children with a hammer and then committed suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. The bodies were found by neighbors today.

## SEES FINANCIAL CRISIS OF NATION AS JUST PASSED

### Half Trouble With Busi- ness Psychological, Says Herbert Hoover.

## U. S. WITHSTANDS DROP IN FINE WAY

### Things Relations Between Nations of World Now Everyday Problem.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The industrial and financial condition in the country will be favorably affected by a mental adjustment that will come after the first of the year, Herbert Hoover believes.

He arrived in the city at noon today, to speak at a luncheon in the foyer of the Academy of Music in behalf of the \$22,000,000 campaign for the relief of the starving children of Europe.

"Half the trouble with our business today is psychological," he declared; "the other half is actual, but there is no reason why we should look for anything of more serious proportions than we are going through now."

"The fact that a 30 per cent drop in commodities, involving billions of dollars, has not produced any more marked effect on this country than it has is a monument to American industry and business methods. This tremendous loss has been absorbed somewhere, but it has created no sharp change in our industrial life."

"A change will come over the thinking and acting people of the United States," he said, "in the wake of the present deflation of market and the inability to dispose of our foodstuffs and commodities. Whether the farmer and the laboring man have not been greatly interested in large national problems and foreign relations."

"It is surprising now how concerned the farmers are about our international relations and world affairs. This applies to the great laboring classes. Foreign affairs have turned out to be not so foreign as it used to be, and Europe has come to the farm."

"The relations between the nations of the world in the past have been handled as academic problems. Today they are becoming every-day problems for everyone. There has been plenty of talk and writing about great readjustments after the war, but there have been no great readjustments. The world has been thinking of action on any of the vast problems of the world since the war. Some progress in national and international policies was made during the war, but it has stopped with the signing of the peace treaty."

Europe at Old Problems. "Europe has started in to pile up international difficulties without any loss of time, and is busy with the old problems of indemnities and tariffs. In this country the peace treaty has not been signed."

"Among these world problems that have not been solved is that of feeding the starving European children. Two years has not been long enough to make the world realize that this is everybody's problem and that these children cannot be left to die."

At the luncheon Mr. Hoover appealed to 200 prominent Philadelphians in behalf of the campaign for funds to enable America to carry its humanitarian work in Europe to a successful completion.

"The 17,000 soup kitchens, hospitals and orphanages, following the armistice, he said, 3,500,000 still looked to the American flag to preserve their lives and the millions in Eastern and Central Europe next September."

Speaks at Relief Council. Mr. Hoover spoke as national chairman of the European Relief Council, which includes the American Relief Association, the American Relief Corps, the American Friends Service Committee, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus.

"We recognize," Mr. Hoover said, "the times are critical in America, and we have no right to ask for more money than is necessary, so we have reduced our activities in Europe to the lowest possible point. We have organized the work to make the local people accept the prime responsibility. They must supply the building and the overhead charges. We deliver the essential commodities."

He said 140,000 local volunteers are now at work in the twenty-three countries aided, co-operating with the Americans. He said the American plan builds up the spirit of self-help among the peoples. He pointed out that in Rumania, 500,000 children were fed in 1919 only 200,000 children looked to the Americans for aid at the present time.

Saving Scheme is Unique. "This saving of human life, on a scale of hundreds of millions of people, is unique in history," Mr. Hoover declared.

"It is an instance where a nation has intervened to save human life and not destroy it. In the thirty years' war, where there was no American charity, one-third of the population of Europe died.

"In a war where 40,000,000 people lost their lives, America saved the lives of 15,000,000 children.

## Is Asked to Lead Inaugural March

GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING.

## PERSHING MAY BE INAUGURAL PARADE CHIEF

### Asked to Be Grand Mar- shal—Others Are Ap- pointed.

Gen. John J. Pershing has been asked to be grand marshal of the Inauguration parade and to accept the chairmanship of the committee arranging the military display for the Presidential pageant.

No answer to the note inviting the chief of the active army to accept the honor has been received by the general committee, but it is generally believed he will accept.

Further arrangements for the Inauguration were made yesterday when men prominent in local affairs were appointed to head important committees.

W. Pearce Rayner, commandant of the Motor Corps, will head the automobile committee; D. J. Callahan, ball souvenir and tickets; Appleton C. Clark, Jr., medals and sashes; Charles W. Semmes, local transportation; John Poole, auditing; Charles J. Waters, information; H. M. Bliss, souvenir booklet; Edward A. Mitchell, housing and comfort committee; and Corcoran Thom, who had already been announced as chairman of the committee on reviewing stands, will also have charge of the construction and decoration of the Court of Honor.

Meet Again Tuesday. Plans for the Inauguration are expected to take definite form next week following a meeting of the general inaugural committee in the ball room at the Willard Tuesday afternoon, at which time Chairman E. B. McLean is expected to outline his plans. It was announced by the executive committee yesterday that twelve more chairmen of committees have been tendered their acceptance and that the general committee, consisting of more than 200 prominent Washingtonians, would be completed by today.

Other committee heads which were named yesterday include George W. Harris, supper committee; Fred B. Owen, street decorations; Edgar E. Clark, railroad transportation; Woodbury Blair, reception committee.

Mardi Gras Plans. Chairman McLean and Secretary Jess W. Smith are both giving earnest attention to the proposed Mardi Gras of the States, which has been tentatively planned as an inaugural feature. Experts from New Orleans, the leading Mardi Gras city of the United States, have been asked to advise the committee on the feasibility of holding such an event here and to advance suggestions for the proposed carnival. It is probable that some of the carnival leaders of the Southern city will be asked to come to Washington to help direct the Mardi Gras here if the committee definitely decides to add this feature to the inaugural ceremonies.

Military organizations are taking great interest in proposed parade plans and many requests for places in the parade are reaching the operations division of the general staff.

Senator Harding has not yet selected his military escort, but it is believed that it will be one of the crack Ohio military organizations.

## Plans for Xmas Show Made by Catholic Club

Final arrangements for a Christmas entertainment entitled "Christmas in Other Countries" were made at the weekly meeting of the Catholic Women's Service Club in the National Catholic Community House, 601 E street northwest, last night. The entertainment will be held at the Community House, January 6.

Father Lewis O'Hern, president of the club, announced that the membership drive conducted by the club from December 6 to 13 was very successful, although the total number of new members has not yet been announced.

The club will hold a Christmas Eve dance and a New Year's Eve dance at the Community House.

every man and woman in the United States for his own and his neighbors' children have been cared for.

Europe's Well-Being Aids U. S. "On their well-being rests the well-being of Europe for the next generation, and on the well-being of Europe for the next generation depends the well-being of your children and mine."

## HERRICK HAS LENGTHY CHAT WITH HARDING

### Visit of Former Envoy to France Starts Rumors.

## BELIEVE FOREIGN BERTSH DISCUSSED Personnel of Diplomat Corps Abroad Thought Considered.

By SAMUEL W. BELL.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The personnel which will make up the diplomatic corps under the new administration became a topic of lively speculation here today as the result of the visit of Myron T. Herrick, formerly United States Ambassador to France. Thus far it is understood President-elect Harding, engrossed in conferences of the international situation and availability of cabinet aspirants, has given scant consideration to the question of selecting men to represent this country abroad. Herrick's visit, however, put the subject forward prominently today perhaps for the first time, because Herrick is being urged by his friends as successor to John W. Davis as ambassador to Great Britain. Herrick was closeted with Senator Harding for about two hours, shied at interviewers, and left for Cleveland tonight without disclosing the nature of the conference beyond saying that international problems and the cabinet had been discussed. Apropos of the suggestion that he might be the next diplomatic representative to the Court of St. James, Herrick's only comment was that he had just returned from England.

As far as it concerns the procedure to be followed by the President-elect in considering diplomatic appointments, it may be said that he will arrive at nothing definite until a Secretary of State is appointed. Some of the more pressing cabinet considerations have been disposed of. But it has been known for several days that advisers and friends have been advising the names of a number of prominent Republicans, considered diplomatic timber and eager for the coveted European posts.

Other Prospects. In addition to Mr. Herrick for Ambassador to England, now mentioned to be William H. Crocker, of San Francisco, Ambassador to France; Lloyd C. Griscom, of New York, formerly Minister to Turkey and Ambassador to Japan, for Ambassador to Mexico; William M. Candler, of New York, for a European post; Edmund Morgan, present Ambassador to Brazil, who hopes to remain at Rio de Janeiro; Charles H. Spurgeon, of New York, for the administration of an important post in South America; Frank Kellogg, Senator from Minnesota, who is said to desire a European appointment; and William Hayward, of London or Paris; William Hayward, of New York, a European post, possibly Rome; Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, Moscow, if diplomatic relations are resumed between the United States and the Soviet Republic.

Other names probably have been suggested and the list is likely to grow to enormous proportions before the President-elect begins to give the Ambassadorial appointments. One thing apparently, Senator Harding has decided upon, however, and that is to pick America's representatives to Central and South America. The Ambassadorial appointments in London or Paris; William Hayward, of New York, a European post, possibly Rome; Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, Moscow, if diplomatic relations are resumed between the United States and the Soviet Republic.

Other visitors in Marion today were Mrs. Harriett Taylor Upton, vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, and mentioned for the cabinet if the proposed new department of the Interior is established to carry out Mr. Harding's campaign promise to the women of the country. Harry M. Daugherty, Harding pre-convention campaign manager and a Cabinet certainty as Attorney General, also was here with Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican party, and Marshall Field, 36, of Chicago. Mr. Daugherty talked with both Mr. Upton, general-lect and Mrs. Upton, presumably on politics and the Cabinet, while Upham and Field discussed business conditions. The first stage of Senator Harding's conference will end tomorrow with the visit here of William Howard Taft. It is expected Taft will have a certain definite recommendations to offer regarding the cabinet appointments; Charles H. Hillier, for Secretary of the Treasury, among them, and Charles Evans Hughes for Secretary of State. Much of the conference, of course, will deal with international questions and an exchange of views on the plan of a new association of nations which the President-elect is endeavoring to harmonize the party.

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## Oil Barge Explosion Kills One; Injures Two

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—One man was killed and two others injured in a fire and explosion late today aboard the oil barge, Brooklow. The explosion was felt throughout the city.

Several steamships endangered by the fire were towed to safety. The oil was spouted in all directions by the explosion on the barge.