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# JAPAN MAY INSIST ON STRONGER NAVY IN RELATION TO U.S.

Increase in Ratio From 60 to 70 Per Cent Likely to Be Requested.

SUGGESTED 8-INCH TYPE OF CRUISERS INVOLVED

English Opinion Approves Tentative Tonnage as Revealed by MacDonald to Press.

By the Associated Press. TOKIO, September 17.—Publication in London of an authoritative outline of the present status of the Anglo-American cruiser negotiations has focused Japanese attention on the difference in the maximums for Great Britain and the United States respectively and the suggested American 8inch gun cruiser strength.

Responsible officials declined to comment on this point publicly, but it was strongly indicated in high official quarters that Japan considers this the crux of her limitation problem.

Japan is likely to insist that the American strength be considered the standard by which Japan's relative strength in 8-inch gun cruisers would be determined and also that Japan be allotted 70 per cent instead of the present 60 per cent now prevailing in

the battleship class. British Maximum Debated.

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If the British maximum of 146,800 of 8-inch gun cruisers were the standard, it would not be necessary for Japan to build beyond her present program, which would give her 108,400 tons of 8-inch gun cruisers before 1932, including four of the Furutaca class of 7,100 tons each and eight of the Nachi class of 10,000 tons each, four of which have been completed.

If Japan insists on 70 per cent of the American tonnage this would mean two 10,000-ton cruisers beyond the present program should the United States be limited to 18, and four should the United States be limited to 21.

It was authoritatively indicated that in order to gain this point Japan was ready to scrap a portion of her present 88,000 tons of smaller modern cruisers.

People Want Economy. In circles outside of the navy there is a strong general desire to avoid further cruiser construction because of the present financial stringency and consequently there was a considerable disappointment in the cruiser maximums as outlined in London fon the other hand, the Associated Press was reliably informed that naval leaders would gladly accept maximums perwould gladly accept maximums per-

Cabinet Discusses Issue.

The cabinet's regular meeting this morning was largely occupied with the naval question, on which Admiral Takarabe, minister of marine, made a report. The outcome of the cabinet's deliberations was not divulged. After the cabinet meeting Premier Hamaguchi conferred with the minister of marine. The afternoon papers published what purported to be an outline of Admiral Takarabe's statement before the cabinet, which authoritative quarters in Takarabe's statement before the cabinet, which authoritative quarters in close contact with him partially confirmed. The minister of marine was reported to have said that Japan was prepared to consider favorably extension of the capital ship holiday until 1936, and that Japan must consider the American first-class cruiser strength, if carrying 8-inch guns, as the standard for her claim to a 70 per cent ratio.

Favors Submarines.

Hence Japan would build two cruisers beyond her current program if the American limit is placed at 18 10,000-ton cruisers, or 4 cruisers beyond the program if the American limit is set at 21 10,000-ton cruisers.

Japan is willing to scrap approximately 17,000 tons of destroyers, leaving her 105,000 tons if the Anglo-American limit is fixeu at 150,000 tons.

Japan is opposed to the abolition or drastic reduction of submarines, which she considers the most effective weapon against a superior fleet.

## BRITAIN HAILS PROGRAM.

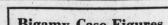
Basis of Parley.

LONDON, September 17 (A).—Great Britain, through its press, today hailed with approval the prospective Anglo-American naval agreement which Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald caused to be outlined in detail to British journalists for the first time at the foreign office vesterday.

Editorials declared in effect that with such a narrow margin as three cruisers between the United States and Great Britain on the question of naval strength it was scarcely imaginable that complete agreement could not be reached.

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MISS ZELMA E. KNECTTLE. EDWIN A. MELVILLE.

Miss Zelma Knecttle Accuses Mate of Having Two Washington Wives.

The alleged double life of Edwin A Melville, who was lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps and won the Croix de Guerre during the World War, ended last evening in New York, when he walked down the gang plank of the

According to the story told by Mrs. Alice Knecttle, mother of the girl, the deception began a year and a half ago when Melville, under the name of Carson, came to room at their apartment

when Melville, under the name of Carson, came to room at their apartment at 1401 Girard street. At that time, she is aid, he told her he was going with a young woman in Chevy Chase and extended to marry her. Later the girlt went to New York and the couple continued to correspond.

During this period, Mrs. Kneettle explained, Melville and her daughter seemed drawn to each other and the correspondence with the other woman stopped. Until after the marriage there was no hint of his relations to Mrs. Edith Melville, already his wife, who was in training at Emergency.

One day the young man approached Mrs. Kneettle, she declared, and respectfully asked permission to marry her daughter. At that time he told her that he was employed as an aviator by Lieut. Wilson B. Trundle and expected shortly to go to China with him.

On July 17 they were married in Miss Kneettle's home and for the next three weeks all went happily for the young couple. Then he is said to have

# GEN. LYTLE BROWN **Bigamy Case Figures** APPOINTED TO POS OF CHIEF ENGINEER

President Proposes Changes in Office Recently Held by Gen. Jadwin.

GREAT FLOOD CONTROL WORK WILL BE DIVIDED

Increase in Public Projects Considered Necessitating Certain Reofganization Moves.

President Hoover today appointed Brig. Gen. Lytle Brown of the Engineer Corps of the Army, now commandin the 19th Brigade on the Canal Zone, to be Chief of the Corps of Engineers, to succeed Lieut. Gen. Edgar Jadwin, recently retired. He will have the rank of major general for four years from the date of his acceptance of the new

position.

In announcing the selection of Gen. Brown to take over the direction of the gigantic public works program of the Government, President Hoover revealed several important alterations he has decided upon in the organization of the Chief of Engineers Office.

In making these alterations, the President pointed out that the very large increase in the public works programs during the last two years, and the prospect of still greater programs in the future, has made it desirable that there be more definite responsibility, more localized administration and more contiuity in direction than hitherto.

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His purpose, therefore, is to appoint an engineer to have direct responsibility for the whole of the new flood control and other works on the lower Missispipi and the appointment of another engineer to have full responsibility for the improvement of the upper Missispipi, the Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and other tributaries to the inland waterway system.

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Also the proposal includes the appointment of a third engineer to have responsibility and full charge of the work on the Great Lakes and the development which may be undertaken on the St. Lawrence River. Some estimate of the importance attached to these projects by President Hoover is gathered from representations he has made to the effect that he considers each of these three great segments over future years as amounting to more than the construction of the Panama Canal.

Because of the great importance of each of these projects and the necessity for individual direction, it is the desire of the President to centralize responsibility and to centralize the work on the spot instead of in Washington.

on the spot instead of in Washing as has been the case in the past.

cruisers of the projected program made public last month.

Japan's first step in the new movement for naval disarmament was announced today when the navy ministry ordered Comdr. \*Stamon Yamaguchi of the many general staff, to proceed to Washington to John the Japanese are the proposed conference for naval limitation. Comdr. Yamaguchi uli sall from Japan September 21.

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the titled upon Gen. Brown. In announcing the latter's appointment today no mention was made of whether Brig. Gen. Herbert Deakyne would remain as assistant chief of the corps.

The new chief of Engineers was born in Nashville, Tenn., November 22, 1872. He was graduated from West Point in 1898 and his first service was at Philip lips Point, N. Y. During the Spanish-American War he was with the Fifth Army Corps and saw service in Cuba. He returned to duty at Phillips Point, N. Y., where he remained until 1900, when he was made acting engineer at Manila. During his service in Manila, lasting two years, he was engaged in numerous surveys and in the construction of Santa Cruz bridge.

Served as Instructor.

On July 17 they were married in Miss Knecttle's home and for the next three weeks all went happily for the young couple. Then he is said to have begun requesting his wife to advance him money. When about \$200 had been so spent, Mrs. Knecttle said, she became suspicious, and called a man her son-in-law had said was his uncle. The supposed uncle denied the relationship. Meanwhile Melville went to New York and obtained a position as assistant purser on the Minnekanda. He said that he wanted to occupy himself until the time arrived for him to sail for China.

Mrs. Knecttle learned the address in New York of the woman who had lived in Chevy Chase and wrote her requesting information of Melville. The (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

## THERE IS NO JOY IN CHICAGO, 'CAUSE COOK COUNTY CAN'T PAY

4,000 Workers Go Without Salaries When Controller Finds No Funds to Give Them.

Congratulations Offered.

Congratulations were offered to the American and British negotiators. The Times paid tribute to the "conciliatory attitude of President Hoover and the untiring tactfulness of Ambassador Dawes."

It recalled that Prime Minister MacDonald "profited handsomely by the hard work of his predecessor in the cause of naval understanding."

FRANCE IS WATCHFUL.

Some Alarm on Submarine Ideas of U.S. and Britain Shown.

PARIS, September 17 (P)—Certain sections of French public opinion have become alarmed over the attitude taken in the Anglo-American naval convertions and discount it for what the bank self dollars.

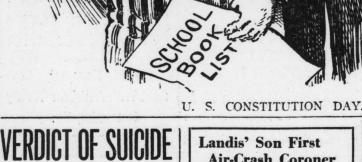
(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, September 17.—It was semi-monthly pay day for 4,000 Cook County employes yesterday, but they didn't get paid. County Controller William J. Graham said he doubted if they would be paid for two or three months.

"Our pay roll of approximately \$400.—

"The controller has estimated that between now and December 1, when the side year ends, the corporate fund will receive approximately \$800.000 in fees. Various expenditures, including mothers' pensions, blind relief and jurors' fees, will take \$790.000. leaving virtually nothing to meet five semi-monthly pay a



Testimony Reveals Woman Strangled Herself After Tilt With Husband.

Mrs. Virginia McPherson, 21-year-old nurse who was found dead in he apartment Saturday by her estranged husband, Robert A. McPherson, jr., her life choked out by a cord from her life choked out by a cord from her pajama jacket, knotted around her neck died by her own hand, a coroners

jury, today decided.

Mrs. McPherson had called her father as his home in Chester, N. C., to complain she had been beaten by her husband, it was testfied at the

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Lieut. Edward J. Kelly, chief of the homicide squad, testified that the father, A. A. Hurley, had notified the police here who went to the apartment. There they found a reconciliation had been affected and that they left when Mrs. McPherson declared that she did not care to place charges against her husband.

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Served as Instructor.

Gen. Brown, served as instructor of mathematics, civil and military engineering at the United States Military Academy at West Point from 1902 to 1907. In that year he was placed in command of Company E. Second Engineers, and the following year was placed in charge of the engineer district of Louisville, where he was stationed for four years as district engineer in charge of river improvements.

In 1912, having attained the grade of major, Brown took command of the 2d Battalian of Engineers and served at Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; at San Antonio and Texas City, Tex., and with the punitive expedition into Mexico. From 1916 until the entrance of the United States engineer, districts at Nashville, and Chattanoga, Tenn.

He was an instructor at the first officers' training camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., from May to August, 1917, and, having attained the temporary rank of colonel in the latter month, as-

FOG-BOUND AIRPLANE ENDS ENDURANCE FLIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., September 17.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., September 17. The Indianapolis Flamingo plane, attempting to establish a new world endurance record, was forced down this morning at 6:20 o'clock when it became lost in a fog and ran out of gasoline. The plane had been in the air 78 hours and 25 minutes when it landed, undamaged, near Knightstown, 35 miles east of Indianapolis.

Licut. Walter Peck reported that a perfect landing had been made, with no injury either to himself or his copilot, Licut. Lawrence Genaro.

Attaches at the Hoosler Airport left immediately for the scene of the forced landing to bring the flyers back to Indianapolis. It was indicated that another attempt to break the endurance record would be started.

After nearly three days of almost perfect flying weather, the first trouble came suddenly last night when heavy storm clouds appeared in the northwest. The refueling ships managed to transfer one load of gasoline and the evening's food to the men before the storm broke.

### Landis' Son First **Air-Crash Coroner** Named in Chicago By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, September 17.—
Maj. Reed Landis, war flyer, and son of Base Ball Commissioner K.
M. Landis, today was commissioned a deputy coroner of Cook County, in charge of aviation investigations. vestigations.

Coroner Herman N. Bundesen
announced the appointment was
decided upon because of the difficulty in obtaining evidence after
air crashes.

Senator Recommends Gradual Elimination, Day and Night, on Main Streets.

parking, both day and night, on main thoroughfares of the District was advocated by Senator Kean, Republican of New Jersey, at the opening of hearings today before the traffic subcommittee of the Senate District commit tee. The New Jersey Senator asserted it to be his belief that existing time on parking are not enforced. The inquiry was started primarily to take up Senator Kean's suggestions regarding parking, but during an hour of discussion with Traffic Director Har-land, Senator Hastings, Republican of

Delaware, chairman of the succommendations for an automobile title law, for some legislation on the subject of financial responsibility of drivers and fer an ap-propriation to pay for annual traffic surveys, to enable the authorities to keep abreast of changing traffic con-ditions. Objects to Public Storage. Senator Kean explained, following the meeting, that he did not object to parking a car for one or two hours, but that his criticism was directed at the practice of "using the city streets as storehouses for automobiles." To illustrate his contention, the Senator said that the owner of a cow would not be permitted to let it graze in a public

motorist to store a car on the public highway.

When the question of abolishing parking was broached, Traffic Director Harland said it was a question that would have to be approached gradually, adding that a survey a few years ago disclosed that the city is short by about 50 per cent of sufficient varges space. adding that a survey a few years ago disclosed that the city is short by about 50 per cent of sufficient garage space for all the automobiles operated here.

"I am in sympathy with that, I don't think you should stop all parking tomorrow," Senator Kean replied. "But, I am not in sympathy with the source that you should not do something."

Mr. Harland said his thought would be to take some one section of the city where parking is very bad and begin with a gradual approach to the problem.

To this, Senator Kean responded that he thought the traffic director should go before the District Commissioners with recommendations regarding parking.

"I would take the business streets, and set to stor parking on the pring-

parking.
"I would take the business streets, and ask to stop parking on the principle business streets, and all night parking, so that people can get to the stores to trade," Senator Kean said.

Believes Limits Not Enforced. Director Harland explained that the District already has parking time limits on all downtown strets in the congested area. It was at this point that the New Jersey Senator declared he did not believe the existing rules on parking were enforced.

Pelee in Slight Eruption.

# **GRIFFS TAKE FIRST**

**Detroit Ties Score With Alex**ander's Single in Sixth. Sam Jones on Slab.

the double-header here this afternoon. The score was 4 to 1. Sam Jones and Victor Sorrell were opposing pitchers as the first game of the double-header started. Only a few hundred were present as the contest got under way.

DETROIT—Johnson popped to Cronin. Gehringer filed to Sam Rice. Stone walked. Myer threw out Alexander. No runs.

WASHINGTON—Akers threw out Judge. Sam Rice singled to center. Goslin singled to center, sending Rice to third. Myer grounded to Alexander, Rice, scoring and Goslin going to second. West singled to right, and Goslin, trying to score from second, was caught at the plate, Johnson to Hargrave. One run.

SECOND INNING. DETROIT—H. Rice flied to Goslin.
McManus lined to Hayes. Akers singled
to left. Akers stole second. Hargrave
fanned. No runs.
WASHINGTON—Sorrell tossed out
Tate. Cronin flied to Stone. Hayes
flied to Harry Rice. No runs.

DETROIT—Cronin threw out Sorrell Johnson went out, Judge-to Jones, covering first. Gehringer flied to Goslin. No runs.

WASHINGTON—Jones was called out on strikes. Gehringer threw out Judge. Sam Rice was safe when Alexander dropped the throw from Sorrell. Sam Rice attempted a delayed steal to second and was caught, Sorrell to Akers. FOURTH INNING.

DETROIT—Cronin threw out Stone. Alexander flied to Sam Rice. Harry Rice fouled to Tate. No runs. WASHINGTON—Harry Rice went in-to deep right center for Goslin's fly. Myer fouled to McManus. West singled to center. West went to second on a passed ball. Tate grounded to Alex-ander. No runs. FIFTH INNING.

DETROIT—McManus fanned. Akers singled to left center. Hargrave flied to West. Sorrell fanned. No runs. WASHINGTON—Cronin singled to center. Hayes was called out on strikes. Jones bunted a pop to Sorrell who threw to Alexander, doubling Cronin off first. No runs. SIXTH INNING.

DETROIT—Johnson flied to Sam Rice. Gehringer lined to Judge. Stone doubled to left. Alexander dropped a single into right scoring Stone with the tying run. Judge made a one-handed catch of Harrq Rice's low liner. One run.

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WASHINGTON — Judge lined a single over Gehringer into right center. Sam Rice beat out a bunt for a single, moving Judge to second. Alexander, who fielded the ball, threw wild, Judge going to third. Goslin flied to Harry Rice and Judge scored after the catch. Myer fanned. Sam Rice stole second. West doubled to left center for his third hit of the game, scoring Sam Rice. third hit of the game, scoring Sam Rice. Tate filed to H. Rice. Two runs.

SEVENTH INNING. DETROIT—Hayes threw out Mc-Manus. Hayes also threw out Akers. Hargrave singled to center. Heilmann batted for Sorrell and walked, Tate threw out Johnson. No runs.

# RULING SAYS BOARD BLACKMER FINED CAN COMPEL JOINT \$60,000 IN TWO OIL USE OF CAR TRACKS

Bride's Decision Strength to Commission's Demand for Traction Merger.

STREET RAIL COMPANIES OPPOSE COUNSEL'S STAND

Increased Fare Less Likely to Be Granted. The Public Utilities Commission has

legal authority to order the unified to effect economies, Corporation Counsel W. W. Bride informed the Commissioners today in a formal opinion.

The Utilities Commission had suggested ordering joint use of certain competing tracks to cut down the cost of operation of the lines as an alternative to voluntary merger.

The effect of Bride's opinion is to fortify the position the commission has taken in reference to bringing about compulsory joint operation unless the

companies agree on a merger basis. The position of the Public Utilities Commission is that economies effected through joint operation would make it unnecessary for the Capital Traction Co. to seek a 10-cent fare.

Commission's Stand.

The commission contended through out the present rate case that thousands of dollars could be saved in operating expenses by the joint use of such facilities as tracks and car barns. Further economies could be effected, the commission has maintained, through a consolidation of the routes of the two companies as as to facilitate service. The

solidation of the routes of the two companies, so as to facilitate service. The companies have opposed such an operating plan.

Traction officalls denied the right of the Public Utilities Commission to compel joint operation without corporate merger of the two companies. They also entered in the record testimony and documentary evidence tending to offset the claim of the commission that any justifiable economies could be effected justifiable economies could be effected through joint operation without a

nerger.
With the question of legality to com-With the question of legality to com-pel joint operation in dispute, the Public Utilities Commission requested Corporation Counsel Bride for an opin-ion. The opinion, handed down today, will greatly strengthen the hands of the commission, it was believed, in forcing a merger of the Capital Tracforcing a merger of the Capital Trac-tion and Washington Railway & Elec-

Bride's Opinion. After quoting from the law and out-ning the problem confronting the ommission, Mr. Bride's opinion con-

cludes:
"The mandate of Congress is that the
act shall be interpreted and construed
liberally in order to accomplish the purposes thereof. It cannot be denied that
one of the purposes of the act was to
furnish the best service obtainable to
the public and yet maintain for the
public utilities a fair return according
to law.

"If the joint use of facilities of two traction utilities would afford a greater benefit to the public and still maintain the companies a reasonable return, then certainly the power of the Commission to order such joint use of facilities cannot be doubted."

# **FUGITIVE IS SLAIN** BY DETECTIVE'S SHOT

By the Associated Press.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., September 17.—The body of a man identified as George Holland, fugitive from Wetzel County, W. Va., was held by authorities here today after he had been shot by a detective.

A request from the sheriff of Wetzel County asking Holland's arrest was accompanied by a warning that he would be armed and offer resistance. Detective Terrence G. Reilly was sent to arrest him. Reilly said that when called upon to surrender Holland made a gesture as if reaching for a gun. The detective fired, wounding the fugitive mortally. He was unarmed.

Holland was traced by a letter he wrote to his wife, who is in jail in New Martinsville, W. Va., in connection with 50 robberies in Ohio River communities, for which her husband was wanted.

Holland and Homer Cologne escaped from an automobile while on the way from Portsmouth, Ohio, where they were arrested, to New Martinsville. Cologne has not been recaptured.

## FLYERS FOUND SAFE.

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WASHINGTON—Page, a left-hander, now pitching for Detroit. Cronin walked. Hayes sacrificed with a bunt to Alexander. McManus threw out (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., September 17 (P).—Apprehension over the whereabouts of a pilot and two passengers whose plane, en route from Nogales, Ariz., to Albuquerque, failed to appear here last night prowed groundless early today when the trio was located at Douglas, Ariz.

The trio was composed of Pilot William Cutter and D. E. and H. K. Dalbey.

## 100,000 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH SLIDE ON FLOOD CONTROL DAM

Work on \$25,000,000 Project Halted When Side of Mountain Is Lowered 8 to 10 Feet.

AZUSA, Calif., September 17.—Construction work on the foundation abutments for the \$25,000,000 San Gabriel flood control dam temperative ments for the \$25,000,000 San Gabriel flood control dam temperative ments for the \$25,000,000 San Gabriel flood control dam temperative ments for the \$25,000,000 San Gabriel flood control dam temperative ments for the mountain and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the mountain and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the mountain and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the mountain and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the mountain and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains and crashed into the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the pit, causing a lowering of the entire mountains are supplied to the entire mountains are supp ments for the \$25,000,000 San Gabriel flood control dam temporarily was at a standstill today and several months work had been set at naught by a slide work had been set at naught by a slide of 100,000 cubic yards of earth and rock from a height of 400 feet into the west abutment foundation pit.

The landslide re ted down ever rocky feet of the big dam.

CONTEMPT CASES Justice Siddons Hands Down

Court Hearing. WARNING TO WITNESSES IN FUTURE INQUIRIES

**Decision After Supreme** 

Opinion Also Makes Request for \$100,000 in Liberty Bonds Seized Under Walsh Act to Remain in Custody of U.S.

Justice Frederick L. Siddons in District Supreme Court today held Harry operation of the street car lines of the M. Blackmer guilty of contempt of court Capital Traction Co. and the Wash- for his failure to testify in the oil cases ington Railway & Electric Co. in order and fined him \$30,000 in each of the two cases, with costs.

Immediately after the justice had handed down his decision, following the hearing of extended argument and testimony, yesterday and today, George Gordon Battle of New York Blackmer's counsel, noted an appeal to the District Court of Appeals and Government attorneys agreed to accept a nominal bond of \$1,000. Justice Siddons asserted that this ruling would serve as a warning to those disposed similarly to Blackmer, by failing to give testi-mony when summoned by their Gov-ernment. Blackmer has been living for some years in France and eluded the efforts of United States Govern-ment search to lead this will be ment agents to locate him until he was served with the subpoena.

U. S. Will Hold Bonds.

Owen J. Roberts, special prosecutor for the Government in the oil cases who insisted Blackmer should be punished, explaining that pending the appeal, the \$100,000 in Liberty bonds.

seized as Blackmer's property under the
Walsh act when Blackmer failed to appear, will remain in the custody of the
U.S. marshal here.

Justice Siddons failed to subscribe to
the contention of Mr. Battle that the
Walsh act was unconstitutional and Walsh act was unconstitutional and hence the issuing of subpoenas under it was null and void.

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In final arguments, Mr. Roberts asserted that Blackmer was the missing link in the trials of Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, and Harry F. Sinclair, Low a prisoner in the District Jail. The Government's hands, he said, were tied because of the absence of Blackmer. Justice Siddons, in his review of the case, agreed with this contention and expressed the opinion that the testimony of Blackmer was vital in the proper presentation of charges in the trial of Fall and Sinclair.

Attorney Makes Plea. Mr. Battle sought to excuse the absence of his client on the grounds that sence of his client on the grounds that the Walsh act was unconstitutional, that the first trial in the oil cases here resulted in a mistrial and that in the second trial, when Sinclair was acquitted, there was no great harm done to the Government's case by the failure of Blackmer to appear and testify. Blackmer simply did what he thought he had a ri ght to do, Mr. Battle insisted, adding that there was nothing "contumellous" in Blackmer's conduct.

Justice Siddons made it clear that he was not engaging in any criticism of the acts of counsel, expressed or implied.

plied.
"I have no doubt that they advised Justice Siddons said. "That doesn't

Justice Siddons said. "That doesn't excuse Blackmer."

The Justice said that it was his opinion the Government was put to considerable expense in endeavoring to ascertain the whereabouts of Blackmer.

Battle took the witness stand this morning an dadvised Justice Siddons that he had seen Blackmer in Paris, had advised him that several prominent attorneys had rendered their opinions

Man Made Gesture as if Reaching for Gun, Says Officer in Case.

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Justice Siddons sustained an objection of Government counsel aimed at the relevancy of Mr. Battle's contention. Mr. Roberts told the clerk of the court that there was no proffer of testimony that the witness in question was here on April 2 and obeyed the summons of the court.

As Mr. Battle took the witness stand his associate counsel, Karl D. Milliken of Denver, Colo., conducted the examination. Justice Siddons interposed a query as to the qualifications of Mr. Battle as an attorney, and Government counsel further acquiesced at the justice's suggestion that there was no question about this.

From the witness stand Mr. Battle advised the court that Blackmer originally came from Massachusetts, but went West for his health and that he was an attorney at law.

Mr. Roberts vigorously objected to the contention that Blackmer could

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Mr. Battle testified in response to a question from Mr. Roberts that a French counsel had advised Blackmer that if he falled to answer in a French court he could not be punished under the French law.

Chief of Police Slain.

FLORENCE, Kans., September 17
(P).—Chief of Police A. J. Eichenberger of Florence was slain early today, presumably in a revolver fight with burglars in front of the Stone Department, Store here.

His slayers, believed to number three, escaped. The door of the store had been "jimmied," but the building had not been entered.

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Favors Submarines.

MacDonald's Report Wins Approval As

ffice yesterday. Editorials declared in effect that with

BY JOHN B. KELLER. Washington won the first game of

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permitted to let it graze in a public park, and he does not believe there is any more reason for permitting a motorist to store a car on the public

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The subcommittee adjourned shortly before noon after deciding to ask Supt. of Police Henry G. Pratt to attend the next meeting at 10:30 Friday morning to discuss the problem further.

Director Harland told the subcommittee they would find policemen in the downtown section marking automobiles for overtime parking.

Senator Hastings asked Mr. Harland how it would be to try out a plan of prohibiting all-night parking on only one side of a street for six months of the year and then reverse the restriction to the other side of the street for the next six months, thus making more space for moving traffic without entirely doing away with parking. Senator Hastings said the greatest difficulty he (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

storm broke.

Senate Gets Nomination.

President Hoover today sent to the Senate the nomination for Ambassador to Cuba of Harry F. Guggenheim, who will replace Noble B. Judah, who retired.

Peter In Slight Eruption.

PORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, September 17 (P)—A slight eruption of smoke and gas burst from Mount Pelee at 9:35 p.m. yesterday. No serious eruption was feared from the famous yoldown to Cuba of Harry F. Guggenheim, who will replace Noble B. Judah, who retired.