PURSES TO FEEL **DECISION ON GOLD**

Average Citizen and Debtor to Be Vitally Affected When Court Rules.

By the Associated Press. Pecketbooks are going to be affected somehow, no matter which way the Supreme Court of the United States decides the gold clause cases.

For Congress, the decision is going

to mean that the Constitution did or did not give it certain powers; but for the American citizen, it is a question of whether the dollar value of debt is o be increased. Essentially, the court is going to an-

wer four major things: 1. Did Congress have the right to end payments in gold? 2. May Congress alter contracts

mising gold payments? 3. Was the Government right in zing the "gold profits"? 4. Does Treasury refusal to redeem

15.25 Grains in Dollar. In those interpretations of law will be found the answer to whether all old gold clause contracts must be carried out to the letter. Every contract involving debt which carried a "gold clause" stipulated the money should be paid in gold or in dollars which would buy 25.8 grains of gold, ninetenths fine. The new dollar will buy only 15.25 grains, but Congress has said they must be accepted dollar for

dollar in the payment of debt. To the citizen, the court's decision will say whether "payable in gold" means \$1.69 or \$1 in currency. If it upholds Congress, creditors will lose rich visions of getting an additional 69 cents on every dollar they lent. Individuals, vast enterprises and the Government itself will be saved the potential outlay of millions of dollars those who have been paid or still

hold their negotiable paper.

But, if the court uphols the gold clause, debtors face the prospect of every \$100 in old debt suddenly beoming a debt of \$169 in the new 59-

Congress May Act Quickly. There is some solace, however, for

those debtors who wonder whether they are going to face the prospect of paying many more present value dollars than they contracted to pay on the basis of old gold dollars. In and out of Congress there are schemes afoot to prevent an increase in the dollar value of debt.

One currently popular would be imposition of a special tax designed to take away all profit from any per-son demanding payment of old debts in a larger number of new dollars. Thus, if a debt to pay \$100 in gold could be discharged only by giving \$169 in new value dollars the Federal Government would apply a \$69 or \$70 tax and return the proceeds to the debtor. The net effect would be to leave the debt at \$100.

Others suggest a hurried move by Congress to amend the Constitution, giving specific powers to the Congress or the President to do all the things that have been done with the dollar Advocates say Congress could act within 48 hours and that enough State Legislatures are in session now to get action from them in a rela-

Court Increase Considered.

Still others, much fewer in number, suggest Congress exercise its power to increase the number of members of the Supreme Court with view to getting new justices who ight influence a desired decision: On only four occasions has Congress ever exercised its power to enlarge or contract the court, and there is no proof it was done to influence a

Ever since 1823 there have been ttempts to require that the court be restricted in its power to hold acts of Congress unconstitutional. Actually, however, the court has held relatively few acts of Congress unconsti-The number since the Civil War has been only 54, including the recent oil decision.

Retailers Given Loans.

The Philippine National Bank is extending loans of \$300 or less, pay-able in installments, to small retailers.

Woman Freezes To Death, Having Coal, but No Stove

y the Associated Press. PHILADELPHIA, January 28 An aged woman, who had coal burn, but no stove, was found rozen to death yesterday beside the unconscious form of her husband in their bed, where both had huddled for warmth.

She was Mrs. James Shackelon, 73. Her husband, 72, was taken to a hospital. Police said they found three sacks of coal, bought with a relief check, but no stove.



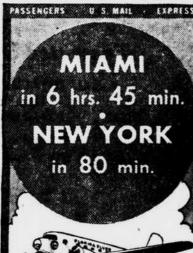


MARIE MCKEEVER, "Girl friend" of the convicted killer, Robert Mais, leader of the "Tri-State gang," shown as she was held in \$15,000 bail in Philadelphia for further hearing. She is charged with harboring Mais in New York and possession of Gov-ernment rifles stolen from National

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Reorganization of Plans for Australia Urged by Hankey.

LONDON.—The question of guarding Britain's farflung empire has been revived with the return of Sir Maurice Hankey, secretary of the Committee of Imperial Defense, from a trip that has taken him almost around the

A few weeks after Sir Maurice, who also is secretary to the cabinet, left last August on a journey which in-cluded Australia and Canada, questioners in the House of Commons were told by Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald that the jaunt had "no political signi-

Recent developments have led mem-

bers of Parliament and the British miles occupy 170 hours. Not only are cheek. Certain of the former hope to moved from car to car.

get the answer from Parliament.

The touchoff came with the receipt of advices from Melbourne that Sir held to consider the advisability of Maurice, then on his way back to agreeing upon a uniform gauge. All London from his last stopping place, canada, had recommended a 10-year conclusion—that the cost might run program of reorganization of Australian as high as \$200,000,000.

Rail Change Urged.

silent in the face of dispatches saying ished in 1929, be reinstituted found the Imperial Defense Committee official recommended that among other ers in London. They argued that things compulsory military training be concentration on strengthening of reintroduced and that something be naval bases and the providing of done toward remedying the confusion strong aid forces to aid in repulsing gauges. The latter, commentators pointed out, were extremely important bourne reports was rife, J. G. Cobbe, in providing rapid transportation for New Zealand defense minister, re-Australian cities, all held extremely vulnerable from that quarter.

Discussion of this point brought to mind that Australia's 2,400 miles from as far as his country was concerned. East to West and 1,971 expanse from He professed not to know about North to South are interlaced with railroads with gauges ranging from a little over two feet to slightly more | Singapore continued with their tasks

press to wonder whether the premier passengers forced to change from carbined land, sea and air maneuvers—did not answer with his tongue in his riage to carriage, but freight must be remains a close secret in London did not answer with his tongue in his riage to carriage, but freight must be than a dozen investigations have been

Compulsory Training. The suggestion that compulsor

Whitehall momentarily remained military training, which Australia abolcaused by a miltiplicity of railroad sea attacks would pay larger dividends.

While speculation over the Meldefense from sea attack of large vealed that while his talks with the traveling London official were strictly confidential, he could state that nothing was said of military conscription Meanwhile workmen at faraway

than five feet. A trip from Perth to Brisbane, for instance, involves five changes, making the journey of 3,500 cally is one of the most impregnable

offices. Headquarters staffs of Britain's three fighting services never reveal the results of such mimic war games.

POWERS TO DISCUSS ARMS CONTROL PLAN

U. S. Proposal to Be Considered on Resumption of Geneva Talks Feb. 14.

GENEVA, January 28.-The great also showed evidence of jaundice and powers reached an agreement today a diphtheric condition which left no to resume consideration of disarmament problems February 14. At that time the Disarmament Com-

mittee will discuss the plan advanced by the United States for regulation of munitions trade and manufacture The problem of arms limitation apparently awaits Germany's decision on whether it will return to the conference. This decision is believed to hinge on the extent to which the powers will legalize Germany's exist-

DIPHTHERIA, NOT KICKS, **RULED FATAL TO GIRL, 7**

Autopsy Finds Cause of Death and Absolves Boys Accused

of Beating Her. By the Associated Press. VALE, Oreg., January 28.—Phyllis Westfall, 7, died of diphtheria and not from an alleged kicking attack

boys, an autopsy disclosed yesterday.

The autopsy was performed by Dr.

Clyde R. Walker and Coroner R. A. Tacke as a result of reports which intimated the girl might have died

from a kicking attack. The autopsy disclosed none of the abdominal organs was injured. It doctors said.

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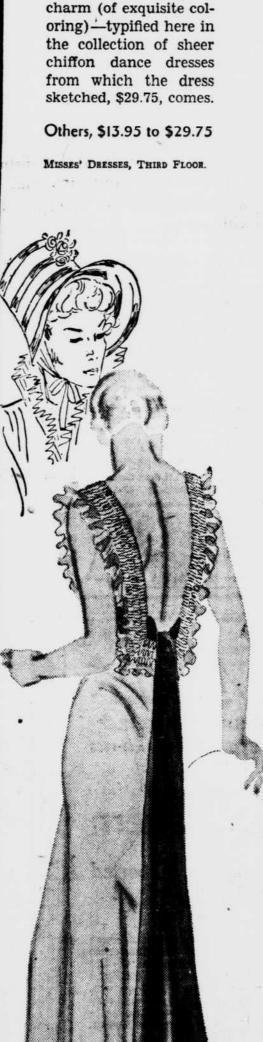


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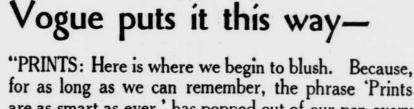


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