

1—Boulder canyon in the Colorado river where congress has decided a great dam shall be built. 2—Uncle Sam's first squad of "dry flyers" who are capturing stills and rum boats along the Texas border. 3—View of J. C. Penney estate, Miami Beach, Fla., where President-Elect Hoover will rest after the Latin American tour.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Bolivia and Paraguay Take Mediation Instead of War Over Gran Chaco.

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BOLIVIA and Paraguay decided not to have a war over the disputed Gran Chaco district, to the great relief of the Western hemisphere and the League of Nations. Paraguay was the first to agree that the quarrel should be submitted to the special mediation committee of the Pan-American conference in session in Washington, and after a little hesitation Bolivia followed suit. The latter republic, however, asked that the inquiry be confined "in the first place to the attack on Fort Vanguardia without involving in the preliminary inquiry the questions at the bottom of the dispute, which have been entrusted to arbitration within the procedure established by the Argentine suggestion of December, 1927, and which was accepted by both countries."

The mediation committee, headed by Dr. Victor Maurtua of Peru, got busy at once, and sent communications to both governments asking them to outline the type of mediation machinery they would like to have set up. Both governments were asked if they would agree to withdraw troops from the danger zone and if they wished to sign a protocol ending the fighting. A spirit of friendliness and cordiality pervaded the committee conference room. Dr. Eligio Ayala, Paraguayan delegate to the conference, and Diaz De Medina, the Bolivian minister, both of whom had attended the first meeting, walked away arm in arm.

While, as said above, the League of Nations council was relieved by the peace move, it was disappointed because the South American republics did not submit their differences to Geneva, for this was a chance to show the power of the league despite the Monroe Doctrine. However, the council claimed the credit for having prevented the threatened warfare. Paraguay stopped its mobilization measures, though the enrollment of volunteers continued. The formation of the Bolivian coalition war cabinet was completed, to be ready for emergencies.

PROHIBITION enforcement was the topic of hot debates in both the senate and the house of representatives last week while the Treasury department appropriation bill was up for action. Senator Bruce, the eminent wet of Maryland, declared the government should make "one honest effort" to make the Volstead law effective, and since Prohibition Commissioner Doran had declared this would require at least \$300,000,000 annually, Bruce moved to increase by \$270,000,000 the \$13,500,000 originally voted by the house for prohibition activities. The Marylander had a long speech prepared, and in order to shut him off, his amendment was accepted without a vote. It was certain the conference would knock this out, and it did, reinstating the house figures. The conference report was adopted by the senate by a vote of 38 to 25 after a lot more lively interchange of opinions and recriminations; and next day the house also accepted it, without a roll call vote. The Democratic dry leaders made capital out of the admitted fact that prohibition enforcement has been a failure during the last seven and one-half years.

Comparatively smooth going for the Kellogg anti-war treaty in the senate was assured when the committee on foreign relations voted, 14 to 2, in favor of the pact, agreeing that the resolution of Senator Moses of New Hampshire interpreting the treaty should be reported simultaneously but without recommendation. Moses eliminated from his resolution all its provisions except the following:

"That the treaty does not impair or abridge the right of the United States to defend its territory or other vital interests in accordance with its traditional American policies.

"That the treaty imposes no obligations on the United States to re-

sort to coercive or punitive measures against any offending nation.

"That the treaty does not obligate the United States to the conditions of any treaty to which the United States is not a party."

Senator Hale, chairman of the naval committee, tried to get action on the administration cruiser bill, but was blocked temporarily by the "small navy group, who threatened an "extensive debate" amounting to a filibuster.

ROY O. WEST, the new secretary of the interior, was subjected to a severe cross examination by the members of the senate committee on public lands before it voted, not quite unanimously, to recommend that the senate confirm his appointment. Mr. West's professional and financial past and his reputed connections with Samuel Insull, public utilities magnate, were the matters given chief consideration. Senator Nye, chairman of the committee, continued his opposition to the appointment, although he admitted that none of the charges advanced as grounds for its rejection had been substantiated.

Congress adjourned Saturday until January 3 for the holiday recess.

THAT unlucky submarine, the S-4, which carried forty men to their deaths a year ago, has been reconditioned and is being used for experimentation with safety devices. Last week it was sunk 35 feet to the bottom of Salt Pond at Block Island, R. I., and was then brought to the surface by the use of new apparatus. The raising, however, was too slow to suit the navy's experts so the test was not entirely successful. The lifting hooks or "padeyes," two on each side of the submarine amidships, were found accessible for attachment to pontoons by divers even though the divers worked against a list deliberately created. But only the bow could be brought to the surface, as a leak in the motor room aft held the vessel down by the stern.

MR. HOOVER had a pleasant journey on the U. S. S. Utah from Montevideo to Rio de Janeiro, reaching the Brazilian metropolis Friday afternoon. His reception and entertainment there were all he could ask in the way of friendliness and enthusiasm. He announced on the warship that he would leave Rio December 23 and would proceed directly to Florida. His decision to cut out the projected visits to Havana, Santo Domingo and Mexico City was due to his desire to get back to the United States and in touch with the situation here. Whether he will land at Key West or Miami was not announced. The President-Elect will occupy the J. C. Penney place, a beautiful estate on a small island at Miami Beach, and there rest up and prepare for his inauguration. The Cubans were especially disappointed when they heard Mr. Hoover would not visit them. Elaborate preparations already were under way in Havana. Radio dispatches from the Utah said Mr. Hoover would go to the Cuban capital before taking office, and might also go to Texas and Mexico before March 4.

KING GEORGE gained steadily, if slowly, throughout the week in his brave fight against death. The physicians said both general and local conditions were better, but they warned the public against over optimism with the reminder that the ruler's recovery depends on a continued improvement rather than isolated gains. That there was some relaxation in the tension of anxiety was shown by the fact that the prince of Wales went to the Bath club to see the squash rackets finals, and the queen, Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles visited the London zoo.

In the *Lancet*, leading medical journal, appeared a technical review of the king's illness which concluded with this paragraph:

"It will be apparent to medical men that not only the severity and length of the infection but exhaustion resulting therefrom must make progress slow and difficult. At the same time the dangerous phases of the illness have been surmounted and there are increasingly solid grounds for hoping for his recovery as a result of this long and anxious struggle."

The statement reveals that the king has had periods of delirium. The employment of ultraviolet rays is be-

lieved to have already proved beneficial.

KING AMANULLAH of Afghanistan is having a hard time introducing occidental customs into his country. A considerable part of his people is in rebellion against his westernization program, and in the eastern district of Jelalabad they also are revolting against taxes and laws requiring certain of the tribesmen to carry identification papers. The news from Afghanistan is rather vague, but Delhi heard that the rebels had captured two forts overlooking the capital Kabul.

CHARLES C. HART, American minister to Albania, presented his credentials last week, and the United States thereby formally recognized the new royal regime of Zogu, who made himself king. The ceremony, in the shabby little capital, Tirana, was conducted with military pomp at the king's palace.

DELEGATES to the international aviation conference and hundreds of air-minded citizens journeyed to Kitty Hawk, N. C., to do honor to Orville Wright, the first man to fly in a powered airplane, and to help lay the cornerstone for a government memorial to the Wright brothers on top of Kill Devil hill at the spot from which they took off in their epochal first flight twenty-five years ago. A huge granite boulder with appropriate inscription was unveiled. Tribute to the Wrights was paid by Secretary of War Davis, Gov. Angus McLean of North Carolina and Senator Hiram Bingham, president of the National Aeronautical association.

THAT murder of Arnold Rothstein, gambler and highly objectionable person, finally brought about a crisis in New York police affairs. Joseph A. Warren, police commissioner, was forced out of office and Mayor Jimmy Walker appointed Grover A. Whalen to succeed him. The new official started in by making many dismissals and demotions of commanding officers. Whalen was secretary of Mayor Hylan for a time, and ever since then has been chairman of the mayor's committee for the reception of distinguished guests. In that capacity he has been almost continuously riding about the streets in parades with prominent personages.

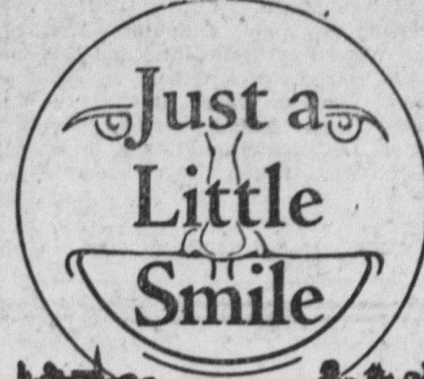
HARRY F. SINCLAIR filed in the United States Supreme court a brief presenting arguments why he should not be required to serve a three-months' jail sentence for contempt in refusing to answer questions of a senate committee on the naval oil leases.

Sinclair contended that the government, having initiated proceedings against him on charges of conspiracy to defraud in connection with his Teapot Dome lease, could not compel him to give information before the senate committee which might be used to his disadvantage in the trial of the case. He also asserted the senate had lost jurisdiction in his case by turning it over to the courts, and declared that Senator Walsh had no right to ask the questions which he, Sinclair, refused to answer.

JAPAN'S first national parliament elected under the new manhood suffrage law is about to meet, and the government prepared for presentation the largest budget in the country's history. For the fiscal year, 1929-30, it totals 1,753,000,000 yen (approximately \$906,350,000), representing an increase over the current year of 43,700,000 yen. The budget for the navy calls for 268,000,000 yen, an increase of 5,000,000, and for the army 232,000,000 yen, an increase of 7,700,000.

There were prospects of a bitter political conflict in the diet over the empire's relations with China and on domestic tax issues. Premier Tanaka's majority in parliament is so slim that his government may fall at any time.

ELINOR WYLLIE, well-known poet and novelist and the wife of William Rose Benet, poet, died in New York of a paralytic stroke at the age of forty-two years. She was the daughter of Henry M. Hoyt, solicitor general under President Taft, and was previously the wife of P. A. Hichborn and of Horace Wylie.



HIS LAST QUESTION

The tourist guide was getting tired. He had to answer too many dumb questions. "And just where did you say this boulder came from?" inquired one numbskull. The guide politely replied that a glacier brought it down. Then up spoke the inquisitive one again: "And where did the glacier go?" "Aw," said the guide, "it went back after another boulder."

WORST THING ABOUT HER



"What is the worst thing about her?" "That insignificant little Percy Snipp who is always at her side!"

Individual Efficiency
Efficiency reward must win. As life goes on, through thick and thin For any man with courage blent, Who goes ahead and does his best.

No Credit
"Rufus, aren't you feeling well?" "Nossuh, ah suah ain't." "Have you consulted your doctor?" "Nossuh, and Ah ain't gwine to." "What's the trouble? Aren't you willing to trust him?" "Oh, yassuh, but de trouble is dat he ain't altogether willin' to trust me."

Miss Chameleon
First Merchant—I have a bookkeeper in my office who has gone gray in my service.
Second Merchant—That's nothing. I had Miss Smith there has gone brown, blonde and Titian red in my service.—London Passing Show.

These Girls
Marie—Hello Jane
Jane—Oh I just yesterday heard of your marriage. I hope I'm not too late to congratulate you.

One Not Often Accepted
"Pa, what is a standing invitation?" "The look a lred woman gives the young man who is sitting down in the street car, son."

LEAD UNNECESSARY



Wife—George, there's a burglar in the pantry eating my pies. I do believe.

Hubby—Do you think so? Then it won't be necessary for me to give him a dose of lead.

Happy Historian
A statesman has to take a chance in speaking for a cause. The kid who does a song and dance is sure of his applause.

Not a Timorous Girl
Lady (engaging maid)—Regarding your evening out, I'm quite prepared to meet you half way.
Maid—That'll be all right ma'am; I ain't a bit worried o' coming home in the dark.

Gathering His Own
Constable—How did you come by that pot of honey?
Tramp—Well, I admit I don't keep bees, but wot's to stop a bloke squeezing in' it out of the flowers himself?

Now, Youngster
Ardent Swain—The first time I looked into your eyes you set my quills racing.
Little Brother (breaking cover)—I say, Mr. Jones, which of them 'ont' passin' show.

Heap Big Chief
Stranger—So you are the postmaster, storekeeper, justice of the peace and constable of this town.
Native—Yassir! You might say I'm Mussolini of Buckeye Corner.

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Little Walter Bowes, of Highland Park, takes life very seriously for a small chap and when anything goes wrong he manages to contrive some logical explanation therefor. One day recently he accompanied his mother when she went to call upon friends in Boyle Heights and while the customary gabfest was in progress Walter played on the porch, and while running back and forth, knocked down the thermometer.

This was a serious mishap but the little chap felt that it was his duty to report it and take his punishment, nevertheless, so he toddled into the house and stood at his mother's knee. "What is it?" asked Mrs. Bowes, guessing from Walter's attitude that something was wrong. "I was playing on the porch," said Walter, "and now the temperature is down."—Los Angeles Times.

Electric Lamp Progress
In 1900 it was said that the incandescent lamp with carbon filament was so perfect a device that it could never be much improved. It was at about that date that industrial research was inaugurated in the electrical industry. Since then the efficiency of the incandescent lamp has been approximately quadrupled, and the great increase in the intensities of artificial lighting made possible by the cheaper light. The new applications created by the new lamps have had a far-reaching effect on our industrial prosperity.

"Phantom Ship" Uncanny
German scientists are taking great interest in the demonstration on Ammersee lake near Munich of an unmanned mystery boat. It is a motor launch, which, on receipt of a certain signal from the station, immediately returns to shore in a straight line. If the transmitter is mounted on another ship the boat can be towed by wireless and the distance between it and the towboat can be adjusted at will. A large doll of uncanny appearance fastened with its hands to the steering wheel caused the natives to nickname the craft the "Phantom Ship."

Record Birth of Lambs?
Five lambs at a birth is the unusual record established by a cross-bred Rambouillet-Cotswold ewe owned by George Rust, of Victor, Idaho. Twin lambs are common, triplets occasional; but more than that is very unusual according to J. E. Nordby, of the University of Idaho, who reports the occurrence in the *Journal of Heredity*. The lambs were permitted to remain with their mother for a few days, after which three were removed and reared as bottle lambs.

Popular Word Study
The period in world history known as the dictionary epoch refers to the great interest that is now being taken in living foreign tongues as well as in our own. Cross-word puzzles, too, have stimulated the study of words.

She Remembered
Father (of popular daughter)—That young man seems to take a long time to say good night.
Mother (yearnily)—Men haven't changed much.—Copper's Weekly.

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