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## DRY AMENDMENT RATIFIED BY 33D STATE; 3 NEEDED

Lowa, Colorado and Oregon Join List-Nation on Verge of Prohibition

SSUE SEEMS SETTLED

Dr. James T. Young, of U. of P., Explains Workings of Measure

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15-(By A. P.) The Legislature of Oregon cometed ratification of the national ohibition amendment today when he Senate, by a unanimous vote, opted the amendment. The House State to ratify. Three more are

The nation is on the verge of adoptg the constitutional amendment which ould make the whole country bone dry Two more States, Iowa and Colorado day ratified the amendment, bringing e number which have ratified it to thirty-two. The consent of four more tates, thirty-six in all, is required to

Favorable action on the ratification as made ratification a special order of business for tomorrow.

### Colorado in Line

By a vote of 29 to 1 the Senate of e Colorado Legislature ratified

ty to ratify the amendment, 20 to 12. The amendment still has to be ratified

Superior Court from certifying the The witness said that in 1911, while the Catim Comm

for the liquor interests, however, pation goes dry anyhow July 1 of this year under the emergency bill passed by Congress during the war, and remains dry until President Wilson promains dry until President Wilson proclaims the demobilization of the army

ent and the manner in which it would

themselves on its provisions. Dr. James T. Young, former director the Wharton School of the University there of public administration, has made a study of the prohibition amend-

He explained some of its work-President's Signature Unnecessary

eto power and prevent its enactment. become a law," said Doctor Young, "it is merely necessary that three-fourths of the States ratify the smendment, and that it be proclaimed by the Secretary of State. It is not necessary, either, that the amendment be ratified by a three-fourths majority of the Legislators of the individual declared, he crased whole pages in the records and in others merely changed

the totals. Evidence that Nobre gave at the Catlin commission investigation regarding Vare contracts was then introduced by Mr. Maurer. Some of the defend-ant's testimony at that time was re-viewed. The following except from read by Mr. Maurer

"Question-Has Vare tried to influee any acts of yours?"
"Answer—Nobre—He has not."

Nobre admitted that he gave that estimony before the commission with-ut evil intent. "They did not ask me anything about Government avenue, said, "and I did not tell them. Says Vare Wanted Fair Credit

"You didn't tell them, Nobre?

in my opinion, the taking of a refer-um in the States where this is a legal

Colder tonight.

## States Which Have Ratified Federal "Dry" Amendment

to See Danger Signal. Says Official

CALL INQUIRY COMPLETE

ton flier, by F. M. Paick, general man

Githens either misread the signal at Camp Hill, known as automatic block signal No. 311, or did not see it. Mr. Palck said, after he, with other investiators representing the railway, the Interstate Commerce

which is now completed, our conclusions are that the signal at Camp Hill was functioning properly before the wreck, and has been functioning properly since the wreck."

"I saw two white eyes' and went hahead," said Githens. "When I saw the ahead," said Githens. "When I saw the other train it flashed before me what was going to happen. "I applied my emergency brakes. How

Three outstanding developments today the ground until 9:30 o'clock that night, the trial of John M. Nobre, former when I left with efficials of the com-

experience. He was reluctant to talk and refused to go into details concernthe rignals. He declined to say where

he sustained was especially severe bemetive cab

They went into executive session snortly before noon with R. B. Abbott superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was on the division that the wreck occurred.

statements in copies of affidavits which were given to the newspapers. After a grilling of more than two curs on the stand today Nobre brought Representatives of the four great railroad brotherhoods, firemen. today to look after the interests of it train crews. These brotherhood official though they did not wish to have names made public at present, tool circly what happened a few days ago in the New York Central wreck at

do when such signals are set, and that when he reached the block signal south of the Fort Washington station he found the signals red and green. This means stop and proceed slowly. The Doyles- Revenue Bill Conferees Also character.

stop and proceed slowly. The Doylea-town local engineer said he pulled to a stop and that straight ahead he saw the freight train-near the station. "He then pulled ahead and went slowly to the rear of the freight, as he

No Bread in Petrograd, Only Unground Oats-Mercenaries

Shoot at Crowds

special dispatch to the Berlingske Ti-dende, the situation in Petrograd is very Many thousands of people are



ern World Huge Factor at Versailles

British and New World Able to Dominate Peace and World League

EUROPE LOSES BALANCE

ize France and England Share Relief Cost

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Paris, Jan. 15 .- The big role that Brazil is to play in the Peace Con-explosion of a storage tank of molasses last night his views as to the work of ference, where she has been given three delegates, more than any other power except America, France, England, Italy and Japan, with five each, is due to President Wilson's personal effort. All the other powers partici- car off the track, overturned a number pating in the war will have only one or two delegates.

This representation is tentative, but is likely to stand. Canada, in common with the larger British col- pard. onies, will have two votes and New Githens still shows the effects of his Legislature's Job Holders and Foundland one. This gives America of the whiled or injured were covered eleven representatives, besides some from the smaller South American

the colonies are distinct nations, having entered the war on their own

Committee.

There committees have charge of the House and Senate patronage and as tion of the British colonies, for it more than 200 stemagraphers, clerks, is known that men like General postmasters, messengers and other clerical workers are employed in the House and Senate, the joint plum committee.

America is pleased at the recognition of the British colonies, for it move that men like General Smuts, of Africa, and Hughes, of and Senate, the joint plum committee. too hastily in the work of Australia, are strong personalities and ardent supporters of President

Jury Allows \$16,430 on Showing America is opposed to any modificaby the Mayor's counsel and by District Austria. Not in Line
Austria. Not

President Wilson's support of Brazil's claims in the conference is part of America's plan to cultivate the closest relations with the couns, and tries of South America. The large representation of Pan-America and Frank Blotz Feared Nervous Disthe British colonies robs the Peace Conference of its usual European

Eliminated Auto Horsepower Tax International politics no longer is a close corporation dominated by Europe. The voice of the New World will have an important part in deciding the terms of peace, utterly unlike any previous peace ever made in Europe. Taking the big powers for example, ten out of twenty-five representatives are non-European and five more of those from England represent an empire whose future largely lies elsewhere nd bowling alleys, shooting galleries, ding academies and taxicabs. Continuation of the present docu-centary stamp taxes also was agreed class power, Brazil, is non-European. The large representation of the British colonies carries the same situation down into the third-class pow-

## ers with two votes each.

Two Huge Factors Control The two big factors in the conference will be the British Empire and Pan-America. Assuming that the League of Nations will have a similar organization, with separate The proposed transit lease between the city of Philadelphia and the Rapid Transit Company for operation of the British colonies, the Public Service Commission, according to a persistent rumor this afternoon.

Section of the commission, it is said, and the commission of the commission of the commission, it is said, and the commission of the commission of the commission of the commission of the commission, it is said, will be announced the commission of the commission of

### ANGLO-SAXON MISSION TO RUSSIA By CLINTON W. GILBERT

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ALLIED LEADERS AGREE TO SEND

Paris, Jan. 15.—Decision of the Allies to send a mission of inves tigation into Russia has been disclosed here. This new Allied intention was learned today when army officers

were ordered to accompany an expedition into Muscovy. The expedition includes American and British representatives, but

it is not known if there is French co-operation. The new move is a result of the British agitation in favor of an

accurate determination of conditions in Russia and is the first con structive step toward solving the Russian problem since the determina tion against further military intervention.

It is understood that some of the men selected for the mission are friendly toward the Bolsheviki.

### MOLASSES BLAST **MORAL SUASION KILLS 10 PERSONS** IS CECIL'S PLAN

12 Horses Die

BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED REDUCED ARMAMENTS

Boston, Jan. 15 .- At least ten persons

ommercial street, today, The explosion blew away two of the

sters and employes of the city, who agreement has as yet been reached. He were at work in the city street departsaid that the league, it formed, would ment yard adjoining the electric freight do away with all treaties inconsistent where the explosion occurred.

America is pleased at the recogni- Judge Audenried Grants Rotan's Request to Go on With

result of the adoption of the League by the Mayor's counsel and by District

## ILL, MAN HANGS HIMSELF

ease Would Kill Him

Wrecks Elevated Bridge.

Monroe Doctrine

By the Associated Press

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re known to have been killed by the

upporting pillars of the Atlantic avenue several buildings, blew an electric freight decrease of present armaments."

Rocknort, at a wharf nearby, were the Monroe Doctrine, Lord Robert asserted first to assist after the explosion. They he could see no conflict with the doccolonies gives the British Empire the mays, stationed in the vicinity, and members of the Red Crozs.

## MAYOR'S PLEA TO DELAY TRIAL

Fifth Ward Case

Refused a continuance by District At-Mayor Smith will be placed on trial n the Fifth Ward case next Wednesday. trial met with failure this afternoon at league is for the good of humanity and a ride-har conference with Judge Au- not any select group. It will become

Fearful he would not recover from a nervous disease, Frank Blotz, sixty-one years old, 2033 North Randolph street, committed suicide by hanging himself from a kitchen door early today. Blotz boarded at the house,

the peace table.

DEAD MAY NUMBER 20 IN MOLASSES EXPLOSION

dead in the explosion of a molasses tank here today at from

fifteen to twenty and the injured from fifty to seventy-five.

JEWISH CHARITY FUND TOTAL IS \$863.000

I Estimated returns today brought the total in the campaign

to raise funds for the Federation of Jewish Charities to \$863.000.

It is predicted final returns tonight will swell the grand total

INDIANA SENATE INDORSES WILSON'S POINTS

today adopted a resolution by Senator Arnold, indorsing a league

of nations, freedom of the seas and all other points made by

President Wilson in his peace program. The resolution also

pledged loyalty to the representatives of the United States at

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 15 .- The Indiana State Senate

BOSTON, Jan. 15 .- Later estimates place the number of

Paris, Jan. 15.-Lord Robert Cecil, who discussed with American journalists n a freight yard near Cutts wharf, on a league of nations, had little to say that the league of nations "certainly devated railway structure, demolished would provide for the limitation and

He declared that this feature of the work to be done is being given deepest consideration, although no definite

league of nations would have upon the he could see no conflict with the doc-Hypothetical questions were raised as to what would happen in case Mexico or a South American country did something that caused trouble with

Asked what effect the formation of

the league and Lord Robert replied: "Then I think an arrangement could e made by which America could act in behalf of the league."

Regarding the admission of the tral Powers and their Allies to the dividual case their decision whether league. Lord Robert said they should be they would utilize armed force or avail admitted "If they showed an inclination o do the right thing." Speaking of Germany, he said;

Efforts by his counsel to postpone the reason why she should not join. The not any select group. It will benefit her

Austria Not in Line

be in this class. He stated that he accepted President Wilson's view that the league must be constituted by the present Peace Congress, adding:
"Otherwise it will become an impos-"Otherwise it will become an impos-ibility."

Lord Robert felt that the Peace Con-ress should get some approval of prin-of having it entirely disposed of by Satsibility. gress should get some approval of prin-

Those European statesmen who now opear friendly to the purpose of putting appear friendly to the purpose of putting the lengue of nations question to the fore have repeatedly expressed the view that the formation of the lengue and the making of peace are joint problems which cannot be dissociated. The efforts thus seem to be to bend all energies to the laying of the foundations of the lengue, so that the conference

of the league, so that the conference may proceed to the actual making of the peace treaty in the early spring, even-indeed, if it he only a preliminary one which will dispose of the pressing ques-tion of demobilization and the return of the warring countries as nearly as pos-sible to the economic conditions of peace. This is recognized by all the statesmen at the conference as of the

utmost necessity, and is not a view con-fined to the Europeans alone. The sponsors for the league of nations plans contemplate the broadening out of the functions of the proposed league as the preliminary discussions proceed, their assumption being that these will range far into the subjects these will range far into the subjects of raw material and finance, proceeding on the theory that the financial or economic domination of smaller nations by the larger is no less a danger than armed domination. The financial program of the league, as viewed in these quarters, will be to consider whether the league itself should lend its aid

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atified the amendment last night, 3 to 3. This makes the thirty-third

required.

tablish national prohibition. the amendment is looked for today regon and Nebraska. Missouri, which be the determining State to ratify

nendment. The House adopted the o'ution last week. The Wisconsin State Senate voted to-

ture today unanimously passed the esolution ratifying the Sheppard mendment. The Senate was expected take similar unanimous action this

ates whose Legislatures are in session. t which have not yet ratified the cerning the contract for filling Govern-ment avenue at the suggestion of Sena-yoming, Minnesota, Nebraska and tor Vare, and that later he made similar The amendment will be sub-

California has ratified the amendment the Governor has been enjoined by Congressman Vare into the proceedings.

The prohibition amendment will not effect for one year after the last necessary three-fourths of the States has ratified the amendment. There is small consolation in this fact

In little understood by the people gen-Even lawyers are a bit at sea just how the law will become oper city, asked today to explain the amend-

An intercating feature of the amend-ment, as Doctor Young states it, is that President Wilson's signature is not. The witness testified at great length

simple majority in both houses of the State Legislatures is all that the law requires ome effective only one year after the last State has ratified it would not ordinarily hold good in a constitution sion inserted in the original bill. There are two ways provided for the State Legislatures; the other by a similar vote taken in special State

ventions held for the purpose.

s by the people to provide these con-May Not Represent Majority "Under the law governing constitu-onal changes, it may easily happen that n amendment is adopted which does not esent the majority sentiment of all people of the United States.

ity of States made up of States with ly a small population—States like laware, Rhode Island and Nevada.

Continued on Page Two. Column Two FURSDAY!

by Congress when it provided for the amendment because of the trouble and expense involved in holding special elec-

Overcoat-and-furs-day For each chilly wight. Fair tonight and Thursday;

## FLIER ENGINEER IS BLAMED FOR READING WRECK

Githens Misread or Failed

Block Light Worked Properly, Is Declaration, Though Crew Denies It

Blame for Monday night's wreck near Fort Washington, which caused the deaths of twelve persons, and probably fatally injured two others, was placed ager of the Reading Statiway, this af-

had returned from an examination of the scene of the wreck. Mr. Falck's statement said: We have made a thorough investigation

Githens replied to the company's atement by insisting that he had seen the white "eyes" that indicated a clear

"I applied my emergency brakes. How the limit is a season when the crash came I do not know. I stood with my hand on the brakes until the train came to a liar stop.

Seekers Are on Auxious Bench Two hundred jobboiders in the House and the signals. He declined to say where he lived, and company officials likewise kept his home address secret.

The engineer's friends say the shock he sustained was especially severe because the body of one of the victims was jammed up beside him in the locometive cab.

Four representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission were present to take part in the Reading's investigation today.

They went into executive session smortly before noon with R. B. Abhott, superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading. It was no the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the New York division of the Reading in the superintendent of the Sup he lived, and company officials likewise kept his home address secret,

Brotherhood on Hand

"Trongressman Vare took me aside," testified Nobre, "and said, John, let me see the books where you made the see the books where you made the changes. I showed him where I made the changes in the estimate book on pages 191 and 195, and he whispered, That was a good job."

That was a good job. "There was a freight train which had pulled out a drawhead ahead of the block near the Fort Washington siation, and the witness could continue further John R. K. Scott, counsel for Senator Vare, went over to Assistant District Attorney Maurer, who is conducting the case for the Commonwealth, and whispered hurriedly.

Resuming, the witness said:

Tank where twenty-two court today which jury in the personal damage suit brought by Miss sound damage suit brought by Miss Enma May Separate (and Mrs. Fraser, returned a 316-150-92 verdiet for plaintiff. Miss Wissman man had one fore posterior local which near the Fort Washington siation, "The engineer of the Doylestown local, which occupied the said that he came to the signal, which is south of the platform at the Camp dueting the case for the Commonwealth, and whispered hurriedly.

Resuming, the witness said:

Resuming, the witness said:

"Ed Vare was about fifteen feet away at the time. Brown was some distance off. I don't think Brown heard me. Ed Vare did not ask me about 100 me. Ed Vare did not ask me about 100 me.

is permitted to do under the railroad system. This carried him 500 feet ahead of the Fort Washington signal.

### THOUSANDS SEEK DEATH, STARVING IN SLAV CAPITAL

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\$10 BUSINESS TAX CUT OUT

one of the largest awards made to

Who has just been transferred from

Camp Funston, Kan., to command of the Central Department, U. S. A.

with headquarters at Chicago

GENERAL WOOD'S NEW POST

Transferred From Funston to

Command Central Department

Washington, Jan. 15 .- (By A. P.)-

Orders directing Major General Leonard

Wood, new commanding Camp Funsto

Kan, to proceed to Chicago and take

ent. Major General Thomas H. Barry, te

SHAKE PLUM TREE MONDAY

Seekers Are on Anxious Bench

Washington, Jan. 15.—(By A. P.)—Conferces on the war revenue bill agreed today to eliminate the House provision levying Federal horsepower license taxes on automobiles, and the House tax of 1 per cent on mail order establishments with incomes of more than \$100.000. ahead of the Fort Washington signal, which is south of the station. The signal then showed red and green. He said he sent a brakeman back to the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge, which is 1550 feet south of the block signal at Fort Washington.

"The crew of the train said they saw Continued on Page Two, Column Five Continued on Page Two, Column Five Continued on the special as well as the excise is include taxes on brokers, proprietor cleanses, theatres, pool and billiard ha and bowling alleys, shooting gallericities deamies and taxicabs.

Continuation of the present dos

### TRANSIT LEASE RULING TONIGHT: MAY BE ADVERSE

tract

Public Service Board to Act on

City and P. R. T. Con-

# Brazil's Unit Makes West-

## **GAINS POWER** FOR PARLEYS

## MONROE DOCTRINE WILL BE PRESERVED

# Hostile Congress Doesn't Real- Tank Explosion at Boston Sees No Conflict Between

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe By Special Cable

countries which entered the war. The representation of the British fifteen seats, of which only five are from the British Isles. This gives Great Britain the predominant place COURT REJECTS in the conference. It is held that

HURT BY AUTO; BIG VERDICT | It was made known yesterday that

## Conference Truly International

### TREATIES MUST WAIT \$400,000,000 Needed for Re-

lief of Liberated Countries World League and the Until Next Summer By the Associated Press Paris, Jan. 15 .- The Supreme Council

f the Peace Congress resumed its sesions at 10:30 o'clock today. Those in attendance were Premier lemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon for France; President Wilson and Secretary Lansing for the United States; Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Sec. retary Balfour for Great Britain; Foreign Minister Sonnino for Italy, and Viscount Chinda and Baron Matsui for

Japan. With the resumption today of th neetings preliminary to the Peace Conference, it is apparent that the movement to create a league of nations is the same object but differing as to the means of making effective the decisions of the proposed world society.

Work Toward Same End

One of these represents the conten-

tion that the decisions of the league must be backed by its combined physica; forces, while the other represents the view that its findings can be enforced without the aid of a common world po lice force. Diplomatists watching the movement of the two ideas as they come into bearing upon the conference seem im-

the nations could reserve for each in-

themselves of other means.

There is reason to believe that such an "We must await events. If she turns arrangement would meet with the supover a new leaf and tries to repay port of some of the European States, the damage she has done, there is no and there is nothing to indicate that it would be rejected by the American rep-

rapidly put into shape in informal con-

Lord Robert said that the league The work before today's session of might, in some cases, take over admin- the Supreme Council comprised compleistrative control of certain territories of tion of the allotment of representation great international interest. He said of the various nations and a further that Palestine and Constantinople might consideration of whether Russia should

## Continued on Page Five. Column Two the Peace Congress will be held.

To Exclude All But League The program commonly agreed upon ails for primary consideration of the forming of a league of nations and the Congress will work on this to the ex-clusion of all other subjects.

### the national prohibition amend ment, as follows: Mississippi Michigan Virginia Ohio Oklahoma Kentucky South Carolina Tennessee

Maryland Montana Texas Delaware

South Dakota Massachusetta

Georgia

Louisiana

Washington California Arkansas

Indiana Kansas North Carolina

Florida Alabama Oregon Three more States are needed to ratify the amendment to add it to the Federal Constituttion, which

Maine

West Virginia

provides that three-fourth of all the States, now forty-eight in number MEASURED AIR TO PAD ACCOUNT,

ASSERTS NOBRE Atmosphere "Filling" Was Credited to Senator Vare

at least three more States, Utah. OVERPAID, SAYS LAWYER Congressman Said Fixing of Books Was "Good Job."

Testifies Defendant

in Contract

ity surveyor, charged by State Senator dwin H. Vare with criminal libel, were: Approval by Congressman William S.

Vare, according to Nobre, of manipula-tion of records of work done by Senator

Vare on Government avenue.

Measuring of air at League Island
Park to include the fill on Government

venue, according to Nobre. take similar unanimous action this ternoon.

The New Hampshire House of Reprentatives today voted 221 to 121 to lifty the amendment. The resolution by goes to the Senate.

Legislatures in Session

Resides Wisconsin and Utah, western Besides Wisconsin and Utah, western ments before Councils' Finance Committee that he concealed figures con-cerning the contract for filling Govern-ment avenue at the suggestion of Sena-

> conducting its investigation, he was sum-moned to the office of Francis Shunk Brown, now Attorney General. On reaching there he said he found Congress-man Vare, Senator Vare, Mr. Brown and others. "Brother Bill" Called it "Good Job" "Congressman Vare took me aside," tayin, New York, where twenty-two testified Nobre, "and said, John, let me

The witness said that in September

Mr. McCullen then questioned Nobre

oncerning the figures. Nobre said he

changed the figures to help Senator are get what was "morally due him." In the course of Nobre's testimony Mr. Scott frequently darted across the with suggestions which he gave how he changed the books, measured air on League Island to include the real nent avenue done by Vare, Nobre said he frequently raised the in-struments and when the rodman gave him the correct figures, he would raise him the correct figures, he would raise them. He said he made his calculations in his office at night. In some cases, he

testimony before the commission was