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Washington, Dec. 15 .- Fair tonight

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WETS REJECTED

Congress Still Has War Powers.

Highest U. S. Court Unani-

mously Finds

Constitutional Amendment Su-

persedes State Laws, Bran-

deis Announces

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Wartime pro-

nibition was held constitutional today

by the Supreme Court in a unanimous

decision. Thus vanished the hopes of

No decision was rendered on the

ases involving the constitutionality of

the Volstead law, the prohibition en-

forcement act framed to carry out the

intent of the prohibition amendment to

In passing, however, Associate Jus-

tice Brandeis, who read the decision,

did hold that the prohibition amend-

ment was binding on the states as well

War Powers Still in Effect

tention of the wets that wartime pro-

hibition was outside the wartime powers

of Congress and pointed out that war-

time control of food and railroads still

The decision added one of the final

nilestones to the long fight to make the

milestones to the long fight to make the country dry.

The court will render opinions again next Monday at which time the beer cases are expected to be decided, after which the court will recess until January 5. The prohibition constitutional amendment will become effective January 16.

Upon the court's decision on the prohibition enforcement law will depend whether the federal government has at hand any legal means for making the smendment effective.

Will Keep Country Dry

The constitutionality of war-time prohibition, however, the drys are con-fident, will keep the country dry until the amendment is carried into effect by

law of its own.

The decision of the court today was made on appeals from Kentucky and New York.

Dissolves Kentucky Injunction

In deciding the war time problition nestion the Supreme Court also dis-

solved injunctions restraining revenue officials from interfering with the removal from bond of about 70,000,000

The court entirely reversed the con-

many for a wet holiday time

as the federal government.

the constitution

were in effect.

EXPECTED NEXT MONDAY

DECISION ON BEER CASES

NIGHT

FINANCIAL

WAR-TIME DRY LAW VALID, SUPREME COURT RULES

Evening Public Tedger

Mrs. Blake, Woman Accused of Hurling Mute Son Into Sea, Is Going Mad, Doctors Say

MOTHER'S REASON EBBS FAST AS SHE SHOUTS INNOCENCE

Hospital Authorities Indicate She Is Suffering From Effect of Drugs

BODY OF DROWNED BOY WASHED UP ON BEACH

Father, Heart-Broken, Comes to Philadelphia-May Be Seeking Counsel

Atlantic City, Dec. 15—Accused of having cast her little son into the sea as a sucrificial offering in the mad hope her act would reunite her with her husband. Mrs. Esther Blake is tossing wildly upon her cot in the Atlantic City Hospital, battling to retain the shred of reason that remains to her.

"Before God I did not murder my boy," she means. Her reason is rapidly going, say the doctors, so a nurse sits quietly by the bedside watching her. As she is under arrest charged with

the murder, a policeman also sits by her, turning wearly away as the woman frantically reiterates her cry that no mother would kill her own son. The woman is suffering from the effect of drugs, the doctors say.

"Bunny' came between my husbaud and me, but before God I did not murder my own son," Mrs. Blake insists. "He was kidnapped."

Mother Tells Kidnapping Story

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Little James Blake, or "Bunny," as
his family called him, was four years
old. He vanished Friday. His mother
declared that two negroes had held her
up in Ventnor and kidnapped him. Yesterday, the lad's body was washed
ashore at Ventnor.

Mrs. Blake is the wife of James
Blake, Sr., an insurance broker with
offices in the Commonwealth Trust
Building, Philadelphia.

"The only thing that can save my
wife now," said Mr. Blake quietly, "is
a plea of insanity."

not fully recovered yet. I am inves-tigating the case upon the theory that she committed the act of which she is necused upon a sudden impulse."
"I don't want to bother you now,"
Chief of Police Sprague, of Ventuor,

Chief of Police Sprague, of Ventuor, told Mrs. Blake yesterday after he read the warrant for her arrest as she sat propped up in bed in the hospital, "but thin kthe matter over and tell me the truth when I come the next time."

The body of the child was found yesterday floating in the sea.
"When you come back tomorrow you

"When you come back tomorrow you will get the same story I told yesterday and Friday night when two negroes beat me and stole my child and pocketbook. That story is the truth," Mrs. Blake

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The detectives have a theory now that Mrs. Blake walked all the way to Ventnor from Atlantic City with "Bunny" on Friday after having visited her physician on Pacific avenue.

Question Jimey Men

Every jitney man and trolley car crew in Atlantic City has been questioned, and none recalls having carried her on their vehicles. A search is now leign made for any one who might have seen her on the Boardwalk. It is argued that she is a woman of striking appearance, and any one having mether walking about in the storm would have remembered the incident.

The place where the body was recovered is about two blocks from the ventured read and with a garbage can, but Donnelly Ventnor casino and pier, where the body was recovered is about two blocks from the ventured read to the body was recovered is about two blocks from the procedule of the procedule of the procedule of the procedule of the way to which Mrs. Blake had read with a garbage can, but Donnelly and Master streets, and many of the procedule of the p

her walking about in the storm would have remembered the incident.

The place where the body was recovered is about two blocks from the Ventnor casino and pier, where the pocketbook which Mrs. Blake had reported stolen by two negroes who she also says kidnapped the boy, was found Saturday morning with the contents untouched.

The place where the body was recovered is about two blocks from the kead with a garbage can, but Donnelly kept going.

At Eleventh and Master streets, Donnelly ran into O'Donnell and Crooks, of the Eighth and Master streets station. They arrested him and he will have a hearing today.

saturany morning with the contents in the discovery of the body bore out the theory of the police after the pocket-book was found. So certain were they that the woman had done away with her son that on Saturday night Chief Sprague went to her home at 231 Oriental avenue and accused her of the crime.

She was under the care of a physician at the time, having suffered a nervous breakdown after "Bunny" disappeared, but she denied the charge.

But Chief Sprague ordered that every available patrolman and detective be placed as a beach patrol to look for the body, so confident was he that his theory was correct.

theory was correct. End Ceaseless Vigil

Ceaseless vigil by the coast guards had not availed. Patiently they had placed the wet sands looking seaward. but finding nothing.

Then fate took a hand. Samuel Biair left his home at 41 Essex avenue, Margate City, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and braving the driving rain and wind, went for a stroll along the Boardwalk.

Blair way a tiny hundle called about

Blair saw a tiny bundle rolled about in the heavy surf, washing shoreward, now drawn out again by the undertow. Continued on Page Two, Column Two

The Weathervane

Fair tonight; Tuesday fair ; Cold and bright

Everywhere.
West and northwest breezes blow.
Dope for Wednesday! I dunno!



DROWNED BOY, HIS MOTHER AND SISTER

At the left is Mrs. Esther Miller Blake, who is under arrest in Atlantic City, charged with casting her four year-old son, James Blake, Jr., into the ocean. The above picture was taken last summer at Ventnor. In the center is "Bunny" Blake, the drowned boy. At the right is Mrs. Blake's little daughter, Esther

JEWELER FIGHTS ALLEGED ROBBER

Third Attempt to Hold Up Place of Louis Hass, North Tenth Street, Is Disastrous

my Thompson, tried to hold an in the in his jewelry store at 1436 North

destroy her child. She still, however, sticks to her story.

"She was a nervous invalid before the boy's birth and afterward, and has not fully recovered yet. I am invalid before the boy's birth and afterward, and has not fully recovered yet. I am invalid the state of the store than the proverbial bull in a china shop. Hass sank his teeth in Donnelly's left hand and hung on. He tried to force him over toward the safe, where he had his own gun, but he failed. He managed to roll the two of them over to a bucket of ice-cold water standing underneath the cooler.

SWAPS BOOZE FOR ART GEM

Rare Tapestry Cost Saloonkeeper One Quart of Whisky

Pittsburgh, Dec. 15.—The back room

Donnelly, when he was searched, carried a lot of ammunition in his pockets, the police say.

IRISH BILL TO BE DELAYED

Won't Be Introduced in Present Parliament, Says Lloyd George

Holiday Shoppers

Ideal winter weather prevails today.

After alternating between 22 and 23 legrees, the mercury started to climb toward noon, possibly to make it a little more comfortable for the Christmas the more comfortable for the Christmas and the company of the building at 2323 Germanown avenue this morning caused

with indications of going still higher. We must not be too optimistic, how-

\$2.15 TAX RATE AND \$54,000,000 BUDGET APPROVED BY MAYOR

Smith Signs Bills, Which Sanction Third Increase in Toll Since He Took Office

MAN HELD AFTER CHASE

George Donnelly, Twelfth street near
Thompson, tried to hold up Louis Hass
in his jewelry store at 1436 North
Tenth street today, it is alleged.
Hass was working behind the counter
when Donnelly entered the store. Donnelly, it is charged, shoved a revolver

Mayor Smith this morning signed both the bills making the 1920 city tax rate \$2.15 and the budget apportioning the \$54,000,000 revenue which will accrue from this and other sources.
With seventy cents added for schools, Philadelphians will now pay taxes at the rate of \$2.85, the highest in the history of the city.
This is the third rise in rate since Mayor Smith took office. When he was inaugurated the city rate was \$1.
The following year it was increased to

"Mr. Blake felt the shore today, supposedly to go to Philadelphia. It is rumored that his purpose may be to engage counsel to defend his wife. It is said the tragedy really has brought the couple together again, after three long mentally defective," said Dr. Louis amonths of separation.

"Mr. Blake now is and has been mentally defective," said Dr. Louis amonth ago, and his front window was souder, coroner's physician, this afternoon. "Only recently symptoms designed which would have led her to walaned which will be an even to keep to determ the counter and grappled was in augurated the city rate was \$1. The following year it was increased to the led was intended by to \$1.25 and in 1918 to \$1.75. The old her was fifted the city rate was \$1.

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managed to roll the two of them over to a bucket of ice-cold water standing underneath the cooler.

Near enough, Hass freed one hand and dumped the bucket over Donnelly's head. The bucket stuck and the water drenched the alleged highwayman.

Just as neighbors, attracted by the scuffle, rushed into the store Donnelly succeeded in extricating himself from the bucket. He hurled it at Hass's rescuers and ran from the store.

cheers, said it was the intention of the government to maintain law and order.

IDEAL WINTER ARRIVES

Clear, Crisp Cold Proves Boon to Baker for a further hearing, next Monday.

the more comfortable for the Christmas shompers.

The temperature was 30 at 1 o'clock, with indications of going still higher. We must not be too optimistic, however, the weather man says, as the mercury will settle down to about 25 tonight.

Fair weather is predicted for tonight and tomorrow;

Delay Would Mean Carrying of League Issue Into Political Campaign By CLINTON W. GILBERT

CONGRESS BATTLE

of Candidate to Succeed

J. Hampton Moore

WILL BIG MAN BE CHOSEN?

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

next great struggle ahead in Philadel-

gressmen who would have been greatly out of place even in the back row on the left-hand side of the House at Har-

Port Has Forged Ahead

The port of Philadelphia has forged orward with Brobdingnagian leaps in

The Third district's approximate pre-

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war industrial output was valued a more than \$400,000,000, based on avail

When you think of writing, think of WHITING,-Adv.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The purpose the President's latest statement upon the treaty is political. The aim is place upon the Republicans responsibility for the failure of the peace and the dangerous financial conditions which are beginning to make the business world anxious.

TREATY DEADLOCK

IS INTENSIFIED BY

PRESIDENT'S STAND

Demand of Business for Relief.

However, May Force Sen-

ate Compromise

UTTERANCES OF WILSON

The White House statement follows: "It was learned from the highest authority at the executive office today that the hope of the Republican leaders that the hope of the Republican leaders of the Senate that the President would presently make some move which will relieve the situation with regard to the treaty is entirely without foundation. He has no compromise or concessions of any kind in mind, but intends so far as he is concerned that the Rupublican leaders of the Senate shall continue the state of the senate shall continue the senat to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the treaty and the present condition of the world in consequence All Eyes on District in Picking

of that fate."

The statement is the President's own. I falike most of the utterances of the White House since the President's illness began, this one is reported to have been dictated by Mr. Wilson himself. So far as can be learned it was not made upon any one's advice. It was apropos of nothing in particular. It surprised the President's followers in the Senate, although some of them had had intimation of it for the last few days. "The Battle of the Third" is the

of that fate.

days.

What had been predicted before Christmas was the resubmission of the treaty by the President. This prediction had been made almost officially. But the President has chosen to take the rather technical ground that the treaty is still before the Senate and that responsibility for action upon it lies with the Republican leaders.

dates, who, cap in hand, stand awaiting his good pleasure, it is equally a fact that no candidate has been even considered by the opposition; and thece is to be no unseemly hurry in the final relations. The control of the control o

s to be no unseemly hurry in the finat selection.

Whoever may be the choice of the Moore Republican leaders, one thing is sertain, he will be a representative citizen who will be a representative citizen who will not only adequately represent the district but who will be in intimate touch with its great industrial and mercantile interests. Preferably he will be a manufacturer: a business and not a political congressman.

Philadelphia has suffered at intervals for years from an overplus of political congressmen. Not all are of that charactor, to be sure, in one or two instances for, to be sure, in one or two instances for the test of place even in the back row on the left-hand side of the House at Harrisburg. The congressman was not to

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Philadelphia has suffered at intervals for years from an overplus of political congressmen. Not all are of that characfor, to be sure, in one or two instances there have been selected political con-

Planned Attock on Moore

J. Hampton Moore is an example of such a system. His long service and ability made him the most valuable asset of the Philadelphia delegation. Yet with this fact staring the politicians in the face Moore was marked for slaughter two years ago. At the eleventh hour the leaders, those who opposed him, had an attack of political skill blains, and removed.

The issue is slowly shaping itself. On the one side the Republicans are saying that the only unmovable and unsompromising party in the controversy at all along has been the President. Every one else, they say with a certain degree of truth, was willing to yield. And the face Moore was marked for slaughter two years ago. At the eleventh hour the leaders, those who opposed him, had an attack of political skill blains, and removed. ability made him the most valuable asset of the Philadelphia delegation. Yet
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slaughter two years ago. At the eleventh
hour the leaders, those who opposed
him, had an attack of political chilblains, and removed Sam Salus, their
experimental candidate from the scarce of the President. Every
had beld him for \$10,000 ransom, according to advices received here today.
No ransom was paid.
Information of Hugo's release was
directly under the skylight. An open
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from fleeral Alfredo Ricaut, commandthe door to close it.

As the did the skylight was shattered
follows:

No One in Jewelry Shop
There were two cops, two detectives, two right watchmen and one passer-by, yet they failed to eathed one burglar, yet they failed to eathed one burglar, the hand, the has "no compromise or contained bains, and removed Sam Salus, their watchmen and one passer-by, yet they failed to eathed one burglar, yet they failed to eathed one burglar yet they failed to eathed they have a possition mow is that if does not wish to kill the treaty. It may be the failed that they cannot also were released without unament of all the failed bar yet they failed to eathed they the failed they have an opportunity to vote upon it in the failed that yet they have an opportunity to vote upon it in the failed to two cops. They were re-enforced by the failed to two cops. They were not missed being struck by the failed to eathed they have an opportunity to vote upon it in the failed to two cops. They were not wisk to kill the treaty. It maney, the telegran was a detective and a burglar he told th

aking the treaty an issue in the next

campaign the financial situation is oper-ating. A very definite drive on the party of business for the ratification of the treaty can be seen today. This move probably is not organized. It is proba-bly spontaneous. It springs from cer-tain anxieties business men feel over the situation with respect to foreign ex-Business men are deeply concerned.

The new director of Wharves, Docks,
Ferries, George F. Sproule, as secretary
of the board of navigation commissioners, imparted through the columns of the
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER last August
the impressive fact that Philadelphia is
the second port of importance in the
United States. It is ahead of Liverpool
in the volume of its maritime business. The letters which senators are receiv-ing today urging the adoption of the treaty are totally different in character from those they received a month ago, A little while ago college professors, Continued on Page Two, Column Six

> Nearby Temperatures Early This Morning

forward with Brobdingnagian leaps in the last thirty years. The business of that day could now be handled by one-tenth the number of ships. Where a cargo of 1000 tons of sugar then was the exception a 10,000-ton cargo is now of the commonplace. Narberth Paoli 14 Germantown 17 Bala 18

\$300 Spent in Wild Time; NATION WILL STAY Boy Gives Budget to Court

An Itemized Account of Escapade of 3 Youths Is Submitted to Recorder in

\$30 Taxi Bill, Clothes, Revolvers and Trip to New York and Camp Dix Are BRING "REVOLT" IN PARTY

A precedent was set for the annals of juvenite delinquency this morning when three youths, one of whom had purloined \$300 in cash and one \$50 Liberty Bond from his father, filed with the recorder an itemized statement of expendimes

All moneys expended by the trio was accounted for except that which went for food, and the boys explained that they are so much and so often that nothing short of an adding machine could have kept tals on the "eats," The both are vincetine Szgebakwiez, fourteen years old, of 1127 Mount Ephraim axenue, Louis Woztkowich, fifteen years old, of 911 Mt. Vernon street, and Alexander Zebrowski, fifteen years old, of 1019 Liberty street, all of Camden. They were arrained all of Camden. They were arraigned

Here Are a Few Items

Three pairs trousers, \$26.50. Shirts and ties, \$11. One room, one night, \$1.50. One room, one night, \$3.50, Three revolvers, \$18.50, Two tickets to Philadelphia.

\$5.84. Jitney fare, \$30 Two watches, \$5. Two fobs, \$5.

before Recorder Stackhouse in Camden this morning on the charge of theft. Martin Campole, twenty two years old, of 1016 South Tenth street, Camden. was also arraigned charged with re-

Valentine was the financier of the three adventures. It was he, it is said, who took the money and went forth with his companions to see life.

The boys had been arrested last Thursday, Valentine in New York and the other two in Broad Street Station Continued on Page Two, Column One

GALE HAMPERS EFFORTS TO FLOAT THREE SHIPS

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 15 .- A northwest gale

U. S. VINES AID FRENCH WINE GROWERS

PARIS. Dec. 15 .- Experiments made by Professor Daniel, of Rennes University, in a vineyard near Rennes in planting hybrid vines, obtained by grafting American vines on the ative, are resposible for the hope of the re-establishmet of winegrowing in Britanny. Grape culture was ended there forty

AMERICAN RANCHER WOMEN IN DANGER

Ransom as U. S. Takes

Action

pesos.
"The Department of State has taken Sarn was killed first.
"The Department of State has taken Sarn was killed first. steps with a view to action by the Mexi-can federal authorities for the release and Miss

in Budget of Boys' Frolic Three pairs shoes, \$21.50. Five pairs gloves, \$24.

Ammunition, \$3.55. Five tickets to New York, \$14.60.

Suitease, 85.

ceiving money known to him to have been stolen.

today hampered efforts to float three coal-laden steamships which were tossed ashore by the storm in Vineyard Sound yestermay. The ships were bound from Norfolk for Boston,

years ago by plant lice.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 15.—Fred G.
Hugo, of El Paso, manager of the J.
M. Dobie reach, near Muzquiz, Mex., has been released by the Villistas who had held him for \$10,000 ransom, acc.

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Mrs. Alice McMullin, one of the ing the prohibition enforcement act that conding to advices received here today.

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Rucias, near Muzaniz, in Coahuila, and Rucias, near Muzaniz, near Muzaniz

the prisoners.
"A dispatch to the department says that refugees report that Villistas LLOYD GEORGE WARNS REDS

under the personal command of Fran-cisco Villa left for the Palomas moun-tains, stating that they would await the cisco Villa left for the Palomas mountains, stating that they would await the arrival of the ransom mency at the bacienda Manchos in the mountains. Pinos, near the Chihuahua line. Muzquiz was ransacked and almost everything movable, including horses and mules, was taken from the Americanowned ranches at Mariposa and Las Rucias.

"A number of reputedly wealthy Mexicans are said to have been carried off. Mexican federal forces, under General Ricaut and Peraldi, entered Muzquiz after the Villistas evacuated,"

Must End Civil War Before Seeking Peace With Britain

London, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Wild trading in the United States Food Products Co., which has large stores of liquor on hand, followed receipt in Wall street of the news that the United States Supreme Court had declared war-time prohibition constitutional. The soviet representative.

The premier said that if the Bolshevick which had been selling a few minutes before at 78 to 81, immediately dropped to 73.

United States Industrial Alcohol was peace with the people with whom they were warring—General Denikin. Admiral Kolchak and others.

Brigand Yields Captive Without Laundresses Near Death or

back while trying to escape.

Must End Civil War Before Seeking

Serious Injury as Iron Pipe Crashes Through Skylight

moval from bond of about 70,000,000 gallons of whisky valued at approximately \$75,000,000 held by the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Co., of Louisville, Ky.

Federal court decrees in New York dismissing proceedings brought by Dryfoos. Blum & Co. to compel internal revenue officials to permit the withdrawal from bond of whisky for beverage purposes were affirmed by the erage purposes were affirmed by the

Justice Brandels said the government

"The war power of the United States, like its other powers and like the police power of the states, is subject to ap-plicable constitutional limitations; but The laundry is operated by the Childs the fifth amendment imposes in this rechain of restaurants. According to the notice a steam pine extended half the national power than does the fourteenth length of the stack. Escaping steam,

amendment upon state power.
"If the nature and conditions of a restriction upon the use or disposition of a restriction upon the use or disposition of property is such that a state could, under the police power, impose it consistently with the fourteenth amendment without making compensation, then the United States may for a permitted purpose impose a like restriction consistently with the fifth amendment without making compensation; for

In Family Row

Jeannette, Pa., Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)

—Mrs. Anna Sarn and one daughter, deled to be an appropriate means of inkilled today and another daughter, Lena Sarn, was probably fatally wounded statute, which postnoned its effective. The State Department said:

"Two American citizens, Frederick
Hugo, manager of the bacienda La
Rucias, near Muzaniz, in Coshuila, and
a man named Phillius, understood to be
are seeking Sylvester in connection
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on land at the date of its enactment,
should be obnoxious to the fourteenth should be obnoxious to the fourteenth amendment; or why such a federal law should be obnoxious to the fifth amend-

ment. "We cannot say that seven months and nine days was not a reasonable

Sylvester was next shot down Continued on Page Two, Column Three 'WET' STOCKS FALL QUICKLY

Wall Street Reflects Decision of

Supreme Court