THE WEATHER
Generally fair and somewhat warmer tonight, probably followed by rain Friday; moderate south to southeast winds.

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## SIX FIREMEN ARE INJURED IN $500,000 BLAZE

### Four Alarms Turned in for Fire in Factory of F. Weber Co., 1220 Buttonwood Street

### TWO TRUCK CO. MEMBERS ARE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

### One Collapses When Gas Mask Fails to Work and Is Lowered to Street With Comrade

### TRAFFIC IS TIED UP

### Dense Clouds of Smoke Rolling From Windows Bring Hundreds to Scene

Five firemen were hurt in a half million dollar four-alarm blaze in the factory of F. Weber Company, artists' materials, 1220-22 Buttonwood street, this morning.

The fire started at 6:10 with a heavy explosion and the whole central section of the city was covered with the heavy smoke which poured from every window of the six-story structure a few minutes later.

The injured firemen are:

**Louis Hunsinger,** Truck No. 1.
**Charles Nash,** Engine Company 26.
**Francis Martin,** Engine Company 26.
**Frederick Groschup,** Engine Company 26.
**Joseph Pancoast,** Engine Company 26.
**Edward Parson,** Truck No. 2.

Hunsinger, the most seriously hurt, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where it was found he was badly cut about the hands and arms, bruised and overcome by smoke.

Hunsinger was wearing a gas mask, which either became clogged by the dense smoke coming from the flaming chemicals or was penetrated by it. Suddenly he reeled and pitched forward on his face, his hands groping out before him. As he fell his hands scraped through a pile of broken glass. His companions staggered with him to a third-story window. It was necessary to use a rope to lower him to the ground.

Nash was in the same party and was also overcome. When he had finished helping with Hunsinger it was necessary to use the same rope to lower him to the street.

**Firemen Have Hard Fight**

The highly inflammable material in the building made the fire one of the hardest to fight in years. The building, erected in 1916, is of fireproof brick and all the windows are of heavy wire-glass. The result was that, with an elevator shaft as a draft, the flames leaped from basement to the sixth floor almost in one flash. In a short time the whole structure was like a seething furnace.

The firemen could not use the stairs and were forced to do their fighting from treacherous ladders. The other men injured were overcome on these ladders, but in each instance were caught by comrades before they toppled over into the street. The ladders were scorched by the flames.

Despite all the difficulty and danger the fire was under control and the firemen on their way back to their stations shortly after 8 o'clock. In the meantime the fire had created unusual excitement over the business section of the city. Street-car traffic was tied up for a long time.

The fire was discovered by H. C. Jacoby, engineer of the building. The

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## ROUSED BY JURY ACTION

### Magistrate Carson Asks Probe of Freeing of Bondsman

Magistrate Carson expressed amazement today when he learned that the Grand Jury had thrown out the case yesterday against Joseph Donelan, Catharine street near Eighth, a professional bondsman, who was held in $1500 bail ten days ago by the magistrate on a charge of extortion.

Magistrate Carson said he would take the matter up with District Attorney Rotan and ask that the dismissal of the charge be investigated.

Donelan is charged with extorting $100 from Joseph D. Todd, of South Salford street. Todd's son had been arrested for disorderly conduct and was fined $10 and costs by Magistrate Carson. Later the magistrate learned from the boy's father that he had given Donelan $100 for which Donelan, according to the father, was to "get the boy off easy." The $10 fine was the maximum fine for the charge.

Magistrate Carson said today the Grand Jury had been given plenty of evidence to sustain the charge.

## YOUNG HUNTER WOUNDED

### West Chester Youth's Leg Shattered by Accidental Discharge of Gun

**West Chester, Pa.,** Dec. 1.—Adam Beldt, eighteen years old, of 1620 North Twenty-seventh street, is in a serious condition in the Chester County Hospital, and may lose a leg as the result of a hunting accident last evening near Sugartown.

In company with two other youthful hunters, Beldt was starting for a rabbit hunt when one of his companions placed a cartridge in his gun which was discharged in some manner not explained. The charge of birdshot struck Beldt in the right leg and shattered it.

## TWO "DESERTERS" CLEARED

### Names of Pennsylvanians Erased From Slacker List

**Washington,** Dec. 1.—Two more Pennsylvanians have been cleared of published charges of draft desertion: Michael Gilroy, of Lackawanna county, and John Marolich, Allegheny County.

War Department records show that Gilroy served in the navy during the World War, while Marolich was inducted into the army and unjustly charged with desertion.

Cardinal Gibbons urged all Catholics to use the Mass Call of Prayers.—Adv.

## *Councilman Hall's Plan vs. the City Charter*

"What is the Charter among friends?" appears to be the attitude of Councilman Hall, who proposes to tack a proviso to the 1922 budget which would hold up the police payrolls if any policeman was assigned to duties not interpreted by the City Controller as police service.

The assignment of members of the bureau of police is an administrative function. Here is what the City Charter has to say about Council and executive functions. It is in Article III, Section 2, Paragraph B:

"The Council shall provide by ordinance for the proper and effective conduct of the affairs of the city by the Mayor and several departments and boards thereof, including all necessary expenditures, but shall not pass any ordinances, directing or interfering with the exercise of the executive functions of the Mayor, departments, boards or heads of departments or officers thereof."

## PATROLMAN HURT WHEN TAXI HITS MOTORCYCLE

### Was Rushing on Emergency Call. Cab Driver Held

While answering an emergency call in the sidecar of a police motorcycle, Patrolman Glenn Pennington, of the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, was injured at midnight when a taxicab struck the cycle.

The accident occurred at Fifteenth and Chestnut streets as the motorcycle, driven by Patrolman C. R. Clark, was turned west on the north side of Chestnut street.

According to Clark, the taxicab, driven by Thomas Rafferty, 2330 Reed street, was racing east with a trolley car, when the motorcycle turned the corner, Clark said, he stopped his machine at the curb to avoid a collision.

Rafferty turned the taxi toward the sidewalk. The front wheels went over the curbing, but the rear of the cab struck the sidecar. Pennington was cut and bruised and his leg may be broken. Clark escaped injury.

The patrolmen had been sent to 1631 Chestnut street when a watchman telephoned the police station he had heard a noise on the roof and that he suspected thieves were trying to enter the place.

Rafferty was arrested early today by a district detective. Police allege he was driving about twenty-five miles an hour when the accident occurred.

## SEIZE 41 POUNDS OF OPIUM IN CHINESE LAUNDRY

### Dope Discovered by Accident at 1304 North Third Street

Forty-one pounds of opium was confiscated today by police in the laundry of Pem Yot, at 1304 North Third street. Yot was arrested and turned over to the Federal authorities.

Discovery of the drug was accidental. Several days ago the Chinese complained to police that he had been held up. The matter has been under investigation, and today detectives went to the laundry to obtain some additional information.

When they entered they heard a commotion in the rear. They were just in time to see a young woman climb out of a rear window. Yot refused to answer their questions, so a search of the house was made.

Under a bed, on the second floor, was a bucket containing seventeen and a half pounds of cooked opium. It was still warm, having recently been prepared. In a satched was twenty-four pounds of gum opium, in one-pound bricks.

## WILLS $5000 TO HOSPITAL

### Anna C. Nice Leaves Estate Valued at $75,000

The sum of $5000 was bequeathed to Jefferson Hospital in the will of Anna C. Nice, who died November 24, at Wernersville, leaving an estate valued at $75,000. Bequests of $200 each were made to the Home for the Aged, Ocean Grove, N. J.; the Widows' Home, Lebanon, and the Centenary M. E. Church, Lebanon. The residue was left to relatives.

Other wills probated today follow:

Lewis E. Herring, 3305 North Sixteenth street, $62,000; Rosalie L. Bralaski, 1231 Spring Garden street, $5000; John Gruninger, 4609 Pine street, $35,000; Sallie R. Pryor, 4718 Cedar avenue, $8500, and William O. Wilson, Jr., 1438 North Sixty-first street, $2500.

Inventories were filed in the estates of Margaret Burnett, $28,095.93; Angelina W. Eastbourn, $24,248.66; Eliza J. Weatherby, $19,877.90, and John H. Foreman, $4698.38.

Letters of administration were granted in the estate of Ada C. Smith, 427 East Mt. Airy avenue, $12,700.

## THIRTEEN FIRMS GIVE IN

### Garment Workers' Union Says Some Have Met Demands

More than 10 per cent of the 3500 striking garment workers of the city went back to work this morning following settlements made yesterday between the union and thirteen individual manufacturers. The union's Settlement Committee met today and many more are expected to resume their duties tomorrow morning.

The settlements were made with employers who do not belong to the Manufacturers' Association, and Samuel F. Cramer, president of that organization, said this morning that as far as its members are concerned there is no settlement in sight. The dispute is over the re-establishment of piecework in the shops by the employers.

## *May Tax Pro Sports to Educate Kiddies*

**Chicago,** Dec. 1.—Taxing of all professional and semi-professional contests and games to provide funds for the physical education of school children was proposed in an ordinance introduced in the City Council today. Graded licensing of all professionals also was included in the proposal.

Should there be a surplus above the needs of the schools, adult classes in physical education and athletics also would be formed. A 5 per cent tax is proposed for professional events and half that amount for semi-professional games and sports.

## MAYOR MAY VETO BUDGET TO SHOW HALL WHO IS BOSS

### Vare Leader's Clash With Cortelyou in Meeting Is Climax to Plea for Showdown

### POLICE ISSUE IS CAUSE OF BITTER WRANGLE

Mayor Moore may be called on to exercise his veto power when the municipal budget for 1922 is sent to him by Council, if for no other reason than to decide whether Councilman Charles B. Hall, a Vare leader, is the whole legislative and executive power in the city of Philadelphia.

This is the gossip in City Hall today following the sensational scenes in yesterday's and last night's sessions of Council, sitting as a Committee of the Whole on the budget. Mr. Hall flatly contradicted declarations made by Director Cortelyou and generally told the Director how to run his department.

The flashing passage of arms between Hall and Cortelyou was the climax to the course which has been pursued by the Councilman ever since the budget sessions began. Director after director and bureau chief after bureau chief have been told in detail by Hall how city business should be run.

Not only that, declared independents who discussed the situation, but Hall, to all intents and purposes, has constituted the whole Committee of the Whole of Council. Richard Weglein presides, but Hall runs the show.

**Mr. Hall This and Mr. Hall That**

Directors and bureau chiefs appearing before Council have been obliged to address their remarks to Hall. It is Mr. Hall this and Mr. Hall that, until even Hall's colleagues have been forced to demand attention. Mr. Weglein, at times, insists upon ridding the proceedings of the appearance of being simply an argument between Hall and whoever was on the floor representing one of the departments under the Mayor. It is this state of affairs, unique in the legislative annals of the city, which has crowded the galleries and the sidelines, whenever the ordinarily routine subject of the budget was under consideration.

But it is not merely this phase of the relations between the executive and legislative departments of the Government, amazing and significant as it is to students of politics and civics alike, which is arousing serious talk of a veto.

Two reasons exist as a basis for the gossip, it was pointed out. For one thing, Administration leaders feel that perhaps a showdown at this time might smash the grip of the Combine on Council, inasmuch as it is not certain that friends of President Judge Brown will stand by the Vares.

Among these are President Weglein, whose leadership is being subordinated by the Hall management; Councilman Montgomery, of the Fifteenth Ward, the Judge's home ward, which supported the Administration in the late primaries, and possibly one other member.

**Proviso in Budget**

The other reason, which more particularly affects the power of the Mayor as chief executive and as head of the police force of the city, is an innocent looking proviso which Hall proposes to tack on to the budget.

This proviso would prevent the City Controller, who politically is friendly to the Combine, from countersigning the payroll of the police bureau unless every man and officer, from captain to patrolman, were assigned to what the Controller would regard as police duty. Of course, those who are injured or physically disabled would be relieved of the restrictions of this proviso.

Independents urge that the Controller could construe the proviso in such a way as to hamper the administration of the police bureau by the Mayor and the Director. In short, the result might be that the police payroll could only be signed if the Combine and

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## ALL THERE BUT THE FIRE

### Temple Students Ready, but Grand Opera House Wasn't Ablaze

Temple University students who cherished a childhood ambition to be firemen had it thwarted again today when the Grand Opera House proved not to be afire.

It was just at the time when classes let out in the big North Broad street institution. The "jigger bells" in the city fire houses tolled the number of the Grand's private box, and police patrols and fire apparatus sped on their way to one of the city's oldest playhouses.

The students crossed Broad street with a whoop, dodging motorcars and firetrucks, to get at the fire and do the various delightful things that students do when they get a chance to play firemen.

Some even had visions of the Grand's vaudeville performers at morning rehearsal, with rescues and all that stuff. But there was never a thrill. There wasn't even anybody at rehearsal. There wasn't even a fire.

It was a false alarm — probably crossed wires. So the engines went home and the students back to class. It was all very disappointing.

## EDISON VISITS HENRY FORD

### Will Accompany Auto Maker on Trip to Muscle Shoals Plant

**Detroit,** Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—Thomas A. Edison, who will accompany Henry Ford on an inspection of the Muscle Shoals, Alabama, nitrate and waterpower project, arrived here today in Mr. Ford's private car. Mr. Edison was taken immediately to the Ford home at Dearborn.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison will discuss details of the Detroit manufacturer's offer to the Government for the Muscle Shoals plant and expect to leave here for the South tomorrow or Saturday. A number of engineers of the Ford organization will accompany the party. It is understood that the inspection will be of the most minute nature.

### Francis Wilson, Actor, Ill

**Cincinnati,** Dec. 1.—Francis Wilson, the actor, is ill at St. John's Hospital in St. Louis. He took cold and internal trouble developed, it is said. An operation may be necessary. Alexander Clarke is filling Mr. Wilson's role in "Erminie" in this city this week.

ROOMS AND BOARDING TO FIT YOUR purse in advertising. See page 26.—Adv.

## *Navy Asked to Bring C. W. Morse Back Home*

### *Destroyer to Intercept Liner Paris on Which He Is Passenger*

### *Financier Left U. S. Pending Grand Jury Probe of Ship Contracts*

**By the Associated Press**

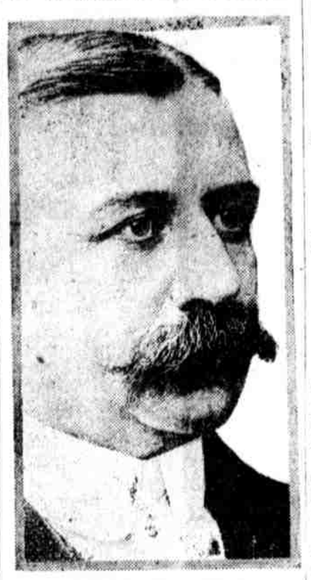
**Washington,** Dec. 1.—The Justice Department was understood today to have asked the Navy Department to send a destroyer to intercept the French liner Paris and bring back Charles W. Morse, of New York, who is reported to have left the country in the face of a Grand Jury investigation of his ship contracts.

It was understood that a naval destroyer would put to sea from a French port within a few hours to intercept the Paris, which left New York last Friday.

While neither Attorney General Daugherty nor other Justice Department high officials would discuss the reported departure, it was learned that every agency of the Government would be used in effecting his return to this country.

The department's request for assistance from the Navy Department was understood to be on the theory that the legal questions involved in the return of Morse would be threshed out when he was brought back. Immediately upon receipt of the report that Morse had left the country the department was understood to have radioed the liner Paris to hold Morse for return to America.

Canvass of the various departments of the Government showed that several had been aroused by the reports that Morse had left the country. In every



CHARLES W. MORSE

ense, however, officials refused to discuss the matter. In one official quarter the suggestion was made that perhaps the shipbuilder sailed under a passport issued some months ago, the time limit of one year on such papers not having expired.

The Navy Department up to noon, according to its officials, had not received the request to dispatch a destroyer. There was evidence, however,

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## 105.33 SCHOOL LOAN BID SETS RECORD

### Harrison, Smith & Co. Would Take All or None of $2,000,000 at That Figure

### COMPETITION IS KEEN

Record-breaking bids were received today for the $2,000,000 long-term loan for building purposes offered by the Board of Education. Harrison, Smith & Co. being the highest all or none bidder at 105.33.

Sixteen bids were opened at noon by members of the finance committee of the Board of Education in the administration building, Nineteenth street near Market. Half the bidders wanted all or none of the five per cent bonds.

The other companies and syndicates which offered to take the entire issue, and the prices they offered, follow:

Girard Estate, 102; Richmond & Co. and associates, 101.072; National City Company, 101.079; Commercial Trust Company, 101.077; Robert Glendinning & Co., 101.077; Harrison Company and syndicate, 101.0417 and Harris & Co., 103.7977.

Other bids received were:

Townsend Whelen & Co., $20,000 at 103.63; Provident Life and Trust Company, $10,000 at par; Henry H. Kraus, East Greenville, Pa., $10000 at 101; Carstairs & Co., $100,000 at 106; William H. McCutcheon, $80,000 at 101.015; Northwestern Trust Company, $32,000 at 102; Land Title and Trust Company, $25,000 at 100½, and the People's Trust Company, $80,000 at 101.

Funds derived from the loan will be used for additions to elementary and high schools and for repairs to school buildings throughout the city. The building plans are part of the board's $10,000,000 building program of which $6,000,000 is to be financed by bond issues.

## TO FIGHT 'THEATRE COUGHS'

### Paris Actors Organize Campaign After Consulting Specialists

**Paris,** Dec. 1. (By A. P.) Parisian actors have decided to organize a campaign against the "theatre cough," coughs, which, they say, have a habit of occurring at dramatic moments in the plays and spoiling the effect intended by the playwrights.

There is little excuse for 75 per cent of the "theatre coughs" according to French specialists, who say a moment's concentration when the cough is felt to be coming on will usually prevent it. There have been instances of actors threatening to stop performances marred by the coughing of the audience.

## J. M. BROOMALL, JR., DEAD

### Retired Chester Merchant Victim of Heart Attack

**Chester, Pa.,** Dec. 1.—John M. Broomall, Jr., retired business man and a widely known resident, died suddenly last night of heart disease. He was seated in a chair at his home, 702 Madison street, when he expired. Mr. Broomall was in his seventy-third year.

Mr. Broomall was born in Upper Chichester, Delaware County, and was engaged in the dry goods business here for forty-five years. He was a director of the Delaware County National Bank and a son of George and Rebecca Broomall. He is survived by a son, Dr. Harold Broomall, of Germantown.

## FIRE ON SENATOR'S ESTATE

### Senator Woodward Sleeps as Building on Property Burns

Fire damaged an outbuilding on the estate of State Senator George Woodward, Lincoln Drive and Cresheim road, last night. The building is a considerable distance from the Woodward home and the residence of the State Senator was not in danger. Police of the Germantown station have not determined the origin of the fire. The loss is said to be slight.

Senator Woodward was at home last night, but said today that he did not know there was a fire on the estate until after the firemen had left.

## "JUDGES" DRAW LOTS FOR COURTS

### Comply With Law by Lottery, Then "Swap" Posts to Suit Own Desires

### MAYOR ACTS AT "GAMBLE"

Old and new magistrates drew for court assignments today in Mayor Moore's office, as the law requires, and then retired to a room nearby to "swap."

The Mayor's reception room was crowded with magistrates and spectators. There were so many "Combine" followers present that it looked like a Vare political meeting. The Mayor appeared at noon with City Solicitor Smyth.

Present were the nine new magistrates, eight who were re-elected and ten holdovers. There is one vacancy. Magistrate Wrigley, resigned, is still in jail and no one has been named to succeed him.

Some of the sitting magistrates, who are comfortable in their present berths, murmured at the new law which required their entering the gamble with the new "judges."

The drawing was in alphabetical order. William H. Belcher, Democrat, who was re-elected after an absence from the minor judiciary, getting the first chance at the old straw hat in which the slips of paper with the court numbers were placed.

Daniel Shuster, the Mayor's secretary, and Mr. Smyth alternated in "passing the hat." The crowd was so dense that some of the magistrates could not get near the Mayor's table, and then the hat would be pushed through the crowd toward the Magistrate's outstretched hand.

Magistrate Campbell, who has not resigned, although elected Register of Wills, came up to get his slip and the Mayor announced: "Judge Campbell, our new Register of Wills." The Mayor and the "Judge" have not been friendly of late. Campbell has held his magistrate's job so there will be a vacancy to fill by appointment when he becomes Register.

There was a laugh when Magistrate Carney went up to the table. The Mayor, in his best voice and manner, announced: "Magistrate Carney he gets 'em all." The reference was to the summonses sent out by Carney recently for violation of the parking rules, which caught the Mayor among others. Magistrates, spectators, Carney and the Mayor all joined in the laugh.

Magistrate Eisenbrown was not present. Magistrate Joseph Coward announced that the veteran is ill, and drew for him. Magistrate Frank W. Neff, follower of "Uncle Dave" Lane, announced that he "drew under protest." One of those who did not answer to the call of his name was Magistrate O'Brien.

## U. S. AGENTS SEEK HEADLEY, ACCUSED IN LIQUOR CASE

### Dry Enforcement Man Drops From Sight After Warrant Is Issued

Orders have been received from Washington by the local Prohibition Enforcement Bureau to "go get" William R. Headley, enforcement agent, for whom a warrant has been issued on a charge of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

It was learned today that during a hunt for Headley yesterday he was near the Federal Building talking to another member of the enforcement staff who did not know about the warrant.

Clem Goodman, said to be a member of the raided American Medical Company, 147 North Third street, may be surrendered by his attorney today.

Conrad Goodman, also said to be a member of the firm, was arrested yesterday. Max Laupheimer, arrested in connection with the same case, is out on $1000 bail.

Agent Walter Carman, who operated the "firing company" after the raid yesterday, reported today that he had received seventy-five telephone calls between 10:30 o'clock last night and 1 o'clock this morning from people who wanted to order whisky.

DO YOU NEED A BABY CARRIAGE OR A stove or anything else for the house? Perhaps it's in the For Sale column today on page 26.—Adv.

## JAPAN AND CHINA NEAR SETTLEMENT OF OWN TROUBLES

### Hughes' Strategy of Putting Far East Up to Them Proves Success

### WILL EASE WAY FOR NAVAL AGREEMENTS

**By CLINTON W. GILBERT**
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**Washington,** Dec. 1.—Of the Shantung question, which the English and Americans are trying to have settled privately between the Chinese and the Japanese, not much remains.

The chief issue now is the disposition of the railroad controlled by Japan. Railroads are always the issue everywhere in China.

But with regard to this particular railway, the question does not seem substantial in western eyes. As it is described here, China asks that Japan return one-half the railway at once to China, with the right for China to purchase the other half at a later date.

Japan, it is said, offers instead to China a one-half interest in the whole railway. She points out that a division of the railway between the two countries would operate badly, giving each one a chance to block the traffic of the other.

**Fears Japanese Partnership**

The Chinese on the other hand probably feel that with a partnership between China and Japan in control of the road such as is proposed, Japan as the stronger and better organized country would be the dominant partner.

The Americans, English and Japanese wish the Shantung question settled privately between Japan and China, England and the United States merely extending their good offices. This has always been the Hughes position.

The Chinese, on the other hand, wish the decision to be made by the whole Conference. If the delegates obtain less in Shantung than public opinion in China demands, they can in that case explain that the settlement was imposed by the Powers. If they agree directly with Japan they will have to assume at home the responsibility for the agreement reached.

**May Put It Up to Powers**

The Chinese in entering the present discussions with Japan reserved the right to bring Shantung, should no decision to be thus reached, up before the general Conference. Thus the Shantung negotiations may be slow and difficult, ending in an appeal to the whole Conference.

The politics of the Far East being somewhat clarified, the Japanese delegates are now ready to move forward to an agreement upon the limitation of naval armament. As it was explained by a representative of the Japanese Government this morning, Japan is riding two horses and does not wish them to get far apart.

She was unwilling to agree off-hand to the Hughes ratio on disarmament without seeing whether there were any surprises waiting for her in the political conference. Experts notoriously can never agree upon anything. Her own experts insisted upon the 10-10-7 ratio. Here was a chance for delay while the Far Eastern situation clarified itself. Let the naval experts of three great Powers fight the ratio question out among themselves.

**Naval Issue to Vanish**

Japan is now pretty well satisfied that the Far Eastern settlement will be reasonably agreeable to herself. So it is predicted in Japanese circles that the ratio question will quickly disappear.

Mr. Hughes' desire that Shantung be settled directly between Japan and China, with this country doing no more than using its good offices, is a striking illustration of the whole American attitude on the Pacific. There has been a studious avoidance of any suggestion to impose any settlement upon Japan or China.

For Mr. Hughes to do it would be to

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## *British Spokesman Likens Conference to Juggler*

**Washingtn,** Dec. 1.—(By A. P.)—The Arms Conference in trying to keep all of its big work going at one time was compared by a British spokesman today to a juggler.

"Now consider the juggler," said the Britisher, speaking in parable. "He may have his arms full of balls and the success of the trick depends on keeping all of them in the air at once. If one ball slips to the floor the trick rather fails, don't you see?

"So it is with this Conference. The Far East and naval balls and all the little balls that enter into the negotiations, so to speak, are in the hands of the Conference, and like the trained juggler, the aim is to still keep them on the move so that none may fall. In this case I think the juggler will turn the trick."

## GIGANTIC STEEL MERGER PLANNED

### Midvale Company Included in Proposed Consolidation of Independent Concerns

### $500,000,000 IS INVOLVED

**By the Associated Press**

**New York,** Dec. 1.—Reports that a merger of seven or more of the independent steel companies is contemplated were confirmed in the financial district today.

The proposed consolidation will take in all the leading producers and manufacturers with the exception of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Jones & Laughlin Company, of Pittsburgh.

The capitalization of the various companies concerned in the proposed consolidation approximates $500,000,000, and the products of the various companies cover almost every branch of the steel and iron industry.

The companies named comprise the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, the Republic Iron and Steel Company, Lackawanna Steel Company, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Inland Steel Company, Brier Hill Steel Company and the Steel and Tube Company of America.

Reports of a consolidation have been current in the trade for more than a year.

This consolidation, if effected, will be second in importance to the United States Steel Corporation, now the dominant organization in the industry.

The chief executive of one of the largest steel companies operating in the Ohio district today admitted that conferences were in progress for the purpose of consolidating the companies named. Discussions have not proceeded beyond the general terms of the project, it was said, and the more important details of plant valuation would now be taken up.

Two groups of bankers have been called into consultation to take up the financial phases of the proposition. One is a house of international reputation and the other has recently been active in the flotation of industrial and utility securities.

## AID FOR U. S. SHIPS SOUGHT

### Railroads to Be Asked to Cancel Contracts With Foreign Vessels

**Washington,** Dec. 1.—(By A. P.) Representatives of ten American railroads today conferred with the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Shipping Board to discuss the termination of contracts entered into between American railroads and foreign shipping lines.

According to figures compiled by the Interstate Commerce Commission 2,500,000 tons of freight were interchanged between American railroads and foreign shipping firms, both for inward and outward bound traffic and cargoes in 1920. The Shipping Board feels that this business should be diverted to American mercantil marine. It is believed that the railroads will be asked to abrogate their agreements, some of which terminate soon.

## FIRE SWEEPS CAMDEN DEPARTMENT STORE:

### GIRL EMPLOYES FAINT DURING FLIGHT

A two-alarm fire in C. C. Chew's Department Store, Second and Market streets, Camden, at 1:30 o'clock today routed 150 girl employes and hundreds of Christmas shoppers. Several of the girls fainted when they reached the street. The fire started in a one-story building adjoining the main store and spread rapidly. Store employes risked their lives before the arrival of the firemen in saving some of the office records.

## SERIOUS RIOTS IN VIENNA; RED FLAGS HOISTED

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—Rioting of a serious nature broke out in Vienna today following a great demonstration before the Parliament building, where red flags were raised on improvised masts. The crowds then began smashing windows and looting shops dealing in articles of luxury.

## LORENZ COMING TO PHILA.

### Will Conduct Clinic at Samaritan Hospital

Dr. Adolf Lorenz, famous Austrian surgeon, will conduct a clinic at the Samaritan Hospital as soon as his health will permit him to come to Philadelphia.

Assurance of his visit was given in New York yesterday to Dr. Harry Hudson, professor of orthopedic surgery at the Samaritan Hospital.

Dr. Hudson said the hospital would start today listing the cases of those who wish to be examined by Dr. Lorenz.

## DID YOU GET ONE?

### 44,000 Income Tax Reminders Were Delivered Today

Forty-four thousand residents of the city received in the first mail today notices to pay up the final installment of their income tax. The fifteenth of the month is the last day on which to settle your account if you would escape the heavy penalties.

Blakely D. McCaughin, Collector of Internal Revenue, said he expected to collect $27,000,000 on this quarter. This is a million less than the last quarter.

## ARBUCKLE'S FATE HINGES ON REPORT ON GIRL'S HEALTH

### Both Sides Anxious as to What Commission of Physicians Will Disclose

### FREE GANGSTERS IF FATTY IS CLEARED, CRIES BRADY

### Comedian's Case Expected to Be Placed in Jury's Hands by Tomorrow

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**San Francisco,** Dec. 1.—The case of the people of California and the pursuing fates and the Women's Vigilant Committee of San Francisco against Fatty Arbuckle will be given into the hands of a weary jury of five women and seven men tomorrow.

Before Saturday morning Mr. Arbuckle should know whether he is to be out of the trenches by Christmas or tragically and irretrievably out of what, in the language of the superstitious, is called luck.

It is considered probable that the lawyers will struggle to the bitter end without hurling their leather-bound books at each other. But the air about the counsel tables is heavily weighted with thunders and lightnings that seem to be held in check with increasing difficulty.

Yesterday, for example, Matthew Brady, the District Attorney, uttered the bitterest comment ever heard west of the Rockies from a prosecutor in the midst of a criminal case.

**Matt Brady's Threat**

"If this jury acquits Arbuckle," said he, "I shall at once formally ask the Parole Board to release the Howard street gang. I can see no reason why the Howard streeters should stay in jail if Arbuckle is to go free."

In San Francisco, where for a whole week the Howard street gang made headlines a foot thick and caused groans in all editorial columns, the afternoon newspapers fled gasping to press hours ahead of schedule time to give this news to the eager people. The gang to which Brady referred is generally supposed to be the toughest in the known world.

About ten of its leaders got fearfully drunk not long ago, dragged two young girls into a shack, assaulted them and turned them half dead into the street. The gang is now in San Quentin Prison, and it was Brady who put it there.

The reaction of Fatty's lawyers to this pronouncement from the prosecution was suggestive of a cataclysm of nature. They fled into a special conference. When they emerged it was only Gavin McNab who would trust himself to speak at first. He was just in time to read the corrected version of Brady's statement.

**Will Ask Their Release**

"The first report," said Brady in print, "does not properly reflect what I said—"

"Aha," murmured McNab. "He's taking it back."

"What I said," proceeded the District Attorney's revised communique, "was not that I'd free the Howard street gang if Arbuckle is turned loose. I haven't power to free anybody. But I can ask for the release of the Howard street gang and I shall do so if there is a failure to convict in this case.

"There are many points of similarity in the crime charged against Arbuckle and that charged against the Howard street gang. Heavy drinking was the primary cause of the trouble in both cases. The Howard streeters came into court without a cent. Arbuckle arrived here with a million-dollar array of counsel.

"I've been around this Hall of Justice for seven or eight years and I have been forced by experience and observation to believe that it is a serious crime in this country to be poor. I want to feel that this view is not justified and that is one of the reasons why I want to see Arbuckle convicted. Convicted he will be if I can help it. Moreover, I intend to put a stop to the use of manufactured and perjured evidence in cases of this sort."

**Long-Distance Headlines**

"I shall be glad indeed," said Mr. McNab in a low and terrible voice, "if Mr. Brady, 'putting a stop to manufactured and perjured evidence,' begins his admirable work in his own office. He impounded Zey Prevost and Alice Blake, did he not? Yet I was unable to see that that work helped him in the least to manufacture a case against Roscoe Arbuckle."

"I'll tell you," said Mr. Schmulowitz, of Fatty's counsel, knowingly, "he's merely trying to get black headlines in the newspapers, which the jury will be able to read at a distance when it goes to the hotel or to lunch."

Brady hearing of this, laughed sardonically.

"They know what I'm trying to do," said he. "I'm trying to put their little Mr. Arbuckle in a jail and they aren't so sure that I'm not going to succeed."

It is hardly fair to say that Brady is trying merely to make headlines. The lights in his office and in the offices of his assistants have been burning until 1 o'clock in the morning since the

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