THE WEATHER
Rain and warmer tonight; lowest temperature about 40 degrees; Sunday probably rain followed by colder.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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P. R. R. POLICE ROUT 11 BANDITS; SHOOT 2 IN BATTLE AT LENNI

Freight Thieves Put Up Desperate Gun Fight When Trapped in Railroad Station

WOUNDED IN HOSPITAL; TRUCK AND AUTO SEIZED

Eleven armed bandits fought a pitched battle with five Pennsylvania Railroad detectives at 3 o'clock this morning at Lenni freight station, near Media. Two bandits were severely wounded and captured. Several others were wounded. A limousine and a five-ton truck were captured.

The wounded robbers gave their names as John F. Woodell and Nathan Eisenberg. They are in the Chester Hospital, seriously wounded, under heavy guard.

The alarm has been given broadcast, and the woods are being searched for others believed to have been hit. Police of this city, Chester, Baltimore, Camden and other communities are on the lookout for the bandits. Physicians and hospitals have been instructed to report any men applying for surgical aid.

Near Scene of Detective's Murder

There have been many robberies of freight stations along the Central Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Eight weeks ago the freight station at Clifton Heights was broken into, and Denny Montell, Joe Allen and Nathan Stein are now under indictment for this robbery. Lenni is a mile west of Glen Riddle, where P. R. R. Detective Lieutenant Leaman was murdered by bandits last month while guarding the freight station there.

Tipped off that Lenni might be visited next, Captain Ward, Lieutenant Biggins and Detectives Fraley, Brown and Cosgrove went to the freight station last evening and were locked in by the agent.

After what seemed an interminable time they heard a heavy truck come along the road, followed by another car. The truck and automobile stopped. There was some talk outside, then some roaring of a truck engine, and a bump. The detectives figured the truck had been backed up to the station.

Ready for Hard Fight

Revolvers were drawn, and the detectives made breastworks of boxes and bales. Then there was fumbling about the lock on the freight station door. A jimmy, it seemed, was inserted, a moment's silence, then the cracking of breaking wood and pulled screws. The door was shoved back.

From the voices it sounded as though a whole company of bandits was outside. Several entered the station. Flashlights showed all clear. They began moving out a big shipping case filled with some sort of merchandise. Just as this box was being shoved on to the tail board of the truck by two straining grunting bandits, several others looked about for more loot.

A flashlight blinded Captain Ward as it flashed full in his eyes.

"Oh Hell!" cursed the bandit, "here's a railroad dick."

The other bandits tumbled in to finish the detective, and eleven to one as they figured it, they opened fire. The five detectives replied with a fusillade of shots that crashed and echoed in the little room. Firing as they retreated in their dismay at the ambush, the bandits backed from the building.

They leaped from the platform, pursued by the detectives. A moment to reload and then the detectives jumped to the ground after them. The bandits reloaded and started firing again. One man made a jump for a luxurious limousine standing near the truck. He started the engine, backed, tried to turn and ran the machine down a twenty-foot bank. Jumping from the car he made for the nearby woods, and was brought down by a shot.

Truck and Auto Held

Another bandit was seen to throw up his hands and fall in a crumpled heap. The rest dispersed and escaped into the darkness. Flashlights of the police showed spatters of blood all about.

The truck and the limousine, of an expensive make both, have been taken in charge by the police of Chester. The general man-hunt is on. It is believed the bandits are Philadelphians and are part of a well-organized band that has been defying the police for months.

"MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY"

U. S. Cancels Naturalization and Germany Holds Him as Alien

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Max Hans Martin, formerly a dentist at Evansville, Ind., is apparently a man without a country. His American citizenship has been canceled by Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, and in Germany, his birthplace and residence for the last fourteen years, Martin said he was regarded as an alien.

"It does not make any difference to him which flag he is under," declared Judge Anderson at the close of the hearing of Martin's case. "He prefers the country where the dentistry prices are the best."

Martin, however, returned from Germany to contest the Government's suit to cancel his naturalization, and declared he had never done anything inconsistent with his allegiance to the United States. He came to America from Germany in 1888, was naturalized at Evansville in 1905, and returned to Germany in 1907 because, he said, he believed he could earn more money in his native land. Further, he testified to return to this country now depends on what he called "working conditions" here.

The Government obtained the cancellation order on the ground that Martin obtained naturalization by fraud in that he never intended to become an American.

HOOVER HERE TODAY

Will Discuss Sesqui-Centennial at Bellevue-Stratford

Herbert C. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, will discuss the proposed Sesqui-Cent anial celebration of American independence in an address at the Bellevue-Stratford to-day. Mr. Hoover will be the guest of John Wanamaker at a luncheon to be held at that time. City, State and national dignitaries are expected to attend the luncheon to hear the Secretary give his ideas on the proposed celebration.

Trailed Bomb Suspect

DR. PAUL ALTENDORF

Who, with Silvester Cosgrove, United States Secret Service agent, trailed Wolfe Lindenfeld all over Europe and finally had him arrested in Warsaw as one of the conspirators in the great Wall street bomb explosion

HOLD CROWD AT BAY AS ROBBERS WORK

Four Bandits 'Cover' Passersby as Comrades Steal Cloth at 826 South Fifth Street

WINDOW IS SMASHED

Two youthful bandits smashed the plate glass window of the store of Samuel H. Cohen, 826 South Fifth street, late last night, and while four of their companions held passersby at bay with revolvers, stole several rolls of cloth and escaped in an automobile.

Many persons were on the street at the time, but the robbers worked so quickly that no one had opportunity or nerve enough to interfere.

Cohen was in the rear of the building at the time and was preparing to retire. He rushed into the store on hearing the crash and saw a man crawling through the jagged hole in the window.

He shouted, but the robber ignored him. Cohen approached, but was brought to a sudden halt when one of the intruders drew a revolver.

After taking about six rolls of cloth valued at $700, the robbers bade Cohen good night. One of the bandits stood in the doorway and ordered the proprietor not to move. He backed away when one of his pals gave him a signal. Cohen collapsed as the robbers rode off in an automobile with the goods.

The wife of the proprietor and two children slept peacefully during the entire robbery. Cohen said all the men were youthful and wore caps, which were apparently new.

THIEVES LOOT CLOTHING STORE OF $3000 IN SUITS

Saw Steel Bar in Window at Sixth and South Streets

By sawing a quarter-inch steel bar on an iron grating and forcing their entrance through a window, thieves shortly after 2 o'clock this morning looted the Bell Clothing Company, southwest corner of Sixth and South streets, of suits and overcoats valued between $3000 and $4000.

The robbery was discovered when one of the salesmen opened the store. Nearly fifty dress suits were piled in the doorway of the building, apparently to be carried away by the thieves, when they were frightened off. Julius Rush, proprietor of the company, told police he believed the work was that of some one familiar with the layout of the building.

SAYS HUBBY IS BIGAMIST

But Wife No. 2 Fails to Appear. Sailor's Hearing Goes Over

Mrs. Ethel Victor Swartzel, 8716 Tinicum avenue, hailed her husband, William Jerry Swartzel, a sailor, into Magistrate Renshaw's court this morning on a charge of bigamy.

The Swartzels were married in Brooklyn on June 22, 1913, and after this Swartzel enlisted in the navy. In 1919, Mrs. Swartzel charges, her husband married Alice Styres, of Easton. She produced a letter written by her husband admitting the marriage, saying he had entered into it under an impression that the first Mrs. Swartzel had divorced him.

Thereupon, Mrs. Swartzel said, she got in touch with wife No. 2, who promised to be in Philadelphia today for the hearing. She did not appear, however, and Magistrate Renshaw continued the hearing until December 21, holding Swartzel in $500 bail.

SAFE THIEVES LOSE CASH

Drop $15 When Escaping From Store at 4221 Lancaster Avenue

A small safe was chopped open some time last night in a back room of the Almar Tea Company, at 4221 Lancaster avenue.

The thieves got $100, of which they dropped $15 when leaving.

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 21. Ads.

WALL ST. BOMBING MYSTERY SOLVED, BURNS DECLARES

Says Suspect Arrested in Warsaw Holds Key to Solution of Mystery

THIRD INTERNATIONALE MOVING SPIRIT IN PLOT

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 17.—The arrest in Warsaw of Wolfe Lindenfeld will clear up the entire mystery of the Wall street explosion of September 16, 1920, it was stated positively today by William J. Burns, head of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation.

Lindenfeld, whose arrest was reported to the department by the Associated Press was described by Mr. Burns as the key to the solution of the mystery, and "the only man that we know in the world that knows all about it."

Mr. Burns declared that Lindenfeld himself was not implicated in the explosion, one of the worst tragedies in the history of New York, but was so close to the radical elements who were its perpetrators that he knew all about it. The Third Internationale, Mr. Burns said, was the moving spirit behind the plot.

Lindenfeld, according to Mr. Burns, went abroad originally on behalf of the Justice Department to obtain information which would lead to the arrest of those responsible for the explosion. When no reports were received from him, Mr. Burns said, Silvester Cosgrove, one of the department's agents, was sent over to find out why Lindenfeld was not sending the information promised, and the arrest followed.

Radicals in Europe as well as in the United States, Mr. Burns asserted, were under surveillance by the department for suspected connection with the explosion, and if the information to be obtained from Lindenfeld proves to be as expected arrests are in immediate prospect.

"Knows All About It"

Lindenfeld, Mr. Burns explained, was the representative in New York, before his departure abroad, of radical Polish papers and also was one of the representatives in America of Lenine and the Third Internationale. He was recommended to the Burns detective agency as the man who knew most about the Wall street explosion, and, Mr. Burns declared, a careful check had borne this out.

"Lindenfeld," said Mr. Burns, "is the only man that we know in the world that knows all about it."

For this reason, Mr. Burns continued, Lindenfeld was sent abroad to get the necessary information to enable the arrest of the participants in the bomb plot and was to have received the $50,000 reward for these disclosures. He was described by Mr. Burns as a highly educated and intellectual man of pronounced radical tendencies, although he did not himself advocate violent measures. He is about thirty-six years old and has a wife and two children now in New York and is a half brother of Rosa Luxemburg.

Suspect Pole by Birth

Lindenfeld went by the name of William Linde in this country, Mr. Burns added, had taken out his first citizenship papers, and an effort was made to obtain his second papers for him before he went abroad. He is a Pole by birth, Mr. Burns continued, and his relatives are now in Warsaw. He himself was forced to leave Russia in 1906 because of his radical connections.

Mr. Burns said that evidence had been gathered by the Burns detective agency which checks up with information known to be in the hands of Lindenfeld, and the data in the hands of the agency had been turned over to the Government which had been working on the Lindenfeld arrest in Warsaw in co-operation with the Polish Government and the State Department through the American Embassy there.

Mr. Burns expressed himself as confident that the mystery of the Wall street explosion would be unraveled as a result of Lindenfeld's arrest and declared that radicals of the Communist Third Internationale would be found as responsible for the crime.

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—Plots and counter-plots, reading like a chapter from fiction, were involved in the search for clues in many parts of Europe by American Secret Service agents which resulted in the arrest here yesterday of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias Willima Linde, in connection with the Wall street bomb explosion in New York in September, 1920.

Lindenfeld has fully confessed, the authorities say, naming the ringleaders in the plot, which he declared was aimed at J. P. Morgan, the infernal machine exploding prematurely.

According to Silvester Cosgrove and Paul Altendorf, who trailed Lindenfeld, the suspect has named five principals in the plot, now in Europe, who are alleged to have received $30,000 from the Moscow Third Internationale through New York Communists.

Lindenfeld has declared his willingness to return to New York as soon as

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AUTO IN DOUBLE SMASH

Hits Trolley, Caroms Into Ice Wagon and Injures Two

John Kaighn, 830 Elm street, Camden, was injured today when an automobile, driven by William Thompson, of Fairview, skidded at Broadway and Everett, Camden, hitting a trolley car and then struck an ice wagon Kaighn was driving.

Kaighn fractured his leg. He was taken to the Cooper Hospital. Joseph Taylor, of Mantua, a passenger on the trolley car, was bruised slightly.

WALES HUNTING TIGERS

Reception in Travels Through India Gratifies Prince

Delhi, India, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Prince of Wales is enjoying the sport of tiger hunting as the guest of Maharaja Sir Chandra Jung of Nepal.

It is estimated that since landing at Bombay for his tour of India the Prince has traveled by rail approximately 2500 miles. In his travels he has been greeted by eight ruling princes.

TWO MEN DRIVE AUTO INTO RIVER, THEN FLEE

Seen by Watchman at Pier 56, South Wharves—Police Find Car

A big touring car was driven into the Delaware River off a pier at the foot of Washington avenue last night by two men who escaped in a smaller car before a watchman could reach them.

James McDermott, 1920 South Lambert street, a watchman at Pier 56, South Wharves, told police he saw a small, dilapidated car driven slowly south on Delaware avenue followed by a big car of a costly make.

Both machines were stopped opposite Pier 57, McDermott said. Two men left the cars and walked to the end of Pier 57, which is open and, illuminated by several arc lights.

McDermott said the men returned to the larger car which both entered. It then was driven on the pier. He did not see the men leave the auto, but it shot forward suddenly and went overboard.

As the watchman walked down to investigate, he said the men, who had been hiding, ran to the small car parked in Delaware avenue and drove away.

Patrolmen in police launch No. 2 today located the sunken motorcar and prepared to hoist it from the river. Police believe the occurrence was part of a scheme to defraud an insurance company.

MISS KNOX ACCUSED OF MURDER THREAT

"I'll Shoot Mrs. Eastlake," Court Told Miss Knox Declared

BAR LETTERS FROM WIFE

By a Staff Correspondent

Montross, Va., Dec. 17.—James H. Miller, of Colonial Beach, a witness for the defense of Roger D. Eastlake, accused of murdering his wife, testified that Miss Knox, indicted with Eastlake for the crime, had made a threat to kill Mrs. Eastlake.

It was the most sensational bit of testimony yet offered by the defense.

"In December of last year," the witness testified, "Miss Knox came frequently to me to complain about her troubles, sometimes as often as once or twice a day.

"On one of these visits she said: 'My mind annoys me. I am worried. My nephew (Eastlake) hasn't been to see me for several days. I don't know what to make of it. But I fooled them last night. I slipped up to the house and saw him myself.'

"I replied: 'But suppose Mrs. Eastlake had seen you?'

"She answered: 'Oh, I wouldn't care. She's the most vicious little woman I know, but I could have sneaked out the other way.'

"I persisted, 'But suppose she had caught you?'

"Then Miss Knox said: 'I'd be prepared. I always carry a gun, and sooner or later I expect she will catch me and then I'll have to kill her or she'll kill me.'"

Eastlake's Family Testify

Eastlake's mother, sister and cousin were among the witnesses for the defense today, and Eastlake is expected to testify either late today or Monday.

His mother, Mrs. F. M. E. Eastlake, of 7419 Boyer street, Philadelphia, stopped as she walked toward the stand, and leaned down and kissed Eastlake, patting his cheek with a motherly caress.

She seemed full of courage, carrying herself erect, and smiling bravely. She was well-dressed in a blue coat suit with a small toque and a fox fur.

She gave her son's age as thirty-one years, and said he had been ten years married.

"Roger and his wife visited my home in Ocean City from August 6 to August 18 last summer," she began, "and I don't think I ever saw them happier together. He came on his motorcycle with Margaret and the two children. I remember I felt they were so happy. I said to my daughter——"

District Attorney Mayo objected to this line of testimony. The defense had created the impression it intended to convey to the jury, however, and she was withdrawn from the witness stand.

Mrs. Mabel Chambers, of 1132 Atwood road, Overbrook, Eastlake's sister, was then called to the stand. Like her mother, she was well dressed, wearing a brown coat, brown brogues and black wool stockings. She, too, stopped and kissed her brother as she passed him on the way to the witness stand.

State Bars Letters

Mrs. Chambers identified a letter which had been written to her by Mrs. Eastlake, but the attorney for the Commonwealth objected to its introduction and it was not read. Judge Chinn took the letter, read it and said he would rule on it later.

The defense then tried, also in vain for the present, to introduce another letter written by Mrs. Eastlake to her

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HOTEL GUESTS FLEE FIRE

All Escape—Woman Hurt in Fall While Seeking Safety

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Fire of unknown origin starting on the third floor of the Elliott Hotel in the downtown business section early this morning drove out the guests and spread to the top floor of the adjoining building. Here the blaze was confined, but not before considerable damage had been done.

All patrons escaped from the hotel safely with the exception of a woman who was injured when she fell down a flight of stairs in her attempt to leave the building. She was removed to a hospital.

The Author of "THE MIRACLE MAN" writes another gripping serial of a crook's regeneration.

"FROM NOW ON"

After serving five years for stealing $100,000, should Dave Henderson return it to a man who doesn't need it?

The love of a woman solves his problem in this gripping daily story, beginning TODAY on PAGE 10 OF THIS ISSUE

CENTRAL DISTRICT AUTO PARKING IS BANNED BY MAYOR

Moore Orders Police to Enforce Traffic Law Against 'Car Hogs' in Business Section

CRUSADE OPENS MONDAY; 'DISCRETION' TO BE USED

War was declared today on what Mayor Moore called "car hogs" as he ordered enforcement of the ordinance forbidding parking in the central business district from 7 A. M. until 6 P. M.

The area affected is from Seventh to Sixteenth street, and from Race to Pine, and on Broad street from South street to Columbia avenue.

Besides this ban on all parking in the central district, except for loading and unloading passengers and freight, the Mayor ordered enforcement of the law covering limited parking privileges on certain streets.

Autoists Are Warned

The first move in the campaign was the distribution today of printed cards which quoted the ordinances affecting parking and cautioned motorists to obey the provisions.

A gradual enforcement of the parking law starts Monday, the opening of Christmas week, and will first be concentrated on the limited parking streets, then extending to the central districts. The parking lid is not to be clamped down suddenly and the traffic police have been cautioned to use discretion.

The "limited parking" streets, as outlined in the ordinance of July, 1916, follow:

One hour parking limits: Front street, Second street, Third street, Fourth street, Fifth street, Sixth street, Seventeenth street, Eighteenth street, Nineteenth street, Twentieth street, Twenty-first street, Twenty-second street, Twenty-third street, Arch street to Walnut; Market street and Chestnut street, Nineteenth to Twenty-third; Walnut street, Sixteenth to Twenty-third.

Thirty-minute streets: Market street, Delaware avenue to Seventh street; Market, Seventeenth to Nineteenth streets; Chestnut street, Delaware avenue to Seventh; Chestnut, Seventeenth to Nineteenth streets.

Fifteen-minute streets: Market street, Sixteenth to Seventeenth; Chestnut street, Sixteenth to Seventeenth.

The Mayor said:

"Announcement in definite form of the terms of the parking ordinances which have been the subject of discussion recently between the Mayor, the Council and the Director of Public Safety was made today by Superintendent Mills.

"After conferring with the Mayor, Superintendent Mills directed that printed cards embodying provisions of existing ordinances should be posted, in compliance with the act of Assembly, and forwarded to automobile clubs, public garages and others affected.

"It was made clear at the conference that the police were to exercise a careful discretion with regard to the loading and unloading of passengers and freight and that the big work on hand at first was to remove the car hog so that he might not interfere with legitimate business.

"The Department of Public Safety does not make the law. The Legislatures and the Council do that.

Would Educate Public

"The ordinance passed July, 1916, to which the Superintendent of Police calls attention in his regulation, contains certain parking limitations on certain streets for the period of time between 7 A. M. and 6 P. M. It would be well

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MUCH COLDER NEXT WEEK

May Be Local Snows After Wednesday, Says Forecast

Washington, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

North and Middle Atlantic States—Generally fair, but with a probability of local snows after Wednesday; much colder.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States—Generally fair and much colder, frosts probable except in Southern Florida.

West Gulf States—Generally fair and much colder, frosts to the coast, some probability of rains toward end of week.

POLE RAMS TRUCK; 1 HURT

Auto Runs Into Trailer on Telephone Company's Motor

Frank Sykes, 1208 Bay street, had his spine injured this morning in an automobile accident at Tenth street and Sedgley avenue.

Sykes was driving a Keystone Telephone Company truck, which was carrying a long pole by use of a "trailer." Another machine struck the end of the pole, pushing it through the seat of the truck and striking Sykes in the back. He was taken to the Samaritan Hospital.

Police held Joan M. Schelitz, of 3540 Marvine street, driver of the other car, in $300 bail for another hearing December 31.

DIPHTHERIA VICTIMS BETTER

Two Children of Mrs. Marie Pieper Will Recover—4 Died in 10 Days

The youngest and oldest of the children of Mrs. Marie Pieper, 1509 North Redfield street, critically ill of diphtheria in the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, are reported much better. Four of her children have died within the last ten days and a fifteen-year old boy is away from home.

The children now in the hospital are five-year-old Carl and sixteen-year-old Lottie. They are now said to be out of danger. Mrs. Pieper has expressed the hope they will be able to come home for Christmas, but doctors have not been able to promise fulfillment of this hope.

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER acknowledges $1 from S. E. L. for the family.

Fire Damages Dance Hall

Fire which started from a lighted cigarette thrown into a potted palm did about $50 damage to the Palm Garden Dancing Academy, 3905 Market street, at eight o'clock today. The fire was practically extinguished before the fire engines arrived.

Sues for $100,000

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MISS LAURA SLIGH

She says W. Cameron Forbes proposed to her and was accepted, but her fiance's mother opposed the match. He acted the part of a dutiful son and the suit resulted. She was a milliner in Jacksonville, Florida

TWO SISTERS DIE 24 HOURS APART; END FAMILY LINE

Widows Succumb Here and at Aldan, Pa., Leaving No Close Relatives

Two sisters, Mrs. Mary W. I. Rankin, of Aldan, Delaware County, and Mrs. Mary W. L. Smith, of 727 South Twenty-second street, died within twenty-four hours of each other, leaving no immediate relatives. Mrs. Rankin's death occurred Thursday at her home in Aldan and her sister died yesterday.

Both deaths were from natural causes and the only surviving relative is Howard Kershaw, Mrs. Smith's nephew by marriage. The sisters had been widows for years.

$5000 IN JEWELS STOLEN FROM STRONG BOX IN HOTEL

Two Diamond Bracelets and Medallion Gone From Woman's Room

Jewelry valued at $5000, together with a small sum of money, are missing from the room of Mrs. Ray Jacobs at the Majestic Hotel, Broad street and Girard avenue. A steel strong box, in which they were kept, was found jimmied open last night and the contents gone.

Mrs. Jacobs says he custodian on Tuesday night when she went to her room opened the box and placed $7.50 in it with the jewels to safe keeping. At that time she noted the two diamond bracelets and diamond medallion now missing were in the box.

Last night, when she went to the closet to get her jewels to wear to dinner, she found the heavy steel lid of the box had been pried open and the contents rifled. Both money and jewels were gone.

The management and the police were at once notified, but no arrests have yet been made. It is thought the robbers is the work of a skilful burglar, on account of the expert manner in which the strong box was opened. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

BANDITS, BEWARE! PHILA. GIRLS PACK HEFTY JAB

Boxing and Fencing Are Latest Fads of Fair Debutantes

Bandits beware of the modern girl. Philadelphia debutantes are learning the art of boxing and fencing and many of them are carrying sword canes. These are girls in Overbrook, who are becoming adept in the so-called "manly art."

In February Major A. J. Drexel Biddle will give a boxing exhibition for women, at which many Philadelphia girls will test their skill with the foil

FRENCH NAVY DEMAND SEEN AS PLAN TO DRIVE BRITAIN INTO ALLIANCE

Pact Gives Japan "Water for Whisky," Says Envoy

Washington, Dec. 17.—"We have been affected in more ways than one by American prohibition. In accepting the Four-Power Treaty we have accepted water for whisky, but we did so because our primary object was accord." This was the declaration of M. Hanihara, of the Japanese delegation, in a statement discussing the pact.

He said it was not right to call it a "substitute" for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, which once specific guarantees, while the new agreement merely constitutes a promise.

IRISH TREATY FOES YIELDING GROUND

Dail's Delay in Ratification Attributed to Plan to Let De Valera Retire Gracefully

EXPECT VOTE WEDNESDAY

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 17. With ratification of the Irish peace treaty completed in the Imperial Parliament, all eyes were turned today on Dublin, where the Dail Eireann continued its deliberations. The consensus of opinion of the Irish correspondents of morning newspapers is that yesterday's discussions in the Dail added strength to the supporters of the treaty, although the opposition is still formidable.

Some writers see confirmation of the opinion that the treaty adherents are winning in the fact that the statement issued in Dublin last night calling for a public discussion in the Dail on Monday, is signed by both Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith, instead of by De Valera alone, as such announcements have been signed heretofore. They think that this circumstance implies that Griffith's following in the Dail now considerably outnumbers De Valera's.

The conflicts to the treaty which Mr. De Valera is reported to have prepared amount, it is said, to substitution of a new treaty for that now under consideration. They are stated to have been circulated yesterday among members of the Dail in the form of an alternative treaty proposal, and debate upon this is said to have occupied a large part of yesterday's session.

Let De Valera Out Gracefully

While it is reported in some quarters that this proposal is shattered by adverse criticism, it appears, according to others, to be creating difficulties and receiving some support.

One important cause of the delay in bringing the secret sessions to an end is said to have been the attempt to find some way of enabling Mr. De Valera to retire gracefully and without the appearance of defeat if the treaty is ratified.

The hostility to the treaty by Erskine Childers, one of the secretaries of the Irish delegation which signed the document, continues unmitigated, according to all reports, but against his influence the supporters of the treaty set the adherence of Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army. As a result of his stand, Mulcahy is said to have become definitely estranged from his political chief, Charles Burgess, Minister of Defence in Eamonde Valera's Cabinet.

Notwithstanding all these stories of dissension, however, hope prevails that the treaty will be ratified. The overwhelming support given to the agreement by the Imperial Parliament is regarded as favoring the prospects of affirmative action in Dublin.

London Press Rejoices

The editorials in the London newspapers with the usual single exception of the Morning Post, praise the speeches in the House of Lords and Commons, declaring that the majorities and principles there fairly represent the division of opinion in the country.

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SOCCER SCORES

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250 DROWNED IN PHILIPPINE TIDAL WAVE

MANILA, Dec. 17.—More than 250 natives were drowned by the tidal wave that overwhelmed the towns of Ibajay and Macato, Island of Negros, November 26, according to details received at constabulary headquarters here. Thousands of head of livestock were drowned, and the rice crop of a large region virtually was destroyed. Fifty-two residents of Ibajay were carried out to sea in their houses and drowned. The property loss in the province of Capiz is estimated at $2,000,000.

CATHOLIC PRIEST MISSING

Mother of Rev. M. J. Barry, Indiana, Pa., Asks Aid in Finding Son

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Rev. M. J. Barry, former chaplain at Mayaguez, and until recently active in the Roman Catholic priesthood of Indiana, Pa., was reported missing last night by his mother, Mrs. Bridget Barry, of Saltsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Barry has appealed to the newspapers of the district in aid in locating her son, who, she said, has not been seen since December 7, when he announced that he would be away until December 11.

BOMB IMPERILS MANY

Found Ignited in Hallway of Apartment House

New York, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Eight families living in a Brooklyn apartment house had a narrow escape this morning when Nicola Cerulli found a lighted bomb in the lower hallway of the building. A policeman extinguished the fuse and soused the bomb in a pail of water.

Cerulli, a druggist, said he believed the bomb was intended primarily for him, as he recently had received threatening letters demanding $10,000.

Proposed Dreadnoughts a Club to Force Anglo-French Treaty

SUBMARINE FLEET REAL AIM OF PARIS

England Would View Undersea Flotilla of European Neighbor With Alarm

POLITICAL HEGEMONY PRIZE

Isolation Facing Gallic Nation Shown in Trend at Washington Parley

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Dec. 17.—The news from abroad that France is seeking a treaty of alliance with England explains France's demand here for a ratio in the naval agreement that will permit her to build ten super-Hoods.

France makes her claim here for the purpose of trading, when her Premier, M. Briand, gets together with the British Premier, Mr. Lloyd George.

France's super-Hoods are a jest. The British find it a jest too deep for laughter. If they treated this imaginary fleet of a bankrupt nation the way they treat the horrible fleets of Germany and Russia, as something to be considered when it begins to come into being, something which may cause all three of the great naval Powers to modify their agreement in the future, France could be left out of the pact being made here, as Germany and Russia are being left out.

England Takes It Seriously

But England, perhaps to get France into the position of crossing the path of the United States and opposing the American program, insists that the imaginary French fleet be treated as a reality.

It may be that her motive is to induce the United States to use pressure upon France, for the day of reckoning between France and England is at hand in the conference which is coming between M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George.

The two countries have been drifting steadily apart since the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. They are at odds over German reparations. They differ over Poland and the Little Entente. They have had a violent altercation over Turkey, leading Lord Curzon in the midst of this peaceful conference here in Washington to launch a bitter attack upon his cross-channel neighbor.

In spite of Mr. Balfour's kind words the two countries are radically apart on the question of land armaments, for which France is responsible for maintaining at home and encouraging in Poland and in Southeastern Europe. They are far from agreement upon Russia.

Drifting Toward Isolation

France finds herself drifting toward isolation, as Japan did before this Conference was called. Only one incident has saved her from the appearance of isolation at this Conference, and that was Mr. Hughes' insistence that France be included in the four-Power pact in the Pacific, and the American Secretary's notice was not so much approval of France as regard for American opposition against this country's entering into a combination with England and Japan alone.

Great Britain is now all the readier to leave France overboard, to isolate her on Europe, because the Conference has freed her hands in the Pacific, given her more opportunity to concentrate on Europe and because she sees a closer relations between herself and the country a chance to cut herself free from a partner in Europe who embarrasses her.

France is refusing now to be isolated. Her one point of attack upon England is the naval. Given a navy, given even a large fleet of submarines, France's capital-ship heroism is essential to England. Thus equipped France may pursue her aims on the Continent and England will have to yield her disapproval.

Isolate France, and leave her outside the restrictions of the naval agreement, and she must at best build a huge fleet of submarines. Therefore, Mr. Balfour insists that the big powers include France and make restrictions especially upon submarine building which keep her from forcing herself as a partner upon England.

Main Aim Submarines

There is the whole politics of France's extraordinary demand for the right to build a navy which she has not and is not likely to have money to build. Probably France makes her capital ship demand large because her submarine allowance will be proportioned to her capital ship quota. Submarines are what interest her. They touch England where she is weakest. They will give France a hold upon England which England cannot ignore.

A hard and fast alliance between England and France, an understanding between them with regard to reparations

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