THE WEATHER
Snow this afternoon, changing to rain tonight; warmer tonight; lowest about 32 degrees; Friday rain and colder.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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ALL CITY MOURNS AT FUNERAL OF MR. WANAMAKER

Impressive Services Are Held in Bethany Church, of Which He Was Founder

IMMENSE CROWD THRONGS EDIFICE AND STREETS

Great Tribute Paid Merchant as Business Houses Observe Five Minutes' Silence

The funeral of John Wanamaker was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Twenty-second and Bainbridge streets, while the entire city paid a silent tribute to his memory.

The world-famous merchant, often hailed as founder of the modern department store, died last Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, following an illness of two months.

The Rev. A. Gordon MacLennan, pastor of Bethany, the church which Mr. Wanamaker founded, had charge of the services. The pews were filled with notable men and women.

In a front pew in deep mourning garb sat the great merchant's daughters, Mrs. Mary B. Warburton and Mrs. Elizabeth MacLeod, and their husbands, Major Barclay H. Warburton, Director of Public Welfare, and Major Norman MacLeod.

The service opened with the singing of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by the Bethany chorus. A prayer was offered and a passage of the Scriptures was read by Dr. MacLennan, who was assisted by the Rev. George S. Macauley. "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," another favorite hymn of Mr. Wanamaker, was sung by the Bethany girls' quartet. Dr. MacLennan then delivered a brief sermon. "Nearer, My God, To Thee" then was sung by the choir, the service closing with a benediction by the pastor.

The church had been opened at 1:30 o'clock and the Bethany Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, the Bethany sessions and delegates from the Wanamaker stores here and in New York took their appointed places. Reservations also had been made for the Wanamaker servants.

Mr. Wanamaker's activities were so numerous, his points of contact with his fellow beings so varied that the entire city felt his passing away, and when his funeral took place this afternoon there was a citywide tribute to him.

In reverence for his memory City Council adjourned immediately upon its meeting this afternoon after fitting memorials were read and adopted. The public schools, to which he gave a great part of his time and energy, honored him by closing after the morning session. The Board of Education held a special meeting just before the funeral, passed resolutions and attended the services in a body.

The Stock Exchange, paying tribute to a great financier as well as a famous public man, closed at 2 o'clock.

Other Merchants Affected

In the department stores honor was paid him at the moment his funeral services were beginning in the church by a silent tribute lasting five minutes. The Wanamaker store, of course, which has been closed since his death Tuesday morning, remained closed today.

From 2 until 2:05 o'clock this afternoon the Strawbridge & Clothier, Lit Brothers, Gimbel Brothers and N. Snellenburg & Co. stores and many other centrally located establishments suspended all their ordinary activities. The salesmen and other employes stood at attention for the five minutes, and shoppers in the store likewise paid this tribute of silent recollection.

At the grave, in the cemetery of the Episcopal Church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill, there will be a brief service, at which the Rev. Edward Ritchie, rector of St. James, will speak.

The active pallbearers were Barclay H. Warburton, Norman MacLeod, Barclay H. Warburton, Jr., Edgerton Warburton, Thomas B. Wanamaker, Jr., John Wanamaker, Jr., Gurney Munn, Robert M. Coyle, William L. Nevin.

Some of the Nation's most eminent men have been invited to serve as honorary pallbearers, among them Governor Sproul, Governor Miller, of New York; Governor-elect Pinchot, Mayor Moore, Mayor Hylan, of New York; Cardinal Dougherty, Bishops Crane and Berry, Chief Justice Taft, Justice Shaffer, of the State Supreme Court; Thomas A. Edison, William Jennings Bryan and many others. Others invited to act as pallbearers follow:

Senator Pepper, Senator Reed, City Solicitor Smyth, Oscar Straus, New York; Nathan Straus, New York; George S. Graham, H. Gorden Selfridge, William L. Nevin, George W. Stull, Josiah Bunting, Alfred G. Clay, William C. Haddock, Joseph D. Williams, Frederick Rebmann, Gordon H. Cilley, Franklin N. Brewer, Preston P. Lynn, New York; Joseph H. Appel, New York; John W. Appel, New York; Judge Norris S. Barratt, Richard Weglein, Colonel A. M. Beitler, Harry D. Paisley, J. Woods Brown, Justice Robert von Moschzisker, Joseph M. Steele.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, the Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Dr.

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3 KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

Several Others Badly Injured in "Soo Line" Collision

Thorpe, Wis., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Three persons were killed and several others badly injured early today when Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie passenger train No. 3 met in a head-on collision with a freight train near here.

A relief train carrying doctors and nurses was sent to the scene of the accident from Chippewa Falls, about 25 miles west of here. The train, which was about an hour late, was speeding to make up time when the crash occurred. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

Sunny days, friendly folk, every comfort. Outdoor sport. The Carolina, Pinehurst, N.C.—Adv.

CROWDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO MR. WANAMAKER

Men and women in all walks of life viewed the body of John Wanamaker as it lay in state today in Bethany Presbyterian Church, Twenty-second and Bainbridge streets. In the inset are William Jennings Bryan and the Rev. A. Gordon MacLennan, pastor of Bethany

LAMBERTON BARS OFFICE FORCE FROM VAREITES' PARADE

Warns His 128 Employes That They Must Not Leave Work to Attend Inaugural

CONSTERNATION RULES IN VARE-MACKEY CAMP

Sheriff Lamberton, a political independent, today fired some hot shot into the Vare-Mackey plans for a parade of the Republican City Committee's "400" in Harrisburg on the occasion of the inauguration of Gifford Pinchot as Governor by issuing an order to his 128 employes that they cannot have time off to attend the ceremonies.

It was clearly intimated in the Sheriff's notice and more plainly stated by his personal deputy, Horace Reilly, that any employe-deputy sheriff, clerk or writ server who violated the order would face the penalty of instant dismissal.

The Sheriff's move excited great interest in City Hall, and there was much speculation as to whether other departmental heads would follow suit and utterly ruin the Vare demonstration. City Hall employes who have already been maced for the City Committee's campaign fund and who have to finance their own Christmas and perhaps make Christmas presents to their bosses, have never been wildly enthusiastic about the Vare-Mackey parade, especially as it was to cost them, in the expressive language of the Hall, "sixty bucks a piece."

However, Mr. Lamberton's order spread considerable cheer in the Sheriff's office. The order was posted all through the offices and at once drew admiring readers. For several, however, the good news came too late. They had already paid in their "sixty" and stand a zero chance of getting it back. One or two of the holder of the employes, who are faithful to the organization, no matter what the cost, declared they would parade anyhow. It was suggested, however, that they may cool in their ardor when they really understand that the Sheriff means business.

ATTEMPT TO POISON BRITISH OFFICIAL

Home Secretary Bridgeman Receives Poisoned Candy by Mail

London, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—An attempt has been made to assassinate Home Secretary W. C. Bridgeman by means of poisoned chocolates sent through the mail.

The candy arrived at the Home Office yesterday, and the police found it contained arsenic.

It is understood the police attribute the act to the same person who recently poisoned Sir William Horwood, head of Scotland Yard, in the same manner.

All the other ministers of the government have been warned to be on guard against similar attempts.

On November 9, Sir William Horwood, chief of Scotland Yard, received a box of poisoned chocolates through the mails. Believing it to be a birthday gift from a relative, he tasted of it and became severely ill.

Yesterday the Evening News announced that a clew had been obtained involving persons connected with "a famous organization."

IRVIN ARRESTED BY WIFE'S SCHEME

Warrant Served on Rich Overbrook Man, in Court to Aid Chauffeur

CHARGED WITH DESERTION

The strategy of a wife, who lured her husband into the custody of the police today after first causing the arrest of his chauffeur, was revealed in the case of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Irvin, of Drexel road, Overbrook.

Their marital affairs have been in the spotlight for several months. Another chapter was unfolded today in the Central Station and the Municipal Court.

Irvin, who is a wealthy grain merchant, has often been referred to as the "Prince of New York," on account of elaborate parties which he is said to have directed during the last few months.

With plans arranged for the arrest of her husband on the charge of desertion and non-support, Mrs. Irvin, accompanied by her ten-year-olds son Howard, arrived here this morning from Stone Harbor, where she maintains a handsome seashore home.

Chauffeur Arrested First

Prior to coming here she swore out a warrant for the arrest of Adam Owen, her husband's Negro chauffeur, charging him with forcing an entrance to a garage and taking her car without permission. Owen was arrested by Detective Falvey in a garage at Fifteenth and Cayuga streets.

Mrs. Irvin is a striking-looking brunette. She wore an elaborate fur coat, a dainty turban hat and a handsomely tailored dark gown when she arrived here today. Before going to City Hall to appear against Owen she swore out a warrant for the arrest of her husband before Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court.

Later while she was in a City Hall corridor talking to Falvey, Irvin happened along. He was amazed to see his wife there.

"You know that car is mine" he said, "and that Owen took it with my permission."

"You never told the truth in your life," replied Mrs. Irvin angrily, as her ten-year-old son snuggled close to her.

"Well, we'll see," said Irvin.

He was about to walk away when Detective Phillips, of the District Attorney's office, served the warrant upon him.

"This is a dirty trick," exclaimed Irvin," laying for me in a manner like this.

"No, it's just what you deserve," replied Mrs. Irvin.

TELLS OF HUNGER AT COUNTY PRISON

Barber Testifies to Grand Jury as to Punishment at Holmesburg

JURORS QUESTION INMATES

Foodless days and dark cells as punishments at the Philadelphia County Prison at Holmesburg were described to the Grand Jury this morning by men who had served terms there.

The first witness was Pantey Cuneo, who was paroled after serving eight months of a year's sentence. He was the prison barber who asserted he was deprived of food for twenty-four hours because he talked to another inmate.

The stories of harsh treatment for minor offenses as related by the former inmates already have been told in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, disclosures which led Judge Audenried to order a Grand Jury investigation.

Grand Jury Views Prison

The Holmesburg prison was inspected thoroughly yesterday by the Grand Jury, which arrived there at 10 A. M. and departed at 2:30 P. M. The members were received by Captain W. H. Heston, the assistant superintendent.

The Grand Jurors were taken to all the blocks, visited the dark cells, inspected the rules which are displayed in the cells and talked to inmates. They had lunch in the prison.

An hour was spent this morning examining former inmates, the Grand Jury then turning to routine business. The prison investigation will be resumed at 3 o'clock.

The dark cells at the prison have been ordered abolished by Commissioner Baldy, of the State Welfare Department. He also ordered the revocation of rules which deprive prisoners of food for minor infractions of discipline, and which forbid all inmates the use of tobacco and conversation with their fellow-prisoners.

Legislator for Changed Law

The law creating the county prison, which says that all persons committed to the institution shall undergo their imprisonment in separate and solitary confinement at labor, is likely to be repealed, according to Benjamin K. Golder, a member of the Legislature. Mr. Golder is preparing to draft a bill to supercede this act, which was passed in 1835 for the purpose of doing away with solitary confinement.

"I do not believe that a man committed to prison for crime should be sent on a picnic," said Mr. Golder, "but I do not believe that he should be locked up in a cell and kept there to brood. Give them a chance, and it will help to redeem them. I am now looking up the act which created the county Prison.

"I understand that its provisions call for punishment of all persons sent there by giving them separate and solitary confinement at labor. I feel that this law is obsolete and should undergo a change; that is, if that change meets with the approval of Dr. Baldy, Commissioner of Welfare. Dr. Baldy is doing great work in his department, and before I take any steps in this matter I feel that I should take it up with him."

NURSE 'SANTA CLAUS' ROBBED OF GIFT FOR WEE CRIPPLE

Miss Ruth Newman, of Garretson Hospital, Victim of Footpad on Eve of Day She Was to Buy $15 Doll Coach

"Miss Santa Claus," in the person of Ruth Newman, a petite nurse at the Garrettson Hospital, was robbed last night of the $15 she had saved to buy a doll coach for a crippled child.

The young woman had planned to go shopping today, her day off duty and buy the sort of a coach that would bring Christmas joy to the little shut-in at La Porte, Pa. The child had trustingly written to Santa Claus for a doll and coach.

Miss Newman is a graduate nurse and was visiting friends last evening. She was returning to the nurses' home, 1907 Hamilton street, and left a car at Eighteenth street shortly before midnight.

At Nineteenth street as she walked west Miss Newman noticed a young man with a mixed cloth cap pulled down to his eyes. He wore no overcoat.

She instinctively quickened her pace, and had reached the steps of the nurses' home when she heard a patter of footsteps. The next moment the man had wrenched away her handbag, containing the treasured $15, a gold fountain pen, a wrist watch and a clinical thermometer.

The footpad hugged he stolen bag to his side and raced west in Hamilton to Twentieth, where he turned north. The street was deserted and no one heard the nurse's cry for help. She went to the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets police station and described the robber.

Eatmor Cranberries—the most economical of fruits, and the easiest to prepare. Make a delicious addition to the every-day menu!—Adv.

CAMDEN WOMAN LOSES HANDBAG TO ROBBER

Late Husband's Will and His Insurance Policy Taken by Footpad

Mrs. Hannah Allen, of 456 Clinton street, Camden, lost a handbag containing her dead husband's will and insurance policy when a thief attacked her on the step of her home at 7 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Allen, who recently was bereaved, was on her way to see her lawyer. She was leaving her home when a man came up the steps as she turned to close the door, seized her bag and ran.

GIRL ADMITS ROW WITH MRS. BRUNEN OVER INHERITANCE

Daughter of Slain Showman Denies Father Was Slain by Gunmen

QUIZZING BY JUDGE BRINGS OUT STORY OF BREACH

Elopement With Lion Tamer and Quarre's at Home Told on Stand

Hazel Brunen, witness against her stepmother, Mrs. Doris Brunen, and the latter's brother, Harry C. Mohr, admitted today at their trial for the murder of "Honest John" Brunen that she had quarreled with them over money.

The admission was brought from her by Supreme Court Justice Kalisch, who is trying the case with Judge Wells at Mount Holly, N. J. Brunen, a reputedly wealthy circus owner, was shot and killed March 10 in his home at Riverside, N. J.

Hazel's direct testimony yesterday linked her stepmother more nearly with the murder than anything previously said at the trial, which gave point and significance to her statements today under Justice Kalisch's questioning.

"As I understand it," said the Justice, "there is a conflict between you and the two defendants as to the settlement of the property left by John Brunen?"

Hazel, with a broad and confidential smile, leaned toward the Justice and explained:

"That's it, Your Honor. I think I'm entitled to it, and they think they're entitled to it."

Money figured largely in the cross-examination of the girl today. Walter Keown, attorney for the defense, endeavored to show by his questions that the girl bore animus toward her stepmother and Mohr. He tried to show that she had turned against them after he had refused to advance her $150 out of his own pocket to buy clothes. It was revealed that the estate of the supposedly wealthy showman was now exhausted, and has been for months.

Hazel a Bit Subdued

Hazel, who is seventeen and of a vivid, somewhat florid type of prettiness with a pert and self-confident manner, was a bit more subdued today than yesterday, when her accusations against her mother and Mohr brought an explosion from the latter and his wife that halted her proceedings.

Her cross-examination, followed by a re-direct-examination, which added but little to what she already has said, ended at noon.

When the ringing of the bell on the old courthouse summoned Justice Kalisch and the rest to the resumption of the proceedings this morning there was an air of expectancy based upon the sensational events of yesterday afternoon. Hazel had at that time quoted her stepmother as saying persons unnamed were "laying for" John Brunen, and telling Mattie Mohr, her sister, not to be "surprised to hear that something had happened to John any day."

The girl had asserted, too, that Harry Mohr had said to her that "the man who killed her dad ought to get a gold medal" and later had insinuated that old Mrs. Mohr, Harry's mother, "might have been mixed up in it, too." It was at this point that Harry Mohr jumped up and called the girl a liar and Mrs. Mohr threatened to "smack her to death."

Expected More Excitement

When the courtroom filled this morning the spectators looked for a further display of fireworks. Assistant Prosecutor Peacock saw Mrs. Bessie Mohr, who had been ejected after the disturbance of yesterday, coming into the courtroom again, and said to her jocosely that they would have to search her for a weapon. She smiled and twirled the skirts of her coat. "You can search we, if you want to," she said.

Apparently good humor had been restored over night. Harry Mohr was imperturbable as ever, and as immaculate as he has been every day since the trial began last Monday. He took his accustomed seat, and as usual, rested his chin on one hand, pressing his index finger against his lips.

Mrs. Brunen seemed a have suffered from the effects of yesterday's strain. Her face was lined and there was an pleasant puckering at the corners of her eyelids. She tried her best to stare down any one who caught her eye.

Family Reconciled

Mr. Keown referred again to Hazel's elopement when he began the cross-examination, at the beginning of today's session.

"Were you and your stepmother put in prison when you were arrested in Hoboken?" he asked. "We were not."

"At any rate, when the family reunion took place in the police station at Riverside on your return, was there not general rejoicing and reconcilia-

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RUNS AMUCK ON TRAIN, STABBING PASSENGERS

Drunken Negro Slashes Man and Camden Woman

Mauch Chunk, Pa., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Robert Boyer, a Negro, of Coatesville, Pa., is in the Carbon County jail here, after running amuck on a Jersey Central train today and slashing several persons with a knife. Walter Prezise, of Minersville, Pa., was severely slashed on the neck and face and is in the hospital at Palmerton. His condition is not serious. The train was running between Wilkes-Barre and Mauch Chunk.

An elderly woman, believed to be Mary E. Gallagher, of Camden, N. J., was slightly cut on the face and neck. She is also in the Palmerton Hospital suffering mostly from shock. For a time she was hysterical and then lapsed into unconsciousness. All the passengers were asleep when the Negro, who was said to have been intoxicated, ran wildly through the car. He was finally disarmed.

BRADENTOWN—Sarasota, thru sleeper; lvs. West Philadelphia daily 8.56 P. M. Reservations apply 1555 Chest. st. Leo. 6971.—Adv.

Coroner at Herrin Trial Is Indifferent Witness

"It Suits Me," He Remarks After Judge Orders Testimony Stricken Out—"Haphazard Generalship" Alleged

By a Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Marion, Ill., Dec. 14.—State's Attorney Duty, in the first of the Herrin massacre trials, conferred with his assistants last night with a view toward sorting out and arranging for the appearance of their long list of witnesses without fail today.

Judge Hartwell adjourned court one hour and a half too early yesterday because witnesses for the State did not show up, and he mildly censured the lawyers for their "haphazard generalship."

Only three witnesses for the State took the stand. The testimony of one of them, William McCown, Williamson County Coroner, who after his inquest last June charged the owners of the Lester strip mine with the killings, was stricken out on a motion by the defense.

McCown, who holds a United Miners' card, saw the living body of Howard Hoffman, whom the five defendants are charged with having murdered, at the Herrin city cemetery the day of the massacre. He had seen it at the hospital—had held an inquest over it on June 25. He made no record of the wounds, he called in no physician to examine the body and testify before the Coroner's jury.

"I recollect there was some kind of wound in the throat, and seems like there was a bullet wound somewhere," he said. "My judgment is the wound I saw caused the death."

"Suits Me," Witness Says

A. Kerr, cross-examining for the defense, forced McCown to admit he could not recollect where the gunshot wound was, whether it was near the heart or the lungs or the head.

Kerr asked how McCown could possibly know the gunshot wound caused the death, if he didn't know where the wound was. Judge Hartwell ordered that the Coroner's testimony be stricken out.

"It suits me," said McCown later to newspaper men.

Dr. J. T. Black, of the Herrin Hospital, testified that Hoffman, whom he judged to be about thirty years old, was slashed with a knife near the abdomen; that he was covered with bruises; that there were two bullets in the body, both in the back, and that the throat was cut from ear to ear.

A. G. Storm, Herrin undertaker and former union miner, declared that he made no examination of the body, but recalled the neck wound. He remembered no gun wounds.

The courtroom was packed to suffocation. The jury, the prisoners, even the attorneys, appeared in newly brushed clothes. The audience seemed much like a rural congregation out for a church dinner. Farmers in overalls and gay sweaters, with their wives and some children, stayed all day. Judge Hartwell, amiable as ever, carried, however, a gravity of face and manner which left no doubt of his determination to conduct the trial decorously and in order.

Opposing Lawyers Clash

During the statements of the attorneys to the jury, which were ended by the noon recess, the Judge read a newspaper, but he was acutely aware of the more or less impassioned speeches.

Prosecutor Duty in his statement declared that this was no labor conflict, but a trial of most cruel murder. Mr. Kerr, counsel for defense, shouted it was a conflict between capital and labor.

Duty insisted the riotings started

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS

WOMAN ADMITS SHE'S A "BOOTLEGGER"

A woman bootlegger, who gave her name as **Esther Herzog**, fifty years old, of **201 Fairmount avenue**, was arrested at the end of the **Ridge avenue car line today**. She had a purse containing **$139.40** concealed in her hair. She said she sold liquor to support her **sick husband**.

GERMANY NEAR UTTER COLLAPSE, SAYS BONAR LAW

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Germany is very near to complete collapse, **Prime Minister Bonar Law** told the **House of Commons** today. **He declared that this was the only information he** could give the **House** on the subject of reparations.

HARDING INDORSES FARMERS' MARKETS

National Council Delegates Urged to Co-operate in Distribution of Products

GOVERNMENT READY TO AID

By Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Harding, in a letter read today at the opening session of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations, declared that he knew of "no single movement that promises more help toward the present relief and the permanent betterment of agricultural conditions" than the co-operative organization of farmers to market their products.

The President's letter was read by Senator Ernst, of Kentucky, to whom it had been addressed, as a greeting to the council. Declaring he wanted the Government to do "everything within reason and sound procedure for the aid of farmers," Mr. Harding said he was "still more anxious that the farmers shall themselves co-operate to make the Government's efforts doubly efficacious."

President Harding's Letter

After explaining that press of public business prevented him from attending the council meeting, President Harding in his letter continued:

"I know no single movement that promises more help toward the present relief and the permanent betterment of agricultural conditions than this one. Whoever has cared to read my recent message to the Congress will understand the depth of my conviction about the necessity to do everything possible to help the farmer through his present

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AVERS ROCKEFELLER BACKS FARM BUREAU MOVEMENT

National Union Head Points to Check on Radicalism

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Charges that John D. Rockefeller financed the farm bureau movement and that the Chicago Board of Trade financed the United Grain Growers' Association were made here by Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union, in speaking yesterday at the annual convention of the Washington Farmers' Union.

Mr. Barrett said that the Farm Bureau movement was an outgrowth of the investigation made by the country Life Commission appointed by the late President Roosevelt. Mr. Barrett was a member of that commission. A Bureau was organized to prevent cording to Mr. Barrett, the Farm farmers from following radical movements.

HUGHES' FOREIGN POLICY UNCHANGED

Administration Unlikely to Go Further in Assisting Europe to Settle Problems

SECRECY IN WASHINGTON

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger
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Washington, Dec. 14.—The United States is not likely to go further toward preventing the French occupation of the Ruhr than it did in 1921. This is the opinion in diplomatic circles here.

I quoted yesterday the language of Mr. Hughes' note of March, 1921. It merely declared that this country held Germany responsible for reparations to the full extent that it was possible to pay, and by implication it made clear that the United States would not support France in an effort to exact more than Germany could pay or in enforcing measures which would make Germany unable to pay.

The one outstanding fact about the Administration's foreign policy is that it does not change. It is the same today about Mexico as it was when Mr. Hughes took office. It is the same today about Russia as it was when Mr. Hughes wrote his early notes about Russia. And it is the same today about reparations and the French then of collecting them by force as it was when Hughes wrote the note which was quoted yesterday.

Hughes' Mind Inflexible

Whether it is a virtue of not, Mr. Hughes has a rather inflexible mind. He is not a Lloyd George. He is not fertile in expedients. Moreover, the restraints upon this country taking an active and leading role in the settlements of Europe's economic difficulties are the same today as they were when this Administration assumed office.

The Senate is opposed to any foreign involvements and the Senate makes

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TOKIO PRINCE BETTER

Hirohito, Ill With Measles, Improves Slightly

Tokio, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Prince Regent Hirohito, who has been seriously ill with measles, was reported at noon today to be improving.

His temperature, which yesterday was around 104, has dropped to slightly more than 101, and his pulse, which had been between 108 and 110, is now 86.

XMAS GIFTS—The Manual of Prayers or a Bible. John Murphy Co., Baltimore.—Adv.

TURKEY WILL JOIN LEAGUE OF NATIONS LAUSANNE IS TOLD

Ismet Pasha's Announcement Believed to Solve Supervision of Minorities

REFUSES NATIONAL HOME FOR ARMENIANS IN TURKEY

Child's Talk With Turkish Leader Calms Conference Sessions

By Associated Press

Lausanne, Dec. 14.—Turkey will join the League of Nations as soon as peace is signed at Lausanne, Ismet Pasha announced at the Near East conference today. As the League exercises general supervision over minority populations, Ismet's announcement was interpreted as meaning that Turkey will accept the League's supervision over the Christian peoples of Turkey.

Ismet said Turkey was ready to accord the same treatment to minorities as provided in the treaties exchanged between the various European countries. This, Ismet declared, was not because of the menacing words of Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary, as voiced yesterday, but because the Turkish National Pact required it.

The Turkish delegate said Turkey accepted the granting of general amnesty to political prisoners. She would decline, however, to establish a national home for the Armenians.

Ambassador Child's frank talk with Ismet Pasha yesterday on the subject of minorities residing in Turkey made a good impression in Turkish circles and exercised a calming influence on the entire Lausanne conference, which nervously saw dangers of a breakdown of all the negotiations because of the threatened rupture over the treatment of the Greeks and Armenians by Turkey.

The friendly intervention of the American Ambassador at the right moment has convinced the Turks of the immense strength of world opinion—particularly that of the United States—on the need for a settlement of the minority problem. Ambassador Child urged Ismet to reconsider his position as to the Armenians and other dislodged populations, pointing out that American contributors to relief work in the Near East desired to know that their gifts would help the refugees in Asia Minor to settle in permanent homes.

United States as Arbitrator

Turkish spokesmen believe that the American representative at the conference was the natural arbitrator of this vexing problem. They contend that Turkey desires to do the right thing, but adds that any measures designed to satisfy world opinion must not violate Turkey's sovereign rights or force her to grant exceptional privileges to people within her borders whom she cannot assimilate.

In replying to Ismet Pasha, Lord Curzon said he was happy to note that the Turkish delegation had changed its tone and had reached an understanding of the vast importance of the minorities question.

He thought Ismet's most important announcement was the decision of Turkey to enter the League of Nations after the signature of peace which Lord Curzon hoped would be an accomplished fact in about a month. He believed Turkey's decision would facilitate solution of many of the problems before the conference.

Supervised by League

The British spokesman emphasized that the clauses in the European treaties mentioned by Ismet stipulated supervision of the minority populations by the League of Nations, and said he was happy to see that Turkey was accepting control by the League. She could count upon the adequate support and guarantees which the League provided.

Lord Curzon expressed the hope that the conference sub-commission on minorities would be permitted to study the question of establishing a homeland for the Armenians, and urged exemption from military service of the Christian peoples in Turkey.

Lord Curzon assured the Turks that they need entertain no fears of the League of Nations infringing the rights of their country. Turkey could always speak out freely as a member of the League. M. Barrere and Marquis de Garoulle, heads of the French and Italian delegations, also voiced their measure at the conciliatory attitude displayed by the Turks and said this offering optimism is the outcome of the conference.

$200,000 ALTOONA FIRE

Juniata Suburb Swept by Flames, Dynamite Used

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Loss of more than $200,000 was caused by fire which swept six business buildings in Juniata, a suburb, today. When firemen reached the scene they found the water pressure so low that it was ineffective. An hour was lost while they made connections with the Pennsylvania Railroad water supply. Dynamite was used in an effor to stop the progress of the flames.

The buildings burned contained a barber shop, living apartments, bakery, department store, dairy depot, undertaking establishment and a hardware store.

Stock Exchange Christmas Holidays

New York, Dec. 14.—The Board of Governors of the Stock Exchange granted the petition of the members to close the Exchange on Saturday, December 23, in addition to the usual Christmas holiday. The Cotton Exchange a few days ago noted the extra holiday. Other exchanges and commodity markets are expected to take similar action. This will mean a suspension of business in the market world from Friday night, December 22, until Tuesday morning, December 26.

APARTMENTS TO SUIT EVERY PURSE and meet every requirement may be found quickly by consulting the Apartment column on page 34.—Adv.