

**BACKS O'BRIEN MURDER THEORY**

**Illinois Undertaker Says Birdman Slain by Shot Fired From Distance.**

MOMENCE, Ill., Dec. 29.—Further evidence that Lieut. Pat O'Brien, hero aviator who died in his room in a Los Angeles hotel Dec. 17, did not commit suicide but was killed by a shot fired from some distance, was elicited today from J. E. Melver, undertaker, who made a careful examination of the body upon its arrival here for burial a few days ago.

Questioned by relatives of O'Brien, who are determined upon further investigation of the former birdman's death, Melver declared that there were no powder marks on the gun barrel and that the shot must have been fired from "some distance."

Contrary to the statements of Los Angeles authorities yesterday and at the time of Lieutenant O'Brien's death, Melver declared that O'Brien had not been shot through the mouth and that only one bullet had taken effect and it had passed from the right temple to a point just above the hair line on the left temple.

"I made a careful examination of Lieutenant O'Brien's body," Melver said, "and I found no evidence at all of a bullet having been fired through the mouth and emerging from the top of the head. There was only one fracture in the skull and that was just above the hair line on the left temple where the bullet had evidently emerged. There were no powder marks on the gun barrel which had been filled with gelatin by the Los Angeles undertaker. My experience has been that powder marks of bullets fired at close range cannot be eradicated."

**DANIELS' PLAN WELCOMED BY BRITISH PRESS**

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gaze in a race. They pointed to the rivalry between Germany and Great Britain covering a great period of years and ending in the great war. There was universal interest in the American and Japanese naval programs, which observers professed to see ending in a clash within a few years if not abandoned soon.

**ENGLAND MAY ENTER PACT PARLEY.**

Great Britain may enter the American-Japanese treaty negotiations the report contained in diplomatic circles. According to information from a creditable source Great Britain would make formal protest should California amend her anti-land ownership measure to prevent all aliens from owning property instead of aiming the injunction solely against the Japanese.

**THE UNITED STATES**

There are over 200 many sensational reports current among diplomats regarding the American-Japanese negotiations. Information has been received and was the subject of considerable comment that the United States is considering allowing the Japanese unrestricted immigration into the Philippines Islands. This concession, if made, would be the outcome of a compromise. Representatives of Canada, Australia and New Zealand are deeply interested over the American-Japanese reports.

**CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA ACTION.**

Canada and England are concerned most strongly over the possibility of extending the California land ownership measure to bar all aliens from owning land in that State. England is interested chiefly in the "preservation of alien property rights." Canada would use its influence in an attempt for the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese treaty. Australia and New Zealand are watching keenly for developments along the line of opening up the Philippines for Japanese colonization.

The United States consents to allow the Japanese in the Philippines and allows California to bar all aliens from land ownership as a sop to the Japanese. It is declared Australia and New Zealand will unite with other British dominions in refusing to approve renewal of Anglo-Japanese treaty of alliance by the mother country.

**TO OFFER INCLUSIVE ALIEN MEASURE**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Dec. 29.—Assemblyman Albert Rosenshine of San Francisco announced today he would introduce into the session of the California Legislature, opening next Tuesday, a bill forbidding any alien from owning land in California. The measure will extend to all aliens the present law forbidding Japanese from owning land.

**BRITISH LABOR TAKES RAP AT IRISH POLICY**

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the direction of Winston Churchill."

"The two labor parties are the only ones of trust remaining between England and Ireland," declared Thomas McPartlin, vice chairman of the Irish party.

"If British labor fails us, we will go to the death," he declared.

J. Bromley, an Irish delegate, declared the black and tans had so thoroughly intimidated Cork that witnesses had been afraid to give evidence against the military forces.

**MANY ARRESTED IN DUBLIN RAIDS**

**DUBLIN**, Dec. 29.—Many persons were arrested today in a series of raids in Parnell and Rutland Squares.

**IRISH PRESS PREDICTS 'BLOODIEST YEAR'**

**LONDON**, Dec. 29.—The coming year promises to be the bloodiest in Irish history for more than a century," said a Dublin dispatch to the Daily Express today. "True efforts seem to have failed, although the press is told by officials that there are still faint hopes for peace."

Father O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein, has arrived at Dublin from Roscommon, said a Dublin dispatch to the Chronicle. Arthur Griffith, president of the Sinn Fein, and acting president of the Irish republic, is in prison at Mount Joy jail at Dublin. It is believed that Father O'Flanagan will confer with him on peace, as Premier Lloyd George has indicated in the House of Commons that facilities would be given to Father O'Flanagan the rest of the year."

**Peers Into Gun; Face Blown Off**

**BORAH RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED**

**GRAND RAPIDS**, Mich., Dec. 29.—While Martin Wanlock and his wife, who live in a hotel several miles east of this city, were here in search of work and food last night, their son, Walter, 6, found his father's shotgun. Pointing it at his sister, Cecilia, 2, who wished to look into the muzzle, the weapon was accidentally discharged and her face was blown off.

When the parents returned home early today with a small quantity of crackers and cheese, they discovered the tragedy.

**Lambda Chis From All Over U. S. in Convention Here**

**Lloyd D. Claycombe Welcomes Delegates—Session to Close Friday.**



LLOYD D. CLAYCOMBE.

An enthusiastic delegation of representatives from the fifty-four active chapters and regional clubs of Lambda Chi Alpha were welcomed at the national convention in Indianapolis by Lloyd D. Claycombe of this city, national chancellor of the fraternity and president of the local alumni association, at the opening business session held this afternoon in the assembly room of the Claypool Hotel.

J. C. Fischer of Wilkesbarre, Pa., responded to Mr. Claycombe's greeting, after which the delegates took up the routine of regular business.

The five Indiana chapters, together with the Indianapolis Alumni Club, are acting as hosts for the big meeting. The convention committee in charge includes Gustav Klippe, Indianapolis, general chairman; P. T. Klesing, Greenfield; D. Bradley, Wabash College; A. H. Madison, Butler College; J. A. Burnett, Indiana University; H. W. Pound, Purdue University.

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