

## FOES DEMAND LIMITS BE PUT ON PEACE PACT

Take Floor Today to Seek Reservations Guarding Monroe Doctrine.

BY PAUL R. MALLON  
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The defense rested temporarily today its case for the Kellogg anti-war treaty and the opposition took the floor to demand reservations specifically limiting the world pact from application to traditional American foreign policies such as the Monroe doctrine.

Adherents of the pact concluded their presentation of direct evidence with the two-day speech of chairman William E. Borah of the foreign relations committee, the artful debater, who withstood the barbed questions of the reservationsists and the Democrats who took the position either that the treaty is worthless or that it is full of meanings which will involve his country in European affairs.

The opposition was to start its attack with Senator George P. McLean of Connecticut, a Republican reservationsist from the old days of the Versailles treaty fight. McLean has taken the position that a specific statement of the senate is necessary to safeguard the Monroe doctrine fully.

### Galleries Crowded

The evidence of the defense against reservations was based upon Borah's statement that the treaty gives each nation the right of self-defense and permits each nation to determine what it considers self-defense.

The session today will be short. The master minds of the reservationsists, Senator Reed of Missouri and Moses of New Hampshire, will not undertake to present their lengthy views until next week. While Borah expects a vote within a week there is evidence that the debate is extending its scope.

In recent years the senate never has had such crowds in the galleries as have followed the debate for the last two days. Petitions from organizations throughout the country pleading for ratification and for the naval cruiser bill have heightened the interest of all senators.

### Holds Chief Interest

The treaty debate was the all-absorbing point of general interest in congress, other business being comparatively minor. Assistant Attorney-General Donovan was recalled before the public lands committee for another explanation of the Salt Creek oil lease decision of his department and the mystery which surrounded his summons gave rise to beliefs that the committee investigator, Senator Walsh of Montana, had run upon a new point in the inquiry.

The Indian affairs committee investigation which has been going on all summer was continued and the sub-committee on appropriations began work on the agriculture department appropriation bill.

The question before the house was passage of the war department appropriation bill, now in the second day of debate. The foreign affairs committee was conducting a hearing on the Fish resolution proposing to express the sentiment of the house that the senate ought to ratify the Kellogg treaty. The hearing is expected to conclude today.

### SOUTH AFRICAN PARTY OF STUDENTS DUE TODAY

Arrive On S.S. Adriatic Guests of National Student Federation.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Forty South African students, invited to this country by the National Student Federation of America, will arrive today on the S.S. Adriatic.

The party will visit New York city for six days and then go to Washington, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Montreal, Toronto and Boston, and return to New York for a second five-day period before sailing on the Cedric on Feb. 2.

The South African party includes twenty-six girls, thirteen men and two chaperons. They are all of Dutch, English or French descent and represent seven colleges, Rhodes college at Grahamstown, Grey college at Bloemfontein, Natal university college at Durban, Transvaal college at Pretoria, the University of Stellenbosch, the University of Cape Town and the University of Johannesburg.

### BISHOP BLAKE TO TALK AT 'Y' BIG MEETING

Pastor to Discuss War Debts at Sunday Gathering.

Dr. Edgar Blake, bishop of the Indianapolis area of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be the principal speaker at the Y. M. C. A. "Big Meeting" at the English theater Sunday afternoon. He will speak on "The United States and the Allied War Debts."

The meeting will be opened at 3 p.m. with a half hour concert by the "Big Meeting" orchestra and the tested choir of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church.

The average attendance at the November meetings was 1,191. A. H. Godard, general secretary of the "Y" and chairman of the meeting, has announced. The meetings are open free to men and women. Children under 16 are not admitted.

—and Duke Nicholas Improves  
By United Press  
CANNES, France, Jan. 5.—Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia is considered entirely out of danger from a recent serious illness, according to the latest information from his bed-side. The grand duke remains in bed, however, although his heart action is stronger and his general condition satisfactory.

## Operation Ends Lay-Off; Again Lays Egg a Day

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 5.—"Sassy Sue," prize hen of Herbert Burns, is back on the job of an "egg a day" after undergoing a "major operation" recently.

Last July "Sassy Sue" suddenly stopped contributing a daily "and" for her master's breakfast of "ham and —," for which she had become noted.

A poultry specialist at the University of Tennessee veterinary school was called into consultation. "Sassy Sue" hadn't laid an egg in more than a week, and she appeared to be a very sick hen.

"There's just one chance of saving her," the specialist told Burns. "An operation." It sounded serious but Burns underwent the surgery.

Eighty-five developed eggs—four with hard shells and four with soft shells—were removed. "Sassy" was neatly hemstitched and put to bed. For days she hovered between life and death.

"Sassy" lived, but weeks went by and she showed no indication of again resuming her old occupation of an egg a day. Then one morning recently she loudly announced she was back on the job.

## TRY 3 MONDAY IN WITCHCRAFT MURDER CASE

Killed Man to Break Spell; Trio Faces Death Penalty.

By United Press

YORK, Pa., Jan. 5.—Reared among people whose belief in witchcraft and the power of "pow wow" and "hexes" is so strong that education has failed to dispel it, a man, and two youths will go on trial Monday to learn if they are to pay with their lives for the tragic outcome of their superstition. They are accused of murdering Nelson D. Rehmeyer, 59, a farmer.

John Curry, 14, Wilbert Hess, 18, and John Blymeyer, 28, believe in witchcraft. They believed—and still do—that Rehmeyer, 59, who lived alone in the country near York since an estrangement with his wife several years ago, had "hexed" them.

Influenced by "Doctors"

"Pow wow" doctors had told Blymeyer that he had been "hexed" by Rehmeyer. That was why Blymeyer had been sent to the state hospital for the insane at Harrisburg, from which he had escaped on a day and never returned.

Chickens belonging to the Hess family had been acting strangely. The elder Hess and Rehmeyer, occupying adjoining farms, had had a dispute over the opening of a road. Then another "pow-wow doctor" told young Hess Rehmeyer was the man who had hexed the chickens.

Murder Results

Finding themselves both under the "spell" of the same man, Blymeyer and Hess decided that together they might be successful in breaking the spell. Curry was willing to help them.

The outcome was the murder when he beat Rehmeyer to death in attempt to secure a lock of his hair, which they had been told would break the spell.

INDIANA TAKES FURNITURE LEAD

Leads Nation at Show in Chicago.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Indiana will lead the nation at the annual furniture style show, which is to open here Monday, to continue two weeks. More than 500 Indiana furniture men were in Chicago today and several hundred more were expected by the time the show begins.

In tonnage of furniture produced Indiana leads all other states of the nation, according to William H. Wilson, vice-president of the Furniture Mart, sponsoring the show, and 11 of its leading furniture manufacturers will display newest designs to retail buyers from all over the world.

Among the Indiana cities which will be represented at the exhibition are Evansville, Bloomington, Aurora, Shelbyville, Rushville, Indianapolis and Bloomington.

Wilson pointed out that Indiana ranked third in retail merchants' attendance in shows of the past. Only Illinois and Ohio have surpassed the Hoosier state in this respect. At the summer showing in 1928, 457 buyers, representing 311 stores in 104 cities, towns and villages of Indiana attended.

ATTACK ENDS PAROLE

Writer of Bad Check Returned to Prison After Seizing Little Girl.

By United Press

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 5.—John A. Reinholz, Connersville, arrested here after an attack on a 9-year-old Cambridge City school girl, has been returned to the state prison at Michigan City, from which local officers said he was paroled.

Reinholz was sentenced to prison from Vanderburgh county in 1927 on charges of issuing fraudulent checks and was paroled one year later.

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TRAFFIC BOOKS ON HAND

New Code Booklets Available at Many Places in City.

Files \$420,000 Suit

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## FLU EPIDEMIC TAKES 12,000 LIVES IN U.S.

Reports Show Heavy Toll in Nine Weeks From 65 Cities.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The influenza epidemic now in its ninth week has taken more than 12,000 lives in 65 principal cities reports to the United States census bureau showed today.

Weekly reports have shown a steady rise in influenza and pneumonia deaths since Nov. 3. The latest report, for the week ending Dec. 29, showed 2,937 deaths from both diseases.

800,000 Estimated III

Additional deaths are expected before the epidemic has passed as United States public health service officials estimate more than 800,000 persons now are ill of "flu." Cases listed in official reports to the service total only 160,000 for the week ending Dec. 29, but this is said to be but a small fraction of the actual cases.

Latest reports to the health service indicate a decline in the number of new cases developing but several populous states including Virginia, New York and Pennsylvania, have not reported. The report for the week previous was increased by an estimated 40,000 cases in Virginia.

Preparations for the national influenza conference to be held by the health service here Jan. 10 were being pushed today under direction of W. R. Draper. A complete program for the gathering to be attended by foremost scientists and public health officials is being outlined by Dr. Draper.

Advice to Be Codified

Foremost of the subjects to be considered by the conference, Dr. Draper explained, will be the codifying of all advice given the public during an influenza epidemic. This data when compiled and systematized will be published in pamphlet form. Even though too late for material aid in the present epidemic it will prove invaluable in any future outbreaks, he added.

"We expect to have some of the best scientific minds in the United States to help us map out a thorough program of influenza research and prevention," Dr. Draper said. Full resources of the health service, he said, are being mobilized to do all possible toward ending the influenza menace.

Police say they will convict Bonello and another man who is being sought.

WILL CASE RULING NEAR

Decision Due Today in Meredith Hearing at Petersburg.

By United Press  
PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 5.—Testimony in a case involving the will of William R. Meredith, wealthy Washington banker, has been finished and Special Judge Herdis Clements, will make a decision today.

More than seventy first and second cousins on the mother's side have established relation to the banker, while nearly twenty-five proved their kin on the father's side.

Some forty cousins who live in and near Terre Haute were ruled against when they failed to establish their relation. Arkansas residents who contend they are half cousins, still are making a stubborn fight to prove the relation.

They contend that a half cousin is as close as a second cousin and should be included in the will which gives more than \$1,000,000 to first and second cousins.

The meeting is being called by Secretary West of the interior department and Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation. Its purpose will be to consider ways and means of utilizing the impounded waters of the Colorado river.

It will follow immediately after a biennial conference of reclamation department executives, project managers and engineers in Denver. The latter city is engineering headquarters of the service and will constitute the laboratory and workshop for the preparatory work on the Boulder dam.

Day Dreaming, Lands in River

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NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Joseph Cheatis, 34, told police after they had rescued him from the East river that he had been "day dreaming" and "just naturally wandered into the river."

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## Doomed to Hang



## THREE MERCERS HOLD STAGE OF 'BIG BUSINESS'

Van Sweringens to Carry Fight to Interstate Commerce Commission.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Three merger moves two of which virtually have been consummated—engaged attention of financial experts here today.

The report that the Van Sweringen interests and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad would carry their fight to merge several eastern railroads to the interstate commerce commission indicated, experts said, that the cause of railway consolidation might be advanced by years.