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Fair and somewhat warmer tonight; Tuesday fair and warmer.

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EDISON RESTS IN WORKROOM THAT HE LOVED

Private Services Will Be Held for Inventor Wednesday.

WORLD VOICES SORROW

Thousands to Pay Respects at Bier; Hoover May Attend Funeral.

(Edison's life in sketches and other stories on Page 3.)

BY DELOS SMITH United Press Staff Correspondent

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 19.—Men long in the service of Thomas A. Edison stood watch today, in relays, at his bier, while other workers and the public filed past to do the great inventor homage.

The man whom death called Sunday lay in a simple bronze casket in the ivy-covered laboratory and library building where most of his great achievements were wrought.

At the corners of the dais, Edison men, middle aged, with solemn air and arms folded, were on guard. Each fifteen minutes the guard was changed.

Meantime, a flow of workers of the Edison concern and fellow citizens of the Oranges passed for a last view of the man whose life work was an everlasting monument of scientific success.

Funeral on Wednesday

Banked high around the casket were masses of flowers. Those who came to pay a tribute of farewell were allowed to enter the structure through a roped aisle, from streets barred off within the region of the factory. Police were there in large numbers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon from Glenmont, where died Sunday Edison succumbed to his long struggle of uremia and complications. Details were kept secret.

The family wanted privacy today, after its harrowing hours of the last few weeks, and their spokesman steadfastly refused even to say where burial would take place.

Milan, O., had been named by one close to the family as Edison's final resting place, but this was denied positively by a spokesman. The United Press learned that consideration was being given to a plan to bury Edison in the Forest Hill cemetery, the secluded and beautiful section of West Orange, where Edison had his estate.

Services to Be Simple

Rosedale cemetery also was mentioned, but the spokesman said no arrangements had been made here, and he believed the interment would be out of town.

Funeral services will be simple and private. President Hoover may come, but that is not yet certain, for affairs of state may prevent him from paying his tribute of personal presence to the man he so admired. Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford, close friends of Edison, will be present.

Messages of grief have come by wire, by cable, by telegraph wires—so many of them that telegraph companies were instructed last night to stop deliveries until this morning. Two secretaries had tried vainly to care for the messages transmitted since Edison died in his sleep at 3:24 Sunday morning.

Casket in Library

Today the casket was placed in the laboratory library, on a bier in the center of the great silent room. The room is in the three-story main building of the group that comprises the laboratory. It is high-ceilinged, about 30x45 feet. There the 84-year-old inventor spent years of research, productive of many of the world's most useful inventions.

Two tiers of gallery run around the walls, one above the other. These and the space beneath them are divided into alcoves filled with books which deal with thousands of scientific problems and technical subjects. Mineral and vegetable specimens also are stored there.

One alcove contains a cot where (Continued on Page 3)

CITY HIGH IN BUILDING

Surpassed by Only Six in Nation in September Permits.

Only six cities in the nation exceeded Indianapolis in the volume of building permits issued in September, according to figures announced today by S. W. Strauss & Company.

The report revealed the total value of building permits issued here in September, \$2,104,073, was nearly three times as great as for September, 1930, and nearly double that of August, 1931.

Indianapolis was exceeded in building activities only by New York, Boston, New Haven, Los Angeles, Worcester, Mass., and Washington, D. C. Terre Haute was in eighth place with \$1,675,800.

DOOLITTLE TO OTTAWA

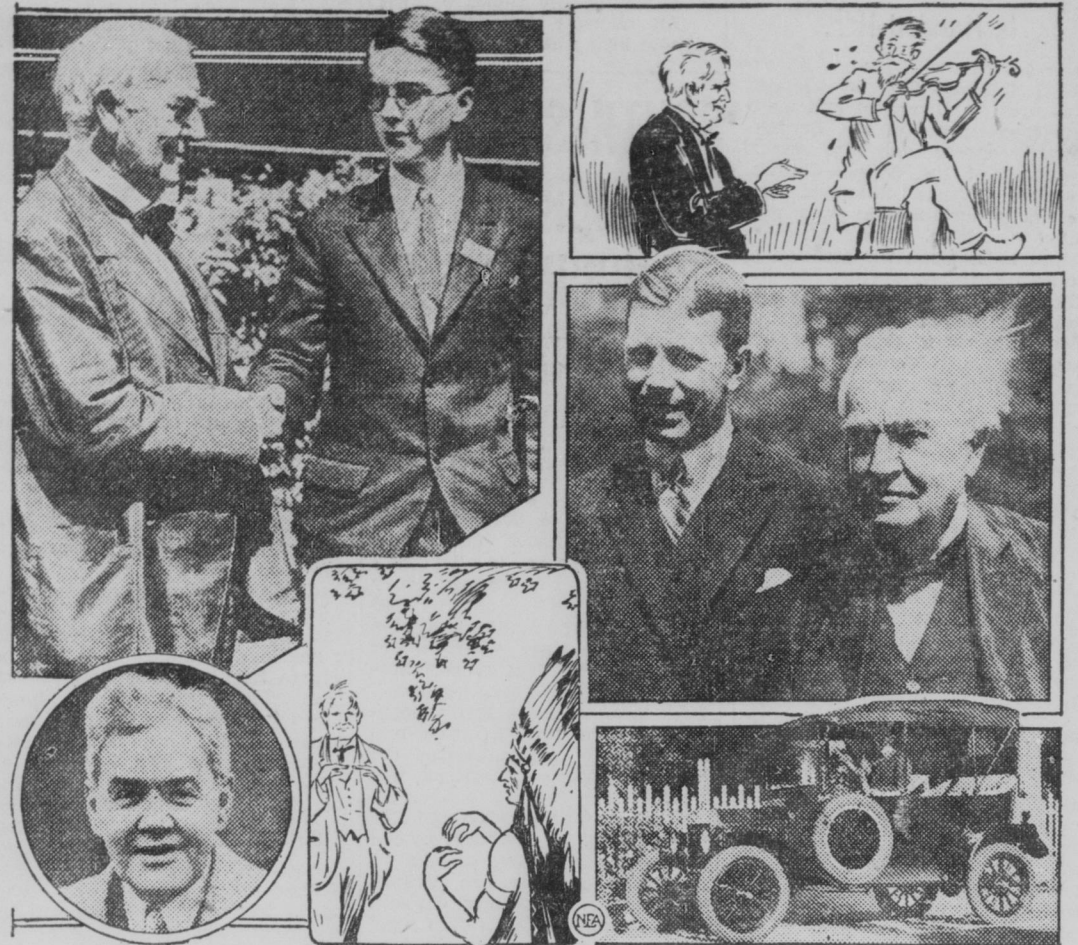
Speed Ace to Start Hop to Mexico City on Tuesday.

By United Press

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Major James H. Doolittle left here at 9:25 a. m. today on a non-stop flight to Ottawa, Canada, from where he will attempt a record speed trip to Mexico City Tuesday.

Doolittle plans to refuel at Washington, Birmingham, Ala., and Corpus Christi, Tex., on the flight to Mexico City. He expects to complete the trip in twelve hours.

None Too High or Too Humble



Thomas A. Edison, whose scientific scholarships attracted world-wide attention, is shown upper left with Wilbur Huston, the winner in 1929. At right you see him with Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, and below is the antiquated flivver in which he took the prince riding. Bob Sherwood, old-time circus clown whom the inventor befriended, is pictured lower left.

Honor Paid to Edison by Two Boys He Aided

By United Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 19.—Youth's admiration for Thomas A. Edison was expressed today by the winners of the two national scholarship contests he sponsored.

Wilbur B. Huston, Seattle, 1929 winner, said: "I think few men have made a greater appeal to the imagination of boys than Mr. Edison. His long life of achievement held all the elements that inspire young men to give a purpose to their lives. I feel in his death the loss of a real friend."

Arthur O. Williams, East Providence, R. I., 1930 winner, said: "Mr. Edison's death is a great loss because of his contributions to human progress. Those who were fortunate enough to know him personally will miss a strong friend."

MERCURY ON CLIMB

Likely to Reach 65 After Chilly Week-End.

Climbing rapidly after a cold snap over the week-end, the mercury today was expected to reach 65, and go higher Tuesday.

The temperature slipped to 39.9 Sunday morning, according to the official figures, and was below freezing point, 32, in frost-covered places.

Heavy frost was general throughout the state Sunday and was severe in Indianapolis today.

The Indiana Farm Bureau Federation and Clarence Henry, county agricultural agent, said no damage was done. The frost is seasonal and remaining crops were not harmed.

The mercury climbed twenty degrees to 58.9 Sunday afternoon and had reached 60 at noon today.

QUIZ BOY IN MURDER

Cecil Spurlock, 13, Only Witness in Feud Slaying.

By United Press

BROWNSTOWN, Ind., Oct. 19.—Cecil Spurlock, 13, son of John Spurlock, who, with his brother, Pleas, is on trial here charged with the feud murder of Patton Gibson, 69, was the only witness called at this morning's session.

Cecil was with his father when Gibson was slain, admittedly by one of the two men. He testified regarding the events leading up to the slaying, corroborating previous defense testimony that Gibson was shot after he drew a weapon and threatened the Spurlocks' lives. Cecil said, however, that he did not see who fired the fatal shot.

HOOVER GIVEN L. L. D.

One of Four Receiving Honorary Degrees at William and Mary.

By United Press

YORKTOWN, Va., Oct. 19.—President Hoover received the honorary degree of doctor of laws at a tent luncheon ceremony here today. He was one of four distinguished visitors to the surrender anniversary ceremonies which were honored by officials of William and Mary college, Williamsburg, Va., about twelve miles from here. On its campus, George Washington took his survivors' examination as a boy.

The other three receiving degrees were General Pershing, Marshall Pétain of France and Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia.

CHOLERA NETS WARREN

DETROIT, Oct. 19.—Warren Simmers, 17, is in receiving hospital with a fractured arm today because of his chivalrous impulses.

The youth saw a woman in distress Saturday night. He decided to crank her automobile.

HOOVER PLAN FREES ASSETS

Akron Banks Get Millions to Spur Business.

By United Press

AKRON, O., Oct. 19.—Akron's industrialists and financiers today had placed in operation President Hoover's plan to relieve frozen assets.

With merging of Akron's two largest banks, effective today, banking leaders have raised an additional \$15,000,000 in cash and capital stock to maintain public confidence.

The merger brings the First City Trust and Savings bank and the Central Depositors Bank and Trust Company under one head with total resources of \$75,000,000.

The additional \$15,000,000, subscribed by the new corporation, will be used largely to lift a commensurate amount of partially frozen real estate and other securities by making \$13,000,000 available to the new bank as a cash deposit.

The remaining \$2,000,000 will be used immediately in new capital stock. Bank directors individually had subscribed another \$500,000.

The enterprise was seen by observers as placing the rubber city in as favored financial position as any city in the country.

BARNUM CLOWN DEAD

Aged Former Circus Funster Passes at Home; Grief Is Blamed.

By United Press

IONIA, Mich., Oct. 19.—George H. Snow, known twenty years ago as the clown "Humpty Dumpty," with the Barnum and Bailey circus, died at his home here Sunday.

Physicians attributed his death to grief over the death of his son Raymond. The aged former clown, who became owner of the Ionia hotel, will be buried in Ludlow, Vt., his birthplace.

PROGRAMS FOR EDISON

Power and Light Clubs to Pay Tribute Wednesday.

Members of the Ipalco and Edison Clubs of the Indianapolis Power and Light company will pay tribute to the late Thomas A. Edison Wednesday noon in a memorial meeting at the Morris street administration club.

Senator Arthur R. Robinson will speak. The Edison club of the power company is composed of employees who have been in the service twenty years or more.

Church Helps Heathen; Finds He's Mr. Geist

The Methodist church has striking evidence of how its funds for missions and charity are looted by the local water company.

Years ago a devout member of that church, with a desire to help spread its faith, willed two small houses at 602 and 604 South Noble street to the mission board. The houses are small. Rents are not high. The church pays the water bills.

From October, 1929, to May 6, 1930, the bills rendered for water on these small houses were \$123.35. The amount was practically all that was collected in rents, after payment of taxes.

The church protested. The company refused to make any adjustment. The foreign "heathen" who profited from the bequest that year was Clarence Geist, in the jungles of Philadelphia.

AWAIT UTILITY PLEA

Light, Water Audits to Be Made, If Petitioned.

Audits and appraisal of Indianapolis Power and Light Company and Indianapolis Water Company properties will be made whenever a rate reduction petition is filed, it was announced by Chairman John W. McCordle of the public service commission.

McCordle informed Edward H. Knight, Indianapolis corporation counsel, that he would welcome assistance from an accountant hired by the city.

The rate reduction petitions are expected to be filed soon.

1932 PAVING IS TOPIC

State Road Commissioners Scheduled to Meet Tuesday.

State highway commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss their 1932 paving plans. It was announced today by Director John J. Brown of the state highway department. On Wednesday the commission will have their monthly meeting with delegations from throughout the state.

POISON TRIAL WITNESS GRILLED ON STRYCHNINE SALE TO SISTER

By Staff Correspondent

LEBANON, Ind., Oct. 19.—Reverting to the story of the purchase of poison in an Indianapolis drug store, defense attorneys today started their final drive to clear Mrs. Carrie Simmons of the charges that she is the poison murderer of her daughters.

Miss Ethel Robinson, Bargersville farm woman, was questioned on the purported purchase of poison by her sister, Louise, at the store of Charles W. Friedman, Indianapolis, three days before the fatal picnic here, June 21.

Miss Robinson said she accompanied her sister to South Meridian street, where they bought eggs in a grocery and waited while Louise Robinson entered Friedman's store. Her sister told her she bought poison, but Miss Ethel Robinson testified she did not see the bottle until they reached home, when she watched preparation of meat to be used to kill vermin in the henhouse.

She said she remembered the date of the purchase, because her sister was expecting a shipment of chickens June 19 from a Franklin hatchery.

Miss Louise Robinson, Dr. U. G. Lipes, Indianapolis physician; F. E. Engle, Indianapolis grocer, and Omer Turner, employee at the Robinson farm, were prepared to testify.

Miss Ethel Robinson declared she had not met John Simmons, husband of the accused woman, or any one who knew any facts in the case, during a shopping tour in Indianapolis last Tuesday.

She was unable to tell the jury what stores she had visited.

Miss Ethel Robinson was seen at Friedman's store last Wednesday. That was the day her sister, Louise, told Friedman that she had bought the poison and later took the stand in court here and was credited by Mrs. Simmons with "saving my life."

During the testimony of her sister, Miss Louise Robinson sat with Mrs. Simmons, and they patting each other's hands.

HAVE COURAGE AND FAITH, IS HOOVER PLEA

President Cites History to Hearten Country in Hour of Depression.

SPEAKS AT YORKTOWN

Colorful Pageant Staged on Site of Cornwallis' Surrender.

Yorktown Pageant Story and Pictures on Page 5

BY PAUL R. MALLON United Press Staff Correspondent

SURRENDER FIELD, YORKTOWN, Va., Oct. 19.—President Hoover urged the country today to take courage from the historic spirit of her ancestors and have faith in the future.

Standing on the spot which the battered, but victorious Continentals left 150 years ago, to build a nation of 120,000,000 people, the President closed his patriotic appeal with the words:

"No American can review this vast pageant of progress without confidence and faith, without courage, strength and resolution for the future."

"While temporary dislocations have come to us because of the World war, we must not forget that our forefathers met similar obstacles to progress, time and again, and yet the nation has swept forward to ever-increasing strength."

Ideals Are Soul of Nation

"The unparalleled rise of America has not been the result of riches in lands, forests or mines; it sprang from the ideas and ideals which liberated minds and stimulated the spirits of men."

"In those ideas and ideals are the soul of the people."

The President's address was given the background of a striking martial carnival designed to commemorate the occasion when Lord Cornwallis laid down the last British arms and withdrew to end the Revolutionary war.

The bluecoats of the first American army, in a crowd of nearly 30,000 persons with the flashy modern dress of military and naval leaders of both the United States and France.

A warm sun beat down upon the bare head of the President as he spoke.

Papers Shown Away

Mrs. Hoover shaded her eyes with a program, but the President encountered difficulty in reading. He always has a stand erected on a level with his eyes, so he will not have to lower his head.

The breeze caught the speech as he reached the portion of it lauding the achievements of George Washington. Pages were scattered over the platform and the President was forced to discontinue for a moment.

Secretaries Joslin and Ritchie rescued the sheets of paper from the floor of the box and restored them to the stand. Apparently however, they lost one, as a few sentences were skipped when the President resumed. They contained nothing vital to the continuity of the address.

Relief Plea Is Voiced

By United Press

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Oct. 19.—Officially opening the nationwide drive for unemployment relief funds from now until Thanksgiving day, President Hoover made an appeal to his countrymen Sunday night to help lift the needy out of their misery.

Mr. Hoover interrupted his week-end cruise of Yorktown to come ashore here and make the address, which was delivered into a microphone set up in the home of Brig. Gen. Stanley D. Embick, fort commander.

"The possible misery of helpless people gives me more concern than any other trouble this depression brings," he said.

Calling for a neighbor-to-neighbor spirit to help the man in distress, Mr. Hoover asked that the local relief quotas be filled so that Thanksgiving day can be a day of great rejoicing.

He has been in the courtroom here the following day.

Mrs. Simmons was quoted as saying: "You know I'd give my life for my children," by Mrs. James Moore, neighbor.

She testified that Mrs. Simmons, at times, immediately following the poison deaths of her daughters, displayed "genuine grief" and had remained quiet at other times.

Other instances when Mrs. Simmons "looked and laughed" during her period of grief were described by the neighbor.

"They weren't big laughs—just laughs, that's all," she testified.

Mrs. Carrie Williams, another neighbor of the family, told of the prayer meetings held in Mrs. Simmons' behalf, but declared she and her husband did not contribute to a fund to aid the Simmons family.

Mrs. Simmons is due to take the stand to tell how she prepared "the chicken sandwiches that brought death to the picnic party at Memorial park. She will deny placing strychnine in the sandwiches.

Friedman will face the barrage of defense attorneys who will attempt to shatter his previous testimony that Mrs. Simmons is the

Hoover Snub

By United Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 19.—A committee headed by the mayor of Annapolis waited Saturday at the city limits to welcome President Hoover to Annapolis. The President and a number of guests were on their way to board the battleship Arkansas for a week-end cruise.

The presidential party, according to Mayor Walter E. Quenstedt, slowed down and then whizzed by without giving any sign of recognition. Today, Mayor Quenstedt wrote Mr. Hoover a letter, requesting an explanation.

According to the mayor, the reception was arranged at a spot designated in collaboration with one of the President's aids.

Considerable effort, said the mayor, was made to greet Mr. Hoover, but the party failed to receive so much as a nod.

CAPONE TO GET PENALTY FRIDAY

Convicted by Jury, Gang Czar Plans Appeal.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Sentencing of Al Capone and hearing of motions on his conviction of income tax evasion was deferred today until 10 a. m. Friday.

United States District Judge James H. Wilkerson granted the postponement from Tuesday at the request of Defense Attorney Michael Ahern, who pleaded he and Attorney Albert E. Fink were tired after the long trial and needed more time to prepare arguments.

Capone was convicted of three felonies and two misdemeanors, listed among twenty-three counts in two indictments based on alleged evasion of \$215,000 tax on a six-year income of \$1,038,654.

A jury of small town tradesmen deliberated some eight and a half hours before finding him guilty. Their finding was returned at 11:13 p. m. Saturday.

Capone answered the verdict with the boast that he "wouldn't stop fighting until a higher court has its say." That was corroboration of reports that his attorneys would appeal the case to the United States supreme court.

Before Capone's appeal has been decided, he must answer a contempt of court citation for failing to appear before a federal grand jury. He was found guilty of feigning illness and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

In the meantime, Capone will be free to come and go as he pleases, his appearance secured by a \$50,000 bond. He is expected to go to his estate at Miami, Fla., for a three months' vacation.

JOIN IN PEACE MOVE

14 Latin-American Nations to Urge Bolivia-Paraguay Pact.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Secretary of State Stimson announced today that each of the fourteen Latin-American nations invited to join with the United States and four other neutrals in urging Bolivia and Paraguay to sign a non-aggression pact had replied that they would do so.

It was expected that identical telegrams expressing the attitude of the neutrals would be sent to the two disputing nations before nightfall.

POWER SALE IS ARGUED

Insult Attorneys Claim Commission Doesn't Hold Jurisdiction.

Insult attorneys appeared before Commissioner Frank Singleton of the public service commission this afternoon to argue that the commission does not have jurisdiction over a petition filed by the town of North Manchester whereby the town would purchase the Insull electric distribution system there.

The town is served by high tension lines of the Northern Indiana Power Company, Insull owned.

North Manchester city attorneys will argue that the commission does have jurisdiction in the case.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS' PEACE PLAN REJECTED BY JAPAN; CONCESSIONS ARE REFUSED

Suspicion of Nipponese Motives in Manchuria Held Intolerable by Tokio Government.

BOYCOTT WILL BRING RETALIATION

Withdrawal From Geneva Likely if Pressure Is Applied; Briand Works on New Offer.

BY MILES W. VAUGHAN United Press Staff Correspondent

TOKIO, Oct. 19.—The Japanese government today instructed its representative at Geneva, Kenkichi Yoshizawa, to reject proposals made by the League of Nations council for settlement of the Manchurian dispute.

The government considered requests for assurances that Japan would withdraw troops from Manchuria within three weeks and begin direct negotiations with China in one week, as "still indicating suspicion of Japan's motives, which is intolerable."

SUES TO OUST GOVERNOR LONG

Cyr, Claimant of Office, Invokes Court Aid.

By United Press

SHREVEPORT, La., Oct. 19.—An ouster suit against Governor Huey P. Long was filed in district court today by attorneys for Dr. Paul I. Cyr, former Lieutenant-Governor and one of six claimants to Louisiana's gubernatorial position.

The suit, filed after a week of conferences and preparation by Cyr's three attorneys, threw the perplexing gubernatorial situation into the courts for decision.

Cyr took the oath of office as Governor last week on the grounds that Long wasn't Governor because he was senator-elect. Cyr's action caused an epidemic of gubernatorial oath taking, inspired by the suggestion that neither Long nor Cyr is entitled to the office—that Cyr disqualified himself when he failed to take over the Governor's office within thirty days after the office became "abandoned," as provided by the state constitution.

'FIXING' PROBE ENDS

Charges Are Denied in Car Death Case.

Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker's investigation into reports that Clarence Gilbert, 1254 West Thirty-fifth street, boasted of "fixing" an auto death case with the grand jury for \$1,000, ended suddenly today.

Calling Gilbert and Joseph McNeff, 23 North Washington avenue, Baker, said Gilbert denied the alleged bribe assertion and McNeff denied charging Gilbert had boasted of it.

McNeff offered the explanation that members of his family might have said "the trouble cost him \$1,000."

McNeff's sister, Miss Anna McNeff, 35, was killed when Gilbert's car crashed into theirs near their home July 19. The grand jury did not indict Gilbert on a manslaughter count.

McNeff and Gilbert related their denials of the purported declaration before the grand jury, and Baker said he would drop the matter unless further evidence was presented him.

BOY'S DOG IS STOLEN

Mother of 3-Year-Old Child Pleads for Terrier's Return.

Little Odia Boston, 3, of 37 South Mount street, went to the basement this morning to greet Jo-Jo, his dog. But Jo-Jo wasn't there. He had been stolen Sunday.

"The child's broken hearted," said his mother, Mrs. Odia Boston, appealing to the thief to return Jo-Jo. "It was given to him for a birthday present about a year ago, and he thinks more of it than anything in the world."

Jo-Jo is a Boston bull terrier, has a pretty collar and wears a license, Mrs. Boston said.

REVIEW FOR BLACKMER

Oil Magnate Gets High Court Review on Teapot Dome Fine.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Harry M. Blackmer, Denver oil magnate, today was granted a supreme court review of the \$60,000 fine imposed upon him for refusing to return to this country to testify in the Teapot Dome trials.

The court's action brings before it for a final ruling the constitutionality of the Walsh act imposing on American citizens abroad, the duty of returning to testify when summoned by United States courts.

Blackmer's appeal attacked validity of this enactment.

Hourly Temperatures

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It was understood that Japan would make no concessions at Geneva and would insist that her soldiers acted in self-defense in Manchuria.

Any attempt of the league to employ an economic boycott was regarded as