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## ARMS PARLEY IS VIEWED AS FORLORN HOPE

Little Chance of Success  
Seen as U. S. Delegates  
Sail for Europe.

## SENATORS PESSIMISTIC

Holiday of Two to Five  
Years Is Regarded as  
Best to Be Expected.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Keenly alive to the epochal nature of the world conference on disarmament, due to open at Geneva a week from next Tuesday, Washington watched the getaway of the American delegation today with somber misgivings.

Hardly anybody seriously believes that the fifty-odd nations, with aims as far apart as the poles, will be able to agree on disarmament. The international atmosphere is too hectic with suspicion, fear, and nationalistic ambitions.

The best that anybody seems to hope for here is that the nations may be able—as an alternative to complete failure—to get together on an arms holiday to last, say, from two to five years, during which time the world may get back to normal.

### Has Little Hope

The view of Senator Royal S. Copeland (Dem., N. Y.) might be taken as that of the national capital. Asked if he was expecting any radical reduction of armaments at Geneva, he replied:

"Frankly, I think it extremely unlikely that much will come out of the conference. I hope I am not mistaken."

Senator Arthur R. Robinson (Rep., Ind.), when asked the same question, answered:

"I fervently hope that the conference may be helpful in promoting peace, but in view of what has taken place in the past, I am a little pessimistic."

Said Senator John J. Blaine (Rep., Wis.): "Europe is not ready for disarmament."

### Sees Little Reduction

Senator M. M. Logan (Dem., Ky.), said he did not anticipate any such cut in the world's war machinery.

Senator Robert B. Howell (Rep., Neb.), said: "No."

Said Senator Harry B. Dawes (Dem., Mo.): "No."

Said Senator Arthur Capper (Rep., Kan.): "I believe substantial reductions possible; I hope they are possible."

Senator Millard E. Tydings (Dem., Md.): "No."

Senator Walter F. George (Dem., Ga.): "I fear not."

Senator Wesley L. Jones (Rep., Wash.): "I hope so."

Senator C. C. Dill (Dem., Wash.): "In the nations meeting at Geneva want to reduce armaments, they can do so."

Thus goes opinion on Capitol Hill. But while the tone is pessimistic, so far as arms reduction is concerned, congress generally seems in agreement with Senator Borah that arms holiday would be far better than nothing.

### Hope for "Holiday"

That is to say, if the nations can not agree on arms reduction, every effort should be made to get them to refrain from increasing their armaments for a given period of years, in the hope of finding a safe solution meantime.

Capitol hill seems also of Senator Blaine's opinion that Europe is not ready for disarmament at this time.

Great Britain is uneasy over Europe, Russia, India and the Far East. France is worried over Germany, Italy, Russia and China.

Italy will not disarm unless France does, and French policy, of course, will determine the stand of her allies—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Lugo-Slavia. Poland eats both Germany and Russia.

### Germany to Be Flouted

Germany, already disarmed by the treaty of Versailles, will try to make France and the other armed powers of Europe reduce down to her level. But no one expects her to get what she wants.

Russia again will likely make her gesture of total disarmament. But, her gesture ignored, she will go on building up what the rest of Europe fears soon will be the world's biggest army.

Japan, with the conquest of Asia beckoning to her at a time when the hands of the rest of the world seem tied, hardly will scrap her war machine or materially reduce its effectiveness.

### Stimson Delays Departure

Chairman Stimson, succeeding Charles G. Dawes, will join the delegation later at Geneva. Until his arrival, Hugh Gibson, ambassador to Belgium, will head the delegation.

Norman Davis, former under-secretary of state and Ambassador Gibson are already in Europe. Miss Mary Emma Wooley and Senator Claude A. Swanson, sailing today, will head an advisory and secretarial staff of nearly forty persons, eleven of whom are women.

Just before the liner President Harding lifts anchor at 3 p. m. a petition bearing 500,000 signatures and calling upon the world for drastic disarmament will be presented to the delegation by members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

## Son Sobs Story of Jackson Killing at Witt Murder Trial

Dramatic Testimony Given in Lebanon Court;  
Describes Shooting Down of Father  
by Bandits in Raid on Store.

By Times Special

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 20.—Breaking down twice while testifying, Chester Jackson today told a dramatic story of the murder of his father by bandits, as the state closed its case against Charles Vernon Witt, charged with the slaying of L. A. Jackson, Indianapolis chain store.

Chester Jackson sobbed out details of the shooting as the final witness for the prosecution, seeking to send Witt to the electric chair or the aged grocer's murder.

## LONG'S CHOICE WINS ELECTION

Allen Far Ahead in Vote for  
Louisiana Governor.

By United Press

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 20.—Huey P. Long's hold on the Democratic electorate of Louisiana appeared clinched today, as his candidate, O. K. Allen, held a commanding lead in the race for nomination for Governor, equivalent to election.

The administration's candidate doubled the vote given his two opponents, Dudley J. Leblanc and George S. Guion.

More than three hundred precincts of the state's 1,441 gave: Allen, 89,000; Leblanc, 25,000; Guion, 16,000.

The election was marked with violence, especially in south Louisiana parishes. Police used their clubs to end election fights in New Orleans. Voters in other localities charged that they were forced to ballot under the muzzle of guns.

The issue which made the campaign and election so bitter was whether Long would be able to turn over the governorship to one of his followers while he took his seat in the United States senate. Long's plea for Allen was that he "wanted the good work I have started to go on."

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## GUILT SHIFT SEEN IN RUTH JUDD TRIAL

### Ribs Unspared

By United Press

DENVER, Jan. 20.—Six of Earl Markham's ribs were stolen today. Several months ago, Markham underwent an operation and the ribs were removed. He placed them in a suitcase for safe keeping.

A prowler stole the suitcase from his room.

### LOSES DEATH RACE

Pilot Braves Gale in Vain  
Dash With Serum.

By United Press

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 20.—Tex Rankin, famous speed flier of the northwest, lost a race today when a young Spokane matron succumbed to botulism poisoning as she was rushing to her aid with life-giving serum.

Rankin abandoned his dash from Portland, Ore., when he landed and learned that

Mrs. J. A. D. Dewar had died in Spokane at 11 Tuesday night.

The flier had started two hours before in the face of gales and rain to carry the anti-botulism serum given by Dr. Frederick Stieck, Oregon state health officer, who had the only supply in the region.

Mrs. Dewar was poisoned after eating string beans which had been canned last summer. Her husband flew from her to her bedside before she died.

Rankin is the latest defender of the United States for D. C. Stephenson, whose murder conviction was affirmed in the supreme court Tuesday by a vote of three to two.

B. C. Jenkins and James Parker, Gary attorneys, who, with Clarence Darrow, are the latest defenders of the deposed Klan dragon, announced that they will fight the case through the United States supreme court if necessary.

Just what tactics will be pursued in getting the murder conviction handed down is not disclosed. The theory has been advanced previously that it could be taken into federal court on the grounds that Stephenson was deprived of his constitutional rights through fear which kept him from taking the witness stand in his own defense at the Noblesville trial.

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Harding lifts anchor at 3 p. m. a petition bearing 500,000 signatures and calling upon the world for drastic disarmament will be presented to the delegation by members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Hope of rehearing of the case by

the state supreme court also was expressed.

Jenkins cited the failure of the high court to dismiss the petition for writ of error coram nobis as indicating that the matter is not settled and the avenue of relief in the state courts not finally closed.

Grant of the writ by the court would permit introduction of new evidence in the case.

Although the three judges affirming the murder conviction handed

the case down marked "Per Curiam," the forty-six page opinion

is thought to have been written by Justice Curtis W. Roll. It was signed by Justice Roll, David A. Myers and Julius C. Travis.

Dissenting opinions, which would

reverse the findings and grant

Stephenson a new trial, were written by Justices Clarence R. Martin and Walter E. Treanor.

The subcommittee decided to confine the pensions to widows with

children, upon advice of Frank T.

Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs.

Pensions of \$20 for such

widows and \$6 for each dependent child are provided.

## REACH ACCORD ON U. S. CREDIT BILL PASSAGE

House, Senate Conferees  
Say Measure Can Get  
Action Thursday.

### NAVY PROGRAM FLAYED

Economy Plan May Wreck  
Nation in Event of War,  
Asserts Admiral.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—House and senate conferees today found a basis of agreement on the administration's \$2,000,000,000 emergency credit project and said privately that the measure could go to the senate Thursday for final action.

The conferees will meet at 3 p. m.

and may require a night session to complete their deliberations.

The senate, meantime, was scheduled to act finally on the \$125,000,000 federal land bank relief bill, which includes a provision for a five-year discretionary moratorium to farm borrowers.

Another of the administration's relief proposals encountered increasingly vigorous opposition as mortgage bankers continued their protests before a senate subcommittee against the proposed home loan bank system.

Henry Robinson of the Commonwealth Title Company, Philadelphia, told the committee the banks would not be self-sustaining and in the end would leave mortgages just as frozen as they are now.

### Denies Credit Difficulty

Winston K. Ogden, Summit, N. J., residential contractor, said there was no difficulty now in obtaining credit for worthy building enterprises. He feared the bill would revive speculative building and eventually cause further deflation of real estate prices.

Thomas F. Clark, New Haven, Conn., told the senators that home owners would lose in the long run, if the home loan bank system is established. President Hoover proposed the bill to thwart small mortgages and stimulate residential construction to increase employment.

Senator Reed (Rep., Pa.), today gave notice that he would move for higher tariff rates if depreciation of foreign currencies is shown to have opened United States markets to foreign products to the disadvantage of labor here.

Read made the statement in the senate a few minutes after the senate finance committee for submission to it of correspondence of the state department regarding loans to Colombia.

The thin refusal left the secretary and the committee in a deadlock, the committee having served a virtual ultimatum upon Stimson that the correspondence be produced by Monday. Stimson rejected the ultimatum almost as soon as he heard it.

A bitter attack on President Hoover's naval economy policy was made in the house naval affairs committee, with Representative Britton (Rep., Ill.) leading the questioning.

Reverend Upshur, chief of the navy bureau of navigation, told the committee, in response to questions, that the naval economies effected during the last year conceivably might "wreck" the nation, in an emergency.

State counsel shouted sharp objections, which were sustained promptly.

Mrs. Judd, who also is accused of slaying Miss Helene Samuelson in the Phoenix-Los Angeles trunk murders, appeared refreshed and calm as she faced the courtroom crowds today.

### STEALS 'MERCY' TRUCK

"Meanest Thief" Found Again as  
Souvenir is Looted.

By United Press

A criminal, who has no regard for the salvation of the poor in Indianapolis, is sought today by police.

He is the culprit who, Tuesday night, stole the "mercy" truck of the city soup house at 227 East Maryland street.

The truck is used daily to collect

soup and milk cans of the poor

which are filled and redistributed.

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