

## NAVAL EXPERTS WILL EXAMINE LONDON TREATY

**Little Chance of Ratification by Senate Before Next December.**

### FIRST STORM SIGNAL HOISTED

**By Senator Hale, Chairman of Naval Affairs Committee.**

(International News Service.) Washington, Apr. 19.—President Hoover's hopes for speedy ratification of the London naval treaty before the adjournment of congress were at very low ebb today.

In fact, unless congress delays its adjournment beyond the scheduled date, June 1, there appears little chance of the treaty receiving the senate's blessing before next December.

Both Republican and Democratic looked and listened attentively as Senator Hale (R) of Maine, chairman of the naval affairs committee, hoisted the first storm signal against the pact of London. This signal might be described as of the warning variety which precedes the hoisting of more serious signals—hurricane, for example.

Calling attention to the well established policy of the Coolidge administration and the navy general board not to build anything except 8--inch gun cruisers, because this type is peculiarly adaptable to American needs, Senator Hale said the American delegates at London "apparently have set this policy aside."

"This policy of the congress was insisted upon by the last administration at the Geneva conference, and has been supported by practically all responsible naval opinion. If it is to be set aside the advisability of so doing must be demonstrated," said Hale.

It is Hale's intention of having the treaty go over with microscopic thoroughness in his committee by naval experts as soon as it is received. While his committee is looking into the technical aspects of it, the foreign relations committee, headed by Senator Borah (R) of Idaho, could be considering it from the broader standpoint of American policy.

Hale asked his colleagues not to commit themselves blindly to support the treaty before it can be assayed and analyzed. This was a somewhat significant move, for already some senators were getting aboard the "band wagon" and starting to praise the results of London.

Congress, Hale said, and not the president, is responsible for the make-up and the maintenance of the nation's naval defense. While it is the president's duty to negotiate foreign treaties, he said, the constitution also reposes responsibility for the national safety on congress and it is a responsibility that can't be dodged.

Presumably, Hale's indicated opposition to the treaty came as no surprise to the White House for President Hoover had the Maine senator for luncheon the other day as part of his program for smoothing the path-way to speed ratification.

The point pressed by Hale concerning eight-inch gun cruisers is not a new one. In fact, it is an old one, and, moreover, it is one upon which the navy itself has been to some extent divided.

Because of the long distances between American coaling stations and bases, the preponderant opinion of American naval authorities has been in favor of the 10,000-ton eight-inch gun cruiser, as against the smaller 6-inch gun cruiser utilized by Great Britain.

At Geneva two years ago, and ever since, the cardinal policy of the navy experts has been to concentrate upon the large-type cruiser. Congress has authorized nothing else in recent years.

Now, under the London agreement, the American navy of the future is to consist of 18 of the

### WEEK-END GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Trimble will have as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Post and Miss Kathryn Post of Cleveland, Lieutenant E. D. Post and wife and daughter Patricia Ann of Fort Hayes, Columbus.

## SHELBY WINS TRACK MEET

**Scores 72½ Points in Triangular Meet With Ashland and Plymouth.**

Shelby won its first track meet of the season by scoring 72 1-2 points in the triangular meet with Ashland and Plymouth on the W. W. Skiles track last night. Ashland was second with 52 1-2 points and Plymouth third with 23 points.

Boutwell was high point getter for Shelby having three firsts and a tie for first and one third. He took first in the shot put, discus, broadjump and tied with Spro with the high jump and third in the javelin for a total of 21 points. Crall was next with a first in the high hurdles, a first in the low hurdles, a second in the 100 yard dash and a third in the broad jump for a total of 15 points.

The Shelby team was never in danger. Besides Boutwell and Crall there were enough to place the score in a safe place.

Peck with 10 points and Watkins with 7 1-2 points were the big point getters for Ashland. Long got 6 1-2 and Briggs 5 of the 23 Plymouth points.

Places and time as follows: 100 Yd. Dash—Mathews (A) first, Crall (S) second, Henderson (A) third. Bachrach (P) fourth. Time—10:3 seconds.

220 Yard Dash—Peck (A) first, Henderson (A) and Spro tied for second, Long (P) fourth. Time—26:2 seconds.

440 Yard Run—Peck (A) first, Christy (S) second, Norris (A) third, Horner (S) fourth. Time—5:2 seconds.

Half Mile Run—Briggs (P) first, Laubie (S) second, Benton (A) third, Moore (A) fourth. Time 2 minutes, 19 seconds.

Mile Run—Winans (S) first, Carman (A) second, Adams (S) third, Taylor (P) fourth. Time—5 minutes, 21 seconds.

High Jump—Boutwell (S) and Spro (S) tied for first, Rankin (A) third, Newcome (A) fourth. Time—5 min. 2 sec.

Broad Jump—Boutwell (S) first, Long (P) second, Crall (S) third, Kirkpatrick (A) fourth. Distance—19 ft. 1 in.

Pole Vault—Christy (S) first, Jenson (A) second, Horner (S) third, Sutter (A) fourth. Height 9 ft. 4 in.

Discus—Boutwell (S) first, Weber (P) second, Barton (P) third, Ramey (A) fourth. Distance—117 ft. 4 in.

Shot Put—Boutwell (S) first, Bachrach (P) second, Weber (P) third, Skiles (S) fourth. Distance—38 ft. 6 in.

Javelin—Wright (S) first, Bensingler (A) second, Boutwell (S) third, Mumau (P) fourth. Distance—140 ft. 10 in.

High Hurdles—Crall (S) first, Kirkpatrick (A) second, Hoffman (S) third, Moore (A) and Snyder (P) tied for fourth. Time—19 sec.

Low Hurdles—Crall (S) first, Long (P) and Mathews (A) tied for second, Hoffman (S) fourth. Time 31:6 sec.

Relay won by Ashland (Peck, Mathews, Henderson and Bensingler). Time—3 min.

**Individual Scoring**  
Shelby: Boutwell 21, Crall 15, Christy 8, Spro 6 1-2, Winans 5, Wright 5, Horner 3, Laubie 3, Hoffman 3, Adams 2, Skiles 1. Total 72 1-2.

Ashland: Peck 10, Mathews 7 1-2, Henderson 4 1-2, Benton 4, Kirkpatrick 4, Bensingler 3, Carman 3, Jensen 3, Rankin 2, Norris 2, Moore 1 1-2, Ramey 1, Sutter 1, Newcome 1. Total 52 1-2.

Plymouth: Long 61-2, Weber 5, Briggs 5, Bachrach 4, Taylor 1, Mumau 1, Snyder 1-2. Total 23.

The Shelby track team has three more meets this spring. Next Friday and Saturday they will be represented in the Mansfield relays.

## CHURCH BURNS KILLING 150 WORSHIPERS

**Candle Ignites Easter Decorations; Only Three Escape.**

### CHILDREN AND WOMEN TRAMPLED TO DEATH

**Panic Stricken Crowd Jams Against Single Exit Door.**

(International News Service.) Bucharest, Apr. 19.—Sobbing men, women and children searched today in the charred ruins of the wooden church of the little town of Gaesti where yesterday 150 of their loved ones were burned to death.

The flickering flame of a votive candle, igniting Easter decorations, had fired the wooden structure as though it were tinder. Panic stricken the worshippers rushed against the inward swinging door and only three of all those in the crowded church escaped.

Every family in the little town, which had a population of about 500, suffered the loss of at least one member. One sad faced father said that he had lost his wife and five children in the fire.

A mother, who joined rescuers in a futile attempt to open the doors, behind which her three children were trapped, became mad and fled into the country.

The parishioners had assembled in the little Greek Orthodox church for the usual good Friday services. Every pew was crowded and many were standing in the aisles.

Two priests were on the altar when the decorators flared as though sprinkled with gunpowder. Some of the women screamed and the priests attempted vainly to restore order and draw the crowd away from the single exit, according to one of the parishioners who escaped.

In the frantic attempt to break through the doors and windows many children and women were trampled to death.

Within a few minutes after the fire started, the entire structure was a veritable torch and villagers who had tried, at first, to open the doors and break the windows were forced to stand at a distance helpless.

There is no fire department in the village. Some of those outside made pitiful attempts to extinguish the flames with buckets of water and several of the volunteers were seriously burned.

### MARTHA WASHINGTON ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Augusta Myers entertained the members of the Martha Washington Club at her home yesterday afternoon. A program consisting of several readings by Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Neotia Morris. Election of officers followed the program resulting in the following: Mrs. Augusta Myers, president; Mrs. John Bushey, vice president; Mrs. Neotia Morris, secretary and Mrs. Metcalfe, treasurer.

At six o'clock a dinner party featured. It was voted that this would be the last regular meeting of the club before the summer recess period. Those present were: Mrs. Neotia Morris, Mrs. C. E. Morris, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Carrie Black, Mrs. Blanche Summer and Mrs. John Bushey.

### GET-TOGETHER CLUB

The country home of Mrs. L. L. Rogers was the scene of an evening party on Friday when the members of the Get-together Club met at her home. Contests and readings featured during the program. Prizes in contests were awarded Leota Clabaugh, Justine Rankin and Sarah Strausbaugh. Refreshments were served during the social hour. Thirty-five members and guests were present at the monthly meeting. The next club affair will be held on the second Friday in May, the place to be announced at a later time.

## CONTROL OF POLITICAL JOBS

**Public Contracts and Budgets Sought by Al Capone and Gang.**

(International News Service)

Chicago, April 19.—Reports of further attempts of "Scarface" Al Capone to "muscle" his way into political control in the city hall today was viewed with real alarm by aldermen and city officials.

Not content with being overlord of the combined major gangs of Chicago, Capone, since his return from a Philadelphia penitentiary, has begun a careful drive to gain control of political jobs, public contracts and control of departmental budgets, police have been informed.

Aldermen, refusing to be quoted for fear of the consequences to their families, have revealed demands made by the Capone forces and threats uttered should the command be ignored.

This marks a new departure for the gang chieftain. Heretofore his dealings in politics were limited to protection efforts for his gang activities, authorities point out.

Daniel Serritella, president of the newboys' union and reported henchman of Capone, has been selected by the gang leader to become city superintendent of streets and alleys, with control over an annual budget of \$7,000,000 and over 3,000 political jobs, according to word from the city hall.

Capone's endorsement has been accompanied by strong-arm methods to win the political position for Serritella, alderman have pointed out.

Capone's other campaign is to secure passage of an ordinance to create a bureau of plumbing. One alderman, in describing the lobbying efforts of a member of the Capone vice and liquor trust, said the agent stood with his hand significantly on his hip while he "suggested" the plumbing ordinance.

Other alderman told of receiving direct threats over the telephone should they fail to line up with the Capones forces. Builders and contractors have declared that the building trades are threatened with a reign of gang sabotage and terror.

### YEAGLEY-WILSON CEREMONY

Miss Martha Yeagley of Ashland and Robert Wilson of Wells-ville were united in marriage last evening at the city hall by Mayor G. W. Marriott. The couple were attended by Mrs. Geroldine Keller of this city and T. W. Billingsley of Wooster. The groom is employed in this city at present as a tree trimmer.

## CHAIRMAN OF ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

**Hints Modification May Become Necessary in Interests of Temperance.**

### ADDRESS MADE TO NEWSPAPER EDITORS

**Statement Hailed With Satisfaction by Opponents of Temperance.**

(International News Service.) Washington, Apr. 19.—Opponents of prohibition in congress hailed with satisfaction today the speech of George W. Wickersham before the American Society of Newspaper Editors here yesterday, in which the law enforcement commission chairman hinted that modification may become necessary in the interests of temperance.

"To secure the maximum abstinence from use of liquor it may be found desirable," said Wickersham, "to modify the eighteenth amendment or the national prohibition law."

So far as he is concerned, Wickersham made it clear he had reached no final conclusion on that point yet, but the intimation was plain that if the future consideration of conditions by his commission leads him finally to the conclusion that modification is advisable he will not hesitate to recommend it.

"Mr. Wickersham's speech is a natural, logical reaction in the light of a study of the prohibition question," said Representative La Guardia (R) of N. Y., one of the leading wets of the house. "As his investigations go further into conditions, the idea will be translated into definite recommendations."

Representative Schafer (R) of Wis., said Wickersham's expression was that of "any reasonable wet or dry."

"His suggestion confirms my belief," said Schafer, "that any reasonable person, wet or dry, who studies the question must reach a decision that repeal or modification is necessary. I say out the strings and repeal the Volstead act, and if necessary compromise by legalizing beer."

The White House had nothing to say about Wickersham's speech. Nor did it have anything to say about the belief expressed by Captain W. H. Stayton, a director of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, that President Hoover was beginning to doubt whether prohibition ever could be actually enforced.

Stayton's opinion was expressed in a letter which was dug up by the senate lobby committee, and presumably represented only his personal view of the president's belief. Neither confirmation nor denial came from the White House.

## EIGHT BULLETS PIERCED BODY

**Of Dwight Ladd When He Attempted to Evade. Arrest.**

(International News Service.) Lima, O., Apr. 19.—Eight bullets today had violently ended the life of Dwight Ladd, 28, who was shot down by officers at Delphos, near here, yesterday when he attempted to evade arrest on a grand larceny charge

which alleged that he had stolen a large can of cream from an Allen county farmer.

When three officers went to the house at which he was staying, Ladd is said to have run from the place, refusing to obey the commands of the officers to halt.

Chief of Police Robert Edwards, of Delphos, drew his gun and pulled the trigger. The bullet exploded in the chamber of the chief's gun and knocked him to the ground.

Thinking that Ladd had turned and shot Edwards, the two other officers, Patrolman Samuel Link and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Carroll, drew their revolvers and emptied them at the fleeing man.

Ladd tottered for a moment and then fell to the ground. Eight bullets had found their mark in his body. He died within 10 minutes.

Chief Edwards was afterwards quoted as saying that he had not aimed at the youth but had intended to fire to scare him.

The shooting took place near the business center in Delphos.

## DISCUSS CHAIN STORE MERGER

**Would Involve Largest Retail Merchandising Concern in World.**

(International News Service)

Philadelphia, Apr. 19.—President J. Rosenwald, vice president in charge of Sears, Roebuck and Company stores in the Philadelphia area, today virtually confirmed reports that stockholders in his firm and in the Montgomery Ward and Company concern are considering a consolidation.

In discussing the possible merger of the two largest chain of mail order stores in the United States, Rosenwald said: "The report as far as I know is substantially correct, but is entirely unofficial as it has not been brought before the board of directors as yet."

Rosenwald denied that Julius Rosenwald, chairman of the Sears, Roebuck and Company board of directors, had gone to New York to discuss the merger. He insisted that Julius Rosenwald had gone to New York to attend a meeting of the Rockefeller Foundation.

If the consolidation is effected, the chain would become the largest merchandising organization in the world with approximately \$450,000,000 in assets. Both companies maintain headquarters in Chicago.

### JOINT LODGE MEETING

The Daughters of America and the Junior Order lodges held a joint meeting last evening with an attendance of about 100 members and guests.

R. A. Pollock of Canton gave an unusual address discussing the need of more stringent immigration laws in our country. Giving this as a cause for the present unemployment situation he outlined the needs on the progress of the lodge. Some of the members of the D. of A. presented a play entitled "This is the Way the Story Goes." There were a number of guests attending from Mansfield.

### NEW PLUMBING SHOP

A new plumbing shop has been opened at 55 South Gambles street by Bowman and Vnasdale. The firm will carry a full and complete line of plumbing material and will be glad to figure on any work in the plumbing line.

### LIVING COST COMING DOWN

**Department of Labor Announces Decrease in Retail Food Prices.**

(International News Service.) Washington, Apr. 19.—With the advent of spring the cost of living is coming down.

The department of labor announced today there was a decrease of slightly less than 2 per cent in retail food prices during March as compared with February, and a similar decrease since March a year ago. Wholesale prices of many commodities likewise showed a decrease of 1 2-5 per cent in March, and a decrease of 7 per cent since March, 1929.

Based on these figures the purchasing value of the dollar in March a year ago was 102.6 cents, while in March last it was 110.1 cents.

Between February and March 24 food products decreased in price, with strictly fresh eggs topping the list at 25 per cent. Leg of lamb decreased 4 per cent; bananas, 3 per cent; flour, navy beans, onions, sugar and coffee, 2 per cent. Prices on round steak, chuck roast, plats beef, fresh milk, butter, cheese, lard, rice, pork and beans, canned corn and peas and prunes, declined 1 per cent.

Among the articles increasing in price were cabbage, 27 per cent; oranges, 5 per cent; pork chops, 3 per cent. There was no price changes on sliced bacon, canned salmon, evaporated milk, oleomargarine, bread, macaroni, macaroni, rolled oats, corn flakes, potatoes, canned tomatoes and raisins.

Food prices decreased in cities during March as follows: Baltimore, Boston, Fall River, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Louisville, Manchester, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Providence, Richmond, Rochester, Scranton and Washington, 3 per cent.

A decrease of 2 per cent was reported by Atlanta, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Butte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Kansas City, Newark, New Haven, New York, Omaha, Peoria, St. Louis, St. Paul and Springfield, Ill.

In Birmingham, Charleston, S. C., Chicago, Columbus, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Salt Lake City and San Francisco, 1 per cent decrease was reported.

Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Jacksonville, Mobile, Portland, Ore., and Savannah reported a decrease of less than five-tenths of 1 per cent.

Among wholesale prices the farm products group showed the greatest decline during the month, amounting to 3 1-3 per cent. Decided price declines took place in grains, calves, hogs, sheep, cotton, beans, eggs, white potatoes and wool.

Anthracite coal and coke remained at February levels while bituminous coal and petroleum products moved downward. The group of textile products, as a whole, dropped 2 per cent in the month.

## ATTORNEY ASKS INVESTIGATION

**Charges Gambling Joints Operate Downtown in Columbus.**

(International News Service)

Columbus, O., Apr. 19.—Charges that "several gambling joints are operating downtown in the very shadow of the city hall and central police station," Milton L. Farber, local attorney, yesterday demanded, in an open letter, that Sheriff Harry Paul immediately bring a stop to gambling in Franklin county.

Farber is attorney for Mrs. Ethel Martin who recently filed suit against the Tanbark Club, a Franklin county roadhouse, for recovery of \$2,040 which she alleged her husbands lost while gambling in the establishment.

The attorney also charged that "the gambling element" has threatened Mrs. Martin and her husband, Noah Martin, a railroad engineer, since the woman instituted suit for the recovery of her husband's alleged losses.

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LETTUCE, solid iceberg; 2 large heads ..... 21c  
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