

type a detailed exposition of the Hoover-MacDonald conversations. But the gentleman concerned in the drafting were under the impression they had concocted a bomb proof paper which would not become the basis of unwelcome misinterpretation.

The disappointment with which Mr. Hoover's assistants learned otherwise was indicated by the quick resentment of secretary of State Stimson to published reports the two statesmen had agreed to pool their navies to maintain peace. Stimson's clarifying denial came within a week of the statement's publication.

Twenty-four hours after the joint declaration appeared, state department officials were compelled to challenge informally published interpretations of the Hoover-MacDonald meeting which suggested the naval program had been sold out to the League of Nations which, it was argued, would have final jurisdiction over naval reduction.

Mr. Hoover is understood here to have been the obstacle to inclusion of more definite declarations in the joint statement. Several draft paragraphs were blue pencilled by the President. In clinging to generalities to the exclusion of definite statements in the declaration, the President and the prime minister are considered here to have made themselves subject to misinterpretation which may cause serious trouble.

Peter Canan Is Fined \$200 In Circuit Court

In the case of the State of Indiana against Peter Canan charged with assault, and battery on Walter Kumpel, the jury after deliberating about five hours returned a verdict assessing a fine of \$200.00.

The case had been investigated by the Grand Jury in session during the early part of this term and they refused to return an indictment. There was, however, pressure brought by outside influence to ignore the action of the Grand Jury. An attorney was employed to assist the Prosecutor, and the latter consented to over-ride the action of the Grand Jury by filing an information in the Circuit Court upon which the case was tried. Two girls who had testified before the Grand Jury, the only witnesses to the transaction, were not in attendance and did not testify at the trial.

Police Declare Against "Soaping"

Members of the Jeffersonville police force have been ordered by Chief of Police M. E. Clegg to arrest any men, women or children seen soaping windows, under the camouflage of a shallow prank, Chief Clegg, declared Wednesday at the police headquarters.

"Soaping windows has come to be a source of real annoyance each year to children who feel free to take privileges at this time of defacing property," Chief Clegg said. "We are not prepared to tolerate it any more at Halloween time than any other because the law does not give the privilege of defacing property, to anybody at any particular time of the year," he declared.

Charges are to be preferred against any offenders regardless of their age, the Police Chief declared.

Mrs. Jess Young and her daughter, Miss Forest of Jeffersonville, spent the week end with Miss Sadie Hughes.

earth. All within the period of less than one week, President Hoover has been rebuked in the Senate, a body controlled by his own party; the investigation by a Senate committee into the activities of W. B. Shearer at the Geneva conference and elsewhere was productive of one sensation after another; the matter of the social status of Mrs. Gann, sister and official hostess of Vice President Curtis, has been revived; the Senate has ordered a sweeping inquiry into all lobby activities, including those of the "social lobby;" the Prime Minister of Great Britain is with us for notable and possibly epoch-making conversations with the President; the official announcement that Secretary Mellon would "carry on" and the entire population of the Capital absorbed in a thrilling tragic mystery which already has caused demotions in the personnel of the local Police Department and threatens to result in a shake-up of the District of Columbia government.

Probably the reason why the Washington show is monopolizing such a large share of public attention, just now is because it has more interesting features to engross the public mind than the general run of productions in this national theatre of ours. Not a comparatively small bunch of spectators huddled under a tent, and not the people of these United States alone, but the whole world is observing the Washington spectacle. Even the tiresome tariff has again become a headliner by the developments of the week.

Furthermore, the setting and the dialogue of many of this week's episodes are colorful and comprehensible more or less dominated by human appeal, wherefore the whole drama has attracted unprecedented attention. This week we have looked upon comedy and tragedy, laughter and tears, triumph and defeat. The spotlight has been thrown upon big men and little men, and the human side of life has predominated in what has been happening.

In U. S. Five Days

At this writing, Premier MacDonald has been in the United States five days, but his visit has already accomplished something which formal long-distance-communications failed to accomplish in five years. Mr. MacDonald has dramatically demonstrated that there exists in both his country and ours a powerful trend toward naval reduction and continued peaceful relations. Not a single word of hostile criticism has been heard against the basic purpose of the informal conversations between President Hoover and the British Prime Minister. Public sentiment seems to be back of decent agreement and strongly against blustering jingoism.

The invitations sent by Great Britain to the four other naval powers indicate the magnificent results which that nation and the United States hope will be accomplished by the January conference. These include a gradual elimination of battle-ships by a process of non-replacement; the reduction of cruisers by the three weaker naval powers on a scale proportionate to that now being fixed by the United States and Great Britain for their own future level; and the reduction if not the abolition of submarines. It is evident that the invitations were carefully prepared to suit the susceptibilities of France and Italy. For their benefit especially it is set forth that only general agreements will be contemplated, and that the results will by no means be inconsistent with the larger program of the League's disarmament commission.

Hope Underlying

Behind these invitations there lies a great hope. It is the hope that the willingness already evidenced in Washington and London to surrender old jealousies and fears will be matched by similar willingness in Paris, Rome and Tokio.

The Democratic-insurgent coalition

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Acting today, the Nationalists, or majority party of the Philippines and the Philippine Independents Commission approved the creation of a new independence commission to be sent here early in November. It is to be headed by Manuel Quezon, president of the Insular Senate.

This follows the action taken by Chairman Bingham, Connecticut of the Territories Committee, in promising to hold hearings on a bill by King with a view to reporting it to the regular session when the Utah Senator introduced the subject in the tariff debate.

Senator King, who has championed the cause of the Filipino through twelve successive legislative sessions, said today he had "every assurance" the bill would come up for discussion early in the December session.

"What's more," he added, "I think we'll pass an independence bill through the Senate."

The last action taken in 1916 when the Senate passed a bill authorizing the President to grant the islands independence within four years. Then, bearing President Wilson's indorsement, it went to the House where it was defeated. In its stead, a bill declaring the intention of the United States to grant independence ultimately was made law.

Solicitors Find Encouragement In First Days Of Drive

The opening days of the Old Ladies Home annual drive are indicative that residents of this community wish heartily to support the continued movement of providing this home and home facilities for women, aged, and in need of the care and protection of a home.

Solicitors are now engaged in making a preliminary canvass of the larger business and industrial institutions. The drive is to be climaxed by a house to house canvass by solicitors and the annual tag-day sale of tags, is scheduled for November 1 and 2.

Each year the work of the home has been made permanent for that period of time by contributions of citizens of Jeffersonville and Clark County. Giving and supporting this home has become a part of the residents' creed in this locality—and the generous recognition of the home's necessity has been the fundamental factor in making it possible for the institution to be maintained.

Early reports from solicitors today indicated that the contributors were meeting the request of the solicitors with their usual generosity and this fact may form the primary inspiration of those who give their time to the drive, to carry it on successfully to an achievement of the final goal.

W. C. T. U. TO MEET THURSDAY P. M.

The W. C. T. U., has announced a meeting for 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Wall Street Methodist Church. All members are urged to attend.

Local Residents Feel Blast At Louisville Plant

Many Jeffersonville residents were awakened by a blast at the Stoll Oil Refining Company's plant, 840 River Road, Louisville, at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning when an explosion shook houses in a radius of about a mile, it was reported here Wednesday.

The blast was caused by accumulated steam in a 5,000-gallon refining tank into which a quantity of hot crude oil had been run while the tank contained some water. The lid was blown off the tank, it was said. A fire alarm was turned in by a passer-by.

and that the administration should insist on this. The Democrats and the Progressive Republicans will not consent to any such denial of the Senate's act restoring to Congress exclusive authority to legislate on tariff matters.

"Representatives of the administration in the Senate," said Senator Robinson, "should understand that if the conference representing the Senate prove indifferent or recreant those conferees may be discharged and other conferees chosen by the Senate itself."

With only seven weeks remaining before the expiration of the extraordinary session and the convening of the regular one, it is obvious that if the administration persist in its position, there will be no bill. The Senate is still debating the administrative features of the act. Not a single schedule has been voted on. There are a thousand items in the schedules, the tariffs on which will be attacked because of the unjustifiable increases in the rates, most of which have no better excuse for being in the bill than that they represent an opportunity for industries already at the prosperity to add to their profits thereby increase the cost of living.

Ordinarily, such tariffs are effected by logging and trading. This is a form of bribery that takes time—more time than is left to the extra session called by President Hoover to accomplish farm relief.

3 Nations Accept Parley Bids

London—Japan, Italy and France Tuesday accepted Great Britain's invitation to attend a five power naval conference next January.

Since the United States already has accepted Tuesday's action in Tokio, Rome and Paris means that the world's five great sea powers will attempt at the beginning of the new year to extend to all classes of ships the limitation begun in the case of battleships at the Washington conference of 1921-22.

Japan alone of the three powers accepted the invitation without the suggestion of a proviso.

Italy's reply, while theoretically without reservation, reconciled Rome's willingness to rescue its naval armaments to the lowest figure provided no other continental European power was granted a larger ratio.

The French Cabinet sent an acceptance "in principle," delaying the wording of a formal reply, outlining French reservations, until experts of the Ministry of Marine can present a report.

All three formal replies, it was understood here tonight, will complement the preliminary work done by Great Britain and the United States.

Italy's insistence on parity with France may prove a stumbling block although French opposition to such parity has been waning slightly in recent days.

France, largest possessor of submarines, will oppose abolition of that defensive naval arm. Italy and Japan will support her position although all three countries may be ready to accept some reduction.

Japan desires seven-tenths as many auxiliary craft as Great Britain and the United States, and wants an actual reduction instead of mere limitation of navies, but hopes to reach an agreement on those aims before the conference opens next January.

CLAIM FOR \$133 FILED ON ESTATE

Frank H. Young, New Washington, undertaker, filed a claim for \$133 on the estate of Jesse McEntire, in the office of County Clerk Charles V. Babb, Wednesday.

LIONS CLUB TO MEET AT RED PALACE, THURSDAY

The Jeffersonville Lions Club is to meet at 6:10 o'clock Thursday night at the Red Palace Hotel, according to a report today from E. C. Leonard, secretary.

Commenting on the consistent defeats of the Regular Republicans during the tariff struggle, the New York World says:

"Each of these defeats for the Old Guard Republicans is a victory for the people. The next task for the Democratic-progressive group is to see that the measures which they have voted out of the bill are not juggled back into the measure when it is sent to conference."

This sentiment is very generally echoed by the newspapers throughout the country. The important journals in the farm belt, particularly, are emphatic in the opinion that no tariff bill is preferable from the point of view of their leaders than the Smoot-Hawley production.

Schools Close Wednesday

The Jeffersonville schools closed at noon Wednesday and teachers of the City Schools went to Indianapolis on Wednesday afternoon for the annual State convention of Indiana Teachers Association.

The meeting at Indianapolis is to continue through Friday and Saturday morning. Schools will resume their regular sessions on Monday morning.

Traffic Plans Made For Bridge Opening

Plans for handling traffic during the dedication of the new Municipal Traffic Bridge from Jeffersonville to Louisville, were considered at a meeting of a committee composed of Claude Myers, Mayor Harry C. Poindexter, Chief of Police M. E. Clegg, Charles Nachand and A. R. Schimpff, on Wednesday morning.

The committee announced following its meeting that Sixth street from Kentucky to Missouri and Spring street from Court avenue to Fourteenth are to be restricted to parking cars on Thursday, October 31. On Friday, November 1, Riverside Drive from Mulberry to Missouri is to be restricted to automobiles and parking on account of the fire works display planned in connection with the bridge ceremonies.