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PLANS HURRIED FOR PROPOSED ARMS PARLEY

**Preparations Made To
Get Extensive Data
Covering U.S. Mil-
itary Possessions**

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—Speeding plans for the next general disarmament conference, State Department officials last night had virtually completed preparations of extensive data covering all military establishments of the United States, including naval, military and air forces.

The data was collected at the request of the League of Nations and will be forwarded soon to Geneva. Similar requests were made of all nations which will participate in the forthcoming general disarmament conference, the time and meeting place of which will be set by the league council this month.

Simultaneously, it was learned that America's principal diplomatic figure in the disarmament question, Hugh S. Gibson, ambassador to Belgium, will confer with Secretary Stimson soon on the armament problem.

Gibson requested a leave of absence to attend to personal business and Secretary Stimson decided to talk with him while he was in the United States regarding the prospects for the forthcoming general conference.

Gibson, who has been the delegate of the United States throughout the preparatory work for the conference and was a member of the American delegation to the London naval conference, is mentioned as the most likely candidate to head the delegation which the United States will send to the forthcoming conference.

Officials made no secret of their desire that a general conference on disarmament which opened without a definite settlement between the Franco-Italian naval situation would not offer an encouraging prospect of success.

American officials here are following closely the Franco-Italian situation, but it was said Ambassador Gibson's visit would not be directly connected with it.

More than casual attention is being given to prospects for the forthcoming league council meeting. There has been a growing feeling here that the proposed German-Austrian customs union, which will come before the council, was the contributing factor in the breakdown of the Franco-Italian settlement.

**Senate Pushes Its
Attempts To Oust
George Otis Smith**

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—The Senate yesterday carried into court its effort to oust George Otis Smith as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business.

Agreed with the refusal of President Hoover to permit reconsideration of his appointment, who once given Senate approval, special counsel for the Senate asked the Senate to rule that Smith holds his office by usurpation and to oust him.

John W. Davis, 1924 Democratic nominee for President, and Alexander J. Groves, of Michigan, filed the suit. Smith, who has succeeded former Senator George L. Pepper of Pennsylvania, has 20 days to answer.

Smith, 48, a Democrat, was confirmed on December 10 before the Senate adjourned Christmas. Before Jan. 5, Smith alone and his co-sponsors Draper, and Davis, as well as an organization of disaffected Republicans, dismissed Solicitor General William V. King, both in support of western

section of Senator Walsh's bill which had attacked President's budget. Smith's family insurance on his life was said to be \$100,000. Most of his intended to

SEEKS PARDON



PULITZER L OF PRIZES FOR 30 ANNOUNCED

**Atlanta Constitution
Gets Award For Its
Attack Against Mu-
nicipal Corruption**

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—The Pulitzer prizes in journalism and letters were awarded yesterday for achievements which ranged from a novel of war-time America to the solution of a murder by a newspaper reporter.

Vigorous editorial warfare against virulent corruption in the municipal government won the 1930 Pulitzer gold medal for the Atlanta Constitution, one of the oldest and most progressive newspapers in the south.

Established June 14, 1868, when Atlanta still lay in the ashes of the Civil war, the Constitution for three generations has been controlled and guided by the Howell family, the journalistic forbear of which was a distinguished Confederate officer, Capt. Evan P. Howell. Many of its enterprises have been closely interwoven with the progress of Georgia and it has been regarded as a factor in shaping opinion in the entire south.

In its latest endeavor, the paper, under the leadership of Clark Howell, editor and publisher, and son of Captain Howell, waged a relentless campaign on political racketeers in the city hall. Beginning late in 1929, the Constitution pursued the crusade through a series of grand jury inquiries and a score of trials in 1930.

Lund could not confirm or deny reports that Mrs. Whitehead, daughter of a prominent New York broker, named Hughes, intended to divorce Whitehead if she found the accusations against him were true.

Lund conferred here late yesterday with E. H. Donnell, attorney for Miss Miller, in an effort to ascertain evidence on charges that Whitehead had promised to marry the pretty Brunette in the course of their alleged companion ship last winter at Key West, Havana, and other resorts.

"There are certain charges that have been made that will have to be explained by Mr. Whitehead or his lawyers," Lund said after the conference. He was due to leave for Jacksonville tonight by airplane to confer with Whitehead.

After flying here from Los Angeles several days ago for the investigation, Lund went on to Havana where the Whiteheads maintain a home, and where Mrs. Whitehead was said to have resided until Feb. 18 when she went to her present place of residence in Los Angeles.

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Other prizes in the field of letters were awarded to the following:

In history, to "The Coming of the War, 1914," by Bernadotte E. Schmitt; in biography, to "Charles W. Eliot," by Henry James, and in verse, to "Collected Poems of Robert Frost." The

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Salesman Burns His Daughter To Death

GREELEY, Colo., May 5.—(AP)—James Parker, 48, salesman was arrested today shortly after a fire in his home burned his 16-year-old daughter, and never burned his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Parker, told authorities he was burning on her deathbed the children.

They were enroute to Johannesburg, South Africa, to Pietersburg. Parker recently completed a record six-day flight from England to Cape Town in an American plane to prove the contention that the British small-sailor could be covered in half the time by using equipment similar to that in America. Both were wealthy.

SECTION IMPROVING

BUCHANAN, Ga., May 5.—(AP)—A letter de-
livered to the local post office, who
had been ill with diphtheria, was sent to leave
his bed and go to the station yesterday,
and he was told that he was to be
improved by the use of gasoline.

Principles of the Methodist

PRETTY GIRL AIR STOWAWAY



CHICAGO—Betty Roth was in Kansas City and she wanted to get to Chicago. But she didn't have any money. So she stowed away on a passenger plane and was not discovered until well on her way to Chicago. Betty, above, is being questioned by Detective J. Carey, and Pilot Bob Dawson. They didn't arrest her, and in a short time she had the job that she had come to Chicago to get.

SIMPLE SERVICE CLOSING SESSION MARKS FUNERAL OF KIWANIS CLUB OF GEORGE BAKER IS HELD IN MIAMI

Leaders Of Education, Finance And Science Pay Their Respects

NEW YORK, May 5.—(AP)—

In its latest endeavor, the paper, under the leadership of Clark Howell, editor and publisher, and son of Captain Howell, waged a relentless campaign on political racketeers in the city hall. Beginning late in 1929, the Constitution pursued the crusade through a series of grand jury inquiries and a score of trials in 1930.

To date, the drive has resulted in 11 convictions involving chain-gang sentences and heavy fines for councilmen and high city officials; 10 pleas of guilty; 10 persons awaiting trial and nine serving acquittals. Fifty-three indictments were returned.

The campaign was long and bitterly fought, for in the words of the grand juries a clique had "managed to get into office and to perpetuate themselves in office because of the indifference of voters." And so far-reaching was this ring, said the investigators, that not one pint of disfellowship, not one pound of flour cleaner nor one ounce of laundry supplies could be sold to or bought by the city without payment of graft.

It was not until 17 months after the inception of the drive, April 19, 1931, that the Constitution was able to say: "The main battle has been won . . . Atlanta, at last, is freed of the vampire of graft."

"Years of Grace," by Margaret Ayer Barnes, was chosen by the jury of awards as the novel published in 1930 which "best represents the whole atmosphere of American life." The prize-winning play was "Alison's House," written by Susan Glaspell and produced by Eva le Gallienne at the Civic Repertory theater.

Nothing more than unofficial

estimates were available of Baker's wealth. It had been placed as high as \$500,000,000. However, records of seven banks and corporations show holdings in them alone of \$100,000,000 at present market value. At the peak of the market in 1929 they were worth approximately \$250,000,000.

He was a large holder of

United States government bonds and was a director in more than 40 corporations.

While reputedly the third

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The program was under the direction of Rotarian F. C. MacMahon.

At its conclusion a short business session ensued during which a committee composed of Rotarians W. A. Teller, H. R. Stevens, and W. M. Hayes, was appointed to represent the club on the Farmers' Day arrangement committee.

The visitors present were: W. L.

Sharkley, J. C. Chase, C. M. Gay,

and Arthur Peter, of Orlando, and

Wm. Coulson, of Cambridge Mass.

Rotarians present were: B. L.

Mattie, president of the club, W.

C. Hutchinson, Leon LeRoy, B. F.

Haines, W. G. Teller, H. R. Stevens,

Dr. S. P. Preston, Dr. A. W.

Eppes, John Thomas, F. C. MacMahon,

Rev. H. Irving Lovell, W.

L. Cooper, W. G. Gray, Paul Fine,

Dr. O. Shadburn, and others.

Oppose Prohibition

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—

Outright repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment was announced today as the goal of crusaders of young men. The objective was made known by Julian Codman, national commander, who denied that a repeal would result in the return of the moon.

Lake Worth—Widening of

Federal Highway through this

place, under construction.

Legislature Takes Further Steps For Getting Tax Relief

EXTRAVAGANCE CHARGED IN TALK TO LEGISLATORS

**House Extends Limit
For Bond Refunding
From 30 To 60 Years;
Utility Bill Is Up**

TALLAHASSEE, May 5.—(AP)—The Legislature today took further steps toward tax relief for the state. The House adopted a bill previously passed by the Senate extending from 30 to 60 years the time for refunding bonds.

The Senate adopted a resolution to exempt homesteads from county and state ad valorem taxation.

The measure is in the form of a constitutional amendment and must be voted on in the next general election in the event of House adoption.

The Senate held a brief executive session before the noon adjournment and confirmed five appointments made by Governor Carlton. The House voted to meet twice daily today and to end the session with night sessions Mondays and Thursdays.

Representatives also voted to consider nothing but finance, taxation, education, and banking measures for a two weeks period starting Monday. A bill to tax public utilities was introduced in the House by Representative Price who estimated it would bring an annual revenue of \$4,000,000, if it becomes a law.

The House received an economy measure to reduce the salaries of circuit judges from \$7500.00 to \$6,000.00 and also another congressional redistricting bill. A measure also was introduced to appropriate \$3,500,000 annually for schools.

Quoting from records, Senator (Continued on Page 4)

Memorial Service Is
Held For Members
Killed In Big War

MIAMI, May 5.—(AP)—Observance of "All-Kiwanis night," featuring the presentation of international officers and memorial services for members of the organization who died during the past year brought to a close last night the first full day's program of the fifth annual convention of Kiwanis International.

Addressed by the officers and by Roy Fulkerson, Washington, D. C., editor of the Kiwanis magazine, were broadcast by station WQAM here.

The opening business session of

the assembly was featured by an address by Dr. John J. Tigert, Florida, who spoke on the convention president of the University of Miami, charged yesterday in an address during the Senate's consideration of Governor Carlton's veto of the inheritance tax bill.

Directing his argument solely

against the section of the bill giving the proceeds to the public schools, Senator Butler made a plea for primary consideration of the taxpayer, for economy and for the repayment of the state's outstanding obligations, which include

an amount aggregating \$225,007 by two banks.

The data concerning the state's

financial plight, Senator Butler declared, came from Comptroller Amos.

"With our borrowing power ex-

hausted," he said, "the legislature convened facing a shortage of more than \$2,000,000. Seven million acres of land have reverted to the state for non-payment of taxes the last few years. The time has come for us to take an accounting. It seems to me that some thought should be given to the rights of the taxpayer, to find out where this money has been going and to cut out all big debts, dub him down at the schools."

Quoting from records, Senator (Continued on Page 4)

Cashier Confesses
To Embezzlement;
Kills Himself, Wife

WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—

—The controversial tariff and war debt questions came to the fore at the third plenary session today of the International Chamber of Commerce along with a demand for the abolition of floor trading on American exchanges and restriction of marginal dealings to curb stock gambling by persons of small means.

Julius Barnes, Chairman of the board of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who last week called for tariff revisions with a view to improving American foreign trade, was found dead in bed, with a silk stocking knotted tightly around her throat and a handkerchief in her mouth.

Pedrick's body was found in a

garage in the rear of the house.

He had a bullet wound over his

right eye and the motor of his

automobile and that of his wife

was running. Tilling the building

with poison gas. A pistol was

found on a car seat near the body.

Chief of Police Daniel Donovan

said he believed Mrs. Pedrick

learned of her husband's intention

