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MYSTERY IN DELIBERATION ON THE NAVIES

No Official Word Has Come From Naval Experts So Far

PUBLICITY NOT WANTED BY EXPERTS

Involved Technical Questions Said to be too Much For Ordinary Americans.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Deliberations of the naval experts of the "Big Three" in the arms conference remain wrapped in mystery so far as any official word of what is transpiring goes. Unofficially spokesmen in some cases give hints that reveal little but involved technical questions which only serve to confuse the layman.

In the American viewpoint there is no good reason to bring into public view all the almost comprehensible discussions of the experts. What is in progress, it was pointed out Tuesday, is a conference of equals, of which the only product can be a unanimous agreement, and there is every reason to expect such an agreement to be reached soon that will not vary widely from the American naval proposals.

In shaping their suggestions the American delegation took into consideration many things besides the mere question of capital ship tonnage. Estimates of naval strength of each power included, it is said, estimates of the whole situation of each, of its whole building program, of its financial ability and mechanical equipment to execute any building program it might desire.

The "5-5-3 ratio" of the American replacement scheme to end competitive building and all its evils, and the fleet strength that would remain under the proposed immediate reduction on the eve of a 10-year complete building holiday, both are understood to reflect this summary of matters not susceptible of mathematical treatment.

SNOW OF GREAT BENEFIT HERE

W. R. Ledbetter was in from the valley this morning and stated that the snow, while possibly giving some annoyance to transportation, is the best thing that could have happened to the Grande Ronde valley. "It is a heavy wet snow and just what we needed," said Mr. Ledbetter. "All the moisture is going into the ground and this valley never had a more welcome blanket than the white one which has covered us up so completely. The valley roads are now passable and I look for everything to hit its natural gait soon."

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

The 1921 football championship of Eastern Oregon will be decided here tomorrow afternoon when the La Grande high school meets the Pendleton high school team on the high school field. Coach Carl Ledell promises the best game of the season and indications are that the attendance will be heavier than usual.

Portland Taxed Itself By Huge Majority Vote

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Unofficial returns from all precincts in the city gave 27,111 for the 1925 Exposition tax measure and 6685 against, making a majority of 20,426.

The total vote was 33,796 — almost 40 percent of the registration. The majority is one of the largest ever rolled up for a measure in the city. It was considerably larger than the vote for the soldiers' bonus bill, which was one of the most popular measures ever submitted to the electorate. The total vote and the majority were 33,796 and 20,426, respectively. Both the vote and the majority were 33,796 and 20,426, respectively.

AGREEMENT IS NEAR AT HAND IN CONFERENCE

Straight From the Shoulder Talk by Diplomats Speeding Usual Slow Channels Considerably.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Opinions have been exchanged among the arms conference delegates with such frankness that diplomats believe an agreement is near at hand on the armament and far eastern questions. The committee on the far eastern question yesterday decided to appoint a subcommittee to study the Chinese fiscal affairs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Negotiations relating to both the Far East and armament limitation moved more slowly Tuesday as attention of the arms delegates passed from general policies to details.

China's economic embarrasments formed the text of the Far Eastern discussion which resulted in the appointment of a subcommittee of representatives of nine nations to study the subject of administrative autonomy for China with particular reference to tariffs and taxes.

The land armament problem also was considered at informal conferences and a meeting of the armament committee of the whole was called for Wednesday with the expectation that Premier Briand of France would say a last word as to his country's attitude on armies.

On the side of naval armament, informal exchanges continued between delegates and naval experts with an air of growing confidence that details of the American plan would eventually bring all the powers into agreement. It is possible that the naval plan may receive some consideration at Wednesday's meeting of the five delegations which constitute the armament committee of the whole, but the greater attention is expected to center on land armament in view of the prominence of M. Briand's departure for France.

JACK TALKED ON PERSONAL GIVING

At the revival meeting last night in the Methodist church Three Fingered Jack, the evangelist, talked on personal charity and took the stand that it is a privilege and right not to be taken away for everyone to be able to feed his brother who is down and out.

He took issue with the Ad club which at its meeting Tuesday urged charity to cease except through the provided channels—the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Jack emphasized these two agencies and took the stand that the members of the club did not realize how far reaching their work was going when they would cut off the individual right of a citizen to give a meal or a pair of shoes to the down and out.

He contended that charity is one of the blessings of man and urged everyone to give to 20 undeserving ones in order to not miss one who is deserving. His meeting was well attended and as the religious task travels along it gathers strength each evening.

TO HEAR FUTURES CASE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Recent legislation by congress regulating future trading in grains and providing for the admission to membership in grain exchanges of co-operative farmers' associations, will be reviewed by the supreme court. Announcement was made by the court that arguments in the case would be heard the week beginning January 3.

SENATE WAS DISORDERLY ON TAX TALK

Remarks of Leaders Stricken Out After Disorders

NORTH AND SOUTH CLASH ON COLOR

Penrose Called Alabama State of "Black Darkness" and Alabamians Became Infuriated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Disorder marked the beginning yesterday of the senate consideration of the conference report on the tax bill. The climax was reached in expunging senatorial remarks from the record. The word stricken out were words in a verbal clash between Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania and Heflin of Alabama in which Penrose referred to the "black darkness" of Alabama and Heflin characterized Pennsylvania as "manipulated by predatory interests."

In laying the conference report before the senate Tuesday, Chairman Penrose of the senate managers in a statement described the bill as a "temporary makeshift."

"The bill," he said, "does not place the tax system on a stable or scientific basis. But it is better than the law which it will supersede because of the reduction of the tax burden and the technical or administrative improvements."

Immediately after passage, the bill will be sent to the president. The only important section to be put into force immediately is that relating to the income tax, the other changes going into effect January 1. The present surtax rates will be continued for this year, reductions going into effect next year and being reflected in tax payments in 1923.

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Glennon was excused from the stand following the court's ruling. Kate Brennan, a maid at the hotel, followed Glennon and testified that she dated off the two floors introduced by the prosecution for finger print evidence, some time after the finger prints were supposed to have been made by Arbuckle and Miss Rappe. The defense endeavored to prove through her that in the dusting process she rubbed out the finger prints.

Arbuckle gave her a tip of \$2.50 for cleaning his room and offered her some whiskey, which she refused, Miss Brennan testified.

MOTHER LOVE SAVED BOY

CANYON CITY, Colo., Nov. 23.—Mother love and pluck in sticking at an automobile steering wheel for 12 hours over mountain roads through a blinding snow storm saved 8-year-old Leo Pink's eyesight Saturday. The boy's eye was injured at play Friday and his mother, Mrs. W. A. Pink, drove all night from Elkhorn in the Cripple Creek district, to get the lad to a hospital here.

ARBUCKLE CASE ON DEFENSIVE LOSES POINT

First Witness of Defense Ruled Out by Court; McNab Attacks Prosecution.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Alice Blake testified in the trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle for the alleged death of Miss Virginia Rappe, yesterday. A statement made by her to the police in which she told of seeing Miss Rappe nude in bed in Arbuckle's room suffering great pain was introduced.

Joseph Bideaux, Los Angeles physical culture trainer, who treated Miss Rappe for being overweight, said she was stronger than most women he treated. Harry J. Berle, assistant manager of the St. Francis hotel, testified to being called to Arbuckle's room and assisting Arbuckle in carrying Miss Rappe to another room.

After the prosecution had closed its case late Tuesday in the manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle after reserving the right to introduce further testimony Wednesday, Gavin McNab, chief counsel for the defense, made the opening statement for Arbuckle.

"The state has miserably failed to prove its case," McNab said. "This line of argument was ruled out by the court and he was instructed to 'state what he intended to prove.'"

"We will prove that Arbuckle was not in the Hotel St. Francis room more than 10 minutes with Miss Virginia Rappe," McNab continued. "Arbuckle is accused of having inflicted fatal injuries, in his rooms in the hotel September 5. George Glennon, house detective of the St. Francis, was the first witness called by the defense."

The court ruled out McNab's attempt to have the witness detail a conversation he had with Miss Rappe following her alleged injuries at Arbuckle's hands.

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DIED: MEDICAL BEER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The death knell of medicinal beer was sounded today when President Harding signed the anti-medical beer bill.

CHINA KNOWS GOOD STYLE



Portland Water Supply Is Threatened; Willamette Valley Towns Inundated

BERLIN DENIES BRIAND CHARGE IN STATEMENT

Allegation Made that Troops are for Maintaining Internal Peace Only.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—In a statement to the Associated Press Tuesday the German government takes issue with the charges of Premier Briand of France in his address before the Washington conference, German police forces and the Reichwehr constituted a nucleus for a future German army.

It declares M. Briand's assertion that the Reichwehr is composed exclusively of officers and non-commissioned officers of the old army is incorrect, and says that the bulk of the Reichwehr is made up of youths between the ages of 19 to 21, recruited since the war.

The statement says that the "protection police" were created at the bidding of the entente, and adds:

"The Reichwehr is wholly unaffiliated with the Schutzpolizei, which took the place of the security police when the entente ordered the latter's dissolution."

"The Schutzpolizei is primarily an agency to maintain law and order. It takes orders solely from the civilian ministries of the federal states. Its numerical strength and its composition, with reference to the ratio of officers and men, are designated and supervised by the entente control commission."

"The number of rifles and small arms it is permitted to have is specified. It does not possess heavy caliber arms. The Einwohnerwehr, or civilian guards, referred to by M. Briand, have been dissolved, and their arms have been surrendered and destroyed."

Belfast Rioting Claims Lives

Bombs Kill Three and Six Deaths Result from Gun Fighting Under the New Government.

BELFAST, Ireland, Nov. 23.—Another victim was added today to yesterday's list of thirteen killed in riots. A foreman engaging laborers for shipyard work was picked off by snipers this morning.

BELFAST, Nov. 23.—Two bombs were exploded in a train car full of shipyard workers here Tuesday afternoon, killing three of the occupants and injuring 18 others. At least six other persons were shot to death in rioting that attended the first day's actual functioning of the new Ulster government, created by the home rule act of last spring.

Shortly after the attack two more bombs were thrown among a crowd watching a fire and 12 persons were injured.

Deaths during the disorders of Monday and Tuesday total nine.

The attack on the train car occurred as shipyard workers in the car were returning home. The bombs were thrown from a crowd of men. The car was packed, confusion followed. The men who threw the missile fled, and the uninjured workmen on the car ran away, panic stricken. Finally when the confusion had ceased somewhat, the injured and dead were taken from the debris.

There was shooting during the day near the labor exchange, where a clerk was killed and another man so badly wounded that he died later.

BIG GAS FIELD FOUND NEAR NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 23.—A natural gas field with "tremendous production potentialities" has been uncovered in northern Louisiana, according to a report made public Sunday after an investigation by engineers of the United States bureau of mines, conducted for the state on request of Governor Parker.

A productive area of 212 square miles, or roughly one hundred thirty-five thousand acres, in a solid block, located in Union, Ouachita and Morehouse parishes, near Mottos, and designated as the gas field, is outlined in the report. The report estimates that the gas remaining in the reservoir is roughly 32 cubic miles.

GREATEST EVER FOUND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Louisiana gas field is undoubtedly the greatest natural gas field discovered, an official of the bureau of mines said Sunday night.

RELICS STOLEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—A collection of the pioneer California days of 1849 were stolen from the museum of the Association of Pioneer Women of California in Golden Gate park here Saturday night, according to reports to the police Sunday. Many of the most valuable of the antiques in the collection, which had taken years to gather, were reported missing.

Union County Fourth in Grange Farm Exhibition

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—The national grange elected Sherman J. Lowell national grange master yesterday.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Washington county won first prize in the county exhibitors at the agricultural products exhibition in connection with the national convention, scoring 76 points. Hood River scored 57, Polk 56, Union 49, Clatsop 42, Clatsop 40, Marion 38, Wascop 15, Wasco 13 and 12.

EUGENE.—The grange exhibition in the county grange building here Monday night was a success. The grange voted to support the good roads act of 1921. State Master Spence reported over 1,000 gain in membership in Oregon during the year. Spence scored the Cummins-Esch law. The grange decided not to restrict its membership to American citizens.

Fifteen per cent of Normal Supply of Water in Portland

ONE KILLED WHEN SANTIAM FLOODS

Pacific Highway Roadbed Six Inches Under Water; Streams Rapidly Rising.

The heavy snow storm has resulted in damage to the roof of the Star theatre so that the theatre cannot be used until repairs are completed. The roof did not cave in but was made dangerous, giving way under the heavy load of snow. The damage will probably not exceed several thousand dollars.

Because of the damage to the Star the picture "Over the Hill" has been changed to the Arcade.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Railroads this afternoon are gradually making headway against the snow on the Columbia river line. Passengers from the stalled trains at Bridal Veil were brought here. A steamer this morning left here to get passengers stalled at Lyle, Washington. The Willamette river here was 16.9 feet and it was predicted that it would fall slowly.

The section of the state east of the Blue Mountains is entirely recovered from the effects of the heavy storm of Saturday and Sunday and much benefit is reported by farmers in all sections of Union and Walla Walla counties as the result of the much needed moisture. With the arrival of express and mail from Portland last night, followed by another through train early this afternoon, the partial disruption of business caused by traffic being halted in the section has been overcome here. Moving picture houses here are all operating with new films today.

No. 24 arrived at about 1:30 this afternoon and other eastbound trains are expected in closer to schedule time than during the past several days.

Condition Serious.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Portland faces a serious water shortage unless everyone conserves the supply for the next forty-eight hours, Fred Randlett, chief engineer of the city water bureau, announced this morning.

Raging waters in the Bull Run river, fed by hundreds of mountain streams which are bulging with rain water, washed out a ten-foot section of No. 1 pipe line near the headworks of the Bull Run water reserve yesterday.

But 15 per cent of the normal water supply is coming to the city through No. 2 pipe line due possible breaking of a valve or stoppage in the pipe. Pending repairs to No. 1 conduit the city is dependent upon the reserve supply in Mount Tabor and Washington park reservoirs and about 4,500,000 gallons daily which is coming through the second pipe line.

Roads Impassable.

At several points along the Pacific highway, the road bed was six inches or so under water. In the western portion of the two states, a torrent of rain was continuing to fall, while in the eastern section and particularly

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Weather

Thursday occasional rain in the west and occasional rain or snow in the eastern portion of the state.