

## ALL IN ACCORD ON NAVAL CUTS

### Conference Whips Major Issues Into Shape.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS LEFT

### Japan Is Allowed to Keep Mutsu Instead of Battleship Setsu.

## BRITAIN'S QUOTA IS NEXT

### Announcement of Formal Agreement by Conference Expected Any Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Great Britain, the United States and Japan were in full accord as to principles tonight on a plan of naval limitation.

All major questions have been whipped into shape. Technical details as to one phase held back an official announcement.

The plan worked out by Secretary Hughes, A. J. Balfour and Admiral Baron Kato in joint conferences follows the original American proposal except in one respect. That difference is the agreement that Japan may retain the battleship Mutsu instead of the Setsu; that the United States retain the Colorado and Washington in place of the Delaware and North Dakota and that Great Britain build the approximate equivalent in capital ships.

### Policy Agreement Made.

Promulgation of the agreement has been delayed by arranging details as to the British equivalent for the Mutsu. The "big three" are in agreement as to policy.

It appears that the British angle might be settled by providing that she retain two super-Hoods and scrap three or more old ships in their places. That element of the plan was still to be finally decided, however, when the "big three" meeting today adjourned. Further meetings are expected.

It was emphasized that the three conferences are eager to reach full accord and that no minor technical objection would be allowed to stand in the way.

In view of this spirit an announcement of success is expected at any moment.

Should a proposal that Great Britain retain two super-Hoods of the four she had ordered be advanced and found acceptable it would be taken in naval circles as evidence of the good relationship established during the conference. The plan is open, it is said, to technical objections since the ships would be of a type not included in the Japanese or American navies. They would combine batteries of battleships with the speed of battle cruisers, but sacrifice something in armor as compared to battleships.

### Replacement Limit Fettered.

The super-Hoods also would be beyond the replacement agreement of 35,000 tons displacement proposed in the American plan. That figure, however, did not deal with ships under construction, each of three powers having a number of 40,000 tonnage in prospect. Since Great Britain has already spent money on the plans and specifications of the ships it seemed improbable that a proposal for their retention would meet objections in American circles at least. The attitude of Japanese delegates was not known.

Included in the treaty into which the naval limitation agreement is to be worked will be the establishment of a status quo understanding as to naval bases and fortifications on the Pacific. This feature already has been approved by the "big three."

It means that the United States abandons any thought of creating a naval base at Guam, but excludes from the restrictions to be imposed by treaty, Hawaii, islands off the coast of Japan or those in waters immediately adjacent to Australia or New Zealand.

### Outposts to Be Only Defensive.

In effect the naval tripartite agreement that none but purely defensive outposts shall hereafter be erected in the Pacific.

It was this understanding and the willingness of the United States to bind itself not to add to present fortifications or base facilities at Guam, which is believed to have cleared the way to a large extent for Japanese acceptance of the 5-5-5 ratio.

Retention by Japan of the Mutsu, it was said, will add about 14,000 tons to the fleet of capital ships she will retain. Substitution of the Colorado and Washington for the North Dakota and Delaware would mean a net gain of 25,200 tons for the American fleet. Addition of two super-Hoods for the British would mean more than 50,000 in new ships. It may prove significant that three of the battle cruisers to be retained

## FIRST OF DEFICIENCY BILLS UP TO CHIEF

### CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED BY BOTH HOUSES.

### Total of Approximately \$105,000,000 Carried in Measure; Senators Clash on Features.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Adoption by the senate late today of the conference report on the first deficiency bill sent the measure to the president, the house having adopted the report earlier in the day.

Senate amendments to the deficiency appropriation bill providing \$1,000,000 for additional hospital facilities for war veterans afflicted with tuberculosis and nervous disorders, and \$1,500,000 for replacing portions of the Washington-Alaska military cable, were eliminated from the measure by the conferees.

Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina, took issue with the Maryland senator as to the duties of the government to find jobs for workers, saying that "what the matter with the country now is that most people are living beyond their means."

Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, breaking into the debate, described Senator Dial's speech as "reactionary and standpat to the last degree." He criticized the failure to appropriate for the relief of unemployment and attacked the action by which today was refused for the building of a soldier hospital in Arizona, while funds were allowed for the establishment of a government exhibit at an international exposition at Rio de Janeiro.

The house agreed to a senate amendment appropriating \$600,000 for the payment of indemnities for tubercular cattle slaughtered by direction of the federal government.

The house cut from \$250,000 to \$175,000 the senate provision for transportation of air mail service.

The bill as passed by the conferees and house appropriated \$103,000,000, of which \$66,000,000 is for the veterans' bureau and \$23,000,000 for the treasury department's refund taxes illegally collected.

Approval by the conferees of an appropriation of \$100,000 for the relief of unemployment brought a charge from Senator France, republican, Maryland, that the "stupidity of our government policy" was aggravating rather than relieving the unemployment situation.

## "MR. ZERO" GETS INTO JAIL

### Conference Picketer in Search of Christian Arrested.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Urban Ledoux, the "Mr. Zero" of the recent unemployment crisis, today began a one-man picketing campaign against the armament conference. Ledoux, while parading in front of the Pan-American Union building, carried his umbrella, a Bible and a lighted lantern.

"I am searching for a Christian in the conference," he told inquirers.

After he had maintained his patrol for two hours Ledoux was taken to police headquarters on a charge of disorderly conduct.

## 'MOTHER SHIP' DELIVERED

### New Craft Equipped to Carry Balloons and Planes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The U. S. S. Wright, a vessel of 14,200 tons displacement, fully equipped as the first "mother ship" for balloons and seaplanes of the United States navy, was delivered to the New York navy yard today.

The vessel, named after Wilbur Wright, was originally constructed as a transport. For several months she has been at Hoboken undergoing alterations.

Space for the stowage of six kity balloons has been arranged, together with facilities for inflation.

## EX-PRINCE IS HOMESICK

### Frederick Hopes to Return to Germany in Spring.

DOORN, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The former German crown prince, who since November, 1918, has lived at Werlengen, is planning to return to Germany and expects to request permission of Holland for his departure next spring.

Frederick William looks forward to life as a country gentleman with his wife and children on an estate in Prussia.

## CLOTURE FIGHT PROMISED

### Battle in Senate After Holiday Recess Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Favorable report on the Townsend resolution providing invocation of cloture in the senate by a majority vote probably will be made soon after the holiday recess, it was said today, after a meeting of the sub-committee of the senate rules-committee.

Senate leaders, however, predicted that a fight against the proposed rule undoubtedly would ensue.

## LEGISLATOR HELD FORGER

### Missouri Lawmaker Accused of Padding Expense Accounts.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—E. G. Davidson, state representative from St. Louis, was indicted late today on two charges of third degree forgery in connection with the alleged padding of expense accounts of two former deputy state beverage inspectors.

He is chairman of the house committee on life and accident insurance.

## TROOPS TO QUELL MILITANT WOMEN

### Guardsmen Ordered to Kansas Coal Fields.

## COUNTY'S FORGES HELPLESS

### Mines Stormed Three Days by Warlike Women.

## HOWAT SUPPORTERS BUSY

### State Officials Finally Find If Necessary to Take Action in Troubled District.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Dec. 14.—National guard troops have been ordered into the coal fields of Kansas as a result of demonstrations conducted by women strike sympathizers.

State officials took this action today when authorities of this county reported that they were unable to cope with the situation. The women for three days have been storming mines in the county and mistreating non-striking miners.

The situation in the mining camps was reported quiet tonight after a day a hubbub created by the women, who paraded from mine to mine threatening workers and carrying on demonstrations designed to prevent the men from entering the shafts.

## MEDAL DESIGN APPROVED

### President to Present Emblem to City of Verdun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—President Harding today approved the design of the medal which, under the army bill of June 8, 1920, he was authorized to present to Verdun in the name of the congress and the people of the United States. The obverse represents two struggling giants and the reverse "Port Chaudhousse," with the ruins of Verdun forming the background.

The phrase "Ils ne passeront"—"They shall not pass"—is inscribed across one face and "From the people of the United States to the city of Verdun" across the other.

## DRIVER KILLS MARINE

### Taxi Chauffeur Says Service Man Tried to Rob Him.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Delbert Swagale, said by the police to have been a marine on the U. S. S. Connecticut, stationed in the harbor here, was shot and killed today by R. R. Michael, a taxi cab driver.

Michael told the police that Swagale and a companion had attempted to rob him.

## SHIP DELIVERIES LARGE

### Craft Valued at 755,000,000 Gold Marks Turned Over to Allies.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The reparations commission officially announced today that Germany has made deliveries to the allies of vessels valued at 755,000,000 gold marks since the armistice was signed.

## FRANCE IS WILLING TO PAY FOR PAY

### OFFICIAL EXPLAINS STAND ON GERMAN INDEMNITY.

### General Economic Understanding Between Two Nations Held Early Possibility.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—France is willing temporarily to forego cash reparations payments from Germany, a high official told the Associated Press.

A general economic understanding between France and Germany, growing out of the recent Wiesbaden agreement between Minister of Liberated Regions Loucheur and former German Minister of Economics Rathenau, is an early probability, it was said here today in authoritative quarters.

Announcement was made today that Premier Briand expects to leave for London next Sunday to discuss the question of German reparations with Prime Minister Lloyd George.

There is general agreement in some quarters that some radical revision of the reparations plan is necessary, with the possibility of a loan to furnish a limited amount of cash.

Despite official view there are suggestions in other quarters that the settlement of the reparations problems will scale down the total amount as well as change the methods of payment. One such plan attributed to Mr. Loucheur comprises the cancellation of all debts, scaling down the reparations total to 25,000,000 gold marks and a big loan to realize immediately cash that would be worth more to France now than later.

## ALIENS ASK RETURN OF SEIZED FORTUNES

### SUIT FOR \$1,000,000 AIMED AT PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Two petitions for the return of property valued at more than a million dollars in cash, stocks and bonds were filed today in the district supreme court against Thomas Miller, alien property custodian, and Frank White, treasurer of the United States, Frederick Schutte, administrator of the estate of Carl Schutte, identified with the Standard Oil company, asked that 1550 shares of capital stock of the Standard Oil company, seized by the alien property custodian, be returned. It was stated in the petition that Schutte is a German, but has declared his intention of becoming an American citizen and has at no time been an alien enemy.

The second petition was filed by Paul Reisman of New York, who asked that stocks, bonds and cash to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars seized under the trading-with-the-enemy act be returned to him. He set forth that he was naturalized in 1918, but was in Germany when the war started. He is now in Switzerland.

## KING PLEADS FOR GREEKS

### Utah Senator Protests Against Ottoman Atrocities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Senator Kibb, democrat, Utah, today introduced a resolution which would urge the president to direct the attention of the European governments and the league of nations' council to "the atrocities and brutal and ruthless persecution" of the Greeks of Pontus by Kemal Pasha and Ottoman Turks.

The senate would express its "abhorrence and condemnation" of the atrocities and "deplore the failure of the European governments to act in defense of the persecuted peoples."

## ALTITUDE RECORD BROKEN

### Two-Engine Airplane Soars to Height of 25,600 Feet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—A new altitude record for two-engine airplanes has been established, according to officers of the army air service, by Lieutenant Leigh Wadsworth of McCook field, Dayton, O.

An official report received here today said that on December 8 he reached the height of 25,600 feet in a bombing plane equipped with a "super charger" when his gas supply exhausted and he was forced to descend.

## EBERT TO GET MORE PAY

### President of Germany Is Unable to Live on \$2000 Annually.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—President Ebert is now paid a salary equivalent to \$2000 a year. Consequently, the reichstag budget commission has agreed to raise his stipend, in view of present high prices and hard times.

The president also is to receive an expense allowance of 400,000 marks in addition to his salary of 300,000 marks.

## LORDS' DEBATE ON IRISH PACT BITTER

### Captain Craig in Commons Also Scores Pact.

## DAIL EIREANN IS IN ROW

### None of Bodies Has Yet Come to Grips, However.

## PREMIER EXPLAINS PACT

### Lloyd George's Speech Is Not So Much Oratorical Display in Defense of Treaty.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—In a scene which is likely to prove a landmark in English history, the Irish treaty today was presented in the imperial parliament for ratification, while the Dail Eireann at Dublin indulged in heated debate turning on Eamon de Valera's charge that the Irish plenipotentiaries exceeded their powers in signing the treaty without further reference to Dublin.

Neither the commons nor the Dail Eireann, however, has yet come to grips on the actual decision respecting ratification, which has been postponed until tomorrow.

A feature of the debates in parliament here was a bitter attack on the government by Lord Carson in the house of lords and Captain Charles Craig, Irish unionist, in the house of commons.

Compromise Is Denounced.

Lord Carson showed not the slightest diminution in his old-time denunciation of any compromise with nationalistic Ireland. He dared the government to do anything to stir Ulster against the empire and exclaimed: "Because Ulster is loyal, you think you can kick her as you like."

"I promise you," he continued, "that she will keep out of this agreement. You have tried to make her position impossible. I believe you told the Sinn Fein delegates to do so. Why has the Sinn Fein been given an army if not to invade Ulster? Was it to invade America or the channel islands?"

Speech Hostile in Tone.

The tone of his speech was one of unrelenting hostility to a settlement of the Irish question. His speech in the commons was loss of an oratorical display in defense of the treaty than a careful exposition of the agreement and its implications, with a view to putting the house in possession of the complete mind of the government.

He forestalled attacks by the argument that the treaty had received unanimous praise from the king and the British dominions, and could not be regarded as inimical to the country's interests.

Ulster's official reply has been delayed until tomorrow, but it is known that it rejects the invitation to enter the Irish free state.

## COMMONS HAS NO CEREMONY.

Contrasted strikingly with the royal pomp and splendor displayed in the house of lords was the scene in the house of commons a few hours later when, without ceremony, but with evident consciousness of power and influence, members heard the premier render an account of his stewardship and the government's part in the Irish settlement.

For an hour and three quarters Mr. Lloyd George spoke to crowded benches and jammed galleries, with only touch of color in the brilliant red coated uniform of Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare, who moved the reply to the speech from the throne.

It was not an oration like that of October 31, when the premier, having been challenged, presented the alternative of war or negotiations with Ireland and won by a division overwhelmingly favoring the government's policy; his role today was of one simply narrating the problems faced by the delegations, with a description of the way they were handled.

## ULSTER IS ANSWERED.

Early in his address he silenced those inclined to interrupt him.

When an Ulster member interrogated him on "allegiance," he having said that the status of Ireland was that of a free state, with allegiance to the king, he turned and faced the Ulsterite, and declared emphatically: "Yes, allegiance to the king and swearing allegiance to the king."

He then asked the members to refrain from interruptions.

He was deeply impressive as he came near the end, when in solemn manner he drew a picture of the British imperial war cabinet, at which a vacant chair was waiting for Ireland and looked to the future when England's fears would be Ireland's anxieties and England's victory Ireland's joy.

Mr. Lloyd George, when he entered the house, was received with a storm of cheers. He was cheered again as he rose to speak on the agreement. No agreement concluded between two peoples had so universal a welcome, he declared.

The agreement, said the premier, had received wider publicity than probably any treaty with the excep-

## BUILDING OF JETTY ON COOS BAY URGED

### PORT NEEDS CONSIDERED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE.

### Representatives Hawley and McArthur Assist Local Officials in Presenting Arguments.

## OTHER SECTIONS RECOVER

### Villages Near Renton and Black River Inundated.

## MORE DAMAGE IS DONE

### Coastal Rail Traffic in Puget Sound District North of Seattle Completely Halted.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Representatives Hawley and McArthur, A. H. Powers, president of the port of Coos bay, and John D. Geas, attorney for the port, were given a hearing before the rivers and harbors committee of the house this morning on the proposed Jewell jetty construction at the mouth of Coos bay.

Every angle of the situation was thoroughly covered by the speakers, and after adjournment many members of the committee expressed themselves as favorable to the project, which has the indorsement of the district engineer at Portland, but has not yet been officially indorsed by the board of engineers for rivers and harbors.

It was argued during the hearing that the increased depth of water at the entrance to Coos bay and in the harbor would add \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to the stumpage value of government timber, and that the Coos bay watershed, whereas the cost of the proposed jetties would be approximately \$3,000,000.

It was shown to the satisfaction of the committee that the minimum depth of water at the bar which the commerce of Coos bay requires cannot be maintained by dredging, and that a dual jetty system is the only practical solution of the problem.

## INDIA SITUATION GRAVE

### Heavy Censorship Is Imposed on All Cables Leaving Country.

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LONDON, Dec. 14.—(Special Cable.)—It was admitted today that the situation in India is one of increased gravity. Heavy censorship has been imposed on all cables leaving the country. Evidently everything was done by the authorities to minimize the seriousness of the news. Official bulletins reported that "grave intelligence" had been received from Calcutta.

The visit of the prince of Wales yesterday to Allahabad was almost completely boycotted. When the prince arrived the streets, that had been previously deserted, were deserted, save for a comparatively handful of people, mostly Europeans and Eurasians. It was alleged that "intimidation and terrorization of the most shameful kind" were responsible for the boycott.

Extension of the application of the sedition laws to sections of Burma was announced today, when the districts of Amherst, Hantawaddy, Insein and Mandalay and the city of Rangoon were proclaimed under the act.

## NEW YORK TO BE DRY

### U. S. Agent to Close Places That Sell Liquor New Year's.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The most stringent prohibition New York has ever had will be enforced Christmas and New Year's. R. A. Day, state prohibition director, stated tonight.

"Every show house, grill, saloon, cabaret, restaurant, hotel or any institution which sells liquor will be closed," he said.

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## MORE DAMAGE IS DONE

### Coastal Rail Traffic in Puget Sound District North of Seattle Completely Halted.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Related overflow waters from mountain streams, which swept down into the Skagit and Stillaguamish river valleys, tonight covered thousands of acres in northwestern Washington and were reported to be materially increasing flood damage in that portion of the state. South of Seattle the Duwamish river had risen and the waters was running through the streets of villages near Renton and Black River junction, between Seattle and Tacoma.

With these exceptions, marked improvement in conditions was noted in reports from flooded areas of western Washington and that portion of eastern Washington affected by streams from the Cascades. Transcontinental traffic was resumed on both the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads, and Great Northern officials announced service on that line would be resumed Saturday.

## RAIL TRAFFY IS HALTED

Coastal rail traffic in the Puget sound district north of Everett was completely halted and communication with Mount Vernon, Stanwood, Belingham and other towns was kept open by steamboats and launches.

Reports from the Skagit and Stillaguamish districts flooded today for the second time in four days through the breaking of dykes, indicated that the high waters were receding slowly as they pushed over the lowlands into Puget sound. Hundreds of persons were marooned in railway stations and schools and the streets of Burlington, Lacombe, Conway, Milltown, Edson and other towns were under water. Several persons were missing but there was no loss of life reported.

Last moment rescues made.

Last moment rescues, however, were numerous. At Stanwood, inundated for the second time by the breaking of the Ben Jotted dam, the "rescue" line of defense, Mrs. P. A. Hargison and her baby, born yesterday, were rescued by men who carried them through rapidly rising waters on a stretcher held above the rescuers' heads. Rowboats and small craft were pressed into service to carry beleaguered families to higher ground.

The bodies of Samuel E. Hileman, mail clerk, and George Irvin, fireman, who were drowned Sunday when a mail train on the Great Northern road plunged through a bridge near Skiyahish, were recovered today. The Skiyahish river had receded within its banks tonight.

## KITTITAS FLOOD DANGER PAST

In Kittitas and Yakima counties, where the swollen Yakima river had caused heavy damage, all flood danger was reported past. The death of a mill employe at Casland, near Lembehure, who was drowned in the Teanaway river, brought the total number of known dead as a result of floods in the state to 14.

A ranch house occupied by Robert Young and family of Sauk, Wash., was seen floating on the upper Skagit

## OREGONIAN ANNUAL REPLETE WITH SCENIC VIEWS.

Scores of unusually clear and particularly beautiful pictures of Oregon scenery will be published in the annual edition of The Oregonian to be issued January 2.

Oregon mountains, lakes and streams—all manner of delightful bits of natural grandeur—will adorn many pages of the six special sections devoted to various phases of life in the great outdoors.

While it is true that "You cannot live on scenery," nevertheless people like to look at it—and when every advantage known to man goes with it, as is the case in Oregon, it becomes doubly interesting.

The annual edition will carry with these beautiful pictures, many of them in color, sufficient text to be of great value in an informative way. Every article published will be authentic and thoroughly dependable.

