

## TASK IS FINISHED BY ARMS PARLEY

### Last of Covenants Are Signed and Sealed.

## CEREMONY IS SHORT ONE

### Conference Example to Imbue New Hope, Declares President.

## TASK TAKES TWELVE WEEKS

### Way Declared Pointed to Peace and Much Is Expected of Sessions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Its covenants finally signed and sealed, the Washington conference was passed on to history today by President Harding as "an example to imbue with new hope all that dwell in apprehension."

Speaking before a plenary session which brought to a close the negotiations begun 12 weeks ago at his invitation, he declared that the record of achievement voiced in courageous tones the first deliberate and effective expression of great powers "in the consciousness of peace, of war's utter futility."

Before him lay, newly signed, the treaties by which the world's predominant nations engaged to limit their navies, to guarantee a new deal for China and to set up an international concord to keep the peace in the Pacific.

## Atmosphere Is Cleared.

"It matters little," he said, "what we appraise as the outstanding accomplishments. Any one of them alone would have justified the conference. But the whole achievement has so cleared the atmosphere that it will seem like breathing the refreshing air of a new morn of promise."

"It may be that the naval holiday here contracted will expire with the treaty, but I do not believe it. Those of us who live another decade are more likely to witness a growth of public opinion, strengthened by the new experience, which will make nations more concerned with living to the fulfillment of God's high intent than with a genius of warfare and destruction."

## Message Follows Signing.

"Since this conference of nations has pointed with unanimity to the way of peace today, like conferences in the future, under appropriate conditions and with aims well conserved and definite, may illumine the high-ways and byways of human activity. The torches of understanding have been lighted and they ought to glow and encircle the globe."

The president delivered his message soon after the formal signing of the treaties had been concluded, and when he finished the conference closed, as it had opened November 12, with prayer. Within a few minutes some of the foreign delegates already had left Washington and most of the others will go tomorrow.

## Final Approval Given.

Four of the treaties and a supplement to the fifth were given final approval today, but their red wax seals had been attached in advance and the entire ceremony occupied less than an hour. No other business remained and the seventh and final plenary session ended at 11:13 A. M., one hour and 11 minutes after it was called to order.

In the order of their signature, the instruments to which the plenipotentiaries affixed their names were the four-power Pacific treaty supplement, excluding the principal Japanese islands from the scope of the pact, the five-power naval limitation treaty, the five-power submarine and poison gas treaty, the nine-power general far-eastern treaty and the nine-power Chinese tariff treaty.

Of the three other treaties resulting from the negotiations, that relating to Shantung was signed Saturday and those dealing with cable rights in Yap and allocation of fer-

## MODERN GIRL FREAK OF PARENTAL LENITY

### Mrs. Baldwin Ascribes Low Morals to Neglect.

### Head of Woman's Protective Body of Police Bureau Reaffirms School Dance Opposition.

Lack of old-fashioned parental authority, which commanded respect and obedience, is responsible for the modern girl of today with immodest and expensive gown, grotesque hair dress, rouge and lip stick, in the belief of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, head of the women's protective division.

This sentiment is expressed by Mrs. Baldwin relative to the general lowering of moral standards in an exhaustive annual report submitted yesterday to Police Chief Jenkins.

Mrs. Baldwin reaffirms her belief that dances should be prohibited in the public schools of the city for the reason that, in her opinion, the dance is the greatest cause of juvenile delinquency.

Relative to public dances, Mrs. Baldwin states that operatives of her division have taken 150 minor girls from public dances during the last year. There were 2136 public dances during the year, of which 179 were held in griffa. In the future parents of minors found in public dances will be prosecuted, Mrs. Baldwin asserts.

This summary of the work accomplished by the division during the year discloses that 333 runaway or missing girls were located and returned to their parents. There were 336 cases of domestic troubles inquired into and ironed out by the division, and 39 cases of criminal assault investigated and prosecuted.

## ODD CREATURES VISIONED

### Relics of Strange Animals Found on Australian Plain.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 6.—Animals similar to those which populate delirious dreams roamed about the great plateau which reaches its culminating point in Mount Kosciusko, it is declared by Professors Skeats, Richards and David, who have just returned from an expedition to that region. Among the creatures which left relics in that district were an elephant-like wombat, a gigantic emu, a marsupial rhinoceros, and a fierce and powerful lion which also was a marsupial.

The time when these creatures were common to the plateau is estimated to have been 100,000 years ago.

## CIGAR SMOKER ACCUSED

### Violator of Zion City, Ill., Anti-Tobacco Ordinance Faces Trial.

ZION CITY, Ill., Feb. 6.—Charged with violating a sign in violation of Zion, anti-tobacco ordinance, Martin Ruesch was today released under bonds of \$200 and his trial set for February 14.

Bert Hays, charged with interfering with the sign, was today arrested after finding him smoking on a street corner, was released under similar bond and Miss Margaret Fletcher, a friend of Ruesch's, charged with opposing and defying an officer, will appear for a hearing tomorrow.

## FUNERAL SPEEDER FINED

### Hearse Driver Pays \$30 for Going at 30-Mile Gait.

DENVER, Feb. 6.—Edward Tomlin, a negro taxi driver, was fined \$30 and today in police court on a charge of driving a hearse at the rate of 30 miles an hour on a downtown street.

## 79 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

### Dosen Other Victims Are Thought Buried Under Train Wreckage.

TOKIO, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Seventy-nine bodies had been recovered today from the wrecked train which was buried by an avalanche Saturday at Itogawa station. Thirty-three injured passengers also were recovered.

Most of the victims, according to advices reaching here, were crushed when the roofs of the coaches collapsed under the weight of rocks and snow.

It was believed today that at least a dozen bodies still are buried under the wreckage.

## FISHERMEN THOUGHT LOST

### Seaplane Leaves Gulf Coast Resort in Search of Men.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 6.—Marine men here today expressed fear that five winter visitors from Paintsville, Ky., who left Pass-a-Grille, a golf resort near here, yesterday on a fishing trip in the gulf, had been lost and a seaplane left here today to search for them.

## RITES FOR PRINCE BEGIN

### Funeral Services for Yamagata in Progress at Tokio.

TOKIO, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Funeral services in memory of Field Marshal Prince Arimoto Yamagata, who died last week, began here yesterday and will continue February 9.

## CARDINAL RATTI IS ELECTED POPE

### Benediction Bestowed on Crowd of Thousands.

## THROUGH WAITS IN THE RAIN

### New Pontiff Appears on Balcony of St. Peter's.

## AMERICAN IS ABSENT

### Choice Is Completed Without Participation of Archbishop O'Connell of Boston.

ROME, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Cardinal Achille Ratti, archbishop of Milan, has been chosen supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic church to succeed the late Pope Benedict XV. His coronation as Pius XI will take place February 12.

After the announcement of his election the pope appeared on the outside balcony of St. Peter's and bestowed the benediction on the thousands who had waited patiently in the rain in St. Peter's square—the first time this has occurred since the breach between the state and the church in 1870; for 52 years the blessing had been bestowed from within the basilica.

## American Cardinal Absent.

The election was completed without American participation. Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, arriving when the new pope was blessing the multitude.

"Universal pacification" is the keynote of the new pope's policy, as indicated in a statement issued by Prince Chigi, marshal of the conclave, which made reference to the first blessing bestowed by Pius XI. Continual conciliation inaugurated by his predecessor, probable reconciliation of the state and church, which have been estranged for so many years, and an appeal to all nations to restore peace are said to constitute the most essential aims of the vatican policy.

## Cardinal Retains Office.

Cardinal Gasparri will retain his office as papal secretary of state. This announcement almost immediately after Pius XI had summoned the high pontiff, is regarded as significant. Benedict XV required 24 hours for the appointment of Cardinal Gasparri and never previously had a newly elected pontiff chosen his secretary of state before two or three days.

The new pope has decided to exercise his full authority was shown when some cardinals, attached to what has become known as the "irreconcilables," attempted to persuade him not to appear on the outside balcony. He listened to the arguments and then said:

"Remember, I am no longer a cardinal." (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

## ARMY PRUSSIANIZED SAYS PORTLAND MAN

### Major Nicholson Complains to President.

### Classmates and Friends Promoted to Power Without Regard to Efficiency, Says Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Declaration was made today by Major Malcolm Wheeler Nicholson of the 3d United States cavalry that he had sent a letter to President Harding charging that "the army is suffering from a reign of Prussianism," but at the White House and war department it was said that no such letter had come to the attention of officials.

His letter declared "a veritable reign of terror exists among junior officers of the army today" and that "this is caused by the unhindered power of the clique to have any officer discharged from the service by operation of what is known as the class law."

"Prussianism and inefficiency flourish in the army, because men rise to power by favoritism instead of efficiency," the letter added. "Class mates and friends are appointed to lead instead of the most efficient man for the job."

Secretary Weeks said while he had heard of the letter he had not seen it and he was informed it had not reached the department. White House officials stated emphatically they had not seen the letter although Major Wheeler Nicholson said he had mailed it special delivery Saturday.

Officers in the adjutant-general's department looked up the record of Major Wheeler Nicholson today and found, they said, that he had been a patient at Walter Reed hospital several months, having been transferred there, according to the records "for observation and treatment" after having been shot by a caretaker while attempting to enter the quarters of Major Colby at Camp Dix, N. J., one night to sleep after finding his regular quarters locked.

Officers said that the records also showed that the major had been sent to Camp Dix from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., where he was attached to the Third cavalry, for trial before a military court on charges of being absent without leave and making false official statements. The major denied these charges today, saying they were but a part of a "plot to get him."

Publication of the letter was one of the chief topics of conversation among officers at the war department, but none would comment for publication.

The career of Major Nicholson since the signing of the armistice in 1918 has been stormy. He was assigned to the army of occupation and came under the command of General Sladen, who is now commander of West Point.

Major Nicholson later was returned to the states and ordered placed on a class B status. He appealed to the war department for a reversal of the order and charged that the conduct of General Sladen toward him had been of a "Prussian" character.

Major Nicholson was reclassified and got an A rating on the army list. The charges made by Major Nicholson were laid before Senator Wadsworth.

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## MIXED JURY ACQUITS EX-CONVICT SUSPECT

### WOMEN SMILE AS JOE DALE IS FREED OF BURGLARY.

### Fair Jurors Hear Criminal Case for First Time in History of Multnomah County.

"Not guilty!" Joe Dale, possessor of seven aliases and a police record filling a ledger page, smiled. His young wife threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. His 3-year-old son clung to his legs affectionately.

He had been cleared of a charge of burglary by the first "mixed" jury which ever sat on a criminal case in Multnomah county. There were seven feminine jurors among those who answered "It is" to the question yesterday afternoon of Circuit Judge Gates, "Ladies and gentlemen, is this your verdict?"

One Frank Tanner awoke in his room in a lodging house on the night of November 6, 1921, and found a man in the act of extracting \$25 in bills from a pocket of the trousers draped over the foot of the bed. He yelled. The man fled and Tanner pursued. Others joined in the chase. The capture was made by Patrolman Hamaker. The fugitive collared was Joe Dale, a young man who had served a sentence in the Nevada penitentiary for burglary and who had been arrested on various theft charges by the police of Great Falls, Mont.; Spokane, Seattle, Sacramento and San Francisco.

Something was said at the time about liquor and the "wrong room." Yesterday the defense offered for Dale by Attorney Paul Dormitzer was more ample. Dale was not there at all, it was claimed. His wife said he was not home and that she had given him some money to "sober up" on. She was sure he was not robbing anybody. Just where he was at the time of the robbery and how he happened to be running was not explained, for he did not take the witness stand himself.

The fact that Dale had a long criminal record was not revealed in court, for his failure to testify in his own defense prevented George Graham, deputy district attorney, from introducing such evidence.

The jury retired at 3:50 and returned the verdict at 4:40. Some of the women were smiling.

"Our convictions were the other way," confessed one of the fair jurors. "We were sure he was guilty, but for his failure to testify in his own defense prevented George Graham, deputy district attorney, from introducing such evidence."

"I do hope your husband goes straight from now on—this ought to be a lesson to him," said another to the radiant wife.

"I'm sure he will, dear," responded Mrs. Dale.

Yesterday was "ladies' day" at the courthouse. It was the first time in the history that women invaded the local circuit court for jury duty. Judges appeared with spotless collars, new neckties and fresh shaves. Bailiffs and clerks had "spruced up" for the occasion.

Presiding Circuit Judge Tucker apportioned the women to courts where trials were scheduled with the same impartiality as he directed the men to report. There was no confusion and before long the mills of justice were grinding along at their accustomed speed, despite the presence of numerous hats in the jury boxes. As great a proportion of women summoned for jury duty as usual.

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## MURDER WITNESS IS REPORTED SEEN

### Missing Taylor ex-Butler Thought in Carlin, Nev.

### FULL DESCRIPTION IS ASKED

### Key to Mystery of Killing Is Believed Held.

## LARCENY CHARGE TO DIE

### Lenience Promised if Information Is Given Police—Party That Made Visit Is Sought.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 6.—A man, said to answer the description of Edward F. Sands, alias Edward Fitz Strathmore, missing ex-butler to William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, and believed by the Los Angeles detectives to hold the key to the solution of the murder, was in Carlin, Nev., tonight, according to messages received by the Los Angeles police.

The messages from Carlin were from Constable Berninz of that town and were relayed to the police department here by the telephone operator at Elko, Nev.

They said Constable Berninz was convinced from the descriptions he had read of Sands that the butler was in Carlin and had chosen that town as a place to hide from the Los Angeles authorities.

Friends Believed Giving Aid. Berninz said he believed friends of the man were keeping him informed of developments in the Taylor case.

Berninz added that the man he suspected of being Sands planned to leave for the east tomorrow on a Southern Pacific train which he would board at Elko.

The constable asked that a full description of Sands and all necessary details of the Taylor case be sent immediately to Sheriff Harris at Elko.

The police said this would be done. A motion picture actress was subjected to what the police termed a "long and grueling" questioning at her home here tonight in an attempt to obtain a clew to the murder of William Desmond Taylor, director.

The actress, who was said to be widely known, but whose name the police withheld from publication, was questioned by Detective Sergeants Cato and Cahill.

What they learned they kept to themselves, but they admitted they were seeking to develop the previously advanced theory that Taylor had been slain by a jealous rival for the affections of the actress.

Several Declarations Made. Miss Normand made a number of declarations "on her word of honor" to newspaper interviewers.

"I was in love with Taylor," she asked her.

"Not in the way one means when he uses the expression 'in love' on my word of honor, no," she said. "Get it straight. Our friendship was based on comradeship and understanding."

"Did you know any woman who might have been jealous of you—of Taylor?"

"On my word of honor, no."

"Or any man who might have been jealous of the place he occupied in your esteem?"

"On my word of honor, no."

## STEAM AGAIN RISES FROM MOUNT HOOD

### MANY PEOPLE OF PORTLAND VIEW CLOUD.

### Reports That Crater Is "Smoking," However, Are Heard Every Year and Usually Are Clouds.

Crater rock on Mount Hood began to emit steam again yesterday after the column which first spouted forth on January 23 had disappeared entirely for a period of five days, and for the first time Portlanders were able to see it plainly. Many varying reports reaching the city into the Oregonian office from all quarters of the city.

When first noticed, about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the new column had the appearance of smoke and was decidedly of an eruptive nature. One informant who noticed the phenomenon from a position of vantage on the outskirts of the city reported that the smoke came in gusts ascending between 500 and 1000 feet above the mountain top, then spreading out and blowing to the north. He said the smoke was black.

L. U. Fridmore, stationed at Government camp on Mount Hood, said over the long-distance telephone that it was not smoke, but steam, such as had emerged from Crater rock from January 23 until February 1, and declared the volume was nowhere near that attained by the column on the second day of its first recent eruption.

When told that many persons in Portland had seen what appeared to be a stream of heavy, dark smoke blowing off the mountain top for more than an hour, Mr. Fridmore said he had not paid particular attention to the peak during the afternoon because he believed the steam was the same as it was a week ago, and if any such eruption had occurred he had not noticed it.

Viewed by a reporter from an east window of the Yeon building, the mountain was clearly outlined against dark sunset clouds and a stream of white smoke was seen to rise from the summit. The smoke could be clearly discerned, and people in the same office said the volume had diminished considerably then from what it had been about 4 o'clock for a half an hour afterward.

The emission of steam which occurred on January 29 attained a column height of about 200 feet on the second day, then receded to a height of about 70 feet, where it remained for two more days and then gradually died down to nothing.

On the evening of February 6, the mountain top was obscured by clouds and could not be seen even from Government camp, so it is not known whether there was any steam emerging during that time.

A small column of vapor could be vaguely discerned last night up until the time darkness descended on the city and gradually obscured the peak from view.

## ITALY HONORS AMERICAN

### Medal Posthumously Conferred on "Lost Battalion" Leader.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 6.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has awarded the Croce di Guerra posthumously to the late Lieutenant Colonel Charles Whittlesey, commander of the "lost battalion."

This was announced at headquarters of the first army corps area today.

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## HUGHES' VICTORY WITHOUT GLAMOR

### War Heroes Bemedaled; Peace Hero Has None.

## GREAT GENIUS IS SHOWN

### Arms Parley Does So Much Good it May Take Long to Realize it All.

## BRITAIN GIVES UP SEAS

### Domination Now Is to Be Shared—Ocean Mastery Peacefully Settled.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

(Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Just as the conference on disarmament began we gave General Foch 29 college degrees, a baby wildcat and an honorary membership in the New York bricklayers' union, and almost any day here in Washington you can see a score of generals going about the street bowed down under the weight of half a ton of metal, more or less, in the shape of crosses, crescents, stars, bars and other miscellaneous forms of what those among them who have a sense of humor occasionally call "decorative hardware."

But in a day or so, I suppose, we shall see Charles E. Hughes quietly taking a boat to Bermuda for a rest, dressed in a black sack suit a good deal less ornamental than that of the assistant pursuer.

## "All Over But Shouting."

As someone remarked at the session yesterday: "It's all over but the shouting, and I suppose there won't be any shouting."

This is not as it should be. I know a very wise person who has given much thought to war and its causes. He says we shall have to find some way either to take the glamour away from war or else to give glamour to the victories of peace.

The persons and organizations, the churches and colleges, who three months ago were most usefully building up a favorable atmosphere for this conference through prayer and other forms of organized spiritual effort, ought now to put their minds on finding some way of making what has now been accomplished as striking, as glamorous if you please, and as long remembered as, let us say, the Armistice day ceremony of last November. Perhaps the formal sinking of the ships, if they are to be literally sunk, may provide the opportunity.

## Conference Great Thing.

How great a thing this conference is has so often been said that it is useless to say it again in mere generalities. For complete realization we shall probably have to wait for time and, perhaps, for generations of fulfillment. But it can be taken as a fact that there are in these treaties not merely one but several factors, each of which standing alone is a turning point in human history.

One thing so far lost sight of that it is hardly even mentioned is the fact that through one of these treaties Great Britain surrenders the undisputed mastery of the seas. It is true she is not stripped of it by force; but voluntarily, in the interest of a new order in the world, admits an equal partner.

That this happens through the processes of conference does not deprive it of the fact that this conference becomes the equivalent of any of the great decisive sea battles of history.

## Sea Domination Divided.

Domination on the seas is no longer, as it always has been in the past, the possession of a single power. It now is handed over to a mutual partnership of nations. The mastery of the sea which Britain now, so to speak, turns over to the trustees, has been within her sole possession for 200 years. Before that Holland had it, and before that Spain and Portugal, and so on all

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