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RACE FOR NAVAL SUPREMACY ENDS

Arms Pact Eliminates Old-Time Competition.

MERCHANT MARINE IS ISSUE

Whether America Will Attain Superiority Is Uncertain.

EVOLUTION IS ANALYZED

After-War Movement to Avoid Colossal Expense of Building Sea Craft Effective.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The Washington conference was a milestone in evolution, and its ending affords a convenient stopping place to pause a moment and take stock of the place in the world which the United States now has. This evolution in the relation of the nations of the world to each other has been going on very rapidly since August 1, 1914. What might have consumed generations of more orderly history has been compressed into a few years.

At all times there is a position in the world which is called the dominant power. In a more restricted sense, it is frequently spoken of as "mistress of the seas," a phrase which is reasonably accurate, inasmuch as world dominion has practically always gone hand-in-hand with naval and commercial dominance on the sea. Germany's phrase for this position was "the place in the sun." It was that place that Germany sought to take from Great Britain and it is Germany's lack of success and other incidents attending her effort that led to all the dislocation out of which we are just emerging.

Three Elements Found.

This position of dominance is composed of three elements of armed force and economic supremacy. Whatever nation at any time has these three elements combined, has dominance. The three elements are, first, supremacy in mercantile shipping; second, supremacy in finance, in the sense of being the greatest reservoir of wealth; and third, that being the greatest lending nation in the world; and, finally, supremacy in armed strength on the sea. Whatever nation combines these three has the position that Germany coveted.

For close to two centuries it was Great Britain that held the position. Germany wanted it and went after it. She did not get it, but, as often happens, it went, or at least started to go, to a nation which was in the beginning a disinterested observer, namely, ourselves. America did not covet this position nor envy it to Great Britain. It was true there were some who felt that in the course of time, due to natural forces and through the ordinary process of peace, it would leave Great Britain and come to us. The late Ambassador Page was one who saw this trend, and he speaks of it in his letters, which are just now being published. Mr. Page, however, had in mind an orderly process of evolution. These ordinary processes were suspended and the trend was enormously accelerated by the war.

Leading Power Leaves Britain.

Of the three elements of dominance, the first to leave Britain was that of the greatest lending nation in the world. Before the war was more than a few months old Great Britain's necessities had caused her to call in her money from all over the world. Before the war she was a creditor to the world. She had begun to borrow enormous sums of money from us. Very shortly we ceased to be what we had always been—a borrower nation. Before the war we owed some \$1,000,000,000 or \$2,000,000,000 abroad and used to pay out about \$300,000,000 a year in interest. By the end of the war we had completely—and strikingly reversed that position. Instead of our owing money to Europe, Europe owed us upward of \$14,000,000,000, and we were incomparably the greatest lending nation in the world.

As respects the second element, namely, supremacy in mercantile shipping, Great Britain continued to hold her dominance; in fact, she holds it yet. At the beginning of the war we were a negligible factor in the world's mercantile shipping. We had less than 10 per cent of it, and Great Britain had more than half of it. But with a true instinct for the essence of the thing she was after. Germany began to sink Great Britain's mercantile fleet. During the war the German submarines destroyed close to half of Great Britain's shipping. Great Britain could not replace this shipping as fast as the Germans destroyed it. She could not spare her manpower for building mercantile ships. Such manpower as she could spare for shipbuilding at all went late the yards that were building warships.

America Enters Shipbuilding.

In this plight Great Britain brought us to become a great mercantile shipbuilding nation. At her request, and in order to help her win

EDISON, 75, EXPECTS 15 MORE BUSY YEARS

INVENTOR HAS NO INTENTION OF RETIRING.

Tribute Paid Henry Ford as Friend of Farmers—Arms Conference "Better Than Nothing."

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, inventor and electrical wizard, has just 15 years more of service for humanity in him. "This was perhaps the most important statement he made in his annual interview with newspaper men today on his 75th birthday.

Smilingly facing a little army of reporters and photographers, who wailed him on his way to his laboratory, he answered questions on every subject the reporters could think of. "I hope you will have several more birthdays," said one reporter.

"I shall have 15 more," he said, but he did not elaborate on the process by which he reached this conclusion. Hesitating before he answered as to when he intended to retire, he replied "Never." Asked on what he was working, Mr. Edison said he had several "hot irons in the fire," but that he wasn't ready to talk about them. The inventor placed Theodore Roosevelt at the head of a list of great men he had met, although he said he had met the former president but had not met the latter. He said, warmly, "I picked Sarah Bernhardt as the 'greatest woman' declaring she was still 'full of pepper.'"

He thought his friend Henry Ford would make a poor president, as that was "not to his taste," but declared he would vote twice for Ford if there were an election for the position of "director of manufactures."

He said he would give Ford his full support if the automobile man obtained the Muskegon Shocks.

"I do not think he should go into it," he added. "He is too ambitious and wants to help the farmer."

He declared he thought Ford would not fall in his undertaking.

The arms conference impressed Mr. Edison as "good—better than nothing at all," but he declared in favor of continuing naval preparations "experimentally."

"We should experiment with the most advanced and the biggest guns," he said. "Not that we will ever make use of them, but so that we may be prepared in case some other nation, through rashness, should attack us. I want all nations to be prepared so that it will be so easy to play the game is up."

The radio phone, he said, was the greatest electrical development of the past year, with the amplifier as a close second.

NORTHWEST VOTE IS FOR NAVY PACT

Senators of Three States United on Treaty.

BORAH LIKES PACIFIC DEAL

Attitude on Other Agreements Not Disclosed.

REST BACK ALL PLANS

Policy of Leaders Is Shown in Interviews—Idahoan Explains Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—All of the senators from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will support the naval treaty and all but Senator Borah of Idaho will vote down the line for the rest of the treaties, according to interviews given out today. Senator Borah appeared to be undecided about whether he would back any of the treaties other than the naval pact.

"I am in favor of the naval treaty," Senator Borah said. "As to the others, I have not had time to study them in the light of the president's address."

"I am for the ratification of these treaties and I believe it would be a misfortune should they be rejected by the senate. Such action might lead to serious consequences," said Senator Poindexter of Washington.

General Effert Dismissed.

"It is not to be expected that any adjustment of great policies of state such as are involved in these treaties should be entirely satisfactory in every detail to many people, but the general effect and policy involved should be the determining factor. I believe this to be in the case of these agreements, wise and beneficial. I am sorry they do not leave us with impregnable fortifications at Cavite and Manila, but, of course, to be used for offensive war or for aggression, but as guarantees of peace and as security of defense."

"However, it has been impossible to obtain the necessary support to accomplish this. For years I have been urging it both in the senate and with the executive branch of the government. Many of those who are now most insistent upon this policy, at (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS CENSOR FILM VILLAIN

MOTION PICTURE PRODUCERS FACE ALIEN BOYCOTT.

Man Without Country to Appear in Role of "Bad Man" Sought to Placate Governments.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—American motion picture producers announced today that, if the "man without a country" will consent to play the international villain they will make him the highest salaried person in the movies.

The announcement was prompted, it was said, by recent threats of foreign governments to "ban the films of producers who use, one of their nationals as the villain in a picture."

It has come to a point where Uncle Sam is the universal "goat," they said, as the United States is almost the only nation to refrain from official action against the casting of one of its citizens in an unpopular role in the cinema.

The consul-general of China recently asked for seats at a private showing before censors from several states of a "super picture," now showing in Broadway. He explained that his government probably would wish to protest the use of Chinese characters as villains of the play.

In another picture recently filmed, the unpopular roles were assigned to natives of Abyssinia. The Abyssinian government promptly lodged a protest, threatening to bar all such pictures from that country, and from other countries where it had influence.

Mexico was the latest to put its foot on the display of "propaganda" pictures, when G. S. Sengul, consul-general of the Oregon government, informed American producers that "the government will find it necessary to stop the importation to Mexico of all films produced by companies which may continue to manufacture films derogatory to Mexico, even though the latter may be destined to other countries."

It was intimated that ill-feeling toward Mexico had been inflamed in Central and South American countries by pictures in which the Mexican was portrayed as villain.

"The trouble rests largely in the fact that pictures do not reach those countries until several years after they are made," one producer explained. "When the United States and Mexico were at odds, in the years following 1916, the Mexican was a favorite character for the villain role. Now, although the two countries are friendly again, these ancient pictures are being dumped on the Central and South American market and Mexico objects.

"A similar situation exists in China; in fact, in all foreign countries which depend upon the United States for their movies."

POSSE RESCUES MAN HUNGRY AND FROZEN

DEATH VALLEY WANDERER 11 DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

John Mitchell, Crawling on Hands and Knees, Bursts Into Tears When Party Arrives.

MOTHER IS PROSTRATED

Tacoma Firm Said to Have Prepared Medicine.

AUTOPSY TO BE MADE

Woman Preparing to Take Dose Herself When Effects on Little Ones Are Noted.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The lives of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhodes of Klaber, in southwestern Lewis county, were snuffed out within an hour early this morning after they had each taken what was supposed to be a dose of Epsom salts, administered by their mother. Mrs. Rhodes had planned also to take a dose of the medicine, but deferred doing so. Later the children began to grow deathly ill and going into convulsions, all of them dying in agony. The names and ages of the children were: Verda Louise, 10; Edward Lee, 8; Marie Anna, 8; James Oliver, 6, and Vernie, 3. Woman Alone at Home. Mrs. Rhodes was alone at home, but hastily telephoned to Chehalis for a physician. So she called Dr. Stecher reached there all were dead. Mrs. Rhodes was prostrated with grief. Mr. Rhodes was in Pacific county on timber cruising trip near Tokeland. The package containing the powder was bought at a neighborhood store at Curtis from E. J. Carlson. It was labeled "Epsom salts packed for the West Coast Grocery company." Up to this morning the package Mrs. Rhodes used had not been opened, the seal being broken for the first time by her. Shipment Recent One. Mr. Carlson of the Curtis store said he had received the shipment of salts only recently and other packages had been sold in the same neighborhood. No other casualties were reported. Deputy Coroner Weisinger left for Klaber this afternoon and brought the bodies to Chehalis. County Attorney Allen and Sheriff Roberts later left for the scene of the tragedy to make an investigation. Carlson will be warned immediately to recall all packages of the salts that he has sold and the fatal packet will be obtained for analysis by chemists. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are members of pioneer families of the upper Chehalis valley. RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Five children of Mrs. Edward Rhodes of Klaber, Lewis county, died at their home in Klaber today, after the mother had given them what is believed to have been doses of sulphate of zinc by mistake for Epsom salts. The children expired in agony an hour after the supposed medicine had been given them.

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GERMAN CHANCELLOR DEMANDS SHOWDOWN

COALITION PARTIES FAIL TO PROTECT WIRTH.

Impassioned Plea for Support Dumfounds Factious in Reichstag—Vote Put Off.

REPLY TO BE WRITTEN SOON

Next Move of Right Rev. Mr. Sumner Awaited.

CHURCH IS DIVIDED

Some Episcopalians Declare That Pastor of St. Stephens Is Popular With Congregation.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chancellor Wirth has met one of the most critical parliamentary situations of his career by forcing a "show-down" with the Reichstag in connection with the impending vote on four resolutions censuring the cabinet for its policy during the railroad strike.

The coalition parties failed to protect the chancellor by sending a supporting resolution to the president's desk, leaving him at the mercy of the four opposition motions proposed by the nationalists, the German people's party, the independent socialists and the communists.

Although each resolution was certain to be defeated by the votes of the present government bloc, it was realized that collectively their effort would have spelled parliamentary disaster for Dr. Wirth, as the moral stigma carried by them would not have been neutralized by the indirect majority support given to the cabinet by the clericals, the majorities of the coalition parties, the majorities of the Reichstag, who could muster sufficient votes to defeat the opposition's attack on the cabinet.

Visible impatience with this passive attitude by his principal support brought Chancellor Wirth to his feet just before the hostile resolutions were put to a vote today. His voice quivering with emotion, the chancellor in an impassioned plea demanded that the Reichstag give him a tangible and unequivocal expression of its confidence without which he and his cabinet colleagues could no longer conduct the affairs of the government.

A negative result of the votes on the four opposition resolutions, he declared, would suffice to make the cabinet position untenable.

This unexpected attitude dumfounded both the opposition and the government parties and the latter hurried about in a hasty effort to draft a resolution of direct approval. The house, however, finally voted to defer balloting until Wednesday.

Wirth, it is asserted, ran safely count on a decisive vote of approval on his railway strike policy.

The session followed a second session when the independent socialist leader, Dr. Dietrich, demanded an investigation of Hugo Stinnes because of the latter's alleged attempt to barter the German railway system to an English banking syndicate in return for a gold loan. Stinnes' friends came to his assistance and action was prepared.

DEAN AND BISHOP FIGHT TO FINISH

Very Rev. Mr. Hicks Gets Request to Quit.

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The formal demand of Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon that the Very Rev. R. T. Hicks resign from his position as dean of the diocese and of St. Stephen's pro-cathedral, effective March 1, was received by the dean yesterday by mail and the dean reiterated his previous announcement that he would not comply with the demand. Dean Hicks said that he had not yet made a formal reply, but that he would do so within the next few days and then would await the bishop's next move.

Bishop Sumner expressed the belief yesterday that it was now for the dean either to resign or to be removed from his position. He declined to say whether he contemplated taking action in a church tribunal or in the civil courts to oust the dean in case the latter continued to defy the bishop's request.

Plans Not Announced.

"These things will be decided when the time comes," said the bishop. "Until other action is necessary I do not care to announce any programme of action."

On the request of members of the pro-cathedral parish, it was announced that a special parish meeting will be called in accordance with the church canons, to be held Tuesday night, February 21, at 8 o'clock in the parish house to consider the action of the bishop.

Bishop Sumner reiterated his position that the pro-cathedral is in the bishop's chapel and that consequently he has the right to remove Dean Hicks at his pleasure. He contended that the pro-cathedral had been organized as a bishop's chapel and had never been incorporated as a parish and that consequently he had the supreme power.

Limitations Declared Known.

"This is no new subject and the matter has been up on previous occasions," he said. "I myself was a dean in Chicago for nine years previous to coming here and I consequently know the limitations of a dean are."

On the other hand, Dean Hicks referred to an article in the constitution of the diocese which provides for the establishment of a pro-cathedral upon the designation of a bishop until such a time as a cathedral is built.

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HILL HELD GOOD MANAGER

Handling of Big St. Paul Estate Declared Successful.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 11.—Louis W. Hill's successful handling of his father's \$51,000,000 estate was urged as high qualification for his administration of the \$14,000,000 estate in probate court here today.

Seven heirs are opposing the selection of L. W. Hill as administrator. They ask that the court name the Northwestern Trust company, which is owned by the Hill heirs.

Counsel for L. W. Hill emphasized that the latter's administration of his father's estate never was challenged.

It was contended by counsel opposing L. W. Hill that in the deed transferring North Oaks farm as a gift from Mrs. James J. Hill to Louis there is no provision giving other Hill children legal access to the private cemetery within the farm, where the parents are buried.

OLYMPIA MAN IS ROBBED

Holdup Staged on Road Between Camp Lewis and Capital.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 11.—Automobile robbers this afternoon held up R. T. Morrison, an Olympia, Wash., business man, on the highway between Camp Lewis and Olympia and robbed him of \$1,500.

The report of the robbery was made to Sheriff Morris here, who sent deputies in an automobile to apprehend the outlaws.

"The robbery occurred on one of the most traveled roads in this state," Morrison reported that he was driving toward Olympia, when the robbers accosted him, forced him to stop at the side of the road at the point of a gun, and then systematically went through his pockets. He gave the sheriff a fair description of the men.

SETTLERS' AID PROPOSED

Senator McNary Plans for Year's Extension of Payments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Enthusiasm on government projects who are unable to meet 1922 installment payments would be given a year's extension, in the discretion of the secretary of the Interior, under a bill introduced in the senate today.

Chairman McNary of the senate irrigation committee presented the measure.

RAIN ON COAST FORECAST

Considerable Cloudiness and Normal Temperatures Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions: Normal temperature; unsettled and occasional snows.

Pacific states: Considerable cloudiness, occasional rains; normal temperature.

NOTED BARITONE IS WED

Joseph Michael Schwarz Takes Mrs. Clara Sjelcken as Bride.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The marriage of Joseph Michael Schwarz, baritone of the Chicago Grand Opera company, and Mrs. Clara Sjelcken, widow of Herman Sjelcken, the "coffee king," was secretly performed last night.

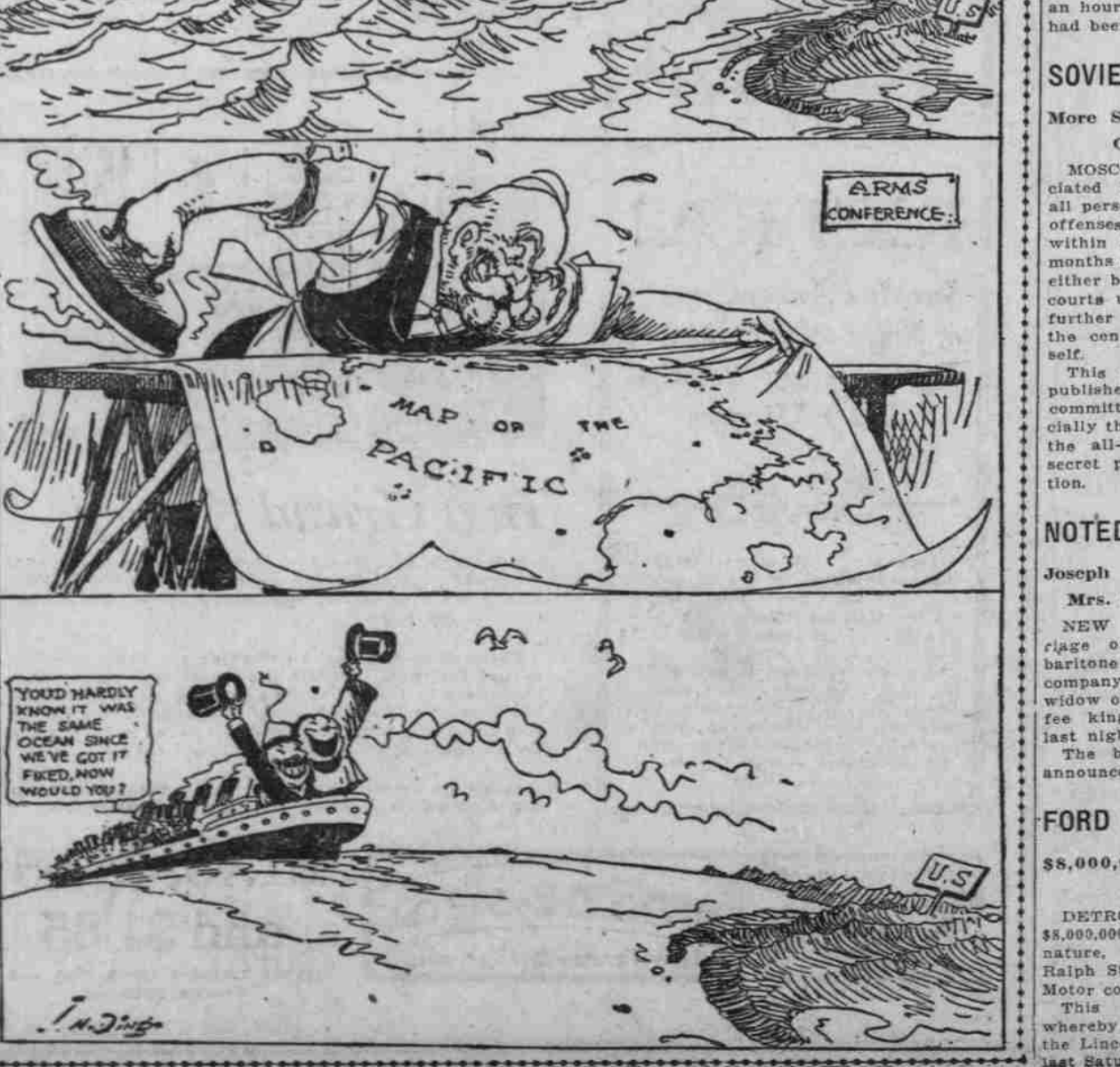
The bridegroom's publicity agent announced the wedding today.

FORD GETS MOTOR PLANT

\$8,000,000 Check Turned Over for Lincoln Property.

DETROIT, Feb. 11.—A check for \$8,000,000, bearing Henry Ford's signature, was turned over today to Ralph Stone, receiver of the Lincoln Motor company.

This completed the transaction whereby Mr. Ford becomes owner of the Lincoln property, sold at auction last Saturday.



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