CHINESE PROBLEMS

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(Copyright, 1921, by United News) Washington, Nov. 25 .- The truth that when what is good is not thought good enough, it may be easily made worse. was nearly vindicated in the grand committee of the conference on Wednesday.

Not satisfied with the excellent outcome of Monday's plenary sitting, some members of the French delegation desired that the grand committee should cast into a formal resolution the virtua pledges given by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Hughes that, in the event of renewed German aggression, France would not be morally isolated.

FRANCE WOULD HAVE LOST Protracted discussion fortunately showed the impossibility of drafting a lost and not gained, had the remarkable mission to take effect at midnight. unanimity of the Anglo-American response to M. Briand's statement of her case been reduced to the text of a The inevitable tendency in the future would have been to take the text as a maximum subject to interpretation of its precise meaning. Despite effect. the inveterate French tendency to strive after precision and clearness, even when precision is attainable only at the expense of something greater, albeit less well defined, M. Briand can return to France well satisfied with the results before the court shall determine whether of his visit to Washington.

In this conference it is a question of with the various issues according to by moral means, the more concrete problems of the Far East require more definite handling. Into the relations between France and her comrades in fair rate. war sentiment enters largely. From the examination of the Chinese question sentiment needs to be largely excluded. excepting always the strong sentiment of good will towards the hundreds of millions of Chinese people. DANGER FROM SENTIMENTALISTS

One of the greatest dangers to the conference is that British and American sentimentalists may mislead public ppinion into identifying the personalities of the most conspicuous representatives of China with the cause of China herself. The fact that some of these personalities have received a western edu-cation and have acquired a facility in the pronunciation of western shibbothe truth of the axiom that the more Thomas Maguire. he command confidence in the East.

unless checked, may ruin China and Both rapacity and venality have grown by what they have fed on and they bottles misbranded drugs labeled "Milk's kave sought constantly increasing opportunities for predatory satisfaction. The demand for foreign loans, to fill the misbranded drugs labeled "Hall's George and Queen Mary, when they George and Queen Mary, when they served to fasten yet more firmly upon China the grip of foreign financial and

political speculators. MARITIME QUESTIONS SAVED

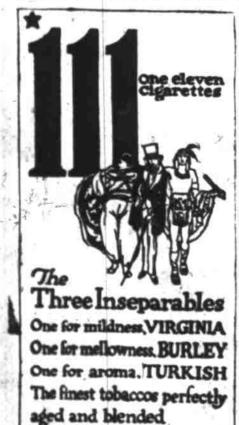
It is significant that the first ostensible attack upon this evil process should have taken the form of an attempt to destroy, or at least to undermine the one department of Chinese administration that has hitherto helped to keep predatory tendencies in check. The Chinese maritime customs have repeatedly saved China from bankruptcy by maintaining, under the supervision of honest foreigners, whole-heartedly devoted to China, at least one section of the Chiness civil service. At present the only prospect of escaping from the vicious circle of foreign rapacity and Chinese official venality seems to lie in the ex-tension to a much wider area of Chinese public life of the principles that under-lay the administration of the maritime He was immediately offered 50 cents for customs in the time of Sir Robert Hart his paper. er of the Sait Gabelle in the time of

It was the principle of cooperation bebandits, Chinese and foreign,

pendence and sovereignty of the Chinese people, the answer is that the views and desires of the Chinese people tend towards the re-establishment of decent government, and that the representative title of these who talk loudest of Chinese independence and sovereignty is unproven, and possibly not susceptible of

BRITISH LEAD REALISTS

Reports of yesterday's proceedings of the conference show that the issue was joined between what may be called the sentimentalists and the realists. The



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tish delegation seems to have led the list forces, supported by the French, pertinently asked by what authority Chinese delegates presume to speak Chinas as a whole. The Chinas I have that the chinas a whole the chinas a chinas a whole the chinas a c for China as a whole. The Chinese reply that they represented the only

recognized government in China is not held to be exhaustive. The Japanese appear to have adopted an intermediate position. The question is likely to be pressed home until some firm ground is discovered, on which the problem of China can be practically de-

It cannot be too clearly borne in mind that China is the pivot of the whole Far Eastern situation, and, consequently, of the Washington conference, in its Far Eastern aspects, and that until the riddle "What is China?" has been answered the conference may mark time but cannot

By Alexander F. Jones United News Staff Correspondent Chicago, Nov. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Chica-

giving was utterly ruined. Sitting down structive or lasting nature. to turkey and trimmin's the entire city gave thanks for the 5 cent streetcar fare because France would Lave ordered by the Illinois commerce com-

> Federal Judge G. A. Carpenter had issued an injunction restraining the commission from putting the order into principles.

The order was issued by Judge Carpenter in his chambers and the defendants were not notified. The temporary restraining order sets December 2 as the date for a hearing

the order shall be made permanent. companies, pleading finding appropriate methods of dealing before Judge Carpenter, whose dinner was likewise interrupted, claimed that their intrinsic character. If French the commission had given no preliminary fears of moral isolation are best treated notice in ordering a 5 cent fare, and the judge, after deliberating, decided that this was correct. The companies also claimed that a 5 cent fare was not a

planned on celebrating the return of the nickel trolley ride had to put off the party and conductors continued to collect 8 cents, as usual.

Misbranded Drugs And Food Packages

ordered destroyed Wednesday afternoon leths, if not in the expression of western by Federal Judge Wolverton at the reideas, may blind the undiscerning to quest of Assistant United States Attorney The government an Oriental is westernized the less does seized the packages many months ago and brought condemnation suits in each case, which were not contested by the One of the tasks of the conference case, which were not contested by the is to seek a means of breaking through manufacturers. The court order instructs the vicious circle which has wrought the United States marshal to destroy the so much evil to China and has brought following: Nine cases of walnut meats things to their present chaotic pass. arriving here from California, but too The rapacity of some western and some badly decomposed to be fit for human badly decomposed to be fit for human consumption; 24 boxes containing mis-Asiatic powers, acting upon the selfishbranded drugs labeled "Dr. A. W. Chase's nerve pills"; three dozen packness and venality of Chinese officialdom. has engendered a series of ills which, ages drugs labeled "Wendell's Ambition Pills"; 16 bottles and two gallons mis-

Government chemists have tested each brand of drugs confiscated and testified that they do not contain properties cap-able of effecting the cures claimed on the printed wrapper.

50 Cents Is Offered For Oregon Journal In Flooded Town

Toledo, Or., Nov. 25 .- "Journal! Just out! Only 50 cents." Newsboys here Wednesday would have found business good, even at such prices, if they only had had some wares to sell. A man walked into Toledo Wednesday

But the stranger was no war profiteer. and refused to sell. People crowded around him for the latest news from the tween honest foreigners and honest Chi- outside. Lincoln county has been isolated nese under Chinese sovereignty for the for an entire week, and the paper was welfare of China and the discomfiture of the first to reach Toledo since Sunday.

If it be objected that this would be an intolerable outrage upon the inde-Who Resists Arrest With Revolver Fire

(By United News)
Decatur; Ill., Nov. 25.—Her revolver spitting fire, Mary Didrago, 35, fought off police trying to arrest her as a booze runner, until she fell, badly wounded.

The woman died later in a local hospital and her husband has been arrested and is held in jail as her accomplice in a big liquor traffic scheme.

The police were notified an automobile would deliver a load of liquor here. They were on the lookout for several days and finally found the machine standing by the curb in a downtown street. As they approached to investi-gate, Mrs. Didrago opened fire. Her gun jammed and before she could fix it she fell forward with a bullet in the breast. Her husband was arrested as he came out of a store.

Protest Treatment Accorded to Johnson

Medford, Nov. 25 .- Protests to Governor Olcott are being prepared by citisens of Jacksonville as a result of the alleged treatment accorded W. H. Johnson, convicted former head of the defunct Bank of Jacksonville, while he was here testifying in the case of C. H. Owen, convicted of complicity in wreck-ing the bank. Johnson was permitted to visit friends and relatives and was not kept in jail at night, these citizens complain. He was accompanied by a penitentiary guard. They also assert he said he has been made a trusty and expects soon to be paroled.

Tangent Robbers Traced to Albany

Albany. Nov. 25.—Two men, well dressed and having an automobile, are suspected of having robbed the Homer Spear store at Tangent, Wednesday night. They are believed to have driven to Albany after taking a quantity of jackknives, cigars and other articles of merchandise, of which the value has not yet been learned.

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Washington, Nov. 25 .- After practicaly two weeks of discussion and maneuvering in the arms conference, two types of diplomacy are standing out in

One, the Hughes modern, eight-cylinder, red running gear type that operates the open, has been in evidence since the opening day. The other, of the gen-eral vintage of Louis XVI, has not been so rapid in development, but enough has been presented from time to time to stand out in sharp contrast with the new American brand.

Taking diplomacy as a whole through the history of the world, there is little it has achieved of a concrete, con-

American officials, consequently, have felt that if the new brand that has been ntroduced made such a dent in the hard old diplomatic crust of the past, it would be worth while. Of course, it has done But somewhere between the oysters much more than that. It has made the and the mince ple it was learned that success of the present conference assured and has put the world to thinking on concrete matters instead of dealing merely with generalities and high-flown

American officials are finding it extremely interesting to watch the rather feeble attempts of the old diplomacy, so against the open, unvarnished brand. There is a strong suspicion in some quarters, for instance, that publication

a few days back of the report that France intended to seek a navy as big as Japan's was not entirely accidental. The information on which the report was based came from an apparently reliable source. Considering that it was promptly denied, when sufficient time had elapsed to get "reaction" to the report, the question arises in some minds So hundreds of persons who had as to whether it might not have been put out just to test out how others might regard such an appeal

Such a report is what is known as a "balon d'essai"—a trial balloon. In plain United States it is called "kite flying." It is a very old diplomatic trick, moss backed, in fact. Try out an idea by putting out a report through newspapers, and if it brings unfavorable reaction, forget about it. France is regarded as rather deeply in debt to be Ordered Destroyed garded as rather deeply in debt to be considering a larger navy, particularly when her spokesmen emphasize her pa-cific ideals, and also considering that A large quantity of adulterated and she has never maintained a large navy in the past.

There is no tendency on the part of the Americans to brand the naval report outright as a "balon d'essai." Possibly it was an accident. But those familiar with diplomacy as it operated in Paris type working against the new.

Single Emerald Will Be Wedding Ring of Princess

are married, will be a single square cut emerald. The bridegroom-to-be described the ring Thursday in an interview concerning the coming alliance. "I do not know when the wedding will be," said the viscount. "But one thing is certain and that is that it will

definitely settled."

It is understood that despite the fact that Princess Mary is marrying a man not of royal blood, many of her royal He will cross the Atlantic for his twelfth relatives from other countries will atend the wedding, giving it much of the is manager of a large potato ranch near

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