

SERIOUS PROBLEMS WILL BE SOLVED, DECLARES STEED

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Washington, Nov. 23.—The belief is growing that the principal feature of the plan for the limitation of naval armaments will be adopted very shortly. The Japanese acceptance of the 5-5-3 ratio of capital ship strength is regarded as imminent. The matter has been entrusted to Mr. Hughes and to Admiral Baron Hato for settlement. If these two statesmen agree an official announcement is likely either to be made at once, or at the next plenary sitting of the conference.

There also is some reason to think that the skirmishing which has gone on in connection with the ratio of naval strength claimed by France does not represent the settled views of the French delegation. It will probably be found that the French attitude on the naval question, will be not only reasonable, but calculated to facilitate a general agreement.

COOPERATION SOUGHT

Notwithstanding the importance of these specific issues public attention here turns principally towards the hints of President Harding's intention, which were given at the White House on Friday. The president evidently desires cooperation between the chief nations of the world, including Germany, with the object of reducing land armaments and of safeguarding the peace of Europe while the limitation of armaments safeguards peace in the Pacific.

In some quarters the idea ascribed to him is called an "association of nations," though nothing has hitherto transpired to justify a nomination so positive. Senator Borah and the section of the American press that ragged most furiously against American participation in the League of Nations, opened a vociferous campaign against what they describe as the league under a new name. Since it is as improbable that the president has not foreseen and discounted this campaign as that he will play into the elucidation of his immediate policy.

RUSSIA BIG ISSUE

On the assumption that the Washington conference will establish conditions that promise peace in the Pacific and in the Far East there remain the previous positions of Europe, with the uncertainty of the situation in Russia. It is admitted on all hands that the Russian question is insoluble for the present, but the clarification of this which can be stated in terms of providing adequate security for France against an eventual German menace, is believed to be susceptible of solution by international cooperation under American leadership.

The fundamental idea is that Germany herself should join in giving France adequate guarantees. One significant implication of this idea may, or may not, be fully appreciated at the White House. It is that nations which should be joined in underwriting German assurance of peaceful intentions, would thereby engage themselves to support France in the event of the stratification of those assurances. Since the definite contraction of such an engagement by the United States is beyond the scope of practical American politics, the underwriting would have to be done chiefly by Great Britain and Belgium.

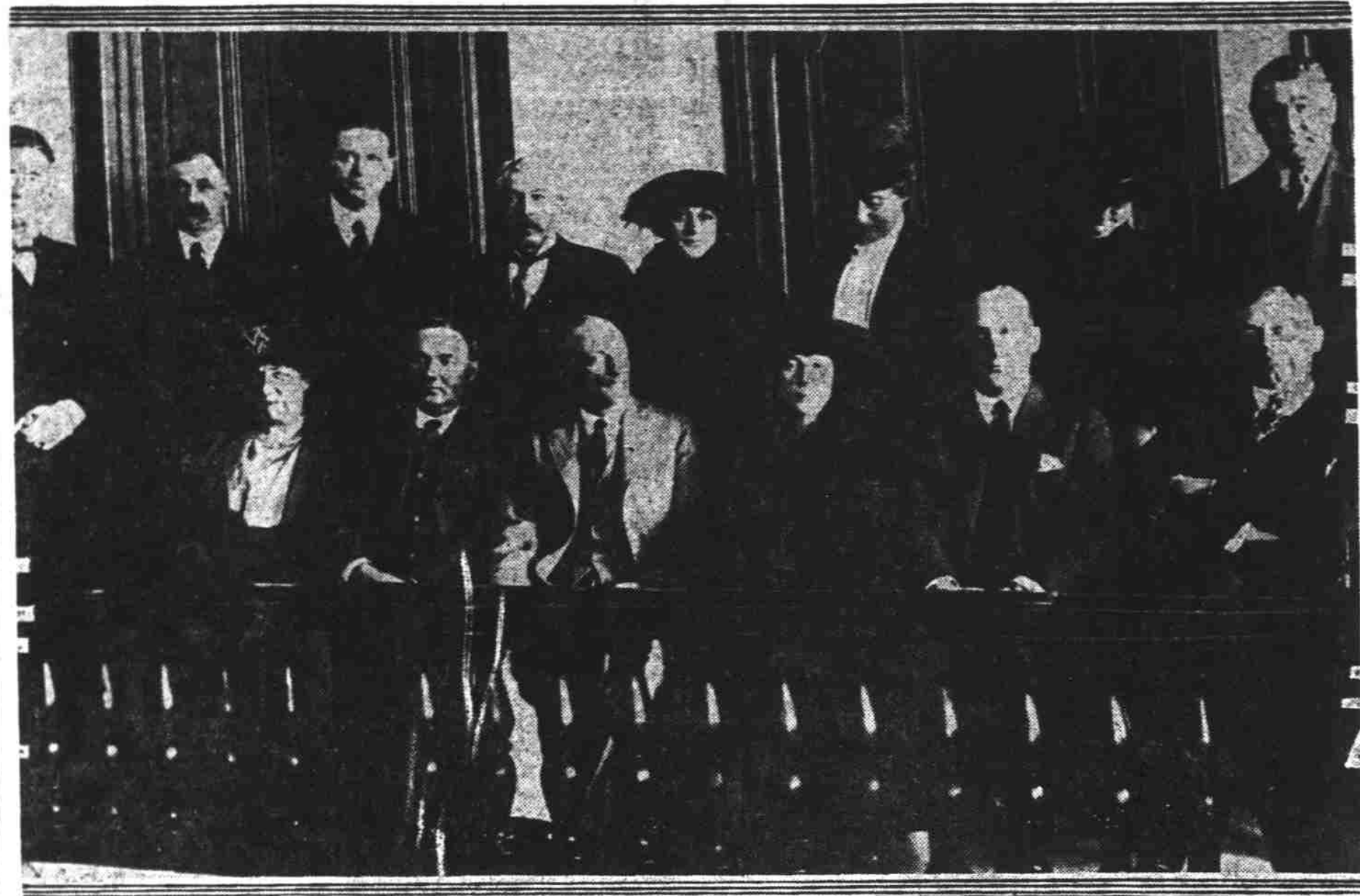
WAR DEBTS INVOLVED

A further implication is that a guarantee of the kind suggested presupposes a definite settlement of the reparations question, which, in its turn, involves consideration of war debts, and of the rates of exchange. Were it intended to debate and to settle all these matters during the Washington conference its duration would be impossible to predict, and the composition of the delegations attending it might need to be radically modified.

It seems, therefore, reasonable to suppose that President Harding looks forward, rather than the convocation of fresh conferences on these matters, than to the indefinite extension of the present conference. From a practical standpoint it would be far better to create a precedent for the success of international gatherings of limited scope than to run the risk of drawing the results unattainable at Washington by aiming at a waster program.

I am therefore disposed to believe that when the president's views are more definitely expounded it will be found that he has in mind a series of gatherings for precise objects. Such gatherings may indeed become a periodic association of the principal nations that will neither resemble the existing League of Nations nor invade the legitimate functions of the league. The tendency of American thought is rather toward the association of the United States with other nations for the treatment of immediate and definite problems than towards the creation of any hard and fast international organization.

COMEDIAN'S FATE RESTS IN HANDS OF THESE THIRTEEN PEOPLE



Here is the jury of 13, including the alternate, that will try Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle, snapped by the cameraman in the courtroom. Those standing, left to right, are Bailiff Harry McGovern, and the following jurors: Alternate Stephen E. Hopkins, Henry J. Reef, Thomas Kilkenny, Mrs. Kitty McDonald, Miss Louise F. Winterburn, Mrs. Helen F. Hubbard (who was camera shy) and William H. Torpey. Seated—Mrs. Adeline M. Nelson, Clarence C. Sayre, Arthur H. Crane, Mrs. Dorothy B. O'Dea, August Fritze and John J. H. Dierks.

PERJURY CHARGED IN ARBUCKLE CASE

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ARBUCKLE COMES EARLY

Arbuckle entered the court room early, nodded to his attorneys and the press, spoke a few words to his wife and took his seat—the same sober expression on his big face as ever. He was still wearing his blue Norfolk suit. Deputy Coroner Michael Brown and Dr. William Ophuls identified formally the contents of a big glass jar as organs from Virginia Rappe's body. Arbuckle seemed to take no notice of this procedure. He looked steadily downward tearing a piece of paper into small bits.

Lrene Morgan, who said she was retained by Henry Lehman as Miss Rappe's nurse in 1920, was then called. The nurse was led through a tedious recital of her service in the war as a nurse with the Canadian army during the second battle of the Marne. Her testimony was given in a lisping but positive voice.

NURSE TESTIFIES

"Name one of your officers," she was asked.

"Where did he come from?"

"Search me."

Previous to the war she had lived in Los Angeles, she said, and returned there after the war.

The testimony was in the nature of additional cross examination, Miss Morgan having testified previously, that Charles Burrows of San Francisco, publisher of Masonic magazines, was called to attack the reputation of R. C. Harper, defense witness as to truth, honesty and veracity. Harper was a minor witness.

Burrows said Harper's reputation was "bad."

HAS 40 WITNESSES

The state expects to take close to two days on rebuttal. There remains to be placed in evidence a report of three physicians who were commissioned by the court to make a microscopic examination of the bladder of Virginia Rappe to determine whether it was diseased. This test, due to a misunderstanding, was not gotten under way until today and may not be completed before Thursday.

The state has some 40 rebuttal witnesses, including Mrs. Catherine Polly Chicago. She will, it is understood, refute testimony of defense witnesses to the effect that in her early days in the Windy City Virginia Rappe possessed a propensity to tear off her clothing when attacked by violent pains.

HIS ANSWER IS "NO"

It is understood the state aims particularly at discrediting if possible testimony of Henry B. Barker, one-time sweetheart of Virginia Rappe.

District Attorney Brady and his associates were in no way dismayed today over the showing made by Arbuckle on the stand.

They attached great importance to the final statement drawn from Arbuckle by Assistant District Attorney Leo Friedman.

"Did you tell anyone on the 5th day of September, in these rooms at the St. Francis hotel, anyone at all, that you had found Miss Rappe lying between the large bed and the small bed in room 1219, apparently writing in pain?" asked Friedman.

"No," replied Arbuckle.

Arguments are expected to consume two days and a verdict is not anticipated before Saturday.

Highway Problem Held by Governor Of Major Import

Salem, Nov. 23.—Preservation of the state's highways in itself presents a problem of sufficient importance to justify a special session of the state legislature, even had there not been the added urge of a world's fair.

This view of the seriousness of the highway situation is expressed by Governor O'cott in letters addressed to county judges throughout the state, Monday, asking for data and suggestions from these officials covering the situation in their respective counties for the information of the lawmakers.

"Preservation of our hard surface systems is, of course, of vast importance," he wrote. "But I particularly feel that unnecessary destruction is be-

Chehalis River Is Nearly Mile Wide Near Montesano

Montesano, Wash., Nov. 23.—The Chehalis river at Montesano, Monday, was nearly a mile wide, with all lowland between the Northern Pacific tracks and South Montesano under water. The road to South Montesano is under water in places but so far traffic has not been interrupted. With the exception of numerous slides on the North river road little flood damage has resulted. The river was stationary for two days, but a heavy rain Monday increased flood danger.

SLEET DAMAGES NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Mass., Nov. 23.—(U. P.)—The sleet storm which has swept New England for three consecutive days has claimed at least three lives and caused property damage of \$2,000,000, according to reports reaching here today.

The storm, continuing unabated, held hundreds of towns throughout New England in darkness last night.

ILLINOISANS ARE GUESTS

Kelso, Wash., Nov. 23.—The Kelso Methodist church held the first in a series of state services Sunday evening, when former residents of Illinois were honor guests and heard an address by T. P. Flusk, former Illinois resident.

Utilization of State As Collector to End

Salem, Nov. 23.—In the opinion of Governor O'cott, the state of Oregon has played the part of "goat" long enough as a free collection agency. Hereafter persons desiring the return of a fugitive for prosecution on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses must deposit with the district attorney a sum sufficient to cover the expense incurred in returning the fugitive, this sum to be turned over to the state in the event a compromise is reached out of court after the fugitive has been returned. This opinion is made clear in a letter addressed by Governor O'cott to all district attorneys in the state.

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FLOODS CAUSE UNUSUAL TIDE IN GRAYS HARBOR

Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 23.—Torrential rains of Saturday night and Sunday and the accompanying high wind caused a general rise in streams and waterways in this district, affecting, as well, high tide Sunday, which threatened water-side buildings. It was reported the beach road at Tulpis, 12 miles west of Hoquiam, was inundated by from 4 to 5 feet of water. In Lake Quinalt there was a rise of between 5 and 8 feet. The tide Sunday was close to 11 feet, which is unusual at this season. No property damage was reported.

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Women Police Not Keen to Face Cold To Protect Kiddies

(By United News)
New York, Nov. 23.—Of the 2300 reserve policemen of New York, who were to have gone on traffic duty at the public school crossings during three one-hour watches Monday, relieving policemen occupied with the milk drivers' strike, only 464 left their homes to brave a cold November day, and the police authorities, being married men, considered that a good showing.

20 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

Brussels, Nov. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty persons were killed in a train wreck near Duffel today.

From 8 a. m. to 9 a. m.: from noon till 1 o'clock, and from 3 to 4 p. m., when children are going through dangerous streets to or from school, there were to have been 2300 reserve policemen on duty at the crossings. This was to have relieved a shortage caused by assignment of patrolmen to milk wagons.

When so many of the women reserves were turned up A. W. O. L. Monday morning the police plans appeared to be somewhat disturbed, for there were numerous crossings with no protection and many mothers accompanied their children to the schools.

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