PLAN ADOPTED IS SAID TO REDUCE MENACE OF SUBS

(By United News)

Washington, Jan. 6.—The greatest step ever taken toward the ultimate abolition of the submarine has been taken by the arms conference.

Unanimous agreement was registered by the five powers late Thursday upon Articles I and II of the Root resolution (now arranged in three articles), regarding submarine warfare, with but minor alterations in language.

These resolutions, providing for an invitation to the rest of the world to follow the "big five," first embrace subscription to a restatement of international law governing rules of submarine operation against merchant vessels.

PROTECTS MERCHANTMEN

But by far the most important action was unanimous adoption of the original Article II, amended by Arthur Balfour, and now known as Article III, which provides:

That the five signatories accept the prohibition of submarines as commerce destroyers as binding between themselves and invite all other nations to follow suit, that such prohibition may be made part of the law of nations.

There is yet one more of the Root resolutions on submarines to be adopted, that providing that any submarine commander who violates the rules shall be regarded as a pirate and, if captured, be tried for piracy.

ABOLITION IS SEEN

While experts differ as to the potentiality of submarines against fighting craft, the British claiming that their war experience proved they were virtually useless against such vessels, there is agreement that the greatest power of the submarine is against merchant vessels.

For that reason the agreement reached among the powers to bind themselves against its use for destruction of commerce in event of hostilities among themselves is held to be a stride toward the ultimate abolition of the weapon entirely.

It was held to be significant in this connection, that when the article was adopted, France voting with the rest in the affirmative, the British delegation regarded its "test" of French sincerity completely met by the French.

FRENCH PUT TO TEST

It was generally acknowledged that the Balfour amendment to the original Root proposal on prohibiting use of the submarine as a commerce destroyer was a test of the French claim that their submarine expansion did not mean intention to strike at British commerce.

Balfour had previously declared that the French program could mean nothing else.

As a result of the day's development, Lord Lee, representing the British delegation, made a speech, declaring his complete satisfaction with M. Sarraut's attitude against the submarine as a commerce destroyer.

Sarraut responded in kind, and that recent flare-up apparently has now passed into history.

FEES REACH $1000.10

Baker, Jan. 6. — December netted the county clerk's office $1000.10 in fees, being the banner month of the year. Total receipts amounted to $3291.20.

SUBMARINE WARRULES

(By United News)

Washington, Jan. 6.—Following are the new submarine rules adopted by the arms conference, and regarded as a step toward outlawing sub-sea craft throughout the world.

I.

The signatory powers desiring to make more effective the rules adopted by civilized nations for the protections of the lives of neutrals and non-combatants at sea in time of war, declare that among the rules the following are to be deemed to be part of international law.

A merchant vessel must be ordered to submit to visit and search as to its character before it can be seized.

A merchant vessels must not be attacked unless it refuses to submit to visit and search after warning, or to proceed as directed after seizure.

A merchant vessels must not be destroyed unless the crew and passengers have been first placed in safety.

Belligerent submarines are not under any circumstances exempt from the universal rules above stated; and if a submarine cannot capture a merchant vessel in conformity with these rules the existing law of nations require it to desist from attack and from seizure, and to permit the merchant vessel to proceed unmolested.

II.

The signatory powers invite all other civilized powers to express their assent to the foregoing statement of established law, so that there may be a clear public understanding throughout the world of standards of conduct by which the public opinion of the world is to pass judgment on future belligerents.

III

The signatory powers recognize the practical impossibility of using submarines as commerce destroyers without violating, as they were violated in the recent war, the requirements universally accepted by civilized nations for the protection of the lives of neutrals and non-combatants and to the end that the prohibition of the use of submarines as commerce destroyers shall be universally accepted as a part of the law of nations they now accept that prohibition as henceforth as binding as between themselves and they invite all other nations to adhere thereto.

Taxpayers' League Names 1922 Staff

Roseburg, Jan. 6.—The directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers' league Wednesday elected the following officers for 1922: C. H. Bailey, president; A. A. Thiel, vice president; S. D. Evans, vice president; R. M. Fate, vice president; H. O. Pargeter, secretary-treasurer. The directors are S. D. Evans, C. O. Garret, Arthur March, L. V. Emery, A. A. Thiel, C. H. Bailey, R. M. Fate and C. L. Chenoweth. The league will conduct an active campaign for membership.

VISCOUNTESS SEEKS DIVORCE

London, Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The Viscountess Rhondda today entered suit for divorce against Sir Humphrey Mackworth. Before her marriage in 1908 the viscountess was Margaret Haig Thomas.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR FAIR VETOED

Salem, Jan. 6.—No special election will be held May 19, next, in connection with the primary election of that date. Governor Olcott Thursday killed the special election bill with one "fell swoop" of his executive veto.

Absence of the "saving clause" from the enrolled bill, which would have automatically stopped the special election in the event the exposition measures failed to place, is given by the governor as the reason for his action.

"I am advised it was the intention of the legislature to include in this bill a saving clause to the effect that this measure would be of no force and effect in event the exposition bills were found to be invalid," the governor's veto message to the house reads. "No such saving clause appears in the enrolled bill, and it is this bill by which this office must be guided.

"It would be folly to allow this bill to become a law and to further allow the election to proceed with the possibility of but one measure coming before the people at that time and that measure a purely local one, affecting Benton and Linn counties only. I am further advised that it would be as well to allow this local measure to be voted on at the regular election in November as at a special election in May."

Just prior to the release of his veto of the election bill the governor was advised that the exposition committee had decided not to carry its fight for the financing of the fair to the people at the May election.

CUPID LOSES STRENGTH

La Grande, Jan. 6.—Cupid lagged in La Grande and Union county in 1921. Nine licenses less were issued than during 1920. The number for 1921 was 181, while 190 were issued in 1920.

EVANS WOULD DIE; DISLIKES ASYLUM

Salem, Jan. 6.—A. B. Evans, condemned slayer of James Doran of Wasco county, now temporarily detained in a ward for criminal insane at the state hospital, wants to go back to his old quarters in murderers' row at the state prison, according to Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the hospital.

Evans also wants to die, according to Steiner. His desire to return to his prison cell is based upon the friendships which he made with guards and fellow convicts while in the penitentiary, he says.

According to Steiner, Evans complains of severe headaches and wants to die to get out of his misery.

Physicians at the state hospital who have been asked for an opinion as to Evans' sanity are watching him closely every day and are seeking data as to his past behavior in order to enable them to arrive at a conclusion as to his mental condition.

TO PRACTICE LAW

Roseburg, Jan. 6.—Frank Neuner, who has been employed several years as auditor with the state industrial accident commission, has resigned and moved to Roseburg, where he will open law offices with his brother, George Neuner, district attorney.

Fight It Out With Knife and Club; 2 End Long Quarrel

Roseburg, Jan. 6.—Fred Johnson and Joseph Ledgerwood, both well known residents of the Boomer Hill district, near Myrtle Creek, engaged in an altercation Wednesday, with the result that Johnson was severely cut by Ledgerwood, who was also injured. Ledgerwood came to Roseburg and surrendered to the sheriff. He was given a preliminary hearing and released under bonds of $1000 until the grand jury meets. Johnson was not seriously injured.

The quarrel was of several years' standing and, according to Ledgerwood's story to the sheriff, was brought to a head by Johnson, who refused Ledgerwood permission to go through some gates on his land. He started toward Ledgerwood with a hickory club, while the latter took his pocket knife, according to the statement. They fought for some time before Johnson, weakened by loss of blood, gave up the fight. Johnson is 50 years of age and Ledgerwood 48.

JUDGE MARRIES 97

Baker, Jan. 6.—A total of 195 marriage licenses were issued in Baker county in 1921. Judge George E. Allen performed 97 of these marriages.

FISHERIES BOSS NAMED

Seattle, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Ernest A. Seaborg has succeeded L. H. Darwin as state supervisor of fisheries, headquarters of which are in Seattle.