

Rumored intentions of Great Britain and Japan to seek a tripartite agreement with the United States for limitation of warships building programs came up today in congress, In the senate a resolution was offered by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, requesting the presiient to seek an agreement with those powers for a five-year naval building truce with construction programs cut in half during that period. It would, he said, "de relop whether Great Britain and Japan are sincere in the talk of next March 15." reducing armaments." Befire the house naval com mittee, Secretary Daniels presented his recommendations for naval construction with this comment: brought to bear in the conference "I profoundly believed that the United States cannot afford to vis who last week obtained from take a five year 'naval holiday' as the senate foreign relations comit has been rumored England and mittee assurances of support for Japan will suggest to this counthe American delegates contentions. The American and Italian try. "It would be a blunder, almost delegations were understood to a crime, for the United States to have objected to any adjournment of the conference without some enter into an alliance with any sort of an agreement. two or three nations either to sus-Yap is Bone of Contention pend or curtail naval building or Disposition of the Island for any other purpose. It would Yap, center of cable communicacertainly make for suspicion tion in the Pacific for which it among the other nations." has been suggested Japan be giv-Senator Borah's resolution en the mandate, as well as the went to the foreign relations settlement of the principle insistcommittee without debate. The ed upon by the United States of Idaho senator said he would urge equal landing rights upon the isprompt action. land for the cables of all countries The house naval committee ap were questions left unsettled. It peared to inquire into the relative was stated that the eventual disstrength of the navies of the position of Yap might be arrived hree powers. It was informed by at only by a settlement entirely in-Admiral Coontz, chief of naval dependent of the communications accompanied who operations. conference and after an examinathat if all Secretary Daniels. tion of the status of Japan's title. building were suspended today, The principle other bone of the comparative capital ship toncontention which prevented nage figures would be: Great settlement at this time of the dis-Britain 864,000; United States position of the former German 468.000; Japan 326.000. cables was the refusal The officer was instructed to be French delegates to admit ready tomorrow to discuss in de claims of Italy or the United the tail at an executive session States to the German trans-Atlanquestion of relative strength, extic cable held by France connectsting and projected. ing New York with Brest. Secretary Daniels told the com mittee he agreed entirely with Senator Harding's recent state-**Parvine Off for Cruise** ment at Norfolk that the navy to World's Big Ports should be commensurate with the nation's interests, reiterating his opinion that it should be "equal Glen Purvine left for Portland

count of the five powers (Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and

the country's history, notwith- him. standing beginnings about as un-Making his first comment on promising as ever known, is em- the progress of the consultations. phasized by the December re- he said they had been "very invisions of estimates," the depart- teresting and gratifying. ment said in a statement com-"It apparently will not be so difficult as some people had supmenting on today's report. The final outcome of the 1920 wheat posed," he added, "to find a common ground for agreement. harvest, winter and spring com-The senator would not discuss bined, is now estimated at 789.specific conferences or detailed \$75,000 bushels, compared with suggestions of an association plan. 934.265,000 bushels in 1919, this He indicated that he had given being an increase over the earlier considerable thought to the proestimates for 1920 of 39,230,000 posal for a world agreement not bushels. The 1920 acreage abanto declare offensive war except in doned from winter killing, was response to a popular referendum less than expected and indicated but said he could express no opinby the very bad and unpromising ion on the subject. conditions on May 1, and the in-It is understood that Mr. Hardcreasingly favorable character of the later season permitted much with the information regarding wheat then considered hopeless conditions and opinions abroad as to develop and come to harvest. described to him by Herbert Hoo-The reports of increase over earliver, Elihu Root and others, Still er expectations of winter wheat more detailed surveys are to be produced came from almost every given him in future conferences. important winter kheat state. it being taken for granted that The greatest gain, 13,000,000, is among others, Senator McCormick in Kansas, the leading producer of Illinois, who now is in Europe, of winter wheat. In that state will see him within a few weeks. Mr. Harding tonight denied dithe increase was helped by an rectly, however, published reports area of over 1,000,000 acres of that Senator McCormick was actvolunteer wheat sprouted from ing as a representative in confershattered grain in the autumn of ences with European statesmen. 1919, which despite its unprom-The president-elect said he had ising beginning and doubtful pros-'no agents in Europe, in the pects in the spring of 1920, came inited States or in any other part finally to harvest of the world." Crop Increases Reported. Today Mr. Harding saw few "In general, it appears that the callers and held no conferences eduction in crop acreage in 1920 on the association plan. Goverbelow 1919 is less than was benor William C. Sproul of Pennsyllieved and reported at the bevania, and W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, were on his engagement list able conditions' for farm work. but requested that their appointthe efforts of the farmers to fully ments be postponed.

Eugene Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel company and purchase structural steel dt for erection under union shop conditions. They doclared they had been virtually driven out of the steel crection business because of their employment of union men and had to have all their structural work done by members of the Iron League of New York, or the National Erectors' association. thus increasing the cost of construction work. Further Investigations Made. The committee also began an inquiry into the alleged combination of bridge builders and structural strel workers' organizations -the Bridge Builders' and Strucing has felt particularly pleased tural society-which includes in its membership the American Bridge company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corpor ation, and the Bethlehem Steel

deficit of sixty million dollars furing the present year. Of this mount, he said, \$38,000,000 would be needed for the pay of disted men. Chairman Anthony, ever, said members of the mittee were convinced the war department's deficiency would

stal at least \$100,000.000. Mr. Baker was asked to submit a report showing what camps were being maintained and for what purpose they were being

"We must close at least half of our camps, particularly those located in more remote districts which cannot be kept up as cheapy as those closer to supplies," Mr. Antony said. "It has been shown that it cost much more to maintain troops on the Mexican order than at centralized posts. The committee, for the sake of economy, intends to provide for the withdrawal of many of the troops now on the border."

Another policy of the committee, Mr. Anthony indicated, would be to provide for the full strength maintenance of only two divisions instead of nine as the war department favors. The remaining dias would be maintained in skeletonzed form and would be increased to full strength only on emergencies.

Immediate sale of between 30,-199 and 40,000 motor trucks now held in reserve was said by Mr. Antony to be favored by the committe

Secretary Baker said the army at present consisted of approximately 216,000 enlisted men and 14,000 officers.

Members of the house military committee have charged the war department with breaking faith with congress in recruiting more than the 180,000 men for which provision was made in the army appropriation bill.

"This year," said Representafive Anthony, "we will appropriale for an army of not more than 175,000 men, and in addition will put a mandatory provision in the appropriation bill that the war department is not to exceed that number."

Fourteen Barrels of Corn Mash Taken in Still Raid

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 14. heriff Johnson of Hood River county accompanied by Deputy Sloat and County Roadmaster Nichois today raided an isolate cove on the Columbia river near Castade locks, confiscating 14 barreis of corn mash. The barrels, an oil stove and other parapherhalia were brought here

The illicit manufacturers fled when the officers arrived. Their distilling apparatus had been removed. Water for the outfit was pumped by underground pipe from the river.

OVERCOCATS AUCTIONED

NEW YORK, Dc. 14. - Wool vercoatings were sold at auction here today by the American Woolcompany at prices two-thirds

to any in the world." "I wish we could have a world agreement to settle disputes without recourse to arms," he added. 'but until that time comes and

comes surely, we ought to carry out our naval program."

Congress Reorganization Is Planned by Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A joint congressional committee on eorganization of the executive departments to be composed of three members each of the house

and senate, was approved today The resolution by the house. passed the senate last session and was endorsed by the house today without amendment or a dissent-

ing vote. Speaker Gillette said he would announce the three house members when the president signs the measures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- A It was regarded as certain that bill to broaden vocational traincan of Nebraska, would head the ing for former service men, re-Representative Reavis. Republiquested by the federal board, was

54 feet.

dam or Antwerp.

the United States), provided however, that in accounting for **Cautious and Deliberate** such operation, the income after deducting operating expenses Steps in Laying Down shall be apportioned in accordance with the final disposition to **Arms Is League Policy** be made of such cables.

Final Disposition Withheld GENEVA, Dec. 14. - The first "That should a final agreement as to disposition of the cables not step for disarmament of the nabe reached by next February 15. tions must be cautious and delibthe conference shall immediately erate, the assembly of the league arrange for a new modus vivendi of nations decided today, notwithto become effective on or before

standing sharp critisicms by Concessions making possible today's provisional agreement labor leader and Christian Lange, were understood to have resulted in large part from pressure was "two much quibble and not by Acting Secretary of State Dago slowly.

less veiled allusions, invoked as plication. one reason why general disarmament cannot be boldly grapled posals. The first relates to the with at this time, Mr. Barnes creation of a committee of three said British delegation, referred to whose duty will be to propose le 'nations with powerful arms and gislative measures with the object

absence from the league of former enemy countries also was redisarmed and cannot constitute a menace for years to come.

A curious manifestation of the session was the general applause an immediate minimum effort. the conclusions of the disarmament committee. These are, brief-

ly, an effort to prevent the future increase of armament and propaganda in favor of a decrease as a steady means of bringing about. of the the disarmament, France and Belarmament expenditures during

appropriations for last year . M Pouilette of Belgium said: "Belgium has received no rep

arations. She cannot spike her guns while the league of nations still is in the process of formation.

University of California Will Get Air Service Unit

through the canal, stop at the New various adjacent islands. York City, Liverpool and China. The "Eelback" is practically a new ship and was built on the Pacific coast. A recent edition of

the Tacoma Ledger devotes about a half-column to its description, among other things stating that it is a single screw, of 9,000 deadweight tons, measuring 402 by She loaded with 16,000 doors

several days ago, from which

place he sailed on the "Eelback'

for a 10-months' voyage, going as

steward's helper. He will touch

Seattle, Tacoma, San Pedro, pass

SERVICE BILL IS READ

for England and Irish ports by way of Tacoma, and will probably be loaded again at either Rotter-

it was announced.

CARS SKID IN FROST.

sion to be Prepared by **Competent Men**

GENEVA, Dec. 14 .- The league council has approved a plan for an international credits organization as recommended by the Brussells financial conference. While agreeing not to undertake forthwith the setting up of an expensive organibation without the certainty that either borrowers or lenders will make use of it the council authorized the economic George Nicoll Barnes, the British committee to obtain the services of a competent business man of of Norway. Mr. Barnes said there high standing to prepare the constitution of the international enough pluck" in the decisions to commission and establish in detail a plan of international cred-The policy of the United States its in order to give the scheme on this question was, by more or as soon as possible a practical ap-

The council adopted two pro H. A. L. Fisher of the lawyers and three businessmen, munitions making facilities that of facilitating in the various counstill are outside the league." The tries interested the realization of "finishing credits." These credits have to do with ferred to by Mr. Fisher. This the shipping of raw material and

brought from Mr. Barnes the re- unfinished products from one ort: "They are now practically country to another for finishing. The second proposal provides for the institution under the aus-

pices of the league of nations of commissions international of the delegates for the plea made charged with giving effect to the by Messrs Barnes and Lange for plan of international credits on ! the basis recommended by its or- ginning of the crop season. Not-

ernments of the countries desir- seed their fields, assisted by fa commission as to what specific planting period, resulted in plantassets they have prepared as se- ings greater than anticipated." were reported in the revised pro The duction figures, as compared with conclusions upon limitations of commission after an examination the preliminary estimates anof these asserts shall determine nounced in November. Corn. with the next two years on the basis of the gold value of the credits to a record crop, shows an increase which they would approve against of about 33,000,000 bushels; win-

the security of these assets. The participating governments 48,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, shall then be authorized to issue a decrease of 9,000,000 bushels: bonds as collateral security for oats, an increase of almost 70,the amount of the credits accord. 000,000 bushels: barley increased ed. Assigned assets shall be ad- almost 11,000,000 bushels; poministered by the participating taloes increased 3,000,000 bush- ny who died during the first wingovernment or by the internation- ets. and tobacco increased \$2,al commission, as a majority of 000,000 pounds. the league may determine. Corn Sets New Record,

In cases where the administra-The yield of corn per acre set tion of assigned assets is in the

a. record with an average pro- shore level. hands of a participating govern- duction of 20.9 bushels. Only Acceptance of a plan to exchange ment, the international commis- once before has the average yield Tevis is Charged With per acre exceeded 20 bushels and the University of California in the event of a default, shall require that was in 1996 whn 30.6 bushthe participating government to els was made.

While the corn was a CTOD the Bethlehem shipbuilding works assets to itself. A participating record one, its value this year is less than last today after the monthly meeting council, the decisions of which on year's crop, which was smaller by 74,000,009 hushels. The price being paid to farmers for corn Plants Damaged by Fire year ago.

> Productions LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 14 .--Damage estimated at \$200,000 was caused here today to the plants of three fish packing companies from a fire of undeterm-

The fire started in the plant of

voring days that came late in the **Plymouth Rock to be Reset** to Bring it to Shore Line increases in almost every crop

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 14 he bodies of some of the Pilgrin athers were exposed for a time oday when the box is which they have been kept was taken from he canopy over Plymouth Rock ter wheat, an increase of almost where it had rested since 1880. The records do not identify the bodies but the two relatively well preserved skulls and other bones. found in the cashet are reputed to the senate be those of members of the colo-

The canopy is to be removed and the rock reset under condi-

tions that will bring it again to

First Degree Murder Sef

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec, 14. formal charge of first degree murder was filed against John Tevis today by Deputy District Attorney Richard Deich. Tevis Is accused with choking and killing on December 1 was announced by his wife. Nellie Tevis in their the department as 67.7 cents a apartment Sunday. He disclaims empt farmers' organizations from

bushel as compared with \$1.349 knowledge of how his wife met the Sherman law. The bill was her death. of the various An autopsy revealed that the rops are estimated in the folwoman's neck was broken and

owing terms there were finger marks on her Bushels-Corn, winter wheat, throat. An inquest was held to spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, night,

buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, potatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts,

INSPECTOR KILLS MAN.

Bridge company. G. E. Gifford, secretary of the society, admitted its 29 members had a system of exchanging bids and that its "book of rules" contained provisions whereby estimates could be revised to meet outside competition. He said Vice

President Earle of the BethleBem Bridge Steel company is head of the society.

FINANCE BILL IS COMMITTEED House Refers Senate Farm **Proposal to Committee** on Currency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .--- The ill of the senate agriculture committee directing revival of the war finance corporation and favoring the extension of eral credits by the federal reserve system as a measure of relief for the farmers was referred to the banking and currency committee upon its arrival in the house to day after its passage yesterday by

The committee immediately be can hearings at which represe tatives of wool growers appeared in support of the bill. At least \$200,000,000, the committee was told, should be made available for relief of farmers, livestock grow-

ers and business interests. The senate also continued its onsideration of the farmer reproblem, in a discussion the Capper-Hersman bill passed

by the house last May to authorize co-operative marketing by agricultural associations und regulation of the federal trade ommission. Senator King attacked the bill

on the ground that it would ensupported by Senator McCumber,

MAGGERT SURRENDERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 14. Harl Maggert! former outfielder for the Salt Lake City club of



PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14. introduced today by Senator Ken- Frost and ice on pavements this the Golden State Tuna Packing beans and peaches. Tons-Hay

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 35,000 shares of stock owned by sion at any time may and in the Pacific Improvement company for 350 acres of water frontage near transfer the administration of the in Alameda was announced here government may appeal to the \$1.662,000,000

the late Edward F. Searles.

ined origin.

while at the same time accepting iginator, Dr. Ter-Meulen of Hol- withstanding the early unfavorland. According to this plan, the goving to participate shall notify the eventually, but remote, general curity for the commercial credits to be granted by the nationals of gium accepted the committee's the exporting countries.

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