

LLOYD GEORGE IS IMPATIENT

JAPAN STILL INSISTS UPON KEEPING SHIP

Acceptance American Naval Program Indicated With Exception That Mutsu is Desired.

LEADER OF FRENCH DELEGATION LEAVES

No Less Than Four Treaties Will Go Before Congress for Ratification

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan has indicated conditional acceptance of the American 5-5-3 naval ratio and a final settlement of the question appears imminent.

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Domestic Questions Out The new four-power treaty to preserve peace in the Pacific was formally sealed and signed today by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France.

Indications developed that the Shantung negotiations things were not going so smoothly. Both the Japanese and Chinese came out of a conference today showing signs of somewhat dampened hopes.

Another indication that the general trend of the conference is satisfactory to the leaders was given by the departure for France of Rene Viviani, head of the French delegation.

Rambles of opposition to the four-power treaty continued today in the senate, to which the agreement must be submitted by President Harding for ratification.

It now appears likely that there will be four or more treaties to send to the senate when the conference ends.

Harding Wants Future Meeting There is a growing impression that the naval ratio and the Far Eastern declaration and perhaps also the agreement on naval bases in the Pacific will be written into formal treaties which may be pending in the senate simultaneously with the four-power pact and that relating to the mandated islands.

President Harding also hopes that some sort of an agreement will be reached for future meetings.

Announcement by the conference of agreement on the 5-5-3 naval ratio between Great Britain, Japan and the United States loomed tonight as probable before the week-end.

Agreement Conditional A plenary session is expected by some delegates at a conference indicated conditional agreement to the 5-5-3 ratio. Her acceptance was coupled, however, with a request to substitute the new battleship Mutsu for the old 12-inch gun ship Setau in the ships she would retain.

The decision of Japan was communicated informally to Mr. Hughes and Mr. Balfour by Admiral Baron Kato and was discussed today by the American delegation at a conference attended by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, later the "big three" of the naval powers, Messrs. Hughes, Balfour and Kato, again met, this time Mr. Roosevelt, Admiral Coontz, Rear Admiral Pratt attending.

Holiday May Change After this meeting, it was said that only "one very small point" remained unsettled. It was indicated that the signing would be placed than "some one higher up" ruled that the signing would be private.

DE VALERA PHOTOGRAPHED IN PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE



EAMON DE VALERA, President of the Irish Republic, we recently made Chancellor of the National University of Dublin. The photograph shows him in his official robe.

Reports on Red Cross Campaign Received From All Districts at Headquarters Office in Salem

With the exception of a few districts in Marion counties, which have not as yet sent into headquarters the result of their efforts all districts outside of Salem have completed the fifth annual roll call of Willamette chapter, American Red Cross, with headquarters in Salem.

Dr. D. M. Fields says that returns from Salem amounted to \$1608, and from points outside the city, up to date, \$1829. When all rural reports are in, Dr. Fields says the total membership amounting to about \$2,000.

Taking everything into consideration, especially the week of flood and stormy weather, making country work especially difficult, Dr. Fields says the interest shown in the Red Cross work as judged by memberships is most remarkable and very satisfactory.

Quite a number of districts in both counties were not solicited as it was impossible for the general chairman to secure workers in those districts.

The following is a list of Red Cross contributions for the fifth annual membership campaign: (Continued on page 5)

DEVILISH LITTLE FRESHMEN ARE LICKED BY SENIOR FIVE

There was once a missionary's little boy who became tremendously interested in the campaign against Old Nick. He wanted to go into the fight, but he wasn't ready to take on all comers from the hosts of darkness, so he delivered his deft thrust: "Well, meby I ain't able to fight the old devil himself, but gimme a chance and I'll lick the stuffin' out of one of the little devils."

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TERRIBLE PICTURE OF NEXT WAR PAINTED BY WILL IRVIN

"The Next War" doesn't really mean that there will be any next, it is the substance of Will Irvin's lecture at the armory last night. The war game has been progressing comfortably for the past 2000 years, developing a code that look as if it was soldier than Gibb's. Men had nice, sociable killings, according to rules. They spared churches and women and children and non-combatants—though sometimes they made them slaves, which was almost worse than butchery. But it was a definite code that had been built up by 1914.

PARLIAMENT TO BEGIN DEBATES ON IRISH PACT

Speedy Ratification Expected in House of Commons and Morley of Lords to Urge Haste.

PREMIER MAKES PUBLIC CRAIG COMMUNICATIONS

Willingness to Cooperate With Southern Ireland Is Expressed

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—The imperial parliament will assemble tomorrow to consider the treaty between Great Britain and Ireland. The king will open parliament and the premier will review the Irish situation, explain the treaty and plead for strong endorsement of the settlement.

The house of commons is expected to give the treaty its speedy ratification and in the house of lords Viscount Morley will ask for a similar action.

Simultaneously the Daily Eireann at Dublin will take the treaty under advisement, the Irish plenipotentiaries, headed by Arthur Griffith, seeking its ratification, and Eamonn de Valera, Sinn Fein leader, with a considerable following, opposing the instrument as it now stands.

Premier Lloyd George today gave out the correspondence exchanged between himself and Sir James Craig, dealing with the Irish negotiations. These letters bore dates of from November 10 to December 5. They were supplemented later by a letter made public by Sir James addressed to the premier under date of July 29, which he said was necessary to maintain the sequence of events.

Craig Is Emphatic. The Ulster premier unequivocally declared Ulster would not enter an all-Ireland parliament but was willing to accept three out of the four proposals of the British government.

Mr. Lloyd George argued that two dominions in Ireland was indefensible. Two alternatives were offered to Ulster, the one that she retain her existing powers with additional guarantees if she entered the Irish Free State; the other, that she retain her present powers, but in respect to all other matters not already delegated to her, share the rights and obligations of Great Britain with the province, however, in the latter case, that her boundary would be subject to revision.

Text of Craig Telegram Sir James Craig has sent a telegram to Mr. Lloyd George saying: "In order to maintain the sequence of events, it is of importance that my letter to you of July 29 should be included. I therefore am supplying a copy to the press."

This letter proceeds to dilate on Ulster's unabated desire to retain British citizenship and to point out the serious danger to the nation of agreeing to self government and the establishment of an Ulster parliament "much against our wish, but in the interests of peace."

Complaining that southern Irishmen are now repudiating the act of 1921 and pressing for wider powers, Sir James says: "To join in such pressure is repugnant to the people of northern Ireland. In the further interest of peace we therefore respectfully decline to determine or interfere with the terms of any settlement between Great Britain and southern Ireland."

"Similarly if there exists an equal desire for peace on the part of the Sinn Fein, they will respect the status quo in Ulster and refrain from interference with our parliament and rights which under no circumstances can we admit."

"Our acceptance of your original invitation to meet in conference in London still holds good. It is our desire to ascertain you with the fact that no meeting is possible between Mr. De Valera and myself as it is recognized that northern Ireland will not submit to any authority other than his majesty, the king, or to the parliament of the United Kingdom and admit the sanctity of the existing powers and privileges of the parliament and government of northern Ireland."

Peace Is Desired "Let me assure you that peace is earnestly desired by my government and myself as by you (Continued on page 5)

SALEM MEN ARE WARNED BY OFFICIAL

Postmaster Huckestein Asks Advertisers to Steer Clear of Lottery Schemes

Merchants are being cautioned by Postmaster Huckestein not to advertise in a form that may be termed a lottery, or violate any of the postoffice laws regarding taking chances or giving awards in order to increase business.

The suggestion is made that if a merchant wishes to advertise any scheme or plan, that he first submit the idea to the postmaster that he may send it to the proper authorities for an opinion.

The postmaster here or elsewhere, is not permitted by the postoffice rules to pass an individual opinion as to whether an advertisement is contrary to the postal laws or not. But for the benefit of advertisers, in order that there may be no question as to whether the advertisement borders on a lottery, he is required to submit it.

APOLLO SINGERS CAPTURE SALEM

Miss Virginia Rea Caught in Flood, But Place is Ably Filled

All good friends of the Apollo club male chorus, and there are many of them, have every reason to be satisfied and even joyful over the concert given last night at the Grand theater, assisted by J. E. Mutch of Portland. Forty men were in the chorus.

The chorus sang with nice distinction and the closest attention to light and shade, under the very effective direction of Professor John R. Sites. In fact, Professor Sites had his singers well in hand from the start, and the concert drew the attention of the audience to the most excellent drilling and musicianship of the director that the Apollo club scored a most decisive hit.

From the opening chorus to the close, the audience was captivated. Not only was Professor Sites complimented, but his singers as well. Taking all in all, the concert may really be said to be one of the most satisfactory Apollo concerts ever given. The audience was most generous in its approval as evidenced by numerous enclosures.

To F. G. Deckebach was given the rather uncertain assignment of announcing that Miss Virginia Rea was unable to appear, having been detained on account of the Seattle floods. Mr. Deckebach took his duty seriously, but the audience didn't, as it had, already heard several numbers by the club, and was prepared to enjoy itself. And it did.

J. E. Mutch of Portland who was considered enough to come to Salem on late notice, soon had the enthusiastic approval of everyone. As a soloist, the audience liked him and continued to give him such hearty encores that his program was considerably longer than perhaps Mr. Mutch anticipated. It isn't always pleasant to come into a concert at the last moment as a substitute, but Mr. Mutch should surely be congratulated for his excellent performance.

Mr. Mutch has been associated with Ellison-White for the past two years, and will soon leave for Europe to take up his concert work. Mr. Mutch will appear again tonight with the Apollo singers.

Mrs. Robert McKinney Hofer, also kindly agreed to take the part Miss Rea had intended to sing in "Omnipotence," by Schubert. Although Mrs. Hofer had but a few hours' notice, she most ably sang the obligato solo. She has a cultivated voice and is a thoroughly pleasing singer, and it is to be regretted that the public is not favored more often with her singing.

The second apollo concert will be given tonight. With the most excellent work done last night and the fact that Mr. Mutch will again appear on the program, there is the assurance of another pleasing musical evening.

Business Depression Will Cause Shops to Shut Down

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 13.—Thousands of shopmen employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will be furloughed indefinitely Saturday when shops over the system will be shut down. Business depression and the necessities of effecting economies were given by officials as prompting the action.

WEATHER Wednesday fair; light northerly winds.

ARCHERD'S CAT IS MERE DUB, ASSERTS CHARLEY KNOWLAND

C. E. Knowland, King Bing of the Clerrans, says the trained cat of Charles B. Archerd is not so much of a cat after all. He says any sort of an animal will roll over two or three times when it wants to be fed. Mr. Knowland says he has a cat that is a cat. That cat will climb up to the bird cage, shake hands with the canary and do all that without asking for anything to eat. Knowland's trained cat (according to Mr. Knowland) comes out to meet him upon his return home every evening, and before entering the house, will wipe its feet on the door mat. It takes time to train a cat like that, Mr. Knowland says.

MT. ANGEL CASE IS COMPROMISED

Amicable Settlement Effected With Martin Horst and Mrs. Hougham

A compromise has been effected between the city of Mt. Angel and Martin Horst and Mrs. Clara B. Hougham, by which the city will not be obliged to pay the judgments entered against the town on account of damages done from sewerage from the Mt. Angel septic tanks.

Martin Horst will be paid by the city the sum of \$400 for which the city has the right of way of drainage over the Horst farm. The agreement provides that the septic tank shall be maintained in its present location and that the drainage shall be through a gravel filtration coming from the tank, or if not, direct through a pipe line.

The drainage over the Horst farm is to be of field tile and will be placed two feet below the surface. The city will have no use of any of the Horst land, and Mr. Horst or his assigns may cultivate over the tile. The septic tank is not to be made larger than at present, and the sewerage system through the Horst farm is to be completed by July 15, 1922.

Mrs. Clara B. Hougham will receive from the city of Mt. Angel the sum of \$802.25 which the city pays in lieu of the judgment of \$2500 in favor of Mrs. Hougham. The city will have the same right to construct a sewerage of tile through her land and on the same conditions granted Mr. Horst.

This ends the trouble between these two land holders and the city of Mt. Angel, in which each brought suit against the other, alleging damages from the overflow of the city's septic tank. The jury at the last term of court awarded Mrs. Hougham \$2500 and Mr. Horst \$1500. By the agreement these awards are cancelled.

ELKS MAY BAR USE OF CHARMS

Fraternal Order Members May Discard Well Known Emblem of Lodge

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks today was asked by the American Game Protective association to forbid its members wearing elks' teeth as emblems.

This request was made in a resolution adopted when photographs had been shown picturing elks shot for their teeth alone. Speakers included Governor Cary of Wyoming.

Portland Banks Again to Give Christmas Bonuses

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—Distribution of Christmas bonuses by banks and other financial institutions here to employees is expected to be a holiday feature as in former years. Directors of the various institutions have the matter under consideration, but it is probable the size of the salary bonuses would be smaller than heretofore because of the smaller profits of the banks this year and declining costs of living.

NOTED CAMP TO CLOSE AT BLACK ROCK

After 16 Years of Operation Spauldings Finish Cut in Prolific District

Black Rock camp of the Spaulding Logging company, so well known to timber men in this part of the valley, is about to be closed down for good by the company, according to U. G. Holt, logging superintendent.

Already operations have stopped on one side of the camp, and the equipment, consisting of four donkey engines and all logging supplies for work, shipped on seven cars to the company's camp at Grande Ronde.

The other side of the Black Rock camp will be closed early in the year, and equipment shipped to Grande Ronde, to be used by the Miami-Spaulding company.

The Black Rock camp of Spaulding's began operations about 16 years ago, and there has been logged off at the camp 2,000,000, 000 feet of timber. The company has not as yet decided what shall be done with the land, now that the merchantable timber has been cut and shipped.

YAMHILL PEOPLE SOUND PROTEST

Legislators and Former Legislator Cry Out Against World Fair Tax

Yamhill taxpayers are strongly opposed to anything that will add a dollar to the present burden of taxation, according to the report from the Yamhill Taxpayers' association meeting held at McMinnville Tuesday forenoon.

The court house was a seething jam of people, turned out to do their bit in reducing the tax load. An imposing list of speakers laid the conditions before the eager audience.

Senator W. M. Pierce of Union county, Senator A. M. LaFollette of Marion county, President C. E. Spence of the Oregon Grange, J. D. Brown of the state farmers' union, Col. E. Hofer of Salem, T. B. Kay and S. B. Endicott of Salem, Seymour Jones speaker of the house of representatives, and Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem, were on the program.

The net result of the meeting was a resolution to appear in force in Salem, December 19, to talk to the lawmakers at the pending session of the legislature. The resolution asked that the legislature consider no matters not specifically named in the governor's call, and declared against the 1922 Atlantic-Pacific exposition at Portland or anywhere else that would impose any tax burden on the suffering taxpayers.

The meeting was marked with vociferous enthusiasm from start to finish.

PALACE WRECKED

BELGRADE, Dec. 13.—The Sigurmanja palace at Bolgrad, Bessarabia, has been wrecked by a bomb, according to advices from Bucharest. One hundred soldiers and police on duty within the palace were killed. The bomb was thrown, it is believed, by one of a group of conspirators.

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CANCELING OF BIG WAR DEBT PART OF PLAN

Assuming Americans Do Not Intend to Call Meeting, British Leader May Take Initiative.

PROPOSAL TO FORMER PRESIDENT RECALLED

Claims Against Italy, France, Belgium, Russia, Balkans May Go

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Some foreign diplomats in attendance at the arms conference have received word which they interpret as indicating that Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain is preparing to take the initiative in world economic matters, having become convinced from the results of inquiries made here that the American government does not intend to call an international economic meeting, at least not in the near future.

His plan, according to the information, contemplates cancellation of all war debts owed to Great Britain by Italy, France, Belgium, Russia and the smaller Balkan allies, amounting to upward of two billions sterling.

The premier, it is recalled, proposed to President Wilson that all interallied debts should be cancelled, but his present design, according to the understanding, does not include renewal of that suggestion to the United States. He is said to intend to annul the debts of the other countries due Great Britain subject to conditions, one, it is understood, being that France should forgive the debts of allied countries to her amounting to about the equivalent of two billion of dollars and another being a reduction of German reparations due to France by 13,511,000,000 francs.

This is the amount France borrowed of England during the war and is about as large a sum as that loaned to France by the United States, which was 15,285,000,000 francs.

The idea of the British government acting independently of the United States in the cancellation of the debts, according to foreign officials, appears to have originated with Austen Chamberlain when he was chancellor of the exchequer.

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Silence Cham-like One delegation spokesman variously described the attitude of the "big three" today as "a clam-like silence."

Signing of the four-power treaty "in private" in the ante-room of the office of the secretary of state today was due to a sudden and unexplained reversal of the orders of department officials. Before the plenipotentiaries began to gather it was announced that the signing would be public and additional chairs were carried into the room.

Higher-up Appears Scarcely had the chairs been placed than "some one higher up" ruled that the signing would be private. The chairs were carried out again.

In the dark corridor outside were gathered a hundred or more correspondents and to this throng an official announced that he would furnish "bulletins." After 15 minutes he opened the door a wee crack and whispered: "Americans have signed."