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FATE OF GAS TAX FOR FAIR HANGS BY
THREAD IN SENATE; ONE VOTE TO DECIDE

AGREEMENT ON
NAVAL LIMITATION
EXPECTED SOON

U. S. Delegation Looks for
Agreement on All Phases of
Naval Limitation

ITALY SUGGESTS SESSION
ON BROADER SCOPE SOON

Italians Would Call Another
Conference to Deal With
Submarines, Auxiliary Craft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The American delegation confidently expects an agreement by the arms conference on all phases of limitation of naval armament before the first of the new year, a member of the delegation declared today. Developments of the last two days, not yet revealed, inspire this opinion, it was learned.

Suggest International Meet.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—The Italian delegates suggested another international gathering of a broader scope to be called soon after the adjournment of the present conference to deal with submarines and auxiliary craft.

French Will Not Hold Out.
PARIS, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The French delegation at Washington will not hold out for a specific ration of submarines or lighter naval craft, but will be permitted to accept any figure they believe necessary for French security, according to an official announcement today.

Expect France to Agree.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The United Press was reliably informed that final agreement of the naval treaty will be settled along the following lines: an approval of international warfare rules declaring against the use of submarines in the unrestricted manner Germany employed during the war; a formal rejection of Britain's plea for the abolition of submarines; a lower limit of submarine tonnage than Secretary Hughes proposed, which had suggested that the United States and Great Britain have 90,000, Japan 40,000, a proportionate amount for Japan; that France be brought in line with the whole program by granting her a slightly larger quota of auxiliary craft than that commensurate with the capital ship ratio of "1.75." The belief is expressed that France, for political purposes will agree to a compromise on her submarine demand.

WILSON MEMORIAL DRIVE
WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—A drive for funds for the Woodrow Wilson memorial will be made throughout the State of Kansas during the week of January 16. Plans for the campaign have just been completed following a meeting of the Kansas advisory committee here.

LIVESTOCK MARKET STEADY
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Livestock is steady. Eggs are firm and butter is steady.

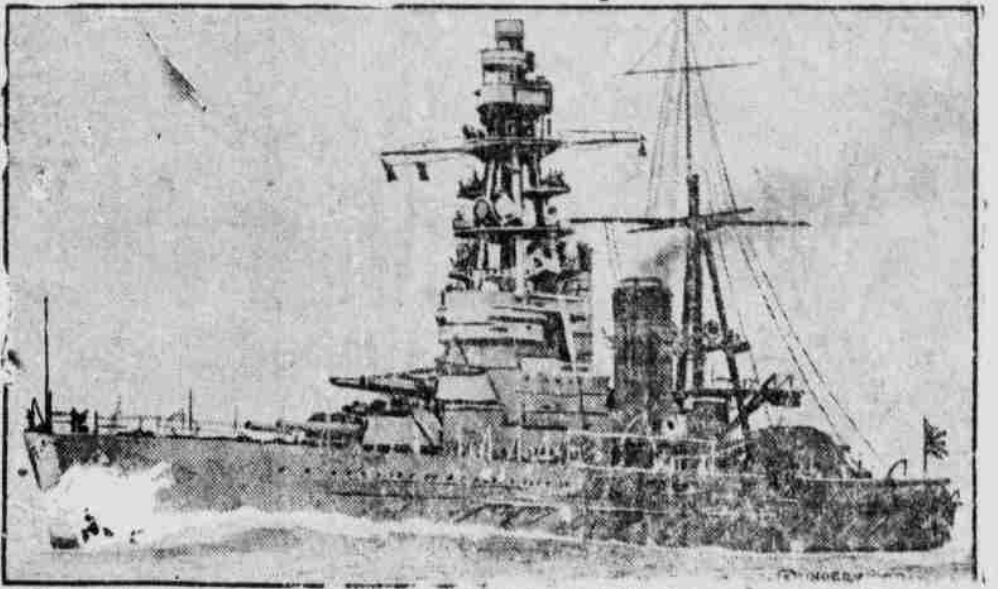
THE WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, local weather observer.
Maximum, 28.
Minimum, 16.
Barometer, 29.50.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday rain or snow.

JAPAN'S NEW BATTLESHIP IS MIGHTIEST IN WORLD.



The above picture is classed as the first photograph of the battleship Mutsu to reach the United States. The Mutsu will be the strongest warship when it is equipped with eight 16 inch guns and under the limitations conference arrangement will not be scrapped, although the original plan called for decommissioning this ship.

WAR CLOUDS GATHER
IN EASTERN EUROPE

RIGA, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—War clouds are again gathering in Eastern Europe. There is a possibility that Russia may become embroiled with half a dozen nations, as the result of a dispute between Moscow and Finland over Karelia.

Whether or not Russia goes to war will be decided by an all Russian congress of soviets in Moscow today. If Russia goes to war it is probable Finland will be supported by Poland, Rumania, some of the Baltic states and other powers along the Russian border.

PUBLIC OPINION SAYS
TREATY GOOD AS SIGNED

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Basing their belief upon an easy majority with which they effected an adjournment of the Dail Eireann yesterday, treaty proponents, led by Collins and Griffith, claimed assurance today for an ultimate ratification of the pact by the Dail upon their reassembling January third.

MORE LONDON COUPLES
ARE BECOMING ENGAGED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—This year has seen a boom in engagements, if the experience of jewelers is to be relied upon.

SHIP AND CAR COLLIDED.
DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The first recorded collision between a ship and a trolley occurred here today. The vessel, a three-masted sailing ship, the "Cymric," was about to enter the Ringstead dock and was waiting for the trolley to cross the revolving bridge at the dock entrance, but was struck by the trolley and rammed the car, smashing the windows and terrifying the passengers, without, however, injuring anybody. The trolley retained its balance and successfully negotiated the bridge.

ARMY JOSHES NAVY
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Army officers are poking fun at the decision on the map of naval officers showing the navy eagle with "eyes left." The soldiers tell the sailors that the bird is running away.

NAMED GOVERNOR "DRY GOODS"
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—An applicant for naturalization here, when asked to name the Governor of New Jersey, said "Dry Goods." Governor Edwards has been a consistent opponent of prohibition.

SEARCHERS FOR BOOZE
FIND HUMAN BONES HID
IN ATTIC IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Searchers for a house which discovered human bones in an attic here. An investigation is being made to establish their identity. Frank Tetecla, occupant of the house, denied ever having seen them before. He was arrested.

LEGION HEAD WOULD AID
DISABLED WAR BROTHERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—"Let us make this Christmas day a starting point in our personal service to those broken and sick of our comrades for whom the war will never end," Hanford MacNider, national commander, says in his Christmas message to the membership of the American Legion, and through it, to the American people.

In compliance with instructions sent the organization's 11,000 posts by national headquarters here several weeks ago, the holiday is being generally observed, reports from the states follow.

"Jobs would be the most acceptable presents you could give to our unemployed," Mr. MacNider continues, and each Legion man is pledged to surrender his holiday liberty and pleasure to find at least temporary work for an unemployed ex-soldier.

Legion Auxiliary, born at Kansas City in November of the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the service men, this year is assisting the young veterans by carrying the atmosphere of a family Christmas into the hospitals and unhappy homes.

Visits will be made to the homes of sick and wounded men and their families. Special committees will take care of men still in hospitals. Entertainment and presents will be provided.

In connection with these visits, the Legion men and women will obtain information on cases of neglect and follow up with claims to government bureau. Location of every possible unfortunate ex-service man has been effected through post meetings, Red Cross, medical organizations and city and county officials. In some instances house to house canvassing has been done by the members.

Hotel Registers Searched
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The police today were working on the trail of Miss Clara Skarin, wanted in Seattle in connection with the Hochbrunn murder. Officers are searching hotel registers for the past month. They expect no report until tomorrow. The trail is cold here.

IMMIGRANTS TO BE ADMITTED.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Orders direct no landing for a period of 90 days of aliens held in immigration stations because in excess of the quota already admitted, was issued today by Secretary Davis.

ONE ROBBER SHOT AND
COMPANION CONFESSES

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Clive Timmons in whose company, Earl Timmons, was shot and killed last night after they had kidnaped and robbed Mrs. James J. Callahan, her daughter and brother, confessed that he and his partner had participated in several holdups, including the Utah train robbery last August, and the sudden interruption of a card party at the home of Jacob Loeb, of Chicago, last August. Following his confession the police took into custody Miss Mary Roberts, 23 years of age, said to have been an intimate acquaintance of the dead robber. Timmons said he and his companion collected \$150 in the Oregon Short Line train holding August 31. Last Friday the pair held up J. F. Welsh, of Chicago, and stole his automobile and watch. Timmons said.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET
SHOWS STRENGTH TODAY

The Chicago grain market is decidedly stronger today than yesterday. December wheat closed at \$1.13, May at \$1.16 7/8, and July at \$1.04 5/8. Yesterday the quotations were December \$1.11 7/8, May \$1.15 7/8 and July, \$1.04 1/4.

Following are the quotations received by Overbeck & Cooke, local brokers:

Table with columns: Wheat, Open, High, Low, Close. Data for Dec, May, July, Sterling.

SEARCH COAST CITIES
FOR MISS CLARA SKARIN

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The captain of detective Charles Zennaro issued instructions to every coast city today to apprehend Miss Clara Skarin, also known as Clara Windburn, in connection with the murder of Ferdinand Hochbrunn here two months ago. The police believe Clara either ran away from Seattle, insane at finding her great uncle dead, or had committed the crime herself. Mrs. Chedotal, occupying the room beneath the death chamber, declared Clara had been in the Hochbrunn apartment since the probable date of the murder. Clara's relatives deny the girl is implicated. She went to California for her health, calling Thanksgiving dinner with them before leaving. Mrs. Dalesman, an aunt, saw her to the train. She declared she was not excited.

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WILL NOT START TRIAL.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—The district attorney is unable to start the second Arbutte trial on January 9th.

EUGENE DEBS, WELL
KNOWN SOCIALIST
LEAVES PRISON TODAY

Was Inmate of Penitentiary
Almost 3 Years; Home Town
Will Accord Him Welcome.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—A high administration official informed the United Press that Eugene Debs, the socialist leader, would leave the Atlanta penitentiary today a free man after two and a half years' imprisonment. Other political prisoners are also to be pardoned. Terra Haute, Ind., is preparing to give Debs a royal welcome.

HIGH COST OF GRAND
OPERA MAY RESULT IN
'ANGELS' WITHDRAWING

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The high cost of grand opera may result in several millionaire "angels" of the Chicago Grand Opera Company withdrawing their support from the famous organization. Mary Garden, the director, is sick. Should the opera be retained she will continue as director. Harold E. McCormick is one backer. In a conference it developed the organization spent \$2,500,000 in 23 weeks' performance.

TIMES ARE HARD SO
KING CUTS EXPENSES

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Just at a time when the royal family must stage one of the grandest weddings in years, requiring an outlay of no end of millions, the word goes forth from King George's household that there is to be a complete reorganization of things—all for the sake of economy.

The new Lord Chamberlain, the Duke of Atholl, the only peer in the British Isles permitted to maintain a private army, is believed to be partly responsible for the decision to thoroughly modernize the royal establishment and put it on a sound business basis.

It is not expected, of course, that this new drive for real retrenchment will be permitted to dim the splendor of Princess Mary's nuptials, but the Lord Chamberlain, it is said, will not allow those nuptials to delay his plan for saving the sterling. In this decision, he is understood to have the enthusiastic backing of the King, who believes that in these hard times the royal household should set an example for economy and efficiency.

The King already has forgone his yacht racing and other pleasures that were deemed too costly.

As one of the first steps toward reduced expenditure a number of sinecure jobs around the palace will either be eliminated or the salaries reduced. In bygone days, two of the great officers of state were the Lord Steward and the Master of the Horse but both of these lately have been found to be redundant and their holders no longer perform any executive function.

The same course, it is learned, has been taken in regard to the Vice-Chamberlain, the Royal Treasurer and the Controller of the Household which in reality are political appointments given by the government in power to three whips in parliament, who perform no real duties at court, but receive their pay envelopes from the Royal Household.

BEAR AND MOOSE IDENTICAL
WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Bear and moose are plentiful in Canada this year, according to Commissioner J. G. Rattray, Game Custodian for the Government.

NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT DIES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Sam McVey, a negro heavyweight, died at the hospital today of pneumonia.

SEA FURNISHES IDEAS.
PARIS, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Paris milliners have gone down to the sea for their latest inspiration. Toggles of sea shells and with just enough black felt to provide a band for the head, are the newest creations of the modistes. Iridescent shells are used to produce unique effects while red coral also forms part of the trimming.

PORTLAND USES
THREAT ABOUT
PROPERTY TAX

Claim Made That Property
Tax Will be Submitted by
Initiative if Bill Loses.

CHANGE IN SPLIT MAKES
SHIFT IN ROAD COMMITTEE

Porter of Linn Changed From
Opposition to Support of
Bill; Vote Will be Late.

At 1:45 this afternoon the situation in the state senate at Salem was such that the fate of the proposed gas tax to finance the Portland fair hung by a thread with the possibility the bill may be carried or defeated by the narrow margin of a single vote. According to Senator Roy W. Ritzner, who was reached by long distance, a change in the gas bill made today caused Senator Porter to change from opposition to support of the bill, thus making the roads committee five to four in favor of the bill whereas early in the day the majority of the committee opposed the bill.

This afternoon supporters of the fair are making strenuous efforts to get the bill through the senate and are threatening that if the gas tax bill is not carried the property tax measure, originally submitted, will be placed before the people under the initiative. Senator La Follette of Marion county is one of the men being worked upon.

All the Eastern Oregon senators, save Nichols of Hood River, are standing pat against the plan to shut car owners by forcing them to finance the Portland exposition.

It appeared the debate in the senate would last all afternoon with prospects of a vote late this afternoon or tonight.

SALEM, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The senate today took up consideration of the three road bills, which the house passed yesterday. The committee on roads and highways nursed them all night. The committee reported them all favorably, which means their senate passage with but slight amendment. The senate now has the entire major legislative program, the houses, having unloaded and is now making time.

Committee is Opposed.
Thinkers look dark for any fair legislation in the senate. The committee reported the bill out with the majority favoring its passage with amendments. Fair leaders today conceded that the gasoline tax fair bill, as passed by the house, should be slightly amended giving the state commission of fifteen power to control the expenditure of the million dollar fund to be collected by private subscription as well as the expenditure of the gasoline tax money.

Gas Tax May Pass.
It appeared as if something during the day, if at all, the senate will pass the fair and road bills, both with amendments, then get together with the house some time during the night, clean up and go home. The fair proponents appeared willing to make concessions in order to get the gasoline bill through, so its probable amendment is certain. The Bean income tax bill may pass the house, as a compliment to its speaker, but will probably be slaughtered if it reaches the senate.

HOSE WON'T ADMOUNT.
SALEM, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—The house tabled a resolution to adjourn at noon today. The senate has not acted on its resolution. It may get away tonight provided it gets action on the fair and road bills this afternoon.

Road Bills Pass House.
SALEM, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—The house yesterday passed all three highway measures recommended by the highway committee. Several amendments to the house bill 21 and house bill 4 were written in during the three hours discussion. House bill 5 passed without comment.

New Split Proposed.
SALEM, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—An amendment to the gasoline tax bill proposed in the senate, provides that 60 percent of the revenue from the

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