

ABOLITION OF DIVER SOUGHT

Great Britain's Plea for Scrapping Submarines Meets With Skepticism Abroad

London, Dec. 24.—Presentation of the Washington conference of Great Britain's plea for abolition of the submarine as a naval weapon has aroused the greatest interest here. The newspaper comment is largely upon the speech of Lord of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty, before the conference on Thursday, in which he made the proposal and outlined the reasons prompting it.

General opinion here undoubtedly favors abolition, and there is no prospect of its being brought about, but on the other hand there is some skepticism regarding the possibility of preventing the use of submarines even if the conference adopted Lord of Fareham's proposal.

Force Cruiser Fleet.
The Morning Post argues that developments at Washington indicate the necessity of Great Britain maintaining an adequate force of cruisers and small craft for the protection of her commerce against submarines.

The Daily Mail declares that the abolition of submarine warfare would render dependent upon the sea communications for assistance to arm their merchantships, with unhappy and undesirable consequences.

Hope to Wind-up.
Washington, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Conference delegates are expected to conclude at today's session the full naval commitments of the British proposals and with a decision on that point to clear the way for consideration of the question of auxiliary tonnage allotment for France under the limitation plan. While French delegates were known to have received additional instructions from Paris on that subject, they apparently have taken the position that the abolition proposal should be carried to a decision before they submit detailed proposals.

The unfinished business of the conference shared the attention of delegates today with the new emphasis given to the four power treaty discussion by President Harding's public statement late yesterday characterizing the differences over interpretation of the treaty as "unimportant." Declaring he would "offer no comment on disputes which attempt to qualify the differing construction" of the treaty, Mr. Harding said that the lesser questions of procedure be not permitted to obscure the central purpose of the conference to preserve peace.

Ships Promise Years Work To Ship Yard Men

London, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—All the shipyard laborers in Japan are assured continued employment for at least a year in completing the ten light cruisers and 24 destroyers now building or ordered. This assurance comes from Vice Admiral Keisuke Okada, chief of the department of naval construction. As a result of the understanding reached at Washington, it has been suspended on four lightships and four battle cruisers.

It is estimated that the Japanese government will be allowed to proceed with the building of the auxiliary craft, Vice Admiral Okada recommends such allocation of the tonnage as to preserve the efficiency of all dock yards possible. It would be merely a precaution against any possible developments which might necessitate additional construction during the ten-year "naval holiday" over the tonnage allowed under the present agreement.

Who to Play at Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The University of Idaho and not the University of Nebraska will play the University of Southern California on the gridiron here tomorrow, 18, 1922, it has been announced by Henry Bruce, graduate manager of the Trojans. Tentative arrangements had been made for a game with the Nebraska team on that date but it was finally decided it was the duty of the Trojans to give preference to the most conference teams in the west.

Barum Was Right.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The case of the Bayland was heard here when it is claimed that the Pennsylvania station to whom the money was to be paid was not the one to whom it should be given.

Southern Pacific Announces Cut of Livestock Rates

According to announcement by J. H. Mulchay, general freight agent, the Southern Pacific company has filed with the interstate commerce commission a tariff effective January 1, 1922, which continues in effect the 20 per cent reduction on livestock that was intended to expire December 31, 1921. This 20 per cent reduction applies only to rates that are in excess of 50 cents per hundred pounds, but all livestock rates not affected by the 20 per cent reduction will be reduced 10 per cent January 1, 1922, if they have not already been reduced to that extent.

"This 10 per cent reduction should materially help the shippers from nearby shipping points as well as continue while the congestions the longer haul shippers have had will be continued. The 10 per cent reduction also applies to farm produce and is for an experimental period of six months and unless the carriers are able to substantially reduce their expenses, of which the greater part

is labor costs in the meantime the rates will expire June 30, 1922."

Soviets Fight Famine.
Riga, Dec. 24.—Reports printed by the Pravda, bolshevik newspaper in Prava, declared considerable progress was being made by the soviets in fighting famine in the stricken districts.

Railroad Taxes Off Next Month

A feature of the new revenue act, effective on January 1, 1922, which is of far-reaching importance to business men, producers and the public generally, is the repeal of taxes on freight and passenger charges. These taxes have been a direct charge upon the per-

sons paying for the services, as the transportation companies were required to collect the taxes from the persons to whom the services were rendered. This repeal will save the people of Oregon at least two and one-half million dollars annually.

Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, announced that under a bureau ruling, the tax now in force will apply to amounts pre-



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