

Will Reach Agreement Within Another Week

Armament Conference Is Really Proceeding With Surprising Rapidity And Now That Japanese Hand Has Been Disclosed Experts See Light Ahead

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Enough has transpired within the last 24 hours to warrant a positive prediction that an agreement will be reached within another week on the program for a reduction of naval armament and a naval shipbuilding holiday.

No longer is there worry about the outcome, prolonged as the debate may be. For the truth is the Japanese hand has been disclosed. It is the hand of old world diplomacy which rarely accepts anything right off the bat but considers it carefully, asks for more, appears to be deeply insistent on more concessions and finally with a gesture of generosity recedes in the interest of common agreement.

For several days past the views of Baron Kato, minister of marine, have been put out in one form or another, giving the impression that Japan was adamant in her desire for a higher ratio than the so called 5-5-3. Now comes Prince Tokugawa, the head of the delegation, and in a talk with newspaper men lays stress on the fact that Baron Kato was expressing his personal views. This, however, isn't the only basis for the idea that Japan is prepared to make good her original acceptance of the Hughes program. There are other signs beneath the surface which lead to the conclusion, that Japan has decided she can not be responsible for the breaking up of a naval agreement which the whole world hailed so auspiciously after the opening session, Japan knows, in other words, that Great Britain is ready to accept and will do so and that even France will not quibble over the submarine tonnage figures, but will at the psychological moment withdraw her request for modification. In the face of a European and American entente, Japan cannot afford to stand alone. She now knows the dangers that might ensue from too great insistence on her own viewpoint. She knows, for instance, that Secretary Hughes is not in a bargaining mood and that if Japan means to alter the existing strength of the American and Japanese navy there will be no naval holiday and no reduction of armament.

The American delegation feels that the naval experts who have worked out the ratios of existing strength between the Japanese and American navy know what they are talking about and that if the truth were acknowledged the ratio of 5-5-3 is much more generous than a strict interpretation of existing strength really calls for. Feeling that way, it is not surprising that the Americans will not countenance a 10-10-7 ratio. The conference is having its ups and downs, its exasperating delays and discouragements but relatively speaking they are infinitesimal compared to the multiplicity of differences which developed at the Paris conference. And the progress being made here, slow as it may seem to those anxious for quick results, is rapidly itself compared to the Paris procedure.

The most surprising thing about the whole conference thus far is the fact that Far Eastern questions are being disposed of more quickly than most Far Eastern experts ever dreamed. Perhaps this is because the conference started out with definite principles and is simply trying to apply them to specific cases. Perhaps it is because Japan herself is not so much of an obstacle to agreement as some people thought she would be. After all, it is much more to the interest of Japan that an agreement should be reached on Far Eastern questions than it is to any other power here except possibly China. For it is evident to the Japanese that they can accomplish little by direct negotiations with the Chinese because of the latter's interminable distrust of everything Japanese. Whatever is settled there, therefore, is so much gained in the cause of Far Eastern peace. Many of the questions on the program will of course not be disposed of in Washington but will be left to some tribunal to decide. Yet a start will be made on all of them. From the beginning the attitude of Japan has been the key to the words "success"

DELICATE BUT NOT HOPELESS

Is American Officials' Description Of Situation Involved In Japan's Proposal For Higher Naval Ratio

Washington, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The situation resulting from Japan's formal proposal that her naval ratio under the American plan be increased to seventy per cent is regarded by American officials as delicate but not hopeless. Representatives of China and Japan held their first meeting with Secretary Hughes and Arthur Balfour today to lay a basis for negotiations on the Shantung controversy.

This Service Man In Desperate Need

Wolf Is At-Door Of Former Soldier Who Is Searching For Work

Here, then, is the story of an ex-service man of this city who is absolutely "up against it":

This man was a farmer before the war. He supported a widowed mother, and was called into the army in May, 1918, after he had planted his crop for the year. He had about five hundred dollars tied up in his year's investment for seed, fertilizer and supplies for a two-horse crop. This he was compelled to leave without being able to get anyone to take charge of it for him. He lost his entire investment, and returned from his service in the World War several hundred dollars in debt by reason of the failure of his crop.

He then moved to Elizabeth City, where he obtained a job. In a few months he was married. His wife also went to work, and for a time they managed to get along fairly well.

Then, due to general business conditions, he lost his job. For six months he has been without regular employment, seeking odd jobs wherever he could find them. His wife has kept on working, though now in a few days she will be compelled to give up her work, since her condition is delicate.

This young couple, struggling along on the barest necessities of life, now face a desperate situation. In a little while there will be a third mouth to feed; and in a still shorter time the entire family revenue will cease.

If there is any business man or farmer in this city or section who can give employment to this former service man who needs work so desperately, he is asked to notify Jerome B. Flora, post commander of Seth Edward Perry Post, American Legion, Elizabeth City, who will in turn notify the man.

TEN HUNTERS LOSE LIVES

Detroit, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Ten hunters have lost their lives this year during the twenty days of the deer hunting season.

or "failure" at this conference but the Japanese have given evidence in more ways than one that they will not take the responsibility before the world of breaking up the Washington conference and placing themselves in a position of moral isolation which would be permanently injurious to Japanese plans for expansion. All agreements reached are a compromise and the American government thought it would save time by putting out a compromise at the first session. The Hughes naval program is not nationalistic but is worked out on a basis that is felt to be fair for all nations. That's why there will be no recessions. The Japanese and British are fully expected to announce their complete acceptance at a plenary session the latter part of next week.

Governor Small Makes Statement

Quotes Letter From Director Public Welfare Purporting To Be Expose Of Political Forces

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Governor Small made a public statement today quoting a letter from O. H. Jenkins, director of public welfare, dealing with alleged grand jury corruption and purporting to be an expose of political forces seeking to destroy Small and his colleagues.

The correspondence grows out of the indictment by the grand jury of Governor Small on charges of embezzlement.

TO SEND ADVISER TO BANKERS CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—A decision was reached by the Federal Reserve Board today to send an adviser to the conference of foreign bankers called by the Reparations Commission to discuss exchange stabilization, it was said officially at the Treasury today.

Says D. W. Woodhouse Will Be Next Sheriff

Currutuckian With Ear To Ground Makes Positive Prediction Poplar Branch Man Will Run And Win

Politics are warming up over in Currutuck and highly interesting developments are to be looked for between now and the next campaign according to Currutuckians in the city who are in a position to know the facts.

One of the most interesting bits of political gossip afloat is a report that D. W. Woodhouse, postmaster and prominent merchant and farmer at Poplar Branch, will be in the race for sheriff in the next campaign. Undoubtedly friends of his are urging him to throw his hat into the ring and some who are very close to him say that he is giving the matter careful consideration and will in all probability be in the race.

"If D. W. Woodhouse does run," said a prominent Currutuckian who was here one day this week, "he will be the next sheriff of Currutuck County. No man in Currutuck County knows the situation better than I do and I am willing to venture this very positive prediction. And D. W. Woodhouse deserves to win. He has been a worker and a generous supporter of every movement for progress and betterment in his community and in Currutuck County for the last thirty years, and has done it without reward or thought of reward. He is entirely competent and would make one of the most efficient and conscientious public officials Currutuck County has ever had."

SEDATH-FOXWELL

George Harry Sedath, of New York City, and Miss Effie Foxwell, of Norfolk, were married here Tuesday afternoon.

Homicides Fewer In Year Of 1920

New York, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Homicides in 1920 were approximately 9,519, according to computation by Frederick L. Hoffman, third vice president and statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America. The figures published in the Spectator showed that the Southern States with their large negro populations had the highest rate.

"Cousin Kate" Makes An Unusual Film Production

Her mother's urgings rather than her own heart caused Amy to accept Heath Desmond as her fiance. She regrets the action when she finds the young artist painting on Sunday and talking rather flippantly of his sin.

Encouraged by the advice of the young curate, who really wants the girl for himself, Amy sends Heath away.

This is the beginning of a dramatic situation in "Cousin Kate," Charles Frohman play by Hubert Henry Davies, which has been visualized by Vitagraph as an Alice Joyce production, directed by Mrs. Sidney Drew. It will be shown at the Alkrama Theater today.

BEGIN ARGUMENTS IN ARBUCKLE CASE

San Francisco, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The arguments were scheduled to begin in the manslaughter trial of Roscoe Arbuckle today, each side being limited to four hours.

FRANCE WANTS RECEIVERSHIP

Will Likely Make Such Proposal As Alternative For Great Britain's Moratorium On Reparations

Paris, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—A receivership for Germany as bankrupt with an autonomous Rhineland to be exploited by the Allies for reparations will likely be proposed by France as an alternative to any moratorium on reparations that may be suggested by Great Britain, it was said here today in official circles.

No Trace Of Poison Found In Well Water

Columbus, S. C., Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—No trace of poison was found in the water from the well of the Lee family at Beldoc, says the report to the State Board of Health from Dr. F. L. Parker of Charleston who analyzed the stomach of Mrs. Lee who with three other members of the family died several weeks ago.

Six Dead As Result Of Wreck

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Six were killed and twenty-two injured in a collision between two limited trains near Celilo today.

Destroyer Sent To Bring Back Morse

Man Said To Have Left Country In The Face Of Investigation

Washington, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The Justice Department is understood to have asked the Navy Department to send a destroyer to intercept the French liner "Paris" and bring back Charles W. Morse, of New York, who is said to have left the country in face of a grand jury investigation of his ship contract.

ARGONAUT MINE ROBBED OF THOUSANDS IN GOLD

Jackson, Cal., Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Gold amalgam valued at \$60,000 was taken from the Argonaut mine here this morning, by eight bandits, who escaped.

VIOLENT RIOTS AT VIENNA

Vienna, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Violent rioting followed a demonstration today before the Parliament Building, in which the red flag was raised.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

St. Augustine, Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—Walter K. Coontz, sixty-nine, of Fredericksburg, Va., died Tuesday night as the result of injuries sustained when an automobile struck him, a coroner's jury determined.

SAVINGS BANK HAS BRAND NEW IDEA

The "Original Christmas Savings Club" bank has started another new plan to encourage everybody to save money.

This bank is the Savings Bank & Trust Company, and the plan includes the organization of two teams, the Eagles and the Owls, to solicit members in the Christmas Savings Club for 1922.

Miss Aurilla Strahl is captain of the Eagles with W. Roy Simmons and W. R. Stowe as her aides.

Miss Geneva Roane is captain of the Owls, assisted by W. W. Woodley, Jr., and Henry Crowley.

In addition to these Carlton Woodley will also receive applications for membership, and the bank is prepared to help everybody to be thrifty in the year 1922.

PULLS "WATERMILLION" FIRST DAY DECEMBER

Jordan Warren, colored, who lives on Speed street, pulled a seven pound watermelon on the first day of December and brought it around to the Buxton White Seed Company, where he had bought the "Florida Flavor" seed to show Mr. White and Mr. Baum his treasure. The watermelon did not look so big, but it was heavy and healthy looking and Warren handled it with great care, for he was convinced that it would taste good, too.

Jones Address Was Leading Feature of Morning Program

Industrial Agent Of Railroad Tells Hearers That He Milked His Way Through College—Eastern North Carolina Needs More Dairies

Thursday morning the State Livestock Association turned over the day to discussions and demonstrations of dairy and poultry. The feature address of the morning session was made by Jesse M. Jones, Industrial Agent of the Seaboard Air Line, who told the livestock men that he had milked his way through college, had worked in a creamery and fitted dairy herds for shows where they captured enough prizes to pay all expenses of long trips.

Mr. Jones told of a recent trip he made through the North and West and how he found the dairy cow had come to the rescue of farmers in California, Oregon and the middle states during the present economic depression. He advocated the building up of a dairy industry in Eastern North Carolina not only to help offset the losses anticipated through the boll weevil but as an economic and social measure to insure prosperity and health, especially for the children. He instanced the fact that the railroads were hauling milk and milk products from Pennsylvania to Florida and that Eastern North Carolina was a great importer of butter and canned milk which could be produced here.

O. F. McCrary, who presided, heartily seconded Mr. Jones in advocacy of more dairy cows and promised his co-operation as District Demonstration Agent in dairy activities. Following Mr. Jones, the Hon. R. H. Chichester, of Fredericksburg, Va., gave his experiences in building up a purebred Guernsey herd which now contains some high record cows and from which he sells animals at record prices. He gave the farmers some valuable advice on the care and handling of dairy cattle.

The butter making demonstration and the judging of dairy products was held in the Y. M. C. A. building Thursday morning before an interested group of about 60 women, of whom 28 entered butter in the contest. Thursday morning the school boys began judging six classes of livestock for prizes offered by the associations and the winners will be announced tonight. Members of the Extension and Experiment station staffs are conducting demonstrations in judging animals in front of the court house this afternoon, while Mr. Nixon, of New Jersey, has a full day's work in placing the ribbons on the winners at the State Poultry Show.

Besides the moving pictures at the court house tonight, Dr. B. F. Kaupp is to tell the audience of present conditions in Europe especially in reference to agriculture, he having but recently returned from an extended trip through the principal countries of Europe. "This is a free attraction and like last night is expected to crowd the court house."

TAKES NEW POSITION

Victor K. Overman, who has been in partnership with his brother, Harold S. Overman, Manager of the City Drug Store, for the last three years left Tuesday night for Beaufort where he becomes manager of the Beaufort Drug Company.

METHODIST BISHOPS AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church from all sections of the United States are gathered for the annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions here today.

Points Of Interest During The Show

- At the Court House: Morning and afternoon speeches, lectures and discussions, along with various special displays and free moving pictures each night at 7:30 o'clock. Nutrition booth all day each day.
- At the Elizabeth City Motor Car Company garage, second floor of Kramer Bros. former stand on North Martin street: The Poultry Show.
- At Kramer Bros. Mill Yard, North Martin street: The Livestock Show, and the various judging contests.

CLARKE CASE EXPECTED TO GO TO JURY TODAY

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 1 (By The Associated Press)—The case of Lina Clarke, postmistress at West Palm Beach, and Bacter Patterson, chauffeur, jointly charged with the murder of Fred A. Miltimore, former employe in Miss Clarke's office, is expected to go to the jury late today.