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250 ORLEANS POLICE BATTLE FOR HOUR IN WATER FRONT CLASH

Union Sympathizers Attack Non-Union Men, Say Police

SEVERAL INJURED AND NUMBER ARE ARRESTED

Iron Bars, Bricks and Clubs Fly When Three-Sided Fight Rages

New Orleans, Nov. 28.—Two hundred and fifty policemen battled for an hour today with union sympathizers of the striking river front workers.

The clash was the first serious disturbance that has marked the strike, in which 12,000 men are out.

Rioting started when non-union workers began to leave their jobs for the day.

Iron bars, bricks and fists were used freely by both sides.

Police reserves from every station in the city, and from across the river, were called to the scene.

Police Superintendent Stoney led his forces in person, while officers and patrolmen also joined into the struggle.

According to an official estimate, at least twenty men were seriously beaten. Two bystanders were among those badly hurt.

None of the injured cases reported will prove fatal, hospital authorities say.

The number of arrests still was being tabulated tonight. Many men were being held in precinct stations.

Thousands witnessed the battle. To-night heavy forces of harbor guards were augmenting the police on river front duty and large reserves were being held at the more central precinct stations.

REPORT ON "WISDOM" OF NAVAL HOLIDAY TO BE PRESENTED TODAY

Admiral Rogers' Report May Be Secret

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A report on the "wisdom" of the proposed ten-year naval holiday and the submarine problem will be presented to the American advisory committee Wednesday by Admiral Rogers, chairman of the subcommittee on naval armament, which has been studying the question.

Experts already developed by Admiral Rogers were outlined at a meeting of the general committee today, but it was indicated that the report when in hand might not be made public.

The Rogers subcommittee, Chairman Sutherland explained, is not dealing with naval ratio, but is endeavoring to report on the economic questions involved in warship building suspension for ten years.

Members of the subcommittee on public information are seeking to get for the benefit of the American delegation the sentiment of the country on the American proposals for limiting armament, and the use of submarines and poison gas.

Secretary Hughes, meeting the committee last week, made certain statements on which the public view was sought, but their nature was not revealed.

Chairman Sutherland called upon President Harding tonight and told him the advisory committee would be ready to present its report Wednesday upon specific propositions.

Generally the report will take cognizance of public opinion at home and abroad and the armament proposals, he said.

The great burden of this matter, he indicated has proven favorable to the American program. He declared specifically that the committee had not even formally adopted an attitude of opposition to extend the conference to a meeting of nations.

Adding that the topic might be considered outside the scope of the committee's report.

BOSTON IS STRUCK BY SNOW AND SLEET STORM

Central New England Is Hard Hit By Storm

BOSTON, Nov. 28.—A storm of sleet and snow that reached its height early today and then turned to rain caused heavy damage across central New England.

Telephone and electric light services were seriously affected, the collapse of the laden wires and poles causing interruptions that will take hours to overcome.

Suburbs north of Boston were without lights tonight in most places and at least two thousand homes were without gas. Tonight, however, the telephone and telegraph companies also were without service.

Several street breakdowns and street cars were stalled over a wide area.

The total loss was estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

The few marine mishaps were not believed to be serious. The Pollock Rip has been closed with eleven men aboard and reports from its coverings by a tugboat.

The schooner was safely under the lee of the island in Nantucket sound. A cutter was with the coast guard cutter and heading to her aid.

TAKES OWN LIFE

WILMINGTON, S. C., Nov. 28.—R. F. Hargett, 52, of 1015 S. 1st St., Green Pond, died at his home here at 12 o'clock today.

Hargett, a widower, committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol. He left a wife and a grown son survive him.

German Ambassador



Baron von Thiermann

Baron Edmund von Thiermann, the newly-appointed Charge d'Affaires of the German Embassy soon to be opened in Washington. He is the first accredited representative of his country since Count von Bernstorff left in April, 1917. The photo shows the Baron getting a view of the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

Weird Story Is Told By Woman In Murder Case

ORLANDO, Fla., Nov. 28.—The climax in the Biltmore murder case came today when Lena M. T. Clarke, taking the stand in her own defense and after recounting the events leading up to the killing of Fred A. Biltmore in Orlando, August 1, declared that the murdered man had been forced into his chair in her room in a local hotel and that the rays of the light on the man's glasses kept going up and down and that the next thing she remembered was being in the corridor of the hotel, followed shortly after by refreshing ministrations from the hand of E. D. Vessel, chief of police.

The state, interrupted Miss Clark full and only once, allowed her sensational story which covered a period of nearly ten years, graphically recited in two hours, during which the audience breathlessly awaited every word from the witness.

With a crystal before her, the red-haired, gingham clad, former postmistress of West Palm Beach recounted a story which seemingly stunned the jury and transfixed the spectators.

Leading up to the actual killing of Biltmore, Miss Clarke told of events which had occurred in West Palm Beach and the post office for the past decade.

And she stated that she had forced Biltmore into a chair in her room, dazed and bewildered, not only the jury but her hearers by an abrupt transition from earthly affairs into a spiritistic scene which ranged from the days of creation, from the days of Adam and Eve through the annals of Florida crime.

Miss Clarke who occupied the stand for more than two hours told the same story she had given in a signed statement shortly after the crime, but which she had been forced to read and write before she was born, the state entered an objection but immediately withdrew it, taking a chance that her testimony would hinder rather than help the defense.

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Vanderlip Favors Granting Allies Much Time on Debts

New York, Nov. 28.—Recognition by the allies of their eleven billion dollar debt to America as a just debt, agreement by this country to easy payments and the money thus repaid to be used in rehabilitating Europe, was a plan proposed tonight by Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, and a eminent creditor.

"Terms of payment ought to be adopted to the means of our debtors. In that respect we should take the action of the allies in fixing the terms of the indemnity as an example to be avoided rather than followed."

"The crux of my plan would lie in the disposition of the payments. I would make America a beau-jeu; a grand gesture in international relationships. While demanding that the payment be made I would have America say that she is prepared for the present to forego the receipt of it."

Concerning what should be done with the money paid back, Mr. Vanderlip said: "I would like to see every dollar that can ever be paid to us by our debtors for years to come, devoted to the rehabilitation of European civilization that these debts can ever conceivably be paid. It is only through the rehabilitation of European civilization that America can ever conceivably realize its full measure of destiny or can expect a full measure of prosperity for her people."

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ASHEVILLE MAN NAMED ON STATE HEALTH BOARD

C. E. Waddell will be Engineering Member

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Charles E. Waddell, an engineer of Asheville, has been appointed by Governor Morrison as the engineering member of the State Board of Health, succeeding Col. J. L. Ludlow, of Winston-Salem, who has held the position, since 1887. Col. Ludlow's term expired last January 1, but he has been holding over pending the appointment of a successor.

Governor Morrison accompanied by State Highway Commissioner W. A. Hart, left this afternoon for Tarboro, where tomorrow night the executive will address the A. M. E. Zion conference. He will be accompanied by Tarboro of Commissioner White.

Officials of the Seaboard Air Line railway have started an investigation into the causes of the freight engine explosion which occurred at the north of here Saturday night, which resulted in three deaths. Low water pressure in the boiler of the engine was the cause of the explosion, officials said.

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Elected to Office



Miss Anne Mathews

Miss Anne Mathews, Register-Elect, was the only woman in New York City to be elected for an office. Miss Mathews was born on Election Day, which was a forecast of the success she was to achieve in political life. Her office pays a salary of \$12,000 per year.

"Lost Battalion" Hero Is Missing From Ship, Hear

New York, Nov. 28.—Lieut. Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey, hero of the famous "lost battalion," has disappeared from the steamship Toloa on which he sailed Saturday for Havana, according to a wireless message received here today.

News of the famous soldiers' disappearance came in the following message received here from the captain of the ship:

"Passenger named C. W. Whittlesey disappeared. Left several letters." Officials of the United Fruit Line, operators of the ship, confirmed the fact that the passenger in question was Lieut. Col. Whittlesey, through his relatives.

Members of Mr. Whittlesey's law firm here were at a loss to account for his disappearance. He seemed cheerful when last seen. He seemed cheerful when last seen. He seemed cheerful when last seen.

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PALEY'S FIRST CLASH WITH JAPS PRESENT CLAIM FOR 70 PER CENT

STORM CENTER MOVES TO VIRGINIA CAPES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The storm center over South Carolina last night was off the Virginia capes tonight and described by the weather bureau as of marked intensity moving northeastward. Storm warnings remain displayed on the Atlantic coast at and north of Cape Hatteras.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The Washington arms conference is approaching its first great decision.

It was announced tonight by Vice Admiral Kato, chief Japanese naval expert, that Japan seeks a 70 percent naval ratio. At the same time it was announced with equal authority that the American delegation stood firmly on Secretary Hughes' "5-5-3" ratio proposal which means a 60 percent status for Japan.

The conference ultimately must reconcile these two views or accept one or the other to reach agreement on naval limitations.

Vice Admiral Kato said the 70 percent ratio was the minimum necessary for Japanese security.

The American view is that 60 percent for Japan is the maximum naval strength that could be accepted in view of American liabilities in the Pacific.

Tomorrow the naval experts of the five powers will hold their first meeting in nearly a week. They have concluded their inter-group discussion of the American plan and the major factors are concerned. Developments today and tonight indicated that they would return the matter to the conference with recommendations for important modifications.

The American experts are satisfied that the original estimates of naval strength on which the Hughes plan was based were correct. What form the committee report may take is not clear. Presumably the British officers are in accord with the American view in many respects. The attitude of French and Italian experts has not been formally disclosed.

Yet there was some indication that action by the committee of experts to sustain the American estimate of naval strength and figures was expected. Whether the Japanese experts would submit minority views in that case was not known.

Action to Shift

In any event, it seems likely that the scene of the drama transferred within the week from the experts to the committee room where the delegates of the five powers must weigh questions of policies as well as of facts. Presumably the Japanese group is prepared to continue its argument there for a "10-10-7" fleet ratio instead of the American "5-5-3" proposal.

To what extent Japanese insistence may be met by the committee or later before the conference itself, however, is still to be disclosed.

Vice Admiral Kato, in his statement, declared that the 70 percent ratio was "the minimum of strength required" for Japan's security. He added this comment:

"People of all countries must be in full agreement (as to limitation of armaments). Otherwise, even though an agreement may be made, it might create an unpleasant feeling and defeat its purpose."

For competent American naval opinion it may be taken with a grain of salt, although high officers can be quoted directly, that the "5-5-3" proposal is viewed as the absolute maximum of concession to Japan in view of American interests and the situation in the Pacific. Naval opinion here holds that actual security would require a "10-10-7" ratio as against Japan, owing to distances, probable causes of conflict and similar matters.

For that reason, the American "5-5-3" plan is viewed as not only a written assurance of utter lack of any American purpose in the Pacific inimical to legitimate Japanese interests, but as an assumption of a friendly attitude on the part of Japan. On no other theory, according to naval officers, would the proposal be warranted, backed as it is by the offer to scrap or discontinue more than twice the amount of new tonnage Japan is asked to abandon.

Facilities Considered

Reference by Vice Admiral Kato to Japan's limited steel output and shipbuilding facilities as warranting her desire for a 70 percent fleet status recalled the original view taken of Secretary Hughes' "5-5-3" ratio proposal. This ratio, it is asserted, would require any attempt at the almost impossible task of setting down in figures estimates of the relative strength of the two powers, chiefly concerned with the relative resources in the estimate of the relative strength at sea, officers say for the naval forces as well as for the ship now afloat has its place in building a fair naval proportion not subject to suspicion as cloaking hostile designs.

In other words, these officers contend that the United States should maintain against Japan on a two to one or even a three to one scale if it desired. If it is to abandon that advantage, they add, to end naval competition, the sacrifice must be met to some slight extent at least in the fleet ratio to be fixed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Taking its first direct action toward liberation of China from foreign influence, the arms conference agreed today on the withdrawal of foreign postoffices and postal systems from Chinese soil.

The decision was conditioned only on the maintenance by China of efficient postal facilities of her own, including retention of the present domestic organization by which a French co-director general acts as advisor to Chinese postal authorities. January 1, 1923, virtually was agreed upon as the date of withdrawal, the Japanese alone withholding final approval on that point pending consultation with Tokyo.

Constituting the first concrete application of the principle of Chinese administrative integrity as delineated in the "four points" of Eihuo Root, the postal agreement is expected to be followed tomorrow by another providing for gradual abolition of the system of extra territorial rights under which a dozen foreign governments have set up their own courts in China, and by a discussion of China's request that foreign troops quartered within her borders without treaty sanction be withdrawn.

The question of troop withdrawal may lead the delegates into some of the most troublesome questions of the far east. Some of the forces which the Chinese declare are in China without authority are Japanese quartered along the line of the Shantung railway, and others are within the demarcated territory of south Manchuria.