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DAIL EIREANN VOTES' 77 TO 44 TO ADJOURN FURTHER DEBATE ON IRISH TREATY TO JAN. 3

Vote Was on Amendment to Metion For Continuous Sessions Until Action

OBSERVERS SAY VOTE FOLLOWED PARTY LINES

Vote Taken as Indication of Sentiment For and Against the Treaty

Dec. 22.- (By Associated press.)-The Dail Eireann by a vote of 77 to 44, decided late today, on a sation submitted by Michael Collins. to adjourn further debate on the Irish ity until Tuesday, January 3. It was motion itself, but an amendhe motion, on which the vote s actually taken. The amendment. arroduced and seconded by opponents the treaty, called for continuance of itings day and evening until action ris taken on the ratification or rejec-

The defeat of the amendment autonatically decided the motion. With few exceptions, so far as could be oberved the vote followed the party

treaty. Nobody tonight believes, of course if a vote had been taken on the aty itself the majority would have out there is no doubt in the minds mates carefully that this vote roughgainst the treaty. This is denied by of the opponents of the treaty. oted for adjournment in order that y might get home for the holidays. sounded Mr. Collins' proposal appar- held for several years. ving in mind, as indicated by satircial seconding speech, the posverlooking the possibility of a party

ivision on the motion. Mr. Collins showed eagerness to rush He summarily checked Mr. Milroy, who whether deputies representing two confluencies should have two votes, Mr. llins declared that he would not hear having the fate of Ireland decided on the question of a technicality. When it \ecame apparent that there ailed to understand the significance the proceedings, and the greatest announcement of the result of the vote: siderable elation was shown by Col. committee will also consider any other ns and his adherents. Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of propaganda who supports the treaty, said tonight PRESIDENT CONSIDERS he believed that not more than ten oponents of the treaty voted for adjournment, indicating a majority for he treaty of thirteen.

Pierce Beasley, an active Sinn Feinr. who intended to speak this afternoon for ratification informed the Associated Press correspondent shortly before the vote was taken that he ould not make a guess on the outcome f the treaty vote, but believed that the fate of Ireland is trembling in the

EXTRAORDINARY SCENES OVER ADJOURNMENT MOTION

LONDON. Dec. 22 .- According to spatch to the Press Association Dubn extraordinary scenes ocurred in e Dail Eireann over the adjournunt motion. A reference by Arthur wiffith to the length of Mary Macswiney's speech, brought Miss Macmark, "for seventy four days I sat rough Brixton (meaning Brixton rison), and I think I have a right to for the honor of my nation." Another incident occurred when the Markiewicz referred lichael Collins as having faced Preor Lloyd George night after night atil Mr. Collins was worn out and To this, according to the press sociation, Mr. Collins reiterated: L never was worn out and weary Well, he admitted that he was somehefogged," retorted the countess. I did not," shouted Mr. Collins at top of his voice. The press association says a vertibabel of voices followed the exlange, but that ultimately Countess

Markiewicz apologized to Mr. Collins. GREEMENT REACHED IN

PRINCIPLE SAYS BRIAND

PARIS, Dec. 22 .- (By the Associated sident).-Premier Briand returned tonight from his conference with Lloyd George at London, and spoke ofly of what had been accomplishduring the conversations on repara-

The important thing" he said, "I determination of the two countries art together. We have already fown down broad lines and will only e to complete the details at Cannes. reached an agreement in principle, abodying that resolve to act jointthe way for practical sions. We have only to reach them he Cannes conference; we already where to look for them and how make them effective. That is the " al point."

LAPECT HARDING TO VISIT PINEHURST THIS WINTER

(Special to The Star) SHINGTON, Dec. 22.-A report "Tame current here today that President Harding is thinking of taking a to Pinehurst some time this winfor a brief period of recreation. as announced he would remain in cess except for the tariff hearings by ly remembered. We shall all miss him governor general of the occupied ter-Washington over the holidays.

TO ADOPT THE TREATY

ENNIS, Ireland, Dec. 22 .- (By the Associated Press).-The county council, the constituency of Eamon de Valera, today voted 17 to 5 in favor of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain and requested Mr. de Valera to use his influence for the maintenance of national unity.

VOTE - OVERWHELMINGLY

DE VALERA FOLLOWERS

The resolution admitted that there grave objections to the treaty but declared that there was no ration-

al alternative to its aceptance. "Rejection of the treaty", resolution added, "would be almost certain to involve us in a war of annihilation, because our people will be divided, and because world opinion, instead of being with us, as at present, will be against us". Copies of the resolution were sent to Mr. de Valera and other Clare representatives.

TOM WARREN RESIGNS STATE CHAIRMANSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

nes of those favoring or opposing J. D. Norwood Probably Be Elected Successor

By BROCK BARKLEY

RALEIGH, Dec. 22 .- The resignation of Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern hose who have been following the as chairman of the state democratic the assert that it was not a fair test tive committee has been called to be held in Raleigh next Wednesday for the election of a successor.

Warren's announcement been expected for some time as it was In fact, Countess Markiewicz, one of known he had been contemplating givstrongest opponents of the treaty, ing up the chairmanship which he has

manufacturer of Salisbury, is regardbillity of the debate continuing ed here as the likely successor of arough Christmas day and night and Chairman Warren. While other prominent Democrats have been mentioned a short time before the end and he from time to time. It was predicted by men intimately connected with the s motion through to quick division. | party organization that Mr. Norwood would have no opposition when the committee meets Wednesday.

Mr. Warren became the party chair-

man in 1914 upon the resignation of

Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, following his appointment as United States marshal for western North Carolina. was to be a party line-up on the vote he is credited with much of its suche atmosphere became tense with ex- cess in the state in recent years. Untement. Many of the spectators der his guidance North Carolina gave its biggest democratic majority the last election when in other states wilderment was manifested upon the the party's fortunes were at low ebb. Mr. Warren has called the executive committee to meet especially for the when the figures were announced. Con- selection of a new chairman but the

APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY

business that may come up.

No General Amnesty Expected: Only Clemency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Christmas freedom for war law offenders was given final consideration by President Harding tonight at an after dinner conference at the white house with Attorney General Daugherty. Announcement of those selected for executive clemency, it was said, is to be made from the white house tomorrow

afternoon. At tonight's conference the president was understood to have gone over with ville Courier-Journal, dearned of Colo-Mr. Daugherty the digest prepared by nel Watterson's death when he arrived the department of justice containing here late today en route to Havana. He Hoover said that grain would be movthe complete history of the .197 war immediately sought Mrs. Watterson to law violators and to have taken up offer his condolences. From Miami Swiney to her feet with a tearful re- each case separately without relation came a tribute for the soldier-journalto the others.

While it was expected that quite a dent, high officials maintained that there would be no general amnesty extended war law prisoners and that totension of executive clemency on a larger scale than usual.

MIDGET SMITH IS GIVEN DECISION OVER PETE HERMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Midget Smith

of New York was given the judges decision over Peter Herman, former bantamweight champion at the end of their 15 round bout in Madison Square Garden tonight. Herman, who apparently was not at

his best, employed wide open tactics against Smith. He fared well in the earlier rounds but his carlessness led him into many tight places, and he was worsted in the hard exchanges. Gene Tunney, light heavyweight champion of the A. E. F., knocked out Eddie O'Hara a former sparring partner of Dempsey, in the sixth round of their preliminary bout.

Jack Renault, giman adian heavyweight title, received the judges' decision over Al Reich in eight rounds. Dave Rosenberg, New York middleweight, received the judges' decision over Jimmy Darcy, Portland, Oregon, in eight rounds.

CONGRESS TAKES RECESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- Congress recessed late today until January 3 and in contest, an old-time leader in jourimmediately senators, and representatives began leaving for their homes for friend and a patriotic American whose rank of the nobility. at the white house say they period. The house adjourned at 4 man nature made a deep impression on he directed the German operations are no knowledge of such plans. It the Christmas and New Year holiday believed, however, that President o'clock and the senate at 4:50. All busilarding is considering the matter. He ness will be suspended during the rethe senate finance committee.

Old School Journalist and Internationally Known Editor Passes Suddenly

PLACE BODY IN VAULT UNTIL COMING SPRING

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22 .- The body of Col. Henry Watterson, old school journalist and internationally editor, who died in his hotel apartment here early today, will be placed in a vault tomorrow after a simple funeral service, at which only members of his immediate family will be present, there to remain until spring, when it will be taken to Louisville Ky., for interment in the family lot in Cave Hill cemetery. This arrangement was determined upon by his son, Henry Watterson, Jr., because of the state of health of his mother, he deeming it in advisable for her to go to Louisville during the winter. Revi J. T. Boone, pastor of the First Christian church of this city, will officiate at the service. Cohonel Watterson, who, with h family, came here from Louisville three weeks ago to spend the winter, passed away as the result of heart trouble superinduced by bronchial congestion. after an illness of only a few hours. With only their son and daughter and 56th wedding anniversary in their their apartment Tuesday. During the day Colonel Watterson contracted a slight cold, which was not regarded

Colonel Watterson suffered very little but was in a comatose condition In the evening until ne passed away, with brief periods of consciousness, during which his mind was perfectly clear. At midnight he realized the end was near, but his son, who, with his mother and sister, was at the bedside His wife was alone with him during the last few minutes of consciousness passed away in her arms.

seriously but vesterday forenoon ne

suffered an acute bronchial attack and

was ordered to bed immmediately by

Hundreds of messages of condolence were received today by Mrs. Watterof the country who were trained under "Marse Henry." One, peculiarly touch-

"Jim" is Jim Wilson, aged negro servant, who has resided at the Watterson home for many years.

House Eulogizes Watterson WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- Col. Henry Watterson was eulogized today in the whose name was a household word few who are dead exercised more influence on the nation than the dead Kentuckian who at one time was a member of the house.

Illinois, declared that Colonel Watterson never had been afraid to express but where the department's advice had his beliefs, although often criticized severely by the readers of his newspaper. Mr. Mann said that Colonel Watterson and other editors "of the old school" exerted an influence that would be felt for generations. They never allowed the accounting room of their newspapers, he added, to determine their editorial or news policies.

TELEGRAMS OF CONDOLENCE R. W. Bingham, publisher of the Louis-

ist from William Jennings Bryan, al-In this connection it was thought ternatively opposed and supported in probable in official circles that the case his presidential aspirations by the chased for the account of the Ameriof Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader im- trenchant pen of Colonel Watterson. prisoned at Atlanta, was considered as "The country will learn with deep rean individual case upon its merits as gret of the death of Henry Watterson," were the other offenders against the said Mr. Bryan. "His ability, long experience, his picturesque style and his expected that the railway charges from impressive and genial personality gave ports to the famine region-some 1,500 number of these offenders would be him a conspicuous position among the granted their freedom by the presi- nation's journalists. He was a unique ernment." character-no one can fill his place." Colonel Bingham, deeply moved at hearing of Colonel Watterson's death, vey is being made of conditions in morrow's action would only be the ex- paid him the following tribute: "Mr. Watterson had a very full life, filled the landing of grain. with honors, accomplishments, achievement. He played a great part in the be borne by the private resources furmost troubled period of American his- nished the American relief administratory, for he devoted his splendid gifts tion," Mr. Hoover said, "so that not one of mind and personality to healing the ating a sense of national unity be- any other expenditure except for ac- of Versailles, which forbade Germany pistol in his hand and the battle foltween the sections. His genius made tual purchase and transport of food." him known and admired all over the world. His grace of manner, his extraordinary charm, his intent in his fel- feeding about 1,000,000 children, and lows made him beloved by those who these stations will be rapidly expandwere privileged to know him. In ed to provide for adults. many lands and among every class he numbered his admirers and friends and the bright flame of his mind, the mel-

> his power and he leaves no successor in that newspaper world of which he was the undisputed chief." Unique Figure WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- "I knew

brilliancy, knightly character and hu-

much. His going makes a void."

low glow of his charm were undimmed

to the last. Many will mourn him,

many will remember him with affec-

tion. The intellectual world has felt

Daugherty Orders A Through Probe Of Retail Prices

To Fight Alleged High Commodity Prices by Exposing Retailers, Stated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- Federal investigation of retail prices charged in various parts of the country for food, fuel, shoes and clothing was initiated today by Attorney General Daugherty. He gave orders to Director Burns, of the bureau of investigation of the justice department to assign a force of men at once to the duty of obtaining data on retail prices in different locali-

Mr. Daugherty declared that prices of necessary commodities were too high and that in some instances the profits of retailers were "unconscionable." It would never se possible, he asserted, to get prices down to the prewar level, but with wages lowered and the costs of foodstuffs reduced he was determined to learn whether the present "badly proportioned" retail prices should be maintained.

Mr. Burns was instructed to put his men to work simultaneously to obtain the variations in various localities in the retail prices of general foodstuces such as meats, provisions, beans, bread Italy, 18,250. and butter, fuel, shoes and clothing, and to make schedules of the comparative prices. Reports will also be gathand Mrs. Watterson celebrated their ered on the wholesale prices of wheat, beef and meats of all kinds in order. Mr. Daugherty explained, that compar!sons might be made of the costs of two countries in proportion. these commodities with the prices charged by the butchers and grocers. The department's agents are to be in structed to do their work carefully but as rapidly as possible.

Action to remedy price conditions, taken through several channels. the main, he said, the situation was a capital ships." local one and the states would be asked to do as much as they could to solve it with federal co-operation. Secretary Hoover, he added, would be invited to effort to lower prices, while it was believed that the publication of the comparative wholesale and retail prices would do much to remedy high prices by conveying to the housewives of the country accurate knowledge of actual

Organizations of retailers in different parts of the country were blamed by terson and newspaper men in all parts Mr. Daugherty for high prices. These associations, he declared, were formed by smart men who sold a scheme to defeat the laws of the country by perthe Louisville Times. "Jim and I are fecting an organization for fixing prices weeping for the death of old marster," which concealed its real purpose under been "almost insignificant." a declaration of a desire to help com-The department he petition."

nocent merchants had been imposed hospital ships," the paraphrase deupon by them. Mr. Daugherty declared himself as unqualifiedly in favor States troops had been brought across of trade organizations which confined the Atlantic, and the submarine had amended. their operations to improving their proved equally powerless," in their services to the public, but he asserted case, it added. they would not be allowed to fix prices or apportion territory among their members, thus stifling competition.

Trade associations generally, he said, were showing a commendable willingness to confine their activities to the Representative Mann, Republican, of lines suggested by the justice department as in conformity with the law. been disregarded it had been necessary to institute proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust act.

TO RECEIVE BIDS ON GRAIN FOR SHIPMENT TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Dec 22.-Bids will be received at the grain corporation in New York tomorrow for supplying grain to ships at North Atlantic ports for shipment to Russia, Secretary Hoover announced today following completion of legislative action on the bills authorizing an appropriation of \$20,000.000 for Russian relief. Mr. ing to Russia under the governmental appropriation within eight or ten days If government machinery is not in operation in time, however, Mr. Hoover added that the grain would be pur-

can relief administration. "All food," Mr. Hoover said, "will be purchased in the United States and transported in American ships. It is miles-will be borne by the soviet gov-

The shipping board, he said, is preparing "to do a good job" and a sursouthern Russian ports to facilitate

"The entire overhead expenses will

The American relief administration pose. in Russia now has some 1,000 stations

GENERAL HANS VON BESELER, GERMAN WAR VETERAN, DEAD

BERLIN, Dec. 22 .- (By the Assoclated Press (.- General Hans Von occurred in Gen Von Beseler was born in 1850

years," Chief Justice Taft said today entered the German army in 1869. He "He and my father were friends. He saw service through the Franco-Pruswas a unique figure in the political and sian war during which he received the social life of the country. He was a iron cross and the order of the red most able journalist, picturesque, forci- eagle for his work as a lieutenant. Ad-UNTIL THIRD OF JANUARY ble and original in every position he vancing in later years he became comtook and every cause he advocated. He mander of 65th infantry in 1898 and a was eloquent, chivalrous, courageous year later was made quartermaster general. In 1904 he was promoted to a this also applied to small surface craft. nalism, a charming gentleman, a warm major generalship and raised to the It added that vulnerability of the sub-

At the outbreak of the world war

ABOLITION OF UND CRAFT, SAYS LONG LEE

More Objectionable Than Surface Capital Ships, He Says in Statement

THEIR WORTH CLEARLY DISPROVED DURING WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (By Assoclated.)-An 8.000-word communique by the armaments committee of the Washington conference after today's meeting was in the form of a paraphrase of the statement made for the delegation of each power with respect to the British proposal that submarines be abolished as a naval weapon. The argument of Lord Lee of the British admiralty came first. It stated the view of the British government to be "that what was required was not merely restrictions on submarines, but their total and final "a 'Ition.' Lord Lee presented the following estimate of existing submarine tonnage: United States, 83,500; Great Britain, 80,500; Japan 32,200; France, 28,360;

He pointed out that under the Amercan proposals of 90,000 tons each for and 54,000 for Japan, the United States could build 6.500 tons. Great Britain 9,500 and Japan 21,800 with the other

"He felt bound to say," the paraphrase continued, "that it seemed to armament proposals designed to foster and increase the type of war ves-Mr. Daugherty declared, would be sels, according to the British view, was In open to more objection than surface

Lord Lee said friends of the submarine contended that it was a legitimate weapon of weaker powers and an effective and economical means of de-Hoover, he added, would be invited to fense for coast lines and maritime come challenged on technical grounds and "were clearly disproved by recent history," the paraphrase said. Lord Lee declared that method of lo-

cation, detection and destruction of tonight by F. W. Robinson, freight craft in future wars. submarines had proceeded much fur- traffic manager of the Union Pacific ther than the department of submarines themselves and greatly reduced war, of which 203 had been sunk and that the accomplishment of the U-boats in "legitimate naval warfare"

"No less than 15,000,000 British troops had crossed and recrossed the would be put into effect. stated, intends to English channel during the war and while at the not one man had been lost from the clared, later "some 2,000,000 United

"In fact," the communique continued in presenting Lord Lee's argument, 'the U-boat whether considered as an offensive or a defensive weapon against try, live or dressed; cottonseed, cottonany sort of organized naval force had proved almost contemptible.'

lines, Lord Lee pointed out that Great evaporated, other than candied, canned Britain alone had almost as much coast | crystalized, glanced or stuffed; vegeto defend as all of the other powers at tables, fresh or green, dried or evapthe conference combined or "four times orated, wool and mohair. the circumference of the globe." In addition, he added, Great Britain had the longest trade route to protect. "It was partly because our experience 1922." had shown that they were not effective

that we were ready to abandon submarines." Lord Lee said "The late war had made it abundantly clear that the greatest peril to maritime communications was the submarine, and that peril was especially sess command of the sea on the surface. Hence, it was to the interest of any such power to get rid of this ter-

rible menace." Lord Lee asserted that submarines had "achieved real success" agains merchant ships only and made the for eign summary of what German submarines had accomplished against mercantile vessels in the war.

"No less than 12,000,000 tons of ship ping had been sunk, of a value of \$1, 100,000,000 a part from their cargo. Over 20,000 non-combatants men, women and children, had been drowned. It is true that this action had been undertaken in violation of all laws both human and the same argument as in the case of which appeared likely to endure for pillows of feathers. all time now that nations had been

Lord Lee argued that the submarine menace could be banished only by dealing in illicit liquor, and forced him ited way. cent of the government appropriation total abolishment from the sea, adding to accompany the party. Carroll is wounds of the Civil war and to recre- will be absorbed in rather personal or that this was the intention of the treaty to construct submarines for any pur-

> The concluding paragraph of the advisory committee report said: "The committee is of the opinion that unlimited warfare by submarines right of visit and search must be ex- the killing was made by S. P. Freeling, ercised under the same rules as for

surface vessels. It does not approve

limitation in size of submarines! The report declared that "whatever Beseler, who captured antwerp and is said about unlimited warfare by who was later governor general of the submarines is also true of unlimited German occupied territory in Russia warfare by surface craft, provided the during the war, died here today. Death combatant wishes to violate the rules egnitorium near Potsdam. of war." It pointed to operations of confederate cruisers in destroying in Pomerania. He was educated at property but not lives in the war be-Col. Henry Watterson for a great many the Wilhelm Gymnasium in Berlin and tween the states and of the German moewe, a surface ship, in the late war.

and added: "So that unlimited warfare is not necessarily an attribute of the submarine alone.'

The report pointed out the difficulties of visit and search for submarines because of limited personnel but said marine and the "probability of its cluding neutrals to arm. "Such action greatly hampers the ac-

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BRITISH PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH SUBS GETS NO SUPPORT

OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

SIMMONS WANTS FACTS ON . HANGING OF BENNIE KING; REPARATION TO RELATIVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-Senator Simmons asked Adjutant General P. G. Harris of the army today for the facts as to the killing of Private Benjamin King, of Wilmington. Attention was directed to the testimony before the senate committee investigating the Watson charges by Robert A. Harrison of that place. Senator Simmons told General Harris he had a letter from E. S. Waddell, president and general manager of the Hanover Furniture and Music company, 29 South Front street, saving that Mrs. A. E. Green, grandmother of Benjamin King, lived over his store and has been expecting her grandson home for Christmas. Her condition now is described as "heartrending". She heard for the first time of the boy's death from reports of the testimony here, on the matter but if the report is true, will ask that the murderers must be punished and reparation made so far as possible to King's relatives.

RAILROADS VOLUNTEER 10 PERCENT RATE CUT ON MANY COMMODITIES

Cut is General and In Addition to That Ordered by I. C. C.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 22 .- (By Associated Press.)-The railroads of the country will put into effect on January 1, or as soon thereafter as possible a voluntary 10 per cent freight rate reduc- made public, and indicated they probtion on cotton, butter, poultry and ably would carry their fight later to munications. Both contentions could other commodities, as well as the re- an open session of the conference. Commerce commission for western ter- sion of views, and are planning to join ritory on grain and grain products and in the move for an understanding to

> periment, and will apply to the entire country, he declared.

Mr. Robinson also announced the roads would continue until June 30 that a 10 per cent cut in rates for livestock on which no cut has been made, Premier Briand. In these exchanges "Reduction in the rates on grain.

grain products, hay, butter, eggs, cheese, and other commedities will be undertaken by carriers to become ef- Harvey at London. fective January 1, on one day's notice, or as soon thereafter as tariffs can be.

"A reduction of 10 per cent applying generally throughout the United States will be made on the following commodities:

"Cotton, butter, eggs, cheese, poulseed hulls, unmanufactured tobacco, fruits, fresh or greens, not including canned or preserved fruits, dried or "This 10 per cent reduction to con-

tinue in effect for an experimental period of six months ending June 30,

EFFORT TO TAR AND FEATHER BOOTLEGGER CAUSE OF KILLINGS

K. K. K. Be Involved in Incidental Manner

the effort of 150 masked men to tar and week a statement in opposition to feather an alleged bootlegger that led China's request for abrogation of the to the triple killing at Wilson, Okla- agreements that resulted from the homa, near here, last Thursday night, "twenty-one demands." according to statements given out by instructions came from Tokio to perthe authorities today.

asserted that his investigation of the mystery surrounding the three deaths to occupy the major attention of the had revealed that the shooting result- delegates until after Christmas. ed from the visit of a crowd of men, led by C. H. Sims, an Ardmore police detective, to the home of Joseph Carroll, where they expected to find an British admiralty, who declared underillicit distillery. The expedition was | water craft not only outraged all conpoison gas which had set a precedent said to have carried buckets of tar and

On the way to Carroll's home, accordng to Mr. Mathers, Sims stopped at the home of John Smith, also accused of had proved inefficient except in a limdeclared to have met the party with a lowed, Smith and Carroll being killed on the spot while Sims died later with several bullets in his body.

A declaration that the Ku Klux Klan would be involved only in an "incidental manner" in the trials of the 14 men charged with murder as a result of

Nine of the defendants entered pleas of not guilty when the examining trials opened today. They announced they were ready for trial and requested severance of their cases from those of the other defendants.

rounds of different defense. The remaining two requested 24 hours within which to make their pleas and severances.

IRVING TUCKER SWORN IN AS U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Dec. 22.-Irvin B. Tucker,

of Whiteville, was sworn in as federal district attorney for eastern North Carolina before Judge Connor just before the adjournment of federal court sinking the vessels it captured" in the here this afternoon. He will enter forlate war prompted merchant ships, in- mally upon his duties tomorrow and will attend his first court here in February. Mr. Tucker said he had decided ment for retention of the submarine. tivity of submarines and tends toward upon Raleigh as the place for his official residence.

French and Italian Spokesmen Definite On Submarine Stand

Contend That Undersea Craft Properly Employed as Legitimate and Valuable

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- (By Associated Press.)-Great Britain's plea that the submarine be banished from the seven seas was presented to the arms conference today, but it received no support from any other power, In turn, the spokesmen of France, Italy and Japan replied that they re-

garded submarines, when properly em-

ployed, as a legitimate and valuable

arm of naval strength, and were unprepared to see them abolished. The American delegates took no final stand on the question, but suggested that the conference turn its efforts toward such a revision of international practices as would prevent a repetition of the ruthless submarine methods of the world war.

A further exchange of views on the

British proposal will take place tomorrow unless France, whose representatives again are awaiting instructions from their premier, is prepared to go ahead with the delayed presentation of estimates for auxiliary craft she -esires to keep under the naval reduction program. The French indicated tonight that they helped at tomorrow's meeting to at least make known their exact requirements as to submarine tonnage. Today's discussions took place behind the closed doors of a committee room, but the British asked that their indictment of the submarine be They apparently do not hope to suc-

hay, according to a statement issued restrict the operations of under-water Announcement of the French that they were unprepared to present figures today as to their auxiliary tonbe effective for six months as an ex- nage requirements caused general surprise in conference circles. Before the later it became apparent that cable ex-1922, reduced rates on livestock and changes of an important nature were in progress between Washington and Secretary Hughes joined as the con-

> the latest desires of the French premier in a message from Ambassador The nature of the exchanges was not revealed, but considerable significance was attached to a news dispatch from abroad saying that M. Briand felt he must consult with the French cabinet before making a definite answer to the messages from Washington. That development generally was accepted as greatly diminishing the possibility of an agreement on auxiliary craft for several days, and some of those in conference circles professed to see a chance that some new issue had ariesn which might again obscure some of

ference chairman, receiving word of

the major plans of the conference. While the naval problems were in the place of prominence during all of the day's negotiations, the delegates found time to give increasing attention to the discussion in American official quarters over interpretation of the new four-power treaty. weighed the possible effect of the difference of view between President. Harding and the American delegates. and watched developments in the senate, where a group is organizing to oppose ratification of the pact.

Meantime the Japanese announced they had prepared to present at the next meeting of the far eastern com-ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 22 .- It was mittee, now expected to be held next mit resumption of theh Shantung James H. Mathers, county attorney negotiations, and it was indicated that the naval discussions would continue The case of Great Britain against the submarine was presented to the com-

mittee today by Lord Lee, chief of the siderations of humanity but by illegitimate methods jeopardized the national life of the British Isles. As a defensive weapon, he argued, the submarine Albert Sarraut, Senator Schanzer and

speaking respectively for France, Italy and Japan, replied that although submarines must be held more closely within the practices of humane warfare, their abolition would remove an important element of national security. They all expressed warm appreciation of the presentation of the case by Lord Lee, but indicated they could not agree with him as to the submarine's defensive value. For the United States, Secretary

Hughes suggested that the one note of unanimity apparent among all the powers was in relation to such restriction as would remove the abhorrent Three others asked for severance on feature of submarine warfare in the He read a report by a subcommittee of the American advisory committee recommending retention of undersurface warships under proper regulation, and proposed that attention be given to the possibility of bringing the submarine operations against merchant vessels within the well estabished principles of search and seizure under international law.

As an alternative, the secretary suggested that the conference might even consider whether use of submarines against merchant shipping under any circumstances should be forbidden. At tomorrow's meeting Admiral de Bon, for France, will make a further argu-

and it was said tonight that even if he (Continued on Page Two)