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HOPE OF AGREEMENT

ON AUXILIARY CRAFT

LY IN THE STATE.

ENFORCEMENT IS

Attorney General Wants State and Federal Prosecutors to Discuss Plans

DON'T SEEK TO SHIFT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES

Refers Particularly to Prohibition and Food and Fuel Supply Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Co-operation of state law enforcement officials with those of the federal government was asked by Attorney General Daugheric in letters sent late today to the amorney generals of the various states. Shell co-operation, it was maintained, would result in better and more uniform enforcement of all statutes.

Enforcement of the prohibition and the food and fuel supply laws were particularly referred to, Mr. Daugherty the letters. There was no disposition on the part of the federal govtates should make every effort to enforce their laws which might be a dulication of federal statutes.

The letters were also accepted in investigating retail prices.

Mr. Daugherty suggested to bring about "a coherent, working arnew year that the basis of understandng could be employed to effect econothe real purpose of accomplishing more over intra-state rates should cease. thorough law enforcement. The co-ordination sought, Mr. Daugh-

authorities, chambers of tain ommerce and others interested "violations for extortion in prices now maintained." tion which he asked, Mr. Daugherty

This will make for a better understanding among the people. It will

he liquor and the food and fuel supply tives, New York. There is no disposition on the elieve, should first enforce their laws Novo Engine company.

The attorney general added that he was desirous of bringing about "a implete and effective working system" mong all law enforcement authorities, saying that only by such an arrange- Trigg, of Philadelphia, Pa. ent could a uniformity of proceeding and sentences be worked out.

NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY

This co-operation," he said, ures, but also a more permanent en- Grange. reement of existing laws, as well as This will also make for a better un-

ir. Daugherty asked that the coner the new year as possible. Am quite confident," he wrote, " may be required or requested."

RICE WEEK IN IRELAND

ONDON, Dec. 27.—(By Associated ginning of "truce week," which is one of the measures proposing be devoted to bringing public pres- of section 15-A." which head to locate the murderers.

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CONFERENCE TO TALK BIG INTERESTS ARE CHARGED WITH SECRET EFFORTS TO GET SUPPORT OF FARM ORGANIZATION LEADERS

BY DAUGHERTY Would Perpetuate Guaranty Governor Bickett Act, Says LeFollette

> SECRET CONFERENCE IS HELD IN WASHINGTON

> Action of Railroad and Other Interests Exposed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-Charges were made by Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, in a formal statement issued today, that representatives of the his home here this evening and his railroads and of the coal, steel and condition was such at 10 o'clock that lumber Interests at a "secret" meeting his physicians entertained but slight held in Washington December 9 at- hope for his recovery. The former tempted to obtain from farm organization leaders, and did obtain from some he was stricken, but attendants said such leaders, adherence to an agree- he showed a slight rally after strong ment not to push legislation to repeal the commonly called guaranty section Mr. Bickett served one term as govof the transportation act and to restore state control of state rates.

The Wisconsin senator made his charges in elaborating on his assertion "that a plan is now afoot to perpetuate per for Mrs. Bickett, who was confined the fundamental provisions of the transportation act, embodied in section his supper and returned to Mrs. Bick-15-A (the guaranty section of which a ett's room and was sitting beside her explained in announcing the dispatch portion expires next March 1) and to render permanent the intolerable conditions which have made the transpermment to evade responsibility, he tation system for the past two years ided, but there was a feeling that the an instrument for the exploitation of the American people."

In substantiation of his charges, Mr. LaFollette made public what he described as a "brief report of the action some quarters as a step in connection of the conference" held here Decemwith the move, recently announced, of ber 9, which he branded "as a conspiracy to betray not only the farmers, but the consuming and the producing miltate attorneys general that they call lions of the nation. This report was conference of county prosecutors of made public by the senator without an their respective states and, if possible, explanation of its source as follows: "On December 9 a secret meeting was held in Washington at be held early in the to enlist the farmers in an agreement in expenditures as well as serve for the restoration of state control

sented at this conference were success erry said, ought to be of real help to ful in obtaining the consent of cerof the farm representatives to "This conference was participated

in by the special committee represent-Referring further to the co-opera- ing the railway executives, of which Mr. Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania railroad, was chairman. There had been a previous conference in New York, September 21, of which J. R. iso afford an opoprtunity for the sev- Howard was made chairman. Those eral states, without duplication with present at the Washington meeting the federal government, to enforce were W. W. Atterbury, of the Pennsylaws which should be enforced by state vania railroad; Howard Elliott, of the uthorities and leave for the federal Northern Pacific; W. J. Hanrahan, of government such duties as devolve the Chesapeake and Ohio; W. Stoorny, of the Atachison; R. S. Bink-The two principal offenses which I ert, who is assistant to the chairman w have in mind are those against of the Association of Railway Execu-

"The iron and steel industries were part of the federal government, as represented by J. A. Campbell, of the represented by the department of jus- Youngstown Sheet and Tube company ice, to evade any responsibility in re- of Youngstown, O., and C. E. Bement, pect to its duties, but the states, I of Lansing, Mich., representing the

eral government promptly co-operat- represented by A. B. Johnson, president ng with the states, enforce the laws of the Railway Business association, hich should be enforced by it. There of Philadelphia, and Frank W. Noxon are substantial duplications in many of secretary of the same association. lese laws and a better understanding Lumber interests were represented by tween state and federal authorities Charles Hill, of the Southern Pine and vill prove most beneficial to both in Sales corporation, of New York; A. B enforcement of prohibition and Hammond, of the Hammond Lumber food and fuel laws pertaining to company, of San Francisco; J. H. \$211,027,000 while for October they Browne, of the Pacific Lumber com- were \$294,437,000 and for November, pany, New York city.

"Construction companies were represented by R. C. Marshall, Munsey American foreign shipments, the figures building, Washington, D. C., and E. T. "The National Industrial e established and a similarity of fines league was represented by W. H. Chan- \$2,209,358,900. dler, Boston, and J. H. Beck, Chicago.

facturers was represented by J. A. GENERAL IS INCLUDED Emery, of Washington, D. C. 'The agricultural interests were represented by J. R. Howard, Gray Silver, 000, or about 40 percent of the value of WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Attorney resented by a sent of New York; Ralph commodities sent there in the value of the percent of the value of the language of the percent of the value of the corresponding provided the tiorney general of North Carolina ask- Snyder, of Kansas, and O. E. Bradfute, sponding period last year. g him to call a conference of state of Chicago. They were all of the To Asia, the figures show, was ship secuting attorneys and district at- American Sarm Bureau Federation, ped merchandise of an aggregate value prosecuting attorneys and Tucker, to secure the last three named being members of \$439,476,000 in the 11 more harmonious enforcement of the of its legislative committee. The ag- for the same period in 1920 the shipmore harmonious entorcement of the of the ship-rohibition and fuel and food supply ricultural interests also were repre- ments were valued at \$716,737,000. In sented by W. I. Drummond, president 11 months this year, Americans shipped

"Mr. Atterbury stated that the railroads desired the help of the interests and \$149,069,000 for Africa. represented in securing further wage reductions, and in opposing the amend- months of the year standing among the people," Mr. ments pending in congress proposing against \$1,160,410,000 for the corre ugherty wrote to other attorneys repeal of section 15-A. After a consideration period of 1920, while from erable discussion, the agricultural rep- Canada, Mexico and Central American resentatives not being disposed to op- countries, the imports totaled in 11 pose the amendments absolutely, ad-months \$702,980,000 as compared with journment was taken for lunch, with \$1,573,440,000 in the 11 months of the the understanding that representatives preceding year. depend upon you and the law pros- of the carriers and of the agricultural ting branches of the several coun-interests would talk the matter out. of your state, and I personally as- After lunch, Mr. Howard reported that you that the department of justice the agricultural representatives were all its agencies will cheerfully con- prepared to agree that section 15-A the to the extent that their assist- should not be amended, except for the removal of the provision in paragraph three relating to the percentage of re- hearing the petition for commutation turn for two years following March 1, for Wright Rouse, negro sentenced to TO PROMOTE PEACE SENTIMENT 1920, which expires by statutory limi-

tation in March next. "It was left with a committee com-By Associated "It was left with a committee com- Whitley. Rouse was convicted with regarded in posed of Mr. Emery, Mr. Atkeson, and Mrs. Whitley who has received a life thern and western Ireland as the Mr. Silver to rewrite the Capper bill,

to bear in favor of the ratifica- Senator LaFollette declared that in to bear in favor of the ratinca- Senator Laronette declared that in reward of \$400 for the capture of each of the peace treaty. An exten- brief the alleged proposal of the rail- of two negroes who land of the peace treaty. An exten- brief the subset proposed of the real of two negroes who last night shot to by signed petition from all classes roads was that the farmers abandon of two negroes who last night shot to is constituents has been sent to their fight for lower rates in return death R. H. Hamilton, local railroad Patrick McCartan, former repre-for repeal of one clause of section 15-A man, as he was comin gto the city with ative of the Dail Eireann in the which headed, would expire automati-

Paralysis Victim; May Not Recover

Stricken Last Night and Physicians Entertain Little Hope of Recovery

RALEIGH, Dec. 27 .- Former Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, 52 years of age, suffered a stroke of paralysis at governor has been unconscious since restoratives had been administered. ernor and two terms as attorney gen-

eral of North Carolina. Seemingly in the best of health and spirits Governor Bickett prepared supto her room by illness. He had eaten bed when he developed a violent headache. A few moments later he went to his own room to lie down for a few moments.

Within five minutes Mrs. Bickett leard him scream that his head was "almost killing him." He returned to her room, fell across the bed and lapsed unconsciousness. was hastily summoned and an examination revealed no signs of life, but heroic work developed a slight pulse and the former governor began breath-

ing perceptibly after half an hour. The entire right side is paralyzed. Physicians attending exhausting every resource at their command saw little encouragement in the slight rally in curred through restoratives and were except through the use of stimulants. His breathing was regular, but heavily labored. His pulse was weak and uncertain.

As soon as the news of thhe former Josephus Daniels, with numerous other friends, hastened to the Bickett home. general of North Carolina in 1908 and served two terms, retiring in 1917 to become governor. He was succeeded as governor by Cameron Morrison, last

EXPORT AND IMPORT VALUES UNDER 1920

Past 11 Months

business houses exported \$4,189,343,000 in merchandise in the first 11 months nature makes the whole world kin." of this year, according to figures made public today by the department of commerce which also gave imports for the hatred," adding that "many hate me, period as valued at \$2,271,797,000. In but that they were entitled to their the same 11 months in 1920 exports to- feelings and the expression of them. taled \$7,507,729,000 and imports \$5,012,-424,000.

ther in statistics for November when exports aggregated \$294,437,000 as compared with \$343,597,900 for October, and \$676,528,000 for November of last year. imports for November aggregated 1920, were \$321,200,000.

Europe, as in 1920, drew the bulk of showing that for November merchandise valued at \$153,349,000 went there, making the total for the 11 months Neighboring American countries received \$71,646,000 "The National Association of Manu- in November shipments and \$1,067,446.-000 for the 11 months.

Exports to South American countries for the 11 months aggregated \$257,120,-

of the International Farm congress, \$147,104,000 and \$68,837,000 to Oceania only insure a reduction of expen- and by T. C. Atkeson, of the National and Africa, respectively. For the 11 months of last year the exports amounted to \$239,938,000 for Oceania

Imports from Europe for the first 1

SETS MONDAY AS DATE FOR PETITION FOR COMMUTATION

RALEIGH, Dec. 27 .- Governor Morrison set next Monday as the date for die January 3 for the murder in Greene county several weeks ago of William sentence. The negro is 75 years old and is said to be feeble-minded. The governor's office today offered

DEBS IS REPRIMANDED FRENCH VIGOROUSLY DELEGATES FOR MAKING A SPEECH OPPOSE EFFORTS AT AT-WASHINGTON DEPOT LIMITATION OF FLEET

Platform Utterance After Release From Prison

WAS LEAVING CAPITAL FOR TERRE HAUTE HOME

Has Not a Trace of Bitterness or Hatred. He Tells Crowd of Several Hundred

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Freed by President Harding from Atlanta federal penitentiary, where he was serving a ten-year sentence for making speeches in violation of the war laws, Eugene V. Debts, socialist leader, was reprimanded tonight by union station police here from making a speech without a permit before leaving for his home in Terre Haute, Ind.

sons in the station, including admirexpressing his gratitude for his recepreiteration of his opposition to war tional of happiness?" and belief in the force of love in the redemption of the world

No effort was made by uniformed poaddress, but immediately upon its conclusion a plain clothes man rushed up to Debs and demanded if he had a perpression that he was a well-wisher, apologized and said he had not known he was doing wrong.

Debs went immediately to his train, out considerable excitement prevailed in the crowd, due chiefly to the efforts of newspaper men to learn the identity of the plain clothes man. He refused to give his name, but after rather excited bickering with reporters, declared he was the chief of police of the union station and flashed a badge pinned to his belt. He said he had had no special orders with respect to Debs, but that the regulations of the station forbid speechmaking without a permit. Debs' speech was his first platform itterance since leaving prison.

for the kindness shown me here. I posed that reduces France's powers. also wish to express my gratitude to Moreover, he declared, no decisions the representatives of the press-the Imports \$4,189,343,000 During representatives of the fourth estatewhose courtesy, fairness and kindness has been beyond expression.' "Many disagree with me in an eco-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—American nomic and social way," he added, "but we are all human and one touch of Debs declared that he left Washing ton "without a trace of bitterness or "I believe in free speech," he said "In the expression of these differing opinions we find our way to higher civilization." He paid tribute to figures in history

of theirf convictions, although forced to sacrifice much for them and referr Washington, Jefferson and "who first wrote the Thomas Payne, words United States" as those who "at first misunderstood, won an immortal ity of glory."

"With every drop veins," he concluded, "I am opposed to war. Human life is too sacred a thing to be spent in bloodshed. Love is the greatest force in this world, love will redeem us. love will save us and write our names in the depths of civiliza-

reach Indianapolis at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow and proceed from there to Terre Haute, planning to reach the socialist leader's home at about 7 o'clock tomorrow night in time for a demonstration of welcome which is said to have been arranged for him. With him on the train were his brother, Theodore; David Karsner, his biographer, and Miss Celia Trotter and Mrs. Bertha White, both of the Debs freedom league.

ALBEMARLE WOMAN MISSING IN

who disappeared from the south branch of the Young Women's Christian association, was found this afternoon at a local hospital where she was admit- FRENCH IN WASHINGTON ted shortly after her disappearance on Christmas night. The girl's condition is not thought to be serious. Hospital officials were puzzled over the girl's identity until today when she revealed her name.

KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET TO REOPEN EARLY IN JANUARY

KINSTON, Dec. 27.-The local tobuyers. Estimates of the outstanding submersibles, tobacco today varied widely, though the general opinion was that not more the delegates to make any comproproduct is left in pack houses. Re- for a total submarine tonnage of at duced forces will handle the January least 90,000 tons. The French position "breaks."

sales houses would be closed early in ing of the naval committee of the conpolicy today had failed to locate the February, or not later than the middle ference. of that month. High prices will obtain for the season's last offerings, be- French position is based in a general braining from either voting for or few of their representatives at Wash-braining from either voting for or few of their representatives at Wash-braining from either voting for or few of their representatives at Wash-braining from either voting for or few of the senator furfew of the senator fur- books for the elementary grades of ing them have held back much of ing few of their senator fur-books for the elementary grades of ing them have held back much of lating strength as it applies to what TWO ARRESTS IN SWINDLE CASE
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Failed to Get Permit for First Her Determination to Have a Powerful Fleet is Expressed in Senate Discussion

> FRANCE AT DECISIVE POINT SAYS BERENGER

Propounds Pertinent Questions In Presenting the Marine Budget to French Senate

PARIS, Dec. 27 .- (By Associated Press.)-France's determination to and fifty million dollars to one billion have a powerful fleet and objections to in the senate today during a discussion of the marine section of the government's budget.

Senator Henri Berenger who reported the marine budget, sald France was at Before boarding his train Debs ad- a decisive turning points. "Is France dressed a crowd of several hundred per- still independent in her navy as in her army?" he asked. "Has thhe old priners who had come to say good bye, ciple of sovergnty been sacrificed somewhat in those conference wherein we tion in Washington and closing with a have been promised a sort of interna-

Senator de Kergu Ezec defended the submarine as an essential weapon of defense, but wished it to be confined lice in the crowd to interfere with the to military uses instead of being applied to torpedoing commerce. "At the Washington conference," he said, "we mit to speak in the station, and upon were surprised to see that French delebeing informed in the negative, declar- gation demand \$50,000 tons of capital Debs, who had grasped the plain ships when France does not desire to were being exhibited in this country

> Senator de Kergu Ezec declared it the enemy's commercial fleet. He explained the necessity of submarines in defending the coast and in transpor-

tation of supplies for troops Minister of Marine Guisthau, reply ing to Senator de Kergu Ezec said he was greatly affected by the remarks "I wish," he said, "to do myself the about the Washington conference but to return my grateful thanks he asserted: "Nothing has been proreached at Washington would be effective until the French parliament had approved them. He explained that the naval program was reduced through ack of money but that a defensive program was prepared providing for the utilization of the commercial fleet. Senator Berenger severely criticized the condition of the navy, and other senators joined with him in urging speedy reforms. Senator Berenger described the central naval administration as being "in a state of what I

term arterio sclerosis." Preceding thhe debate over the naval budget, the naval commission had pubished a resolution urging the minister of marine to increase the number of submarines so as to adequately defend the coast line, in view of the present weakness of the navy, which was

stressed during thhe discussion in the senate. The concluding paragraph of naval commission's resolution was as

collows: "One cannot conceive therefore, that France's efforts in this direction question of national independence an or the right of legitimate defense that is at stake." The resolution was adopted in connection with theh naval based on two principles: That the French navy must always be superior to the German navy and sufficiently supreme in the Mediterranean to safe guard French interests in North Af-

France with having 49 submarines, of patch of business and the elimination | decisions of the cabinet in Paris, that which 15, it is declared, will be obsolete from procedure of such requirements France might be willing to agree to a by 1925. These are to be replaced only as will defeat the ends of justice status quo limitation of submarine br 12 provided in the present program, through technicality and delay. although 24 others are scheduled for latter group being for "pursuit of ble should make us act with energy and would have as its signatories enemy commerce, pursuit of pirates and to justify the existence of our profes- France, Great Britain, Italy of light enemy cruisers."

ciated Press).-The instructions of the question, reached at a meeting of the cabinet today, were received tonight by the French delegation to the Washington - conference, and while heir nature was not announced it was Sarraut, head of the delegation, and Admiral de Bon had conferred with bacco market will reopen early in Secretary Hughes that France would January with several weeks' business not accept the American suggestion still ahead of the warehousemen and for her to maintain the status quo in

in this regard, it was added, would be It was predicted today that the outlined in detail at tomorrow's meet-

It is understood, however, that the

American People Indulge Heavily In Picture Shows Wide Difference of Opinion is

Spent 750 Million in Past 11 Months, Senate Finance Committee Is Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- The American people spend from seven hundred dollars a year to see motion picture shows, the senate finance committee was told today in the course of arguments for and against a high tariff on foreign made pictures. The investment in the industry totals about \$250,000,-000 and employment is given to about 250,000 persons.

Paul M. Turner, of New York, speaking for the Actors' Equity association, testified that the idea that everybody connected with the industry made "big money" was erroneous; that 96 per cent of those engaged in making films received only "a living wage." Mr. Turner and John Emerson, an

ndependent producer of New York, speaking for himself and for D. W. Griffith, urged a duty on imported from 50 to 60 per cent ad valorem in place of the 30 per cent in the Fordney bill. They said the industry was in bad shape with many studios and a large number of the 18,-000 motion picture theaters over the country closed.

Declaring that only a high tariff stood between the industry and extermination, Mr. Turner declared that at this time 54 German-made pictures tures which cost from \$200,000 to \$300.-000 to produce in this country could be made in Germany for from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

ing for the National Association Motion Picture industry, opposed the duty in the Fordney bill, urging that the present rate of 3 cents a foot be retained. He declared that only a few foreign films and those depicting great spectacles had been successful in this country. An attack on the Eastman Kodak

company featured the hearings, Mr. company, Inc., Frederic R. Coudert, of New York, counsel for Pathe Exchange, Inc., and other witnesses charged that this company motion picture industry if imports were shut out. They consequently opposed the 20 per cent ad valorem duty on "raw" films proposed in the Fordney bill.

EXPANDING ACTIVITIES MAY SWAMP U. S. COURT

tivities of the federal courts may swamp them, "and delaying is a denial of justice," Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States supreme court said tonight in an address before the Chicago Bar association urging reforms to expedite court proce-

forms which he outlined as follows: "First, an increase in the judicial, would be a reversal force in the trial federal courts, and an organization and effective distribution of the force by the council of

"Second, simplicity of procedure the trial federal courts. "Third, a reduction in the obligatory urisdiction of the supreme court and in an Increase in the field of its discretionary jurisdiction by certicari.' "There is no field of governmental action so important to the people as our courts," he said. "There is noth- during the day from French circles. It ing in those courts so essential to the was a hint, advanced informally while credits doing of justice as the prompt dis- the delegation waited for news of the

"While the bar and the bench are really much less responsible for delays preserve peace in European waters. in legal procedure than the public is As tentatively outlined, such one to be composed of short range and likely to think, the very fact that they | treaty would be similar in purpose to the other of long range submarines, the are popularly supposed to be responsi- that just concluded to cover the Pacific, sion and the maintenance of courts. cases brought and tried and personal might also participate in the agree. conferences with judges leave no ment, although thhe inclusion of the doubt that an increase of the judges four European powers, including Gerof first instance in the federal system many expressly, would be considered is absolutely necessary.

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Virginia: Fair and colder Wednesday; Thursday of the conference substitute commit-

> emperature. North and South Carolina, Georgia: vising Chinese tariff arrangements Fair Wednesday; Thursday increasing seemed near an agreement which would

and Thursday; little change in temerature. the general opinion was that not more the delegates to make any compro-the general opinion was that not more the delegates to make any compro-than a million or two pounds of the mise on the original French request than a million or two pounds of the for a total submarine tonnage of at cloudy and warmer, probably becoming the product is left in pack houses. Re-

> coming unsettled. BURCH'S FATHER TESTIFIES

Seriously Discussing Plan to Defer Matter To Future Conference

Revealed by Discussion of Submarines AMERICAN DELEGATES

MEET FRENCH AND JAPS But Agreement Apparently No Nearer; Shantung Negotia-

tions More Serious

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- (By Assoiated Press.)-The submarine controversy has revealed so wide a difference of opinion among the powers that the arms delegates are seriously discussing a plan to leave thhe whole question of auxiliary warship tonnage to a later international conference. So far considerable of the project has been entirely informal, with conference leaders outwardly reflecting a hope that the present negotiations may yet bring the submarine problem to a solution. In many quarters, however, there are growing signs of discouragement over the prospect, and an accompany ing tendency to examine carefully the possibilities of the postponement plan. In highest American official circles it was said today that a concrete proposal for a future conference might be laid before the arms delegates within a few days. President Harding was said to feel that such a confer and it was indicated that he had communicated his desires to the American

delegation Tonight the submarine tangle apparently was as far as ever from a settlement, despite conferences between the merican delegates and the plenopotentiaries of Japan and France, the two American compromise proposal. The naval committee, which has not met since Saturday, will resume its sessions tomorrow, but neither the French nor Japanese expect to be in a position to modify their objections to the American

ook da a more serious aspect during the day when the Japanese, after the receipt of fresh instructions from To kio, let it be known that they were not prepared to make any further concessions in their exchanges with the Chinese over return of the Tsingtao-Tsinanfu railroad. The Chinese already have declared they can go no further toward a compromise, but in some conference circles there still is hope that the two groups may be brought to-

treaty already signed by the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, got back into conference discussions through a suggestion from Japa. agree not to apply the terms of the pact to the principal islands of the Japanese empire. In view of differences of view developing in the United States and Japan as to the meaning of the treaty. the Japanese were said to be considering the suggestion of such an interpretative agreement.

An interpretation not applying treaty to the major Japanese islands standing said to have existed among the delegations when the treaty was signed. It would be adverse also to the interpretation announced by the American delegation but in harmony with that voiced by President Harding Should the Tokio government decide formally to suggest such an agreement. the move might precipitate an intricate situation in the conference. Another suggestion involving interesting political considerations came

strength if the other powers would join with her in a treaty designed to

many. Should they desire to do so, it Examination of the statistice of was said, the United States and Japan ndispensible. While all of these informal suggestions were occupying the attention of many of the delegates during the recess of the naval committee, several

increasing coloudiness with rising tees held meetings to discuss collateral issues. The substitute committee re cloudiness; not much change in tem- increase Chinese revenues, and the substitute committee on aircraft drew up a Florida: Generally fair Wednesday tentative declaration of principles to also consulted over a plan for uniform varying measurement standards now in use by the several powers.

Tennessee: Fair Wednesday: Thurs- In the deliberations of the substitute tay cloudy and warmer, probably be- divisions of the conference there apeared a growing tendency to leave deils of the Washington negotiations to be worked out by continuing com-LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 .- Actions of missions who would report directly to