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Cloudy and Much Colder Today; Monday Fair.

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# HEAVY TOLL TAKEN IN HUMAN LIFE BY STORM OVER SOUTH

## THIRTY-ONE REPORTED DEAD WHILE PROPERTY LOSS WILL BE LARGE

### Storm First Struck the Eastern Edge of Arkansas.

### SWEPT TOWARD THE GULF

### Tearing Through Mississippi and Louisiana, It Left Path of Destruction.

### TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT

**Spencer, La., Suffers Loss of Seven Lives—Six Negroes Killed on One Plantation—Crittenden County, Ark., Hard Hit**

(By Associated Press.)

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Thirty-six persons, two white men and 34 negroes, were killed and more than 100 injured in a tornado which struck Crittenden county, Ark., late yesterday and dipped into Quitman, Coahoma, Carroll, Leflore and Yazoo counties in northern Mississippi early today before passing to the southwest, leaving in its wake a trail of wrecked farm buildings.

Virtually all the injured are negroes.

Clarkeville, Ark., reports nine dead and 35 injured in that town and nearby farming settlements; Coahoma county, 12 dead and a number injured; Carroll and Leflore counties five dead and approximately 50 injured; Quitman county, five dead and several injured and Yazoo county five dead and seven injured.

Payne Harrison, crushed to death when a brick wall at Clarkeville collapsed and William V. Turner, a planter who rode into a fallen electric wire while viewing the damage to his plantation near Marks, are the only white persons known to have lost their lives in the storm.

The storm struck first in the vicinity of Clarkeville, Ark., demolishing small farm buildings and damaging a number of the more substantial structures through a stretch of territory two miles wide and 15 miles long.

Crossing the Mississippi river the storm apparently descended in the vicinity of Marks, Miss., about 50 miles south of Clarkeville, razing buildings on the Turner and Marks plantations and, continuing into the nearby counties of Leflore and Carroll, destroyed a number of buildings.

In Coahoma county the storm swept the Lacy and Oberst plantations. Eight were killed on the Lacy place and four on the adjoining plantation operated by W. J. Oberst.

Virtually all the negro cabins in several plantations seven miles south of Vaughan station in Yazoo county were leveled.

All of those killed in Crittenden county, Ark., were crushed to death in the collapse of a brick store building of Banks and Danner at Clarkeville in which a number of farm laborers had taken refuge from a rainstorm which preceded the blow. Several were injured at Booker, a small village near Clarkeville. In addition to the Banks and Danner store two cotton warehouses and a gin were wrecked at Clarkeville and farm buildings within a radius of several miles about that town razed or damaged.

Ambulances sent from Memphis and motor trucks hurried to the scene from nearby towns brought the more seriously injured to hospitals in Memphis while the less seriously hurt were cared for in Marion and other towns in the immediate vicinity.

In Mississippi hastily formed relief organizations and Red Cross chapters at Greenwood, Yazoo City and other centers are caring for the injured and homeless.

While no definite estimate of the property damage was available tonight unofficial figures indicate that the monetary loss will exceed a million dollars.

**MANY PLANTATIONS AND SMALL TOWNS ARE SWEPT BY STORM**

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Twenty five reported dead, scores injured and huge property damage is the toll of a storm which struck eastern Arkansas last night and tore through upper Mississippi and Louisiana during the early hours of today, according to scattered reports from the devastated areas today. Wires are down and virtually all communication with the storm area shut off.

The village of Spencer, Union Parish, La., about 15 miles from Monroe, was almost entirely leveled, with a loss, it is reported, of one life.

Mrs. Mary Spain, wife of E. L. Spain, manager of the Tisdale plantation, four miles northwest of Bastrop, and six negroes were killed. Twenty five were reported injured in this neighborhood.

Three negroes were killed and more than a score injured when the storm struck two plantations near Greenwood, Miss., early today.

William Turner, a well known planter, and four negroes were killed on a plantation near Marks, Miss.

The storm appears to have had its inception in Crittenden county, Ark., late yesterday where about a dozen farming settlements were affected. Payne Harrison and eight negroes were reported killed in this county when a store, in which approximately 50 negro farm hands had taken refuge collapsed.

The Missouri Pacific depot, a store and five homes are reported demolished at Spencer. W. L. Wall, agent for the Missouri Pacific at Spencer, and his wife are reported dying of injuries.

In addition to the seven killed near Bastrop, at least two others are feared to be near death.

The Spain dwelling was torn apart and furniture and other contents scattered for miles on both sides of Bayou Bartholomew. Miss Nellie Spain, 15, was seriously injured and is not expected to live. Mrs. Spain was blown for a hundred feet against a tree, meeting instant death.

## *New Hearing To Be Given Peake Jan. 14*

(By Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Judge T. A. R. Nelson today sustained the motion for a new hearing for J. L. Peake, North Carolinian held here on an indictment in connection with the killing of H. B. Ashburn, at Winston-Salem, N. C., December 8, and January 14 was set as the date for the hearing. Peake was arrested here several weeks ago at the request of authorities at Winston-Salem, where he had been indicted on a charge of murder.

Motion for the release of Peake on a writ of habeas corpus automatically stayed process of extradition which had been granted by Governor Taylor. Additional charges against Peake at Winston-Salem have resulted in additional extradition papers being presented to the governor of Tennessee.

## VAST VOLUME OF MAIL MOVED IN GOOD SHAPE

### People Heeded Admonition to Mail Early—Big Volume Indicates Prosperity.

### RISING TIDE OF BUSINESS

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—Officials of the postoffice department left their desks tonight convinced that the American people had begun to practice "mail early for Christmas."

While the nearly one-third million persons in the postal service staggered under a load which appears, when viewed as statistics, to be the largest volume of Christmas mail in history, reports from several thousand divisional and minor offices showed plainly, it was declared, that the mails had been moved smoothly and with dispatch and above all without the usual "peak."

Dr. Hubert Work, first assistant postmaster-general, declared this was due to the "fine co-operation of the people and the splendid efficient service of the employes." The response to Postmaster General Hays' appeal for an early mailing of Christmas packages was "more hearty than we could have hoped," Dr. Work said.

The indication of a great increase in the Christmas mails was viewed as significant by many government officials, who declared it showed a betterment in the nation's economic conditions. It reflected, it was said, better markets, busier factories, fewer unemployed. They believed also it revealed a closer knit American nation, for transcontinental as well as local mail alike was heavier. Mention was made in the reports of postmasters and railway mail service heads of the higher percentage of registered and insured packages and the tremendous volume of parcel post matter as indicative of the rising tide of business.

As shown by the postoffice department charts, mails that could accurately be charged to the Christmas period began to increase in volume about December 10. In the next 10 days the flow of greetings and packages continued steadily and, although increasing gradually, it got beyond the capacity of few important postoffices to dispatch or relieve with celerity. Even stormy weather in some sections did not cause what has hitherto been an annual jam in the mails, the reports showed.

Great cities like New York and Chicago, important gateways as at midcontinent rail dividing points, and the hundreds of lesser relay stations for the mails met the flood of the tide and turned it into its proper channels promptly, delayed only to the extent that railway service was impaired by its burden of homeward bound travelers, according to Dr. Work. He said in this connection that so far as records show never in recent years has less mail reached division points "unworked" or unsorted for its prompt transfer.

**RADICAL CONVENTION TOOK CHAIRMAN'S WORDS LITERALLY**

New York, Dec. 24.—With a policeman's billy doing duty as the chairman's gavel, the workers' party of America was born here today and dedicated to the overthrow of the present government and the substitution of the "American workers' republic."

After preliminary organization was effected James P. Cannon, of Kansas City, wielding the billy as presiding officer, said the party should begin by fighting more and talking less.

Almost immediately several delegates acted upon the suggestion. They were ejected from the convention hall after a verbal and fistic exchange. Mr. Cannon then declared he would listen to "no one who talked anything but unity."

**ASA R. KEEN IS SHOT AND KILLED IN WILSON COUNTY**

(Special to Daily News.)

Wilson, Dec. 24.—In Taylors township, several miles west of Wilson, Asa R. Keen was shot in the back three times by W. H. Evans and instantly killed Friday afternoon. Evans made no attempt to escape and is now in jail. Both are white men and Evans claims he was acting in self-defense.

This afternoon in South Wilson Tip Barnes, a notorious negro, shot his wife in the mouth after which he placed her in a local hospital and then skipped out. The woman died shortly after being taken to the hospital. Tip later was arrested.

**Forecast By States.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Virginia: Cloudy and much colder Sunday; unsettled morning; Monday fair.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia: Cloudy and much colder Sunday; probably rain on the coast; Monday fair, colder in east.

Alabama: Generally fair and much colder Sunday; cold wave in south probably freezing temperature to the coast Sunday night; Monday fair.

Tennessee: Fair and colder Sunday night; cold wave in east; Monday fair, rising temperature in west.

**Thermometer Readings.**

The temperature in Greensboro and vicinity yesterday, according to A. R. Horry, local government observer, was: High ..... 65 Low ..... 49

THE THREE WISE MEN ARRIVE AT THE LOWLY MANGER.

## GARDNER MEN FIGURE AS POSSIBLE WEARERS OF WARREN'S MANTLE

### Dave Norwood, D. G. Brummitt, Lindsay Warren, J. D. Dawson.

### FOUGHT THE OLD GUARD

### Hard to Figure What Commends Norwood to Watts As the Democratic Chairman.

### MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

**Brooks Back From Michigan and Says He Doesn't Mind a Commission Being Appointed to Study Him and Educational System**

The Greensboro Daily News Bureau,
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By W. T. BOST

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—State Chairman Tom Warren, of the Democratic executive committee has actually resigned even as the Raleigh gossip yesterday represented him, and Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford; Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington, N. C., and John G. Dawson, of Kinston, are added to the name of J. Dave Norwood, of Salisbury, for the succession.

The astonishing thing about this quartet is that all four were hearty Max Gardner men, all were Kitchin supporters and have fought the organization. Notwithstanding this, the most active Norwood supporer is said to be Col. A. D. Watts who must recall, as the next door neighbor to Iredell, how Dave Norwood fought the Kitchin battle against Watts and "The Senator," and later how Norwood as an active supporter of Max Gardner aided in twice carrying Old Rowan against The Senator's candidate for governor.

Just what commends the Salisbury man to Colonel Watts, barring the fact that Mr. Norwood is a captain of industry and can get the money, boys, it is hard to figure out. Colonel Watts hasn't won international renown for going outside his organization to get men to run the party for him. Least of all should he seek a kinsman of Governor Kitchin, for among the kicks absorbed by Watts none ever hurt quite so badly as that administered by "these damned Kitchins" as Watts called 'em in Charlotte. For when the Kitchins kicked Watts they booted The Senator, jolted all over J. W. Bailey and the whole Simmons organization. Quarter by the Kitchin men has not been asked. Wherefore, Norwood of the Gardner and Kitchin camps looms big.

**What the Organization Demands.**

One thing may be recounted, but that ought to hurt. Norwood managed the Jim Hartness campaign against Bryan Grimes, but they only whisper the result of it in Iredell. The Salisbury man was well within form when he supported Hartness because the two were neighbors. It has been a long time since a Kitchin man received even favorable mention for state chairman, because an orthodox Old Guarder, who never chased false gods in all his life, has been demanded by the organization, which has boasted that it will not allow a governor to be named until the candidate has accepted the state chairman. Thus the organization men declared they treated Bickett. Of course the last one of 'em is a Cretan. Bickett beat 'em as Kitchin had beaten 'em, but Tom Warren was an aggressive Bickett man. The organization must do some tall explaining to satisfy the Simmons folks everywhere. Here is Dave Norwood, a Kitchin man, manager and kinsman by marriage, a Gardner man by choice. And he is being boosted by the chief of the Simmons tribe in the state.

Then there is one other Watts-Norwood tie. Both were opposed to woman suffrage and both are a trifle silent on the subject now. It is true Dave Norwood didn't call it "damned nonsense," for Dave Norwood is in his Methodistical pew twice every Sunday and the best contributor that the First church of Salisbury has. He doesn't cuss. But Watts spoke his sentiment. Take Hartness and suffrage away and one does not find how Watts and Norwood work together—Kitchin man, Kitchin manager, Kitchin kinsman, and Gardner supporter, all in one. Yet Norwood is the Watts choice, 'tis said.

Brummitt, on the other hand, mounts big in the every qualification for a chairmanship. He is a superb personal campaigner, really eloquent on the stump, is a fine mixer, comes from the greatest district in the state, can get the great empire thoroughly organized, is loyal to woman suffrage, clean, progressive, and has had four years of active state service during which time he was three times member of the house and speaker of both the regular and special sessions of 1919 and 1920.

**Where Brummitt Shines.**

If the organization were looking for a man on the other side it would make a ten-strike to land Brummitt because he has everything that a man now needs. He would appeal to the progressive spirit of the state, would be the instant friend of women voters, and he would have his home district solidly behind him. If the Watts supporters desired a man who had not been personally objectionable to the Senator by being kin to Kitchin, Brummitt fits, and if the Watts men wish a citizen who followed the wise advice of the Senator when he sent down word to ratify the suffrage amendment, Brummitt would suit even better than

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## New York City a Center Of Crime Christmas Eve

### Four Persons Killed and Six Others Injured In a Series of Bold Robberies—Two Bandits Fall Into the Clutches of the Police and Full Confessions Are Wrung From Them—Shops and Offices Robbed.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Instead of a city of good will, New York became a center of crime on Christmas eve.

Police records showed that in the last 24 hours four persons had been killed and six injured in a series of robberies and assaults in the city proper and neighboring communities.

In two instances, however, bandits fell into the clutches of the police, who asserted they had wrung confessions of their crimes from prisoners. The crime chart shows:

An armed man entered the Pronx home of Carl Mollar, jewaler, mortally injuring him and seriously wounding his wife, Usuline. A man giving his name of Alric Wesling was captured after a block's chase by a motor truck driver, who alleged he had seen him running from the Mollar home. Mollar identified Wesling before he died, according to the police who declared the prisoner had confessed.

The police closed the case of two holdup men who last night raided a United Cigar store in the Bronx, and wounded two detectives. One bandit, shot dead, was today identified as Nelson Levy, with a long criminal record.

Joseph Oats drove up this morning to a hospital in Englewood, N. J., and reported he had been shot by highwaymen. He was detained on suspicion that he was the other bandit who had participated in the Bronx robbery and who had been shot.

Captain Wines, of the Bronx detective department, declared this afternoon that he had been so identified and that he had confessed taking part in 17 other robberies, in most cases involving United Cigar stores.

The police were still searching for the holdup men who shot Leon Sotillo dead in his Bronx saloon last night, while in New Jersey a posse was looking for a man held responsible for the brutal murder of a five-year-old girl in a New Brunswick hotel. The assailants of Philip S. Honywood, member of a titled English family, also were still at large.

Five robbers entered the Brooklyn office of Capt. Gilbert C. Wright, treasurer, of the Lighter Captains' union, and at pistol point robbed his safe of $20 and took $104 from a union member who entered the office to pay his dues. The thieves then escaped.

Three armed men robbed Nathan Backman, Brooklyn merchant of $275, while Francis Woolen reported that the ticket booth of the Brooklyn motion picture house which he manages had been robbed of $100.

Three footpads took $60 from Thomas Stankofsky in the Bronx after beating him unconscious. Two of them were captured.

## FIRE AT WILSON COSTS BEYOND HALF MILLION

### Factory of Hackney and Sons Suffers $500,000 Damage, With $360,000 Insurance.

### WILL BUILD BIGGER PLANT

(Special to Daily News.)

Wilson, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out in the second story of the building of Hackney and sons here this morning and soon the whole plant was a furnace of flames. Rocky Mount was called on and soon came to the assistance of the local firemen and with their combined efforts the flames were finally subdued.

A dead wall between the paint and woodworking rooms stopped the progress o fthe flames on the southside adjacent to many large business houses, and a favorable turn of the wind saved many frame buildings on the north. One hundred cars and trucks went up in smoke.

The Hackneys' loss on building, equipment and stock amounts to $500,000, on which there was $360,000 insurance. Damage to adjacent buildings is considerable. The Hackneys will build bigger and better than ever.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS VOICED BY FOREIGNERS

**Heads of Delegations Transmit Them To American People—Speak Optimistically of Conference Results**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—Heads of the foreign delegations participating in the armament conference transmitted through the Associated Press tonight Christmas greetings to the American people.

The delegation chiefs, one and all, took occasion to speak most optimistically of the achievements of the conference to date as pointing the way to a new era in international relationships developed by the conference.

Admiral Baron Kato issued the statement on behalf of Japan, Albert Sarraut spoke for France, Senator Schanzer for Italy, and Jonkheer Van Karnebeck for the Netherlands. The three Chinese delegates, Welling-Koo, Alfred Sze and Chung Hui Wang, joined in one statement and Vice-Foreign Minister Hanihara, of the Japanese delegation, issued to newspaper men a message in which he extended greetings not only to them but to the people of the United States. The expression of the British delegation was embodied in a statement issued by Arthur J. Balfour.

**WILL GIVE REASONS FOR RELEASE OF EUGENE DEBS**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Announcement was made at the department of justice tonight that the complete text of the recommendations from Attorney General Daugherty to President Harding in the Debs case would be made public soon and also would be distributed in pamphlet form throughout the country. This action was to be taken, it was explained, in order that the public might be fully informed on just what grounds commutation of sentence was ordered.

## EUG. V. DEBS TO LEAVE FEDERAL PRISON TODAY

### Receives Tidings of Commutation Calmly, Reserving Comment Until He Is Free.

### TO HOLD FAMILY REUNION

(By Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Dec. 24.—Eugene V. Debs was formally notified today that his 10-year sentence had been commuted to expire tomorrow, and as far as could be learned, received the tidings calmly, reserving any comment he might want to make until he is actually outside the walls of the Atlanta federal penitentiary.

Detailed instructions as to the hour of release had not been received at the prison tonight, and, following ordinary procedure, the Socialist leader would be allowed to leave tomorrow at any time suitable to him.

All arrangements for departure for his home in Terre Haute, Ind., for a Christmas reunion with his wife and family have been made by Theodore Debs, brother of the prisoner, and David Karsten, a Socialist leader of New York, both of whom have been here for several days. His plans for the future are to be made after arrival home, his friends said.

The government will provide transportation, $5 in cash and a complete outfit of civilian clothes. He has his choice between a dark blue or brown suit, but the other garments are uniform and include a hat.

The Socialist leader has been rooming in the hospital building most of his time here and does not mingle with the other inmates, generally. No outsiders, either, have seen him recently, it was said by J. E. Dyche, warden, and his brother and friends here were waiting to welcome him outside the gates.

**Sperry Congratulates Debs.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Marvin Gates Sperry, national president of the Private Soldiers and Sailors' legion, sent a telegram today to Eugene V. Debs congratulating him on the commutation of his sentence. The great majority of the private soldiers and millions of other Christian citizens, the message stated, will praise the action of President Harding in granting executive clemency to Debs and other political prisoners.

**ONE JUROR SPOILS TRIAL OF A TENNESSEE MURDER CASE**

Shelbyville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—After approximately 24 hours of deliberating, the jury in the case of W. B. Carroll, charged with the murder of Dr. G. E. Horton at Wartrace, Tenn., May 23, reported tonight that the vote stood 11 to 1 for acquittal. Following its report the jury was discharged.

## HOLIDAY GIVES SENATE CHANCE TO FIND WHAT TREATY SENTIMENT IS

### Cautious Senators Will Try to Reflect People's Pulse.

### BIG BURDEN FOR LODGE

### He Must Overcome a Lot of Anti-Alliance Sentiment He Helped to Create.

### BONUS AWAITING ACTION

**Most Members Of Congress Concede Something Must Be Done In Way Of Bonus Legislation But Dread To Take Hold.**

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623 Albee Building (By Leased Wire)

Washington, Dec. 24.—The fate of the treaty of Washington may be decided during the next 10 days. The holiday recess of Congress, coupled with reduced railroad rates, has emptied Washington of Congressmen and senators who are occupying a lofty perch on the top rail of the fence, waiting for a crystallization of sentiment, will have a chance to feel the pulse of their constituents before they return to Washington January 3.

The manner in which the plain voters react to the new departure in American affairs will soon be reflected in the senate debate. Polling the senate on the new treaty has been found to be an almost impossible task. Scores of senators refuse to disclose at this early date what their attitude will be when the "show-down" comes.

**Movement For Reservations.**

History repeats itself in the comment on Senator Lodge's reported statement that to "amend the treaty is to ruin it." This declaration served to bring up recollections of President Wilson's similar statement about the Versailles treaty, which was hooted at on Capitol hall. The Lodge declaration has given impetus to the movement to attach clarifying reservations.

Some members of Congress who have heard by mail from their constituents say that the folks "back home" are mystified at the new alliance. The American antipathy to foreign alliances of all kinds, which was intensified by the tremendous campaign against the league of nations, is asserting itself. The question is being asked, "Why is it necessary to enter the quadruple alliance?" On the ability of the treaty advocates to show the commensurate advantage to the United States from the new alliance equal to the liabilities and obligations incurred will depend the ultimate fate of the treaty of Washington.

It may be so arranged that Senator Lodge can be released from his duties as one of the American delegates in order to bear the brunt of the fight for the treaty. It is conceded that he will have to make votes by a clear cut argument on the merits of the treaty rather than by dependence on another personally conducted tour of the Pacific islands, which has been so much criticised in his speech before the last plenary session.

**Anti-Leaguers Still Active.**

The real crux of the situation is whether Senator Curtis, Republican whip, and Lodge, the Republican floor leader, can swing enough votes on the majority side. The argument is being used by Republican senators of the anti-league of nations element that the pro-league Republican element, represented by Hughes and Root, dragged their weaker associate, the feeble Lodge, into an arrangement which savors of the league of nations. The anti-leaguers say that if the United States is to embrace the league, it would be far better to take the Versailles covenant than a poor imitation. On the other hand, it is argued, if league membership for this country involves a violation of American traditions, so much worse is the Pacific pact, which may result in this nation aligning itself in the event of a disturbance in that region, with a brown race against a white people.

Probably the most annoying as well as the most difficult problem of legislation that confronts the present Congress is the soldiers' bonus, which appeals with great force to Republicans and Democrats alike. Those of both parties confess that the matter has already been delayed too long, as it should have been disposed of early after the armistice.

It is certain that the Republicans have no specific program, which includes the soldiers' bonus, for Representative Mondell, Republican leader

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## NO DAILY NEWS MONDAY

The Daily News is going to take a "night off" this Christmas night and as a consequence there will be no paper published Monday morning. Those of the News family who week after week and month after month throughout the year have toiled on Sunday night as on any other night that the thousands of readers may have their Monday morning paper feel that the friends of the Daily News will not begrudge them this one Sunday night in the year in which to "indulge"—with their families around the home fires.

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## AMERICANS NOT ABLE TO SETTLE SUBMARINE ISSUE BY COMPROMISE

### Japan Refuses to Give Up Her "5-5-3" Share.

### FRENCH ALSO UNWILLING

### American Delegates Offer to Cut America's Undersea Tonnage From 90,000 to 60,000.

### BRITISH IN LOSING GAME

**British Fail to Get Conference to Abolish All Submarines And Join With United States in Plan to Reduce World's Tonnage.**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—An American effort to compromise the submarine controversy failed of immediate success today before the arms conference naval committee when Japan refused to depart from the "5-5-3" ratio proportion of submersibles for her fleet and French action was deferred pending advices from Paris.

When the committee adjourned after four hours debate to meet again next Tuesday, some members of the American group appeared discouraged over the prospect of any early agreement on submarines, although negotiations are to continue.

The American compromise plan, presented after the British effort for complete suppression of submarines had been shelved, proposed 60,000 ton limitations for Great Britain and the United States instead of the original American figure of 90,000 tons each, and virtually a status quo for the other three powers.

The British delegation, failing to obtain favorable action on suppression of submarines, accepted the new American reduction scheme. The French group indicated that it would be unacceptable, but deferred full answer pending Paris advices. Japan flatly held out for the full 54,000 tons in submarines under the original American "5-5-3" ratio plan. Italy accepted the compromise plan, conditioned on a submarine tonnage parity with France, the Italian delegates contending that 31,500 tons would be the correct limitation for both France and Italy.

**France Wants 90,000 Tons.**

The French delegation indicated that it would not oppose parity with Italy in submarines as well as capital ships but withheld approval of any tonnage limitation of less than the 90,000 ton figure suggested by French experts. Under a status quo France would have about 42,000 tons in submersibles.

The American group made it plain that, while it had great sympathy for the British viewpoint in opposing all submarine warfare, it was inclined to agree with the American advisory committee that submarines were a legitimate weapon. It was said the matter had been discussed with President Harding and that the willingness of the American government to proceed at some future date toward an international discussion of submarine warfare on a wider basis than the present conference had been indicated.

It was also indicated that the American delegation would bring into the conference later a resolution condemning in formal fashion for the five powers such use of submarines as was made by Germany during the world war.

Before the British proposal was shelved, which was done tacitly and without comment or formal action, Arthur J. Balfour made a final plea for the British case against underwater craft. At the same time he placed formally on the records of the conference a concise statement of British views on this point and urged that a world conference be called later again to take up the question.

**America Offers Big Sacrifice.**

To induce agreement, the American delegation again offered, as in the capital ship proposal, to make the greatest sacrifice in tonnage. American figures show a present submarine strength of 95,000 tons for the United States and 32,000tons for Great Britain. Under the compromise plan the United States thus would scrap 35,000 tons and the British 22,000. The effect of the American-British agreement today, had it been ratified by the other three powers, would have been a net reduction of nearly 60,000 tons in the world's submarine tonnage.

The American compromise plan appeared to have been aimed at meeting half way the desires of each power in submarine tonnage limitation. It was an attempt to solve the controversy that had arisen in the naval committee with Great Britain and France in direct opposition and poles apart in their views as to submarines in war. The British desire to reduce submarine tonnage would have been met in a large degree on the one hand under the American plan, while on the other the French desire to increase submarine tonnage and the French submarine ratio as compared to Great Britain and America also would have been met in approximately the same degree.

Action of Japan in refusing to swerve from the line of the 5-5-3 ratio injected a wholly new element into the controversy and that and ultimate French decision on the compromise proposal constitute the point of departure for the resumption of negotiations on Tuesday.

## TAKE NEGRO AND BOOZE FROM TRAIN IN ASHBORO

**The Stuff Broke In His Grip—Young Folks Home: From College For Holidays.**

(Special to Daily News.)

Ashboro, Dec. 24.—Jim Cagle, a negro, was taken from a Norfolk and Southern train here today with two gallons and one pint of whisky in a suit case. Cagle was drunk and the whisky broke in his grip. He was placed in jail here.

All the young people of this place who are students at the colleges in the state are at home for the Christmas holidays.

W. C. Hammer, representative in Congress, returned home last night for the holidays.

Christmas services will be held at all the churches here tomorrow.

**UTAH KIDNAPER AND ROBBER MAY DIE FOR CRIMES**

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Clyde Timmons, who, according to the police, has confessed holding up a train on the Oregon Short Line railroad near Salt Lake City last August, may be sent back to Utah for trial and face a possible firing squad. The police were considering this move tonight after an announcement by United States Commissioner Mason that Utah statutes provide the death penalty for train robbers.