

ARMAMENT MATTER IS UP TO HARDING

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE HAS BEEN EMPOWERED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION.

PRESENT SOLUTION DOUBTFUL

Probable That Land Armaments is to be Handled by League Commission on Same Basis as Naval.

Geneva.—The commission on disarmament of the council of the League of Nations in its full report finds that the Washington conference can better deal with the question of naval disarmament than the league and that it can be more effectively secured by common agreement among the great powers.

The discussion of this subject by the assembly commission thus far is in line with this conclusion, involving a slow but sure policy. With regard to land armaments also it appears that the same policy has the upper hand. It is probable that the question will come up before the assembly on that basis.

"Mankind is still too far removed from the ideals of peace to make possible at present the solution of the question of disarmament," is the final conclusion of the council's commission.

The replies to the assembly's request that the governments limit their expenditures for the purpose of armaments for two years to the amount of this year's budget are quoted in support of the commission's contention.

Mellon's Estimate Correct.

Washington.—Incomplete treasury reports of collections of September 15 installments of income and excess profits taxes indicated a practical certainty that Secretary Mellon's estimate of \$525,000,000 will be realized, officials said.

Masked Men Raid Distillery.

Bloomfield, Ky.—Twenty masked and armed men overpowered two guards at the B. McClasky & Sons distillery and escaped in seven touring cars with 88 cases and three barrels of whiskey.

Object to Vicious Textbooks.

Tokio.—Formation of a committee which would submit school textbooks to a critical examination, with a view to rooting out sources of international prejudice, ignorance and hatred, is recommended by a representative group of Japanese peace workers.

Washington.—Wholesale prices increased 2.75 per cent in August over July levels, wholesale food prices leading in the advance with an increase of 13.5 per cent, according to figures made public by the department of labor.

Five Dynamiters Captured.

Chicago.—Fourteen hundred sticks of dynamite, three inches in diameter and ten inches long, and 100 sticks of T N T were seized by police following the capture of five dynamiters in the act of bombing a shoe repair shop.

Hun Celebration Broken Up.

Berlin.—A celebration at Wilmersdorf of the battle of Tannenberg, following the anniversary of that engagement, fought in East Prussia in 1914, was broken up by socialists and communists, who overpowered the nationalists.

Cotton Association to Meet.

Columbia, S. C.—J. Skottowe Wamaker, president of the American Cotton association, announced that the association had accepted an invitation to hold its next annual meeting in Birmingham October 26-29.

Drowned While Aiding Brother.

Beaufort, S. V.—William Haddock, a white boy 21 years of age, was drowned near his home at Hundred Pines while attempting to rescue his brother who had called for help.

8,000 View Body of Actress.

Los Angeles.—Approximately 8,000 persons viewed the body of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, for whose alleged murder Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle is held in the San Francisco prison.

Strike is Voted, But Deferred.

Chicago.—Railroad shopmen belonging to the Six Federated Shop Crafts union have voted to strike against the general railroad wage reduction of July 1, 1921, but will defer action.

Few Signs of Improvement.

Washington.—Signs of improved conditions in Europe are still few, according to the monthly summary of the economic and financial summary there issued by the commerce department.

Oil Station Burns.

Tampa, Fla.—Fire, which it is thought originated from a stray locomotive spark, swept the Gulf Refining company's property at Port Tampa City, doing damage of approximately \$30,000.

NO DECREASE IN GROSS TAXATION

A LATE AMENDMENT PROVIDES FOR A TAX OF \$6.40 PER GALLON ON SPIRITS.

TAXATION IS \$30 PER HEAD

Estimate Made is That Senate Bill Will Provide a Revenue of \$3,400,000,000 in Next Calendar Year.

Washington.—Scant promise of any material decrease in the gross amount of taxation to be levied during the next calendar year is held out by the amended tax bill, which Senator Penrose, republican, Pennsylvania, chairman of the senate finance committee, and his administration associates completed.

It is believed that between \$3,200,000,000 and \$3,400,000,000 in revenue is provided by the Penrose bill, although an exact estimate has not been made.

It was estimated that the house tax bill would provide \$2,960,000,000 for the next calendar year.

A tax of approximately \$30 is laid upon every man, woman and child in the country for the present fiscal year by the bill.

One of the eleventh-hour provisions adopted was an amendment by Senator Calder of New York imposing a tax of \$6.40 a gallon on all distilled spirits withdrawn from bond, except that used in manufacturing.

Red Cross Returns Children.

San Francisco.—Ninety per cent of the 800 Russian boys and girls of the Potrogod Children's Colony, which were taken practically around the world to reach home by the American Red Cross, have been safely returned to their parents.

Men Must Be Reinstated.

Chicago.—The United States Railroad Labor Board ordered the Butler Railroad company to reinstate two foremen who had been discharged because they belonged to the same union as workmen under them.

Blanket Indictment Issued.

Logan, W. Va.—A blanket indictment charging murder against 325 "soldiers" of the miners' army which attacked Logan county two weeks ago, was returned by a special grand jury.

Antarctic Expedition.

London.—An Antarctic expedition headed by Sir Ernest Shackleton, the famous explorer, sailed on the steamship Quest.

Ancient Temple is Discovered.

Athens.—The foundations of a large Doric temple have been discovered at Sicyon. The temple, which was destroyed during the Rome epoch, is probably that of Artemis.

Cotton and Wheat Prices Drop.

Washington.—American cotton and wheat prices took a huge drop in foreign markets, it was shown by figures made public by the department of commerce.

Argentine Drought is Broken.

Washington.—The big drought, which has menaced the Argentine wheat crop, is broken, according to a cable received by the department of commerce.

Ku Klux Meeting Abandoned.

Louisville, Ky.—It was announced by organizers of the Ku Klux Klan that the meeting advertised in Louisville had been given up.

Japan to Retain Mandate.

Washington.—Japan is to retain her mandate over the island of Yap, according to a definite understanding in authoritative quarters here.

Ultimatum Reaches De Valera.

London.—Final warning that the British government will not allow the creation of a republic in Ireland is in the hands of the Sinn Fein.

Services for the Dead.

New York.—Memorial services for the 15 men of the American navy who lost their lives in the ZR-2 disaster, was held at the navy yard in Brooklyn.

Retail Food Prices Higher.

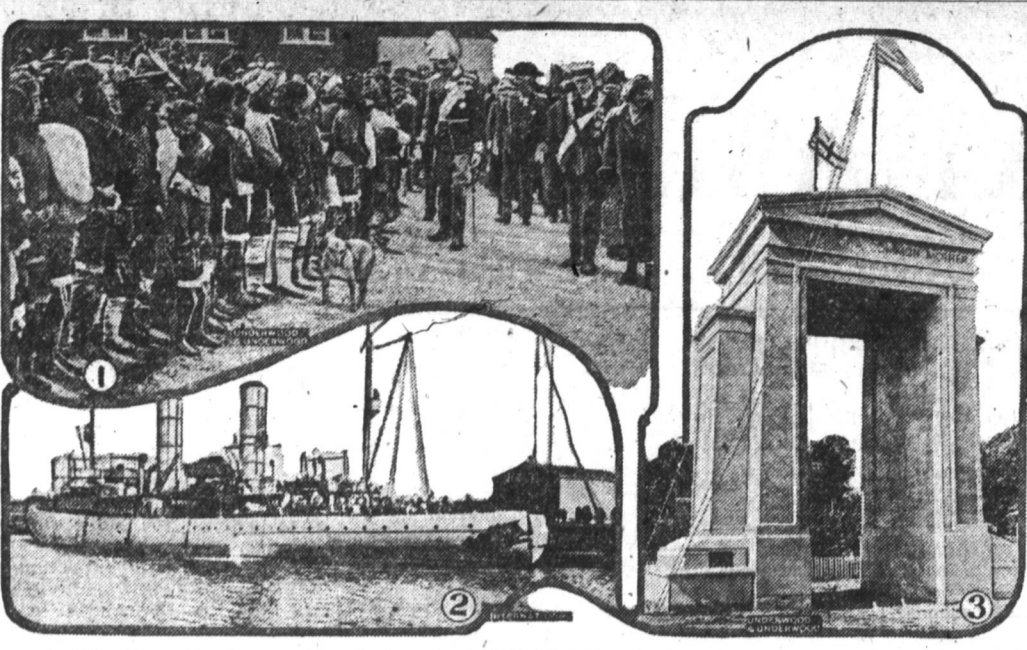
Washington.—Retail food prices increased an average of 4.3 per cent in August, as compared with July prices, according to figures made public by the department of labor. The statistics were compiled from reports from 51 cities.

Rioting at Belfast.

Belfast.—Two boys were wounded during serious disorders in the Vere street district of this city. Troops were rushed to the scene and a man who interfered with them received a bayonet wound.

New York Clearing House.

New York.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows they hold \$54,625,240 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$38,256,310 from last week.



1—King Christian of Denmark reviewing school children of Greenland on his first visit to that possession of the Danish crown. 2—Bolshevik icebreaker Lenin sailing from Leith, England, with food for the starving Russians. 3—Peace Portal on the American-Canadian border at Blaine, Wash., just dedicated.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Delegates and Agenda for the Armament Conference Are Being Determined.

FOUR SELECTED FOR AMERICA

Secretary Hughes Suggests Topics for Discussion—League of Nations Elects Moore Judge of International Court—Senate Completes Its Draft of Tax Bill.

Preliminary work on the conference on limitation of armaments and Far Eastern problems is going on steadily, and before long it will be known just who will take part in the meeting, and in a general way what they will discuss. The several nations concerned are selecting their representatives, those for the United States being the first to be announced. President Harding has appointed for that high duty Secretary of State Hughes, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Elihu Root and Senator Oscar W. Underwood—three Republicans and one Democrat. As Premier Hara will be unable to come, Admiral Baron Kato has been selected to head the Japanese delegation, and Ambassador to the United States Shidehara will also be a member. It is still believed Premier Lloyd George will lead the British contingent, and it is likely that his associates will be Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for War Evans and Lord Lee of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty. The British dominions, especially Australia, New Zealand and Canada, have been strenuously arguing their right to representation in the conference in view of their great interest in matters concerning the Pacific and Far East, and it is believed that some of their leading statesmen will be asked to attend in the capacity of advisers.

Two more nations have been added to the list of those invited to the conference. With the consent of five principal powers Holland and Belgium will participate in the proceedings insofar as their interests in the Far East are concerned. Their status thus will be the same as that of China, for it is not to be supposed they will take part in the discussion on armaments.

Diplomatic conversations and informal exchanges between the governments concerned have progressed so far that Secretary Hughes has been able to send to the other four great powers and to China a suggested outline of the topics for the conference. This proposed agenda has not been made public, pending its acceptance by the other governments, but is believed to include, aside from limitation of armaments, these suggestions:

Territorial integrity of Russia, the open door, and equal opportunity for economic activities, the powers acting as trustees until Russia shall have recovered and set up a central, representative government.

Territorial integrity of China and the "open door."

The substitution of international cooperation for the past practice of seeking selfish, monopolistic advantages in China.

Assistance to China in achieving administrative, fiscal and judicial reforms.

A Tokyo newspaper says Mr. Hughes also includes in his suggestions mandates if they have not been previously settled, and Manchuria and the Chinese Eastern railway. That question of mandates—meaning in this case especially Yap—is causing the Japanese a lot of worry. They don't want it brought up in the conference and are doing their utmost to get it settled before the Washington meet opens. Their continued occupation of Shantung is another matter they desired to keep out of the conference, but in this they are likely to be disappointed. They have asked China to enter into private negotiations for the settlement of that controversy, but the more intelligent elements in China rely on the Washington meeting to right their country's wrongs, and the Peking government

has refused Japan's proposition, fearing that it would be overthrown if it accepted. Some of the leaders in that government have long been suspected of being pro-Japanese. An interesting report in Washington is that Robert Lansing, former secretary of state under President Wilson, will be an adviser to the Chinese delegation.

The assembly of the League of Nations continues to function, in disregard of the assertions of various personages that the league is virtually dead. Parenthetically, it may be said that the treaty of Versailles guarantees the league's life for 30 years for the purposes of administering the Saar basin and the control of Danzig. The chief accomplishment of the assembly last week was the election of judges of the international court of justice. Elihu Koot having declined, for personal reasons, to be a candidate, the Latin-American group brought about the election of John Bassett Moore of New York. He and ten others were accepted by the council. Three deputy judges also were elected and confirmed, but there was trouble over the choice of the fourth deputy. Three times the assembly elected Senator Alvarez of Chile, and three times the council voted for M. Descamps of Belgium. At last the deadlock was referred to a committee. Senator Amador of Panama threatened to withdraw his delegation if Alvarez was not accepted by the council.

The question of the league's competence to judge the Tacna-Arica dispute and the Chile-Bolivia treaty was referred to a committee of three jurists. Senator Edwards of Chile stated that he was not prepared to admit that the league was licensed to intrude in purely South American affairs in violation of the Monroe doctrine. Senator Armayo of Bolivia, having received new instructions from La Paz, withdrew his demand that the dispute with Chile be included in the agenda of the assembly.

The Irish—meaning the Sinn Feiners—were willing to hold a conference with the British cabinet at Inverness this week, as proposed by Premier Lloyd George, but, as was easily predicted, they didn't want to submit to the only condition imposed, that the Sinn Fein must abandon its demand for separation from the empire. De Valera sent Harry Boland and Joseph McGrath with his acceptance of the invitation, but in his letter he made several reservations, chief of which was his objection to admitting Ireland's allegiance to the British crown before entering the conference. He also argued that if the premier objected to the secession of Ireland from the empire he should not support the secession of Ulster from Ireland.

Mr. Lloyd George sent the couriers back to Dublin with a message to De Valera that his note was unsatisfactory and he had better write another. This the governor supplemented by a telegram to De Valera canceling the arrangements for the Inverness conference because he felt that, in view of the Irish attitude, negotiations would be useless. The premier was as conciliatory as he could be consistently, but at this writing it is uncertain whether the negotiations for peace will continue. The Dalí Eirann, however, named its delegates for the conference, if it is held, and De Valera is not one of them. The delegates are: Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein and republican foreign minister; Michael Collins, minister of finance; Robert Barton, secretary of economic affairs; Eamon Duggan, chief Irish republican army liaison officer, who helped to arrange the truce, and George Gavan Duffy, the Irish envoy to Rome.

Several of these men are classed as moderates. The Freeman's Journal of Dublin says: "Their task may have its difficulties, but its successful accomplishment will be the crown of a great achievement. Both nations have their hearts set on an honorable ending here and now to the struggle of centuries. Their desire is well within the realm of possibility and practicability. All the efforts of the world-be wreckers in Great Britain hitherto have failed. There is then enough statesmanship in the Irish delegation to confirm that failure and to complete a fabric of peace."

Director of the Budget Dawes has informed the senate finance committee

of the details of the cut of \$350,000,000 in the ordinary government expenditures for the current fiscal year. Reductions for the War department, shipping board, railroads, veterans' bureau and in miscellaneous places will provide \$305,000,000 of this. The remainder will be saved by better coordination in handling departmental purchases and sales of supplies.

The finance committee completed its redrafting of the house tax bill and experts began getting the measure ready for presentation in the senate on September 21. "Disregarding the recommendations of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, the committee voted to repeal the excess profits tax beginning January 1, 1922, and the capital stock tax effective in 1922, and to substitute for these a flat corporation tax of 15 per cent, effective January 1, 1922. Among other changes in the house bill voted by the committee are retention of freight and passenger transportation taxes at half their present rates and those on express shipments and oil pipe lines at their present rates for another year, and continuation of many miscellaneous taxes which the house voted to repeal.

The fight against the Ku Klux Klan is growing more interesting and more widespread every day, and the Klan is fighting back against its enemies with vigor. Various papers in many parts of the country have undertaken "exposures" of the organization and its methods and aims, and the Klan has started or says it will start libel suits against those publications that misrepresent it. In Chicago an organization called the National Unity council has been formed with the avowed purpose of suppressing the Klan and its so-called "invisible empire." The council, which is to be extended throughout the country, is headed by Edward F. Dunne, former governor of Illinois. He says the Ku Klux are a menace to the nation because they "avowedly persecute millions of their fellow citizens solely because, either they worship God in a manner permitted by the Constitution of the United States, or because they were born without the United States. They place the black man without the pale of the law. Such organizations foment racial, religious and political enmities instead of encouraging comity and friendship between all classes of American citizens, which should be the aim of every broad-minded American."

Meanwhile the Klan continues to grow in numbers with extraordinary rapidity, now having, it is said, more than half a million members, and being organized in every state in the Union except New Hampshire, Utah and Montana.

The great packing concerns of Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy last week put into operation the newly devised "American shop representation" system, their government-sponsored agreement with their workers having expired. All disputes are to be submitted to shop councils comprised of employees' elected representatives and persons selected by the employers, and national councils, to which shop councils may appeal, are to be formed in similar manner. Employees' representatives must be employed in the shop and must be citizens or have taken out their first papers. Any person is eligible for employment, whether a union member or not. While this is "open shop," the packers say it is not a change of policy since they always have been open shop. Ninety per cent of their workers, they say, assented to the plan.

The terrific flood that struck San Antonio and other parts of Texas has subsided, but its full results are just beginning to be realized. Several hundred persons, mostly negroes and Mexicans, perished. The property loss in San Antonio is placed at \$3,000,000 and elsewhere at \$10,000,000. The mayor of the city appealed to Washington for army tents and cots for the thousands of homeless refugees.

The British cruiser Dauntless, bearing the bodies of the American victims of the ZR-2 disaster, arrived at New York Friday, escorted by a fleet of aircraft, destroyers and other vessels. Saturday afternoon the dead were accorded the full naval honors due those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Charlotte.—Plans for American Legion Day at the exposition was arranged. It will be observed either September 26 or 28.

Monroe.—Mrs. I. J. Brady died at the home of her parents in Jackson township after an illness of more than a year with pellagra.

Greensboro.—According to Marvin M. Boyles, who has charge of the city water department, the amount of water now flowing into the pumping station is normal again.

Lenoir.—Caldwell county, through County Agent Roberts, is staging a campaign for the organization of a co-operative creamery.

Goldsboro.—Goldboro tobacco market continues to increase in pounds and high prices. One hundred thousand pounds on local market averaging 20 cents.

Charlotte.—The Calvine mill, last of eight Charlotte mills closed on June 1 as a result of the strike of textile operatives, has opened. This mill is one of the Chadwick-Soskins system.

Burlington.—The death of Clarence, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Qualls, occurred at their home in West Burlington, following an illness of several days with meningitis.

Mount Gilead.—The Montgomery county chamber of commerce, organized here a short time ago, is waging an active campaign for membership in all points of the county and meeting with gratifying success.

Wadesboro.—Wadesboro has been facing a greatly diminished water supply. While there has been no real water famine in the strictest sense of the word, yet the supply has not been entirely adequate to the needs of the city.

Charlotte.—Fire of undetermined origin, raging for two hours, gutted the big department store of EIRD Brothers on East Trade street, destroying and damaging the stock of goods estimated at \$300,000 in value.

Carthage.—The Bismarck Hosiery Mill is running on full time with all orders needed. The manager turned down a large order from New York.

Burlington.—W. E. Sharpe was unanimously re-elected president of the Burlington chamber of commerce at a meeting of the board of directors.

Durham.—The water in the big reservoir at the Country Club is now 39 inches below the normal supply line, the lowest it has ever been in the history of Durham.

Lumberton.—The water in Lumber river is the lowest in many years, and unless sufficient rain falls soon to bring the water up in the river Lumberton will be without filtered water.

Enfield.—Traveling men arriving by train or motor in Enfield last week were greeted with the cheerful news that the Macklin Hotel, the town's latest enterprise, stood ready to accommodate them.

Hickory.—Good showers throughout this section of the state have come to the rescue of crops, which had suffered by the drouth, and farmers believe that the sweet potato crop yield will be much greater than was at first believed.

Wilson.—An attempt was made to break open the safe in the office of Williams & Palmer, lumber and fuel dealers. Bloodhounds from Raeford were put on the trail and in five minutes ran to cover Charles Boykin, a Wilson negro.

Burlington.—While the water situation in Burlington has been serious, auxiliary wells have been brought into service and at no time during the recent drouth has this city been hampered, it was announced by the Burlington chamber of commerce.

Fayetteville.—A determined movement inaugurated by business interests of this city to have a third lock and dam placed on the Cape Fear river to assure the desired eight-foot channel from Wilmington to Fayetteville, is now assuming definite shape.

Statesville.—According to estimate by County Agent R. W. Graeber, the cotton crop of Iredell county will be about 50 per cent of normal. The tobacco yield in the county will be only about one-third of what it was last year.

Salisbury.—Will A. Hall, of Franklin township, has been appointed deputy United States marshal to succeed Captain H. C. Trotter, of Salisbury, who held the position under Marshal Webb. Mr. Hall has already assumed his new place.

Gastonia.—Sunnyside community went off on a new progressive tangent at a meeting when an executive committee was selected and charged to proceed at once to plan for the establishment of a public library for that community.

625,000 BOTTLES SOLD IN NEW YORK

Biggest Thing of Kind Ever Seen in That State, Declares Big Wholesaler.

The fact that 625,000 bottles of Tanlac have been sold in the state of New York since its introduction there less than one year ago, is a big business item that will attract unusual attention throughout the entire East, for nothing like it has ever happened before. It breaks all records.

Mr. George B. Evans, manager of the Gibson-Snow Company, the well-known wholesale druggists, with branches in Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, recently announced that the preparation was now selling in their trade territories alone at the phenomenal rate of approximately 500,000 bottles a year.

"If the present rate continues," said Mr. Evans, "this rate alone will probably require considerably over 750,000 bottles a year. This is a tremendous figure, but I am really conservative in making this statement."

Tanlac is sold by leading druggists everywhere.—Advertisement.

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Busy. "Did you do any fly fishing while you were on your vacation?" "A little. I did more fly swatting."

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