



1-View of the great airplane show in Paris, showing 20-passenger de luxe plane. 2-Interior of New Haven motion picture theater, in the burning of which six persons were killed and scores injured. 3-Model by Charles Keck, American sculptor, for statue to be presented by American people to Brazil at that country's centennial next year.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

China and Japan Persuaded to Negotiate Settlement of Shantung Question.

LATTER'S STAND ON TROOPS

Hanihara Says They Must Be Maintained in Manchuria—Negotiations for a Moratorium for Germany's Reparations Debt—Irish Peace Plans All Blocked.

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HOW to bring Japan into line for the solution of the problems before the armament conference was the question last week in Washington. That appreciable progress in the matter was made was encouraging, for the island empire has many claims that it does not willingly relinquish. If there were no other reasons for approval of the conference and confidence in its final results, enough could be found in the fact that its doings are condemned by the press of Germany and by the "Friends of Irish Freedom" in the United States. But there are plenty of other reasons for optimism.

Committee meetings, discussions by expert advisory bodies and private "conversations" were continuous throughout the week, and from the progress made it was deduced by the most hopeful that the conference might end the major part of its work before Christmas. That this meeting can accomplish everything desired is out of the question, so President Harding's suggestion that there be a continuing series of conferences is meeting with favor throughout the world. Senator Borah naturally registered his objection because he fears the plan would result in the formation of an association of nations which would be as bad as he considers the League of Nations. The French also are withholding entire approval because it is understood Germany and Russia would be invited to send delegates to such future conferences.

For the first time in two years China consented to treat directly with Japan concerning the evacuation of Shantung. Secretary Hughes and Mr. Balfour brought this about, persuading the delegates of the two Asiatic nations to meet in their presence and thresh out the complicated problem. It was agreed that their decision, if they reached one, should be referred to the full conference. China still demands that the ownership and operation of the Shantung railway be restored to her. If Japan yields in this a settlement seems possible. As for the withdrawal of troops from China, Mr. Hanihara says Japan is ready to agree to this except in the case of Manchuria. There he insists, the retention of Japanese troops and police is absolutely necessary to protect the zone of the South Manchuria railway from bandits. Moreover, he asserts, it is in accord with the treaty of Peking of 1905. Japan, according to the delegate, will withdraw its troops from Shantung when China is able to protect the railway from Hankow, from north China when the powers agree that conditions warrant it, and from the line of the Chinese Eastern railway in Siberia "as soon as the evacuation of Siberia by the Japanese troops is effected."

China's demand that extraterritoriality be abolished will be referred to a commission which is to report fifteen months hence. This indicates that another conference on the Far East is contemplated, which is in accordance with President Harding's idea.

It is up to Japan's delegation to accept the Hughes 5-3 naval ratio, for the Japanese naval advisors stand pat on their demand that Japan be granted a 70 per cent ratio. This is voiced by Admiral Kato. The United States absolutely will not yield in this, and it is backed by Great Britain. It was freely predicted that unless the Japanese gave in the conference would

end quickly in failure—a disaster for which Japan surely would hesitate to take the responsibility. Two other nations are showing marked interest in this matter of ratio. France believes her naval strength should be equal to that of Japan, and Italy wants a navy as powerful as that of France. It may be these claims will prove distasteful to Great Britain, which feels that she must maintain unquestioned control of the Mediterranean because that is her pathway to India.

THE pernicious anti-French propaganda conducted by certain writers in Washington took a new turn when stories were cabled to Italy telling how Premier Briand had spoken roughly and insultingly to Signor Schanzer of the Italian delegation. This was formally and flatly denied by Secretary Hughes, Rene Viviani and Senator Schanzer himself, but before the truth could catch up with the falsehood serious anti-French riots had taken place in several Italian cities. Briand's farewell interview in New York also was so distorted by the propagandists that it was made to appear distinctly unfriendly to Great Britain. Chancellor Wirth of Germany drew up a note of protest on Briand's speech to the conference which should be highly pleasing to Mr. H. G. Wells, since it denied in detail the truth of the premier's statements and asserted his insincerity.

HUGO Stinnes, the industrial magnate, has been in London in conference with Lloyd George and other officials, and Dr. Walther Rathenau, who followed him is still there. Their chief mission was to arrange a moratorium for Germany's reparations debt, and there are strong indications that they will be successful. It is convinced that Germany will pay a part but is unable to pay all, Lloyd George probably will favor the plan, which is approved by Sir John Bradbury, the British member of the reparations commission. The French member, M. Dubois, is opposed to it, and if he cannot be converted it may be the decision will rest with Colonel Logan, who represents the United States on the commission.

An alternative to the moratorium is proposed by certain French authorities. This is a receivership for Germany as a bankrupt, and an autonomous Rhineland to be exploited by the allies for reparation purposes. Former President Poincare has pointed out that the treaty of Versailles gives the allies the right, in case Germany defaults, to control her customs duties, taxes, exportations and coal production. He said this must be demanded if the reparations commission thinks it is obliged to give Germany further time. Stinnes and Rathenau, according to reports, have also discussed with English leaders various great industrial propositions, extending even to a European railway trust and the exploitation of Russia.

SERIOUS riots broke out in Vienna Thursday, due to the rising price of bread. There was much looting of shops, and many Americans were robbed and roughly treated. The stock exchange was wrecked.

ANOTHER crisis in the Irish peace negotiations! And this time it certainly is a real crisis. Indeed, it was the opinion of leaders on both sides that nothing short of a miracle could avert entire collapse of the negotiations; and that in that case warfare would soon be resumed in Ireland was taken for granted. The Ulsterites absolutely rejected the latest British plan because it required them to enter an all-Ireland parliament, in which they would be in a minority. When it was suggested that a plan could be arranged by which Ulster retained her existing rights until she changed her mind, the Sinn Fein peace delegation replied that such a thing could not be considered. The southern Irish insist on an undivided island and are equally firm in their refusal to swear allegiance to the crown. Eamonn de Valera says they have gone as far as they can or will go, and though at the close of the week British cabinet members were searching earnestly for some hitherto untried avenue to agreement, they were almost hopeless.

It was semi-officially announced that, whatever the status of the Irish negotiations, Premier Lloyd George would start for America on Saturday to attend the armament conference. At Sinn Fein headquarters in London it was said that such a move on the part of the premier would not be viewed with patience or without suspicion, for the reason that if Irish-American support was weakened in consequence of the premier's visit to the United States the Sinn Fein might be forced to modify its demands, upon which it feels now in a position to persist.

Lord Rothermere, brother of Lord Northcliffe, suggests that, if the negotiations fail, a cordon be drawn around the six Ulster counties, all British troops be removed from Ireland except those in Ulster, and an economic blockade of the rest of the island established, the ports being closed by the royal navy and all exports prohibited.

A SPECIAL committee from the United States senate has arrived in Hayti to investigate the occupation of that country and the Dominican Republic by American troops. Senator McCormick of Illinois, chairman of the committee, told the Haytians that the senators were there as impartial and loyal friends, "animated by a spirit of collaboration, to seek an economic and political basis for the future progress of Hayti and to discover and assure means for maintaining in your midst social and administrative order, peace, justice, education, and prosperity."

THE general conclusions of the report of the Wood-Forbes mission to the Philippines were made public last week. The gist of the document is that the United States should withdraw completely from the islands, or else that the hand of the American government there should be strengthened. As for immediate independence for the Filipinos the report says: "We are convinced that it would be a betrayal of the Philippine people, a misfortune to the American people, a distinct step backward in the path of progress, and a discreditable neglect of our national duty, were we to withdraw from the islands and terminate our relationship there without giving the Filipinos the best chance possible to have an orderly and permanently stable government."

The commissioners do not find against the capacity of the Filipinos for self government, but rather that they have not had a fair chance. They lack experience and trained leaders. Congress is urged to give the governor general authority commensurate with his responsibilities, and it is recommended that in case of a deadlock between the governor general and the Philippine senate in the confirmation of appointments the President of the United States be authorized to render final decision. Such a deadlock is already threatened over Governor General Wood's appointments which are being held up by the Philippine senate.

THE federal railway labor board on Thursday handed down a decision promulgating 148 new working rules to govern the six railroad shop crafts and supplanting the national agreement of 1919. The rules create for the shop crafts a modified version of the open shop and, it is believed, will result in a saving of \$50,000,000 a year to the roads. The unions affected have about 400,000 members and are the sheet metal workers, boiler makers, electrical workers, car men, blacksmiths and machinists. The minute classification of work for the various crafts is abolished by the new rules. A man in one craft may do labor formerly restricted to members of another craft. The board members stated, however, that the principle of the open shop now established will be more theoretical than practical at the present time. The board is now ready to take up requests for wage increases and cuts.

FOLLOWING the example of their fellow workers in New York, the 5,000 members of the Ladies' Garment Workers' union of Chicago went on strike because the employers insisted on restoring the piecework system. This, say the employees, is a return to old sweatshop conditions.

STATE CONDITIONS GENERALLY BETTER

REPORTS ARE RECEIVED FROM COTTON MILLS, 18 LUMBER PLANTS AND OTHERS.

HOUSING SHORTAGE IS LARGE

Report of Free Employment Bureaus Also Shows Some Improvement Over Previous Weeks.

Raleigh. That there is a general improvement in the industrial and employment situation in North Carolina is the opinion of the "Industrial Employment Survey Bulletin" published by the Federal employment service which has been making a study of conditions in all parts of the country. The "Bulletin" draws its conclusions from reports received from 186 cotton mills, 40 lumber plants, 18 fertilizer manufacturing concerns and a number of other industries.

The publication runs about a month behind and it is reasonable to presume that conditions are somewhat better now than they were when the copy was prepared. The following notes about the different towns show that there is a large housing shortage in nearly all of the larger towns with the exception of Winston-Salem. Charlotte reports a very marked increase in building activity during the past few months with better prospects for meeting the housing shortage.

A number of the cities report that the letting of road contracts has practically absorbed all of the common and unskilled labor in their sections, while building operations are giving employment to a large number of carpenters and other skilled wood workers. The additional lettings of contracts since the reports were sent in will help conditions in other sections of the state.

The report of the six free employment bureaus for the week also shows some improvement over previous weeks. The bureaus found jobs for 326 of the 365 who were referred, which was about 95 per cent. Registrations of those seeking jobs during the week was 40 per cent more than this number, however, there being 513 applications or registrations with the different bureaus. The number of women seeking work this past week was larger than usual, 112 registering with the six bureaus. There were requests for help for only 301 people.

S. A. L. Starts Injunction. The Seaboard Air Line, seeking to reduce the assessed value of its property for taxation in North Carolina 22 per cent, filed injunction proceedings in United States district court similar to the action already started by the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern. It probably will be heard in Greensboro with other similar cases January 1.

Two Sentences Commuted. The sentences of J. L. Sutton and R. B. Ward, of Jackson county, sentenced to serve six months for illicit trafficking in liquor, were commuted from six months on the Haywood county roads, where they were assigned by Judge Harding, to six months in the Jackson county jail, to be worked on the courthouse grounds.

Engaged in Gainful Pursuit. Forty-eight and six-tenths, or 895.852 of the total population over 10 years of age, 1,744,673 in North Carolina, were engaged in gainful occupations in 1920, according to the census bureau. Seventy-five and five-tenths, or 693,152 of the males over 10 years, were so engaged, and 21.9 or 202,700 of the females.

C. E. Waddell on Health Board. Charles E. Waddell, of Asheville, succeeds Col. J. L. Ludlow of Winston-Salem as a member of the state board of health, according to announcement from the governor's office.

Asks to Abandon Short Line. The North Carolina corporation commission, acting for the interstate commerce commission from the Norfolk Southern railroad asking permission to abandon its branch line between Carthage and Pinehurst, a distance of about 12 miles. Its failure to produce sufficient revenue to meet operating expenses and the availability of other lines serving the people of these cities were among the reasons advanced for the desire for abandonment. No one appeared to oppose the petition.

Allege Illegal Rates. Alleging that the East Carolina Railway company and the Washington and Vandevoere Railroad company are owned and operated by the Atlantic Coast Line and are charging freight rates in excess of those allowed by the commission generally in North Carolina, the North Carolina Traffic association has filed complaint with the state corporation commission for relief from overcharges. The Atlantic Coast Line and the two short line roads are made defendants. No date has been set for hearing.

The Bible in Public Schools.

Questioning nothing save the provision to increase the initiation fee from one dollar to two dollars, passing resolutions, amending the constitution, and electing Dr. Charles E. Brewer president and Miss Elizabeth Kelley vice president in routine fashion, the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly concluded its business sessions and adjourned after listening to addresses by Dr. Louise Arnold, Dean Emeritus Simmons College, and Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, head of the Department of English U. S. Naval Academy.

Unanimous endorsement of the program of the State Board of Education, the program of the governor, the employment of a full time secretary, the teaching of the Bible in the regular course of study in all public schools, and changing the time of meeting from Thanksgiving week here included in the resolutions that were passed during the afternoon session. Resolutions offered by Dr. W. L. Post commended President Harding and Secretary Hughes for their work toward disarmament.

College Must Measure Up. The people of North Carolina, both through their denominational agencies and through their legislative organization, have answered the demand for the colleges, both state and denominational, for more adequate support and it is now up to the colleges to respond with service commensurate with the benefits they have received, in the opinions advanced at the meeting of the higher education department of the Teachers' Assembly.

New Trial in Ross Will Case. The supreme court, ordered a new trial in the Ross will case, of Union county, and affirmed the Springs will case of Mecklenburg.

The Ross will case, which attracted state wide attention when it was heard in Union county superior court some months ago, was the offspring of the bequest by Maggie Ross, an aged white woman, of her ancestral home and other property worth over a hundred thousand dollars to a negro woman and her father.

State Answers Complaint. The state's answer to the complaint in the Southern railway suit against Revenue Commissioner A. D. Watts and state taxing powers for property valuation reductions was made public. It sets for an array of material to support the taxing authorities in their contentions as to the valuation of the plaintiff's property, and prays to the court that the complaint be denied "and that the same be dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff."

President, Primary Teachers. Miss Annie Workman, of Roanoke Rapids, formerly rural supervisor in Wake county, was elected president of the Association of Primary Teachers. Miss Mary Graham, Charlotte, was elected vice president and Miss Rosa Abbott, Greensboro, secretary.

School Superintendents Meet. The association of county school superintendents convened in annual meeting, a day in advance of the opening of the regular sessions of the teachers' assembly. The superintendents are taking up the major part of their program with a discussion of technical subjects in connection with the operations of county schools.

Two Escaped Convicts Taken. Two of the six white prisoners who escaped from the state prison farm, were captured by prison guards near Morrisville and it is believed that the other four, who were reported to be together and several miles ahead of the two recaptured convicts will soon be in custody again.

Prizes Awarded Students. Merchandise valued at nearly \$600 donated by local merchants and out-of-state dealers as premiums and prizes, has been awarded to the prize winners at the state college agricultural fair. Competition was limited to students.

Country Child Gets Attention. The country child is getting more attention than any other problem discussed at the teachers' assembly this year. The educational thought of the country, it would seem from the program and the sentiment of speakers here, is turning to the problem of improving the educational facilities for the children in the rural communities.

Bids Opened for Highways. Bids for approximately a million and a quarter dollars of hard-surfaced highway and bridge construction work in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Irrell and Catawba counties were opened by the state highway highway commission.

The work includes the construction of 10 miles of asphalt roadway in Mecklenburg, 10.85 miles in Catawba, 10.59 in Irrell and 8 1/2 miles in Gaston. That portion in Mecklenburg and Irrell is between Charlotte and Statesville.

Avalanche of Moral Slips. An avalanche of moral slips resulting in the bringing of charges of abduction, assault, carrying concealed weapons and embezzlement against Jonathan Bennett of Jackson county, sends this mountaineer back to the penitentiary under a revoked pardon of the crime. Governor Morrison notified the Jackson county officials of his action, and Bennett will be brought back to the penitentiary to serve the remaining fourteen years of a fifteen year sentence for manslaughter.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

WHAT SCOUTS FIND TO DO.

In Stoughton, Wis., boy scouts removed a large number of rocks and other obstructions from the Lake Kegonsa camp ground so as to permit better boating and bathing, to the better satisfaction of the cottagers and campers concerned.

A Brooklyn (N. Y.) troop gave up a much anticipated overnight hike and spent their holiday instead painting and repairing a fence which surrounded church property.

Honolulu scouts have been supporting a French orphan in Paris for four years.

Stratford (Cal.) scouts, among other activities found time to build a tennis court, plant trees and make other improvements in their local park, helped the American Legion conduct a city clean-up, made a point of picking up the glass or nails they saw in the streets on their way to school and troop meetings, collected 125 pounds of old clothing for the Near East relief and extinguished a formidable fire.

Columbus (O.) scouts have performed 5,000 hours of civic service that everybody knows about, not to mention the probable other 5,000 small, individual "good turns" which aren't done in the public eye, but which stand for good scouting none the less.

EXPERTS ON "FIRST AID."



When a Scout is Injured in Camp, Any of His "Pals" Know Just What to Do For Him—and Do It.

LEAVES FOR HONOLULU.

James E. Wilder, chief sea scout of the Boy Scouts of America, inventor of the famous Pine Tree patrol and good scout generally, left recently for the Pacific coast where he will visit all the sea scout bases and join Doctor Fisher, deputy chief scout executive, and L. L. McDonald, director of the camping department, in their conference with various regional leaders. Later, Chief Wilder will visit Honolulu, where he used to be a scout commissioner, and which is a flourishing center of sea scouting. He will be gone about six months.

PRINCE SENDS MESSAGE.

The Prince of Wales, who is also the chief scout of Wales and an enthusiastic supporter of the movement, sent the following message to Patrol Leaders Marr and Mooney, who were chosen for the antarctic expedition: "His Royal Highness was very interested to hear that Sir Ernest Shackleton has selected two scouts to go with him in the Quest. Please convey to Patrol Leader Marr and Patrol Leader Mooney His Royal Highness' congratulations and tell them how lucky he thinks they are to have been chosen for such a trip."

SPEECHES ON FIRE PREVENTION.

Scouts co-operated all over the country in the observance of fire prevention day, which in many cases was prolonged to a fire prevention week. In Utica, N. Y., the scouts were used to make short addresses to the school children on the subject of fire prevention.

ALL CITIES NEED BOY SCOUTS.

Judge Foster, of the United States district court, one of the founders of the New Orleans scout council, says no city can afford to be without its boy scouts. "I have never come in touch with a man who had scout training without finding him efficient and proud that he had been a scout. If every boy could be taught scouting, we could be assured of a patriotic, virile citizenry that would be a lasting bulwark against all enemies from within and without."

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