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## CONSIDERATION OF NAVAL RATIO RESUMED TODAY

Little Prospects of Agreement on French and Italian Naval Ratio Problem

## STRICT SILENCE IS BEING MAINTAINED

Intimated That French Will Seek to Have Secrecy Ban Lifted at Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The naval committee of fifteen of the arms conference resumed consideration today of the French and Italian naval ratio problems but with little prospect that the day would show any material result in the way of advancement towards an agreement among the five powers on relative naval strength and reduction in fleet with harmony with that already urged by the "Big Three."

The committee again was entrenched behind its rule of silence of yesterday and no further information was available as to the exact nature of the statement the French group is making as to France's needs in naval tonnage on the basis of her national security. Nor was further light available on the French proposal to build ten 35,000 ton capital ships in the decade of 1925-35.

## NEGRO BLOCKADER PUTS UP BATTLE; STILL IS FOUND

Colored Man Slips Out of Clothes and Makes Good His Escape Today

Sheriff McGeachy and Deputies Patrick Kelly and Hall went on a still hunt this morning and had a hard tussle with a blockader, who managed to wiggle out of part of his raiment and make a get-away.

After destroying the beer the posse went to the house near by of one of the supposed moonshiners, Sam Simmons, colored. Sam was in the house, and when he saw the officers approaching he snatched a jug containing a quart of liquor. Deputy Hall had a tussle with the negro, and the officer says the darky fought like a tiger. He is long and lanky but hard as nails and very powerful, and a tremendous blow on the side of the head, inflicted by Deputy Hall with the butt of his pistol, did not jar him.

## Man Serving Road Sentence Is Wanted

Portsmouth Detective Has Requisition Papers for Local Prisoner.

Detective-Sergeant H. A. Evans of Portsmouth, Va., arrived in Fayetteville today with requisition papers for Otis Turner, who is serving a sentence on the Cumberland county roads. Detective Evans states that Turner is wanted at Portsmouth for an assault on a prominent merchant of that city. It is said that the merchant was seriously injured by Turner.

Turner was recently sentenced to the county roads by Squire A. Cheek on a charge of vagrancy. Detective Evans will leave in the morning for Portsmouth with his prisoner.

**MANY HERE TODAY**  
The business streets of Fayetteville were thronged with people today, many of them from out of town. They seemed intent on shopping.

## THIS YOUNG FELLER MUST BE HARD-UP

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—Another robbery was added to the series of daring hold ups and robberies which have puzzled the police here for the past three days when Furman Betts, Jr., eight years old, was seized by a young white man this morning and carried to the outskirts of the city and robbed of \$5.00. The lad had been sent to the City Market to get the bill changed and it was while near the building the stranger grabbed him by the arm and led him away. No arrests have been made.

## SOLDIERS FROM CAMP BRAGG ARE LIKED BY MONROE

General Bowley Receives Letter From Health Commanding Fine Spirit Shown

That the Camp Bragg soldiers under the command of General A. J. Bowley, who made the trip to Monroe at the occasion of the visit of Marshal Foch and the decoration of the colors of the Fifth and Seventeenth Field Artillery regiments, now stationed at the Camp made a fine impression on the good people of that city is evident by the following letter received by General Bowley from W. C. Heath, chairman of the committee in charge of the preparations for the noted Frenchman's visit. The letter follows:

Monroe, N. C., Dec. 14, 1921.

Genl. A. J. Bowley, Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C.  
My Dear General:  
I am writing you a line for two purposes. One to express much thanks for your presence and its great value to us on the occasion of Marshal Foch's visit and the other is to express our deep appreciation of the fine spirit in which your whole command entered into the occasion. I cannot say how valuable your part in the ceremony was because it is so great that I know of no way to estimate it. I feel sure that had you not been here there would have been a great gap that nothing would have filled.

The fine spirit of your whole command led by yourself was beyond all praise. This was so manifest and was so appreciated by our people that we felt that while the Marshal was bestowing the great honor upon your colors that we were in ourselves in a peculiar sense sharers in those honors which our brave men won on the battlefield.

Had we had more time we might have done more to make your stay more pleasant. We did the best we could under the circumstances. Your men who were billeted in the homes in our town are to be congratulated upon their demeanor. It was a real pleasure to have them. They have written many letters of appreciation since returning to Camp.

Again expressing my appreciation and hope that I may have the opportunity in the future of meeting you again. I am with the kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,  
W. C. HEATH,  
Chairman of Committee's.

## Engineer Recognizes "Gallows" as Crane

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—William P. Cowles, a local engineer, who served as a major of engineers in the American expeditionary forces, in a statement last night said he had recognized the picture of a "gallows" furnished to Senator Thomas Watson, in support of the latter's charge of wholesale executions in the American expeditionary forces as that of a crane he had constructed while in France.

"We had to have some means of unloading gasoline tanks from cars," said Mr. Cowles, "so we constructed this beam by means of which the tanks were lifted from the cars by a rope and deposited on a platform."



Weather for North Carolina: Rain tonight, warmer in east and colder in extreme west portion. Sunday, partly cloudy and much colder, probably rain along the northeast coast.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday included: South Atlantic states, generally fair and much colder weather, frost probably, except in southern Florida.

## BUSY SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE ARE HELD TODAY

Both Houses Hope to Adjourn This Afternoon Until Next Monday Morning

## HOUSE TABLES ONE IMPORTANT BILL

Senate Cleans Up Local Calendar; Will Enforce Automobile Laws in Future

By MA XABERNATHY  
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—The house today tabled the bill providing for juries to fix punishment in all capital rape cases with the exemption of raps, voted down a measure seeking to authorize the governor to offer a reward not to exceed \$1,500 for the arrest of fugitives charged with felonies and after a bitter debate referred the Dunlap bill providing for repeal of penalties in the payment of taxes to the committee of finance, which means that the measure will not pass at this session.

By a vote of 46 to 15, the House passed the Roth bill adopting the oxide daisy as the state flower, the bill coming back for consideration on a motion to reconsider the house action of Thursday when this bill was defeated.

After cleaning up its local calendar, the senate disposed of the following measures: Validated acts of commissioners in borrowing money in anticipation of collecting taxes; passed the Municipal Finance Act and School Deficit bill on first reading and authorized the employment by the state of an inspector to enforce the automobile law.

## LEGION TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO WAS LAST KILLED

Case of Sergeant Who Tried to Capture Last Machine Gun Is Given

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17.—Who was the last American soldier killed in action?  
The American Legion, endeavoring to learn the identity of the last to fall, is receiving many claims at its national headquarters here. The French government will erect a monument to the last man killed.

The case of a sergeant of the 7th Division who tried to capture the last German machine gun of the war has been offered to Legion headquarters by Major Albert T. Rich of the regular army.

It was north of Verdun on the morning of November 11, 1918, that the incident cited by Major Rich occurred. A first sergeant of an infantry company, aspiring to take the last Boche gun, left his lines at 10:55 o'clock, just five minutes before the war ended.

The sergeant was killed perhaps a minute before the armistice, immediately in front of the gun he was trying to capture. At 11 o'clock sharp the German officer in charge of the gun directed four of his men to pick up the doughboy and carry him to the American lines.

Col. William H. Oury was in command of the regiment to which the sergeant belonged, Major Rich reported, and General W. J. Nicholson commanded the division. Col. Oury is now stationed with the 14th infantry in the Canal Zone and Gen. Nicholson is in Washington.

The identity of the sergeant and the company to which he belonged were not learned by Major Rich.

## Commission Seeks More Information

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The allied reparations commission has refused to consider Germany's request for an extension of time of her January and February reparations payments until the German government tells just what she can pay on these installments and gives other information demanded. This developed when the text of the commission's note to the Berlin government was made public today.

## Fierce Fighting in Ireland Today

Belfast, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Fierce fighting broke out in the Newtonards Roads section and east Belfast today. The firing was so intense that tram car service was suspended. Lewis guns were used against the rioters by the crown forces.

An employe of the city tram service was shot dead and at least six persons are known to have been wounded.

## PAPER SAYS BANKS CAN GET MONEY NOW

(An Editorial.)

To quote from an editorial in Thursday's issue of the Raleigh News and Observer, "There never was a time when the banks had before them, so great an opportunity to embrace a privilege and perform a duty as now." In this statement the News and Observer refers to the fact that there is not trouble for the banks in North Carolina, State and National, to obtain, through the War Finance Corporation, money sufficient to make loans to every farmer who can furnish good security, at a rate not exceeding six per cent.

Despite this ability to obtain the money, however, we are confronted right here in Cumberland county and Fayetteville, as in other parts of the state, with a great dearth of money. Farmers in dire need are applying for loans and are being refused for the reason of lack of funds to loan. We are informed that the War Finance Corporation, for several months, has been in a position to furnish banks all the money they need, at the rate of 5 to 5-1/2 per cent, to assist. Can it be that the banks do not see enough profit in borrowing money at 5 and 5-1/2 per cent and loaning it at 6 per cent, and for that reason are holding off? Such should not be the case, because the agricultural interest is the backbone of the country. If the farmer does not prosper, the community in which he lives does not prosper, with the result that

## \$7,120 WILL BE PAID VETERANS OF THIS COUNTY

Pension List of Cumberland County Confederate Veterans Is Ready

Clerk of the Court W. M. Walker has received the pension list of Cumberland county for Confederate Veterans and their widows, and is now ready to issue vouchers to all veterans and their widows who apply at his office in the court house with the proper credentials. These pensions are paid semi-annually, and the amount to be paid to Cumberland county pensioners on this installment is \$7,120.

The list includes the following: 73 widows, \$50 ..... \$3,650.00  
64 fourth-class, \$50 ..... 3,200.00  
1 third-class, \$60 ..... 60.00  
2 second-class, \$67.50 ..... 135.00  
1 first-class, \$75 ..... 75.00  
Total ..... \$7,120.00  
It will be necessary, as stated for all pensioners to have proper credentials, and when this is done, and the holders are identified, Mr. Walker will issue vouchers, which will be cashed by one of the banks of Fayetteville at par, that is without exchange charges.

This money will come in nicely at the Christmas tide, for most of the recipients are poor in this world's goods.

## Still Investigating Wake Forest Hazing

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 17.—The student senate committee of Wake Forest College and college authorities are continuing their investigation of the recent hazing episode in which Ralph Patterson, a member of the freshman class, from Fayetteville, was hazed. As yet no definite information has been given out by the committee, but it is understood that every means is being used to discover who the hazers were.

## Firemen Is Injured When Truck Turns

HIGH POINT, N. C., Dec. 17.—T. A. Shelton, a member of the High Point Fire Department, was reported in a critical condition today, as a result of injuries received last night when a motor fire truck which he was driving while answering an alarm, turned over to avoid a collision with an automobile. At the hospital, it was reported Shelton received a fractured skull and has been unconscious since the accident. Luther Martin, a member of the Fire Department was on the truck when it turned over and was also seriously injured, but his condition was slightly improved today, physicians said. The firemen were called out when a blaze was discovered in the old Bellevue hotel, which is being re-built. Owners of the building estimated the loss at \$22,500 with insurance of \$15,000.

## Ford's Experts to Confer With Weeks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Engineering experts in the employment of Henry Ford, will confer today with Secretary Weeks, in regard to the offer of the Detroit Manufacturer for purchase and lease of the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate and power plants.

Secretary Weeks in addition to making this announcement said he would be willing to entertain any proposition submitted by C. C. Tinker, head of a San Francisco Construction company who several days ago wired the War Department with respect to an offer for the Muscle Shoals property.

## EVERYONE MISSED GUESS ON COTTON CROP THIS YEAR

Bright Side of Report Is That North Carolina Has Best Crop of Any State

## REPORT FOR THIS COUNTY IS GIVEN

Raleigh Station Declares All Agencies Were Erratic in First Reports

(Special to The Observer)  
RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—The cotton crop for 1921 was like this year's weather. Everyone guessed at it and missed. The "Government" or Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, has been criticised because their estimates were too low this year. The October forecast was for 490,000 bales and the December estimate was 800,000. These estimates were based on the reports of the same 2300 reporters who are farmers having above the average knowledge of conditions. The "Government" therefore reflects the peoples' veracity and information, not that of any special official.

Since all private agencies were quite as erratic, the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service at Raleigh has decided that everyone was just fooled about the acreage and yield, or else many just tried to fool others. Then too, the yield improved wonderfully after the August extended drought. The terrible boll weevil did not do nearly the damage expected, excepting in the counties adjacent to South Carolina.

The bright side of this deceptive cotton crop is that North Carolina has the best crop of any state, having made a fine yield per acre, in view of the dry conditions, and it has helped in giving the state a possible rank of third, or in the Texas empire. Even Illinois and the August extended drought. The cotton and tobacco did not do nearly the damage expected, excepting in the counties adjacent to South Carolina.

This year's crop seems to be about 800,000 bales for North Carolina or almost ten per cent of the South's 8,340,000 bale crop which gives us fifth rank among cotton states. The state's yield per acre was 256 pounds and the December 1st, price 16.4 as compared with 16.2 cents for the national crop. Who would have thought this state would make more cotton than South Carolina or Oklahoma, and almost as much as Georgia.

The South's crop made but 127 pounds or less than \$26.00 per acre. This state used a greatly decreased amount of fertilizer and yet produced almost an average yield per acre, which argues that cotton is a dry weather crop—if you don't have boll weevils.

The last four years have respectively shown for the entire belt, yields per acre of 160; 167; 171; and 127 pounds averaging 27.6; 35.6; 14.9; and 16.2 cents or \$44.00 \$57.50, \$24.00 and \$26.00 per acre for 1918; 1921 crops. Compare these with North Carolina's per acre values of \$70.60, \$93.70, \$41.40 and \$42.90; for the four crops beginning 1918. Most of the present crop is sold, and ginning is completed the earliest in history.

Even an eight million bale crop means but 62 per cent of last year's crop. Our unexpected large production is but indicative of the fact that North Carolina is about the most fortunate cotton state in the Union. Our per acre value of crops is quite high, and we are not burning corn because it is the cheapest fuel. We are behind and unprogressive in many respects but the Lord has favored us this year.

## To Organize Council in This City Soon

Stirring addresses were made last night at a meeting held at the Fayetteville chamber of commerce by E. C. Caldwell of Greensboro and Mr. Burnett of Wilmington. The talks were based on the benefits derived by belonging to the United Commercial Travelers Association. Fayetteville is becoming a center for traveling men and was stated today that a council of the association will be organized here in the near future.

## Will Address Women Here This Evening

Miss Margaret Starratt will address the local Business and Professional Women's Club here this evening. It was announced this morning, Miss Starratt is here in an effort to have the local club become associated with the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and it is urged that every member of the Club attend.

## CLOSING COTTON

E. J. Wells, cotton merchant, reported local cotton middling today at 19 1/2 cents with 75 bales for sale.  
New York closing cotton is as follows:  
December ..... 18.40  
January ..... 18.27  
March ..... 18.11  
May ..... 17.63  
July ..... 17.18

## TIDAL WAVE SWEEPS OVER TWO TOWNS

MANILLA, P. I., Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—More than two hundred and fifty natives were drowned by the tidal wave that overwhelmed the towns of Ibaay and Mecato, islands of negroes, November 26, according to details received at constabulary headquarters here. Thousands of head of live stock were drowned and the rice crop of a large region virtually destroyed. Fifty-two residents of Ibaay were carried out to sea in their houses and drowned. The total property loss in the province of Capiz is estimated at \$2,000,000.

## FARM BOARD TO MAKE STUDY OF STATE TENANCY

State Board of Agriculture Invites Four Men to Join in An Inquiry

RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—A thorough survey of the tenant farming situation in North Carolina was provided for by the Board of Agriculture yesterday when it adopted a resolution requesting four prominent students of tenancy to cooperate with two members of the State Board of Agriculture in making plans and prosecuting investigations.

The four students of the tenancy question asked to serve on the committee are: B. F. Brown, director of the division of markets and rural organizations, N. C. State College; Dr. C. Taylor, division of markets and rural organizations, N. C. State College; Prof. E. C. Branson, department of rural economics, University of North Carolina; and Dr. E. C. Lindeman of the department of rural economics, N. C. State College for Women.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The arrest in Warsaw of Wolfe Lindenfeld will clear up the entire mystery of the Wall Street explosion of September 16, 1920, it was stated positively today by William J. Burns, head of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation.

Lindenfeld, whose arrest was reported to the Department by the Associated Press, was described by Mr. Burns as the key to the solution of the mystery "and the only man that we know in the world that knows all about it."

Mr. Burns declared that Lindenfeld himself was not implicated in the accident, one of the worst tragedies in the history of New York, but was so close to the radical element who were its perpetrators that he knew all about it. The Third International, Mr. Burns said, was the moving spirit behind the plot.

Lindenfeld, according to Mr. Burns, went abroad originally on behalf of the Justice Department to obtain information which would lead to the arrest of those responsible for the explosion. When no reports were received from him, Mr. Burns said Sylvester Cosgrove, one of the Department's agents, was sent over to find out why Lindenfeld was not sending the information promised and the arrest followed.

Radicals in Europe, as well as in the United States, Mr. Burns asserted, were under surveillance by the Department for suspicion in connection with the explosion and if the information to be obtained from Lindenfeld proves to be as expected, arrests are in immediate prospect.

## Deputy Sheriff Finds Quantity of Moonshine

Deputy Sheriff R. T. Ozment, being informed of the location of a blockade booze plant in Manchester township, about 15 miles from Fayetteville, yesterday reconnoitered, and seeing no one about, alone went into the sudeenmarsh on the banks of Little River and destroyed 150 gallons of beer and a gallon of low wine. The still and fixtures had been removed, only the furnace, beer and low wine indicating a still site. There were evidences that the still had been up and in operation recently.

## Forced to Abandon Plans to Fly Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Plans to bring America's largest airship, the Roma, from Langley Field, Virginia, to Washington today on her first cruise flight were abandoned early today after receipt by the army air service of word that the engine of the big craft had developed minor trouble that made the flight inadvisable.

The flight, which is planned for the purpose of permitting the Roma to be christened and inaugurated, will occur Monday, weather conditions are fair, air service officers said.