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## 10-Year Naval Holiday Proposed

**Secretary Hughes' Plan for Drastic Naval Cut Like Bomb in Conference**  
—U. S. to Take Leading Part in Scrapping Capital Ships—66 in All to be Destroyed.

John W. Owens in Baltimore Sun. Washington, Nov. 12.—The conference on the limitation of armaments began its fateful session here this morning in the atmosphere of a brilliant social affair. A few minutes later it was solemnized by President Harding in his address of welcome. And a few minutes after that, just as it was settling back into the atmosphere of a social affair, Secretary Hughes astounded and thrilled it by abruptly submitting a concrete program for sweeping, drastic reduction of naval armament, by which on the face of things, the United States led in sacrifice for the common good.

None except those in the most sacred confidence of the American delegation knew what was coming. Mr. Harding had spoken. Arthur J. Balfour, leader of the British delegation, in a graceful speech, had gone through the formality of naming Mr. Hughes chairman of the conference. Mr. Hughes was on his feet. Everyone looked at the clock and wondered how much time the Secretary would occupy in a fitting reply. For 10 minutes nothing was said by Mr. Hughes to move the minds of his audience. Then he began to edge toward the practicalities, and people stiffened in their seats. Suddenly, with a voice so pregnant of vigor that it took on harshness, he declared:

We can no longer content ourselves with investigations, with statistics, with reports, with the circumlocution of inquiry. The essential facts are sufficiently known. The time has come and this conference was called, not for general resolution or mutual advice, but for action.

### Lays Down Concrete Proposals.

Before the conference and the spectators realized what his words portended or what his brief reference to the need of sacrifice for all meant, he was saying in curt, incisive terms that a 10-year naval holiday shall be agreed upon, and that the United States proposed for starting the reduction of present naval armament the absolute scrapping of the 16 capital ships provided in its great 1916 building program. They are under construction, and \$330,000,000 already has been spent upon them, but all would be scrapped under the American plan. So would 15 other capital ships now in commission, a total of 30. Great Britain would scrap a total of 19 capital ships. Japan would scrap 17. The total tonnage of capital ships scrapped would be 1,878,043, of which the United States would have surrendered nearly one-half, Great Britain nearly one-third and Japan about one-quarter. Auxiliary craft would be reduced proportionately.

Mr. Balfour and the British delegation assumed blank expressions. The Japanese delegation, immobile until Mr. Hughes uttered the word "Japan" as a caption for the American proposals with respect to Japanese reductions, stirred in their seats and drooped close to the table. But the end was not yet. In the same curt, incisive tones, Mr. Hughes outlined the 10-year naval holiday for the three nations, a maximum tonnage for the navies and a maximum tonnage per ship for the future. And then again in a voice of the vigor of which bordered on harshness, he looked hard at the assembled delegates and said:

With the acceptance of this plan the burden of meeting the demands of competition in naval armament will be lifted. Enormous sums will be released to aid the progress of civilization. At the same time the proper demands of national defense will be adequately met and the nations will have ample opportunity during the naval holiday of 10 years to consider their future course. Preparation for offensive war will stop now.

### What Secretary Hughes' Plan Means in Ships and Tonnage.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Secretary Hughes' proposal to the Conference on the Limitation of Armament in concrete terms meant the three interested nations would reduce their naval forces as follows:

United States by 30 capital ships, aggregating 843,740 tons; Great Britain by 19 capital ships, aggregating 583,375 tons; Japan by 17 capital ships, aggregating 448,928 tons.

Within three months after the conclusion of the reduction agreement the naval strength of the three nations would be:

United States, 18 capital ships, of 500,650 tons; Great Britain, 22 capital ships, of 604,450 tons; Japan, 10 capital ships, of 229,700 tons.

Ships when 20 years old may be replaced to the following extent:

United States, 500,000 tons; Great Britain, 500,000 tons; Japan, 300,000 tons.

But no replacement ship shall exceed 35,000 tons.

## Armistice Day Observed in Lumberton

**Appropriate Program Rendered at School Auditorium Under Direction of Local Post of American Legion**  
—Special Services at Baptist and Methodist Churches—All Business Was Suspended—Former Service Men Wound Up the Day With Banquet.

Practically all business was suspended in Lumberton Armistice Day and the town gave itself over to wholehearted celebration, in a quiet and thoughtful way, of the third anniversary of the ending of the great war.

**Exercises at School Auditorium**  
An appropriate and delightful program was rendered under the auspices of the Lumberton post of the American Legion at the high school auditorium at 9 a. m. Mr. L. J. Britt of the Lumberton bar presided and each number on the program was well rendered. The exercises were attended by all the school children and a good sprinkling of older people. Following is the program.

- \* Song—"America."
- \* Invocation—Rev. J. M. Robeson, major chaplain 30th division, A. E. F.
- \* Recitation—"The American Flag"—Elizabeth Proctor, Lily Snead Varner, Kathleen Durham.
- \* Song—"Over There."
- \* Recitation—"In Flanders Fields"—Miss Lillian Proctor.
- \* Recitation—"America's Reply"—Miss Lillian Proctor.
- \* Reading—"North Carolina's War Record"—Mr. Ertel Carlyle.
- \* Song—"The Long, Long Trail."
- \* Reading—"Our Dead"—Mr. Regan Floyd.
- \* Song—"Marseillaise, National Anthem."
- \* Benediction—Dr. R. C. Beaman.

The musical program was one of the features of the exercises, the school children singing in a most pleasing manner. All appearing on the program rendered their parts in a creditable way. Miss Proctor's recitation, were fine, while both Messrs. Carlyle and Floyd acquitted themselves well. Little Misses Elizabeth Proctor, Lily Snead Varner and Kathleen Durham recited "The American Flag" splendidly.

**Robeson's Honored, Dead**  
Along with North Carolina's war record, Mr. Carlyle read the names of those from Robeson who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War. These were:

- \* White—Ed J. Pope, George Galloway, Charlie Hall, Carson Chason, Donnie Sutton, Edgar Loyett, Troy Britt, E. Lathrop Austin, Murdoc McRae, Alva Ivey, Benjamin Carter, Marvin Odum, George Lawson, John H. Walker, Sam McLaughlin, Duncan C. Shaw, Joseph Shaw, Jno. A. McLean, Alfred Oliver, Herbert Watson, James Collins, Daniel Marsh, Lonnie Proctor, Casper Stone, Henry H. Straughn, George McDowell, Daniel W. Fowler, Carson A. West, Henry Barr, E. B. Johnson, O. D. O'Brien, D. B. Purcell, Edmund W. Britt, Walter L. Beasley, James McNeill, Martin L. Stuart, Lloyd Pitman, G. H. Morris, Gus Norton, Atlas Johnson, James T. Smith, William S. Hyatt, Archie Gillespie, Ellis Tyner, Raymond Evers, Fred Gillis, Willis A. Lee, Archie McLaughlin, E. Dawson Bullock, Claud E. Phillips.
- \* Indian—Ellis Hardin, Calvin B. Lowry, William R. Oxendine, Preston Locklear, Harvey Oxendine, Winslow Locklear, A. H. Lockett, Golden Oxendine, Lennie Hunt, Garfield Lowry, Jake Edwards, W. R. Oxendine.
- \* Colored—Arthur Rozier, Zeddie Robeson, Robert Burton, Eddie Smith, Marshall Pitman, Lacy H. McCallum, Vol Pierce, Jasper J. Elliott.

**At First Baptist Church**  
A special Armistice Day program was rendered at the First Baptist church, beginning at 11 a. m. Special prayer was offered during the service for the arms conference. After the opening song, Mr. James D. Proctor read the Governor's proclamation calling the citizens of the State to meet on Armistice Day and offered prayer for the success of the conference now in session in Washington. This was followed by the reading of the 46th division of the Psalms by Mr. Stephen McIntyre.

**The Cost of War**  
Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the church, then made a few remarks, quoting from the recent charge of Judge Connor to a Federal court jury in Wilmington. The quotations dealt with the amount of Federal taxes that go to paying war debts and preparing for future wars, the amount being given as \$93 out of every \$100.

**Loyalty of People of Robeson.**

Mr. T. L. Johnson, former chairman of one of the two draft boards in Robeson county, made a short address.

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## SOME JOB!



## Parkton Celebrates Armistice Day

**Big Celebration Held Friday—N. A. Sinclair Speaker of the Occasion—Mrs. Jack Davis Died Friday Night—Death of Mr. R. J. Hair.**

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, Nov. 12.—The celebration of Armistice day in our town yesterday will be long remembered by the throngs of people who attended. The visitors commenced rolling into town early in the morning.

The parade started from the school building, where they assembled at 11 o'clock. In front was a beautiful decorated car containing the following persons: Hon. N. A. Sinclair and wife and Mr. Blackwell, also member of the Fayetteville bar; the Parkton band of 16 pieces, followed by the horsemen; then several floats of decorated cars; up Green street to Railroad street to Second street, to Fayetteville street, to Third street, back to school building, where the military company occupied the front of the auditorium.

The following persons occupied the stage: Hon. N. A. Sinclair, speaker of the day, and Mrs. Sinclair; J. C. Blackwell, Jno. D. Canady, Maj. J. B. Malloy, Capt. B. A. McDonald, Captain of the Parkton Military company, Rev. C. R. Sorrell and Dr. D. S. Currie.

The entire audience remained standing while the band played The Star Spangled Banner. Invocation by Rev. C. R. Sorrell. Address of welcome delivered by Dr. D. S. Currie was most fitting and interesting, who filled the place of our absent mayor, J. B. McCormick, who was with his sick mother at that hour. Response to the welcome address by Jno. D. Canady of St. Pauls, while brief, yet delivered with grace and dignity. Capt. McDonald then introduced J. C. Blackwell, who introduced the speaker of the day, Hon. N. A. Sinclair. Mr. Blackwell said that the man he was to introduce was a native Robesonian and was well known throughout the State, one of the most able members of the Fayetteville bar, and would some day become judge of the Supreme court (applause).

Mr. Sinclair's address, which occupied a little less than an hour, was delivered with power and was listened to with the profoundest interest. His speech proved to every one present that he was acquainted with war and its every principle. He thoroughly explained the League of Nations, and what it would mean to us as a nation if defeated. Much more could be said of his able speech but we hasten on. He paused 2 minutes after twelve for silent prayer while every person stood at attention. At the close of his speech the band most beautifully rendered "The Soldier Boy."

At 1 o'clock dinner was served on the school grounds, where there was a long table erected. In addition to the immense barbecue, the good women of Parkton and the surrounding community had prepared all kinds of edibles, a plenty for everybody.

At 2 o'clock the band gave a most enjoyable concert, this ending one of the most momentous days in the history of our town.

At 3 o'clock St. Pauls basketball teams, both boys' and girls, high school teams, met for a match game which proved to be the most interesting and exciting games ever played.

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## Robeson 17th County in Nation in Value Of Crops

**ROBESON COUNTY STANDS SECOND IN SOUTH IN THE VALUE OF CROPS**

**Bureau of Census Lists Robeson Among 50 Leading Agricultural Counties in United States—Tobacco and Live-stock Products—Value of Crops and Live-stock Products—Robeson Heads List in State.**

Robeson county ranks 17th in a list of 50 leading agricultural counties of the United States in value of crops and 25th in value of crops and live-stock products, according to an announcement made today by the U. S. Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census, this data being from the 1920 census of agriculture for the United States.

In a bulletin released for publication today, for a copy of which The Robesonian is indebted to Congressman H. L. Lyon, the Department of Commerce gives a table showing the fifty counties in the United States leading in the combined value of crops and live-stock products in 1919. Robeson's crops of cotton, tobacco and corn are given in this list as \$22,955,950, and the value of its crops and live-stock products combined at \$23,389,828.

**Robeson Second in South**  
Only one other county in the entire South outranks Robeson in value of crops. This is Bolivar county, Miss., which is just one notch above Robeson, ranking 16th, with cotton and corn crops valued at \$23,114,901. Only three other counties in the South—Bolivar, Miss., 21st, Anderson, S. C., 23rd, and Orangeburg, S. C., 24th—lead Robeson in combined value of crops and live-stock products.

**Two Other Counties in N. C.**  
Only two other counties in North Carolina are listed among these fifty leading agricultural counties in the entire nation—Pitt, 24th in value of crops (tobacco, cotton, corn), \$21,052,441, 24th in value of crops and live-stock products, \$21,486,117; and Johnston, 31st in value of crops (cotton, tobacco, corn, sweet potatoes), \$19,229,785, 45th in value of crops and live-stock products, \$19,812,510.

**Fifty Leading Counties.**  
The bulletin issued today at Washington by the Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of the Census, says:

"The Census Bureau has determined the rank of the 50 counties in the United States leading in the combined value of farm crops and live-stock products in 1919. The live-stock products include dairy products, chickens and eggs, honey and wax, and wool and mohair, but not domestic animals sold and slaughtered. There is some duplication, to be sure, when the value of crops and the value of live stock products are included in the same total, by reason of the fact that a large part of the live-stock products are derived from the feeding of farm crops to farm live stock. This combined value, however, appears to offer the best available index of the counties' agricultural production."

"The 50 leading agricultural counties were distributed among the several states as follows: California, 13; New York, 7; Illinois, 5; Texas, 4; Pennsylvania, 4; South Carolina, 4; North Carolina, 3; Washington, 2;

Wisconsin, 2; and 1 each for Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, and Mississippi.

### Rank of Some Individual Counties

"Los Angeles county, Calif., ranked first among all counties in the United States in the combined value of crops and live-stock products in 1919, the total value amounting to \$71,579,899. The value of crops in this county was \$61,864,479, which was greater than the combined value of crops and live-stock products in any other county. Oranges contributed slightly more than one-third of the combined value of crops and live-stock products in this county. Other important items were lemons, walnuts, and hay and forage."

"Fresno county, Calif., ranked second among all counties, with a value of \$55,110,101 for crops and live-stock products, and stood third in the value of crops alone, with \$51,861,252. Grapes made up a little more than one-half of the combined value of crops and live-stock products, with peaches, and hay and forage following in order."

"Aroostook county, Me., stood third in the combined value of crops and live-stock products, with \$54,376,256, and was second in value of crops, with \$52,541,205. Potatoes comprised about four-fifths the combined value in this county, while hay and forage was the next item in importance as regards value."

"San Joaquin county, Calif., ranked fourth, with a combined value of \$41,191,240 for crops and live-stock products, and also stood fourth in the value of crops, with \$37,956,866. Potatoes, grapes, barley, and hay and forage were the leading items from the standpoint of value."

"Lancaster county, Pa., was fifth in rank, with \$40,776,212 representing the value of crops and live-stock products. Tobacco, corn, hay and forage, and wheat were the most important items, in the order named."

"Yakima county, Wash., stood sixth in value of crops and live-stock products, with \$34,741,710. Apples, and hay and forage were the leading items as regards value."

"Other counties, with their rank according to the combined value of crops and live-stock products in 1919, were as follows: Tulare county, Calif., seventh, with \$34,036,167; Sonoma county, Calif., eighth, with \$32,300,623; Whitman county, Wash., ninth, with \$31,921,047; and Dane county, Wis., tenth, with \$29,395,753."

### COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

49,813 Bales Ginned to November 1st as Compared With 35,095 Bales Ginned to Same Date Last Year. Special Agent W. H. Adams, Buie, reports that 49,813 bales of cotton were ginned in Robeson county prior to November 1st, this year, as compared with 35,095 bales ginned to the same date last year.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 15 1/2 cents the pound. The market has advanced 100 points since Saturday, when middling was quoted at 14 1/2 cents.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—More than a dozen new residences are under construction in Lumberton, and the building boom is still spreading.

—Messrs. C. M. Fuller and Ira Bullard left Saturday evening for St. Louis, Mo., to purchase mules for their sales stables.

—Mr. W. P. Barker has been enjoying second crop squashes from his garden. The last crop sprouted from seed of the first crop.

—Messrs. L. L. Foxworth and C. C. Kerby, formerly of Marion, S. C., have opened up a garage in the McLean building, South Elm street.

—Bertha McCallum and Marvin Moore, a colored couple, were married Saturday at 2 p. m., Justice McKenzie speaking the uniting words at his home.

—Mr. Ira Bullard had an option on the Stephens farm sold at auction Wednesday of last week, mention of which was made in Thursday's Robesonian.

—Mr. J. H. Barfield and family, who live on R. 2, from Lumberton, expect to move Wednesday to Tolarsville. Mr. Barfield was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

—Mr. G. W. Smith of Greensboro spent Saturday here with his brother Mr. C. P. Smith, at the Dresden cotton mill village, who has been sick but whose condition has improved.

—Mr. M. A. Geddie has purchased from Mr. J. W. Griffin formerly lived on North Chestnut street. Mr. Geddie and family will move into the residence at an early date.

—A number of subscriptions to The Robesonian expire during the month of Nov. Consult your label and send renewal before your subscription expires. All subscriptions cut off when they expire.

—Mr. J. V. Dalling of Canada, a member of the Royal flying corps, is expected to land here tomorrow for a stay of two days on a flying trip from Philadelphia to Atlanta, Ga. He will be a guest of Mr. Elwood Whaley.

—Exhibit "C" in the ambitious morning-glory story was brought in Saturday by Mr. G. E. Rancke, Sr., a short vine that had blossomed in riotous glory. "Aunt Sophia" sent lilacs in bloom to The Robesonian office Saturday.

—Two large deer were killed Friday by a party of hunters, including Messrs. H. M. and Jno. D. McAllister, H. B. Jennings and M. F. Cobb of Lumberton. The deer were killed in Bladen county, Mr. H. J. Sawyer of Lumberton killed a deer on the same day in Columbus county. Other members of Mr. Sawyer's hunting party were Messrs. W. G. Pope, C. A. McArthur and Lee G. Stone, all of Lumberton.

### GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF WOODROW WILSON

Following the ceremonies at Arlington Friday in honor of the unknown soldier, a great crowd of people, numbering thousands of men and women, gathered about the home of former President Woodrow Wilson in Washington to do honor to the commander-in-chief of the unknown soldier. The demonstration brought tears to the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Standing on the front steps of his home Mr. Wilson said:

"I wish I had the voice to reply and to thank you for the wonderful tribute you have paid me. I can only say, 'God bless you.'"

He was hailed by the crowd as the world's greatest citizen. As he rode in the parade in honor of the unknown soldier the former President was greeted with cheers along the line of march.

### Plow Cotton Stalks Under.

Farmers generally are not complying with the plan of plowing under cotton stalks before cold weather, as a means of destroying the boll weevil. This is said to be one of the best known methods of combating the weevil. The importance of this has been stressed by the Government and farmers would do well to comply with the plan. Some farmers are breaking their land, however.

### Box Supper at Baltimore School House.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, R. 1, Nov. 14.—There will be a box supper at the Baltimore school house Friday night, Nov. 18th. The proceeds to go for the benefit of the school. The public is invited to come and have a good time.

J. M. ANDREWS, Principal.