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## Conditions Better In North Carolina

**Agricultural Conditions Are Better in This State Than in Any Other Southern or In Any Western State, Says McLean—Economic Conditions in Other Parts of World Must Be Stabilized Before General Improvement in Business Can Be Expected.**

Agricultural conditions are better in North Carolina than in any other Southern or any Western State, according to Mr. A. W. McLean, a member of the War Finance board, who arrived Saturday from Washington. Mr. McLean will leave this evening for Columbia, S. C., where tomorrow he will attend a meeting of the agricultural loan committee of the War Finance board. He will return to Washington Tuesday night.

## Arms Parley Enters Third Week

**Another Stride Toward Agreement on Naval Limitations Foreshadowed—Summary of Last Week's Developments as to Naval Proposals.**

Washington, Nov. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—With the question of land armaments definitely thrust into the background by the developments of the last week, the conference on limitation of armament will enter its third week tomorrow with another stride toward agreement on naval limitations foreshadowed.

## Harding Suggests Series Conferences

**President Makes Tentative Proposal of Plan That Might Result in Association of Nations and a New Day in International Relationships.**

A continuing series of international conferences whose fruition may be an "Association of Nations," has been suggested informally by President Harding to some of the arms delegates and has met with their general approval, states an Associated Press dispatch of Nov. 25 from Washington. The dispatch continues:

## Record of Deaths

**Mrs. Lucy Brown—Funeral This Afternoon.**

Mrs. Lucy Brown, aged 63 years, died yesterday at 12:25 at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cherry, with whom she made her home, East Fifth street. Deceased had been ill for several months, having suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago. Three children survive: two daughters—Mrs. Cherry of Lumberton and Mrs. W. R. Pope of Willow Springs, this State—and one son—Mr. J. H. Brown of Ahsokie. The funeral was conducted from the Cherry home at 2:30 this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

**Collection, Were Taken for Various Orphanages at Special Services Thanksgiving Day.**

Special Thanksgiving services were held at the Presbyterian, First Baptist and Gospel Tabernacle churches Thursday at 10:30 a. m. The services were well-attended and collections were taken as follows: Presbyterian, for Barium Springs orphanage, \$1,038.18. Other contributions are expected and it is likely that the offering will total \$1,500. First Baptist, for Thomasville Baptist orphanage, \$625. Gospel Tabernacle, for church missionaries in China, \$250. It might be added that the monthly collection for the Thomasville orphanage at the First Baptist Sunday school averages more than \$300.



## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 15 3/4 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Born, Friday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green, at the Thompson hospital, a son.

—Miss Minnie Morris of Chadburn has accepted a position in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store.

—Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet with Mrs. T. F. Costner Thursday afternoon, December 1st, at 3 o'clock.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and Mrs. Beaman were given a liberal pounding Thursday evening.

—Water will be cut off on First street from 12 o'clock tomorrow until some time tomorrow night, according to Supt. McNeill of the light and water plant.

—The annual election of officers of Lumbee tent No. 18, Maccabees, will take place Friday evening of this week. Oysters and other refreshments will be served and all Maccabees are urged to be present.

—A play, "Miss Topsy Turvey", will be presented by pupils of the Orum high school in the school auditorium Thursday evening, December 1. The play will begin at 7:30 and promises to be highly entertaining.

—The boys and girls basketball teams of the Rowland high school defeated the boys and girls of the Lumberton high school at Rowland Tuesday of last week. The Lumberton teams won over the Rowland teams here recently.

—Among the Lumberton people attending the Carolina-Virginia football game at Chapel Hill Thursday, besides those mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, were Messrs. O. Clinton Norment, W. L. Stovall, C. Moore and T. W. Boyce.

—The right front wheel on Mr. Jake Lewis' automobile was shattered Friday afternoon when the car struck the sidewalk in turning the corner, Elm and Fifth streets, near Efirst's store. Mr. Lewis, who lives near Fairmont, was driving the car.

—Mrs. R. C. Lawrence left Friday evening for Winston-Salem, from which place she will accompany her daughter, Miss Anna Lawrence, to Lexington, Va., to attend the Washington & Lee university dances. Miss Lawrence is a student at Salem college.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, was called to Rocky Mount Friday to conduct the funeral of Mr. John C. Stout, well-known architect, who died at his home at that place Thursday afternoon. Dr. Beaman returned home Saturday.

—Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, Prof. J. W. R. Norton, principal of the high school, and Misses Ada Edwards and Vivian McNeill, members of the faculty of the graded school, attended the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh last week.

—Mr. Joseph Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Blake of Wishart township, had his discharge from the army recorded in the office of the register of deeds this morning. By having their discharge recorded ex-service men are protected from possible loss of the original papers and any possible future question as to their service.

—Mr. S. J. Starnes, who was employed as linotype operator by the Robesonian for 3 years, prior to last January, when he resigned to enter Trinity Park high school at Durham, was among the new preachers who received appointments at the recent North Carolina Methodist conference. He was sent to Rougemont circuit, Person county, Durham district. His initials were given incorrectly in the list in Thursday's Robesonian was taken, and the matter for that reason escaped attention in this office. Mr. Starnes is said to have made a good record at Trinity Park school and on examination for entrance to conference.

The naval question, at least so far as its most vital element, the "5-5-3 ratio" of fleet strength between Great Britain, the United States, and Japan is concerned, is approaching the point of transfer back to the "big five" committee with the report of the naval experts on the facts involved. There is some expectation that a plenary session of the conference itself will be called during the week to reach first decisions on the naval limitation plan.

Whether the experts of the three major naval powers will submit individual reports is not known. There is nothing to indicate whether they are agreed as to the facts and figures they have been studying.

Both the British and American experts were reported as having concluded their examination of the mass of ship data involved in Secretary Hughes' proposal. The Japanese naval group was still toiling on Saturday, it was said. Spokesmen for any group did not go beyond that estimate of the situation.

A summary of last week's developments as to the naval proposals indicates the following status.

American officers have no reason in arguments advanced by Japan to warrant any change in the yeostoye of the agreement Mr. Hughes proposed, the "5-5-3" naval strength ratio.

British naval officials have accepted the ratio, although it means ultimate equalization of the American and British fleets in power.

Japanese officers have opposed the American ratio, immediate or future, urging a 10-10-7 relative status instead.

American naval opinion strongly opposes retention by Japan of the battleship Mutsu unless both other powers similarly and in due proportion enlarge their fleets to be retained during the ten year building holiday. There are indications that some members of the American delegation which will decide the American attitude see strength in the arguments of Japan that the Mutsu might have been included as a completed ship in retained fleets. There was nothing to indicate, however, that a compromise was being considered in the American group on this point.

British opinion as to the Mutsu controversy has been withheld. It has been indicated, however, that Great Britain was not desirous of undertaking any further naval construction at this time, which means to forecast agreement with the American view that the Mutsu should not be retained.

Japanese officials have presented tables of tonnage to support their claims that they are entitled to retain the Mutsu without any similar retention by other powers.

So far as the Mutsu is concerned, the Japanese have contended that she was a completed ship on November 11. The American and British experts views on this point have not been revealed.

The next step, when the three groups of experts have concluded their work, will be their report to the armaments committee. It seems likely that even if the British and American experts are found to be in accord as to the general accuracy of the original American figures, the Japanese naval officers will submit different conclusions. It will then become the task of the "Big Five" committee to seek an agreement on a report to be made at plenary session of the arms conference itself. How long that might take it would be difficult to forecast.

British opposition to the submarine element of Mr. Hughes' limitation plan was revived during the week, it being declared for the British that this was certain to be one of the chief points to be discussed by the committee and the conference. To what extent the naval experts have dealt with it is not known. It is known, however, that no proposal abolishing submarines has been put forward.

The British delegates are prepared to press their view that not only should Mr. Hughes' replacement allowance of 90,000 tons in submarines for the British fleet and the American fleet and 54,000 for Japan be reduced, perhaps cut in half, but that the size of future submarines should be limited to confine them largely to defensive operations.

The matter hardly is one for the experts to determine as it involves policy rather than technical questions of fact which alone were turned over to the admiral for examination. There is also the probability, made almost a certainty by discussion of submarine

It was indicated further that as a first step toward world-wide recognition for the conference plan the results of the negotiations here might be submitted for approval not only to the participating nations, but to those not represented here, including Germany and Russia.

So far as the suggestions of Mr. Harding have been made known they contemplate a meeting of nations about the council table once a year to thresh out troublesome questions and devise means for the preservation of peace. It is said to be the hope of the President that in the end all the smaller governments will join with the great powers in whatever discussions may concern them or the world situation generally. There is no indication that any covenant or constitution would be proposed as the basis of the plan, or that any elaborate international machinery would be suggested to carry it into effect. The meetings might be convened to consider special subjects or merely to survey international relationship and look for danger points in a general effort at good understanding.

## International Court

Whether an international court of justice might be one of the results is a subject which the President is said to consider too nebulous for present discussion, although he is known to regard some such tribunal as a logical part of the plan he has advocated for an "Association of Nations." His opinion, on that subject have been expressed in several public addresses during the past year, but he never has made a detailed public statement of the exact method by which a court could be established.

In fact, in his preliminary consideration of the best means toward international co-operation, Mr. Harding is said by his friends to have tried to keep his proposals as free from detail as possible with the deliberate purpose of reducing to a minimum the probable causes of complication. His intention is declared to have been to apply to the world situation in the broadest sense the principles of "a meeting of minds," as he employed it in his pre-inauguration days at Marion.

So far as he is willing to go toward dispensing with details, it is declared that he is ready to let the results of the present conference and the plans for future meetings rest merely on a "gentlemen's agreement" rather than a formal treaty. Some members of the American delegation in the conference are said to favor the treaty method, and the point is yet to be decided; but it was asserted in authoritative quarters tonight that so far as Mr. Harding was concerned he would as soon have a nation's word as his bond.

This position the President is said to base upon a faith that the Washington conference will help to put a new face upon international relationships and arouse a new sense of national honor. Agreements such as the conference is expected to reach are regarded by the chief executive as touching closely national considerations of uprightness and good will, and resting, therefore, upon the good faith of the nation concerned.

The hope of the President for a continuation of conferences like the present one became known at a moment when the arms delegates reached a stage of their deliberations strongly suggestive in itself that further negotiations will be necessary to consummate the task begun here. Representatives of the nine participating nations are said to have virtually decided at their session today to send an international commission of jurists to investigate China's judicial system, and report next year to the various foreign offices, and discussion of other features of the Far Eastern situation continued with a growing indication that some sort of international machinery would be necessary to carry out the results of the conference decisions.

It also is becoming apparent that the Washington conference will not be able to make final decisions on some subjects relating to armaments, since subjects like the rules of warfare necessarily must be given a world-wide consideration before there can be a revision to which the powers will be willing to bind themselves. A continuing commission on aircraft is

## Mr. Ed C. Watson of Britts Township.

Mr. Ed C. Watson, aged 58 years, died Friday at 4 p. m. at his home in Britts township, four miles from Lumberton, death resulting from paralysis. He suffered the stroke just one hour before his death. The funeral was conducted from the Watson home Saturday at 3 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist of Lumberton and Back Swamp Baptist church, deceased being a member of the latter. Interment was made in the Wishart cemetery, near the Watson home.

Deceased was never married. One sister, Miss Ophelia Watson, survives. His brother, the late John Watson, died in like manner some three years ago. He was well known and had many friends.

## Mr. S. A. Carter of Red Springs

Mr. S. A. Carter of Red Springs, N. C., died Friday morning at his home in Red Springs, N. C., after a long illness. He was a well known citizen and a member of the Robesonian.

## Mr. R. F. Huggins

Mr. R. F. Huggins received a telegram this morning, advising him of the death this morning of his brother, Mr. R. F. Huggins, of Green Pond, S. C. Mr. Huggins expects to leave this evening for Green Pond to attend the funeral.

## Mrs. J. E. Nye, Fairmont, R. 2.

Mrs. J. E. Nye died yesterday at 11 a. m. at her home on R. 2 from Fairmont. Deceased had been in ill health for several months. Her husband and five children survive. The funeral was conducted from the home at 2:30 this afternoon by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeh and interment made in the family cemetery. Deceased was a member of Big Branch Baptist church and was well and favorably known.

## Dr. G. W. Locklear, Pembroke, Found Dead in Bed This Morning.

Dr. G. W. Locklear, Indian, was found dead in bed at Pembroke this morning. An inquest will be held over the remains this afternoon. Deceased has been living in Atlanta, Ga., for some time, recently returning to Pembroke. He was about 55 years old.

## Antioch Sunbeam Band Remembered Sick on Thanksgiving Day.

Some 25 or 30 members of the Sunbeam band of Antioch Baptist church, near Allenton, loaded themselves and a quantity of fruit and other delicacies on three wagons and visited the sick of the neighborhood Thanksgiving day. One of the homes visited was that of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Meares, where Mrs. Meares has been helpless with rheumatism for a long time, and according to Mr. Meares, who was bubbling over with appreciation when he told a Robesonian reporter about it, the members of that band lived up to their name on that day, for with singing and good cheer they carried sunbeams into the homes of the sick.

## Miss Ophelia Watson and brothers and sisters.

regarded as another probable outcome of the conference, and it may be that after a limit has been set on the submarine power of the nations there may be a more permanent body created to consider the suggestions that under-water warfare be abolished altogether.

Speaking of business and financial conditions generally, Mr. McLean said he had occasion recently to learn at first-hand of agricultural conditions in practically every State in the union and that conditions in North Carolina are better than in any other Southern or any Western State. Conditions in the South as a whole are much better than in the West, he says. The greater number of loans made by the War Finance corporation have been made to banks in Iowa and Minnesota and other Western grain-growing and cattle-raising States. Corn is selling on the farms in the West at from 15 to 18 cents the bushel, and there is no market for cattle and sheep. Livestock are worth only about 25 per cent. of what they sold for a year and a half ago.

## How About Cotton?

Asked about the prospect for a rise in the price of cotton, Mr. McLean said he would not venture a prediction, other than to say this depends largely upon general business conditions. If business should improve throughout the world, cotton would probably sell for a higher price. Europe is unable to buy our cotton in normal quantities, thus largely reducing the number of our foreign buyers. Those who desire the cotton are unable to pay for it.

"I see no hope of a general improvement in business here until economic conditions in other parts of the world become stabilized," he continued. This cannot result unless the United States assume not only an active, but a leading, part in the work of stabilization and restoration of economic processes.

## Liberal Credits Extended

The War Finance corporation has extended liberal credits to banks in North Carolina for financing the exportation of cotton and tobacco and financing agricultural needs, through the local banks in agricultural regions.

Under the law loans can only be made to banks that have made such loans to farmers. Loans cannot be made upon lands, only upon crops or obligations representing these agricultural commodities.

## Fight the Boll Weevil

Speaking of the arrival of the boll weevil, Mr. McLean mentioned the importance of making every effort to combat them. He thinks farmers would make a good investment in taking a trip to the sections further south where the weevil has been putting in his destructive work and there study the problem as it is.

## FLORA MACDONALD CLOSSES UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Because of a few cases of Diphtheria Authorities Decided to Suspend—Most of Students Have Gone Home.

Red Springs, Nov. 24.—A few cases of diphtheria having developed at Flora Macdonald college, the authorities thought it wisest to close the institution until after the Christmas holidays and make up for the loss of time during the spring term. Most of the students left for their homes tonight.

## Found Guilty of Operating Unsanitary Meat Markets.

H. L. and Dock Hill, both colored, of Fairmont, were found guilty Saturday by Recorder A. E. Floyd of operating unsanitary meat markets. Judgment suspended upon payment of the cost. The indictment was brought by Mr. J. E. Floyd, county sanitary inspector.

## Yesterday's Rain 3.52 Inches—Heaviest in 6 Months.

A heavy rain fell here yesterday at last night, the total fall being 3.1 inches, according to Mr. B. M. Davis, who is in charge of the local government weather station. This was the heaviest rainfall for more than six months.

The residence of Mr. Tom Potter, near Fairmont, was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. No household goods were saved and the loss was heavy, with very little insurance.

The time for meeting of the Carey B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church has been changed from Sunday evening to Monday evening at 7:30.

Mr. J. H. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, is in town today.

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