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## Arms Parley Treading On Eggs

"5-5-3" Naval Ratio and Long-Debated Problem of Shantung Ushers Washington Conference Into Period of Increasing Delicacy.  
Washington, Nov. 30.—(By Associated Press.)—The "5-5-3" naval ratio and the long-debated problem of Shantung, today ushered the Washington conference into a period of increasing delicacy.  
Japan's formal request for a "10-10-7" naval strength as compared with the United States and Great Britain was taken under consideration by the naval "big three" with which the American attitude of determination remained unchanged.  
Under her latest request, Japan proposed to abandon entirely the yardstick of existing strength and measure the new ratio on a basis of national security. Under that plan, her 10-10-7 suggestion would be acceptable to neither the United States nor Great Britain.  
The same differences were discussed in the three-cornered subcommittee of naval experts without result. Finally giving up the effort to reach a solution on a technical basis, the subcommittee adjourned.  
Shantung, over which China quit the Versailles conference, got into the negotiations through an offer of Secretary Hughes, and Arthur J. Balfour to use their "good offices" in helping Japan and China to compose their differences.  
The suggestion, accompanied by the Japanese and Chinese, was made after China had indicated her intention to bring the subject before the conference proper, a course which appeared unwise to some of the delegates in view of the devious ramifications of treaty obligations affecting Shantung.  
As a certain-raiser to the Shantung negotiations, which will begin tomorrow the far eastern committee of the whole, debated the question of foreign troops in China and hear Japan's objections to withdrawing until there is a more efficient Chinese policing force. A general declaration principle only was forecast as the probable outcome.  
Meantime in spite of the growing pressure of opposing views, American spokesmen declared their entire confidence that both the naval and far eastern questions would be brought to the principles laid down in the "5-5-3" ratio and the American "four points."

## Red Cross Roll Call Next Week

Have Your Dollar Ready When Membership Drive Begins.  
The annual Red Cross roll call will not begin in Lumberton until Monday next week. It had been planned to begin the membership drive today, but the organization for putting on the campaign was not perfected in time. Mrs. W. W. Parker will direct the membership drive.

One dollar pays the membership for a year and one-half of this remains in the local chapter, while the other 50 per cent. goes to the National Red Cross for use in caring for disabled soldiers and other needy and worthy causes. Have your dollar ready when the drive begins.

## COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

56,462 Bales Ginned Prior to November 14 as Compared With 46,871 Bales to Same Date Last Year.  
Mr. W. H. Adams, special agent for Robeson county, reports that there were 56,462 bales of cotton ginned in Robeson from the crop of 1921, prior to November 14. There were 46,871 bales ginned in the county from the crop of 1920 prior to November 14 last year.

Policeman Musselwhite Beaten Up.  
A. L. James, Herman Parham and "Luke" Britt were arrested Monday night on the charge of assaulting Policeman Raymond Musselwhite. The assault took place at Bullock's garage Monday evening, the row starting when Officer Musselwhite went to the garage to get an overcoat which a traveling man left at the union station. The coat was carried to the garage by Britt. Policeman Musselwhite was "beaten up" by the three men, his face being bruised and one leg hurt. The defendants made bond in the sum of \$200 each and will be given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday of this week.

The historic chambers at Davidson college, used as a dormitory in which 130 students were living, was burned early Monday morning. The students succeeded in saving a great part of their personal effects, but the building was erected in 1873 and was the dormitory in which former President Wilson lived while a student at Davidson. It is estimated that it will require \$250,000 to replace the building. Insurances was \$100,000.

Rev. G. L. Guy of R. 4, St. Pauls, is a Lumberton visitor today.

## No Pay For Fiddler No Dance

Jim McLaurin, Ge'man of Color, Wanted to Dance Without Paying the Fiddler—Broke Up Dance When Efforts Was Made to Pa (Him Out—Other Cases Before Recorder Fuller.  
Jim McLaurin had not the money to pay the fiddler and there was objection to his dancing at a subscription dance at the Bland (colored) hotel in the "bottom". It cost 25 cents to dance at that particular gathering and when Jim failed to "come across" with the 25 cents other attendants undertook to put Jim out of the hall. This was very unsatisfactory to Jim and he proceeded to break up the whole affair. As a result the matter was aired before Recorder David H. Fuller Monday. George McNeill, Theodore Watson and Prentiss McNeill, all colored, were charged with an assault upon McLaurin. Watson and George McNeill were found guilty, Watson being fined \$15 and cost and McNeill \$5 and cost. Prentiss McNeill was found not guilty.  
George McNeill was also charged with an assault upon Quillie McLaurin, also colored, but was found not guilty.  
Other cases disposed of in recorder's court Monday were:  
J. T. Connor, assault upon Clyde Sessoms with a knife and also cursing and raising a disturbance; not guilty in either case.  
Clyde Sessoms, assault upon J. T. Connor with a club and cursing and raising a disturbance; found guilty of simple assault, judgment being suspended upon payment of cost. Found not guilty of cursing and raising a disturbance.  
Duncan McLaurin, colored, larceny of paint brushes from Ed Johnson, also colored; not guilty. McLaurin was also found not guilty of assault upon Ed Johnson.  
Ed Johnson was found guilty of an assault upon Duncan McLaurin and was fined \$10 and cost.  
Henderson Roper, colored, larceny of wood from the lands of Dr. D. D. King and others; fined \$25 and cost.

## Japan Proposes 70 Per Cent. Fleet

American and British Naval Experts Stand Together on "5-5-3" Plan and Regard Japanese Proposal as Wholly Unacceptable.

Washington, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan's proposal for a 70 per cent fleet, as necessary to her national security, instead of a 60 per cent fleet, has been formally presented to the United States and Great Britain.

Baron Admiral Kato, senior Japanese delegate, has communicated it personally to Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour.

It is said in Japanese quarters that the full support of the Japanese cabinet and the diplomatic advisory council in Tokio.

American and British naval experts, standing together on Secretary Hughes' "5-5-3 plan" as the only one fair to all powers, regard the Japanese proposals as wholly unacceptable. In the opinion of some of the American delegates the situation is delicate but not without hope that the Japanese ultimately will accept the original plan.

The seriousness of the turn of affairs, in the opinion of the Americans, is that Japan in persisting in her request for a "10-10-7" ratio makes a stroke at the fundamental idea on which Secretary Hughes' proposal is based.

Japan's proposal, it was declared, was based not on a calculation of the strength of the existing American, British and Japanese fleets, but upon her estimate of necessity for national security. It was pointed out among the Americans and British that if considerations of national security were to be substituted for a continuation of fleets at reduced tonnage but in the same ratio as now exists, the whole basis of the conference would be upset.

On the basis of national security, it was said, neither the United States nor Great Britain would agree to the 60 per cent which the Hughes' plan would allow to Japan.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES SHOW FALLING OFF DURING YEAR

378 Licenses Issued by Robeson Register of Deeds During Year Ending Today—191 Fewer Than Were Sold to Last Dec. 1.  
Register of Deeds, M. W. Floyd sold 378 marriage licenses from December 1, 1920 to December 1, 1921. This was a falling off of 191 from the previous year when 569 were sold. License sales during the first four months of this year averaged about the same as during the first four months of last year. When the law requiring that candidates for matrimony undergo a medical examination before license be issued the number dropped immediately to about one-half per month what it had been up to that time.

## Parkton Letter

Last Sunday Great Day at Green Springs—\$1,500 Raised for New Church—Work Progressing on New Presbyterian Church—Hog-Killing Has Begun—Church Notes, Personal and Other Items.  
By C. D. Williamson.  
Parkton, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving passed off quietly and without any accident so far as we have learned in this section.  
The shooting match or contest for a fine pig offered by Mr. Floyd Lancaster, 20 persons paying \$1 per shot, sounded lively for a few minutes. E. E. Wood proved to be the lucky guy.  
Several of the boys and others spent the most of the day hunting and at night at 7 o'clock a union Thanksgiving service was held at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. C. R. Sorrell, which was much enjoyed by a fair-sized congregation. A collection was taken for the various orphanages. The speaker for Sunday night, Dr. Poteat of Wake Forest college, wired Saturday night that he could not come at this time but would come at a later date. Rev. C. R. Sorrell preached at that hour.  
Last Sunday was a great day at Green Springs church. Although rainy, they had a good day. Fifteen hundred dollars was raised for the new church which is on the way. Mr. W. S. Bramble was the first speaker and he said that he regretted that the record of the church had been lost and therefore could not read the report as was desired, but said that more than 800 communicants had been baptized and become members of that church. Rev. C. R. Sorrell, pastor, reported the census, which was interesting and encouraging. At one o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served. As it was still raining at that hour, tables were arranged in the church and served a plenty for five times the number present.  
Miss Noe, one of the former teachers, of Lincolnton, spent Thanksgiving here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lancaster. Her visit was much enjoyed by her many friends.  
Miss Ruby Council, who is teaching at Bethel, spent Thanksgiving with home folks, to the delight of her many friends.  
Miss Williams, teacher of 1st grade, spent Thanksgiving at Barnesville with home folks.  
We are sorry to report Miss Dixon, one of our teachers, on the sick list.  
Mr. J. F. Williamson of Charlotte, spent Thanksgiving with home folks.  
Mr. W. A. Alley and others from Catawba are here for their annual fox hunt. They were out this morning. We hope to report some more exciting races in our next letter.  
Yesterday was a lively day in our town, real estate agents selling some valuable farms and some town lots. The Parkton band will assist in selling Mr. Chas. C. Baxley's farm near Buies on Thursday at noon.  
Mr. Baxley and Mr. Prevatt of Buie was caller in our town today.  
Rev. J. K. Hall and son, John, returned home from Boston, Mass., last Thursday night.  
Work on the new Presbyterian church is progressing nicely and with in a short while the roof will be completed.  
Mr. Dan McMillan left this afternoon for Charlotte on a business trip.  
Mr. P. H. Fisher and G. W. Bullard were Fayetteville shoppers this afternoon.  
Business seems a little dull at present, but hog-killing has begun. R. E. Wood and A. M. Stubbs killed some fine ones today.  
Over \$2,000,000 in Road Awards.  
Raleigh News and Observer, Nov. 30: Slightly more than two million dollars' worth of roads were let to contract by the State Highway Commission yesterday when bids were opened for five hard surfaced projects in the Sixth district, a project of grading and bridges in Orange county, and awards made in delayed contracts for construction in the Fifth district for which bids were received here November 18.  
Although bids for surfacing remained at about the same level established a month ago, the total cost per mile for hard surfaced roads advanced to an average of \$30,476 on the 40.35 miles of road let in the Sixth district. Heavier grading, much of it in solid rock, accounts largely for the advance in costs submitted by the contractors. Eighty-two bids were offered on the six projects.

## Seaboard Wants 22 Per Cent. Reduction

Fourth Road Seeking to Enjoin Watts Files Suit in Federal Court for Reduction in Assessment.  
Raleigh News and Observer, Nov. 30: Claiming that it is entitled to a reduction of 22 per cent, the average of horizontal cuts in the counties traversed by its lines, the Seaboard Air Line railway yesterday filed a suit in equity in the United States district court, praying an interlocutory injunction against Alston D. Watts, Commissioner of Revenue, and other State and local officers, restraining the collection of regularly assessed ad valorem taxes for the year 1921 and attacking the validity of the franchise tax imposed by the last General Assembly. The Seaboard's property in this State has been assessed at \$34,768,440 and the reduction sought would amount to \$7,649,056.80.  
The suit filed by the Seaboard is the fourth of its kind, similar suits having already been instituted by the Southern, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern. Summons issued yesterday in the Seaboard suit are made returnable on December 12, but it is expected that the suit will be heard at Greensboro at the same time as the other three suits, the date of hearing having been tentatively set for January 17.

## Sentiment Strong for Brief Special Session.

Raleigh News and Observer, Nov. 30: Although at least one member of the House of Representatives has prepared a bill for the abolition of capital punishment, and other members are known to be incubating other general legislation, the preponderant sentiment of both the House and Senate appears to be definitely against any general legislation at the coming special session of the General Assembly which convenes next Tuesday.  
Inquiry addressed by the News and Observer to representative members of both the House and Senate brought invariably a thumbs-down on a long session from those who had replied last night. Ten days is the limit to which any member would have the session go, and most of the replies were advocative of even shorter session. The consensus of opinion is to the effect that the session will dissolve not later than Saturday week after it convenes.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Sallie Prevatt Parnell  
Mrs. Sallie Prevatt Parnell, wife of Mr. B. E. Parnell, died yesterday at her home near Buie. Deceased was 25 years old and had been in ill health for some time.  
Billie Smith of Elizabethtown.  
News reached Lumberton yesterday of the recent death of Mr. Billie Smith at his home in Elizabethtown. Deceased had been ill for some time. He formerly lived here.  
Messrs. Jno. D. Canady and J. D. McArthur of St. Pauls were among the business visitors in town yesterday.

## All Set To Wreck Passenger Train

Bars and Scrap Iron in Frog of Switch at Buie Discovered in Time to Prevent Wreck—Two Men Arrested—Freight Wrecked Near Hope Mills—News from Up Reagent Way.  
By E. C. Perry.  
Bennett, Nov. 30.—Rev. J. D. Larkins of Fayetteville filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and evening. Although the weather was very bad, the services were very largely attended.  
A northbound freight train wrecked near Hope Mills Saturday evening and blocked traffic on both tracks from about three o'clock in the evening until midnight. Some seven cars were derailed and the track was damaged considerably. No one was injured.  
Some one placed some angle bars and other scrap iron in the frog of one of the switches, at Buie Sunday night just ahead of northbound passenger train No. 78. Fortunately, it was discovered in time and a very serious accident was possibly avoided. The police department of the Atlantic Coast Line arrested two men who were suspected of having placed same on track, but as yet it is not known if they are the right ones.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Tabor, Mrs. D. A. Humphrey and little son Tom, spent Thanksgiving day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Graham.  
Mr. N. H. Perry and daughter, Grace, of Cummock, spent Thanksgiving day with his son here.  
Mr. A. M. Patterson, an inmate of the soldiers' home is spending some time with Mr. Lacy McNairst.  
Killing hogs seems to be the order of the day around here. Quite a number of our folks have been killing on this little rock spot.

## High School Boys Team Defeats St. Pauls.

Reported for The Robesonian.  
On Tuesday afternoon, November 29, the boys' first basketball team of the Lumberton high school and the St. Pauls team played an interesting and exciting game on the St. Pauls court. The game ended with a score of 17 and 11, in favor of Lumberton.

## NOTICE

This is to notify all tax-payers that 1 per cent. will be added to all unpaid State and county taxes on January 1, 1922 and one per cent. additional each month thereafter until paid.  
R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff.

## Court Calendar

Civil Term of Robeson Superior Court Begins Next Monday—Cases Set for Trial.  
A term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases will begin Monday of next week. Judge John H. Kerr of Warrenton will preside. The following cases have been set for trial:  
**Monday, December 5th.**  
All divorce cases.  
J. L. Dickson vs. Mary C. Dickson, Exr.  
A. D. Cashwell vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.  
Thomas Wilkins and wife vs. McKay Byrd, et al.  
S. P. McNairst vs. James Davis.  
Samuel Locklear vs. Jas. Locklear, et al.  
Annie D. Bransford vs. E. O. Bransford.  
Warren Jacob, vs. Turkil Johnson.  
H. M. McAllister vs. Chas. G. Rose, et al.  
Lula Hinson vs. D. E. McLean, et al.  
Alva Oxendine vs. Frances Locklear, et al.  
D. C. Bullock vs. Waccamaw Lumber Co.  
J. W. Currie vs. J. W. McNeill Farmer & Merchants Bank vs. J. G. Baldwin.  
**Tuesday, December 6th**  
Harmon Pate vs. R. T. Ratley.  
W. T. Hendron vs. D. W. McDuffie, Woodland Lumber Co., vs. Alma Lumber Co.  
W. T. Hendron vs. R. H. Halyburton, Admr.  
Shannon Mercantile Co. vs. L. J. Jackson.  
W. R. McNeill vs. Lunnie Locklear, et al.  
A. B. Croom vs. Mrs. W. D. McLean.  
E. S. Walters vs. Road Commission of Robeson Co.  
A. R. Bullock, Receiver, vs. S. J. Carson.  
Neill Freeman, et al. vs. S. T. Freeman.  
Alex. A. Klebold, et al vs Lawrence Freeman.  
L. E. Squire, vs. A. C. L. R. Co.  
J. H. Johnson vs. Austin Barnes.  
Mrs. Josie Floyd vs. H. S. Floyd.  
Andrew Pittman vs. Mack Taylor.  
H. M. Beasley vs. E. B. McLean.  
W. H. Shaw Drug Co. vs. McMillan Supply Co.  
W. P. Barker vs. Rowland Supply Co.  
Merton Seawell vs. John A. Vinson.  
D. H. Britt vs. Haynes Ivey.  
D. H. Britt vs. C. M. Townsend.  
Nespy Freeman vs. Hec. Freeman.  
**Wednesday, December 7th**  
S. T. Harrell vs. Wm. Davis, et al.  
H. M. Beasley vs. Jake Baxley.  
R. C. Everett vs. D. L. Brown.  
J. A. Redfern, et al vs. J. E. Carter, et al.  
Bank of Fairmont vs. Robert Turner, et al.  
Cobb & Parnell vs. L. F. Edens.  
K. M. Barnes, et al vs. Wm. A. Britt, et al.  
Liberty Milling Co., vs. Thomas & Co., et al.  
John H. McArn vs. Covington Supply Co.  
H. A. Page, Jr., vs. W. R. Woodell.  
Danley Leach, et al vs. W. J. Currie, et al.  
Edgar L. Hurst vs. J. B. Huggins.  
Bank of Fairmont vs. C. K. Morgan, et al.  
E. T. Taylor vs. J. P. Watson.  
J. P. Watson vs. E. T. Taylor.  
Tennessee Chem. Co. et al. vs. McMillan Supply Co.  
Fairmont Supply Co. vs. W. D. Davis, et al.  
Curlee Clothing Co. vs. Carrowan & Rowe.  
L. S. Prevatt vs. B. M. Lawson.  
**Thursday, December 8th.**  
Atlanta Utility Co. vs. A. A. Bethune.  
Henry Dreggers, vs. John Richardson.  
American Wholesale Corp. vs. Hester & Co.  
Board of Education vs. Board of Commissioners, et al.  
Bank of Fairmont vs. D. H. Britt, Sr.  
Stubbs & Bevell vs. J. A. Leggett.  
Bank of Rowland vs. E. M. Hines.  
Bank of Rowland vs. E. M. Hines, et al.  
Weldon Conner vs. David Townsend.  
Geo. H. Hall vs. Mitchell McMillan.  
J. W. Peele vs. A. L. Barbour.  
Bank of Fairmont vs. L. W. Bullard.  
Winslow & Garrison vs. W. G. Wright.  
Dennis Pierce vs. Beaufort Co. Lbr. Co.  
McKenzie, McCoy & Townsend vs. A. C. L. R. Co.  
Schlesinger Bros. vs. Red Springs Cash Store.  
A. R. Bullock, Receiver vs. G. E. Morgan.  
Tom Britt vs. W. P. McAllister.  
C. M. Fuller vs. Lumberton Cotton Mills.  
**Friday, December 9th**  
J. A. Stanton vs. M. L. Herrndon, et al.  
Wayne Oil Tank & Pump Co. vs. McMillan Supply Co.  
St. Pauls M. E. Church Co. vs. C. F. Kennedy, et al.  
J. B. Meares vs. J. C. Wood.  
New Orleans Coffee Co. vs. A. B. Watson Co.  
American Cotton Oil Co. vs. Park-

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today at 16 1/4 cents the pound; strict middling 16 3/4 cents.

### BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of John Pittman and Pearl Britt.  
—The Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the high school auditorium Friday at 3:30 p. m.  
—Mr. George Schultz, an experienced baker, formerly of Hartsville, S. C., has accepted a position at the DuBois bakery.  
—There will be an old-time fiddlers' convention at the Barker-Ten Mile high school building on the night of December 9.  
—An important called meeting of the Woman's club will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. in the municipal building. All members are urged to attend.  
—Miss Grace Huggins returned this morning from Green Pond, S. C., where she attended Tuesday the funeral of an uncle. She was accompanied to Green Pond by her father, Mr. J. M. Huggins, who will return the last of the week.  
—Mr. J. W. Williams of Hickory, special agent of the Insurance Company of North America, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. Geo. L. Grantham, local agent of the same company at Fairmont. They were Lumberton visitors this morning.  
—Reported for Robesonian: At Baker sanatorium, born to Mr. and Mrs. Townley Redfern of McBee, S. C., a daughter, Elsie Claire. Mrs. Redfern before her marriage, was Miss Ruth Cyburn of Kershaw, S. C., a sister of Mrs. W. S. Britt of Lumberton.  
—Mr. S. K. Nash of New York city arrived recently and will spend some time here visiting his mother, Mrs. A. Nash, East Fifth street. Mr. Nash is special representative of the Equitable Life Assurance society of New York.  
—"I want to show you something", said a local citizen to a Robesonian reporter. The thing he wanted to show was a pile of brick and rubbish on the sidewalk on South Walnut street, in front of the Big Banner tobacco warehouse. The sidewalk has been blocked since October, according to the citizen making the complaint.  
—There will be a called meeting of the Woman's club tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 in the municipal building.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM ANTIOCH

Sunbeam Band Cheered Sick Thanks-giving Day—Personal Mention. Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Lumberton, R. 5, Nov. 29—A very good crowd attended service at Antioch Thanksgiving. Rev. E. A. Paul was to be with us but for some reason failed to come. In the afternoon a number of the Sunbeam band, in company with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Patterson, entertained a number of old people who are not able to attend church, by going to their homes and singing religious songs and serving cake and fruit. These old without afflicted folks will never forget Thanksgiving 1921. Yet there are people who are in good health who never stop and think of the ones who are afflicted and how many lonely hours they have to spend by themselves.  
Also Mrs. Gussie Lee's Sunday school class gave Mrs. Easter Parnell a surprise pounding which was so much appreciated. She has been a widow seven years and this is the first from the church which has ever been presented to her.  
If we as a Christian people would only stop and consider how much it means to give just one pound it would be a better people, a better church, Sunday school and neighborhood.  
We had a good rain Sunday and the weather is beginning to feel like hog killing time is near at hand.  
Mr. Henry Todd is home from Hampton, Va., after serving a term in the U. S. A.  
Mr. J. G. Todd of Wilmington visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Todd, last week.  
Glad to report Mrs. Hectia Freeman somewhat improved.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Capps were welcome visitors at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pittman, Sunday.  
Glad to report Mrs. Nealia Meares somewhat improved.  
Best wishes to The Robesonian.

ton Mercantile Co.  
Flax Andrews, et al vs. Henry McNeill.  
Bank of Fairmont, et al vs. Johnnie Caulder.  
First National Bank vs. J. S. Oliver.  
M. L. Marley vs. D. D. Averitt, et al.  
M. L. Marley vs. W. E. McIntyre.  
Gland Nat. Bank vs. T. A. Parnell, et al.  
All other cases on the docket are open during the court at all times for motions and orders.  
Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs of Wilmington, proprietor of the Lumberton Bargain house, spent yesterday here on business.