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## LIVELY FIGHT ON PLAN OF HARDING TO REFUND DEBTS

Scrapping Ahead For Backers of the President's Program In Congress

SOLDIER BONUS BILL DUE TO COME UP ALSO

Newberry Scandal Another Irksome Subject For Republican Legislators; Four Great Powers Reported To Have Reached Agreement On Far East Problem

The News and Observer Bureau, B03 District National Bank Bldg By EDWARD E. BRITTON (By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, Dec. 2.—Unless al-signs fails in Congressional weather signs fails in Congressional the state of the congression there is to be a lively fight in the big building on Capitol Hill when between Morse and the Shipping between Morse was detained at Board. Morse was detained at later allowed the regular session gets down to Board. Morse was detained at business after the call to order is Havre, France, but was later allowed scrapping shead between those who would rush through President Hard ing's program and those who will oppose it is clearly manifested in the events of the special session and in the remarks made by members of both House and Senate.

The storm center in the Senate expected to be for a while about th bill by which plans are proposed t be set for the refunding of the \$11. 000,000,000 foreign debt. Presider Harding at a dinner he gave at the White House last night with publican leaders as guests gave the word to take up the foreign del matter immediately. This is not pleasing to Senator Lodge, whose position has been that there ought to be no talk in Congress about the money that is owed us by European countries while the Arms conference is on, that the subjec; might be per sona non grafa to the delegates a the conference, for he realizes that there is to be some lambasting going on, and that things will be said that might provoke a row. But President Harding has over-

ridden the Lodge opposition and has given the order for "full steam ahead" on the foreign debt business. Open hostility to the proposition has been manifested among Senators despite the fact that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has declared that refunding processes in this country and in Europe must be held up with increased financial troubles until the

Will Take Up Bonus The soldier bouns bill is likely to have another hearing soon after the session begins. It is said that sev eral Senators, among them Senators McCellar, of Tennessee; Simmons, of North Carolina, and Walsh, of Massachusetts, are considering the advisability of pressing for action on bills to make the soldier bonus payable out of the interest on the foreign debt. That this subject will debt refunding bill goes without Misially will say nothing in his message to Congress about soldier bonus, but whether he opens his mouth on the subject or not it is going to make its appearance before the Senate. And

when it does the men who have been backing the proposition will make themselves heard. The delay of the Republicans in living up to the promises made to former service men to pass the adjusted compensation bill will be the theme of many speeches by advocates of the bill, especially from the advocates on the Democratic side. The Newberry scandal in the purchase of a Senatorial seat will have another speech-making airing early after the Senate meets, and there will be no let up among the Demo

the country hear erats in letting about that malodorous affair. The Republican Scantors backing New berry are doing all that is possible to put on the soft pedal as to the Michigan scandal, but they are not getting away with their purpose. There will be a fight around that matter, as also a live time about the tariff when it gets to the Sen ate from the finance committee Senate Republicans talk of having the measure enacted into law by the end of January, which means a scrapping time of some weeks. But the outside feeling is that it will be way after the close of January before President Harding gets a chance to sign that measure. is also scrapping ahead on the railmt's subsidy position on the mer shant marine.

And it must not be forgotten that from various sources there is to be much verbal hammering of President Harding's proposed "Gentlemen's Agreement" Association of Nations These and other things give promis of a hectic time for the forthcom-

ing session. Powers Reach An Agreement. More rumor about agreement baving been reached in the Arms Conference went the rounds today. One is that the Angle-Japanes alliance has been definitely "scrap alliance has been demancing that an attack on Captain Poppa, which ped" with the understanding that an attack on Captain Poppa, which the latter said caused him to fire. there is to be a "gentlemen's agreement" for an alliance to be entered into by the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France. On that basis Japan is said to be ready to accept the 5-5-3, or 10-10-6 naval ratio of the Hughes proposal. The new alliance, or "understanding" is, so it is said, to be that the powers in it agree to do all in their ability to observe and maintain peace in the Pacific and Far East, the non fortification of the Pacific Islands being a part of the agreement. The Japanese, with a "conditional

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SHIPBUILDER SAYS HE WILL COME BACK



Charles W. Morse ....

Attorney General Daugherty to return from France on the next heard on Monday. That there in to leave the ship when he promised scrapping ahead between those who to return to the United States vol-Latest dispatches state untarily. he will sail for home Monday. The French are reported to have refused him permission to remain in that

# FOR U. S. MONDA'

Shipbuilder Notifies Attorney General of Intention To Return

Washington, Dec. 3.- Charles W Morse, shipbuilder and financier, who sailed for France a few days before it became publicly known that his ship contracts were to be nade subject to grand jury inquery the school fund can be taken notified Attorney General Daugherty the school fund can be taken notified Attorney General Daugherty the school fund can be taken period. late today that he would return to of in a resolution authorizing the period. State Treasurer to sell bonds to At the made subject to grand jury inquiry. State Supreme court. The deficit in in as inexpensive a manner as pos-Havre Monday night. Mr. Morse was directed by the Attorney General to sail Monday from Havre.

The Attorney General also sent a eablegram to the American embassy at Paris requesting that steps be taken to bring about the return of Morse on the steamer Paris.

MORSE DENIED PERMISSION

TO LAND BY THE FRENCH Paris, Dec. 3 .- (By the Associated Press.)-The French Ministry of the Interior today issued an order denying Charles W. Morse the right to land in France and requiring him to return to the United States on the first available steamer, which would he the Paris, sailing Monday from had passed the House, and had nego-

Issuance of this order was conbe interjected into the debate on the firmed in a letter from the French ed that the vote by which it passed foreign office to the American em- its third reading in the upper house The interior department has given out that President Harding the right to refuse entry to any doreigner whom it judges undesirable.

MORSE WANTS TO REMAIN

ABROAD UNTIL JANUARY Havre, Dec. 3 .- (By the Associated Press.) - Charles W. Morse tonight was awaiting further word from United States Attorney General Daugherty regarding the shipbuilder's request to be allowed t remain in Europe until January 5 for medical treatment. Mr. Morse, who ar rived here from New York vesterday on the steamer Paris, has been or dered to return n the first boat by Ameican federal officials who are investigating his shipbuilding contracts during the war.

Earlier in the day he had received cable message from the American Attorney General instructing him to return to America as soon as pob sible, but before this message had arrived Mr. Morse had sent a second cable message, requesting he be al lowed to consult Professor Machin fava, a Rome specialist, before re-

turning to America. No Legal Steps. Owing to the absence in America of W. H. P. Enrich, a Paris attorney Mr. Morse decided late today not to see further legal advice while await ing the reply from Attorney General Daugherty to his second message He said tonight he would be guided by the contents of this reply. Mr . Morse told the Associated

Press correspondent tonight that the American government's desire to see (Continued on Page Two)

**NEGRO SEAMAN GETS** DAMAGES FOR ATTACK

Boston, Dec. 3.—Bergeford Pow-ell, a negro scaman, was awarded \$400 damages in the Federal court here today against George F. Popps, cap-tain of the schooner Lillian E. Kerr, who shot him in the back during a voyage from Jacksonville, completed here a few days ago, Howell had

sued for \$5,000. Judge George W. Anderson decided Howell had not used a knife in

"This shooting up of sailors on the high seas ir the cort of indulgence by captains that should be paid for," the court added. "You have got to show cause if you are going to shoot defenseless men at sea."

Boston, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Mary John son Lincoln, an authority on cookery and household economics and widely known as a writer and lec-jurer on domestic science, died at her home yesterday after a paralytic stroke. She was 77 years old.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE TO MEET TUESDAY

Only Two Definite Matters of Legislation Placed on Calendar

MUNICIPAL FINANCES AND SCHOOL DEFICIT

Indications That No General Legislation Will Be Undertaken, Although Measures For Australian Ballot, and Abolition of Capital Punishment Ready

With but two definite tasks laid out for it, the one correcting the Municipal Finance Act and the other to make provision to take care of a \$700,000 deficit in the public school fund for 1920-21, most of the mem bers on record for making their stay in Raleigh as brief as may be. the General Assembly will conven-Tuesday morning for what may go down in history as one of its shortest sessions. Six days as a minimum and ten

for a maximum duration of the session in the expressed views of many members of the Assembly, it is believed that the Saturday week following the opening will see the adjournment of the session. Both of the measures that are to be passed upon require full six days for roll call an diwo days for organization of the session are regarded as

But there is no accounting for legislatures. While leaders are expreasing hopes for a short session, there is no definite asurance for

one.

Both branches of the General As-

Other legislation has been suggested by various members, much of it entirely local in nature, and requiring no extended attention at the products and hay throughout bands of the Amembly. Measures of entire trans Mississippi district, State-wide importance have been which the railroads were later inprepared, and will be submitted on the opening day, but it is thought the opening day, but it is thought unlikely that any serious effort will in applying to the commission last Le made to put them through. Abolition of capital punishment, and the provision of a State-wide Australian hallot are included in bills that have been prepared.

The defte in the Municipal Finance act developed in the Senate after it tiated in third reading in the Sen-ate. Sénator Sams, of Forsythe, askand the bil he re-considered. brought back for an amendment effecting Winston-Salem. It was brought back, the amendment adopted, and there action seems to have

stopped. Bill Was Recommended Examination of the Senate Jourdjourned disclosed the fact that the measure's third reading on roll call in the Senate had not been recorded and, under the constitution, it was held to be invalid. A test case was tive in its passage, and the municipalities of the State were without machinery for conducting their finances, and without law for levying pealed in the defective act.

Agitation for a special session to correct the defect in the law began immediately, and the Governor was

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THINK PUBLICITY FOR DR. LORENZ HARMFUI Chicago Physicians Issue Statement In Regard To

Vienna Surgeon Chicago, Dec. 3.—Twelve Chicago physicians issued a joint statement today pointing out the harm on invalids they thought would arise from publicity given to Dr. Adolph Lo-renz, the Vienna surgeon, who is expected to visit Chicago soon. It was announced unofficially that a number of Chicago hospitals had decided not to invite Dr. Lorens to their

elinics. The statement said that the Amer ican medical profession looks with disfavor on newspaper publicity of the type Dr. Lorenz has received and added:

"Such publicity inevitably will arouse a response amounting to hys-teria which will bring so many un-fortunate cripples of all sorts—so many incurable—that careful, delibexamination of their ills will be physically impossible and bitter ent will come to many disappointment will come to many hopeful sufferers led to expect the

The public do not realize that the rest operation, or treatment, in a deformity case is only the beginning and few surgeons are willing to take

REQUEST DISCHARGE OF JURY IN ARBUCKLE CASE NO VERDICT REACHED YET

San Francisco, Dec. 3 .- The jury in the Roscoe Arbuckle man-slaughter case must reach a decis-ion or continue its deliberations at least until 10 o'clock tomorrow, Judge Harold Louderback, the trial judge, indicated after he had received a request of counsel for both sides late today that the jury be discharged.

The judge said he would consider tomorrow, if no verdict had been returned by that time, whether he would hold the Jury longer. The request for its discharge was made on the ground that the jurors were "tired out and that it would be coercion to keep them balloting further." It was made at approximately 6 p. m. after the jurors had been out of the court room more than 25 hours and had spent nine hours in balleting or discussion.

The jury was given a recess of two hours for dinner at 6:30 p. m. Corridor gossip said 17 ballets had been taken, all 11 to 1 in favor of acquittal,

I. C. C. Issues Orders Allowing Roads to Reduce Rates 10 Per Cent

Washington, Dec. 3.-Voluntary railroad proposals for inauguration of a 10 per cent decrease in rates on practically all farm, range and engineers orchard products in United States outside of New England, were ac cepted today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Orders were is sued allowing the railroads to discormy engineers range from forty regard all usual restrictions in mak ing up the new rate schedules as well as such violations of the long ample for the work. The automobil sembly have already considered the and short haul clause of the Inter-Finance act that will be offered for state Commerce Act as might be the cities. It was passed in due brought about by percentage reducform at the regular session last tions. The orders also permit the February, but technical defects de-reloped later that resulted in its being declared inoperative by the day's notice "on as early a date and the school fund can be taken care sible," for a six months' experimental

Lets Order Stand.

At the same time, the commission left standing its order of October 20 requiring an approximate 161-2 reck, suggested that the general 10 per cent decrease on agricultural products which they contemplated should apply to the Western grains and hay as well as to the other comnodities and become a substitute for the 1612 per cent cut. No mention of this point in the railroad procedure was made by the commision today except that grain, grain products and hav in Western terriory were omitted from the permissory orders accepting the general de-

New England Rates.

Reductions in New England terriory, where the financial status of 10 per cent decrease, were also contemplated in the voluntary application last week, and in the commisand some mouths after the session sion's orders today, the roads con-dijourned disclosed the fact that the cerned were given permission to make such decreases as they found notice period.

While the commission swept away prepared by the Raleigh City Com- all administrative barriers to the 10 missioners and the Supreme Court per cent decrease, it was pointed out asked to pass upon its validity. The that further steps would have to be Court held that the law was defect taken by the railroad managements before the lower rate basis actually comes into effect. The commission failure to consider the 10 per cent decrease on grains and hay as a except under the obsolete substitute for the greater reduction it previously had ordered it was said might bring about further proceedings and conferences.

At the same time, the commission's avestigation into a reasonableness urged to call the session early in of the general level of transporta-July in time for the municipalities tion rates in the United States will begin next week, and if the railroads are disposed to withdraw their voluntary offer, the tariffs on the agricultural products may be left to adudication in that proceeding.

### CONVICTED MAN TO ASK DEPARTMENT AID

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 3. Sentenced here today to die in the electric chair, John Shurilla, who had been convicted of the killing of Joe Grego, at Wickhaven, Pa., announced through his counsel that he would ask the good officers of the Navy Dopartment to intervene on the ground that he had contributed important nventions to the government during the world war.

Shurilla was arrested in Pittsburgh in 1920 charged with shoplifting and the police stated that documents found in his effects indieated he had been a spy in the ervice of Germany during the war. He was turned over to the authorities here on the murder charge, and the prosecution at the trial brought evidence to show that the night before he was to be married he killed Grego, robbed him of \$400 and in-tended to use the money to pay his wedding expenses. Shurilla presented no defense.

MOTHER OF UNDERWOOD SICK AT BIRMINGHAM

Washington, Dec. 3,-(By the Asone of the American arms conference delegates, received word today that his mother, who is past 90 and few surgoons are willing to take one of the American arms conferupon themselves the responsibility ence delegates, received word today and trouble involved in giving the post-operative care, which may last years of age, was ill at irmingham, several months or years, in cases which have been operated by some which have been operated by some one else."

## FORD AND EDISON INSPECT ALABAMA NITRATE PROJECT

Accompanied By Large **Engineering Staff** 

FORD DECLARES HE IS

Purpose of Inspection Trip Is To Allow Mr. Edison Op portunity To Visualize Power Possibilities of Great Plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama

Florence, Ala., Dec. 3.-Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, late today inspected the great Wilson dam which constitutes the nucleus around which Ford proposes to build an industrial empire in the South, On arrival here, Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison proceeded to Wilson dam.

driving through the streets of Flor Mr. Ford talked freely to newspaper men who were on his special train He emphasized the fact that he had not in any way changed his original hid for the Muscle Shoals project and that his visit was mainly to al low Mr. Edison to visualize the pro ject in its entirety and to verify the original figures submitted by Ford's

Point of Difference. The main point of difference be ween him and the government, Mr. Ford said, lay in the cost of comple tion of Wilson dam. Estimates two million to fifty five million dol lars and Mr. Ford contends that her original figure of twenty million is manufacturer declared that his sole interest in Muscle Shoals was not commercial. "We want Muscle Shoals," he said.

because we want a job-and we want to help provide cheap fertilizer for the farmers of the nation." When asked what he knew about nitrates, Mr. Ford said: "I don't know a thing about nitrates Mr. Edison is here to take care of that. We might make alumianm, we might make cloth, we might make of North Carolina. Charter was steel or we might make automobile filed with the Secretary of State power we will have to nitrates." parts-we won't need nearly all the make

EDISON SAYS MANT HAS UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 3 .- The industrial possibilities of Muscle Shoals are practically unlimited, Thomas A. Edison said here tonight, It was at the end of a busy day spent with Henry Ford in a resurvey

of the government property.
"Mr. Ford's offer is substantial,"
Mr. Edison said, "and beats what anybody else would bid. The gov-

Stop at Nashivlie.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 3.—Henry Ford, accompanied by Thomas A. stopped here for a few minutes this morning being greeted at the station by a large and enthusiastic erowd carriers is held not to justify a full which called loudly for speeches when the two industrial captains appeared on the platform of their specoial car.

ever and after a short stop the train make such decreases as they found went South. A special car carrying possible, effective after a five-day a Nashville delegation headed by Governor Taylor and Mayor Wilson. was attached to the train here.

#### M'CASKILL SWORN IN TO COLLECT CUSTOMS

Cumberland Republican Receives "To Warm Welcome In Wilmington

Vilmington, Dec. 3.-Alexander L McCaskill, well-known Cumberland ounty Republican, who was for 13 y ars postmoster at Fayetteville, officially became collector of cus toms for the customs district of North Carolina when he took the outh of office here this morning. Although this is his first visit to Wilmington since he was appointed, he received no warm welcome from the local Republicans, as practically none of them favored his appointment.

Owing to the fact that the collecorship pays but \$2,500 annually, Mr McCaskill is not sure whether he will remove his residence from Fayette ville to Wilmington or not. generally believed that there is soon to be a movement made to increase the pay of the collector in this State.

Will Visit Niagara. Washington, Dec. 3 .- (By the As sociated Press.) - Eeveral members the French arms conference dele-gation left Washington tonight to risit Ningara Falls.
The party included Albert Sarraut,

Minister of Colonies, Madamo Vivi ani, wife of the former Premier, M. Carteron and M. Bassee. M. Ponsot will leave the party at Niagara Falls and go to Montral where he served as counsul general for sometime, New York, Dec. 3.—The tank steamship Santa Rits, which sailed

erew of about 40 men, signed at Baltimore whence she sailed October 7 to take cargo at New Or- evening.

Residents of Raleigh and vicinity leans. Major Myers Dead.

18 days overdue. She carries

from New Orleans, October 20 for

Nashville, Dec. 3,-Major Herschel J. Myers, rat vice president of the Thirtieth Division Association and an

## THREE POWERS WILLING TO GIVE UP CERTAIN OF THEIR RIGHTS IN CHINA

### Detroit Manufacturer Also Need Binding Alliance To Relieve Antagonism

AGENT OF GOVERNMENT H. G. Wells Presents "The Plain Facts of the Case" In Quarrel Between France And England And Submits That America Can Take Initiative In Bringing About Effective European Alliance

By H. G. WELLS

(By Arrangement with the New York World and the Chicago Tribune

If we are to get to any fundamental improvement in the present rela tions of nations, if we are to achieve that change of heart which is neede as the fundamental thing for the establishment of world peace, then we must look the facts of internatunnal friction squarely in the free. It is no good pretending there is no jur when there is a jur. This business of the world peace effort, of which the Washing on Conference is now the centre, is not to smooth in international difficulties; it is to expose, examine, diag nose and cure them.

Now here is this Franco British clash, a plain quar rel and one very disturbing to the American ambence The Americans generally don't like this quarrel. They ence where they accorded a tremend ous ovation. En route to Florence, the French and a kind of liking for at least one or two congenial things

about the British. They would like to hear no more of it, therefore, The just simply want peace. But there the quarrel is. Was it an scoidable quarrel! Or was it mey table! Perhaps it is something very fundamental o the European situation. Perhaps if we analyze it and probe right down to the final cause c .. it, we may learn something worth while for he aims and ends of the Washington Conference,

**BURLEY GROWERS** 

Association Controlling 190.

000-000 Lbs. Tobacco In-

corporated Here

The Burley Tobacco Great

at the coming session of the gen-

be re incorporated in Kentucky.

Agron Sapiro, who drew the mar-

keting contract, will return to Ken-tucky December 9, to advise in other

elections, which will be held Decem

Notice has gone out to every to

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where to deliver his tobacco to the

the organization committee, an

KEY TO THE ALAMO IS

for business.

manager.

Not Clash of Peoples. ne very important fact indeed.

present French government and the RECEIVE CHARTER resent Bratch government, but it and all the Bratish. It is not an utbreak of national autopathy or ny horrible, irreconcilable thing of but sort. There are elements rance strongly opposed to the reach government upon the issues raised in this dispute. There is a section of the English press fantas. tically on the "French" side and bit to operative Association, controlling erly opposed even to the public erinearly 190,000,000 pounds of bur cism of the public speeches of the French Premier in England. The party pulities of both France and bers, the largest on operative asso-Britain and, what is worse, those ciation ever organized in America after unimosities that center upon has been incorporated in the State solitical personalities, have got infe this dispuste. It may help to clear the issue if we disregard the attitude of the two governments in naming by W. T. Joyner of Raleigh, at the sides to the dispute and if, in torney. As soon as it is made legal

stend of spenking of the "French" to do so, which is expected to be or the "British" sides, we speak of the "Keep Germany Down" and the "Give Germany a Chance" sides, eral assembly, the Association will better, if we call thm the 'Insisters," who insist upon the uttermost furthing of repayment and penitenes, from Germany, and the "Relievers." who don't. For it is upon Germany

natters of detail in connection with party in Grat ritain; there is a mises as to what "alliances," "u growing "Reliever" porty in France. standings" or "compromis." the permanent organization and the ber 12, and which will be followed by the district meetings of delegates, And while France has been steadily "Insister" ance the armistice, Britain and the British government has changed round from "Insister" to "Reliever" in the last year or so, were of so pronounced a character which will choose directors for the twenty two districts. These direcors will handle the affairs of the 50,000 members of the association and the sale of their tolineco. Mr. This change has produced extraordi as to be regarded generally as rank-Sapiro probably will remain in Ken nary strains and recruminations being among the most important of tucky until the association has named ts directors and is actually ready such disputes often make for more oise than deep and vital national and although definite tract that the association had been 'duly and legally incorporated" and distinguish the note of the discun modification of the principle of

that each grower would receive in structions in due course telling him serted party man in a race, from the association. The notices is signed by Robert W. Bingham, chairman e not of genuine patriolic anger. French Position Perfectly Legal. The beginnings of the 'present rouble are to be found in the Ver-Fassonneau, organization smilles Conference. There the only rican representatives. Those were

ness that was then piled upon van-

both America and Britain were par-

ties to the arrangements that give

of earving into Germany and disin-

tegrating her more and more, if

Germany fail to keep up with the

inpossible payments that were then

The position of the French govern

done and the still more enormous in-

jury that the breaking up of Con-

tral European civilization will do.

"You are quite within your rights,"

these newly converted Relievers say

to the obdurate Insisters, but you

will wreck all Europe." That idea of the possible destruction of civili-

minds in France as it has in Bri

greater in France than in Britain

of a German invasion for revenge

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quished and ruined Germany.

ixed upon her.

STOLEN BY BURGLARS San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 3. George to power. For about four mouths, the dispute went on beorden of police guarded the Alam last night as city detectives search ed for the man who stole the key to tween moderation and overwhelm ing demands. America stood alone for moderation. The British insist ed upon the uttermost farthing at the historic old building. The key was stolen from the purse of the matron of the Alamo. A gold watch, one of the articles returned from the body of an .merican soldier who and it was General Smuts, of all people, who added the last straw to died in France, to his mother, the the intolerable burden of indebted

keeper, was also taken. MANUFACTURERS CLOSE PINEHURST MEETING

Urge Federal Government To Take Steps To Combat Boll Weevil

Pinchurst, Dec. 3.- The Cotto Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina wound up its semi annual convention at Pinchurst today with business meeting and an extensive schedule of entertainments. The only resolution of general interest that was passed was one calling upon the National government to increase its activities against the boll weevil and the pink boll warm, "which threaten the prosperity of our Southland and a disaster to our whole country.' The lighter side of the day's activi-

ties included the final session of the association's golf tournament, a clock for the women gursts, golf tourney attendance at the annual North Carolina race meeting as the guests of the Pinchurst Jockey Club, a bridge whist tournament, a tea at the coun Spezia, Italy, today was reported try club with Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Mrs. H. D. Emery and Mrs. S. N. Newcomb, in the role of hostesses and a ball at the Caorlina 1. the

tain. Germany is nearer to France who attended the convention inthan to Britain and the fear of a eluded; Will D. Briggs and F. B. renascent and vindictive Germany is Webb, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mr. Bugg and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Erwin, In the French mind, the possibility Thirtieth Division Association and are officer in the Tennessee National Webb, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Webb, of Hills. Guard, died here touight at a local Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Webb, of Hills. twenty years hence still overshadows

Japan, Great Britain and France Forming Agreement To Withdraw From Certain Parts of Republic

NAVAL NEGOTIATIONS APPARENTLY AT THEIR MOST HOPEFUL STAGE

Impression Growing That American, British and Japanese Governments Are Considering An Agreement Which Will Include Acceptance of Hughes' "5-5-3" Ratio and Settlement of Question of Pacific Fortifications; Japan Signifies Willingness To Give Up Shantung Lease: Far Eastern Negotiations Continue Favorable Prog-

Washington, Dec. 3. (By the Aslociated Press .- The naval ratio negotiations, apparently at their most favorable stage since the arms conference began a whited on Tokio This clash is a clash between the today while the representatives of Great Britain, Japan and France were coming together in a conditions not a clash between all the French all agreement for withdrawal from portions of thei, leased territory in

Considering Agreement

Outward developments contributed nothing to the status of the naval iscussions, but the impression grew in usually well informed circles that the American British and Japanese governments were considering in provisional form an agreement that not only would include acceptance of the American 3-5-3 ratio, but would have to do as well with Pacrise fortifications and some of the

political problems of the Far East. Definite action, however, will have o wait for several days while the Japanese delegates feel out the attitude of their home government toward the newest phase of the negotiations as it shapes up from night's conference between heads of the American, British and Japanese delegations.

Results Kept Secret.

In the meantime what actually ocnurred at the meeting of the "Big Three" is a closely guarded secret, all authoritative spokesmen refusing to take notice of the resulting crop standings" or "compromises" might

tween French and British political the whole conference. The British, groups and individuals, as such Japanese and French in turn exchanges of front must always do. pressed their willingness to give up certain of their holdings in Chine. misunderstandings and it is well that are yet to be formulated, the move the intelligent observer, and parties was accepted by the friends of larly the American observer, should China as promising a substantial

Would Leave Shantung. The much discussed Shantong

lease was among those Japan offered to abandon as soon as China makes satisfactory policing arrangements, Relievers seem to have been the Am | but at the same time the conference was reminded that the whole Shanhe days of the British khaki electing problem was under consider on, when "Hang the Kaiser" and ation in direct negotiations here be-'Make the Germans Pay" were the tween China and Japan. A willing-slogans that carried Mr. Lloyd ness to discuss the South Manchurian lease also was evinced by the Japa-nese, although they insisted that Japan's treaty rights in that section must be preserved to her.

Tonight the conference and all its sub-divisions, after three weeks of continuous work, went into recess until next Wednesday. Many of the delegates, it was said, have important personal affairs pressing for attention, and most of them wanted to be present Monday and Tuesday at the opening of the new session of France the power, the Shylock right, mit the Japanese to advise themselves fully as to the attitude of Tokic, and will make it possible for Arthur J. Raifour and other members of the British delegation to fulfill a series of engagements is New York.

Air of Confidence

ment in this business is therefore a perfectly legal and legical one. In all the major delegations con-France can adhere, as M. Briand says she will, to the treaty of Verfidence apparently was increasing sailes, she can flout and disregard tonight that the response from Tokic would be favorable, and that a more any disposition of the Washington definite basis of negotiation would treaty, and the British government, develop soon after the reassembling in a hopelessly embarrassed and il- of the delegates next week. The logical position, can appeal only to the hard logic of reality. Britain thought that a final agreement will is much more dependent upon her be possible in the immediate future, oversens trade than France and so however, because many details re the British have earlier realized the main to be determined. enormous injury that the social and

Of growing prominence among the economic breakdown of Russia has side issues of the naval problem in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. That is a subject which the British, Japanese and Americans all refer to gnardedly, but there have been many hints that both Great Britain and Japan would prefer to have the United States a party to any continuance of the treaty, or even would be willing to make a new agreement by which the three would units to preserve peace in the Far East.

Opposes Alliance The cruz of the whole question lies in the fact that the America delegation is totally opposed to en-tering any such arrangement if it is

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