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## Development Vast Water Power Area Here Is Predicted

IS POSSIBILITY Many May Talk On

Only Small Part of Power in Appalachians Being Used.

ESTIMATE TOTAL 13,539,000 H. P. Area Would Extend to Washington, Nashville,

and Macon.

executive committee of the Cham-ber of Commerce yesterday, in re-desing recent investigations.

Washington southwest to a point indway betwee Birmingham and fontgomery; the c.stern line extending southwesterly via Dick. montgomery; the existern the ex-tending southwesterly via Rich-mond, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Sumter, Aiken, Augusta, Macon and Montgomery, and the western line to Nashville and Muscles Shoals to Birmingham.

Such a survey, Major Hall said. as recently been completed by the United States geological survey for the area from Washington north to Boston, giving in detail the po-tential horse-power of the various streams, and the co-ordination of he various power units.

The idea of this northern super Sower zone was conceived by W. S. Murray, and after a few years of effort an appropriation was secur-ed with which engineers were placed in the area to secure the on potential power

he government reports, and while stimated, the figures are believed Major Hall said, to be conserva-live. With the development by the survey of definite data on the super-power line, this area, he s industries from all parts of the

WOULD BE GREAT

OAL SAVING It is estimated that 20 per cent of coal transported over the rall-road is required to deliver it to destination, and this would be saved in the use of electrical energy, which could be transported over the power lines at a tremendous saving. Auxiliary steam plants would be placed at or rear order to maintain at all times the constant potential power. Fac-ries and added population, with the raw material and the finished reducts of the factories, together ith the added freight that comes with added population, would fur-ish enormously increased freight or the ratiroads, he declared. thin the super-power sone north Washington, the report furnished late Secretary Franklin K. Lane W. S. Murray and other states are 36,000 miles of railroad sured as single track, that is, dding each mile of tracks in main yards and solings, and that of the control of the cont

s total about 19,000 miles can be strably electrified so as to yield 1030 an annual saving of \$81,000,- as compared with the cost of rating with steam. The capital enditure necessary to electrify the 600 miles, the report continues, bid be \$570,000,000, so that the rage return upon the investment this purpose would be 14.2 per

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## One 'Phone Line By New Invention

Superphone" Demonstrated To Army Signal Officer At Washington

shones' were attached based or a number of conversation used or a number of conversation with the conversation of the speakers could hear or interrupt another pair.

The "superphone," it was explained, has been developed under the direction of R. D. Duncan, jr., chief engineer of the signal corps research of the bureau of standing.

Development in the southern Appalachians of the super-power area of 13,539,000 horse-power—1,839,000 developed, 11,706,000 sotential—is a possibility of the not far distant future. Major Warren E. Hall, in charge of the United States and North Carolina geological survey in Asheviller told the received with the second of the army, and consists of a small portable set of instruments which may be installed in any office or religious to the Chamesta of the Army and consists of a small portable set of instruments which may be installed in any office or religious committee of the Chamesta of the signal corps research laboratory of the sureau of standard variety of the signal corps research laboratory of the signal corps re

Time and Half for All Extra Work.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.- (By the associated Press.)-Rejection all railroad shop rules recently promulgated by the United States railroad labor Board, which cut time and one-half pay for extra work from the shopmen's wages was ordered today mittee of one hundred, acting for the six rallway shop crafts. In a circular issued to the 500, 000 shop workers in the country,

the committee ordered new dis putes instituted with the railway managements immediately over these rules and, failing an agreement, the disputes were ordered taken to the labor board for hear-ing. The circular was signed by the international presidents of the six shop crafts unions.

regularly assigned work on Sun-days and holidays. This work was previously paid for at time and one-half. The committee pro-day provided in many cases for distributing the subjects before rule, reinstating time and one-half

The board's new rules covering employes assigned to emergency work and to fill temporary vacancies at outlying points were also rejected by the committee because they took away certain pay pro-visions contained in the old national agreement made during fed-eral control. Under Rule 19, emergency employes are paid for time worked in accordance with the practice at the home station and straight time for all time wait-

INSTITUTION OF DISPUTE

The union committee directed institution of a dispute to reinstate time and one-half and double time to cover all time spent on the assignment, whether emergency

working, waiting or traveling.
Similar provisions will be asked in disputes to be created over Rules 12 and 14, applying to men assigned to temporary vacancies at outlying points and to men on read outlying points and to men on road work who leave and return to their home stations daily. The board's new rule allowing

the carriers to require a physical examination for all applications for employment was also remanded to the system federations to re-negotiate with the individual roads. The committee directed that the dispute be instituted to have this rule modified, "in the interests of the employes." Another important rule by which

the board made it possible for the roads to hire any man familiar with the use of tools as a car remittee. A new rule was proposed over which the carmen are directed to open negotiations. The proposed rule would allow helpand helper apprentices with be advanced to mechanics grade, and if more men are needed, men with experience in the use of me-chanics tools could be hired. This less than four years' experience to would eliminate the hiring of any carpenter who had not had me

chanical experience.
Thirty-three other rules were accepted, subject to interpretation which the committee placed upon which the committee placed upon them, and the remaining rules were agreed to. Some revision of certain of the overtime rules was said to be likely, as they were found to permit of different inter-pretations as they stand at present. Railroad officials, however, de-clared there was little likelihood of reinstating any of the time and one-half provisions wiped out by one-half provisions wiped out by

S. C. SOLONS MOVE TO END SURTAX

COLUMBIA. S. C., Jan. 24.—By agreement of the house of representatives of the South Carolina general assembly to a concurrent resolution from the senate this afternoon the state railroad commission was called by the surtax of 50 per cent on Pullman cars has not been ordered reduced in South Carolina.

The resolution declares that other state railroad commissions notably that of Georgia has issued orders reducing the surtax for riding on Pullman cars

Committees Appointed at First Session Get Down to Work.

MORNING SESSION GIVEN TO SPEAKERS

Gompers Declares Farmers Entitled to Reward for Services.

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The first signs of differences in the conference appeared after the defeat today of a motion by P. S. Waramaker, of South Carolina, for appointment of a committee on resolutions. This motion was de-feated on the ground that the feated on the ground that the committees already appointed were apected to consider\_resolutions. Mr. Wanamaker issued a formal

statement later, attacking the con-ference and declaring "about all the farmers and farm leaders have o do in this conference is to shake hands with the President, meet ome official dignitary and partake of a little ice cream and cake and then go home." "Selection of committees een made in such a manner,"

Wanamaker said, "as to suggest Due to Controversy Over that those responsible for such service are either totally ignorant of the qualifications of the delegates or have lent themselves to a cut and dried and well baked scheme to prevent the forward-looking farmer representatives from bringing any good whatever from out of the conference." PURPOSE IS TO DESTROY BLOC, SAYS MEMBER

He was "confident," he continned, that it was "the purpose of those responsible for the confer-ence to destroy the farm bloc." "The President's address in opening the conference," he continued, indicated very clearly that such was the purpose."

The committee meetings this aft erroon were held behind closed doors. It was expected they would be occupied chiefly today with or ment, the disputes were ordered aken to the labor board for hearing. The circular was signed by the international presidents of the ix shop crafts unions.

Of the seven rejected rules, the expected to divide themselves into a number of sub-constitutions. greatest dissatisfaction centered on a number of sub-committees ty Rule 6, providing straight time for work on details of their various

them to sul

delegates are as a whole interested is that of commodity financing. One member of the committee on agricul-tural credit and insurance which has this subject under consideration suggested a plan probably could be worked out to provide for commodity loans running from six months to three years. His proposition would provide for the warehousing, grading and inspection of commodities, indorsement of commodity paper presented by spection of commodities, indorsement of commodity paper presented by farmers by their local banks and the handling of this paper through the federal farm loss bank system which would either discount it through the federal reserve system or issue debentures against the loss in the form of certificates of indebtedness to be sold on the open market. sold on the open market.

IS BEFORE COMMITTEE

The committee also has at its dis-posal the report of the joint congres-sional inquiry commission recom-mending an intermediate form of credits which would give the agricul-tural producers working capital.

Livestock producers in one plan under consideration would have their paper discounted by the local banks and rediscounted by the farm loan banks, through the federal reserve system. On other commodities one plan would have loans made direct to farmers through co-operative loan associations, the commodities being covered by proper warehouse receipts, J. Ogden Armour, Chicago packer. J. Ogden Armour, Chicago packer, met today with the committee on argricultural research and education and their report, it was indicated probably would point out that while further research along all lines is needed, special attention should be directed along economic lines.

the conference to endorse Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals and ompletion of the St. Lawrence Great Lakes waterway project are expected to be considered by a sub-committee of the transportation committee. A movement to have the conference

A movement to have the conference endorse extension of the war finance corporation by congress for another year also is already under way. Reclamation drawage, co-operative organization of farmers and taxation are some of the other matters under discussion by committees.

discussion by committees.

Representative Sumners, of Texas, today aubmitted to the conferences committee on markets suggestions for establishing the business on a basis of "relatively permanent economic strength and of bringing about economy and uniformity in the sale of distribution" of commodities. His suggestions included standardization of agricultural commodities with reference to their use rather than "for future board transactions," and that of the warehouse system under which of the warehouse system under which commodities could be granted, stored and guaranteed in assignable receipts and sales through a marketing agency by grade classifications with delivery from warehouses of original or sec-

ndary storage. ondary storage.

Mr. Summers also suggested an "adjusted credit system, supplementing but not suplanting existing credit extending facilities," to provide "a longer time credit at a fair interest rate" to carry commodities for orderly marketing," he proposed that the agencies he suggested be co-ordinated to function as a unit in facilitating sale and distribution of farm products. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, offer-ed a resolution in the committee or agricultural and price relations to de-clare that men engaged in the agri-cultural field were "antitled to a large

## TO DESTROY BLOG New Treaty With Germany FIRST OF KEENAN Siberian Question CONFERENCE AIM. To Be Negotiated Under MONEY RECEIVED SAYS WANAMAKER Decision Of President FUH UNI

and house. new administration Another

nary skirmish.

After a day of stubborn fight-

ng, the court, a special one, con-

sounced that individually and col-

lectively, unanimously the court refused the railroad's plea for fur-

ther amendment of the bill of com-

plaint with which the Southern, Atlantic Coast line, Seaboard, Nor-

commissioner restrained from col-

lecting taxes on a valuation they

property is assessed at a higher rate than that of persons, a com-

posite affidavit being offered, com-piled from 98 North Carolina coun-

daylt reciting that the difference

between the totals of sale values and actual tax values was over ten

million dollars, sale totals being

The court was unanimous in re

fusing to allow amendment, also turning down another proposed

emendment as to the unconstitu-

tionality of the income tax. The

hearing will proceed tomorrow, with the Southern case coming first. Hundreds of thousands of

Astorney General Manning, former justice of the supreme court,

George H., Brown, of Asheville; Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greens-

boro, presented the state's case to-day, S. R. Prince, Washington, T. W. Davis, Raleigh; W. B. Rod-man, Norfolk, and Murray Allen.

Raleigh, represented the railroads Judge Edmund Waddill, jr., Rich

mond, circuit court of appeals, Judge H. G. Connor, Raieigh, east-

trict, and judge James A. Boyd, Western North Carolina district.

W. H. Mullen, of Washington, D. C., charged with the murder of Edward Skinner, a tobacco salesman of Danville, Va., in a hotel here December 4, was acquitted

late this afternoon by a jury in

After a drinking party in Mul-

that an argument arose between Mullen and Skinner, Mullen claimed that he shot in self defense after Skinner had slashed him with a knife. Skinner died the next day in a hospital after making disconnected statements, none of which attached blame to Mul-

of which attached blame to Mul-

Skinner was said to have repeat-edly murmured: "I didn't know he had a gun." and "to think that we were friends when this hap-pened."

pointment of federal prohibition agents in four states was au-nounced today by Commissioner

Alabama: Vorhees S. Root. Huntsville; Mfarissippi: Joseph P. Owens, Pontotoc; Louisiana; Henry Heimeyer, New Orleans, and Vir-

Several emplosions in the chemical laboratory helped the flames. Fire Chief Otto Uts and Fireman James Moardle were alightly injured.

William L. Hannigan, Rich

Haynes. They are:

FOR FOUR STATES

OF MURDER CHARGE

ern North Carolina federal

are hearing the cases.\_\_

MULLEN INNOCENT

LYNCHBURG, Va.,

corporation court.

over thirty millions.

dollars are involved.

secured from registers of

sisting of three federal judges, an-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(By that the suggestion of a new treaty between the United States and Germany, to create a commission for arbitration of private space with Germany, the United States concluded peace with Germany, the United States reserved the right to join world war, probably will be negotiated under a decision reportsions already established abroad to have been rescribed tonight. sons already established abroad to have been reached tonight at a dinner conference at the White House between President Harding, Secretary Hughes, and republican leaders of the senate vassed by the President with Secretary Hughes, and republican leaders of the senate vassed by the President with Secretary Hughes, and to have been thoroughly canretary Hughes and the senate and house leaders, many of whom are policy said to have been agreed members of the committees deal-

Court Refuses Plea to Re- Formally Presents Five Way Adjusted Plan in strain Collecting of U. S. Senate. Taxes. Carrespondence. The Asheville Citisen

GREENSBORO, Jan. 24-The tate of North Carolina drew first blood in the railroad tax cases starting here today, winning a clean cut victory in the prelimithrough the introduction by Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, of the five way adjusted compensation plan as an amend-ment to the pending measure pro-viding for refunding of the wartime loans to the allied powers.

ions for payment of the bonus, the Simmons amendment is identical taken up by the senate last suma mer only to be recommitted to the folk Southern and Atlantic and Yadkin seek to have the state tax finance committee after President Harding had addressed the senate on the subject. The provisions for payment of the bonus call for the issuance of short term treas-ury certificates until interest on

been habitually and systematically discriminated against in that their Simmons assured the senate that he was "in earnest" and declared that he was bringing the subject sep because former service men deserved the bonus and because the finance committee, of which he is the ranking democratic mem-ber, had given "serious considera-tion" to attaching it to the funddeeds, offices with what purported to be the actual sale value of every piece of property over \$1,000 ing bill before the latter was rechanging hands between January I. ported to the senate.

ocrats, Mr. Simmons had been as-sured that his colleagues would support his efforts to have the amendment attached to the funding measure.

commission for funding the debt Manning, and F D. Winston, were and the foreign representatives re-elected, and Secretary London should not be binding on the was made an ex officio member of American government until the consent of the senate had been obtained. Such provisions previously were pressed before the fineating today, selected Jan. 27, nance committee but were not accessed. jections of the treasury.

senate committee agreed to strike lake. Wrightsville and Winstonout the provision for a flat five per
cent interest rate, it had left the
way open for "the international
speculators to gather the fruit."
SAYS ALIMONY SEEKERS NOT speculators to gather the fruit.'
The republican majority on the The republican majority on the committee on his opinion, he added, had in mind a reduction of the interest rates to be demanded of the foreign governments in the future. Senator Watson, republifuture. Senator Watson, republifuture, interrupted to say the confidence of the foreign governments in the future. Senator Watson, republifuture, republifuture, republifuture, republifuture, republifuture, republifuture, republifuture, repub

At the council meeting today the men served notice that they could not arbitrate under the conditions laid down, and they asked for postponement of action until to-

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negotiations between the proposed mmission for funding the debt d the foreign representatives cepted, it was said, because of ob-

government but I do not know together.

This statement came in the suit Recent reports of President Why should our government pay of Mrs. Mary A. Schlemmer for Obregon's visit to the United should decide to fund its bonds against her husband, William F. and could borrow all of the money it needs at three per cent? Where it needs at three per cent? Where dealer, who, Mrs. Schlemmer cone a visit.

This statement came in the suit Recent reports of President Christopher Schlemmer for Obregon's visit to the United States were never seriously considered here, and has now officially denied contemplating such a visit. would this government be if the five per cent rate were in the law when this government is morely bound to ask no more of the foreign governments than it pays in

First Annual \$75,000 Pay ment of Professorship Fund.

LOT AND \$10,000

GIVEN FOR HOTEL Big Building Program Is

Going Through in Record Time.

CIVIDEN NEWS BERBAD
TANSORORIR BOTEL
(By BROCK BARKLEY)
HALEIGH, Jan. 24.—Announce

give \$10,000 and a lot towards the erection of a first class hotel at Chapel Hill, were two gratifying pieces of news breaking for the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the university today.

Thirty-seven trustees were present, and the reports from President Chase and committees were out of the ordinary in the way of firmishing the board good news. In the absence of Governor Morrison, who is in Charlotte, George Holderness, of Tarboro, presided, lichty M. London, of Raleigh, activated by the control of Crocker National bank, of San Franlienry M. London, of Raleigh, act-Dr. Chase's annual report deal-

ing with the continued growth and progress of the university informed trustees that the institution's program is going through on rec ord-breaking time. The entire program will have been accom-plished by April, 1923, and the four WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The question of a bonus for former service men again was formally presented to the senate today through the introduction by Sen-

OF FUND FOR HOTEL

Mr. Hill's offer of the old
"Graves property," worth \$30,000,
and \$10,000 in cash toward the
crection of a first class hotel for
the accommodation of visitors to
the Hill has set machinery in many the Hill, has set machinery in mo tion that is expected to give the town a 60 room, modernly equipped hostelry within the next year. The with the bonus bill which was location is at the west entrance to the campus. The board appointed Josephus Daniels, George Stephens, Clem G. Wright, Lindsey Warren and Mr.

Hill to constitute a committee to the state has been reduced, while that of the railroads has remained at over-valuation.

The decision came after a day of argument, the railroad attorneys holding that the roads have been habitually and systematically.

In offering the certificates until interest on the collected to retire them, and later, the use of the Keenan professorship, money, Dr. Chase read a letter from trustees such becomes available through of the Bingham estate expressing the issuance and sale of the fortune to the belief that the fight over the kentucky inhabits over the kentucky inhabits. look into the proposal to build the

payments would be forthcoming promptly here after. The Graham memorial committee reported \$122,000 in pledges and cash towards the erection of a memorial at Chapel Hill to the late President Edward Kidder Graham.

PLAN RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF BICKETT

of Lexington, and Walter Murphy, crease. of Salisbury, were appointed to draw up a set of resolutions on the death of former Governor Bickett, who, while chief executive, was chairman ex-officio of the board of trustees.

Five members of the executive amendment to the bill, stipulating that any agreement resulting from pired. Dr. R. H. Lewis, Dr. Charles B. Smith, C. B. Whedbee, J. H. Manning, and F D. Winston, were

next annual meeting. The selec tion of a meeting place was left Mr. Simmons in the course of with President McRae. Secretary his speech declared that when the London and Judge E. W. Timber-

ENTITLED TO BIG INCOME

future. Senator Watson, republifuture. Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, interrupted to say
that he as a majority member had
felt that the flat rate provision
was unnecessary insamuch as
was unnecessary insamuch as
constitution of divorce they cannot expect
to be supported in the luxurious
style to which they had become
accustomed during the marriage. "your party," addressing Mr. Sim-monds, "when in power wrote into monds, "when in power wrote into the liberty loan acts the provisions which have governed interest rates on the loans up to this time." He declared that the provisions requiring a rate from the foreign government approximately equal to that paid by the United States on its own bonds was the only "rational" way to dispose of the question.

"As for the contemplated reduction," Mr. Watson continued, "I have always had such views both as to the interest on our own bonds and on those of the foreign government but I do not know that they are shared by anyone.

This statement came in the suit reason the way to declared, "that a wo-scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New Tork bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was cheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was cheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was cheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was cheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City into with New York bankers.

tends, promised her an annual in-come of \$14,500 each year. Coun-sel for Schlemmer deny this and Robles, minister to Spain will fore-AMERICAN OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 --- Sec.

retary Hughes, Chairman Lodge of the senate foreign relations committee, Chairman Porter, of the house foreign affairs commit-NORFOLK, Jan. 24.—The strike of car men of the Virginia Railway the house foreign affairs committee, and republican members of longed at least until tomorrow at 2 o'clock when the strikers refused today to select a representative for the board of arbitration unless the men were guaranteed reinstatement at the old wage reinstatement at the old wage reinstatement at the old wage to select a representation. assumption was that foreign rela-tions with particular reference to the prospective attitude in con-gress toward treaties and agree-ments resulting from the armaments resulting from the arma-ment conference, were taken up, The conference, it was indicated,

# Is Settled Quickly By Arms Conference

G. O. P. Body Yet Owes Big Sum On Harding Campaign National Committee Still In

Debt To Sum of \$708,161.32 CHICAGO, Jan. 24—(The Associated Press.)—The republican national committee still owes \$108,161,32 for the campaign of 1920 which resulted in the election of President Warren 1920.

in the election of President Warren G. Harding, according to figures made public today by Fred W. Upham, national treasurer.

This, amount will be reduced Thursday, however, when Mr. Upham meets the New England finance committee at Boston to report funds raised since their last report. Mr. Upham will sail from New York, Saturday, to seend a two months vaca-

At the close of the campaign in 1920 the committee was \$1.683,000 in debt, including \$1.405.000 in loans, \$192,000 in unpaid bills, and \$68,000 trustees that the institution's owed to various state committees. In on and a half dollar building 15 months \$1,490,000 has been collected, of which \$741,500 was applied to the loans, the state committees paid off; unpaid bills settled; \$88,000 inter-est paid, and \$232,500 spent for the operation of the national committee, leaving about \$60,000 cash on hand.

All Grain Shipments to Carolinas From West.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24 .-

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—
The Interstate Commerce commission announced today that it found justification for the proposed increase in carload and less-than-carload rates on grain and grain products from Memphis to Carcline territors, when originating in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louissana. The commission vacated the order suspending the rates until January 25, and discontinued the proceedings.

Protest was made by the Mem-

the proceedings.

Protest was made by the Memphis merchants exchange and similar bodies of St. Louis, Catro, Louisville and Cincinnati.

The rates involved were those applying from Memphis to Carolina territory. Other rates became effective October 1, last, the complication stating that as whole the mission stating that as a whole the

The battle for postoffice assign head has the best of it. An interesting case comes up from Tryon, where Samuel B. Edwards, who lives in another township. nominated to succeed W. H. Stearn, who, it is said, is supported for the job by a large majority of the republicans. A protest will be made charging non-residence, but it may not get far.

Representative Brinson has an nteresting case. At Oriental all They are G. L. Griffin, the present incumbent; Miss M. Love Rich and Bernard F. McLeod, of Bule's screek, Mary W. Turner, of Gates-ville and Otto S. Woody, of Whita-

ker's were confirmed today. The remains of Private Robt. F. Falls, Co. F. 7th infantry, will be buried at Arlington Thursday. The next of kin is Andrew E. Falls of Mingo Mountain. A vacancy is announced at Mar-

MEXICAN OFFICIAL RETURNS HOMB

garettesville postoffice.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eduaordo Iturbide, who for several weeks has represented Secretary of the Treasury De la Huera in negotia-tions with New York bankers, was scheduled to arrive in Mexico City justed. Recent reports of

here tomorrow of Miguel Alessio CONFER AT WHITE HOUSE that February 1 would see all the

being investigated here today by police.

A negro moving picture theatre
was destroyed last night. Several
weeks ago a negro hotel was burned
with the loss of three lives. In each
case notices warning the proprietors
to close up their business and leave
had been posted a few days beforehad, it was said.

Other negro business houses are
reported to have been posted, causing
considerable slarm among the negro
menulation.

Issue. NEAR SOLUTION OF

SHANTUNG TANGLE Little Remains for Delegates Save Perfunc-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(By The Associated Press)—Swinging into high speed again, the arms conference today made quick werk of the Siberian question, virtually agreed on the sole remaining issue of the naval reduction plan, completed a redefinition of the scope of the four-power Pacific treaty, and pushed on toward a solution of the Shantung tangle and various lesser

tory Detail.

problems. So sweeping was the day prog-ress that little save perfunctory detail remained tonight to bring all the diverse tasks of the conference to a simultaneous conclus-ion. Some of the more optimistic among the delegates were predictng the final wind-up would come

within a week.

In its two-day incursion into the Siberian field, the Far Eastern committee contented itself with listening to and spreading on the conference record, detailed stateconference record, detailed state-ments of the respective views of the Japanese and American gov-eroments. Japane's declaration dis-claimed territorial designs in Rus-sia, but set forth the reasons that impel her to keep troops in eastern Siberia, and the reply of the Uni-ted States retreated the desire that there would result no perm-anent infringement upon Russian integrity.

anent infringement upon Russian integrity.

Except for the French, who expressed confidence in the Japanese pledge to withdraw from Siberian soil as soon as stable conditions will permit, no other delegation joined in the discussion. Secretary Hughes proposed the readily accepted resolution by which the item was wiped off the conference program, to appear no more until the pronouncements of the two governments are formally entered in the minutes of the next plenary session.

session.

The last difference over principle in the naval treaty, relating to the fortifications status quo in the Pacific, was swept away in informal consultations among the chief delegates after it had held up completion of the treaty text for many days. Under the settlement, the British plan of defining a letting and longitude boundary latitude and longitude bound for the status quo zone is repla

for the status quo zone is replaced by the Japanese suggestion that instead there be a list, but name, of the islands which must not be further fortified. The Japanese agreed that the Japanese Bonin group should be included under the prohibition.

A further cause for delay devaloped, bowever, when the Japanese plenipotentiaries declared their desired to submit the fortifications article in exact phrasology to Tokio for as proval. The Tokio officials already have agreed to all but the minor details of wording, and a favorable reply is expected within a few days.

Re-definition of the geographical scope of the four-power Pacific treaty, already signed, took the form of a series of notes which have been completed and mutually approved by the four powers, and will be formally exchanged for the record before the Washington conference ends. They reverse the previous informal agreement of the delegates, and previde that in construing the treaty sends including the Bonin group, shall not be classed among the "insular posessions and dominions" to which the instrument applies.

SETTLEMENT NEARS

ON SHANTUNG QUESTION

In the Shantung negotiations between the Japanese and Chinese, it became apparent that outside pressure for a settlement was increasing as the two groups met to clear away various minor details of the points on which they already have agreed. The question of the Taingtao-Tsinanfu railroad, now virtually the only undetermined issue, was not touched upon at the meeting, but it was actively under consideration in American and British nuarters because of the exercise of "good offloes" by Secreter Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour.

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"was very near." Both the Japanese
and Chinese refused to make predictions, but they showed evidence of a
willingness to resume the raffrond
discussions directly as a result of the
developments of the last few days.

Meantime efforts to bring senatorial
sentiment to bear to hasten the Shantung negotialions failed after a short
season of debate on the subject or
vite senate floor. Without a record
vote, the senate rejected the resolution of Senator Walsh democrat Muntana, asking President Harding for
information as to the progress of the
exchanges taking place between the
Japanese and Chinese as a side issue
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Tonight Fresident Harding, Secre-tary Hughes, and republican leaders of the senate and house committees that concern themselves with foreign relations had a long conference at the White House, and although the purpose was not amounced, it was assumed that plans were talked ever for conference and action to complete ms miled.

MAYCROSS Ga., Jan. M.—Burning of two buildings occupied by negroes, the second one last night, after warnings for the occupants to leave had been posted on them, was being investigated here today by police.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The number of influenza cases in New York continued to increase.

The health department announced 123 had been reported, with 103 panels of the case of the monfa cases.

Commenting on the figures, Healty Commissioner Copeland said the city appeared to be having more cases than usual at this season. He hald recent warm weather responsible.