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AGREEMENT IS GREAT VICTORY. United States Wins Remarkable Diplomatic Victory in New Treaty. By J. W. T. MASON. Washington, Dec. 12.—The United States has won a remarkable diplomatic victory by securing the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese treaty in exchange for a four-power treaty agreement that is also favorable to American interests.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. December 12, 1921. A depression of considerable intensity is centered over the middle St. Lawrence valley, extending southward to northern Florida. Its movement has been attended, in the past 24 hours, by light rains in Virginia, on the coast from Norfolk to New York, in the middle and upper Ohio valley, and light rain or snow in the Lower Lakes and the upper Mississippi valley.

THE WEATHER. Weather Bureau Office, Charlotte, December 12, 1921. Sunrise, 7:22 a. m. Sunset, 5:12 p. m. Moonrise, 3:34 p. m. Moonset, 4:34 a. m. Moon phase—Full on the 14th.

JIMMY MURPHY WINS BY BREAKING RECORD. San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Jimmy Murphy, San Francisco pilot, set a new world record here yesterday when he won the 250-mile international sweepstakes automobile race at the San Carlos speedway, by making an average of 110 6-10 miles an hour.

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DENBY SUBMITS INITIAL REPORT. Makes No Recommendations Regarding the Naval Establishment. Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary Denby, in his first annual report, announces that he has "no recommendation to make at this time relative to the naval establishment. A proposed future policy for the navy is embodied in the American proposal to the arms conference, but Mr. Denby omits any reference to this. His only statement as regards the conference is a recognition of the fact that the excellent work performed by the navy general board and individual naval officials in the preparation of information preliminary to the conference.

THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT creates a common group instead of pitting one competing alliance against another. The balance of power principle is rejected. The United States has led the other nations into a new promising era. The Pacific Ocean is not to witness the dangerous juggling, the poise and counterpoise of rival statesmen such as Europe has known for too many centuries. No act in the history of diplomacy is more promising than that. The diplomats of America have often been ridiculed because of their lack of knowledge of European statecraft. That very ignorance is responsible for the victory of peace in the Pacific.

MALT LIQUOR CLUBS BECOME PLENTIFUL. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 12.—The sudden growth in the number of Vancouver clubs licensed to sell malt liquor to members has resulted in the re-opening of about 18 hotel bars with similar licenses as a test of the production restrictions. Membership in the hotel "clubs" cost 10 cents and business is flourishing. The police have decided they cannot interfere until February 1, when a new charter giving the city control and regulation of all clubs becomes effective.

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THE NAVAL BUDGET for the next fiscal year already has been submitted to Congress. It is based upon the old policy of "a navy second to none" and contemplates continuation of the construction of six battleships and six battle cruisers, which would be scrapped under the American proposal for the limitation of world naval forces. The total of the budget, \$431,754,000, is \$264,000,000 less than the original estimates. Mr. Denby's report discloses, the reductions having been made as a result of conferences of naval officials and budget officers.

Secretary Denby writes that since assuming office he has given close personal attention to the administration of justice in the navy with a view of minimizing injustice and reducing punishment. He concludes his report by expressing "my admiration for and my confidence in the commissioned and enlisted ranks of the Navy and Marine Corps, whose unswerving fidelity to duty merits the approval of their fellow countrymen. They think of their country, then of the service, and last of self."

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