

PLANS TO LIMIT SUB-BOAT TONNAGE ARE ABANDONED

Naval Committee Turns Attention to Discussion of Collateral Subjects.

FRANCE BLOCKS PLAN Refused Flatly to Agree to Proposed Reduction of Submarine Tonnage.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—A direct issue as to whether future submarine warfare should be conducted under civilized conditions was raised today by the American naval committee before the arms conference...

LEAD FIGHT IN DAIL EIREANN RATIFICATION OF TREATY



Left to right: Gavin Duffy, Michael Collins and Arthur Griffiths. Here are the men who are leading the fight in the dail Eireann, or Irish parliament, for ratification of the treaty creating the Irish Free State.

WHEAT ACREAGE J. D. NORWOOD SOMEWHAT LESS NEW CHAIRMAN

Smaller Acreage Planted According to Estimate of the Government.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Its horizon clouded by many questions, the Washington conference today entered a new phase of its negotiations which will determine whether it is to be successful in imposing limitations on any class of war craft except capital ships...

THOUSANDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO LATE GOVERNOR

Body Lies in State in Capitol for Two Hours While Crowds File By.

BURIAL AT LOUISBURG.

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—Thousands of his fellow citizens, irrespective of race or political affiliation, paid silent respect to the memory of Thomas Walter Bickett, former Governor of North Carolina, who died at his home here yesterday morning following a brief illness...

France Alienating Friends By Policy Of Obstruction

United States is Unfavorably Impressed With the Way the French Play the Diplomatic Game; a Hindrance to Future Co-operation.

By DAVID LAWRENCE. Staff Correspondent of the News. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co. Washington, Dec. 29.—France is riding toward a fall so far as she may be expecting the moral help or support of the United States Government in the working out of economic problems...

GOVERNOR MUST FACE TRIAL FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Illinois Judge Upholds an Indictment On Nine of Thirteen Counts.

TO TRIAL JANUARY 9.

Counts Charging Conspiracy and Confidence Game Quashed by Judge.

Waukegan, Ills., Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Judge Claire C. Edwards, of the Circuit court of Lake county, today upheld an indictment charging Governor Len Small with embezzlement of \$500,000 of State funds and nine of the thirteen counts of an indictment charging the Governor, Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, a banker of Grant Park, Ills., with conspiracy and operating a confidence game involving \$2,000,000 in State money...

FRENCH ACTION HINDERS

It was privately conceded in all quarters that the negotiations on remaining issues of the conference had been made easier by yesterday's signed exchanges in the committee's sessions. The French, however, refused to lay aside their submarine program. The open declarations of Mr. J. Balfour, of the British group, and Mr. Albert Sarraut, of the French group, during the Anglo-French relations were talked of as forming an unusual chapter of diplomatic history...

WASHINGTON PARLEY IS OF GREAT VALUE

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite what was described as prospective failures to accomplish some things expected by the people of the world, the Washington conference in the opinion of an Italian spokesman expressed today, has been of great value to the world at large from an educational point of view, as it has tended to prevent the people from thinking...

BARGAIN PARTY FOR EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

New York, Dec. 29.—A bargain party for the exchange of gifts and presents for some of the delegates which suit better was held last night at the Women's City Club. It was a merry party and everybody got rid of their misfit gifts...

SHARP DELIMITATION OF USE DECIDED UPON

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Unlimited construction of aircraft but sharp delimitation of their use in wartime are understood to be embodied in recommendations decided upon by the sub-committee on aviation of the armament conference. The report of the sub-committee was said to be ready for presentation to the meeting of the armament committee called for late today.

TWO WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF BOMBS

Lisbon, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two persons were killed and five others wounded today through the explosion of bombs, which, it is alleged, were being manufactured in a building belonging to the Lisbon General Confederation of Labor. Some arrests followed. The Government is maintaining order and the elements from which violence was feared by the authorities, are under surveillance.

DRUNKENNESS INCREASED

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The annual report of the municipal council of Chicago, submitted today by Clerk James A. Kearns, showed drunkenness increased here the past year, 51,300 persons being arraigned for intoxication in 1921 as against 42,305 in 1920.

WARREN'S SPEECH

In his short speech, which was read, Mr. Warren expressed his regrets at finding it necessary to give up his work as chairman, and thanked all members for their assistance during the time he was the head of the party campaign. He besought continued activity for the good of the party. "You may be criticized for activity in politics—this is no crime," Mr. Warren said and asked that the members of the committee continue their activity...

BANCO DI SCONTO IN ITALY CLOSES DOORS

Rome, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Banco Italiano di Sconto closed this morning following the announcement by the Government of a modified moratorium permitting the suspension of payments of the obligations of certain corporations through court decree. The bank, profiting by the announcement, suspended payments pending court proceedings...

NEW YORK BRANCH CLOSURE

New York, Dec. 29.—The Italian Discount and Trust Company at 359 Broadway, New York, correspondent of the Banco Italiano di Sconto of Rome which has been closed, closed its doors today following a run. The local institution is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and has surplus and profits of \$200,000 and deposits of about \$13,000,000.

JOSEPH FLITCRAFT CONFESSES MURDER

Peru, Ind., Dec. 29.—Joseph Flitcraft, 40 years old, confessed, police said last night, to having killed his wife, Margaret Sunday and buried the body beneath their home. He was taken in custody today for questioning regarding the disappearance of his wife and, after two hours' grilling by officials, admitted the slaying, they said. Police were dispatched to the Flitcraft home and, after digging beneath the house, found the body. The woman's hands had been tied behind her back and her skull had been crushed. The only motive for the alleged crime given by Flitcraft in his statement, according to the officials, was that he became angered when his wife did not return home Saturday night. It was later ascertained that Mrs. Flitcraft had been employed as a nurse and had been unable to leave her patient that night. The couple were parents of four small children.

HARDING SOUGHT AS A FINAL ARBITRATOR

Lima, Peru, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Peru, in a new note to Chile, proposes that the President of the United States be asked to act as a final arbitrator of all differences between the two countries, no appeal being allowed from his decision. The note is in reply to Chile's communication of Trujillo, Oct. 10, for the Mid-Continent and the plan that each country name a plenipotentiary to meet in Washington to establish the "basis and purpose" of arbitration. The Peruvian reply proposes that, in order to avoid the danger of misunderstanding through direct negotiations, each nation, before naming a plenipotentiary, cable to Secretary Hughes soliciting the consent of the United States for holding the negotiations in Washington and also asking Mr. Harding to act as arbitrator.

WAGE REDUCTION PROPOSED

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—A general reduction in wages of the 6,000 employees of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway is proposed in a letter addressed by President W. H. Cole to the employees. It is understood that the proposed wage cut will average ten per cent.

RATIFICATION OF PACT INDICATED

London, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The majority of English newspaper correspondents in Ireland see in the growing volume of sentiment for the peace treaty an indication that ratification will go through easily soon after the Dail Eireann reconvenes Tuesday. Some predict that a vote will be taken as early as Thursday, January 5. A few of the writers refer to yesterday's unconfirmed report that a compromise insuring ratification of the treaty had been reached at a secret meeting of the leaders of both factions in the Dail Eireann. The Morning Post's Belfast correspondent telegraphs that the opinion in Ulster is that the Dail meeting will not be finished by the end of next week and adds: "With some knowledge of what is happening, I venture the prediction that Irish delegates may be seen again in London before long."

SPENCER SHOPS ARE CLOSED INDEFINITELY

Salisbury, Dec. 29.—The Spencer shops of the Southern which were closed for a two-weeks' Christmas holiday, will remain closed indefinitely according to a bulletin published Wednesday. A small force of men are looking after necessary repair work.

ASKS IMPORT DUTY ON OIL

Washington, Dec. 29.—An import duty of one dollar a barrel on crude oil was urged before the Senate finance committee today by Harry S. Smith, of Tulsa, Okla., for the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and the National Association of Independent Oil Producers.

EXPLOSION MYSTERY IS FAR FROM SOLVED

Washington, Dec. 29.—Although declining to discuss the matter, William J. Burns, head of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, was understood to have before him today a full report of the recent arrest in Warsaw of Wolfe Lindenfeld, in connection with the Wall Street explosion of September, 1920. Mr. Burns also refused to discuss rumors current in Washington that the arrest of Lindenfeld, as reported by the Bureau's Warsaw agents, had brought the Department of Justice very little nearer a solution of the explosion mystery.

CHARLOTTE BANK CLEARINGS

(Reported by Chamber of Commerce) For the week ended: December 28, 1921... \$5,325,830.14 December 21, 1921... \$7,703,898.82 December 29, 1920... \$5,659,871.37

REFINED SUGAR PRICE DROPS

New York, Dec. 29.—Prices for refined sugar declined to another new record today when a local refiner reduced the list quotation 10 points to the basis of 4.80 for fine granulated.

FAIR

Charlotte and vicinity: Fair and colder tonight and Friday; minimum temperature tonight about 30. Moderate northwest winds, becoming gentle north and northeast.

FAIR

North Carolina: Fair and much colder tonight and Friday; strong northwest winds diminishing by Friday.

FAIR

South Carolina: Fair and colder tonight and Friday, probably frost to the coast tonight; fresh to strong northwest winds, diminishing late tonight.

HAVE FAILED TO AID FARM MOTIVE POWER

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the House Association of America, today told the members of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, in session here, that farm experts of various states had failed to aid in increasing the efficiency of the motive power most used on the farms and that this should take precedence over work designed to bring out and popularize new motive power. Mr. Dinsmore quoted figures which showed that there were more than 17,000,000 horses and mules on farms in 1921, compared with 246,139 tractors in 1921.

AMERICAN LEGATION FORMALLY PROTESTS

Peking, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American Legation has protested formally to the Peking Government against the return to the capital of General Chang Ching-Yao, former military governor of the province of Hunan, whose troops killed the Rev. W. A. Reemart, an American missionary, at Yo-Show in June, 1920. The Government is rebuffed by the new American demand, as Chang Ching-Yao is now one of the followers of General Chang Tso-Lin, military governor of Manchuria, who formed the new coalition Cabinet and who is protecting him, thereby making his arrest by the civil authorities virtually impossible.

C. C. AND O. RAILROAD IS GRANTED BIG LOAN

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway was granted a loan of \$6,000,000 today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The period of the loan will be five years and \$5,000,000 of the amount will be used to pay off mortgage indebtedness of the railroad while the balance of \$1,000,000 will be used to pay off a one-year loan already made to the road by the Government. The railroad will deposit bonds with the Government to secure payment of the loan.

