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Naval Committee Turns Attention to Discussion of Collateral Subjects.

FRANCE BLOCKS PLAN

Refused Flatly to Agree to Proposed Reduction of Submarine Tonnage.

> the French, Japanese and digates urged reference of to a commission of ex-

submarines against were the subject of at the morning session on them was postponed undiscussion could be had at

Press)-Its horizon beclouded elements of uncertainty, the today entered its negotiations which will whether it is to be successosing limitations on any class raft except capital ships tomediately proposal before the ommittee when it resumed its was a plan of the American ment to limit the tonnage of aircarriers to be maintained in the oposition and on proposals to r. now pins its hopes of amr

attention centered about the als of Elling Root, of the Ameried entirely and that submamanders who violate humans les of warfare be liable to trial as year average.

RENCH ACTION HINDERS.

The open declarations of J. Balfour, of the British group thert Sarraut, of the French future Anglo-French rela of as forming an chapter of diplomatic history, and Paris ever since

session of the confer- of war.

is described to President Hardthe White House before the mittee met and was closeted an hour with the Chief Exe that nothing could disturb. The trend of their disucssions t revealed but there were indihave been removed.

te delegates are taking the change of view among the lowers. It was indicated their misfit gifts. the American group there that there would be nothin any naval conference ding subarmines are adopt-

of the suggested plenary d he primarily to afford an full statement of the regard to submarines ary craft, but it is sad that OF USE DECIDED UPON resolutions might also be con-

to divest naval war of its called for late today. and inhuman feature. subjects remain to be disthe committee on the limitaal armament before its agenhe exhausted, according to a wokesman. These are the limn he imposed on the size of

LONDON IS DISAPPOINTED.

adjustment of the Shantung

he Wasnington armament con-(Continued on Page Two)

LEAD FIGHT IN P EIREANN TIFICATION 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. Duffy, Collins and Griffiths represented Ireland in the conferences in London which resulted in the formulation and signing of the

WHEAT ACREAGE J. D. NORWOOD SOMEWHAT LESS **NEW CHAIRMAN**

Praised.

committee.

Staff Correspondent of The News.

ter the meeting was called to order the

Pemocratic State Executive Committee

chairman. Following the reading of the

letter of resignation a committee com-

In his short speech, which was read

Mr. Warren expressed his regrets at

finding it necessary to give up his work

for their assistance during the time he

was the head of the party campaigns.

whelmed by the element which was wil-

nomination was seconded by S. C. Braw-

Following the presentation of the

chairmanship to Mr. Norwood by S. M.

He spoke to this resolution as did A. D.

The resolution in memory of Governor

Bickett was offered by Walter Murphy

of Rowan and adopted by unanimous

Whereas with keen sorrow the Dem-

"Whereas his public career was mark

the most profound sense of loss to the

"Resolved further that we extend his

"Resolved, that a copy of these reso-

papers of the State for publication.

lev of Durham.

General, and

which it was adopted.

tee. The resolution follows:

and unanimously adopted.

Smaller Acreage Planted Salisbury Man Heads Demo-According to Estimate of | cratic Committee; Bickett the Government.

but to which France in the Fall of 1920, which was 44.847.rday attached a reservation as to 000 acres, the Department of Agricul- had heard the resignation of Chairman ture announced. The condition of Win- Thomas D. Warren, listened to a short ter wheat on December 1 was 76.0 per speech from Mr. Warren, elected J. egation, for limiting submarine cent of a normal, compared with 87.9 Dave Norwood of Salisbury the new of the Wake County Bar Associa a year ago, 85.2 two years ago and chairman, adopted resolutions in honor ton and former Secretary of the Nav

The area sown to rye is 5.184,000 ett and in honor of Edgar Love, former that they desire further in- acres, which is 22.6 per cent more member of the committee, of Lincoln former Governor. s from their Governments on than the revised estimated area sown county and elected William A. Graham, especially in view of Mr. in the Fall of 1920, which was 4,228. engrestion that use of under- | 000 acres. The condition of rye on Deaft against merchant vessels cember 1 was 92.2 per cent of a norcember 1 was 92.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 90.5 a year ago, resented either in person or by proxy. 89.8 two years ago and 90.9 the ten- this number being cast for the new

The average and condition on Deember 1 of Winter wheat in Southin States include

North Carolina 618,000 and 92. South Carolina 157,000 and 92. Georgia 182,000 and 94.

South Carolina showed an increase 30 per cent over the acreage a year WARREN'S SPEECH

ago and Georgia 27 per cent increase.

WASHINGTON PARLEY IS OF GREAT VALUE

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associ- He besought continued activity for the ated Press).-Despite what was describ- good of the party. "You may be critied as prospective failures to accom- cized for activity in politics-this is no nes at least the embarrassments plish some things expected by the peo- crime," Mr. Warren said and asked have complicated relations be- ple of the world, the Washington confer- that the members of the committee conence, in the opinion of an Italian spokes- tinue their activity. He referred to the man expressed today, has been of great efforts of the Republican party to get value to the world at large from an illiterate negro votes in order to gain educational point of view, as it has tend- supremacy, and declared that the decent in British quarters today ed to prevent the people from thinking element in Republican party yos over-

within the next! The conference, the Italian spokesman ling to make any sacrifice of principles days to go over again added, also has disclosed the political in order to win an election. With the bund covered yesterday aims of all of the powers. Above all present leadership the retiring chairthings, he said, Italy was pleased with man declared the Republicans could not by the negotia the clear light that has been thrown be trusted with the governmental reins upon the American position, as Italy in North Carolina again. had seen that the greatest and most powerful nation in the world was ani- Thomas E. Cooper of Raleigh, brother mated by the spirit of peace to a degree of the Lieutenant Governor, and the

Harding was seeking BARGAIN PARTY FOR EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

party for the exchange of undesired Christmas presents for some one else's which suit better was held last night at the Women's City Club. It was a

ing cards traded them with whist lovers who had received books they ture unless the Root reso- didn't have time to read. Gloves that did not fit were exchanged for some IN MEMORY OF BICKETT idherence of the smaller na- thing else that did, and so on, until everybody got rid of their uncherished remembrances of Christmas time.

SHARP DELIMITATION

Washington, Dec. 29.-(By the Associated Press).—Unlimited construction ed by fidelity to principles, devotion to of aircraft but sharp delimitation of duty, rare capacity for service, and four-point resolution laying their use in wartime are understood to statesmanship of an order which won guidance of the be embodied in recommendations decid- for him high place at home and abroad their dealings with the Far ed upon by the sub-committee on avia- and reflected great credit upon the party ugh unsensational in appeard tion of the armament conference. The which as an instrument enabled him oposed submarine declara- report of the sub-committee was said to make a deep impress on his times, opinion of the Americans, to be ready for presentation to the meet- and distinct advance towards the ing of the land armaments committee, "Whereas his memory has become

EXPLOSION OF BOMBS

Lisbon, Dec 29 -(By the Associated ruisers and the rules to be ap- Press)—Two persons were killed and airplane carriers, in each case five others wounded today through the being to prevent their de- explosion of bombs, which, it is al- State, the people thereof and the demot into capital ships. When leged, were being manufactured in a cratic party have sustained. liers are decided and the re- building belonging to the Lisbon Genopted by the full conference, eral Confederation of Labor. Some arsh believe there will be nothing rests followed. The Government is lutions be transmitted to his widow and the conference to consider ex- maintaining order and the elements Far Eastern problems, the so- from which violence was feared by the that copies be sent to the leading newswhich is now suspended, pend- authorities, are under surveillance.

DRUNNKENNESS INCREASED.

MUCH NEW CURRENCY Berlin, Dec. 29.-New currency to Chicago, Dec. 29.-The annual report of the municipal courts of Chi- the amount of 4,500,000,000 marks was ployes of the Nashville, Chattanooga Longon Dec. 29.—(By the Associated cago, submitted today by Clerk James placed in circulation during the third News of France's action be- A. Kearns, showed drunkenness in week of December, it is shown by creased here the past year, 51,300 per- figures available today. The total cursons being arraigned for intoxication rency issue is now 109,000,000,000 stood that the proposed wage cut will die in a poorhouse that used t' be th' in 1921 as against 32,305 in 1920. marks.

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

BURIAL AT LOUISBURG.

Following Funeral Service at Christ Church Body Was Taken to Old Home.

Raleigh, Dec. 29 .- Thousands of his fellow citizens, irrespective of race or Bickett, former Governor of North Carolina, who died at his home here vesterday morning following a brief lilness, after they viewed his boly the Capitol here for two hours this

The flower-laden cusket, bearing the body of the former Governor was reearly today and at 9 o'clock the four entrances to the building were thrown and Germany. open and the crowds filed by the bie to get a last glimpse of the State's former executive. Tears were observed in the eyes of many persons as they passed out of the building.

The casket remained on a bler direct y beyeath the dome of the Capitol and was draped in the American and State flags. Flowers banked either side of the coffin while other designs rested upon it.

At 11 o'clock the doors of Capitol building were closed and the ody was removed just across the streets to Christ Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Bickett was a member. Here funeral services were held at 11:30, conducted by Rev. Milton A. Barber and Right Rev. J. B. Cheshire, The church was crowded to overflow-

Following the services at the churci Raleigh, Dec. 29.-Forty minutes af the body was placed in a motor hearse and the funeral party left for Mr. Bickett's old home, where burial ook place this afternoon.

Honorary pallbearers included mem bers of the Council of State, members of the State Supreme Court; members of the memory of Governor T. W. Bick-Josephus Daniels, while the active pallbearers will be intimate friends of the

jr., his successor as a member of the BANCO DI SCONTO IN ITALY CLOSES DOORS

Press)-The Banco Italiano di Sconto closed this morning following the anposed of A. D. Watts, J. S. Biggs and nouncement by the Government of a George Bellamy was appointed to draft modified moratorium permitting the suitable resolutions for Mr. Warren. suspension of payments of the obliga-These were presented by Col. Watts tions of certain corporations through court decree. The bank, profiting by he announcement, suspended payments pending court proceedings. The Government decided to intro

duce the partial moratorium as means of helping the bank to deal with the pressing demands for payment. The branches of the bank have been closed throughout Italy. Its premises here were under police protection today, with numbers of its customers gathered outside.

NEW YORK BRANCH CLOSES. New York, Dec. 29.—The Italian Broadway, New York, correspondent of the Banca Italiana di Sconto of Rome which has been closed, also closed its doors today following a run. The local institution is capitalized

at \$1,000,000, has surplus and profits of \$759,000 and deposits of about \$13, Company officials said that payment had been suspected "for the day" and that a statement would be made later

JOSEPH FLITCRAFT CONFESSES MURDER

craft, 40 years old, confessed, police Gattis of Hillsboro, who was called to said late last night, to having killed the chair by Mr. Warren, W. C. Feimster offered a resolution of respect and the body beneath their home. He was love for the late Edgar Love of Lincoln taken in custody today for questioning regarding the disappearance of his wife Watts and W. A. Graham, jr., after and, after two hours' grilling by officials, admitted the slaying, they said Police were dispatched to the Flit eraft home and, after digging beneath the house, found the body. rising vote. A collection was taken up man's hands had been tied behind her for a floral tribute from the commitback 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 ocratic Executive Committee has learnreturn home Saturday night. It was ed of the death of Thomas Walter later ascertained that Mrs. Flitcraft Rickett, for four years the servant of had been employed as a nurse and had the people of his State and the choice been unable to leave her patient that of his party for governor of North night. The couple were parents of Carolina, and for eight years Attorney 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 bea source of lasting pride to his political tween the two countries, no appeal beassociates and especially to these charg- ing allowed from his decision. TWO WERE KILLED BY ed with the management of the Demo. note is in reply to Chile's communication party in North Carolina these line recepting the principle of orbits. cratic party in North Carolina, there- tion accepting the principle of arbitration and the plan that each country "Resolved that the State Democratic name a plenipotentiary to meet in Washington to establish the "basis and Executivee Committee of North Carolina express individually and collectively 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 em-& St. Louis Railway is proposed in a average ten per cent.

France Alienating Friends GOVERNOR MUST By Policy Of Obstruction FACE TRIAL FOR

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

working out of economic problems.

est kind of talk is heard in diplomatic ly France. circles, the net of which is to draw Great Britain and the United States SUPREME COUNCIL.

closer together as apart from France. ing of submarines largely because of there are plans for the bringing of both which lay in state in the rotunda of asking for more submarines is regarded here has been toward participation but moved from his home to the Capitol to Nearer Eastern questions, and a for the building of submarines, aircraft State money.

FORGETS UNITED STATES

But while France is making her gesdiplomacy, hoping to bring England to terms on continental matters she is forgetting the effect upon the United States. Unfortunately for France nobody in the delegation here seems to be strong enough to shape French policy which is being mapped out in Europe irrespetive of effects up on America. that France is plyaing for a British from matter, at least so far as European Continent.

|economic reconstruction is concerned, Staff Correspondent of the News. hinges upon a friendly attitude on the Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co. part of the Harding-Hughes Adminis-Washington, Dec. 29.—France is rid- tration toward Europe. The tendency ing toward a fall so far as she may be toward isolation has been slowly overexpecting the moral help or support of come by various moves made by the the United States Government in the Harding Administration, particularly in being willing to attend meetings o fthe The most far-reaching results are Supreme Council and in the calling ikely to ensue from the French policy of the armament conference itself. But f obstruction at the Washington con- the impression created by French tac-The disappointment over ties here is to cool the ardor of the France's attitude on the limitation of Administration toward more confersubmarines is so great that the strong- ences with European Powers, particular-

Another thing-the Supreme Council is The feeling here is that France is meeting at Cannes to discuss the ecounyielding in her attitude on the build- nomic reconstruction of Europe and county, today upheld an indictment the Franco-British friction which has | Germany and Russia into the conferbeen developing since the end of the ence. The United States Government European war. The move of France in has been asked to attend. The drift nine of the thirteen counts of an indictas purely anti-British and as a means the extent of America's interest in these ant Governor Fred E. Sterling and Verof offisetting what the French claim to coming conferences is a matter for the be anti-French tactics in Europe on the American Executive to determine. If Ills., with conspiracy and operating a part of the British, especially in relation the French plan to spend their money growing concord as between England and cruisers and intend to maintain a large standing army, they can hardly trial January 9 on the \$500,000 embezzlehope for the support of the Amercan representative at the Supreme Council meetings of the larger conferences in tures in the great game of European which Russia and Germany are to participate.

istation in the years immediately ahead | conspiracy charge. of us. France has gven an impression Some observers have suggested that of erratic tactes and discord which so France is revenging herself for the fail- nearly squares with the difficulties county clerk of Sangamon county, who ure of the United States to ratify either President Wilson had at Paris that admitted on the stand that the records the Versailles treaty or the defensive there is good ground for believing that of his office containing the minutes of treaty between Great Britain, United the Washington Administration may the county board, which selected the States and France. Others are saying tend to draw further and further away grand jurors who subsequently indicted European questions of an ecoguarantee of French security and that nomic as well as political character until had been altered. at the proper moment she will yield the European themselves, particularly her demand for large armament. But France, give evidence of a better spirit Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Curtis the most important phase of the whole toward the maintenance of peace on the

PACT INDICATED

Early and Favorable Vote Proposition of Building by the Dail Eireann is Now Anticipated.

London, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated 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 next Tuesday. Some predict that a vote will be taken as early as Thursday, Jan-

day's unconfirmed report that a comin the Dail Eireann. The Morning Post's Belfast corre-

week, and adds:

that Irish delegates may be seen again what it does by the in London before long.

While Southern Ireland is recording were made as freely as those of dis-nancing such a college trust of the Sinn Fein.

SPENCER SHOPS ARE

ing after necessary repair work.

ASKS IMPORT DUTY ON OIL.

committee today by Harry S. Smth, Oil and Gas Association and the Na-



Lafe Bud's cousin wuz poisoned by letter addressed by President W. R. a bell boy at Kokomo yisterday. It's Cole to the employes. It is under a dull day when some woman don't low record today when a local refiner the coast tonight; fresh to strong I toast o' th' town.

RATIFICATION OF TRUSTEES WILL ACT ON COLLEGE

Medical Institution is to Come Up in January. The proposition of erecting in North

Press)—The majority of English Carolina a medical college to be operat ed in conjunction with the University of North Carolina will be submitted to the board of trdustees of the institution in January, this project having been launched by the Mecklenburg Alumni Association of Charlotte.

President Chasce who came to Charthe initiative in this enterprise, was promise insuring ratification of the keenly interested in the proposition treaty had been reached at a secret then and since that time has been in meeting of the leaders of both factions conference with the officials of the Rockefeller Foundation.

President Chase who came to Char spondent telegraphs that the opinion ance from the Foundation authorities in Ulster is that the Dail meeting will that they will be interested in aiding not be finished by the end of next financially the planting of such an institution. What it will do in the way of "With some knowledge of what is investing in such a college will depend happening, I venture the prediction in large measure, it is thought, upon

what is done by the State itself. It is the understanding, as revealed its approval of the treaty, the Ulster- to the officials of the Foundation that men, according to Belfast dispatches the college will not be planted anywhere to The Daily Telegraph, are passing a in North Carolina except in connection esolution refusing to agree to the with some hospital that has at least boundary commission provided for in 200 beds and it is estimated that this the pact. Numerous meetings have will cost \$750,000. That is the stipulabeen held at which expressions of an- tion made by the foundation as a conger against the British statesmen dition of its agreement to assist in fi-

President Chase will strongly advise the trustees to enter into negotiations at for an extra farm hand to three Sum once for starting such a college as is mer months. in the minds of the promoters, and i CLOSED INDEFINITELY is understood that Governor Morrison leans strongly to the idea. That the trus Salisbury, Dec. 29 .- The Spencer tees will act favorably upon the recom shops of the Southern which were mendation is generally conceded, alclosed for a two-weeks' Christmas holi- though it is regarded as possible that day, will remain closed indefinitely ac. there may be some delay for the presording to a bulletin published Wed- ent in definitely moving toward the nesday. A small force of men are look- consummation of plans for the institu-

If the board of trustees act favorably on the suggestions of Dr. Chase and determine that they will sponsor a well Washington, Dec. 29.—An import equipped, first-class, medical institution luty of one dollar a barrel on crude to rank with the best in the country oil was urged before the Senate finance an institution that will offer a four years' course in medicine, Charlotte will of Tuisa, Okla., for the Mid-Continent make a strong bid for the college, Already plans are being devised by which governor of Manchuria, who formed tional Association of Independent Oil such a hospital as must run along with the new coalition Cabinet and who is the college may be developed here and protecting him, thereby making his arit is believed by those here who are taking the leadership in the enterprise impossible. that, all things else being equal. Charotte will be able to offer the sort of a nospital demanded and make other at tractive offers to get the college planted

EXPLOSION MYSTERY IS FAR FROM SOLVED

lining to discuss the matter, William used to pay off mortgage indebtedness J. Burns, head of the Department of of the railroad while the balance of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, was \$1,000.000 will be used to pay off a oneunderstood to have before him today year loan already made to the road Warsaw of Wolfe Lindenfeld, in con-deposit bonds with the Government to nection with the Wall Street explosion secure payment of the loan. 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 . . . \$5,525,830.14 December 21, 1921 . . . \$7,703,898.82 December 29, 1920 ... \$5,659,871.47 REFINED SUGAR PRICE DROPS.

New York, Dec. 29.-Prices for refined sugar declined to another new night and Friday, probably frost to reduced the list quotation 10 points to northwest winds, diminishing late tothe basis of 4.80 for fine granulated, | night.

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 charging Governor Len Small with em bezziement of \$500,000 of State funds and ment charging the Governor, Lieutennon Curtis, a banker of Grant Park. confidence game involving \$2,000,000 in

The court ordered the Governor to

ment charge Judge Edwards sustained the attorneys for the Governor and Mr. Curtis in part by quashing an indictment harging them, together with Mr. Sterl-In a nutshell, the attitude of the ing, with embezzlement of \$700,000; and French at the Washington conference quashing three counts charging conmust be interpreted in the light of spiracy and the one charging confidence broader events in world diplomacy. The game in the other joint indictment. As effect of her obstructive tacites will a result, Mr. Curtis will face trial only long be felt in the Washington Admin- on the nine remaining counts of the

The decision was marked by a scath

centered around alleged illegal practices during the term of overnor Small as State Treasurer, 1917-1919; and the term returned by the grand jury and made public by Judge E. S. Smith, o Sangamon county, consisted of the deposit in the "Grant Park bank" of Grant Park, a town of about 600 population in Kankakee county, a few miles from Governor Small's home, of State money aggregating \$10,000,000 which were then loaned to Swift & Co. and Armour & Co., Chicago packers, on notes paying 7 to 8 per cent interest. Not more than two per cent of this in erest was a id to the State, the grand ury claimed, and the defendants are

harged with retaining the remainder. "The Grant Park Bank," the grand ury said, was a private institution which ceased to function in 1908 and which had, at the time of the alleged conspiracy, only one depositor, the State of Illinois.

HAVE FAILED TO AID FARM MOTIVE POWER

secretary of the House Association of America, today told the members of he American Society of Agricultural Engineers, in session here, that farm experts of various States had failed to 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.

and 134,169 trucks. By improved cultivation methods, he stated, it should be possible for one man to operate efficiently a farm containing 150 tilled acres, using a sixhorse unit and cutting down the need

000,000 horses and mules on farms in

1921, compared with 246,139 tractors

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 embarrassed by

the new American demand, as Chang Ching-Yao is now one of the followers of General Chang Tsao-Lin, military rest by the civil authorities virtually

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

Washington Dec. 29 .- The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad was grant ed a oan of \$6,000,000 today by the Interstate Commerce Commission, The period of the loan will be five years Washington, Dec. 29.-Although de and \$5,000,000 of the amount will be full report of the recent arrest in by the Government. The railroad will



Charlotte and Vicinity: Fair and colder tonight and Friday; minimum tem-perature tonight about 30. Moderate northwest winds, becoming gentle north

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