

POWERS DECIDE TODAY ON RULES FOR SUBMARINES

France, Italy and Japan Yet to Make Known Decision on Restrictions. AMENDMENT CONSIDERED.

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WILLING TO DISCUSS IT. Paris, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—The French Government is willing to discuss the status of merchant vessels.

BALFOUR BOOKS PASSAGE. Washington, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation to the arms conference, has reserved passage on a steamer sailing for England.

NO LIFE POSSIBLE ON PLANET VENUS. Washington, Pa., Dec. 30.—Investigation by E. S. John, director of the Hayden Planetarium, California, and S. B. Nicholson, his assistant, indicates that planet Venus supports no life.

BANKER KILLED. Mustang, Okla., Dec. 30.—E. W. Gentry, 35 years old, president of the State Bank, was called from his home by the front yard last night and shot and instantly killed by an unidentified assailant.

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FRENCH GETTING RESTLESS UNDER COMBAT FIRE

M. Sarraut Refers to Suspicion of the French in Conference. CANNOT CONTINUE. Head of Delegation Says Position of French is Uncomfortable.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Albert Sarraut, head of the French arms conference delegation, at the meeting today of the conference committee, declared in substance that France was beginning to get impatient with suspicion by the other Powers represented in the Washington meeting and that this could not go on.

ADMITTED. Admiral De Bon immediately challenged any assumption that the article did in fact represent the views of the French naval general staff as a whole.

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INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES. New York, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Many railroads of the country soon may insure their employees, it was indicated last night.

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