

FORTIFICATIONS COME BEFORE CONFERENCE FOR THE INITIAL TIME

MEANWHILE REPLY OF JAPAN TO THE RATIO IS COMING

Japan Expected to Accede to American Principles on Question.

TREATY IS TALKED "Big Three" Increased to "Big Four" by Participation of Mr. Balfour.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Associated Press)—While they wait for definite replies on the naval ratio plan and the proposal for a four power agreement in the Pacific, the arms delegates are pushing ahead with other features of their negotiations.

Today's developments brought into prominence for the first time the question of a limitation of fortifications and naval bases in the Pacific islands and although the subject was not advanced to the stage of formal exchanges an agreement was forecast preserving in general the existing status.

Again applying the American "four points" to the Chinese problem, the nine nations represented in far eastern agreements pledged themselves to make no treaties in the future infringing on China's territorial or administrative integrity or interfering with her rights to economic and national development.

In the Shanghai negotiations the progress was less pronounced, but the Japanese and Chinese delegations held another conference on the subject of public property and afterwards both sides renewed the predictions of a satisfactory settlement.

SPREADS WOE IN CRAVEN COUNTY

With two 100 gallons capacity stills to his credit during his latest visit to the state of Craven, famed far and wide for its C. C. C. Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer W. J. Manning passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to his home at Bethel.

The press advices indicated that Japan wanted on an agreement on the naval ratio and further application of the American "four points" to China before it abrogated the Anglo-Japanese alliance which the four power arrangement is resigned to replace.

So rapidly is the conference moving that many of the delegations now are hoping to get most of the important questions out of the war before the end of the year. The British have made tentative steamship reservation for December 31 and January 7 and some of the French have definite plans for leaving even sooner.

It is the general opinion that the major problems must be disposed of before the plenipotentiaries depart. A general settlement in regard to these major subjects is expected to be included in a single understanding among the delegates and translated later into several separate treaties and agreements.

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Spot cotton closed steady. Middling, 19.10; futures lost very steady, December, 17.83; January, 17.87; March, 17.68; May, 17.46; July, 17.00.

Aeroplanes with a cruising radius of 3,000 miles, and able to carry 12 tons of explosives, are being designed.

TREATY TERMS NOT ACCEPTABLE STATES THE IRISH PRESIDENT

DUBLIN, Dec. 8.—(Associated Press)—Eamon de Valera, tonight issued a statement saying that he could not recommend the peace treaty with Great Britain to Dail Eireann or to the country and that this attitude is supported by the minister of defense and of home affairs.

A public meeting of the Dail Eireann has been fixed for Wednesday.

The third session of the Irish cabinet ended tonight a few minutes after 9 o'clock. It is understood that the opinion of the members of the cabinet regarding the peace agreement were divided and that the question will be left to the decision of the Dail Eireann.

KIWANIS CLUB TO SELECT OFFICERS

Important Meeting of Club to Be Held at Christian Church Tonight.

The regular meeting of the Greenville Kiwanis club will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Eighth Street Christian church, Disciples, at which time the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

For the first time in several months, no program chairman has been named and there will be none of the usual Kiwanis oratorical efforts to embellish the proceedings of the evening.

The committee on manner of selecting the new officials made its report at the last meeting and it was unanimously adopted. Little hindrance is anticipated in putting the nominations up and through tonight. Needless to state, the attendance of every member of the club is desired at tonight's meeting.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MANNING GETS STILLS IN THAT SECTION

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In addition to the two stills, which were destroyed, the officer and his co-raidors poured out upwards of 4,000 gallons of beer and took possession of approximately 50 gallons of Christmas cheer, ready to be placed with those who are fond of and crave the ardent. It was really a fell blow coming at this particular season.

STUDENTS STUDY PLANS OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

OXFORD, ENG., Dec. 8.—The American club at Oxford University has decided to affiliate to the Oxford University League of Nations Union, and to send three delegates to the dummy "League of Nations assembly" which will meet three times a term at the Oxford Union.

The motion, resolved that this house States, with special reference to the world view with favor, an alliance between Great Britain and the United Pacific" was debated, and defeated.

Each British family, it is estimated, pays on an average \$15 a week in government taxes. Visitors to Italy who travel on Sunday have to pay a special tax.

TOM AND HENRY INSPECT MUSCLE SHOALS



Thomas Edison and Henry Ford inspecting the uncompleted government development at Muscle Shoals, Ala. They want congress to let Ford complete the development of the dams and nitrate plants there into a source of water power and mineral wealth.

QUERY OF CHARGE OF HANGING MANY SOLDIERS STARTS

Only 11 Men Executed While A. E. F. Was Overseas, Adjutant Testifies

WATSON IS PRESENT OFFERS LETTERS AND CLIPPINGS TO PROVE HIS CHARGES OF THE EXECUTIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press)—Detailed records of the war department relating to the legal execution of the 11 members of the American Expeditionary force were presented today to a senate investigating committee by way of denial of charges that scores of soldiers had been hanged without trial.

Read by Col. Walter E. Bethel, General Pershing's advocate general in France, the records showed that those executed by the military authorities included eight negroes, two whites and one Indian.

Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, whose presentation of the charges on the floor of the senate led to the query, appeared before the committee today as soon as it convened. He declared that he was prepared to prove the charges and submitted affidavits, newspaper clippings and letters bearing on the subject.

Col. Bethel who was called after Senator Watson had read several affidavits declared with emphasis that the charges were false.

Senator Watson is expected to present tomorrow as witnesses a list of former service men and others, including a prisoner at Fort Leavenworth who claims to have direct knowledge in support of the general charge that there had been wholesale executions of soldiers who had not been given the right of trial by court martial.

General Pershing, as the supreme commander on foreign soil in time of war, personally approved the court's findings in the cases of the 11 men hanged, and refused to approve the findings in 11 other cases carrying the death sentence. Altogether 62 men were sentenced to death, but Col. Bethel declared only 11 were executed. Most of the crimes were against women and children.

HOME PORT OF JONAH HAS UNDERGONE CHANGE

JAFFA, PALESTINE, Dec. 8.—(The Associated Press)—If the prophet Jonah should return within the next few months to this little atavistic port, whence he set sail some 2,000 years ago on his tempestuous voyage, he probably would be amazed at the metamorphosis.

After all these centuries, modernism, in the form of a 20th century harbor, is about to make its commercial encroachment upon this basking seashore, whose name was Joppa when Jonah knew it.

For some years, and particularly since the British occupation, a harbor for Palestine has been talked of, but only now is this dream of easy ingress to and from the cradle of Christianity about to be realized.

The best way to lie when sleeping is on the right side.

CONFERENCE HERE HAS BEEN PUT OFF

Inability of Presiding Elder Cotton to Be Here Tonight the Reason

Owing to the inability of Presiding Elder S. A. Cotton of the Washington district, to come to the city this evening, the quarterly conference scheduled to be held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Episcopal church this evening at 7:30 o'clock has been indefinitely postponed, it was stated yesterday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. V. P. Scoville.

A telegram announcing the inability of the recently appointed presiding elder to attend the announced meeting in Greenville made it necessary for the conference to be called off, Mr. Scoville stated. The gathering will be held at a later date.

GRIMESLAND HAS NEW POSTMASTER

George A. Clarke Appointed to Succeed A. O. Clark in County Town.

George A. Clark has been appointed postmaster at Grimesland to succeed A. O. Clark, resigned, according to an announcement made by postal officials appearing in Thursday morning's papers. The Grimesland office is a fourth class one and appointments are not subject to senate confirmation.

Mr. Clark is a well known resident of Pitt county and his appointment will meet with the general approval of the patrons of the Grimesland office.

ADJUST POSTAGE RATES IS OFFER

Postmaster General Hays Would Have Readjustment to Meet Deficiencies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Pointing to continuing deficits in his department, Postmaster General Hays, in his first annual report to the president, made public today, declared that "if the present gauge of expenditures shall continue there should be such a readjustment of postage rates as will together with the effects of increasing volume of business produce sufficient revenue approximately to meet it."

Mr. Hays makes no specific recommendations as to the suggested adjustments, and declares emphatically that "if it were a question between the best practical service on the one hand, and a poorer service with revenue meeting cost, on the other hand, decision should be resolved in favor of rendering the service." He adds that the department should not be conducted for a profit, but that it needs not ultimately be run at a loss.

Revenues of the postal service for the fiscal year ended last June, Mr. Hays says, totalled \$563,491,274, an increase of \$26,341,062 over the receipts of the preceding fiscal year. Balanced against this were audited expenditures of \$620,998,678 with the total audited deficiency at \$157,517,688.

CONGRESS HALTS OUT OF RESPECT FOR REP. FLOOD

In 1917 He Introduced War Resolution in Congress; Was Leader

FUNERAL MONDAY

Speaker Gillett to Name Committee of 18 Congressmen to Be Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Associated Press)—Congressional business was suspended today out of respect to Representative Henry D. Flood, Democrat, Virginia, whose death caused by heart trouble came shortly before noon.

The house, immediately after going into session, adjourned until tomorrow night after adopting resolutions of regret. Later the senate adjourned to Monday. Mr. Flood who was chairman of the house foreign affairs committee in 1917, introduced the resolution declaring that a state of war existed between the United States and the imperial government of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Mr. Flood had been in ill health for several weeks. As chairman of the state democratic committee he took an active part in the recent gubernatorial campaign in Virginia but since the election had been unable to attend sessions of congress. He died at his Washington home.

Serving his eleventh term in congress, Mr. Flood represented the 10th Virginia district. His home was at Appotomattox, where the burial will be after funeral services here Monday.

Speaker Gillett is expected to announce tomorrow the selection of a committee of 18 representatives to represent the house and senate at the funeral.

INTERNATIONALE MOVE GAINS HEADWAY HERE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The movement launched by the Third or Communist Internationale at Moscow to gain control of the trade and industrial unions throughout the world so far it relates to syndicalist unions in the United States," says the first annual report today of Attorney General Daugherty.

Communist parties in this country, Mr. Daugherty says, have united to more effectively carry on propaganda and the policy is to endeavor to gain control of the labor organizations through the control of the executive committees or other governing bodies therein.

NEWSPAPER MAN STRUCK BY BOOZE LADEN AUTO

GREENSBORO, Dec. 8.—Edwin B. Jeffers, publisher and business manager of the Greensboro Daily News and one of the most prominent newspaper men in the south, had a narrow escape from death here today when the automobile he was driving was struck by a car that police later stated was carrying 12 gallons of whiskey. Mr. Jeffers received a number of severe cuts and a broken arm. The other was later found by the police and it was the 12 gallons of whiskey.

SMITH CHILDREN ARE OF NEGRO DESCENT OFFICERS OF CITY SCHOOLS REPEAT

ANSWER IS FILED TO COMPLAINT OF MOTHER OF FOUR

Mandamus Proceedings Stated to Be Heard at Beaufort During Tomorrow.

DENY COMPLAINT ANSWER OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS EVEN MORE INTERESTING THAN COMPLAINT.

That the said Annie Smith is of negro descent, and that all of her children are illegitimate, and that the mother of the said Annie Smith was illegitimate and was of negro descent" is a contention made by the city superintendent of schools and the members of the board of trustees in an answer filed with the clerk of court here to the mandamus proceedings instituted November 28 by Annie Smith to compel the school authorities to admit her children to the schools of Greenville.

The answer, fully as sensational as the complaint of the woman, was drawn by Skinner and Whedbee, attorneys representing the defendants in the proceedings, which will be heard by Judge C. C. Lyon in chambers at Beaufort tomorrow, Saturday, November 9. Wiley C. Rodman, an attorney of Washington, represents the plaintiff in the mandamus action which alleges the plaintiff and her children, four in number, have been humiliated and the children denied the opportunities of getting an education because of the refusal of the school authorities to admit them to the white schools of Greenville.

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GIRL SCOUTS TO HAVE BIG BAZAAR

Saturday Afternoon and Evening in the High School Library to Get Funds.

Saturday afternoon and night in the library of the high school building, the Girl Scouts will hold a bazaar. At this bazaar you can find Christmas gifts for every member of the family. The things will not be high priced and there will be quite an assortment to choose from.

Many merchants in town have promised to help us not by letting us have things to sell at a discount. We will have an abundance of handkerchiefs, aprons, silk hose, toilet articles, ties, bounder slippers and lingerie for ladies; socks handkerchiefs for gentlemen, and all kinds of useful gifts for girl friends.

There will be candy, home made cake, sandwiches and drinks for sale. In fact more things than there is space to tell about. If there is any merchant who would like to help out, let him phone 67 and ask for the committee on the Scout bazaar and his help will be appreciated.

Come down, all you Christmas shoppers, and help the scouts make money for a camping trip and other events planned.

A windmill which has been in the possession of one family for well over a century still stands in Brixton, London.

Switzerland is electrifying her rail ways, to save importing coal.

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