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GREENVILLE, N. C. FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 9, 1921.

PRICE FIVE CENT

FORTIFICATIONS COME BEFORE CONFERENCE FOR THE INITIAL TIME

OF JAPAN TO THE

Japan Expected to Acceed 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 ques tion of a limitation of fortifications and naval bases in the Pacific islands and although the subject was not adcanced to the stage of formal exchanges an agreement was forecast preserving in general the existing

Again applying the American "four points" to the Chinese problem, the nine nations represented in far east. ern agreements pledged themselves to make no treaties in the future intional development.

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

The four power plan to preserve peace in the Pacific was discussed at a two hour conference between the heads of the American, British, Japanese and French delegations, but t was said afterwards that no definite word had been received either from Tokio or Paris. The British government is unerstood to have already accepted the proposal in principle, and the American delegates have indicat. ed a willingness to proceed to a discussion of details.

A message from the Japanese capital was received during the day by the Japanese delegation but imperfect cable transmission was said to have rendered it impossible of definite interpretation. Acceptance by Tokio is expected in all quarters, however, and press dispatches tonight saying that a conditional accepance had been decided on caused no surprise here.

Rene Viviani, whose conference with Secretary Hughes, Arthur J. Balfour and Admiral Baron Kato, transformed the "big three" of the conference into a "big four" for consideration of the our power agreement, has recommended to his government that it accept a place in the new arrangement. A favorable response is expected soon.

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

that many of the delegations now are questions out of the war before the end of the year. The British have the ardent. It was really a fell blow 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

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 8-Spot cotton closed steady. Middling, 18.10; futures losed very steady, December, 17.83; January, 17.67; 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 design-.

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 reace 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. An official report of the meeting

* is promised later.

Be Held at Christian Church Tonight.

ville Kiwanis club will be held this fringing on China's territorial or ad- evening at 6.30 o'clock at the Eighth ministrative integrity or interfering Street Christian church, Disciples, at with her rights to economic and na- which time the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Aside from the usual eat fest, the election of the officers will constitute the program for the evening.

For the first time in several months. no program chairman has been named Kiwanis oratorical efforts to embellish the proceedings of the evening. Rath- nial of charges that scores of soldiers er it will be strictly business of eat- had been hanged without trial. Out ing and ballotting.

The committee on manner of selecting the new officials made its report at the last meeting and it was unanimously adopted. Little hinderance 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

SPREADS WOE IN

Prohi Enforcement Officer Manning Gets Stills in that Section

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 yester- charge that there had been wholesale day afternoon en route to his home at Bethel. The apostle of dryness, whose fame is rapidly spreading, considered his trip to Craven county as very successful.

In addition, to the two stills, when were destroyed, the officer and his co-raiders poured out upwards of 4, So rapidly is the conference moving | 000 gallons of beer and took posses. sion of approximately 50 gallons of hoping to get most o the important Christmas cheer, ready to be placed with those who are fond of and crave 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, "In "League of Nations assembly" tic port, whence he set sail some 2, justments, and declares emphatically which will meet three times a term 000 years ago on his tempestuous that "if it were a question between it the Oxford Union. L. J. Burlingame, Wisconsin and Oriel, W. R. Burwell, Rhode Island and Merton; would view with favor an alliance be- Jonah knew it. ween Great Britain and the United For some years, and particularly Pacific," was debated, and defeated.

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 govern ment development at Muscle Shoals They want congress to let Ford complete the development of the dams and nitrate plants there into source of water power and mineral wealth

UF HANGING MANY SOLDIERS STARTS

Important Meeting of Club to Only 11 Men Executed While A. E. F. Was Overseas, Adjuant Testifies

WATSON IS PRESENT

Offers Letters and Clippings to Prove His Charges of the Executions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- (By Asvestigating committee by way of deof the consideration for the families of the dead, the names of the 11 were omitted from the record.

Read by Col. Walter E. Bethel. General Pershing's advocate general in France, the records showed that those executed by the military authoriities included dight 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 bearng 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, inc'uding a prisoner at Fort Leavenworth who claims to have direct knowledge in support of the general 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 excepted. 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 pro- it." phet Jonah should return within the next few month sto this little atavisveyage, he probably would be amazed the best practical service on the one NEWSPAPER MAN STRUCK at the metamorphosis.

and K. M. Carson, Delawing B. mittee on the Scott Daz rendering the service." He adds that Jeffress, publisher and business man. help will be appreciated. sm, in the form of a 20th century har- decision should be resolved in favor of The motion, resolved that this house encroachment supon this basking the department should not be conduct.

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since the British occupation, a harbor the fiscal year ended last June, Mr. when the automobile he was driving for Palestine has been talked of, but Each British family, it is estimated, only now is this dream of easy ingress pays on an average \$15 a week in gov. to and from the cradle of Christiani. ty about to be realized.

is on the right side.

CONFERENCE HERE HAS BEEN PUT OFF

nability 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 Memor al Methodist Episcopal church this evening at 7.30 o'clock has been inde- Speaker Gillett to Name Commit finitely postponed, it was stated yesterday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. V. P. Scoville.

A telegram announcing the inability will be held at a later date.

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 confirma-

Mr. Clark is a well known residen of Pitt county and his appointment will meet with the general approval of the patrons of the Gremsland of-

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 erpenditures 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

Mr. Hays makes no specific recommendations as to the suggested adhand, and a poorer service with re-After all these centuries, modern- venue meeting cost, on the other hand,

expenditures of \$620,993,673 with the The other was was later found by the The best way to lie when sleeping total audited deficiency at \$157,517,- police and in was the 12 gallons

OUT OF RESPECT FOR REP. FLOOD

In 1917 He ntroduced War Resolution in Congress; Was Leader

tee of 18 Congressmen to Be Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- (Associate sociated Press)-Detailed records of of the recently appointed presiding ed Press)-Congressional business the war department relating to the elder to attend the announced meet- was suspended today out o frespect legal execution of the 11 members of ing in Greenville made it necessary to Representative Henry D. Flood, the American Expeditionary force for the conference to be called off, Democrat, Virginia, whose death and there will be none of the usual were presented today to a senate in- Mr. Scoville stated. The gathering 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 Mon-

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

NTERNATIONALE 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 is meeting with marked success in so far it relates to syndicalist unions annual report today of Attorney Genral 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

BY BOOZE LADEN AUTO

GREENSBORO, Dec. 8 .- Edwin B. Revenues of the postal service for row escape from death here today planned. Balanced against this were audited ber of severe cuts and a broken arm. don. of whiskey.

Negro Descent Officers Of City Schools Repeat TOBACCO MARKET TO

Smith Children Are of

CLOSE DECEMBER 16 TO 10TH OF JANUARY

The Greenville tobacco market will suspend for the holidays next Friday, December 16, it was decided at a meeting of buyers and warehousemen yesterday afternoon. It will re-open January 10.

It had been originally planned to close for the holidays December 21 and resume sales January 10, but certain developments caused a shift in the closing date, it was stated yesterday afternoon.

Growers are asked to note the change in arrangements and to market all the weed they wish to sell before Christmas during the coming week. Prices are holding well and there is a pronounced demand for the better grades of the

FARMVILLE TRADE

Interest Among People Throughout the Country Increasing From Day to Day.

Interest is rapidly growing throughout Pitt county in the pay up and trade weeks period being observed by practically every business man and firm and banking institution in Farm. ville, according to K. W. Cobb, who is in charge of the publicity for the event. Trade coupons will be given with each \$1 spent for a new purrchase or paid on an old account, and on January 5 at 2 p. m. the drawing will take place for the prizes the first being a new Ford touring car. There are 17 other prizes, ranging from \$50 in gold down to \$5 in gold, and 18 special individual prizes to be awarded in the event the prize winning tickets bear the names of the mer-

chants offering the specials. The same rules as prevailed during the pay up and trade weeks held in Greenville during October and November are in effect at Farmville, Mrr. Cobb states, but 'the Farmville merchants have extended themselves in making up their list of offers, offering a total of 35 separate awards.

Elsewhere in this issue of The News full details of the trade and pay up event given by the Farmville merchants will be found. The event has already stimulated trade to a marked extent in the neighboring town and with the Chirstmas shopping season now in progress, it is expected that the heavy buying will add immeasurably to the interest shown by the people

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

Saturday afternoon and nght in the ibrary of the high school buildin, 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 proceed in the United States," says the first and there will be quite an assortmen 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, boundoir slippers and Ingerie for ladies; socks hand- rary these defendants allege upon inkerchiefs for gentlemen, and all kinds of useful gifts for girl friends.

There will be candy, home made ake, 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 com- has demanded that her said children mittee on the Scout bazaar and his be admitted in the said schools, and

Hays says, totalled \$563,491,274, an was struck by a car that police later A windmill which has been in the increase of \$26,341,062 over the re- stated was carrying 12 gallons of possession of one family for well over ceipts of the preceding fiscal year. whiskey. Mr. Jeffress received a num- a century still stands in Brixton, Lon.

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

Mandamus Proceedings Slated to Be Heard at Beaufort During Tomorrow. DENY COMPLAINT

Answer of School Officials Even More Interesting han 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 des. ent" 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

The answer, fully as sensational as the complaint of the woman, was drawn by Skinner and Whedbee, st. forneys representing the defendants in the proceedings, which will be heard by Judge C. C. Lyon in chambers at Beaufort tomorrow, Saturday, Novemof 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 opportunial ties of getting an education because. of the refusal of the school authorities to admit them to the white schools of The case has been brewing or some

little time, an investigation discla The children in question have attended white schools in the county-in those of Greenville for two session and Annie Smith herself is a ber of a white church. Residents of Greenville who know her family and sert that other members have married persons of known white ancestry. which serves to further emphasize the seriousness of the case and the interest attendant thereto.

Every allegation made in the complaint, save that that the superintend. ent and trustees have denied admis. sion to the children of the plaintiff, is denied either in whole or in part. The answer follows:

"The defendants, the board of trustees of the Greenville graded schools, and J. H. Rose, superintendent of the Greenville graded schools, for answer to the complaint filed in this cause,

"First: That the allegations contain. ed in the first section of the complaint are admitted. "Second: That the allegations con-

tained in the second section of the complaint, which allege that Annie Smith is a white woman, are denied, and on the contrary these answering defendants allege upon information and belief that the said Annie Smith is of negro destent, and that all of her children are illegitimate, and that the mother of the said Annie Smith was illegitimate and was of negro descent.

"Third: That the defendants deny that the plaintiff and her four children are resident or domicfied within the Greenville graded schools district. They are informed and believe, howver, that the said four children are ving with their mother, the plain-"Fourth: That the allegations con."

ained in the fourth section of the omplaint are denied, and on the conormation and belief, that all of said hildren are of negro descent, and are ot entitled to admission into the raded schools of the town of Green-"Fifth: That the allegations contained in the fifth section of the com. plaint, which allege that the plaintiff that they have been denied the right

"Further answering this section of a he complaint, these answering de. endants say, that semetime in De. ember, 1916, while the said Annie Smith was living within the limits the Greenville graded school district, she made application to have

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