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## America Will Oppose Further Modification of Ten-Year Plan

### This Government to Approve Britain's Suggestion for Elimination Big Undersea Cruisers—Washington With China for Open Door and Far Eastern Arrangements—Conference Becomes Sealed Book to Casual Observer—Closed Doors Before Busy Delegates Now

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 17.—The United States in future meetings of the arms conference will oppose any modification of its proposal for a 10-year naval holiday, such as has been suggested by Great Britain. Outlawing of big cruiser submarines, also proposed by Britain, will be approved by the American delegates, it was learned from most authoritative sources today.

Two Months Long Enough.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The arms limitation conference will finish its work within two months, one of America's "big four" delegates predicted today. The parity, he said, is making better progress than expected on both arms limitation and Far Eastern questions. Britain stands pat for big sub cut.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Great Britain will drive hard for a big cut, probably one-half, in the submarine tonnage allowed under the Hughes arms pact plans.

Through a semi-official spokesman today, the British delegation let the correspondent know that this cut "will loom very large in the conference and countries concerned."

This spokesman likewise revealed the British argument to be that a big submarine program tends to "cheaper war and make it easier."

Washington, Nov. 17.—The arms limitation conference today was deeply involved in controversial questions regarding limitation of naval armaments and settling of Pacific and Far Eastern questions.

From the viewpoint of casual on-lookers the conference has slumped badly.

There is little to see and less to hear. But behind closed doors far-reaching negotiations are in progress. America backs China.

The United States will support heartily much of China's plan for settlement of Asiatic problems. This applies to the "open door" particularly and to points 9 and 10, which provides for an arrangement for "peaceful settlement of international disputes in the Far East" and for reconvening a Far Eastern conference from time to time for "determination of common policies."

### Paris the Gay Comes to Life Again With Lights and Lot Pep

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Paris, Nov. 17.—For the first time since 1914, Paris is regaining her pre-war outward aspect.

The Parisian subway system has just put into effect the pre-war schedule as regards number of trains and speed. The motor-bus companies have just extended their service by inaugurating after-theatre busses. After more than two years' steady labor the streets are back almost in pre-war condition. Throughout the war scarcely any repairing was done and scores of miles of streets resembled a shell-pocked sector on the front.

Owing to the increase in motor-transportation Parisian civic authorities are wrestling with a "traffic crisis."

Little by little the city has augmented the street lighting until Paris has regained her pre-war title of the city of light.

The cafes have been relieved of the war-time restrictions and boulevard cafes remain open until 1 o'clock in the morning and the specially licensed cafes in the Montmartre district are open all night. Most of them close about dawn when the last merry-maker has been loaded into a taxi.

### Jennings Millions a Myth; Never Was Any Such Fortune, Seems

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 17.—A heartless newspaper has just solved the mystery of the "Jennings millions" which have cost members of the extensive Jennings family all over the world years of worry and tons of money.

The solution is that there aren't any Jennings millions and never were. There are over 25,000 claimants to the Jennings millions, according to unofficial estimates. The millions have been estimated at various sums. One recent claimant suggested 25,000,000 pounds. As a matter of fact, the fund which the estate was supposed to be paid to await a claimant totals 1,490,000 pounds distributed over 4,100 separate estates. Also, the "Jennings millions" were never in this fund.

The myth originated following the death of Thomas Jennings, the spelling of whose name changed from York to York, in 1708.

## STORK SEEMS HAVE SPECIAL FONDNESS FOR NORTH STATE

### Babies Everywhere in Big Numbers — Cherubim Born in Tarheelia at Rate of Thousands a Month. Funerals Out of Fashion

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—The 1921 crop of Tar Heel babies will be the greatest in the State's history, and there will be fewer deaths of all ages than in previous years, according to compilations made by the State Board of Health today.

Figures are available for the first nine months of the year, showing the total number of births for that period to be 64,952. For the same period in 1920 the births totaled 62,987. The increase for the 1921 nine months is 1,965.

Deaths reported in 1920 totaled 25,625, while the deaths for the January-September period of this year are 23,198. This indicates a decrease of 2,427. The net increase of births, therefore, is 4,392.

While these figures are not without possible error, it is the opinion of Dr. E. M. Register, State epidemiologist, that final revision will increase rather than decrease the total number of births and if any changes are made in the total number of deaths reported the ratio will not be noticeable.

### DR. PLATO DURHAM TO BE SPEAKER AT TEACHERS' MEETING

### Schoolma'ams Meet at Raleigh Thanksgiving—Time for Annual Assembly. Two Thousand Expected to Attend Sessions

(Special to the Free Press.)

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Printed programs of the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Assembly, which will be held here November 23-25, are off the press and will be mailed out from the office of A. T. Allen, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Plato T. Durham of Atlanta will preach the annual sermon to the teachers Thanksgiving Day. The three-day session will be crowded with addresses by many prominent educators. It is expected that the attendance will be about 2,000, and arrangements are being made by the local Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations to provide accommodations for the teachers in hotels and private homes.

Membership of the assembly will show a decided increase when the reports are made next week. Last year there were 8,050 teachers enrolled.

### Cholera Wiped Out in Most Localities North Carolina, Says Owen

Hog cholera, costing North Carolina livestock breeders hundreds of dollars in years past, has reached its minimum as a destroyer of swine, it was stated here Thursday by Dr. Fred D. Owen, in charge of the federal elimination force in the State. A small body of government veterinarians stationed at Raleigh, Wilmington, Kinston, Elizabeth City, Washington and elsewhere has practically eliminated the disease from most sections. Complete eradication is not practicable; the germ causing the malady has not been isolated.

"Recently there have been minor outbreaks near Durham and Elon College," Dr. Owen stated. "A new man at Washington has not had time to thoroughly familiarize himself with conditions in that vicinity. Everywhere else conditions are known to be highly satisfactory. Wilmington reports less cholera in that area than ever before. Adoption of modern methods of preventing the disease has resulted in its being stamped out in many localities."

Work on cholera limitation coupled with the activities of the pig clubs has resulted in the improvement of stock throughout the State and the importation of thousands of registered animals. There are more than 100 registered sires in Lenoir County alone. Livestock standards in Greene County are higher than in Lenoir, and that small eastern county is setting the pace for the entire state in the matter of purebred swine.

### Morehead Must Go to Chair for Murder, is Decision of Governor

(Special Capital Correspondent.)

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Governor Morrison after hearing the appeal for commutation made for Claude Morehead, Guilford County wife slayer, yesterday afternoon announced that he would not interfere with the death sentence.

Morehead was convicted in Guilford County, at the September term of Superior Court, of first degree murder, and was sentenced to be electrocuted. His appeal to the Supreme Court was denied, the Governor fixing November 30 as the date for the electrocution.

Foch to Richmond.

Richmond, Nov. 17.—Marshal Foch will be the guest of this city 12 hours on November 23.

## METHODISTS SIT IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT CRAVEN CAPITAL

### Bishop Darlington Presides Over Big New Bern Meeting — Historical Society Hears Address and Elects Officers

New Bern, Nov. 16.—The North Carolina Methodist Conference convened in annual session here today, with hundreds of ministers and lay delegates present. The visitors found cordial receptions in many homes thrown open to them. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington is presiding. The conference got under way with formal organization.

Bishop Darlington and the nine presiding elders were on hand last night. These will hold daily "cabinet sessions."

Rev. Thomas Ivey, D. D., addressed the Conference Historical Society at Centenary Methodist Church last night. Rev. W. A. Cade, president of the society and Rev. W. H. Brown, secretary, were officers elected.

### Annual Meeting State Historical Body Will Be Held December 1-2

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—The annual meeting of the State Literary and Historical Association will be held in the capital December 1 and 2.

A special feature of the session will be papers on North Carolina history by scholars and writers and original poems by Dr. Benjamin Shinn and Rev. John Jordan Boylston. Dr. D. D. Carroll, dean of the school of commerce at the University of North Carolina, will lead a practical discussion of "The Bread and Butter Element in North Carolina History."

### Trinity to Play New York University on Northerners' Field

(By the United Press.)

New York, Nov. 17.—New York University is making big preparations for its first intercollegiate football game, which will be played Saturday when Ohio Field is invaded by Trinity of Durham. New York University and Trinity established athletic relations last spring with a series of baseball games, but this is their first meeting on the gridiron. The boys from the "Hall of Fame" are particularly anxious to score a victory Saturday because the honors in the diamond meeting went to the Tar Heel Methodists. New York won and lost one at Durham, and then the Trinity team came north and won the rubber game by a score of 2 to 1. Advance indications are that Saturday's game will be a social event as well as a football game.

### Cake Missionary Was Sent Increased From \$4.50 to More'n \$30

A local church's women's missionary society will not send a cake to its representative in Argentina this Christmas. It did last Christmas. Looking forward with keen enthusiasm to what they may do at the coming Yuletide to make folks happy, and with the missionary in South America well in mind, the members have no intention of baking for the latter any such delightful confection as was shipped away from here about this time last year. The Argentine government called it a confection. That was where a lot of trouble came in. It was a rare sort of a cake, a fruit cake with icing and fruits and calculated to bring cheer to the heart of the missionary supported by the society in the far southern country—a cake reminiscent of plum pudding days back in the U. S. A.

The cake cost \$4.50, exclusive of the labor of love that went into the baking and some ingredients that may have been donated free. The express charge was \$7. The cake found its way to Argentina safely. There the missionary was told to "come get it." The customs functionaries charged \$20 for duty. The \$4.50 cake by that time had come to be worth \$31.50, and the missionary could not spare the money. The duty on "confections" was high, the officials explained. The missionary seemed not to be likely to get the cake. The diplomatic machinery of the United States of America was set in motion to solve the dilemma for the missionary. It was finally delivered as something not so valuable as confections, possibly farm machinery or toothache drops. The society will send something this year more compatible with the Argentine tariff.

### Freight Cut to Save Shippers 55 Millions in a Year, Estimated

(By the United Press.)

New York, Nov. 17.—A 10 per cent. reduction in agricultural freight rates saving the shippers of the country \$55,000,000 annually will become effective within 10 days, it was announced here following a meeting of railroad executives.

### President Agrees to Surtax Compromise; 40 Per Cent. Suits

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Harding agreed to approve maximum surtaxes of 40 per cent. in the new revenue bill today. This is a compromise between the House level of 32 per cent. and the Senate figure of 50 per cent.

### Accidents in Gold, Silver and Other Kinds Mines in U. S.

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 17.—Accidents in 1920 at mines producing gold, silver, and miscellaneous metals caused the death of 117 men and the injuring of 5,704, according to reports received by the Bureau of Mines from operating companies throughout the country. Reports from 2,358 mine operators show that 29,933 employees worked 8,354,330 shifts, an average of 279 working days per man.

The figures show a reduction as compared with the previous year of 72 operating companies, 2,197 employees, 225,255 shifts, and 9 fatalities. There was a gain of 12 working days per man, and an increase of 235 in the number of men injured. The accident rates for 1920, based upon a standard of 300 working days to the year, were 4.20 killed and 204.92 injured per 1,000 employees, as against 4.41 killed and 191.29 injured in 1919.

## Open Sessions Have Rendered a Knockout

### Bryan Declares Hughes' Proposal Made in Secret Meeting Would Have Brought on Mass of Diplomatic Intricacies—Question Put Squarely Before Delegates and World Looking On, Nothing for Powers' Representatives to Do But Accept on Spot, Says Commoner

(By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN)

Washington, Nov. 17.—Only two sessions so far and yet they prove the incalculable benefits of open session. Suppose Secretary Hughes had made his proposal at a secret council and then waited for a confidential reply from the other nations. How different the situation would be.

The delegates would be involved in a mass of details and in a confusion of pleas, replies, rejoinders, etc.

At the first session the United States took the world into its confidence and the world gave affirmative answers. That has jarred secret diplomacy off its throne.

### OBREGON WILL NOT SIGN AND AMERICA CONTINUES ADAMANT

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Nov. 17.—Informal negotiations between the United States and Mexico regarding recognition of the Obregon government have reached a deadlock, according to information here today. Obregon flatly refuses to sign an agreement pledging protection to American lives and property which Secretary Hughes insists upon, and the State Department shows no intention of abandoning this demand as a condition of recognition, it is said.

### Mexican President Will Not Purchase Recognition at Expense What He Considers National Honor. No Guarantee to U. S.

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### Japanese Labor Wants to End War; Worker a Loser All Way Around

(By CLARENCE DUBOSE (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Tokio, Nov. 17.—Bunji Suzuki, the Samuel Gompers of Japan, wants an international labor cooperation to end wars.

Suzuki is in hot water just now. He usually is. Being a labor leader in Japan is beset with difficulties, and just many await at the end of every meeting.

He is under arrest, but at liberty at present, on a charge that his organization sent commendatory letters to shipyard strikers at Kobe.

Suzuki founded the Yuaioikai, the largest labor organization in Japan and is working to the extent possible under restriction obtaining here, for the organization of a real federation of labor and labor unions in Japan.

### Five Bandits Seize Bank Messenger But Get No Large Sum

(By the United Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Five bandits kidnaped a Northern Trust Company messenger early today and stole a sack of mail consigned to the bank. The robbery occurred in front of the postoffice in the downtown section. It was announced that the "loss was not great."

### Prince of Wales in India for His First Visit to Old Empire

(By the United Press.)

Bombay, Nov. 17.—The Prince of Wales arrived here today on his first visit to India.

### Martial Law Declared in Coal Fields Where Strike Follows Slash

(By the United Press.)

Walsenburg, Col., Nov. 17.—Martial law was proclaimed today in the Colorado coal district, the scene of a bloody mine war in 1914. A walk-out of union miners started at midnight following announcement of a 25 per cent. wage cut. Union leaders said 1,200 men would be out by noon.

### Cotton

Receipts Thursday were about 50 bales, prices ranging from 16 1/2 downward. Futures quotations were:

	Open.	Close.
January	16.55	16.64
March	16.50	16.69
May	16.50	16.58
July	16.15	16.20
December	16.70	16.81

### Punishment for Students.

Rocky Mount, Nov. 17.—One hundred and fifty students who took Armistice Day as a holiday over the protest of the high school officials here will have to attend school Friday after Thanksgiving as punishment. Other punitive measures are to be taken.