

# LARGER NAVIES SOUGHT BY FRANCE AND ITALY

## British Parliament Ratifies New Irish Peace Pact

### DEMANDS MADE BY THE FRENCH UPSET NAVAL RATIO PLANS

French Delegates At Confer-  
ence Present New Proposals  
At Session Today

ITALY ALSO ANXIOUS  
TO INCREASE HER NAVY  
French and Italian Fleets  
Would Be Greater Than  
British and American

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The French delegation has presented a proposal for so great an increase in the strength of the French navy that the British declare such a program if carried out, would upset the whole plan for the 5-5-2 naval reduction.

Although not yet entirely revealed, the British understand the French plan provides for the construction of ten 35,000 ton super-dreadnaughts in the ten years subsequent to 1925. These vessels of a type similar to the American battleship, Maryland would give France a capital ship tonnage of 350,000 as against 315,000 for Japan and a preponderance of the new "Port of Spain" type craft over all nations.

Italy, although indicating disapproval of such a building program, is said to have told the arms conference that if France constructs 10 such ships, she must carry out a similar program. The combined French and Italian fleets would thus be about 200,000 tons more than the British and American allotments.

### A WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE LIKELY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A world conference to discuss economic and financial readjustments will be called within ninety days after the adjournment of the present armament conference, according to the belief privately expressed today by influential European statesmen now in Washington. Their belief is shared by some high officials of the Harding administration.

Whether the proposed conference will be held in Washington, in London or in Paris remains to be determined, but the view is held that one of the three capitals will witness the assembly of the world's leading financial and economic figures before March 4.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on President Harding and members of his cabinet to call the conference in Washington. Foreign visitors have pointed out that nowhere else in the world could the present Washington conference have been successful, and they have urged upon administration officials that if President Harding will go one step further and call a financial congress matter no serious consideration until the present Washington conference is ended.

Two can give cheaper than one.

### BROOKLYN PHYSICIAN SLAIN BY WOMAN



A country-wide search is on for the mysterious woman slayer who fired a bullet into the heart of Dr. Abraham Glickstein, a specialist in women's diseases, in his office at Brooklyn, N. Y. The murderer entered the doctor's office while several patients were waiting and insisted on an interview in his private office. Two minutes later the doctor staggered back into the reception room mortally wounded. The woman fled from the consultation room by another door.

### WANT ACTION ON FOREIGN LOANS

Senator Harris Urges That  
People Be Informed of  
Government's Attitude

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A resolution, declaring it the belief of the senate that the United States will be unable to agree to or accept the cancellation of its war loans to European powers was introduced in the senate today by Senator Harris, of Georgia. The preamble stated that a declaration of policy by the United States government is of "great importance" to nations of the world. It adds that the people of this country ought to know what the attitude of their government is with respect to the loans.

### MORE MINES CLOSED BY WOMEN MARCHERS

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 16.—Headed by the girls' band of Arma, playing martial music, "General" Annie Stovich, the Joan of Arc of the "Amazon Army" led her invading hosts already weary and footsore into the "enemy country" this afternoon. The marching women, wives and relatives of Alex Howat's striking coal miners, had already closed down practically every mine in Crawford county and were bent on closing even the mines in Cherokee county—the anti-Howat stronghold. They hoped to accomplish this objective before the arrival of troops, already reported to be entraining at various points in the state.

It was reported that Cherokee county mines were to be deserted rather than attempt to stand against the women. In this city excitement was at fever heat, for word was received that a mob of several hundred men was forming at Sapulpa, north of here to capture Van A. Blumer, George L. Beck, and Thomas Harvey, United Mine Workers representatives in charge of the anti-Howat quarters here. Guards were immediately thrown around the Stillwell hotel, in which the headquarters are located. Ammunition and arms were unloaded at the headquarters.

Reports reaching here from the marching women stated they were proceeding victoriously. "Generals" stated they would not march tomorrow as they expected to close every mine before nightfall. Whether the mines would attempt to resume operations under protection of militiamen tomorrow was the chief subject for discussion. It was feared such an attempt would bring bloodshed.

### \$20,000,000 TO FEED RUSSIA UP TO HOUSE FOR ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An appropriation of \$20,000,000 for Russian relief was favorably reported to the house today by the foreign affairs committee. The appropriation is in accordance with the recommendations made by President Harding, in his message to congress, and by Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

# SHIPPERS TO FIGHT NEW FREIGHT RATES

## Overwhelming Vote In Favor of The Treaty

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 16.—Both houses of the British parliament ratified the treaty creating the Irish Free State by overwhelming majorities this afternoon.

## Moonshine Syndicate Is Operating In State

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Operations of gigantic moonshine syndicates in North Carolina was reported to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes today by R. A. Kohless, prohibition director for the state. The federal commissioner gave instructions that every possible step be taken to break up the syndicate.

"There are at least two such syndicates," Mr. Kohless said, "alleged to be operated by men who stand high in their communities in a business way and, while not personally engaged, they furnish supplies and money to little fellows who are doing the work." Mr. Kohless reported the capture and destruction of 40 stills in 60 days in North Carolina.

## HOUSE ADJOURNS OUT OF RESPECT FOR J. A. ELSTON

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house adjourned today until tomorrow out of respect for Representative John A. Elston, Calif., whose body was found last night in the Potomac river. Immediately after convening the house adopted resolutions of regret and authorized selection of a committee of 18 bodies to California. Funeral arrangements were being held in abeyance today, pending receipt of instructions from members of Mr. Elston's family.

His colleagues and friends were unable to ascribe any motive for Mr. Elston's decision to end his life, except that he had become depressed over the refusal of congress to authorize construction of a naval base at Alameda, located in his district.

## BULLETINS

### COMMONS ADOPTS THRONE SPEECH

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The House of Commons today adopted the reply to the speech from the throne on the Anglo-Irish treaty, rejecting the Unionist amendment to the address by a vote of 401 to 58.

The adoption of the address means the acceptance of the treaty by the House of Commons.

### WOULD ABOLISH ALL SUBMARINES

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, gave notice today that the British would propose to the arms conference the total abolition of submarines.

### FRENCH VESSELS ARE SUNK

(By Associated Press)  
MADRID, Dec. 16.—A Spanish gun-boat has captured two French sailing vessels, which were conveying consignments of munitions to the Moroccan insurgents, and sank another vessel engaged in the same mission, it was announced officially today.

## FINANCE ACT TO BE PASSED NEXT TUESDAY

Bill Has Come Back To The House For Its Second Reading This Afternoon

GOES TO THE SENATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Everett Bill, Clarifying Revenue Bill, Was Passed by Senate Today

(By Associated Press.)

RALPHIGH, Dec. 16.—Thirty members of the senate on roll-call, agreed to remain here over until Tuesday morning in order to pass the municipal finance act after the senate had complied with the request of the house for return of the act and the bill relating the school tax levies for the past year. The municipal finance act had passed second reading and this was reconsidered and the bill sent back.

Senator Varsor explained that the bill will go on second reading in the house Friday, third reading Saturday and then return to the senate for first reading on Saturday, second reading Monday and third reading early Tuesday morning.

Stebbs did not think this legal. For it would put the bill on third reading in the house Saturday and first reading in the senate on the same day. But Varsor said numerous supreme court opinions held this was all right.

By a strictly partisan vote, the house passed the Townsend bill, restoring the town limits of Roseboro to the original line before the limits were changed during the closing days of last session, when a large amount of property, belonging to the town, was taken out of the town limits. When the bill came up, Byrd moved that the bill be tabled, but the democrats were watching for it and insisted that the motion to table it to be withdrawn. This was done and all democrats voted for the bill and all republicans voted against it. The Everett bill, clarifying the revenue bill regarding the right of railroads to appeal to the state courts, increasing the pay of Adjutant General Metts from \$3000 to \$4500, placing that office on a parity with other state offices.

## FARMERS ARE SIGNING UP IN NEW CAMPAIGN

Much Interest Being Displayed In All Sections of the State In Marketing

Farmers in all sections of North Carolina are displaying a greater interest than ever before in the co-operative marketing plan and hundreds are signing up daily in all parts of the state.

The farmers of Craven county are no exception to the rule and it is believed that with the resumption of the campaign in this section for few members. Craven county will establish a record for membership which will not be surpassed by any other county.

Through information contained in the press, as well as that received from other sources, the farmers have become fully acquainted with the benefits of co-operative marketing as applying to their crops.

County Agent Lawton stated this morning that he believed the farmers in this section would co-operate fully and that many new members to the co-operative association would be obtained.

PREACH AT COURT HOUSE  
Elder Isaac Jones, primitive Baptist minister, will preach at the court house tonight. It was announced yesterday. The public is invited to be present.

## RAILROADS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH HIGHER RATES IN THIRTY DAYS

Proposed Increase Would Deliver Disastrous Blow Against Interests of Towns In Eastern North Carolina

WILL TRY TO RESTRAIN THE ORDER

Meeting Held Here Today for Purpose of Devising Ways and Means for Retaining Rates Now In Effect

Shippers of New Bern, Washington and other coast towns were present today at an important meeting held in the rooms of the chamber of commerce for the purpose of combating the newly authorized railroad rates, filed today and which will become effective within thirty days. These rates, it was pointed out would be the means of forever barring new industries from this section of the state, would greatly increase the burden of expense upon local enterprises and would actually cost each individual in the coast towns an average of eleven dollars a year.

Every effort will be made by the shippers to have a restraining order issued against the railroads, preventing them from putting the new rates into effect.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock, thirty men being in attendance. Among the out-of-town visitors were M. R. Beaman, secretary of the North Carolina Traffic Association and R. D. Christman, of the Equitable Freight Adjustment Bureau, Wilmington, N. C.

The meeting authorized Mr. Beaman to instruct J. F. Fishback, attorney of the state traffic association, to ask for a suspension of the new rates. A special fund, of which H. L. Barlow is to be treasurer, will be raised to fight the case of the shippers. H. W. Armstrong was chairman of the meeting.

Big Increase In Rates  
Some interesting lights on the situation were brought out by Mr. Beaman. He stated that if the proposed rates went into effect, it would mean an increase of 26 cents per hundred pounds on first-class freight between New York and New Bern. Other class rates would be in proportion.

Present rates on shipments from the west also would be raised, the increase being from \$1.22, the present rate, to \$1.85. The increased rate on a barrel of flour alone, Mr. Beaman said, would be 68 cents.

"I have done considerable figuring on this matter," said the traffic association secretary, "and I estimate that if the new rate becomes effective, it will cost every person over 16 years of age in the coast towns eleven dollars per year. You gentlemen know well enough that business houses have to make legitimate profits out of the merchandise they sell. Therefore, if freight rates are increased, it will mean that the increase is passed on to the public and that the public will have to dig down into their pockets to pay."

Stilled Competition  
The railroads claim that they have no waterway competition, in making that assertion they are in error. More than that, I believe we can prove that it was due entirely to the railroads that the four steamboat lines that served this section years ago were put out of business. When the railroads came here they put their freight rates so low that those lines had to go quit operations.

Aside from waterway competition, however, the coast towns, in justice to themselves, deserve a lower freight rate than the inland towns. The merchants of Goldsboro, Raleigh, Charlotte and other inland towns ship in every direction. The merchants of New Bern, Washington, Wilmington and other coast towns can ship in only one direction—and that is to the westward. They are on the coast so, naturally, they cannot ship to the east.

If the railroads succeed in their determination to raise our rates, it

will forever keep new industries from coming to this part of the state. A man would be a fool to build a factory in a coast town unless he was allowed a preferential rate. For the welfare of our coast towns we must fight this thing to a finish.

"I was talking to a New England traffic manager a short time ago and he said the entire New England section was benefited by the business done through the port of Boston. In the same way, all of North Carolina can be benefited through the business done through its ports. If you block up these ports, through the establishment of higher freight rates, the entire state will feel the effects of such action."

Letters were read at the meeting from shippers in Greenville, Kinston and other towns stating that they were willing to lend their assistance in maintaining the preferential rate. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and the shippers pledged themselves to co-operate to the fullest extent in the matter.

### HERMES REPORTED SLATED FOR GERMAN ENVOY TO U. S.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Berlin today quotes the Zeitung "Am Mittag" as saying it understands the naming of Dr. Andreas Hermes, the Minister of Food, as German ambassador at Washington has been decided upon. The American government, it asserts, has already agreed to accept him as Germany's representative.

## NO ACTION IN FOOTBALL CASE

Committee Visited Fayetteville This Week But Has Made No Decision

Word received by the Sun-Journal this afternoon from the Zeitung "Am Mittag" states that the committee which visited New Bern last week, had also visited Fayetteville this week and had taken up the matter with some of the leading citizens of that town, hearing evidence relative to certain charges of irregularity which had been made.

Since returning to Chapel Hill from Fayetteville, however, the committee has not made public its findings.