

SUBMARINE TO BE NEXT BIG QUESTION BEFORE CONFERENCE

Delegates Feel They See Solution to All Other Major Subjects Already Presented to Them.

THE SUBMARINE IS TAKEN SERIOUSLY

And Whether or Not It Will Be Accepted as Impediment of Warfare Is the Biggest Question.

Washington, Dec. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—Submarines promise to present the major question with its next big issue.

On all the other major subjects before the conference, the delegates profess to see prospect of an early solution. But the question whether submarines are to be included in quantity in the fleets of the future is developing widely divergent opinions.

Problems of naval ratios, fortifications in the Pacific and the naval holiday, while still open questions, were regarded as more or less bound together and their settlement simultaneously in the near future is said to have been facilitated by the new agreement of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France for preserving peace in the Pacific.

Far East negotiations also are described as proceeding satisfactorily with settlement developing in some quarters to make the final accomplishment of the conference in that direction the basis of a formal peace settlement, rather than a "gentleman's agreement" or declaration of policy.

The submarine problem, however, involving among other things the question whether undersea craft are to be considered legitimate instruments of warfare is said by delegates to be entirely separate from all of these.

The British believe the French and Italians and probably the Japanese are preparing to stand together in favor of a large use of the submarines. They do not know exactly how the United States will make a strong effort to bring officially nothing to knite them beyond the original proposal.

CONTROVERSY OVER YAP ISLAND SETTLED

The Terms of the Agreement Between the United States and Japan Are To Be Announced Today.

HUGHES SO TELLS THE CONFERENCE

The Agreement Is in Form of a Treaty Which Includes All Islands Over Which Japan Has Mandate.

Washington, Dec. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—The controversy between Japan and the United States over the island of Yap has been settled and the terms of the settlement will be announced during the afternoon.

The agreement is in the form of a treaty which includes all the islands over which Japan has a mandate, in addition to Yap. The part has been approved by the government's head, but announcement as to whether it was actually signed has been withheld.

Although the terms of the treaty were held for an official announcement in the daily communique of the Far Eastern committee, it was understood the convention given the United States certain definite rights as to the island of Yap, including cable rights.

KILLED WHILE LOADING A WAGON WITH LOGS

Claude A. Misenheimer Dies in Few Minutes After An Accidental Near Mount Gilead.

Mount Gilead, Dec. 10.—One of the most unusual and saddest accidents in this section occurred Wednesday afternoon when Claude A. Misenheimer was killed while loading a log wagon.

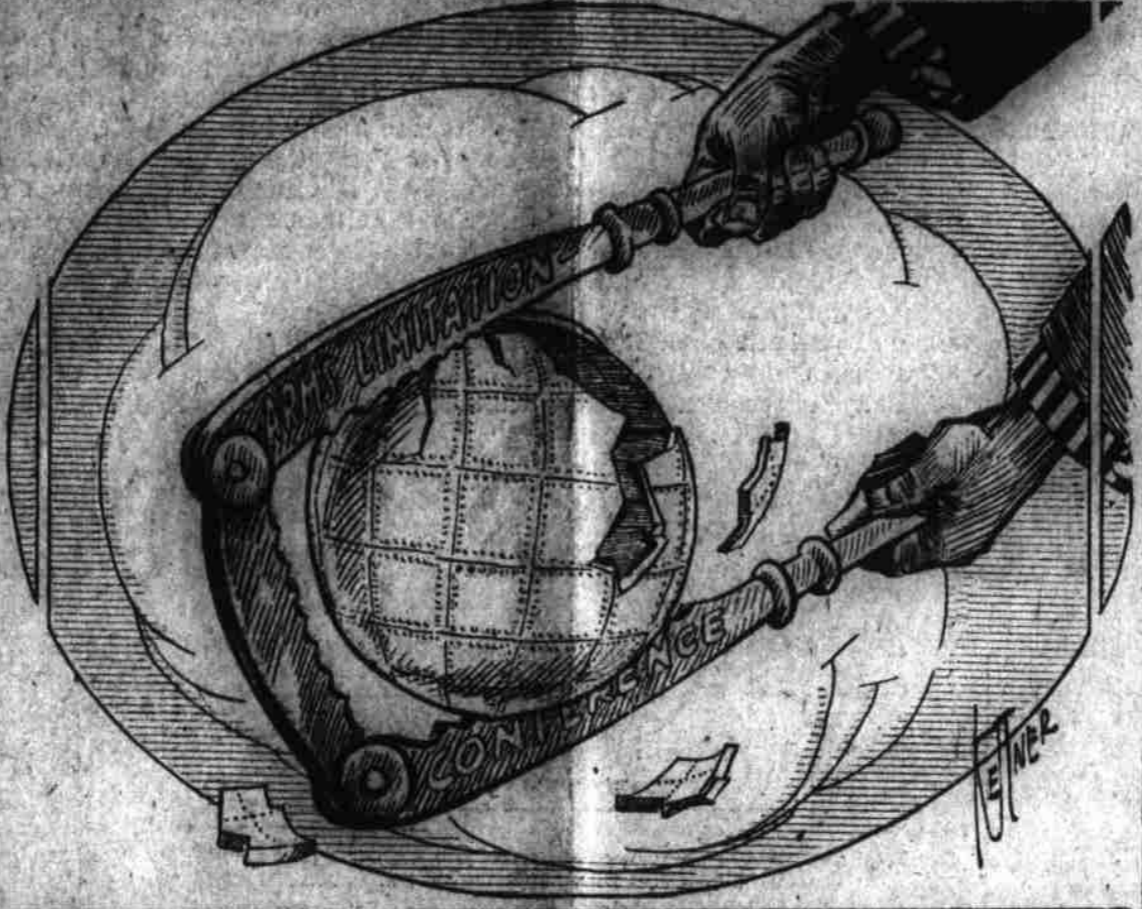
The funeral was conducted yesterday at the Presbyterian church by the pastor, J. W. Steek, assisted by Rev. A. J. Groves. Mr. Misenheimer was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and three children, besides his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

New York Cotton Review.

New York, Dec. 11.—The cotton market was higher the past week. Earlier week advances were not fully maintained, owing to reports of a continued poor trade demand and falling or scattered liquidation.

On the question of Pacific fortifications the opinions of most of the national groups are more or less obscure, but the British say they expect fortifications to be made the subject of still another treaty between the United States, Japan and the Netherlands.

Hard Shell to Crack



CONCORD DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE WAS LARGE

Lewis Smart Is Chosen Vice-President of the Conference

The Concord delegation of 28 returned last night from the third annual Older Boys State Conference, all happy and pleased with the conference.

CAPTAIN MISSING AFTER HIS THREE AGAINST KU KLUX

Had Warned Friends to Notify Police If He Disappeared

New York, Dec. 10.—Capt G. A. Rau, who went to a Ku Klux Klan meeting in Brooklyn Thursday night with the avowed purpose of denouncing the Klan, has not been heard of since.

North Carolina Leads All States in High Birth Rates For Year 1920

Washington, Dec. 11.—There is no race suicide in North Carolina. It leads all the States in its birth rates for 1920, its rate being 31.8 per 1,000 population.

Arrest in Connection With Big Mail Robbery

Jarvis, Ore., N. J., Dec. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—The first arrest in connection with the \$2,000,000 mail robbery on Lower Broadway in New York several weeks ago became known today when Frank Calabrese was ordered arraigned before Federal Commissioner Queen.

DEATH OF DR. CHAS. L. BROWN

Was a Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran Church—Was Iowan County Man.

Dr. Charles L. Brown, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, died in Africa on December 5th.

TOM O'CONNOR, NOTORIOUS GUNMAN, MAKES ESCAPE

Chicago Bandit, Under Sentence to Be Hanged Next Thursday for Murder, Breaks from Jail.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Tommy O'Connor, two-gun man, sentenced to be hanged next Thursday for murder, and two other notorious criminals, today escaped from the county jail, fighting their way past half a dozen guards, most of whom were beaten into unconsciousness by the desperadoes in their dash for liberty.

WAKE FOREST HAZING EPISODE IN COURT

Expelled Sophomores Plead Guilty of Hazing R. R. Patterson, a Freshman.

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—The recent wake forest hazing episode which resulted in the shooting of a sophomore by a freshman because the latter resisted the action of hazers, reached court Monday when J. L. Sanders and O. B. Sikas, expelled former sophomores, pleaded guilty to a charge of hazing R. R. Patterson, a freshman. Patterson pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50 and the costs, while the others were given a suspended sentence for two years upon the payment of the costs.

CHAIK CONFERS WITH THE MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY

Discusses with Uster Members the Conversations He Had With Premier Lloyd George.

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Bandits Play Hayve at Panama. III

Greenville, Ill., Dec. 12.—Four bandits entered Panama, near here today, robbed the Bank of Panama of between \$25,000 and \$30,000, held up seven men in a pool room next to the bank, wounded an automobilist whom the bandits apparently assumed was pursuing them, and escaped.

Regiments Government Purchase of Cape Cod Canal

Washington, Dec. 12.—Purchase of Cape Cod Canal by the Federal government was recommended today by Secretaries Weeks, Denby and Hoover, who informed Congress that \$11,500,000 would be a "reasonable price for the property."

WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO EIGHT CHILDREN

None of Them Survived—The Mother Is Well, Thank You. Mexico City, Dec. 12.—From Tampico comes a report published by El Universal, that Segora Enriqueta Rubio, at that place, gave birth yesterday to eight children, but none of them survived. The mother is well. The Mexico City medical association is showing the much interest in the report and will institute an investigation as to its authenticity.

Bomber Explodes in Mine

Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 12.—The explosion of a bomber at the Victory Mine near Concord this morning gave rise to a report that the mine had been abandoned.

COTTON CROP 8,340,000 BALES

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—The cotton crop this year will amount to 8,340,000 bales, which is 3,580,403,000 pounds, which is 500 pounds per acre, the Department of agriculture announced today in its final estimate.

MOB OF WOMEN PREVENT MINERS FROM WORKING

Stopped Motor Cars and Stripped Off the Side Curtains. Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 12.—A mob of women estimated at 2,000, the wives and relatives of striking Kansas coal miners, adherents of Alexander Howland, stormed mine No. 17 of the Jackson Walker Co. shortly after 5 o'clock this morning and prevented the miners employed at the mine from returning to work.

THE COTTON MARKET

First Prices Firm at an Advance of 14 to 45 Points, With January Touching 19.12. New York, Dec. 12.—There was a further advance in the cotton market today on covering for over the government crop estimate and fresh buying promoted by futures in Liverpool.

BRITISH DELEGATES PLAN TO SAIL ON DECEMBER 31

Believe Main Issues of Washington Conference Will Have Been Disposed of by That Time.

Washington, Dec. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—All of the British delegates to the armament conference except Sir Auckland Geddes, Britain's ambassador here, have arranged to sail for home December 31 on the ship Olympic, feeling that the main issues of the conference will have been disposed of by that time.

Germany Falls to Meet Payment Due

Paris, Dec. 10.—Germany has failed to pay 100,000,000 gold marks, due during the first two weeks of December under the schedule of payments calling for 26 per cent of her exports and certain portions of her customs duties, it was learned today.

At the Theatres

"The Old Nest," said to be one of the greatest pictures ever made, is being shown at the Star today. This big feature will be shown for three days. All-star cast plays in the picture.

Death of Mrs. P. P. Sells

Mrs. P. P. Sells died Sunday night at her home near Stanfield aged about 90 years. She had been ill for some time. She was a member of Love's Grove Methodist Protestant Church, and the funeral was held there yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Colored World's Democratic Congress

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Second Colored World Democratic Congress, a sequel to the meeting which in December, 1918, elected delegates to present the cause of the negro race to the Versailles peace conference, began a week's session here. Wm. M. Trotter, of Boston, presided at the opening session.

LEGISLATURE TODAY

Night Sessions of Both the Houses Will Be Held Tonight, in Effort to Clear up all the Bills.

WANT TO ADJOURN BY END OF WEEK

Senate Will Get Municipal Finance Act and School Deficit Bill For First Reading at Night Session.

(By Max Abernethy.)

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Night sessions tonight in both the House and Senate will help clear up the work of the Legislature, which wants to adjourn by the end of the week.

A bill seeking to have election proceedings effective immediately upon the decision of the court, will be introduced this evening. This bill will make it impossible for cotton mill operative or tenant farmer to abandon his work and continue to live in the house of the owner after judgment papers have been served on him.

STRIKE HAS NOT INTERFERED WITH PACKING OPERATIONS

In Any Material Way, They Say—Refuse to Meet Union Accusers.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Packing hours officials of Chicago retailers today said the strike declared one week ago by the Organized Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen has not interfered materially in their operations and they also stood firm in their refusal to meet the arbitration overtures of the union.

MORSE MAKES STATEMENT

Says He Will Appear at Any Place and Before Any Tribunal the Government May Designate.

New York, Dec. 12. (By the Associated Press.)—Emphasizing that his hurried return to America was voluntary, Charles W. Morse, shipbuilder, whose contracts are under Federal investigation, and who was requested to come home immediately by Attorney General Dougherty, said in a statement today he would "unhesitatingly appear at any place, and before any tribunal the government may require."

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Death of Mrs. Holmes Law

New York, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Holmes Law, wife of General Edward Law, commander of the Second Corps, died today of a heart ailment at her home in New York City.