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LONDON PAPERS INSIST UPON NAVAL RESTRICTIONS

Want Conference on Desirability of Subject Between United States, Great Britain and Japan.

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 30.—Insistence upon the desirability of restricting naval armaments and the holding of a conference on the subject by the United States, Great Britain and Japan was renewed today by London newspapers.

The Times, saying the belief was widely prevalent in the United States that Great Britain was bound by treaty to support Japan in the case that country should enter a war with America, devoted more than half of a long editorial, seeking to convince Americans that this belief was "grotesquely false."

"If that does not explode all uneasiness about Anglo-Japanese attack," said the newspaper, "the suspicion must be beyond the powers of reasoning."

Reiterating its advocacy of an agreement between the three powers, The Morning Post contended such an agreement should not infringe upon the province of the league of nations, and among other things, urged it would be much more profitable to all concerned to agree as friends rather than compete as rivals.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL IS BEFORE HOUSE

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The sundry civil bill, the first of 15 big appropriation measures to finance the government during the next fiscal year, today was before the house for consideration.

While the bill was expected to receive the usual protracted consideration, it was not believed the total of the items carried would be materially changed when the measure finally passes the house.

PLANS FOR INAUGURATION HOLD RIGHT OF WAY

Senator Knox and Will H. Hays Have Prominent Parts in Inaugural Arrangements.

MARION, O., Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration held right of way today on President-elect Harding's schedule of conferences.

E. B. McLean, the Washington publisher, who is chairman of the inaugural committee; Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the congressional committee on inauguration, and Will H. Hays, who, as chairman of the republican national committee, will have an active part in inaugural arrangements, were among those called into consultation here on details of the ceremony.

Others on Mr. Harding's appointment list during the day included a committee of the National Grange, who asked for the interview to present their views on the agricultural situation.

WINNERS IN CLUB CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

Winners in the boys club contests in Gaston county were announced today by C. Lee Gowan, county agent, as follows: Luther Kiser, Bessemer City, winner in the calf club; Russell Stroup, Bessemer City, winner of the pig club prize and Kemp Kiser, of Bessemer City, winner of the corn club prize.

The successful contestants will be given as prizes trips to the N. C. State College summer course in agriculture and club work. Mr. Tom Sparrow gives the prize in the calf club contest, Mr. S. N. Boyce in the pig club and Mr. I. H. Gantt in the corn club.

Luther Kiser, the winner in the calf club, has taken \$91 in prizes on his calf at the Sunnyside fair and at the Gaston county fair. Russell Stroup won \$30 in prizes on his pig.

NEW BERN IRON WORKS MEN AGAIN ON STRIKE.

Profit-Sharing Plan Fails to Get Them More Wages and They Quit.

New Bern, Dec. 29.—For the second time in less than a month, once after their wages had been reduced 10 per cent and once after they had tried out and agreed upon an income sharing plan, employees of the foundry and shops of the New Bern Iron Works and Supply Company, one of the largest concerns of its type in the south, have ceased their labors, declaring that they cannot work for the wages that they received in both instances, first under the wage reduction and again under the income sharing plan.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

Sum of \$3,404.87 Was Raised During the Fourth Annual Roll Call Under Direction of Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, County Chairman—Result Considered Good in View of Financial Conditions.

Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, who is county chairman for the annual Red Cross membership drive, has submitted his final report on the work in the county as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes City of Gastonia (\$2,687.65), River Bend Township (93.25), Dallas (62.25), South Point (306.40), Cherryville (63.00), Bessemer City (21.00), For Junior Red Cross Work (171.32), Total (\$3,404.87).

In the city of Gastonia the sum raised was secured as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Women's Teams (\$1,231.10), Men's Teams (1,179.00), Gastonia Mill Villages (200.55), Colored People (27.00), Pledge Men's Team (50.00).

Total Gastonia Township... \$2,687.65 The distribution of the fund will give \$941.00 to the American Red Cross, and \$2,292.55 for the Gaston Chapter, A. R. C. All funds have been deposited with the Citizens National Bank, through Mr. G. G. Willis, cashier of the Fourth Roll Call, who can receive any further contributions or delayed remittances.

In a letter to Mr. W. D. Anderson director of the Gaston county chapter, American Red Cross, accompanying his final report, Rev. Mr. Johnson said:

"In presenting my report as chairman for Gaston county of the Fourth Roll Call, opportunity is afforded me to express appreciation to many workers in the city and throughout Gaston county, who have gathered these funds, for their earnest work and support of the plans of the Roll Call. Especially should the Red Cross value the work that has been done by Mr. D. M. Jones, as chairman of the finance committee of our Red Cross chapter, who directed the men's work in the Roll Call, and by Mrs. J. Lean Adams, chairman of the women's teams for Gaston, and by Miss Nell Pickens, who directed the work in the other townships of the county, and that nearby Gastonia.

With Miss Pickens' workers there came the hearty support and earnest endeavors of such faithful workers as Miss Melva Gullick, of Belmont, Miss Ida Rankin and Mrs. L. D. Henderson, of Mount Holly, Mrs. G. F. Hovis, of Lowell, Mrs. D. P. McLurd, of Cherryville, and others who should be mentioned. "There is no question as to the many friends the Red Cross has in Gaston county and the place the new work has made for itself in the hearts of our people. There is a readiness of good will and sympathy with the cause that at another time than this late fall would have meant larger financial results. As it is, I believe that with gifts during the year from our important industries the Gaston county chapter can be assured of its maintenance for the year 1921."

ASK INFORMATION ABOUT COAL SITUATION.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—General suggestions on legislation dealing with the coal mining industry were sought by the special senate committee investigating the bituminous coal situation today from Dr. Harry A. Garfield, former federal fuel administrator. The committee had arranged to hear Dr. Garfield in executive session.

COLORED WATER FOOLS PROHIBITION AGENT.

(By The Associated Press.) LEXINGTON, KY., Dec. 30.—Puzzled prohibition agents here are trying to solve the mystery of 40 cases of confiscated "liquor," which yesterday proved to be colored water. They say government seals on the flasks apparently have not been tampered with and that they show no other signs of having been refilled.

The "liquor" is part of a large shipment seized here last October en route from the Riply distillery at Frankfort to Shenandoah, Pa., removed from bond, agents claim, with forged permits. Investigation will be made at the Riply distillery, it was announced.

QUEBEC PLANTS CLOSE.

(By The Associated Press.) THREE RIVERS, Quebec, Dec. 29.—The plants of the Wabasso Cotton Company and the Tidewater Shipping Company closed today until January 10. The Canada Iron Foundry Company also shut down one of its departments indefinitely. Hundreds of workers are affected.

HOSTILITIES AT FIUME ENDED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Agreement For Capitulation of Fiume to Be Signed Tomorrow—D'Annunzio Reported Going to South America.

(By The Associated Press.) TRIEST, Dec. 29.—Hostilities at Fiume between Italian regular troops and D'Annunzio's legionaries ended tonight.

The agreement for the capitulation of Fiume will be signed tomorrow morning. Orders for a cessation of fighting at Fiume apparently followed a report to General Caviglia, commander of Italian regulars in Dalmatia, that the council of Fiume, to which Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio had turned over his powers as head of the "regency of Quarnero," had accepted the terms of the Italian government.

At a conference held at Abbazia yesterday, the council gave complete recognition of the treaty of Rapallo, against the application of which D'Annunzio and his men were fighting, and signed an agreement for the capitulation of the city.

The last news from D'Annunzio personally stated he had resolved to leave Fiume by airplane, and it is presumed he planned to take with him Signorita Luisa Baccara, who has been in Fiume for several months and to whom he has declared he will be married as soon as he is given a divorce from his present wife. Signorita Baccara refused to leave the poet-soldier when an attack on the city was imminent, declaring she would rather be killed than to quit the city.

Blew Up Bridge.

(By The Associated Press.) ROME, Dec. 28.—An officer of D'Annunzio's legionaries arrived here from Fiume today and gives an interesting account of events there. An officer of the regulars a few days ago presented himself on the bridge connecting Fiume and Susak and asked what the legionaries would do if the regulars attempted to enter the city. The officer of the legionaries answered: "Try and you will see." At 11 o'clock that night the bridges over the Enea river were blown up, the explosion wrecking many houses.

To South America.

(By The Associated Press.) The Evening News Rome correspondent says today that D'Annunzio has accepted the terms of General Caviglia commanding the regular Italian forces about Fiume. D'Annunzio's legionaries will be dissolved and granted amnesty, the correspondent declares, adding that it is expected D'Annunzio will go to South America.

Still Inexorable.

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to The London Times from Milan quotes Gabriele D'Annunzio in a manifesto as saying:

"I am still alive and inexorable. Although I prepared myself yesterday for sacrifice and already had comforted my soul, I feel today disposed to defend my life by all means.

"I offered it hundreds of times smiling in my war, but it is not worth while to throw it away in the service of a people who could not be distracted even for a moment from their Christmas greediness while we were assassinated by their government."

COL. RICHARDS IS NEW CHIEF MILITIA BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Colonel George C. Richards, of Oil City, Pa., was appointed today by President Wilson as chief of the militia bureau of the war department.

Colonel Richards, who is a Pennsylvania national guard officer, and attached to the infantry reserve officers corps, will assume his duties tomorrow, succeeding Major General Jesse M. Carter, who goes to a line command.

Colonel Richards will have the rank of major general and will be the first national guard officer to hold this position. Appointment of a guard officer who is a member of the reserve corps to this post is provided for in the army reorganization bill passed at the last session of congress.

As chief of the militia bureau, Colonel Richards, who has been serving with the general staff, will have supervision over the employment of the national guard as an integral part of the army of the United States as provided for in the army reorganization act. He will have a number of national guard officers on his staff and will become a member of the general staff of the army and chief adviser to the secretary of war on matters connected with the national guard.

AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYERS SCORE DOUBLE TRIUMPH IN AUSTRALIA

Tilden and Johnston Best Brooks and Patterson, the Australian Champions.

(By The Associated Press.) AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 30.—American tennis players today scored a double triumph over the greatest Australasian net stars and tonight held the position of favorites in the tournament for the Davis cup, the historic championship trophy of the tennis world.

William Tilden, 2nd, of Philadelphia, battered down Norman E. Brooks, captain of the Antipodean team, while William T. Johnston, of San Francisco, virtually smothered Gerald L. Patterson, the brilliant young star who won the English championship from his teammate, Brooks, in 1919.

The Americans need only one match to win the cup. The scores of the matches follow: Tilden defeated Brooks 10-8, 6-4, 1-6, and 6-4; Johnston defeated Patterson 6-3, 6-1, and 6-1.

Brooks and Patterson have a chance to partially redeem their position tomorrow in the doubles against Tilden and Johnston, and there are many who believe they are capable of gaining a trifle in the tournament, being rated as the greatest doubles players on the courts today. The final singles matches will be played on Saturday.

Tilden was plainly puzzled by the splendid volleying of Brooks today, and Brooks maintained a terrific pace all through the match. Tilden's brilliant returns did much toward turning the tide in favor of the Americans, although the heat and Brooks' age may have had something to do with the final result. Brooks' game was only slightly below that shown when he was in the heyday of his old time mastery. Tilden's play justified his position as world's champion.

The match was played in two and a quarter hours, including intervals of seven minutes between the sets. It was contested bitterly, but in the most sportsmanlike manner, Brooks deliberately driving the ball out of the court on one occasion in order to make up for an assumed error on the part of a line umpire.

LONE BANDIT ROBS ENTIRE TRAIN CREW

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 30.—A lone masked bandit swung onto the rear platform of a Frisco freight train as it left Fort Gibson last night and thrusting his revolver in the face of the conductor, robbed him of his watch and money and compelled him to turn his back. He then sent himself near the door, and robbed members of the train crew as they entered. When the train neared the Arkansas river bridge the bandit set the airbrakes and jumped off.

PREDICTS THAT FARM LABOR WILL COME DOWN MATERIALLY BY EARLY SPRING

Say Members of the National Grange—It Must Drop Otherwise the Farmer Cannot Afford to Produce the Big Crops Needed to Feed Our Immense Population.

David Lawrence, in Greensboro News. Washington, Dec. 29.—Six practical farmers, members of the executive committee of the National Grange, sat down to luncheon here and, reverting for the moment to the days of barter, they figured out the decline in the prices of farm products in terms of a dollar meal.

S. J. Lovell, president of the National Grange, said it cost him four bushels of apples to get the dollar to pay for his luncheon. During the war, it would have cost him only a peck of apples. W. H. Thompson, of Maine Grange, in effect had to pay a bushel and a half of potatoes instead of a peck, which was the equivalent of a dollar a year ago.

Leslie R. Smith, of Massachusetts, had to offer two bushels of onions as contrasted with the war equivalent of a peck of onions. Charles W. Holman, of Texas, could have gotten his luncheon for two pounds of cotton in war times, but now he had to contribute 11 pounds of cotton for the dollar. Prof. T. C. Atkinson, of West Virginia, said there had been little change in wheat, for his meal cost him half a bushel of wheat, slightly less than a year ago. S. M. Loomis, secretary of the National Grange, had to pay four pounds of cheese, whereas heretofore the same dollar meal would have been purchased for two and a half pounds of cheese.

The situation brought about by the decline in the prices of farm products brought the officers of the Grange to Washington for a general talk on agricultural policies, particularly as it will affect the Harding administration. Several of the officers are leaving for Marion this week to discuss agriculture with Mr. Harding. They have read the reports that Henry C. Wallace, of Iowa, has been selected for secretary of agriculture and would offer no comment. It is said that they have men of their own to propose to Mr. Harding who have had more experience as practical farmers than Mr. Wallace, but one of the group indicated that while Mr. Wallace may not have been a farmer as long as they

PHILADELPHIA MAN SAYS WORST IS OVER

Urges People to Start Buying to Set Wheels of Industry in Motion—Warns Public Not to Wait Too Long.

(By The Associated Press.) BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The belief that business readjustment and deflation "is more than half completed" and that "the worst is over" was expressed by Alva B. Johnson, president of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania chambers of commerce, in an address before the Boston chamber of commerce today.

"Is it not good business as well as good patriotism to start buying now, to set the wheels of industry once more into action, to relieve unemployment and to spread the improvement of conditions over a longer period? Let me warn you not to wait too long," he said.

Mr. Johnson asked the cooperation of business men in making the private operation of railroads under the transportation act a success.

OKLAHOMA MAN AND WIFE DIE TOGETHER IN HOTEL.

(By The Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 30.—Breaking into a locked room of a local hotel early this morning police discovered a man, believed to be W. F. Meadows, 30, of Tulsa, Okla., dead and a woman, thought to be his wife, dying, as the result of bullet wounds. A warm revolver was found between the two who were lying in bed in their night clothes.

Pistol reports aroused hotel guests who summoned the police. Entrance was effected through a window and the man discovered with two bullet wounds through the heart and the woman by his side shot through the center of the forehead. She was rushed to a local hospital, but is still unconscious.

Letters found in the room were addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Meadows, Tulsa, Okla. Bank books of a Skitook, Okla., and a Broken Valley, Okla., bank are made out to the same persons. A key ring found in the clothes of the man, however, bears the name "J. A. Sanderfer, 518 South Robinson street, Oklahoma City, Okla."

OLD MISSISSIPPI BOATMAN PASSES IN LOUISVILLE

(By The Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—John Neist, 81 years old, who was second engineer on the steamer Robert E. Lee when she won from the steamer Natchez in the famous race from New Orleans to St. Louis on the Mississippi river in 1870, died here last night.

Mr. Neist's work in repairing a broken water pipe and stopping a leak in the boilers during the race was said to have made victory possible for the Robert E. Lee. He was the last surviving participant in the race.

EDITOR GOLD, OF WILSON DAILY TIMES, GETS A THREATENING WARNING THROUGH THE MAIL.

Tells Him to "Stop Talking or Publishing Articles That Might Cause the People to Think Our Society Is For Disregarding the Law"—Fails to Find a Clue.

Wilson, Dec. 29.—John D. Gold, editor of the Wilson Daily Times, received a threat today through the mails. The warning was written on the leading local hotel stationery and signed "Beware," after which were two daggers and a cross. The warning was inscribed in capital letters.

"Mr. John D. Gold, Dear Sir: We take method of informing you of the fact that we must insist that you stop talking, or even publishing, articles that might lead the people to think that our society is for the purpose of disregarding the law, which, of course, it is not, and we further say, when you are writing of negroes, you shall not say 'Mr.' and 'Mrs.'; if so, you are subject to fall in the volcano instead of sitting on it.

"When you read this, you may tip the mayor the following: 'that we must favor the white prisoners more and not the negroes so much.' Now, let this be a warning to you, and others also. What matter we send you for publication, we advise that you publish it. Beware, or you will be placed at the mercy of the great invisible empire. You may publish this if you so desire, as you see this is not written in due form.

"BEWARE."

Thinking that perhaps he might get a line on the author of the "staidler," Mr. Gold interviewed J. P. Collier, who has been in the city several days working up interest in organizing a circle of the Ku Klux Klan in Wilson. Mr. Collier denied knowledge of the author of the threat, said that the purpose of the Klan was not for the purpose of stirring up racial strife, but for the uplift of the entire community, and that about 200 reputable citizens are behind the movement. Perhaps what brought forth the warning was a communication sent to The Times by Dr. C. S. Hargrave, a negro physician in this city, in which was embodied this warning, which was

printed in The Times of December 23, purporting to have been sent out to a number of Gentiles. How the doctor became in possession of the warning is not stated.

"Do you realize that you are sitting on a live volcano? You are requested to attend a meeting Monday night, December 29, 1920. Facts of vital importance to your community, state and nation will be put before you and you will be invited to become a charter member of the most powerful secret organization in America. You are invited to bring your friends whom you can vouch for morally, who are native born white gentiles, over 18 years of age, and who owe no allegiance to any foreign government, rules, creed or political party. Say nothing of the meeting to others. Be sure to come. Duty without fear of reproach." Signed, "COMMITTEE."

Commenting on the above, Editor Gold said: "We have received from time to time articles for publication from the headquarters of this organization, and have recently been led to believe by such publications that it was in no sense organized for lawlessness, of the right of supposed wrong, or for the purpose of regulating or punishing any one. For that reason we have recently been publishing some of their matter.

"This is the first time we have ever seen one of their secret circulars and if this is the kind of work they have in contemplation then The Times must withdraw its support. We have no idea what it meant by a volcano. If we are sitting on one, it is not the duty of any secret society to band itself to keep the lid on. We have no objection to the organization of any secret society, but when it comes to the regulation of the affairs of the community and the preservation of law and order, that is for the properly constituted officers of the law, duly elected by all the people."