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BIG FIVE NAVAL HEADS PUTTING FINAL TOUCHES TO LIMITATION TREATY

Agreement Reached on All Articles of Treaty Draft Except Details of Pacific Fortifications—Left Subject to Approval by Japanese Government.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Delegation heads of the five powers continued today their discussion of the naval limitation treaty to clear up remaining details of phraseology while the full naval committee of the conference was called to meet later in the day to go over the completed sections of the pact. Agreement was reached by the delegation heads yesterday on all articles of the treaty draft except for details of the Pacific fortifications agreement, upon which a tentative settlement was reached subject to approval by the Japanese Government. This was awaited today while they went to work on the several annexes attached to the treaty and also on final drafting of several of its articles.

The question arising under the fortifications article, which provides for settlement on a status quo basis, was understood to relate to certain small islands lying to the southward of the principal Japanese group and whether these are to be included in the area within which no further fortifications can be erected. The Japanese delegates were confident, however, that Tokyo would approve promptly the delimitation tentatively agreed to by them in the American draft of the articles.

Another question still awaiting final decision today was whether the submarine and poison gas resolutions, adopted by the five powers, would be included in the naval treaty or made the subject of a separate agreement. On this a growing inclination was understood to have been revealed at the meeting of the "big five" to adopt the latter course, on the ground that the resolutions covering those questions did not properly belong in the same instrument with the provisions for tonnage limitation.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai negotiations hold out new promise of an agreement in the decision of the Japanese and Chinese delegates to resume their separate conversations on the question today.

SECRETARY WALLACE IS OUTLINING PLANS FOR FEDERAL AID ROADS

Department of Agriculture Is Consulting With State Highway Officials in Disposing of Federal Money.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is considering a tentative draft of rules and regulations for administration of the Federal highway act, under which \$75,000,000 is made available for construction of Federal-aid roads, it was announced today. In formulating these fundamental rules, it was said, the Department is consulting the State highway officials, who will have much to do with carrying out the purposes of the act, as represented by the executive committee of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

Each State highway department, according to the announcement, has been requested to submit to the Department a tentative map showing routes proposed for primary and secondary systems of roads to be constructed under the act. In considering these recommendations, it was said, special attention will be given to social and economic questions involved. Meanwhile, pending definite decision upon details of the Federal highway system, each project submitted by the States is to be given close study by the bureau of public roads to determine whether the proposals will fit in with the general system as finally worked out.

NEW IRISH CABINET MUST PROCEED CAREFULLY

(By The Associated Press.)
DUBLIN, Jan. 11.—Arthur Griffith, new president of the Dail Eireann, and his Cabinet assumed today the pleasure to which they were elected yesterday. It was recognized that careful work was necessary, if pitfalls were to be avoided during the first months which must elapse before final ratification of the treaty creating the Irish free State was possible.

On February 14, the Dail will reconvene to ratify formally the document which it approved as the representative body of the Irish republic.

It was feared in some quarters that the republicans might use the interval in attempting to turn popular feeling to their side. Neither had the spectre of the possible establishment of a competing executive been wholly laid.

GERMANS STILL TOUCHY ON SUBJECT OF AMERICA

(By The Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Jan. 11.—Munich theater-goers are still touchy of the subject of America, it appears from an incident just reported here.

The Neue Berliner Zeitung tells how an audience in the Bavarian capital fairly raised the roof in objecting to the American background and American names being used in a new theatrical production. They hooted and hissed and stamped, and finally the performance was brought to a stop.

The authorities, when the manager was brought before them, forbade him producing the play until the scenes were placed in some other country than the United States. The versatile producer readily complied and laid his scenes in the Caucasus.

The name of one character was changed from "Smith" to "Smirski" and that of Gladys Chicago, Dollar Princess, to "Marsha Petrograd, Millionaire's Daughter."

The metamorphosed play was a success.

KIWANIS LADIES NIGHT A BRILLIANT AFFAIR

New Officers of Gastonia Kiwanis Club Inaugurate the Year's Activities With Most Enjoyable Event—Retiring Officers Presented With Loving Cups—Splendid Menu Interpersed With Music and Fun.

(By Mrs. Zoe K. Brockman.)
Ladies' Night as celebrated Tuesday evening by the Kiwanis Club was the brilliant affair which local disciples of the slogan, "We Build," know so well how to stage. The evening's entertainment was cleverly planned and faultlessly carried out from the decorative motif of red and green which brightened the assembly hall to the final number on the happily varied program.

The hosts for the evening were D. H. Williams' team of gallant Kiwanians who were defeated in a recent attendance contest by another redoubtable team under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Burwell. Good natured sparring between the two teams provided a ripple of merriment throughout the evening, causing the visitors to wonder whether the Kiwanians had somehow discovered a fountain of wit reserved for club members only.

Ivory baskets of red roses and cut fern were used here and there on the stage and behind a platform improvised for the entertainers was an ivory trolley (twined with ivy and starred with red roses). Rev. W. C. Barrett offered the invocation and in a particularly well-warded and appropriate speech past president R. Grady Rankin turned over the gavel of office to the incoming president, Mr. D. M. Jones. A delightful surprise awaited Mr. Rankin and the retiring secretary, Mr. George B. Mason, each of whom received from the club which they had served so efficiently since the Kiwanis quartette, assisted by Miss Marie Torrence and Mrs. Dameron H. Williams. The quartette includes Messrs. D. H. Williams, P. H. Thompson, K. M. Glass and Lacy Adams. Fancy dancing was also introduced into the program by that prince of entertainers, Mr. D. H. Williams, to whom much of the success of the evening is due.

A joint discussion between Dr. D. A. Garrison and Mr. K. M. Glass with "Did Burwell's Team Win or Williams' Team Lose" as the subject was amusing in the extreme and called for much applause from members of both teams.

Handsome gifts were drawn by the ladies present and the retiring officers and directors presented to the ladies of the First Baptist church who are the Kiwanis caterers a check for \$50 to be applied to the building fund for the new church. This was very graciously accepted on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society by Mrs. H. B. Moore.

The menu cards at each place announced the presentation of "A tragedy in four courses entitled 'Feed 'Em and Weep,'" but never was a tragedy so unillegally and delightfully received. The dinner was both elaborate and delicious and the menu as written out by Mr. Williams is given below:

- MENU
- "Feed 'em" (See below)
 - Man-hadn't-Cocktails
 - Turkey with Clothing
 - Rice, a la Boice
 - "Cautery" Yams
 - Drunk Oysters
 - Rolls (Royce)
 - Cranberry Salad, a la Junk Torrence
 - Pineapple Lee
 - (Blue Points) (Rabbit's Delight)
 - Sauvignans Chastized Biscuits
 - Scream
 - Pussouell Cake

Some of Jim Kendrick's Coffee
Cheese Straws, a la Skippy Spencer
Home Made Mints, a la Jimmy Sloan
Usually in last
"and Weep"

Army Officers Check Up On Testimony Of Service Men

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Army officers were called in today by the Senate committee investigating charges that American soldiers had been hanged in France, to check up on testimony of former service men as to the alleged illegal executions.

Dr. H. E. Ross, of Danville, Ill., a battalion surgeon, with the 16th Infantry, declared he heard of no lynchings at Combreux, and that he never heard of any hangings in that locality.

Robert Harrison, of Wilmington, N. C., had testified that he saw a Mexican lynched near Combreux and that the body was taken to a hospital with rope marks around the neck.

"If a man in the 16th infantry had been hanged as charged, would you have heard of it?" Chairman Brandegee asked.

"Unquestionably," replied the witness.

"Was a body with a rope stub around the neck ever sent to your hospital?"

"No sir."

Senator Watson presented to the committee an affidavit by J. A. McDonald, of Youngstown, O., setting forth that he was at the Bassens prison in France when Private Fitzgerald was shot and killed by a sergeant Cooper or Kaupka, of Neweastle, Pa. McDonald said he was ready to testify in support of recent testimony to that effect by Edward Duner, of San Francisco.

Details of the execution of a soldier at Givres, on June 20, 1919, was given by Colonel Charles J. Symonds, of Camp Sherman, Ohio, who was in command there at the time. The gallows, he said, was erected the night of May 19.

"The execution was secret and it was not known generally until the next day," he said.

"I saw no reason for making it public, because the crime was not committed at Givres," he added. "I directed that nobody should attend but a certain number of witnesses."

"Was there any other gallows at Givres?" Chairman Brandegee asked.

"Not while I was there, from February, 1918, to July, 1919."

Colonel Symonds was shown a picture of a gallows at Givres, as submitted by a former service man.

"It corresponds closely to the one at Givres. I believe it is the one I ordered erected there," he said.

Questioned regarding testimony that two negroes were lynched near Givres, Colonel Symonds said he could not conceive of anything of the kind happening under a report of it reaching him.

Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, sharply cross-examined Colonel Symonds concerning the "secrecy" surrounding the execution at Givres.

"Was the soldier hanged in a uniform?" Senator Watson asked.

"Yes. The body was taken down and buried in the regular way. The grave was in a separate part of the cemetery."

MESSANGER OF PEACE WAS ONE OF SEVERAL ENGAGED IN WHISKEY TRAFFICKING (By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The British schooner Messenger of Peace, held by Federal authorities at Wilmington, N. C., was described as one of several vessels engaged in the whiskey smuggling game on the South Atlantic coast.

General Prohibition Agent E. L. Bergstrom, of Jacksonville, Fla., in a report today to Commissioner Haynes.

FATTY ARBUCKLE ON TRIAL FOR THE SECOND TIME

Motion Picture Comedian Charged With Manslaughter in Connection With Death of Miss Virginia Rappe, Noted Film Beauty.

(By The Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, went on trial today for the second time on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, 24-year-old Los Angeles motion picture actress.

Arbuckle's first trial, which lasted three weeks, ended in a disagreement of the jury on December 4 after a deliberation of 44 hours. The vote, it was announced, was ten for acquittal and two for conviction.

Miss Rappe, who was a guest at an informal party given by Arbuckle in his suite at the Hotel St. Francis here Sept. 5, died in a hospital four days later. It was charged by the prosecution that Arbuckle was responsible for her death. A police court hearing followed and the comedian was held to the superior court on a charge of manslaughter.

An autopsy on Miss Rappe's body disclosed that her death resulted from a ruptured bladder which the state asserted was caused by external force applied by Arbuckle.

Two prosecution witnesses, Miss Zey Provost and Miss Alice Blake, show girls, testified that Miss Rappe was a lone woman during the party and when the bedroom door finally was opened they saw the actress lying on the bed writhing in pain.

Arbuckle took the stand at the trial and testified that he did not know that Miss Rappe had entered his room until he found her on the floor of the adjoining bathroom apparently in great pain. He said he tried to assist her in every way possible, carrying her to the bed and summoning other guests to aid her.

Mrs. Raminna Maude Delmont, a guest at the party, filed a murder charge against Arbuckle soon after Miss Rappe's death. At the police court hearing the charge was reduced to manslaughter. Police Judge Lazarus declaring that nothing was shown to connect Arbuckle with the charge of murder, which was brought under a California statute providing that a life taken in rape or attempted rape is murder. A grand jury is now charging Arbuckle with manslaughter. He was also returned and has not been disposed of.

Mrs. Delmont, the complaining witness, did not testify at either the preliminary hearing or the trial. During the trial she was arrested at Malaga, Cal., on a charge of liguamy but later was released on probation after she had entered a plea of guilty.

During Arbuckle's trial, Mrs. Irene Morgan, a Pasadena nurse and defense witness, was poisoned in mysterious manner, and another defense witness, Mrs. Minnie Neighbors, Los Angeles, was charged with perjury. Mrs. Morgan recovered.

A charge of violating the prohibition laws, in that he possessed and served liquor illegally during his party, was filed against Arbuckle and is still pending.

Gavin McNab, prominent San Francisco attorney, is chief counsel for Arbuckle. He was retained by motion picture interests to handle the case.

ARMY TRANSPORT SPRINGS LEAK 450 MILES OUT

Troop Ship With American Soldiers on Board in Distress.

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The army transport Crook, which is bringing American troops from Germany, sprang a leak about 450 miles from New York, but the damage has been temporarily repaired and she is in no immediate danger, according to wireless messages received today. The transport 857, which left this port today to render her assistance.

The Crook is bound from Antwerp for New York.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The army transport Crook, reported to be in distress 500 miles east of New York, is continuing to port under her own steam, the War Department was advised officially today. There was no danger to the ship or the troops on board, comprising contingents from the army of occupation in Germany, the dispatch said.

A radio from the Crook, transmitted to the War Department, said the vessel was proceeding "unaccompanied, but ships in close proximity. Making nine miles an hour. Danger passed unless very bad storms are encountered."

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., Jan. 11.—The Standard Oil Company of California has purchased a quarter interest in the Washington Vandeclip syndicate, which more than a year ago reported the acquisition of vast concessions in the Kamchatka peninsula in Siberia from the Russian soviet Government, according to a story the Los Angeles Times published today.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton Seed 45c
Strict to Good Middling 17 1/2c

SONNETS AND SYMPHONIES IN ANCIENT COOK BOOK

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Sonnets in marmalades, symphonies in fragile pastries, and poetry in homemade wines—offerings on the shrine of the epicures of a by-gone age—were offered for sale in a collection of ancient cook books here today. Most of the books were printed long before the American revolution, in days when a salad was worthy of profound consideration and all bore testimony that cooks, like poets, were born, and not made.

YOUNG LADY MEETS DEATH IN ACCIDENT

Miss Gregory Employe of Lora Mill, Dies From Wound That Pierced Her Right Groin—Body Taken to Andrews For Burial.

(By W. T. Host in Greensboro News.)
RALEIGH, Jan. 10.—Special hearings before the state corporation commission were authorized today, nearly all of them being appeals for the increase of rates in public service.

The Tidewater Power company of Wilmington will be here January 19 asking an increase in street car fares, and as Wilmington never fails to raise a row on public service business, a big crowd is expected. This hearing will be at 10 o'clock in the morning, as all of them are.

January 20 the Piedmont Power and Light company of Burlington versus the city of Burlington on the issue of increasing the rates on electric lighting will bring its case before the commission.

January 24 the Concord Telephone company will present its appeal for an increase in telephone rates, and January 25 the Randolph Telephone company of Asheville will give the final demonstration of the postulate that talk is not cheap.

The wholesale petitioning of public service corporations for an increase in rates, many of them coming from small businesses which cannot be called trusts, may be a little embarrassing. They seem to suggest that running this sort of business has not been profitable.

CHIEF RABBAN MYERS TO ENTERTAIN SHRINERS

Nobles of Mystic Shrine to Be Guests of A. G. Myers at Dinner at Country Club Friday Evening.

Gaston county shriners, some 250 strong, will be the guests of Noble A. G. Myers, chief rabban of Oasis Temple, A. A. N. M. S., at a banquet to be tendered by him at the Country Club Friday evening, Jan. 13, and as it is important effort to reach every shiner in the county. If there are any who have been overlooked the following letter is to be taken as an invitation:

Gastonia, N. C., January 9, 1921.
Dear Nobles:
I want you to be my guest at dinner at the Country Club at 7:30 o'clock, Friday, January 13th, and as it is important that I know the number that will attend, I am enclosing a card which you will please sign and return not later than Wednesday, designating whether or not you will be present.

This invitation is being sent to every Noble in the county belonging to Oasis Temple, as well as other Nobles who are living in the county now belonging to other Temples, and in the event that you should learn of any Noble who did not receive this invitation, you will please extend him the invitation for me and advise me his name immediately.

In the event that you cannot attend, please state so on the card and mail it back immediately.

From H. L. If my son should desire to be a lawyer, I would like for my desk and library to be kept for him. I appoint my wife my executrix and she shall not be required to give any bond or file any accounts.

"This July 4, 1902.
THOS. WALTER BICKETT,
Estate Small.

At that time Governor Bickett was under 34 years and he made no change in his will. If there was any change toward Mrs. Bickett it was an irrevocable desire to do her greater honor. My intimate friend of his ever heard him ascribe less than all that he was to her wonderful sense and power of self-control. In 25 years she had never uttered a false note nor missed one step.

The estate of Governor Bickett will be small. He was not penniless and he stood the governorship without actual loss—he lived on the salary. But when disaster overtook his sole brother in law, the governor went up there and saw that he had to save the business. And his widowed queen has desisted herself to carrying on. She will see it all through. That is the kind of partnership the Bicketts made. The brother stands by the brother and the wife by the husband. It is the finest chapter in the Bickett book.

WOMEN PLANNING FOR BASKETBALL GAMES

An important meeting of the Gastonia Woman's Athletic Association will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Armory. At this time plans will be made for some private match games of basketball with a view to later having some public exhibitions of the game. All members of the association are urgently requested to be present at this meeting so that these plans may be developed and definitely worked out with as little delay and trouble as possible.

ALLIED SUPREME COUNCIL AGREES ON FINAL TERMS OF GERMAN CASH PAYMENTS

Franco-English Pact Holds Interest of Supreme Council—Briand's Policy Meets With Opposition—He Returns to Paris.

(By The Associated Press.)
CANNES, Jan. 11.—The British memorandum of the proposed Anglo-French pact, which was telegraphed textually to London, declares Great Britain makes the security of France a problem of her own, and that she will be ready to throw in her forces as in 1914, if French soil is attacked.

HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON APPEALS TO RAISE PUBLIC SERVICE RATES

Bickett's Will Is Filed—It Was Written in 1902 and Leaves All His Property to His Widow.

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The first posthumous fragment of Thomas W. Bickett's thoughts was found yesterday in his will and published in Wake county court, and its publication will go far toward justifying the state in the lavish expenditure of affection which it showed a fortnight ago when he died.

It is doubtful if any North Carolina woman has ever been so devotedly memorialized as in this brief paper writing, written in his own hand, read with some difficulty. At the time of his writing in 1902, four years after the marriage, there were two children living. There were three born and two died. The will was found in Governor Bickett's papers by his old law partner, E. H. Malone. It reads:

"I, Thomas Walter Bickett, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament:

"Item I. To my wife, Fannie, I give and devise all my real and personal property of every kind and character whatsoever and my blessings for what she has done for me.

"Item II. To my children I leave the infinite riches of their mother's love, for though they are young now, and may not know it, I want to tell them in this my last will and testament that their mother is the very noblest and sweetest woman in this world, and if they will walk in her ways they will be happy. I want this clause of my will to be read to my children once a year.

"Item III. If my son should desire to be a lawyer, I would like for my desk and library to be kept for him. I appoint my wife my executrix and she shall not be required to give any bond or file any accounts.

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK CAL WITH BOMB

RELFAPST, Jan. 11.—A bomb was thrown at a train car bearing 75 persons to their work in the Cronulla road district today. The quick action of the driver, who put on full speed when he heard a revolver shot, resulted in the missile going wide of the mark. The explosion splintered the car.