

DRAFT OF THE NAVAL ARMAMENT LIMITATION TREATY WAS SUBMITTED TODAY

MANY AUTO PARTIES STRANDED IN SNOW IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rescue Parties Sent Out From Cities Carry Food and Clothing—Story Reads Like Blizzard Tale of the Northwest.

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 1.—More than a hundred persons stranded by California's recent record snow along the ridge route, much travelled highway from Los Angeles, north, had been rescued or accounted for, according to a special despatch from representatives of the Fresno Republican early today.

The newspaper men fought their way along a great part of the route, in an automobile and on foot. A rescue truck sent out by the automobile club of Southern California had provided 20 stranded automobile parties with food, they reported.

Automobile club officials express the belief that no lives were lost in the storm, at least along the roads.

As the groups of rescued motorists arrived at Lebec they brought tales of hardship that included stories of children being out all night in the gas kept alive by the warmth of the mother's body.

Through-out yesterday men, women and children came hobbling over the trail to Lebec from the cabin of forest ranger De Lapp, of the Teton district.

In all 62 persons were mentioned in the little Johnson cabin at Lebec.

Floyd Johnson and Alton Self, both 36, lost in a blizzard in the mountains 50 miles east of here were led to safety by holding to the tail of a dog, it was learned today.

A short time later a rescue party found two other boys, lost in the same blinding storm, lying in the snow exhausted.

Contracts Let For 25 Miles Of Hard Surface Road In County

Linwood Road to Mountain View Mill, South Gastonia Road From Ridge Mill to Bowling Green, New Hope Road From End of Hard Surface to South Carolina Line and Mt. Holly-Stanley Roads to Be Built This Spring.

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners held Tuesday, contracts were let for four road projects in the county totaling 25 miles at a cost of approximately \$225,000.

Project No. 4, the Linwood road, going out Linwood street from Gastonia to the Mountain View mill beyond Crowders Mountain was let to the Simmons Construction Company. The length of this road is 6.5 miles.

Project No. 4, the New Hope road from Hand's red schoolhouse to the South Carolina line, a distance of 7.5 miles, was let to the Carolina Contracting Company. This will give a hard surface road to the covered bridge below the McLean place near Riverside Farms.

Project No. 5, the Mt. Holly-Stanley road, 7 miles in length was let to the Carolina Contracting Company.

Project No. 6, the road from South Gastonia to the South Carolina line near Bowling Green, a distance of 3.9 miles, was let to the Simmons Construction Company.

It was announced by Mr. Struthers county highway engineer, that work on all these roads would begin by March 1.

WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION FUND - GASTON COUNTY. Previously acknowledged \$201.00. R. G. Rankin 100.00. H. R. Ray, McAdenville 100.00.

Total \$351.00. J. H. Spork, chairman of the fund for Gaston county, requests that persons who have remitted funds to the State chairman, Mrs. Joseph Daniels, notify The Gazette of the amount so it can be acknowledged through this paper.

Billy Sunday Had A Great Day In Little Town Of Due West

(Spartanburg Journal). "FINE DAY OF IT." "My impressions and observations for the day, young man? I've had a fine day of it, and have enjoyed my visit to Due West and to Anderson."

Mr. Robinson, president of the Women's College at Due West; Rev. Francis Young, president of the South. A. R. P. Theological Seminary; Rev. J. P. Presley, pastor of the Due West A. R. P. church; Prof. Edgar Long, of the chair of English in Erskine College; O. Y. Brownless, business man of Due West, and R. S. Galloway, president of the Due West railroad. This representative contingent of the classic city made all the visitors from Mr. Sunday on down the line, feel very comfortable on the way to Erskine College, where a short while after 10 o'clock Mr. Sunday preached to the student bodies at both the male and female colleges, and the citizens of Due West.

Presented by Maj. Hemphill. Maj. J. Calvin Hemphill had the honor of presenting Mr. Sunday to the Due West people, which he did in his usual charming manner. He first said he was glad to be at home again, where they sang Psalms and observe the Sabbath day. In presenting the honor visitor, he said: "He is a man sent from God and his name is William Ashley Sunday."

Breaks Sacred Precedent. Mr. Rodenheaver was then presented and played a solo on his trombone that pleased his hearers. When with the diplomacy that characterizes him, Mr. Rodenheaver took the preliminary steps precedent that has rigidly obtained at Erskine ever since she was founded as a college in 1837—the precedent of singing Psalms exclusively. He broke the news gently but firmly to the effect that on the way over some member of the party suggested that instead of singing Psalms he and Mrs. Asher should sing some of the tubercular songs and let the Due West folks judge of their excellence provided of course, that the audience cared to have a change from the Psalms. Great applause greeted this statement and that was near enough acquiescence for "Rody" to proceed.

He and Mrs. Asher then sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden." These offerings were roundly applauded.

CANNIBALISM IS BEING PRACTICED IN RUSSIA

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Graphic pictures of light heartedness amid tragedy—the cheering smile of America amid the starving hordes of Russia—are drawn by Beulah A. Hurley of New Hope, Pa., now a member of the Quaker relief unit, in a letter from the Volga district to the headquarters of the unit here.

After describing the utter desolation in her own immediate district, where the bodies of the dead are "piled up in trenches like so much cordwood, the piles visible a quarter of a mile away," Miss Hurley tells of having received a letter from another relief worker, Doris White, whose station is forty miles from a railroad.

Miss White "begged for more help," Miss Hurley said, but asked that they "send some one with no heart, for it was a cruel task." She reported that "cannibalism has begun in the outlying districts and an old woman and a child of nine have followed the cats and dogs that already have been consumed."

Miss Hurley reached the famine area of the Volga in the middle of December and is taking charge of the distribution of Quaker relief among 15,000,000 hunger-ridden people in the Basuluk district.

EARTH GETS OFF ITS CENTER FOR MOMENT

Shifts Its Axis For Few Seconds—Then in Pacific Million Tons of Rock Slipped Millimetre to Even Things Up.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The earth in its dizzying whirl through space got off center for a few moments today and shifted its "poles" or axis to fit the new center of rotation.

Then in order that it might not be traveling on a "flat wheel" so to speak, five million tons of solid rock, some 100 feet in diameter, slipped from the western coast of the United States, in the bed of the Pacific ocean, a "slip" a millimetre and a half to even things up.

This is the manner in which professors of geology and seismographic observers account for the violent earth vibrations which demoralized instruments in observatories throughout the country today. Thus far the exact location of the huge "slip" has not been determined, although observers from Washington, D. C., to Berkeley, California, agree that it probably was a few hundred miles off the mouth of the Columbia river.

The absence of a recorded disruption of the visible surface of the earth, or of the huge tidal waves which usually radiate from the scene of an earthquake, lead the observers to believe the "slip" occurred miles below the bed of the ocean. Its violence was attested by the quivering seismographs which in some instances were thrown from the recording tables, while a "strong machine" at Berkeley was set in motion for the first time in many years.

"No doubt the earth was readjusting itself," said Professor J. D. Lynch, seismographic observer at Fordham University here.

"About every so often the earth becomes upset, goes off center, changes its axis, and usually, about the same time there is a violent earthquake, a slipping of miles of strata, and we go merrily along again."

The Andes, along the Pacific coast in South America, and the chain of rocky deformations which join the two continents, disappearing into the sea off southern California, are continually lifting, falling and "slipping" according to the seismologist and the geologist.

Many of these disturbances take place in mid-ocean, the only visible evidence being the zig-zag lines trailed by a seismograph hundreds of miles distant. One of the most notable examples of such paroxysms occurred in December, 1920, and scientists still are endeavoring their brains to account for the "lost" earthquake.

Its source of origin never has been definitely established although it was of such proportions as to shatter instruments thousands of miles away, and to send a tidal wave circling the earth.

A few days later came news of an earthquake in Kansu province, China in which 2,000 persons perished. Scientists asserted there probably had been two distinct upheavals, probably on opposite sides of the globe.

FIVE GREAT POWERS DRAW UP AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENT

ROTARY LADIES' NIGHT PROMISES TO BE GRILLING EXPERIENCE FOR MEN

Ladies Are in Charge of Program, Menu and All Plans For Rotary Ladies' Night February 14—Not a Man Is Expected to Open His Mouth on That Occasion—Many Family Secrets Will Be Revealed, 'Tis Said.

Tuesday, February 14 is the date set for the annual Rotary ladies' night. It is Valentine Day and the affairs, entertainments and excursions of one Master Club with its law and arrow are expected to furnish the main background of the evening's entertainment.

This is one evening of the like of which has never been held in Gastonia or the county, so far as the memory of man reaches. It is a men's club but this evening it is held in charge of the ladies. And not a word as to the plans of the feminine for the evening's program will be divulged. By no means, fair or foul, can a single illuminating bit of information be gleaned from the women as to the nature, length, character, makeup, size, or scope of the program, or menu. The men have been asked to fear that this is one time they are going to be hoist on their own petard, whatever that is.

In a moment of far-reaching and far-reaching interest they handed the program over to their wives, never thinking but what they would have a hand, and maybe a vote in the framing thereof. Nay, not so, say the latter innocents.

"This is one time you are hooked," say they, and they nod knowingly and cunningly the one to the other as they say it. "Not a specimen of the genus homo dares open his mouth on the evening of February 14. He dares so on pain of suffering the inmost secrets and tragedies of his home life revealed.

Why, if Bill even so much as dares to look savvy at me that night I am going to go up and tell everybody there about it, and he'll be right in laying an extra pair of silk hose for me. I might also tell the crowd, and his preacher and fellow deacons and stewards will hear it, too, of what I found in his coat pocket one morning when I was reading his suit to the press club. Oh, these men have given us free rein for once, and we are going to take every advantage of it."

The women in charge aver that the men can do all the talking now they want, in their efforts to find out the nature of the program. For they declare, they will not wait to see a thing after the fireworks start on that night.

On being Valentine Day, the occasion offers unusual opportunities for a display of wit and humor. Heats will figure on the program and persons on the menu. The ebullient love affairs of many a man will be laid to the cold and cruel gaze of Gastonia that night.

Furthermore, Mrs. Blank who is now the wife of Mr. Blank is going to search the shelves out of Mr. Jones by recounting some of the exciting experiences of Jones back in the '90s when he came courting Mrs. Blank when she was the belle of the town, back in the days when Prof. Setauk and Bill had an upping high society. What Mrs. Blank will reveal to Mr. Jones that night will not be particularly pleasing to Mrs. Jones, and Jones will probably keep on hearing echoes the rest of the night.

The women declare that in vain attempts of bribery and cajolery their husbands have promised to buy them everything from cosmetics to cabriolets if they will only keep off certain intimate subjects and incidents. But you know the female of the species. She is aroused and hard to stop. She's headed for the barn, Bill. Look out.

MORE TEXTILE MILLS IN RHODE ISLAND TO BE CLOSED BY STRIKE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Plans for a possible general strike in all textile plants throughout Rhode Island were discussed at a meeting here today of the executive council of the United Textile Workers, Thomas F. McMahon, president of the organization announced tonight.

The council, Mr. McMahon added, authorized a meeting of the Rhode Island council on February 3 to determine just what plants will be affected by the strike, should it be ordered.

"Unless there is some change in the situation before then," he said, "the United Textile Workers are sure to strike. However, there will be no action against those mills or plants which have not reduced wages or increased hours."

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 31.—A general strike in all textile plants in a state where wage reductions have been made was indicated in the order of Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers, that all local unions prepare for a meeting of the Rhode Island textile council on Sunday. "To complete plans for the fight that is inevitable in Rhode Island."

HOSPITAL HAS FIRST CASE OF INJURY FROM SNOWBALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—What is said to be the first time in the history of San Francisco hospitals a man, A. L. McKinley, of Los Angeles, was treated yesterday for injuries resulting from being snow-balled. McKinley came to the Central Emergency hospital suffering from cuts on his hands and face which were received, he said, when a snowball crashed the windshield of his automobile.

A. J. Kirby To Erect MODERN STORE ROOM ON WEST MAIN AVE.

Contract Let to H. B. Pattillo & Co., For Building to Cost \$12,000—New Store Room at Mount Holly.

A. J. Kirby has let the contract to H. B. Pattillo & Co. for the construction of a business house on the North side of W. Main ave. adjoining the cotton warehouse of B. H. Parker & Co. It is to be 28 x 80 feet, two stories with furnace basement. The front will be of red pressed brick trimmed with terra cotta. It will cost about \$12,000. Work is to be commenced on this building at once. When completed it will be occupied by music house of A. J. Kirby & Co.

Pattillo & Co. also obtained yesterday a contract from Farrar Brothers, Mount Holly, for the erection of a one-story brick building, 20 x 75, to be occupied by a restaurant.

WANT BETTER SCHEDULES TO NORTHERN CITIES

Department of Traffic and Transportation Affairs Trying to Arrange Quicker Time to New York.

An improved schedule pleasing business men from this section of the country in New York not later than 8:30 o'clock in the morning, was discussed at a meeting of the Department of Traffic and Transportation Affairs of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, held at headquarters Tuesday afternoon. Director T. C. Andrews paid high tribute to the excellent work done by the committee in 1921 under the direction of G. R. Spenser and asked the full cooperation of the committee in making this an active year.

It is not hard to see what can be done in making some kind of a schedule change but it was brought out that there is a general sentiment in the Piedmont region of the country for a change in schedules. The present schedules place a heavy burden in New York too late to transit business men who remain over until the following day.

UNITED MINE WORKERS WITH RAILROADS IN FIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 1.—The United Mine Workers' convention is willing to "unsuccessfully" pad their interests with the railroad organizations and stand with them in resistance to the proposed attacks on their wage schedules. John L. Lewis, international president of the miners, declared in a statement today. The statement was made along with the announcement that invitations to participate in a meeting with the miners had been sent to officers of the 16 major organizations of railroad workers.

Mr. Lewis declared the railroad workers have been "compelled to accept inequitable wage reductions" and as a result of this "unwarranted wage cuts upon them."

It is likewise apparent that certain interests are seeking wage reductions in the coal mining industry. "We intend to resist," he said, "this frenzied hysteria. The miners are willing to join hands with the railroad workers, he added.

Pointing out that the 1919 convention of the miners directed that steps be taken toward the promotion of a closer understanding between the coal workers and the railroad men, the letter of invitation declared the "time is now opportune for the holding of a meeting of accredited representatives of each organization for the above mentioned purpose."

SPECIAL TREATIES TO LIMIT USE SUBMARINES AND POISONOUS GASES

Fifth Open Session of Arms Conference Meets Today for Presentation of Naval Limitation Treaty—Is Divided Into Three Chapters—List of Vessels U. S. May Keep.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—At 12:26 p. m. today Secretary Hughes presented to the arms conference the text of the treaty for limitation of naval armaments.

The entire line of today's plenary session of the conference—the fifth in its course—had been up to that moment consumed with the presentation and adoption of committee resolutions providing for the return of certain sovereignties to China and the announcement of the settlement of the Shantung dispute. The naval treaty was not read, but Secretary Hughes outlined its terms and declared that so far as capital ships are concerned "the integrity of the plan proposed on behalf of the American Government has been maintained."

The first part of today's plenary session of the arms conference—the fifth in its course—was devoted to the formal adoption of Far Eastern committee resolutions affecting China and the formal announcement and adoption of the Shantung agreement between China and Japan which was brought about through the intervention of President Harding.

The naval limitation treaty, up to noon, had not been reached, although it was erroneously reported in some parts of the country by various news associations that it had been presented.

Every seat in the conference hall was occupied and each speaker good. The audience included Cabinet officers, supreme Court justices, members of Congress and other officials. The committee resolution providing for withdrawal of foreign troops from China also was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Hughes then announced that the Chinese tariff resolution would be passed over for the present because of special considerations affecting it. It would come before the conference later, he said, embodied in a customs treaty. In such an event, many a door resolution and the two resolutions pledging anti-discriminatory railroad practices in China were adopted without debate.

The declaration of the powers asking China to reduce her military forces and the resolution for publicity of foreign commitments in China followed the same rapid pathway to adoption.

The conference then adopted the Chinese tariff resolution of December 7 with the accompanying declarations of principles by the powers and by China also adopted unanimously.

That ended the string of resolutions and Chairman Hughes announced amid applause that he had been informed that the Shantung controversy "has been settled."

Half the audience apparently was afflicted with colds for there was a continuous sniffing and coughing as Chairman Hughes proceeded with the reading of committee resolutions, all of which were adopted.

There were many upward glances, however, of the conference being among those who peered through the glass roof of Continental Hall for traces of snow, but there was none. The big program which had required months of steady work, went through quietly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The draft treaty for limitation of naval armament submitted today to the plenary session of the Washington conference contains only the following preamble in explanation of the purposes of the five contracting Governments in reaching the agreements set forth:

"Desiring to contribute to the maintenance of the general peace, and to reduce the burdens of competition in armaments; "Have resolved, with a view to accomplishing these purposes, to conclude a treaty to limit their respective naval armaments, and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries, "The treaty is divided into three chapters. Chapter one contains the general language of the agreements, covered in 20 separate articles. Chapter two contains the detailed, specific agreements on naval matters some of them in complicated tabular form, which amplify and complete the meaning of the general agreements of Chapter one. Chapter three is devoted to arms alliance provisions and contains four additional articles of the treaty. Chapter one is headed: "General provisions relating to the limitation of naval armaments." Article one thereunder is merely the agreement to limit naval armaments as provided in the treaty. Article two provides that the contracting powers may retain respectively capital ships specified in part one, chapter one of the treaty. (Continued on page 6.)

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Cotton futures closed strong. March 16.85; May 16.39; July 16.19; October 15.80; December 15.55; Spots 17.20, (50 points above yesterday's close).

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton Seed 45c Strict to Good Middling 16 1/2c

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, rain tonight and Thursday, warmer tonight, colder in extreme west portion Thursday.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

- Wednesday 2 p. m.—Industrial display committee. 4 p. m.—Department of Civic Affairs. 7:30 p. m.—Textile Superintendents. Thursday 3 p. m.—Department of Industrial Affairs. 4 p. m.—Board of Directors. 5 p. m.—Community Service Play Rehearsal. 7:30 p. m.—Pythian Band. Friday 4 p. m.—Girl Scouts. 7:30 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce Glee Club. 8:30 p. m.—Community Chorus.

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