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THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE EXPECTS AN EARLY SOLUTION OF ALL THE POINTS OF ISSUE

REAL BUSINESS

ACCOMPLISHED

The Prospect of Adjusting France's Claim Not Looked Upon as Difficult—Trend Towards Agreement in the Shantung Negotiations—

The Submarine Question.

Washington, Dec. 21—The formal negotiations of the arms conference were at a standstill today, but groups of delegates continued personal consultations, which appeared to strengthen the general confidence of an early solution of all the points remaining at issue.

With definite capital ship ratios agreed upon by all five of the principal powers, there was revealed a feeling that limitation of auxiliary craft was largely a minor question of detail in the settlement of which the individual desires of the various nations could be generally accepted.

The view was expressed that the real business of the conference had been accomplished in the limitation of first line ships, since it is that class of war vessels which constitutes the major element of naval aggression and which, at the same time, entails the great bulk of public expenditure.

France is to present her estimates for auxiliary vessels at tomorrow's meeting of the naval committee, and although she is expected to ask for a submarine and cruiser strength out of proportion to the capital ship ratio fixed for her, no one appears to regard the prospect of adjusting her claims as a difficult one. It is not understood to be regarded as essential by conference leaders, that the capital ship ratios be applied rigidly down the line through the various classes of smaller vessels.

Shantung Negotiations

In the Shantung negotiations, too, the day's informal conferences developed new indications of a trend toward agreement. The Japanese, who are waiting for further instructions from Tokyo regarding the terms of withdrawal from the Tsing Tao-Tsinan Fu railroad, expressed the opinion that the temporary halt in formal exchanges with the Chinese did not constitute a serious deadlock. Similar expressions came from other delegations, although the Chinese seemed inclined to fear that the discussions had encountered a serious obstacle.

In the interim between formal meetings of the various divisions of the conference, the delegates of all the powers continued an animated discussion among themselves regarding the question of interpreting the new four power Pacific treaty. The difference in view revealed yesterday between President Harding and members of the United States delegation relating to the application of the treaty to the principal islands of the Japanese Empire, furnished the chief topic of conversation among many of the foreign plenipotentiaries, who privately expressed themselves as unable to understand how such a situation had developed.

No further explanation was forthcoming from the White House or from members of the United States group in the conference, but it was declared in state department circles that there existed no question of the attitude of the United States government. The interpretation of the delegation, it was said, holding that the treaty does apply to the major Japanese islands, stood as the official United States view.

WOMAN LOCKED OUT RANG IN FIRE ALARM

Hubby Belonged to Fire Department So She Knew He Would Have a Key.

Providence, Dec. 22—The quickest way to get her husband when she needed him sorely was to call out the fire department, Mrs. Catherine Carley, 31 Tuxedo av. wife of Frederick B. Carley of Hose 8, decided today. Mrs. Carley went to a store to get something for dinner, and as the house would always be in sight did not lock the door or take her two children with her. But the children locked the mother out.

She turned the fire alarm box on. Carley, accompanied by a battalion chief, the crews of two water companies and a ladder company and a host of neighbors, arrived in quick time. Then papa Carley went up to the stairs and opened the door with his own key, found the little Carleys all right. Master Carley showed his father where he had hidden the key to the kitchen door.

What he and his little sister could not understand was why all the other firemen their father brought home with him were not going to stay for dinner.

NEWEST IN HUNGER STRIKES

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 22—Sheriff E. C. Cummings of Madison County has on his hands a prisoner who refuses to eat, talk or move.

When arrested by State Police a few days ago at Canastota for train riding, the man told his captors his name was Ellery Conservan and that his home was "somewhere in Vermont." Since that time he has not uttered a word.

Arraigned before Justice of Peace Brown he was given 20 days in jail as a vagrant. Since arriving there he has refused to move. When Jail Physician Ash desired to make an examination of him today, he was carried from his cell to the doctor's office and back again.

ATHLETES CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The Maritime Provinces Branch of the A. A. U. of Canada has issued the following bulletin:—

"The undermentioned athletes of Nova Scotia are suspended from this date on the evidence obtained from former Nova Scotia athletes:—'Duke' MacIsaac, Dalhousie University. Dave Thompson, Westville; Arthur Lilly, Dalhousie University; Steve MacEachern, University of Saskatchewan. Alex. Macdonald, Sydney; Jack I Mac Neil, Sydney; Peter Macdonald, Halifax; Lee Fluck, Halifax; J. A. (Gee) Ahearn, Halifax; Arthur Callaghan, Halifax; George Brooks, Stellarton; Austin Wilkie, Sydney; 'Brownie' Burden, Springhill."

Investigation is to take place at Halifax on the 29th.

At tomorrow's meeting of the full naval committee there also may be a presentation of Great Britain's plea for total abolition of the submarine. At first the British delegates had suggested that they lay their case before the public in a plenary session, but it was decided that the more practical course would be to start the discussion in executive session. The statement now being prepared on the subject by Lord Lee, however, probably will be made public after it has been

PROGRESSIVES MAY JOIN WITH THE LIBERALS; STRONG GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED

Much Speculation at Ottawa as to the Personnel of the New Ministry—An Appeal Made to the Patriotism of the Progressives—Premier Foster and A. B. Copp Interview Hon. Mr. King.

Ottawa, Dec. 21—Alliance of Liberals and Progressives under one government headed by the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is now a strong possibility. Every day brings further proof that the pressure of events and the desire of the Liberal chief to have a strong government thoroughly representative of all sections of Canada is bringing nearer the possibility of such an alliance. It is understood here that Andrew Haydon, secretary of the National Liberal executive, carried west to Hon. T. A. Crerar, not so much an offer of portfolio as an appeal to his patriotism and that of his followers to share in forming a government strong enough to shoulder the heavy responsibilities facing Canada.

WEST SHOULD BE REPRESENTED

Western Canadian sentiment especially, it was urged, as indicated by the Progressive sweep of the prairie provinces, should be represented in any government at Ottawa if the west were to be satisfied and cooperate cheerfully with the rest of Canada. Difficulties, however, will be encountered if the Progressives' desire promises in black and white concerning various items of their programme. There is nothing to prevent the Liberals taking as their own policy the Progressive demands for an attempt to secure a reciprocity pact with the United States, to continue national ownership of government railroads and to revise the tariff. The return of the western natural resources is a different matter, and the government would have to get consent from the other provinces first after consultation.

It may be nearly 1922 before the King cabinet is entirely formed. The existence of three groups, the largest of which has not a working majority, presents the premier-elect with a delicate task such as has seldom fallen to the lot of a Canadian prime minister.

The great province of Quebec gave the Meighen ministry no French-Canadian support. The present ministers spoke of it as "the isolation of Quebec." That so-called "isolation" has been happily ended by the late election, and it is now the task of the Liberals to take wise forethoughts to prevent another great section of the dominion, the prairie provinces, from becoming isolated in like manner.

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BIG CARGO OF BOOZE FOR THIRSTY ONES

St. John, Dec. 2—The steamer Pretorian, which docked at Sand Point last evening, came direct from Glasgow, and sailed from that port on December 10. She encountered wintry weather until Cape Race was reached, and from that time the weather improved and the remainder of the trip was favored with fine weather until the Bay of Fundy was entered, then sleet impeded the progress. Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the Pretorian was anchored off Partridge Island, but it was 30 before she was tied up at the dock at Sand Point, the sleet having held her up for the whole day.

Among the cargo is a consignment of 20,000 cases of liquor, of which 18,000 are for St. John. It was not known last night whether the liquor for St. John was to be distributed from here and sent to other places, or if it was a specially large consignment intended to withstand the long drought which it has been anticipated would commence for New Brunswick on January 18, when the prohibition of importation goes into effect.

Presentations to Teachers.

Miss Alexander of the staff of the Charlotte Street School was presented with an ivory sett by the pupils of her department yesterday on the occasion of the closing of the school for the term. Miss Hoben of the York street School was presented by her pupils with a Christmas gift. Miss Kinghorn and Miss Young of the Smyth street School also were similarly remembered.

laid before the committee and unless there is a committee decision favorable to the British view probably there will be a public session later for general discussion of the subject.

HON. MR. FARRIS HAS RESIGNED PORTFOLIO

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21—Indicating his course of action has been dictated by personal reasons, the Hon. J. W. DeB. Farris, attorney-general and minister of labor for the province of British Columbia, has resigned his dual portfolio in the Oliver cabinet. This information was conveyed to Premier Oliver this morning in a wire from Ottawa, where Mr. Farris has been active during the last few days in the exchequer court of Canada.

It is believed in official circles that the decision of Mr. Farris has been actuated largely by the development of important legal opportunities which offer him more professional and lucrative hope than his somewhat circumscribed position as the first law officer of the crown. Hon. Mr. Farris is a son of Hon. L. P. Farris of White's Cove, Queens County.

Holidays At Post Office.

Mondays, Dec. 26 and Jan 2, will be observed as public holidays by the post office as follows: The letter carriers will make one delivery in the forenoon. The money branches will be closed. The general delivery, registration and stamp windows will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. The street letter boxes and parcel receptacles will be collected by team as usual. Mails will be dispatched at the regular hours.

Car Was Burned.

One large Cadillac car owned by Dr. D. W. Ross was destroyed by fire near Marysville last night. Byron Ross, son of the owner and Gordon Garvie were in it when the accident occurred.

Charles Harrison of this city who has been attending Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, has returned home for Christmas vacation.

VOTE ON THE IRISH PEACE IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN TONIGHT; RATIFICATION IS LOOKED FOR

CANADIENS GAVE DEFEAT TO HAMILTON

Red Stuart of Amherst Played Well With St. Pats Who Beat Ottawa Senators.

Montreal, Dec. 21—Three thousand fans saw the Canadiens win their first home game of the National League hockey season here tonight by 3 to 1. The Hamilton Tigers were on the short end of the score and slightly on the short end of the play.

Both teams used a good many substitutes and kept up the pace fairly well, from the first whistle to the final bell. The game was clean and Referee Lou Marsh handed out few penalties.

Corbeau and Cleghorn, Canadiens' defence, scintillated in the first few minutes of the game and after they tied, the veteran Lalonde had his chance. Bell was the particular bright and shining light for all the substitutes, sharing with Couture, another Canadian spare, the honor of passing Lockhart. Lockhart played pretty stuff in the Hamilton goal, but not more so than Vezina for Canadiens.

Malone, ice manager for the Tigers was the star for his own team. Hamilton tried hard to even it up and the pace became whirlwind towards the end.

Ottawa, Dec. 21—The St. Patricks of Toronto, upset the dope here tonight. They defeated the Ottawa Senators in their own backyard at the Arena rink by a score of five to four after one of the fastest and most thrilling hockey games ever witnessed on local ice. The game, although close, also established a unique record for a local National Hockey league fixture in that not a penalty was issued in the entire sixty minute play. Whether it was on account of the new league ruling that a penalized player must serve his sentence on the bench, or whether it was that the two teams determined to play the puck rather than the man, no one can say. The fact remains, however, that the game was singularly free from roughness in any shape or form, and the players displayed a brand of sportsmanship which, if continued, will make hockey the greatest, fastest and most fascinating game played in Canada in present times.

"Red" Stuart, the "Bluenose," displayed sterling defense work. Captain Eddie Gerard, of the Senators, as the outstanding star. There appeared to be something lacking in the team play of the Ottawas—Something that could not be accounted for by the absence of Jack Darragh, their star right wing man of last year.

Lord Byng of Vimy faced the puck to open the local hockey season.

DALHOUSIE TO EXPAND

Halifax, Dec. 21—According to reports current here, a project is afoot to have Dalhousie University, of this city, absorb certain departments of King's College, the Anglican institution at Windsor, N. S.; Acadia University, Baptist, at Wolfville, N. S.; St. Francis Xavier, Roman Catholic, at Antigonish, N. S.; and Mount Allison, Methodist, at Sackville, N. B., the four latter universities retaining their identity for purposes of theological education only. This plan would make Dalhousie one of the largest universities in Canada in point of registration, and greatly enhance its prestige in the educational world.

It is said that Carnegie Foundation has offered certain financial inducements to bring about the amalgamation.

F. L. Boone of Aroostook is at the Queen.

GRIFFITHS MAKING A STRONG FIGHT

Sister of the Late Lord Mayor of Cork is Against Ratification of the Treaty—Much Friction Between the Opposing Sides—A Plebiscite May be Held.

Dublin, Dec. 21—The possibility of concluding the debate on the Irish agreement and reaching a decision by tomorrow night was indicated by Eamonn De Valera at the close of today's sessions of the Dail Eireann when he suggested that, if the discussions were not concluded tomorrow afternoon an evening session should be held "to finish it."

For the first time there was a disposition tonight on the part of certain members of the Dail Eireann supporting the treaty to predict definitely the treaty to predict definitely of the applause today and the incidental remarks of the speakers tended to support this prediction.

Arthur Griffith, criticizing Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, for speaking so long (her address occupied two hours and forty minutes) thought that fifteen minutes would be sufficient for each of the remaining speakers to express their views. One deputy expressed the opinion that no more speeches were required and in this he appeared to voice the impatience of many members to vote without fear of delay.

Near the close of her long speech, Miss MacSwiney not only said that she might never have another opportunity to address that assembly unless Ireland becomes a republic but marked out her future policy and that of the republican party of rebellion against free state. She has had opportunities of ascertaining the views of the members of the Dail Eireann, and these references were taken as pointing to her considered opinion as to the probable result in the Sinn Fein parliament.

There were several references today, as yesterday to a plebiscite whatever the Dail decision may be, in order to obtain a free expression from the electorate on the issue, and thus "clear the air."

Much friction between the opposing sides was in evidence. Interchanges in the morning session Mr. De Valera and Mr. Griffith were marked by acerbity, creating a tense atmosphere the speech of William Cosgrave in the afternoon however went far towards restoring mutual friendliness.

Cosgrave one of the most active and popular members of the Dail Eireann, who is in close touch with the municipal and country organizations throughout Ireland and is regarded as knowing well the trend of public sentiment, strongly advocated ratification of the treaty; he made it plain that a great majority of the Irish people favored acceptance. His speech was all the more effective for being popular and his sharpest thrusts were not resented even by the men at whom they directed. Charles Burgess, "minister of defence," for example laughed heartily at Cosgrave's description of him—"good at war but not good for anything else." He followed the line adopted by Michael Collins and welcomed the treaty, chiefly for its immediately helpful effects on Irish social and economic conditions.

DROUGHT DUE JANUARY 18

Ottawa, Dec. 21—A special issue of the Canada Gazette contains notice of an order-in-council, dated Dec. 17 directing that the prohibition order for New Brunswick shall go into effect on Jan. 18, 1922.