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Japan And United States Disagree Naval Parity, Warship Race May Result

**United States Serves
Notice She Will Not
Agree To Japanese Dem-
ands For Equality;
No United Front
Against Japan, How-
ever.**

(Special to the Daily Mail)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6—(B. U. P.)—The United States served notice upon Japan today that this country will not agree to her demands for naval parity.

If Japan persists in her determination to abrogate the Washington and London Naval Limitation Treaties, she may expect a free for all naval construction race, with the strong implication that the United States can and will out-strip her in building warships.

The pronouncement of American naval policy was laid down in London by Norman H. Davis, chief American delegate to the naval conversations being held in London. He spoke at a luncheon tendered by the association of American correspondents. It was the first such public announcement of American naval policy made since the three power conversations started.

Although Davis spoke informally and on his own responsibility there was little doubt that his remarks had the full approval of secretary of state Cordell Hull and presumably President Roosevelt.

The American naval position is based squarely upon the Washington and London naval treaties Davis said.

These treaties provide for "equality of security", not exact equality of armaments. No other basis for an agreement for naval limitation would be satisfactory to the United States, he indicated. The United States and Great Britain have emphasized throughout the naval conversations in London that they have avoided any hint of a united front against Japan.

Davis said the United States "favors a progressive reduction in naval armaments in accordance with the principles established in both the Washington and London treaties", which means on the basis of 5-5-3 ratios for the United States, Britain and Japan.

LATE FLASHES

BERLIN, Dec. 6—Reichsfuehrer Hitler appointed Josef Wagner, Nazi chief of Westphalia, today to succeed Helmuth Brueckner as Governor of Silesia.

LONDON, Dec. 6—A strike among Thames cold storage workers began today when 200 employees of Thomas Bothwick & Sons and the Blackfriars Cold Storage Company walked out. The movement, which does not have the sanction of the Labor Union, will spread, it was feared.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 6—Two hours after the body of 12-year-old Leona Georgia Love was found stuffed into a culvert along the route she took to school, Leroy Carson, a 24-year-old neighbor, was arrested today and Capt. Laurence A. Lyons quoted him as saying he had killed the child accidentally.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6—Capt. G. Allan Hancock, whose exploration cruiser the Valero Third has arrived at the Galapagos Archipelago, scene of the mysterious deaths of two men on Jonely Marchena Island, today wirelessly the Associated Press that he had definitely identified one of the bodies as Alfred Rudolph Lorenz.

GOOD LUCK!

V. M. Ainsworth, manager of the Maritime Electric Company in this city, and T. J. Coleman, general manager of the New England Gas & Electric Company, are to be congratulated on facilitating arrangements for the conference between the Maritime Electric Company and the city. If the conference will prove a satisfactory one, results will be obtained much sooner than would be the case if an appeal were made to the Supreme Court at Ottawa. The costs to the city will be much smaller. The expense to the citizens in taking the matter up with the Public Utilities and in the last appeal to the courts have already run into thousands of dollars and we are still where we started.

It may be recalled that along in 1924 or 1925, when R. L. Phillips was mayor of this city, an application was made to the Public Utilities Board for a reduction in rates. A hearing was arranged at which Mayor R. L. Phillips, City Solicitor R. B. Hanson, K.C., and City Engineer G. C. McDowell were present on behalf of the city, and Messrs. T. J. Coleman, the present general manager of the Electric Company, and the late F. W. Coleman, the local manager, were present. These gentlemen representing both sides of the question, sat around the table with the Public Utilities Board and thrashed the matter out. The result was that a judgment was given by the Public Utilities Board materially reducing the rates then prevailing. The cost to the city was a nominal one, including legal fees and expenses and the expenses to Saint John of the city solicitor and city engineer, was Seventy-five Dollars. Mayor Phillips, it is stated, paid all his own expenses. The coming conference will, of course, cost the city more money. If the results hoped for are achieved, however, the costs, if reasonable, will be a small part of the affair. Perhaps the results of the 1925 conference will be repeated.

Now that an early conference is to be held it is the duty of the citizens to sit back and await the results instead of "butting-in" to the affair. It is up to those whom the city has selected to conduct this work to put their best foot forward in the interests of the citizens' rights.

The Daily Mail believes that the Maritime Electric people will come here with the disposition to do the right thing as they see it. Whether they can see eye to eye with the city representatives remains to be seen.

The Daily Mail wishes the forthcoming conference the best of luck and every success! GO AHEAD, GENTLEMEN, AND HOLD THE CONFERENCE AT AS EARLY A DATE AS POSSIBLE!

BELIEVE MISSING PLANE WILL FLOAT FOR SOME TIME

**New Hope Is Born For
Ulm and Comrades in
Honolulu**

HONOLULU, Dec. 6—New hope of finding Captain C. T. P. Ulm and his companions afloat on the Pacific was born here and the gigantic search by air and sea shifted to the southwest of Honolulu.

A technical description of Ulm's plane, wirelessly here from San Francisco, convinced the searchers it could float on the ocean for considerable time.

Twenty naval planes, 14 army planes and 23 naval surface craft augmented by the Coast Guard were engaged in the great hunt for Ulm, George Littlejohn, co-pilot, and J. Leon Skilling, navigator, of the State of Australia.

"The search will continue so long as there is hope of finding the plane" said Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnal as the twenty-eighth hour elapsed since 9 A. M. (3 P. M. E. S. T.) Tuesday when Ulm messaged "on water now—SOS".

Scene Shifted

The sphere of the search shifted to the southwest of the Island of Oahu, on which is situated Honolulu, after a fruitless hunt to the northeast.

SIXTY EXECUTIONS TODAY IN MOSCOW IN KIROV AFFAIR

**This Follows As Repris-
als For Assassination
of Kirov**

LONDON, Dec. 6—Word comes from Moscow that nearly sixty citizens have been executed as a reprisal for the recent Sergei Kirov assassination. There has been threats of this for some days. Wild scenes accompanied the executions.

which took the planes, and ships as far as 400 miles from the islands.

Surface naval vessels backtracked the course Ulm took after the Star of Australia flew bravely from Oakland, California, into the late afternoon sky Monday and neared the islands on the first leg of a projected flight to Australia.

Lieutenant Paul Foley, naval flier scouting 300 miles southwest of Honolulu, reported sighting a "drifting object". He later reported that the object was not the plane.

GIVEN REMAND

Walter Clarke, Saint John, appeared before Magistrate Walter Limerick in the police court this morning on a charge of theft of clothing from the Sunbury-county relief project and was given a remand until tomorrow.

GERM OF WAR IN BALKAN STATES, DANGER TODAY

**Wholesale Expulsions of
Hungarians by Jugo-
slavia Brings the Two
Countries on Verge of
War—Situation is Very
Grave.**

Late this afternoon word comes from Vienna that the wholesale expulsions of the Hungarians by Jugoslavia brings these two countries upon verge of a break today. The situation is very grave and unless the coolest heads of Europe can get together, there is trouble liable to break out at any moment. The entire situation is being closely watched with intense interest throughout Europe today.

AUSTRIAN ENMITY TO GERMANY LESS

**Von Papen Improves
Relations Between Ber-
lin and Vienna**

Vienna, Dec. 6—Austrian hostility to Germany and her Minister Franz von Papen appeared diminished today as the latter returned to his post at the Embassy here after conferences with Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

Having invoked the Yuletide spirit by announcing Germany's policy called for cordial relations with Austria by Christmas, von Papen was believed to bear a number of proposals for better relations between Vienna and Berlin.

The Franco-German agreement recently reached on the question of the Saar plebiscite, it was believed, will make von Papen's task easier.

The nature of von Papen's proposals is unknown, but the Austrian people are apparently ready to heal the breach between the two countries caused by the Nazi revolt in July, during which Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss was assassinated.

It was expected Germany will suggest abolition of the present high visa charge, which virtually prevents Germans from crossing the Austrian frontier, and less restrictions of commerce between the countries.

The public attitude toward von Papen here is much improved. He was received coldly when first appointed to his delicate mission.

Mrs. Frances C. Gibbs Died Here Last Night

The death occurred last night at the Victoria Public Hospital of Mrs. Frances Cella Gibbs, wife of Douglas Gibbs, at the age of 47 years. Deceased was the daughter of the late Alma and Millard Brewer of Zealand and was very well known and highly regarded.

The late Mrs. Gibbs is survived by her husband, G. Douglas Gibbs, three stepsons, Hugh Gibbs, Harold Gibbs and William Gibbs; also three brothers, Stewart Brewer, Millard Brewer, Jr. and Rankine Brewer. The body is resting at the mortuary parlors of Shaw & Terry, Westmorland street. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Dies in Hospital

Campbellton, Dec. 5—The death of Mrs. Lwellyn Vye, 21, occurred at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital here last night. She was a daughter of the late Stanley Irvine and Mrs. Irvine, Campbellton, and had been in poor health for several months. She is survived by her husband.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. Services will be conducted by Rev. G. S. Mitchell, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

Dominion Stores Tell Their Side

COTTON BARTER PLAN MAY BE SUCCESSFUL

**U. S. Would Exchange
\$30,000,000 Worth For
German Products**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6—Completion of a \$30,000,000 cotton barter deal with Germany apparently neared yesterday when United States officials were informed that the Hitler government had approved the transaction.

Only clearance at the state and treasury departments remained, informed sources said, to consummate the transaction expected to furnish an outlet for 500,000 bales—and perhaps 800,000—of the country's principal export product.

Officials said the exchange had been approved by the export-import bank and the agricultural adjustment administration. The treasury is to give its ruling within the next few days and indications today were that it would be favorable.

In return for the cotton, this country is to accept German goods approximating the value of the staple. Nitrate is one German product mentioned but it was explained United States importers are to select the German products in the trade swap.

ADVANCE IS MADE IN CURE OF CANCER

**Serum Discovered by a
Medico Said to Kill
Germ Cells**

LONDON, Dec. 6—Discovery of a serum which kills cancer cells after they have been removed from the human body and does no injury to healthy human tissue so removed, was announced here yesterday by Dr. Thomas Lumsden, director of the London Cancer Research Laboratories.

Lumsden, one of the best known among conservative cancer scientists said that the serum cannot at present be used on human beings. He reported his discovery to the court of governors of London Hospital.

The scientists, emphasizing strongly that the serum "is only in the experimental stage and has not reached the point where it can be tried on human beings, nevertheless said a stage had been reached in which the serum will kill cancer cells removed from the human body without damage to normal cells similarly treated.

CONCLUDE TODAY

The meeting of the advisory board of the New Brunswick Women's Institutes which began here yesterday morning was continued this morning and will conclude this afternoon, Mrs. Harley Dunham the president was in the chair. This morning the Institute executive dealt with the Garment Making clubs of which there are eleven English and two French in the province. Money was voted for the membership in the Associated Country Women of the World and Mrs. Byron Keith of Lower Ridge was appointed as the representative of the New Brunswick body on that Association.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6—The University of Toronto may confer an honorary degree on Dr. A. R. Dafoe, Dionne quintuplets' physician.

Dr. H. J. Cody, president of the University, of which Dr. Dafoe is a graduate, said "various forms of recognition" for the physician had been suggested.

Mass Buying Commis- sion Hears Witnesses Originally Subpoenaed By Commission Testify For the Chain.

Ottawa, Dec. 6—Step by step today witnesses for Dominion Stores, Limited, denied evidence of short-weighting, over-charging and other unethical merchandising practices placed before the parliamentary mass buying commission at earlier sessions by former managers. Witnesses branded the evidence untrue and insisted that full weights were given.

The commission finished its sitting in the unusual position of seeing Donat Vezina of Quebec City, who had been subpoenaed originally as a commission witness, put in the box by Dominion Stores. It developed that Vezina came to Ottawa at the expense of the commission and told W. W. Parry assistant counsel, he was satisfied with conditions in Dominion Stores. He returned to Quebec and was then brought back by Dominion Stores.

Says No Offer Made

It was charged by Norman Sommerville, commission counsel, but stoutly denied by Vezina, he had been promised a promotion to a supervisor's job after he received the commission subpoena. Vezina admitted seeing Clarence Scurrah, Montreal general meat superintendent, but insisted he had not been promised a promotion, although he was told to spend the week-end in Montreal and have a holiday.

It also was charged by the commission counsel, but again denied by Vezina the witness told Parry he was expecting a promotion by Dominion Stores.

On the way up to Ottawa, Vezina admitted seeing Scurrah in Montreal. "When you were talking to him was there any talk about you becoming a supervisor," Sommerville asked.

"No."

"Did you not ask him?"
"No, I did not."
"Did he not suggest it?"
"He never made any suggestion."

"Where did the idea come from?"
"I never told Parry there was any idea of my becoming a superintendent."

"Not last night in my office in this building?"
"No, sir."

Denies All Knowledge

It was inferred by the commission counsel that Vezina's father, who lives in Montreal, wrote a letter to the Quebec Retail Merchant's Association and this led to his subpoena by the commission. Vezina denied all knowledge of the letter which Sommerville said contained derogatory references to chain stores including charge of short weight.

"Could you tell me," Sommerville asked, "why your father would suggest to this commission you could tell of wrong-doing in Dominion Stores in Montreal?"

"I could not."

It was Scurrah who brought him back to Ottawa from Quebec City Vezina said. When he arrived here yesterday he saw Scurrah but I could not remember details of the interview.

Dominion Stores witnesses dealt particularly with evidence given some days ago by John F. Smith, formerly a meat department manager in Toronto.

Scurrah emphasized to the commission that all meat managers in Dominion Stores' employ were instructed to cut up meat in accordance with the chart issued by the Dominion department of agriculture.

The ability of the managers to get their percentage was dependent on the capacity of the managers themselves.

Was it fair to expect them to secure
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