

Two Powers Fail to Join in Naval Reduction Plan

France and Italy Do Not Ratify Pacts but Harding Is Confident Meeting Was Success.

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Omaha Bee Local Wire.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Although more than a year has passed since the Washington arms conference began the work which resulted in the naval four-power pact and other important treaties, which started the world, France and Italy still have failed to ratify these important pacts. France is regarded as responsible for Italy's delay and President Harding and Secretary Hughes are still hopeful that all objections in France which are centered chiefly against the naval limitation treaty, will be overcome.

Harding Confident.
If they are not overcome, assurances are given from President Harding, himself, that the important accomplishments of the Washington conference operating as a safeguard to international peace will not have been in vain. The president is quoted by his advisers as having recently declared that, come what would, "the work of the Washington conference never would be undone." In some quarters, this is interpreted as meaning that Great Britain and Japan will stand ready to enter into a three-power naval agreement should France and Italy eventually determine to reject the naval treaty.

It has never been doubted by administration officials, however, that Premier Poincaré sincerely desired the ratification of the series of treaties concluded at the Washington conference, and it is believed the only reason why Italy has withheld her ratification of them is the French delay. There has been keen disappointment that France has been so tardy while America, Great Britain and Japan were relatively prompt in taking the steps necessary to make them effective.

Speculation of Causes.
There is speculation concerning the real causes of the French postponement of action, some diplomats affirming that France has wished to discover if any additional inducement might be forthcoming from the United States, especially as regards the reparations issue and war debt problem. In the mind of this government, the Washington treaties are dissociated from every other question and will not be associated in the future with any other, but must be created by every signatory upon their exclusive merits.

It is thought here that M. Clemenceau, during his stay in this country, will be able to learn America's true position on matters of most concern to France more correctly than the French government and parliament appear to understand them, and that he will be impressed seriously by this country's surprise and disappointment at the seeming neglect by France of the Washington treaties. It is felt here that if the French authorities appreciated at their full value the American questioning of France's attitude towards these pacts there would be little further delay by her in ratifying them.

Detroit Plans Subway.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 2.—Immediate consideration of plans for a subway to link Detroit with its suburbs was urged by Mayor James Couzens, in an address before the newly organized Highland Park Progressive association.

Such a development, the mayor said, might well become a part of the metropolitan plan which advocates of efficient government are urging for Detroit.

Detroit and vicinity will attain 2,000,000 population in the next few years, the mayor declared.

Refuge any definite plan is adopted the citizens should study carefully the operation of metropolitan or city-county government in a number of American municipalities, the mayor advised. He cited the borough plan of New York as one of the most successful in operation.

Aged Man Drives Aged Car.
Martin's Ferry, O., Dec. 2.—A. V. Johnson, 86-year-old veteran of the civil war, is the oldest resident of the Soldiers' home at Sawville, but has many young ideas. Johnson is said to own the oldest automobile in and near Los Angeles, it being of the vintage of 24 years ago. The old bus is the civil war veteran's pet and joy, and when he is not driving it he is repairing it.

"If the car runs as long as I expect to live I'll be driving it when I'm 100," Johnson says. "I want to issue a warning to some of those young fellows that when they hear me coming down Wilshire boulevard 16 years from now they'd better 'step on it' or I'll run over them!"

Reform Club Gets Kisses.
Montreal, Dec. 2.—Cecile Soré, famous French beauty and actress, said recently she did not have enough kisses to go around. But when members of the Montreal Reform club clamored for embraces Cecile blushed and refused the chairman, Dr. C. Derris, and Senator J. G. Casgrain. Both helped themselves to emulations freely, Cecile said.

"My reception in Canada has been so hearty that my emotion forbids me to express my gratitude in fitting terms. I wish I could kiss all of you."

But Cecile showed her heart was in the right place by waving kisses in all directions.

Egg Contest Opens.
Honolulu, Dec. 2.—The University of Hawaii has many entries to its "egg laying contest," which opened November 1 and closes October 31 next year.

Each contest is allowed a pen of five hens of uniform breed and age. Virtually every poultry fancier in the territory has entered at least one breed of fowl, and the committee in charge is at a loss to find means of correctly judging results.



Quite a number of our friends have already decided and have written "rugs" more than once into their list. Of course a good rug is welcome in any home, in fact, all the family will enjoy it. During the Christmas holidays we shall have an unusually large assortment of givable rugs. The kind we mention below are happy fields for investigation.

Axminster Rugs

In colors soft and rich; designs that are interesting, but not obtrusive; these rugs give excellent service, but at the same time are not expensive, for instance:

8-3x10-6 Axminsters are as low as \$31.50.

9x12 Axminsters are as low as \$35.00.

Seamless Velvet Rugs

are closely woven from wool yarns, they have all the appearance of expensive rugs and give splendid service.

9x12 Seamless Velvet Rugs are from—

\$41.00 up

Finest Worsted Wiltons

These rugs are the real aristocrats of the American loom by such world-renowned weavers as Bigelow and Whittall, who copy the finest handwork of China and the Near East. It is nice to know that most designs can be had in many sizes. The least expensive worsted Wilton in the 9x12 size is priced at—

\$92.50

Oriental Rugs

Our very carefully laid plans have secured wonderful assortments of fine Oriental Rugs at prices that will not only be found to be competitive with anything in this state, but also with Chicago and other well-known import centers.

We are not quoting any discounts, war values being forgotten; our customers are just asked to believe that Oriental Rugs are now lower in price than they have been for six or seven years.

Belouchistan Rugs at \$42.00, \$35.00, \$27.50 and \$22.50.

Mosoul and Iran Rugs at \$60.00, \$50.00, \$42.50 and \$35.00.

Oriental Runners at \$100.00, \$75.00, \$65.00 and \$55.00.

Chinese Door Rugs at \$90.00, \$60.00, \$50.00 and \$35.00.

Chinese Room Rugs at \$450.00, \$350.00, \$275.00 and \$135.00.

Second Floor

Nothing is quite as acceptable as good

Luggage

to some of our friends.

Really you should see the following:

BOSTON BAGS—Full leather, corduroy lined, very fine... \$6.29

FITTED CASES with ivory, shell and amber fittings, from \$28.00 to \$100.00.

LADIES' FITTED Bags in large variety... \$12.50 to \$19.75

Main Floor

Treasure in a Chest

Perhaps not silver bars or golden Spanish doubloons, but all your precious furs and woolsens should go into a chest of cedar.



The Chest is made of genuine Red Tennessee Cedar, and can be had in three sizes.

17x34 \$13.50

17x40 \$17.50

17x44 \$19.50



LARGE COLONIAL CHESTS—Size 18x21x48 inches, in genuine Red Tennessee Cedar, as shown, \$26.00

A small size Colonial style Chest is offered at \$11.00.

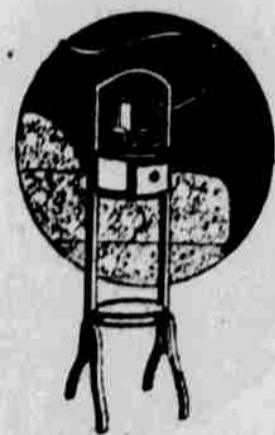
Orchard & Wilhelm Co.

SIXTEENTH AND HOWARD STREETS

An Aisle of Gifts

Arranged in a store just brimming over with gifts, so that several thousand of the smaller things that you may wish to give can be conveniently examined on the main floor of the store

It's been a great task, buyers have planned with tremendous energy for this greatest of all Decembers and now we're all ready to go. Folks who have held back a little for the last 18 months have determined with the return of prosperity to make it a real Christmas, full of good cheer and well considered benevolence.



The most exacting man and the most exacting housewife will surely be pleased with our Smoking Stands this year. The former because of the convenience, the latter for mass they save. 150 styles—

\$1.50 to \$35



The Italian Table pictured is 17 inches in diameter. Executed in a two-tone mahogany that'll win your approval. It is typical of a dozen unusual styles only to be found at O. & W.'s. The price is—

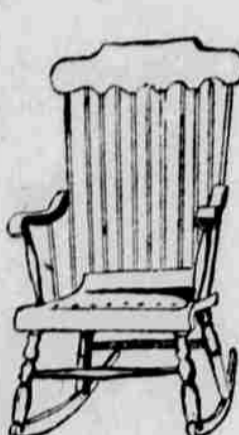
\$20.00



Martha Washington designed her own sewing cabinet and it has proven to be very satisfactory for 150 years. The famous Cowan model in solid mahogany is—

\$24.75

Others are from \$19.75 up.



A true reproduction of Abraham Lincoln's arm rocker is shown in antique brown mahogany. The great emancipator knew how to rest and his rocker is certainly a boon to anyone who enjoys forty winks. As pictured.

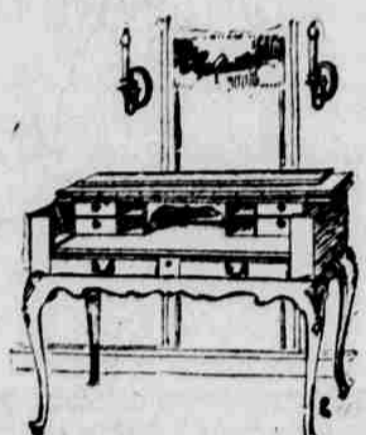
\$18.00



The Tea Table Tea Cart saves the day when guests are furnished and it's bothersome to set a table. We show a number of good styles. The style pictured is in Tudor two-tone mahogany at—

\$29.50

Other Tea Carts, \$12.75 to \$75.00.



You'll be delighted with the new Spinet Desks—every one is a joy. They come in walnut and mahogany in all the wanted finishes. Prices from—

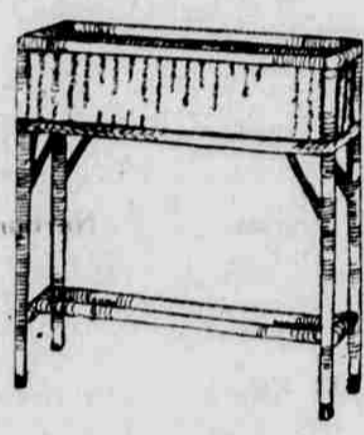
\$19.85 to \$90.00



The charm of a "gate leg" is only equalled by its usefulness. The table pictured, with handy drawer and top that measures 34x42 opened, is only—

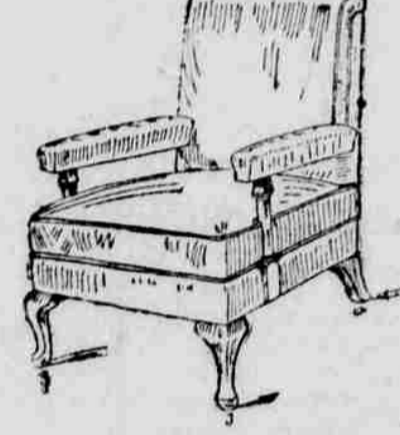
\$26.00

—and there are many, many others.



Have you a little winter garden in your home? This one is just 30 inches long and fitted with metal drip pan, the legs as well as the body are encased in steel reinforced fiber. Fumed or frosted brown finish—

\$6.75 and \$7.50



Restful Arm Chairs in tapestry and velour exactly as pictured, comfortably deep, with spring seat and back—

\$65.00

Other Chairs, \$25.00 to \$150.00.



One would almost make snips and scraps in order to give this attractive waste basket a job. Its colors are soft shades of rose, gray and blue, and he'll work for you almost indefinitely for just

\$1.50



The mirror for the awkward spot can be found among six styles like the above, either upright or as we show this one. Size 14x24—

\$8.00

Other styles, \$9.50 to \$65.00.



The elephant in India piles logs so neatly that some people think he could be taught needlework. We know that this little pair in verdigris bronze will hold your books in place. Per pair—

\$5.00



A 12-inch Mirror Blue Glass Bowl rimmed with ivory and all this fruit will look well on a dining table, buffet, console, sideboard or in the sunroom. The price, complete, is—

\$3.50



These salt and pepper shakers are all boxed and ready to give. You'll find they are of very reliable silver plate over a base metal that is heavy enough to weight them and make them suitable for constant use.

Per pair \$9.00

Per pair \$2.25



Torchieres of carved wood with mica shade fitted with pull chain. Finished antique gold with touch of blue. Per pair—

\$10.00



Handy Lamps of metal with metal shade finished in old ivory very daintily. Complete—

\$4.50



Spanish Lustre Glass Goblets, doz., \$12.00
Champagne Glass 10.50
Fruit 10.50
Wines 10.50
Parfills 10.50
Cocktails 10.50
Salad or Dessert Plates 20.00



UNIVERSAL RADIANT ELECTRIC HEATERS, reflector type, suitable for heating small rooms, offices, etc.—

\$6.75



UNIVERSAL 4-lb. IRONS—

\$11.00



UNIVERSAL PERCOLATORS 14 and 8-oz., unusually pleasing designs—

\$16.50 to \$25.00



HOTPOINT AND UNIVERSAL Nickel-Plated Toasters—

\$5.00 up



UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC GRILLS—With two pans, toaster and broiler, \$10. Grill with Egg Poacher—

\$13.50



UNIVERSAL ELEC. TOASTERS, 8-oz. and 4-oz., with auto. shut-off, suitable for use with the hotel's automatic gas with its smoking warmth. Price—

\$10.00



Third Floor

Two strenuous shopping days were Friday and Saturday of last week. Santa Claus interviewed several hundred of his little friends, and, as usual, made a hit with all of them. As one lady expressed it: "It's easier to shop for children than grownups and with the Santa Claus interview, one knows just exactly what they want, and aren't the toys at Orchard & Wilhelm's just darling and inexpensive."

Christmas Suggestions from the

Drapery Dept.

TABLE RUNNERS—Tapestry, Damask, Velvets and Moquette from \$2.00 to \$12.50

CRETONNES—A most desirable material for the making of Christmas gifts—laundry bags, dollie sets, pillows, wardrobes, etc. Priced from 25c per yard up.

UNCOVERED PILLOWS—Square, round, oblong and oval in silk flows and selected down, priced from 65c to \$5.75 each.

TRIMMINGS—Narrow gift bands and galoon trimmings for those who wish to make their own gifts, in a good assortment. Priced from .15c per yard up to \$3.00

REMNANTS of beautiful fabrics from our decorating department, suitable for pillow covers and table runners, priced very reasonably, in many instances at one-half price.

Bedding

So warm—so very comfortable that no matter how cold the night or how moisterly the reindeer prance, you will not be disturbed when old Santa comes.

BEAUTIFUL ALL-WOOL KENWOOD BLANKETS—Made with 3-inch satin binding, checks and broken plaids; plain blankets to match full size, 72x84, ea., \$12.75

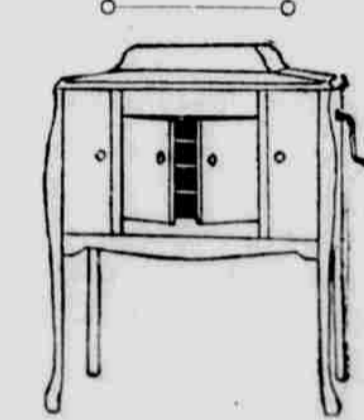
KENWOOD COVERLETS—A lightweight all-wool cover in most desirable colors and color combinations, 62x84 \$16.75

WOOL-FILLED SATEEN AND SILK COMFORTS—Full size, a most acceptable gift; put in individual boxes. \$13.75 to \$62.50

DOWN COMFORTERS—Sateen and satin coverings, full size, \$26.50 to \$32.75.

INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS—Complete assortment Blankets from \$2.00 up and Wool-Filled Comforts from \$4.25 up.

WAUSETTA PERCALE SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES—Plain and hemstitched, the finest of cotton sheets, preferred by many to linen, full assortment of sizes.



A Victrola for Christmas

Means that the world's best music can be at your command.

Secure your instrument at once by means of our

Christmas Payment Plan

Your Victrola will be charged on your January bill so that no payment will be necessary until

February

at which time 10% may be paid and the balance in monthly payments if desired.

Console Type Victrolas

\$100.00 to \$415.00

Cabinet Type Victrolas

\$85.00 to \$415.00

Electrical Gifts Department—Downstairs