

Deliberations of 'Big Three' Navy Experts Mystery

Hints as to Proceedings of Conference Involve Technical Questions—Unanimous Agreement Expected.

By The Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 22.—Deliberations of the naval experts of the "big three" in the arms conference remain wrapped in mystery, so far as any official word of what is transpiring goes. Unofficially, spokesmen in some cases give hints that reveal little but involve technical questions which only serve to confuse the layman.

In the American viewpoint there is no good reason to bring into public view, all the almost incomprehensible discussions of the experts. What is in progress, it was pointed out today, is a conference of equals, of which the only product can be a unanimous agreement, and there is every reason to expect such an agreement to be reached soon, that will not vary widely from the American naval proposals.

The "5-5-3 ratio" of the American replacement scheme to end competitive building and all its evils, and the fleet strength that would remain under the proposed immediate reduction on the eve of a 10-year complete building holiday, both are understood to reflect this summary of matters not susceptible of mathematical treatment.

So in the American view, the question understood to have been raised by the Japanese as to the state of completion of the battleship Mutsu, which Japan would be called on to scrap as a part of its abandoned program is immaterial. If it is insisted that should it be retained, the equivalent must be retained by the United States and Great Britain, for each of those powers it would mean more than an additional ship.

It is because of these considerations that American officials appear hopeful that in the end the work of the experts will come out at practically the place the American plan did, the November 11 "zero hour" for the cut.

Autonomy for China Is Up to Conference

(Continued From Page One.) a reform of these conditions, China asserts that the restrictions imposed by the powers amount to a denial of self determination and that the uniform low tariff rate has resulted in injuring Chinese industry and commerce.

"A uniform rate being fixed for all articles alike," says the Chinese brief, "a part of the revenue which might be secured by a higher rate on some commodities is lost, while another part which might be obtained if the rate on certain others were reduced, is not forthcoming. The small return of customs revenue is in part responsible for the slow reorganizing of China which is essential not only to the well-being of the 400,000,000 of Chinese people, but also to the prosperity of the world at large."

Burden on Poor. "The poor people whose ability to pay is limited, have to pay just as much tax for their necessities as the rich man who is able and ought to pay more for their luxuries. This gross injustice, especially on the laboring class, depending as they are on necessities for their daily consumption, is a great insult to humanity."

"The low uniform tariff rate fixed by the treaty makes industrial development impossible, for the low custom rates, which deprive China of sufficient revenue, compel the Chinese government to retain a bad tax such as likin, which is a great obstacle to industry and commerce. Because of the existence of this likin tax, native products and raw materials are not to be brought to the world market, and the likin cost. And as long as the likin system obtains in China, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for China to develop her internal trade and industry thereby increasing economic development of China, which is, in a very large measure, responsible for the tardy growth of her trade with foreign countries."

"It is to the benefit not alone of China, but also of the world at large, that the tariff restrictions imposed upon China should be immediately removed. For the restoration of tariff autonomy to China would enable her to abolish the likin system, thereby facilitating the development of trade and commerce within the country as well as between China and foreign states."

Norfolk Rector Assigned As Regimental Chaplain

The following announcement of assignments was made yesterday by the chief of staff of the 89th division, at the Army building. To the 341st field artillery, allotted to Nebraska, with headquarters in Omaha, Capt. Herbert Miller Peck, chaplain, O. R. C., 111 South Ninth street, Norfolk, as regimental chaplain. Captain Peck saw service in the regular army from 1892 to 1901 as private. He was promoted captain in May, 1920. He served as chaplain of the port of embarkation at Newport News, Va., until after the armistice. At present Captain Peck is rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Norfolk.

To the 314th medical regiment, allotted to Kansas, Maj. George Glenn Miller, Vet. O. R. C., 121 Graceland street, Council Bluffs, as division veterinarian. During the world war Major Miller served as division veterinarian of the 89th division.

Man Shot by Neighbor, Still Is in Critical Condition

Superior, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special)—The condition of Adam Trout, who was shot in the back by his neighbor, Henry Schaffer, remains very critical. Mr. Trout is confined at the Lewis Memorial hospital, his lower limbs being paralyzed. Mr. Schaffer, is compelled to remain on his farm under a heavy bond. No disposition of the case has been made as yet.

French Newspapers Pleased Over Stand Taken by Premier

Paris, Nov. 22.—Enthusiasm over M. Briand's presentation of France's case was carried by all afternoon newspapers in their comment, but some notes of pessimism over the net result in prospect were not wanting.

The Journal Des Debats expresses satisfaction that M. Briand had made what it refers to as such an effective refutation of charges of French imperialism and had justified the action of France in Poland and Sicily, but it declares America must bear its share of responsibility for the Sicilian situation.

"The Americans do not understand our financial mess; our wastefulness or our lack of conscience among a certain class of tax payers," it declares. "We can, however, remind them of certain of their own affairs of a sufficiently painful nature; but they are our creditors and it is for us to give them evidence of good intentions."

Hastings Saves Much Money Through Censorship Plan

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—Reporting on the adoption of the "blue card" system of supervision over advertising promotion schemes, Secretary Beels of the Chamber of Commerce has accounted for the saving of more than \$10,000 to Hastings business within the year. One hundred and thirty-five business houses have adopted the system, agreeing to patronize none but approved advertising agencies.

Foreclosure Suit Filed

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special)—George N. Lamb has filed suit in district court to foreclose a mortgage on a 120-acre farm given by A. J. Lamb in 1919 to secure a note for \$12,000, on which he alleges there is due the entire principal and \$660 interest. The land involved is now a part of the estate of Joseph Gdowski, deceased.

Germans Attack Charges Made by French Premier

Officials Deny Police Forces And Reichswehr Constitute Nucleus of Future Army.

By The Associated Press. Berlin, Nov. 22.—In a statement to The Associated Press today, the German government takes issue with the charges of Premier Briand of France in his address before the Washington conference, that the German police forces and the reichswehr constituted a nucleus for a future German army.

It declares M. Briand's assertion that the reichswehr is composed exclusively of officers and non-commissioned officers of the old army is incorrect, and says that the bulk of the reichswehr is made up of youths between the ages of 19 and 21, recruited since the war. The statement says that the "protection police" were created at the bidding of the entente, and adds: "The reichswehr is wholly unaffiliated with the schutzpolizei which took the place of the security police when the entente ordered the latter's dissolution."

Under Control Commission.

The schutzpolizei is primarily an agency to maintain law and order. It takes orders solely from the civilian ministries of the federated states. Its numerical strength and its composition with reference to the ratio of officers and men are designated and supervised by the entente control commission.

The number of rifles and small arms it is permitted to have is specified. It does not possess heavy caliber arms. The einwohnerwehr, or civilian guards referred to by M. Briand, have been dissolved and

their arms have been surrendered and destroyed.

The statement disputes M. Briand's assertion that Germany still possessed numerous arsenals equipped to turn out war materials and asserts these plants are limited to two or three required to keep the German army supplied and that their output is supervised by the entente control commission.

Refers to King's Speech.

The government's statement refers the French premier to the address from the throne in which King George of England declared satisfactory progress had been made by Germany in execution of its financial and disarmament obligations.

Newspaper comment generally characterizes M. Briand's speech as "flat falsehood," but most of the journals express fear that America may believe what he said. The opinion generally expressed was that his attitude was likely to undermine and nullify the whole effort toward disarmament.

Adams County Lays Plans To Celebrate Anniversary

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—An organization was formed last night and will be incorporated, to conduct the golden jubilee celebration of Adams county next year. The officers are John P. Madgett, chairman; R. T. Schlenker, vice president; Frank H. Beels, secretary. The various public and civic bodies of the county were represented and an elaborate celebration is being planned.

Tubercular Cows Found in Two Herds Near Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—The State veterinarian here reports finding 28 tubercular cows in two herds near Laurel and Coleridge, Neb.

Hastings Gets New Pastor

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—The New York Avenue Congregational church has called the Rev. H. S. Hoersch of Yale (Idaho) to the pastorate, and he has accepted.

I.C.C. Rate Order Is Unsatisfactory To Congressmen

McLaughlin, Reavis and Evans Declare Tariff Reduction Will Prove of No Value To Farmers.

By E. C. SNYDER.

Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Washington, Nov. 22.—Congressman McLaughlin, who has taken an especially active interest in bringing about a reduction in rates on grain and hay in the western part of the country and who had every reason to believe the Interstate Commerce commission would order the reduced rates into effect shortly after November 20, is thoroughly disappointed over the order, making the reduction effective December 27.

In speaking of the order he said, "the reduction has been so long delayed that it will prove of little value to the farmers and stock growers of my district who are suffering most. The fight for reduction of rates was begun early last spring, and reductions should have been made in time to benefit the farmers in their grain and stock shipments during the late summer and fall."

Products Are Marketed.

"As it is now, the products will have largely passed out of the hands of the farmers before the rates go into effect. The operation of the Interstate Commerce commission, in my judgment, has proven more of a hindrance than a help, as a mediate between the shippers and the railroads, and unless the commission can become more responsible to the needs of the people, it should be abolished and the roads left free to work out their own destiny, under the supervision of the various state railway commissions."

Representative Reavis was of the

same opinion as the congressman from the York district. He believes that the lowered rates as announced by the Interstate Commerce commission would avail the farmers but little this year.

The rates might benefit terminal elevator companies, Reavis believes, but for real simple help when needed, he believes they came too late.

Evans Also Perturbed.

Congressman Evans cannot understand the delay in putting the new rates into effect. "The mistake was made when the Interstate Commerce commission handed down its decision on October 20. That decision should have been followed by an order making the new rates effective on November 20. If that had been done the railroad executives would not have been permitted to get together and sign against a compromise which really amounted to no reduction whatsoever. This delay hits our farmers awfully hard," said Judge Evans.

Recently Mr. Evans called upon the Interstate Commerce commission for the rates on wheat and corn from Dakota City to Duluth and Chicago. In reply the secretary of the commission stated that the present rates on corn and wheat from Dakota City to Chicago and Duluth were 37 and 32½ cents per hundred pounds respectively.

Under the commissioners' decision, that of October 30, the new wheat rates from Dakota City to Chicago and Duluth are 32½ and 28½ cents respectively, while the corn rates from the same place, to the same places should be 29½ and 25½ cents per hundred pounds. This will make a difference of 5 cents a hundred over existing rates.

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Neal Murder Case May Go to Jury Today

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years. Much of her testimony had already been covered by other witnesses.

Omahan Testifies.

Mrs. Eva Diltz, 1308 Poppleton avenue, Omaha, formerly of Brownville, testified this morning that while Mrs. Neal was in the Methodist hospital, Omaha, for an operation, Neal boarded at the Diltz home in Omaha and that some time later the woman met Neal in Omaha.

On the latter occasion he told her, she said, that he was making his will and intended to leave Mrs. Neal only \$1,000, which he had borrowed from her, and small bequests to her two children. The rest of his estate of about \$10,000 he said he intended to bequeath to Mr. and Mrs. Diltz for their kindness to Mrs. Neal while she was in the hospital, she testified. She said she stated to her on a previous occasion that he "felt like making an end of it all."

Mrs. Rose Hagerman, a sister of Mrs. Neal, was the last witness called during the day. She told of visiting the Neal home in 1920 and of Neal's attempting to tell her of his troubles.

Plating Worn Off.

A startling bit of testimony was introduced by the defense this afternoon when Hiram Kelly of Brownville testified that two or three days before Ben Neal was shot he showed Kelly a nickel-plated, rubber-handled revolver in Brownville.

The revolver found in the dead hand of Neal answers this description. But Kelly said the nickel plating was somewhat worn off of the revolver Neal showed him, while

he could not find such worn places on the revolver found in Neal's hand when it was shown him in the court room.

Mrs. Neal to Take Stand.

Mrs. Neal, it is planned, will be the first witness called when court convenes this morning.

It is expected that with her testimony the defense will rest after which the remainder of the day will be taken up with rebuttal and arguments to the jury. It is expected that the case will be given to the jury, late Wednesday night. If no verdict is returned late at night the jury faces the prospect of deliberating Thanksgiving day.

Columbus Will Entertain District Meeting of K. P.

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special)—Two hundred Knights of Pythias, members of the lodges in District No. 9, are expected to gather in Columbus December 8, to attend a big district meeting at which Carl Cramer, as grand chancellor of the order in Nebraska, will preside. Lodges in the district are: Schuyler, Geneva, Fullerton, Albion, Silver Creek, St. Edward, Creston, and Columbus. Most of them will have candidates for initiation at the meeting here.

Columbus Branch of Chain Shoe Stores Will Close

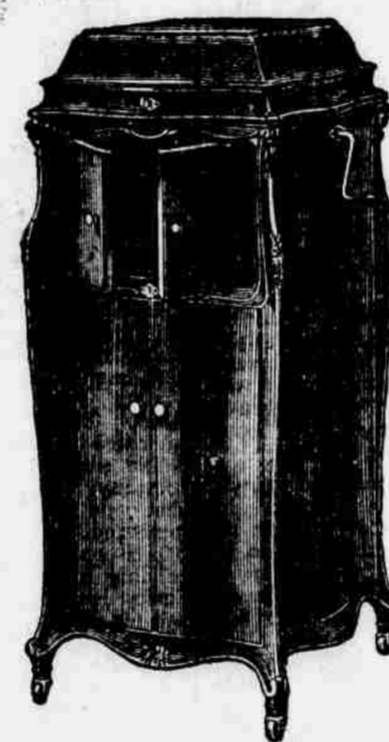
Columbus, Neb., Nov. 22.—(Special)—On account of the extreme business conditions that prevail, the owners of Harry's Boot shops have decided to discontinue their Columbus store. Clarence Garwood, who has been local manager for the company, will go to Norfolk to take the management of the branch store there, after closing out the stock here.

The Victrola gives you most for your money

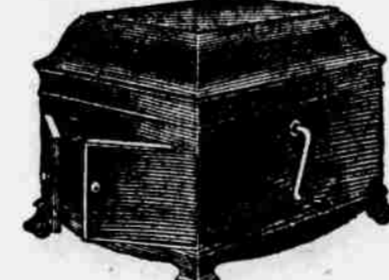
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Main Floor

Hosiery for Every Day Wear

Black cotton of a heavy quality with garter top and double sole for 75c.

Silk lisle of a fine, heavy quality, with garter top and double sole may be had for 75c.

Fine lisle in navy, cordovan, gray and black for \$1 a pair.

Children's fine ribbed cotton hose with double knees and soles in black and cordovan, special for 25c a pair.

Main Floor

Thomson's Glove Fitting Corsets

Assure their wearer a perfect freedom of movement and distinction of dress, in effecting a pleasing combination of both comfort and style. These corsets are very reasonably priced.

Second Floor

Sorosis Boots

A complete array of the newest winter boots, fashioned on all latest lasts.

Brown boots of vici kid and Russia calf are shown in a variety of smart styles. Priced from \$9 to \$13.

Black boots in vici kid are priced from \$10 to \$12.

Boots for the growing girls made over especially designed lasts for growing feet. The prices, \$8.50 and \$9.

Main Floor



Charming Frocks of A Pronounced Distinction

Versatile models that catch the tones of the mode even as the musician catches the tones of harmony. The silk ones favor soft, graceful crepes, such as Canton Crepe, Satin Crepe, Crepe de Chine and Roshanara, and those of wool appear their best when fashioned of Poiret twill or Tricotine.

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Priced Upward from \$59.50

Third Floor

November Sale of Furs

Offering the greatest fur buying economy opportunity in years.

The Men's Shop

Linen handkerchiefs of a fine quality for 39c each or for \$4.50 a dozen.

Silk neckwear in both wide and narrow styles for 35c each or three for \$1.

Main Floor

Greeting Cards

Express a pleasant thoughtfulness of others, and a timely choice of these newest ones will be much more satisfactory than waiting until a few days before Christmas.

Second Floor

A Remarkable Sale arranged for Wednesday. For details see our advertisement on page 5.
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