

“Big Three” Nearing Agreement

Proposal to Replace Anglo-Japanese Alliance Expected To Be Announced Within Few Days.

Await Reply From Tokio

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 7.—The United States, Great Britain and Japan are close to an agreement on the stabilization of peace in the Pacific, which, although neither an alliance nor an entente, will be accepted by England and Japan as a satisfactory substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

One of the American delegates expressed confidence tonight that it would be possible to announce within a few days, the character of the plan under negotiation. Acceptance of the new agreement by the powers having possessions in the Pacific would be followed by the dissolution of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, probably announced in a joint declaration by England and Japan.

Basis of Proposal

Here is the basis of the proposed agreement: 1. Acceptance by the three great naval powers of the Hughes proposal for the reduction and limitation of navies. 2. Maintenance of the status quo of naval bases and fortifications in the western Pacific.

Great Britain has accepted the proposed plan and an answer from Tokio is now being awaited. It will not be submitted formally to the United States until England and Japan are ready to endorse it formally, but it has been discussed by Secretary Hughes, Mr. Balfour and Baron Kato, and the American delegate indicated the scope of an understanding into which the United States would be disposed to enter.

Whether the accord will be embodied in a formal treaty or a less formal agreement or exchange of notes is a matter for future determination. England and Japan have indicated that there would be no objection to a treaty on the naval reduction agreement. The principal American stipulation is that the agreement, in whatever form cast, should not take the form of an alliance or entente.

The American delegation is willing to entertain proposals that none of the powers should acquire further possessions in the Pacific with the exception of the Hawaiian islands. The United States will not yield the right to strengthen the fortifications and enlarge the naval base in the Hawaiian archipelago, which is regarded as a defensive outpost.

Japan has indicated that the naval ratio of the Hughes plan would be accepted if the naval holiday were to be applied to the bases and fortifications in the western Pacific.

All Political Prisoners In Ireland Are Freed By King's Proclamation

Sir James Craig's Cabinet Meets to Decide Attitude—De Valera Silent on Agreement—Attitude of Irish Extremists Worries Peace Delegates—British Press Heartily Endorses Settlement.

London, Dec. 7.—(By The A. P.)—King George today issued a proclamation releasing all political prisoners interned in Ireland.

Approximately 3,400 interned persons are affected by the release order, which relates to all persons under internment as distinguished from those who have been tried and convicted, it was stated by the Irish office.

Peace in Sight. Belfast, Dec. 7.—(By A. P.)—In a message from Sir James Craig, received by Lady Craig at Rathfriland, County Down, today, the Ulster premier said: "It now appears to me that peace may possibly be within sight if all work together to that end with patience and good will."

Sir James Craig told the Ulster parliament today he did not think it expedient to make any statement with regard to the details of the new proposals, as there were many ambiguities here and there in the document.

Special Session Called. London, Dec. 7.—(By A. P.)—King George came to London from Sandringham today to preside at a meeting of the privy council and sign a proclamation calling a special session of parliament for Wednesday next to consider the momentous agreement reached yesterday for the establishment of the Irish free state.

Nebraska Seeks \$30,000,000 Farm Loans by July 1

\$1,000,000 a Week Aim of Farmers and Bankers, Fremont Man Says in Speech Here.

Farmers and bankers of Nebraska will endeavor to bring \$1,000,000 a week into the state until July 1. The money is to be provided from the War Finance corporation in Washington and will result in \$30,000,000 being loaned to Nebraska farmers to aid them during the present financial crisis.

This statement was made yesterday by Dan V. Stephens, banker and farmer of Fremont, who addressed delegates to the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Association of Commissioners, Supervisors, Highway Commissioners and County Clerks at the Castle hotel.

Printers' Wage Scale In Omaha Continued

In several cities, Dec. 7.—Wage issues in several cities have been decided by the international board of arbitration of the International Typographical union and the American Newspaper Publishers' association, it was announced today. The decision will become effective December 10.

New Split In Chinese Camp Near

Settlement of Pacific Questions May Be Reached Without Consent of Oriental Delegates.

Protest Lagging Policy

By PHILIP KINSLEY. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 7.—Temporary settlement of Pacific and far eastern problems may have to be reached at this conference without China's consent on major issues and in the face of its vigorous protest.

Settle Wireless Issue. Satisfactory settlement was reached today over the wireless situation in China and the powers agreed to respect China's neutrality in future wars to which it is not a party.

American Fishing Vessel Seized by Mexican Gunboat

Members of Crew Held Under Arrest Pending Payment of Fine, State Department Informed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The American fishing boat Mabel of Los Angeles was seized early this week about five miles off the Mexican coast by a vessel of the Mexican patrol and another of American registry but manned by Mexican soldiers.

Loans Obtained In 7 to 12 Days

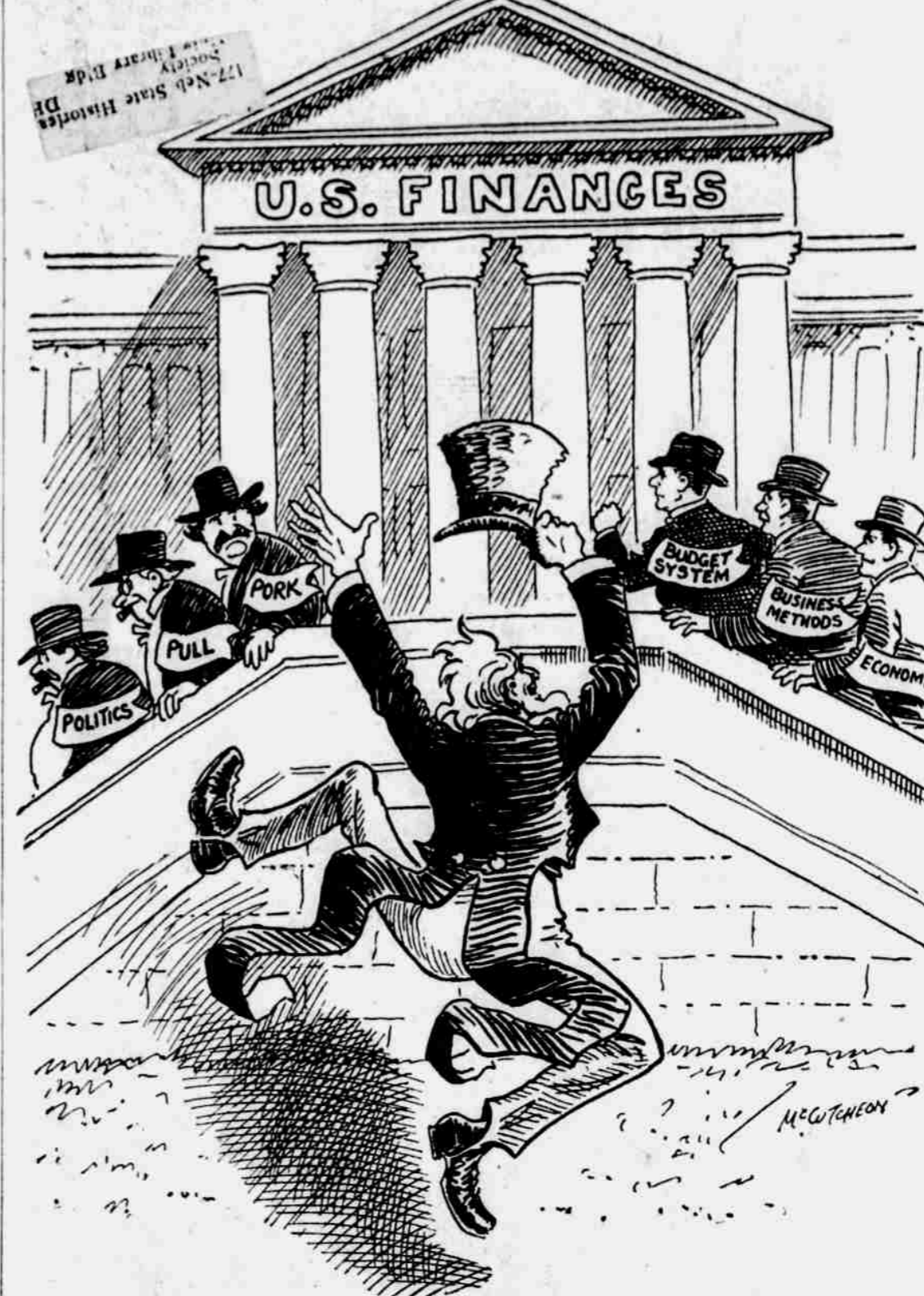
Nearly Half Million Dollars Wired From Washington Wednesday.

Sixteen Omaha Men Fined For Violating Game Laws

Santa Fe Reduces Freight Rates on Steel Products

"This Place Changed Hands"

(See report of Director of the Budget Dawes.)



Unemployment Halts Paroling State Convicts

Provision of Law That Men Must Work Handicaps Board—Conditions in Prison Not Settled.

Lincoln, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The economic depression in Nebraska is threatening to force the state to discontinue paroling convicts from the penitentiary, it was announced today by M. T. Harmon, secretary of the state board of pardons and paroles.

Eleven Known Killed In Hurricane Off B. C.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 7.—A northwest hurricane yesterday brought death and disaster to this coast. Reports today brought word of a large loss of life at Conception Bay, including nine men, a woman and a child who went down with the schooner Passport at Bayverde.

Bank of Juniata Loss Will Not Exceed \$12,000

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Although no definite check has been made of the amount of loss taken by the vegeman who robbed the Bank of Juniata Monday night, it was stated that the sum was not in excess of \$12,000 and probably would be much less.

Mrs. King Takes Stand in Defense

Tiny Woman Denies Handing Revolver to Husband in Gun Battle.

Mrs. Eva King, the tiny woman who was a prominent figure in the farm house on the Lena Snyder farm north of Council Bluffs when a battle took place between officers and alleged bootleggers, October 14, took the witness stand in her own defense at her trial on a murder charge in District Judge Cullison's court, Council Bluffs, yesterday.

Verdict of Jury Goes to Leopold

Gertrude Craig failed to get any heart from Joseph Leopold, Omaha grain man, in her suit for \$50,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

Court Retains Part of Bond To Protect Attorney's Claim

To protect Attorney J. J. Shannon's claim against Bernard Murphy for legal services, Federal Judge Woodrough ordered the clerk of the court to retain \$200 of a \$2,000 cash bond returned to Murphy when he was acquitted Monday on a dope charge.

Former Cashier Of Valparaiso Bank Convicted

Jury at Wahoo Finds Ray A. Lower Guilty on Six of Seven Counts on Embezzlement.

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Ray A. Lower, former cashier of the defunct Valparaiso State bank, was found guilty by a jury in district court here on six of seven counts charging him with embezzlement. Trial of the case started a week ago Monday.

Monroe Banker Plans To Loan War Finance Money to Corn Owners

"We probably will make corn loans to farmers if they want them," said S. E. Pearson of the Bank of Monroe, who called at the office of the War Finance corporation yesterday.

Wife's Blood Sacrifice Fails to Save Man's Life

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Despite the fact that Mrs. Fred Elmer Fodge, a resident of Merna, submitted to the transfusion of blood operation for the benefit of her husband, Mr. Fodge died in a hospital here. He was 46. The body will be taken to Merna for burial.

Bayonets Of Police Check Riot

Fifty Officers Rushed to South Side When 2,000 Striking Butchers Assembled at Plants.

No Violence Is Offered

Cold steel chilled the ardor of 2,000 striking butcher workmen who congregated on Q street between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-eighth streets last night as nonunion employees were leaving the Armour and Swift plants. The crowd showed no decision alarmed police stationed in the vicinity, who feared they would be unable to cope with the crowd if they became troublesome.

Police Disperse Crowd. Inspector Andrew Patullo, Captains Briggs and Allen and Sergeants Coffey, Morton and Gardner headed the squad of 50 policemen, who arrived at the scene just as the trolley had been pulled off of a street car.

Police Strike Schedule. Numerous cases of hurling of bricks, fighting and jarring marked the progress of the strike of packing house workers yesterday and Tuesday night while both strikers and packers claimed gains.

Yardmen Join Strike. A report was received at union headquarters that the yardmen, including receivers, stock handlers and checkers at all the packing houses except Armour's, had joined the strike at noon today after they had been ordered to do inside work in the yards.

Several Persons Shot In Clashes at Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Several persons were shot and several beaten in clashes between packing house workers, strike sympathizers and police reserves patrolling the district. The trouble occurred as the workers began pouring from the packing house district at quitting time. At 7 o'clock the stock yards police station asked for more men and more ammunition and reported that the number of persons were congregated in the district.

Morse to Be Charged by U. S. With Embezzlement

Washington, Dec. 7.—Charles W. Morse, millionaire ship magnate, will be arrested on a charge of "conspiracy and embezzlement," immediately upon his arrival in New York next week, it was officially announced here.

General Diaz to Sail For Italy on Saturday

Washington, Dec. 7.—General Diaz of Italy planned to leave tonight for Boston from where he will sail for Italy on Saturday. His program today includes parting calls on President Harding and Secretary Weeks and a lunch at noon with General Pershing.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Forecast. Locations include Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, etc. Forecasts include 'Fair; not much change in temperature' and 'Hourly Temperatures'.