

# VIETNAM FIRST TO OFFER SACRIFICE OF LEASEHOLDS IN CHINA

of the railway, but China's delegates know that if they refuse to give way on this point they can put both Japan and all the rest of the delegations in a hole.

**Leaseholds at Stake.**

On the leaseholds there are five important places to keep disentangled. Two concern Japan, two Britain, and one France. After Vietnam had expressed the willingness of France to let go, provided the disagreeing was general, the French piece being Kwangtung, held on a lease of ninety-nine years. Britain stated her position, in two distinct parts.

Part first is that she will not give up Kai Lung, treating it as part of her permanently owned Hongkong, and necessary to the protection of the open door maintained at the port of Hongkong.

Part second is that she will give up Wel-Hai-Wel, provided such a yielding on her part will help the Japanese and the Chinese to get together on the Shantung problem.

Japan, the real difficulty (as the Hongkong holding is not seriously questioned by China) makes two separate statements, of greatly differing nature and importance. One relates to South Manchuria, Port Arthur, and the Liaotung peninsula, in which her position amounts to standing pat on her control. Although there is opposition to this position in China, it is not general or strong enough to break the conference by leading the Chinese delegates to refuse to reach any agreement.

**Railroad Critical Issue.**

The other Japanese point is Shantung, and that is outside the conference, being carried on by direct negotiations. Despite all the talk about 5-5-3 which is absolutely settled unless the conference breaks, and has been settled for over a week, and despite rumors about the substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the critical point of the whole proceedings today is this Shantung railway.

The big three have the naval situation in their own hands, and they have definitely bound themselves in honor to security, so that all the so-called news about it is rumor. We know, however, that Japan's assent is thus far bound up with some satisfactory settlement of the Pacific question. This means two main groups of subjects. One is the group of Chinese problems affecting Japan. The other is the group of naval questions, including bases, in the Pacific.

The principal rumor of the moment relates to what may be called the "treaty to treaty" between Britain and Japan. The talk runs all the way from a memorandum. The latest form has France in on a four-power treaty, and travels from Tokyo to London. It is the group of Chinese problems which the Administration is preparing to offer to the Senate a definite treaty on Far Eastern affairs. The more general view will be in what is called the "joint notes," which may be put before the Senate as a courtesy, but which are not dependent on the Senate for their validity.

**Press Reflects Public View.**

The fluidity of public opinion has been illustrated by the report of the subcommittee. At first the reports were extremely rosy. They dealt mostly with the naval holiday and program and gave the impression that the conference was a success. Then there followed immediately a bunch of violent objections to what was called secret diplomacy.

These objections can be summed up shortly: The newspapers which feel that the Secret Hughes made a valiant new move in history when he laid a program on navies before the whole world, with exact specifications, and said that as far as the United States was concerned, the other nations could take them or nothing.

When the Secretary did not follow that with any Chinese or Pacific policy, but left the matter to be worked out in some secret way, which by which the public could test it, the swing of many newspapers toward suspicion and disappointment began. Everything was made public that the Secretary felt he could make public, and the very fact that we had no policy led to the period in which the public has been chafing because it does not really understand what is going on.

**Hughes' Handicap on China.**

After his great triumph of November 12 the Secretary found himself in a sharply different situation. On that dramatic day he offered a sweeping sacrifice as a peace-setter. In China he had no sacrifice to offer. We had one lonely postoffice. We had no possessions or territory to offer. The situation reminded him of Artemus Ward offering to give up on the altar of his country all the relatives of his wife.

Whether the Secretary made a mistake or not in refraining from offering a public solution of the Far Eastern question he undoubtedly lost throughout the country a large part of the enthusiasm and confidence that followed the first great enterprise in open diplomacy sprung upon a gasping world just three weeks ago.

The general view is that from this period of secret settlements we shall emerge the first half of next week. If we do there is likely to be a public meeting on Thursday or soon after.

Two things will bring about this meeting, and they will apparently happen at the same time. One is the final settlement of the naval proposal. The other is a decision about the Shantung railway. If these two things are settled the other matters will fall quickly in behind them.

**Result Hinges on China.**

If 5-5-3 should not be settled the conference will blow up. But this is a small "if." The big "if" is whether China and Japan get together. If they do the Administration will let out a sincere whoop that can be heard from London to Tokyo and from Seattle to Cape Cod. If Japan and China split on that point in their separate parley, as they split in the conference, with so nearly fatal results, then indeed the beans will be spilled, and it will be hard to see how any final and satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at.

An interesting luncheon was given today in the Shoreham Hotel by Mr. Sennotsuke, president of the Japanese bureau of legislation, a technical advisory body to the Japanese government. He has been here a month and leaves on Monday for Japan. He leaves in his place Messrs. Kawahara and Yamamoto, bosses of the Constitutional party in Japan. They were described as the Penrose and Watson of the Japanese government.

In his speech after lunch, filled

## Prayer for Arms Meet Success to Gird Globe Today

A one-minute prayer for the success of the Washington conference will encircle the globe at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Eight million Salvation Army workers, scattered throughout sixty-five different nations, will join simultaneously in the prayer under the orders from their international officers, it was announced last night.

While Evangeline Booth, head of the army in America, is leading the prayer here, other workers in every country on the globe will kneel simultaneously.

Theodore Roosevelt will preside at the Washington meeting.

with compliments for the U. S. A., the best said that what called him back was Premier Hara's death. Liberal sentiment in Japan was seriously alarmed by that murder, as it is not easy to see whether the result will be any strengthening of the conservative. A significant statement, made at the luncheon, was: "A wise disposition of \$10,000,000 of war loans may restore the economic condition of entire Japan."

Mr. Balfour's absence until Wednesday morning is generally taken as measuring the length of time set apart by the Big Three for China and Japan to get together. They can get together, it is obvious nothing of importance forced Mr. Balfour to leave the town.

Rumor, probably accurate, has it that Mr. Balfour and Baron Kato met in the Shoreham Hotel on Thursday; that Baron Kato and Mr. Hughes met yesterday, and that at the end of those two talks the Big Three knew just exactly where they were at.

Vietnam expressed himself in picturesque French (which would have to be translated into English mild profanity, over the ironic fate that uncoiled his only public eloquence, in this crisis, in the Italian colloquy, where he had to sprinkle the sea of eloquence over a country with which France is now having some troubles.

Incidentally, the noticeable stiffening of the Japanese attitude lately is attributed by some to the disclosure of the whole land-armament hopes by Briand and the consequent situation between France and England, intended by the French naval program. Before that event Japan felt more strongly the world-opinion forcing her to make a moral settlement in China.

## FARMER BLACKS EYE OF ROCKVILLE JUDGE

**Village Gets Real Thrill When Two Settle Differences in a Queensbury.**

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 3.—"W. Vernon Beall, pokes, slugs and cracks promptly delivered, \$500 each; results guaranteed."

Thus might read the single of W. Vernon Beall, a member of Rockville's colony of retired farmers.

Judge William E. Viets, of Rockville, ordered one crack delivered the other day, according to the report of the town. The desired wallop was landed against the judicial official pronto, C. O. D.

Beall and Viets are reported to have engaged in a warm controversy over a trivial matter. The conversation cooked to a fighting brown, when, it is said, Viets invited Beall to hit him. The judge is said to have offered Beall \$500 for the novelty of being slugged.

The proposed fight was fair enough to Beall. Beall sounded off with his right. The judge's eye sounded the knell of parting daylight. Now the countryside is resounding with the story.

## Cactus Thorn Wounds Cause Arrest of Slayers

ESTANCA, N. M., Dec. 3.—Cactus thorns caused Francisco Biza and Carlos Renteria to confess to the murder of J. C. Courcy, according to Sheriff John Block, who has returned here with the prisoners following their capture by a posse with bloodhounds.

After bloodhounds had picked up the trail of the men, the posse following the alleged assassin to a cactus bush which has been trampled upon. "If we can find a man with cactus thorns in his legs, we have our prisoner," declared Sheriff Block.

Biza and Renteria were captured shortly afterward, and when confronted with the "cactus thorn" evidence they are said to have confessed.

## Veterans Offer Jumping Beans to 5,000 U. S. Girls

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 3.—"Lookie! Watch it! There it goes!" These exclamations will soon be heard all over the United States with the distribution of 5,000 genuine Mexican jumping beans.

The jumping beans have been trained to leap through hoops and stand unhit by the 5,000 disabled war veterans recuperating in this State. They are to be sent to girls throughout the country who agree to correspond with one of the war veterans.

**Here's a Child Older Than Its Grandpa**

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Dec. 3.—George W. Weaver enjoys the distinction of having a great-grandchild who is older than his youngest daughter, and Weaver himself is only sixty-eight years of age. He has been married twice and is the father of eight children, thirteen of whom are living.

His oldest granddaughter married Edward Askey. Their older son is thirteen years old and older than Mr. Weaver's youngest daughter by his second marriage, who is great-aunt to the lad who was born before her.

## LOVE GODDESS GAINS IN FIGHT AGAINST DEATH

**Would-Be Suicide's Condition Improves, Says Doctor—Manager Pleased With Publicity.**

While Miss Rita Hall, "Goddess of Love" of "Mecca," who attempted to end her life with bichloride of mercury during the Thursday matinee at Poll's Theater, was reported in a critical condition at Emergency Hospital last night, John J. Dillon, boss showman of the desert troupe, was said to be complimenting himself upon the publicity Miss Hall's tragic attempt had brought to the troupe.

Declaring he "didn't know anything" about Miss Hall's condition, Dillon declined to say whether Miss Hall had been "fired" from the cast for her alleged participation in a "wild liquor party" here during the past week.

Miss Hall has been placed under the care of Dr. Harry Kaufman. Her condition was such last night that she could not be moved from the hospital.

Dr. Kaufman's report on Miss Hall's condition was encouraging.

"Though Miss Hall is an extremely nervous girl in run-down health, her condition is very satisfactory," said Dr. Kaufman. "If no complications set in, I believe she will recover. Though it will be several days before she will definitely pass the critical point, I believe her chances are very good. Compared with other poisoning cases, Miss Hall's is serious, but not such that recovery is improbable."

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## COX, OF I. C. C., IS ILL DUE TO TRAIN CRASH

**Injured in Wreck With Will Hays, He Fails to Respond to Treatment.**

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 3.—It became known today that Commissioner Irving Cox, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is in a precarious condition at the Homestead Hotel here as a result of injuries received in a railroad accident at the same time Postmaster General Will Hays had a narrow escape from death.

Commissioner Cox is attended by three physicians, and three masseurs are giving him constant attention. He is suffering from serious injuries to his spine and doctors fear a blood clot similar to that which caused the death of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The injuries were received about five weeks ago in a collision on the Pennsylvania railroad. Commissioner Cox was thrown from his berth and before he could rise the occupant of the upper berth was thrown down upon him. After being treated for three weeks by New York specialists he was brought to Hot Springs to convalesce, but it is understood that the symptoms in his case are alarming the doctors and his relatives.

## Late Heir to \$40,000 Now Held as Slayer

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 3.—John T. Moore, late possessor of an inheritance charged by police with having shot and killed Peter Liten in a rival, dirty room where they were living together penniless.

Police declared the Moore fired when Liten objected to having cold water thrown on him.

## Warm Winter Ripens Melons in New Jersey

CAPE MAY, Dec. 3.—J. N. Hoff, a farmer, sold ten watermelons today that had picked on his farm at Fishing Creek, nearby.

Sunflowers are in bloom along the highways.

**MODERN WOODMEN TO ELECT**

Washington Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will hold a special meeting Tuesday night in Typographic at Temple to elect officers for the coming year.

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## ARBUCKLE JURORS HUNG, ELEVEN-ONE

**Outside in the court room Fatty sat in the front row of the jury box reading a newspaper.**

It was learned today that at one time last night the jury contemplated taking most of the exhibits in the case inside the jury room. They sent for Bailiff Harry McGovern and asked him to bring in several items, to wit: The hotel door on which the State claims are depicted the finger prints of Roscoe Arbuckle and Virginia Rappe, the report of the medical commission on the United Brothers Church, the transcript of the grand jury testimony, the additional photographs of finger prints and the transcript of the medical commission's testimony. About the only thing they did not ask for was the balliff's watch.

**Thirteenth Juror a Visitor.**

McGovern obtained the approval of the judge and was about to cart the articles into the room when he was summoned again and told they were not needed.

Stephen Hopkins, the thirteenth juror, drifted in during the afternoon to learn how his former colleagues were progressing. He talked with "Fatty" in the corridor, surrounded by newspaper men. Some one remarked that Marshal Foch was in the city.

"Yes," replied Hopkins. "I saw all the flags as I came up the street, and I didn't know what it was all about."

"I guess you thought I had been acquitted, didn't you?" asked Fatty. And the crowd laughed.

## Fatty's Accuser, Ill and Friendless, Held in Jail as a Bigamist

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Almost directly overhead the courtroom where eager throngs await the jury's decision in the Arbuckle manslaughter charge, Bambina Maude Delmont, who signed the warrant for the actor's original arrest, lies on a cot in the city prison.

She has been on a hunger strike about fourteen hours.

Mrs. Delmont is booked on a bigamy charge pending before R. E. Cornell, justice of peace of Madera county.

Since the fatal party at the St. Francis Hotel on Labor Day Mrs. Delmont has been so steeped in misery and "bad luck," as she calls it, that she has lost all interest in the outcome of the trial, she says.

Deserted by All, She Walls.

"I have done my duty. That is all. I am still sorry for that poor child that had the life crushed out of her by the big, blubbery fat man. I do

## BIG AIRSHIP TO FLY OVER CITY MONDAY

**Navy Dirigible Coming From Hampton Roads Will Test Helium Gas Inflation.**

Commanded by Lieut. Comdr. Zachary Lansdowne, the United States navy's new non-rigid airship, C-7, helium-gas inflated, will sail over Washington early Monday morning.

With Zachary will be Lieut. Comdr. R. F. Wood, attitude pilot; Lieut. C. E. Bauch, direction pilot, and Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate Ferris, mechanic. There will be no other passengers.

The flight is to be made from the naval air station at Hampton Roads. The airship is scheduled to reach Washington between 8 and 8:30 o'clock a. m. The flight will be made over Mt. Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and around the Capitol dome.

The flight is to be a test of helium gas inflation.

The C-7 is capable of making sixty miles an hour. Her principal dimensions are: Length, 192 feet; extreme height, 58 feet; maximum air diameter, 42 feet. Two 125-horsepower engines make the ship especially reliable for patrol and convoy work. At a cruising speed of forty-five miles per hour the craft has a cruising range of 2,180 miles, and she is designed with sufficient gas capacity to reach an altitude of 8,600 feet.

not care about the outcome of the jury's deliberations."

Mrs. Delmont, when taken into custody, pleaded illness. She lies now in a pink and white embroidered kimono, tossing on the prison cot, moaning and crying that she is deserted by all.

"Where are Virginia Rappe's family? Why don't they come to help me?" she queries.

"Oh, why didn't they let me tell my own story on the stand? Why didn't the district attorney let me testify?" Mrs. Belmont taken to hysteria.

She will be taken to Madera in charge of officers within the next few days.

## FEDERAL BAR TO MEET

The Federal Bar Association will meet in the auditorium of the Interior Building at 8:15 o'clock tomorrow night. Among the speakers will be William C. Dennis, former financial adviser to the Chinese government; R. W. Flourney, Jr., Edgar Turlington, Ralph W. S. Hill and William R. Valance.

## N. W. CITIZENS TO ELECT.

The North Washington Citizens' Association will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Sunday school house of the United Brethren Church, North Capitol and R streets northwest. The annual election of officers will take place and about 200 new members will be admitted.

## Today

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actions would be that of the nineteen-year-old girl, sometimes that of the child. The complete and apparent change of personality would occur ten times a day.

The doctors, scientists, not quacks, think they have cured the patient and driven out or suppressed the abnormal being.

Such dual, triple or centuple individualities exist, more or less under control, in all human beings—and naturally, as each of us has millions of ancestors buried beneath the surface. How many would be willing to have all their suppressed thoughts, impulses and desires made public?

In minds of great power nearly always there exists conflict or difference of personality. Newton, the greatest mathematical intellect ever born, wrote like a child of ten on religious matters. And Napoleon, master of men and of material conditions, speculated like a baby on abstruse subjects.

We are such stuff as dreams are made of—dreams, and dim, past memories. The majority, fortunately, are dull, and do their work not troubled by the dreams.

## Nail Found in Stomach of Man Shot with Gun

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 3.—Surgeons probing for buckshot in Christian Everhardus, victim of an accidental shooting, found a six-penny nail firmly lodged in the outer wall of the man's stomach.

The surgeons believe Everhardus, a cement contractor, must have ripped off a suspender button while on the hunting trip on which he was injured and that he placed the nail, as a substitute for the button, in the position in which it was driven into his stomach.

## Fisherman Fined After He Lands 100-lb. Sturgeon

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Victor Desjardins, who caught a 100-pound sturgeon, measuring five feet, four inches in length, in the Ottawa river, declares he is through with the rod and line forever.

Then the police department heard of it, Desjardins was haled into police court and fined for fishing without a license. The fish was confiscated.

## CONGRESSMEN LIKE CANADA'S SALES TAX

**Members of Mr. Hearst's Party Believe Levy Would Solve Problems in U. S.**

By JOHN K. WINKLER, International News Service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The forty-seven members of Congress who have just returned to the United States from Canada, where they investigated the operation of the Dominion's sales tax as guests of William Randolph Hearst, are well pleased with the results of their trip.

In the course of the journey home two impressions were gained of the views of the party:

A dozen former opponents of the sales tax have been won over and will be missionaries for the expected new sales tax bill to be introduced at the next session of Congress.

Those favorable to the "painless tax" believe it affords an opportunity to raise sufficient revenue to pay the proposed soldier bonus.

"As a means of centering public attention on the sales tax," said Lester D. Volk, chairman of the party, "Mr. Hearst's idea of sending a delegation of Congressmen to Montreal and Ottawa was brilliant. In no other way could so much public interest have been aroused and so much discussion stimulated. From the testimony of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, the Congressional delegates were able to acquire a remarkably clear view of this tax law and its application."

"Two features of the Canadian law particularly commended themselves to our delegation. The first of these is the ease of collection, and the second is the absence of objection to payment on the part of the consumer."

The sales tax in Canada produces about \$75,000,000 yearly. Canada has a population of 8,500,000. The United States has a population of approximately 120,000,000 or thirteen times that of Canada. Multiply \$75,000,000 by thirteen and the total is nearly one billion dollars. The greater volume of business in the United States would increase this amount considerably.

## New Gunners Establish New Record in Practice

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—A world's record in gunnery was established by the gun crew of turret No. 4 of the U. S. S. New Mexico in practice off the harbor here.

In short range director practice five shots were fired from three fourteen-inch guns in 1 minute, 38 seconds, all director hits at 6,000 yards.

The previous record was 1:42. Another score was seventeen out of twenty hits at 6,000 yards.

## Maryland Hen Adopts Family of Four Kittens

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 3.—Deserted by their mother, four malleable kittens have been adopted and are being mothered by a hen on the farm of John Kaylor.

The kittens' plaintive cries were heard by the hen, which promptly took charge of them, feeding them and covering them with its wings at night.

## GENTLEMAN JIM THEIF STIRS D.C. SUBURBANITES

**Residents Alarmed at Depredations of Marauder Who Wears Spats and Seeks Liquor.**

Alarmed over the nocturnal operations of a gentleman Raffles, who has either jimmied or otherwise forced his entrance into their homes, residents of Woodley and Cleveland park and Chevy Chase, have appealed to the police for more protection and are arming themselves for an expected encounter with the thief.

With an apparent penchant for mellow liquor, cash and revolvers, the Raffles has been known to pass up jewelry. The reason he has ignored jewelry is a matter of speculation. He seems to avoid pocketing this always marketable loot.

However in some houses the thief has pocketed jewelry when liquors were not found. One of these places was the apartment of Charles McGee Thomas, 2839 Twenty-seventh street northwest. Several days ago Mr. Thomas, recently married, discovered upon the return of his wife and himself from a theater that the apartment had been forced with a jimmy and that their wedding presents and other valuables, worth approximately \$4,000, had disappeared.

Police investigation developed that a few hours before Mr. and Mrs. Thomas discovered that their apartment had been robbed, a gentleman, nattily attired in stylish clothes and wearing spats was seen in the hall, and when asked what he wanted, declared he was looking for a vacant apartment he learned was for rent. There are no vacant apartments in the house.

The same "Gentleman," nattily attired and wearing spats" was seen the next day in the vicinity of the home of J. J. Boober, president of the Kiwanis Club, of 3221 Wisconsin avenue. He is believed to have jimmied his way into Mr. Boobar's home, but his search for liquors, cash and revolvers was of no avail. E. J. Quinn, 3800 Jesselton street, found his home had been robbed of 400 worth of jewelry. Neighbors told of seeing the mysterious stranger, attired the same in the hallway on the night of the robbery. Other supposed victims of the mysterious thief were Mrs. W. S. Lloyd, 6230 Broad Bridge road, and S. R. Prince, 3811 McKinley street.

## JEW TO WELCOME NAHUM SOKOLOV

**Plan to Have Him Address Mass Meeting in Aid of Zionist Movement.**

Nahum Sokolov, president of the executive committee of the World Zionist organization and chief of the delegation which presented the Jewish claims for the restoration of Palestine at the Paris peace conference, will be greeted by the Jews of Washington upon his arrival here next Sunday.

A general meeting of representatives of more than twenty-five local Jewish organizations was held Friday night to plan for the reception. At this meeting, Emile Berliner, honorary president of the Zionist organization of the District, was appointed chairman of the reception committee.

Headquarters have been opened on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Harrington. Plans will be made for a mass meeting at Poll's Theater, at which Mr. Sokolov will speak. The date will be announced later.

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