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MOVES ARE MADE TO LIBERATE CHINA

ARMS CONFERENCE AGREES ON WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN POSTOFFICES AND POSTAL SERVICES WITH TENTATIVE DATE ONE YEAR OFF.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Taking its first direct action toward the liberation of China from foreign influence, the arms conference agreed today on the withdrawal of foreign postoffices and postal systems from Chinese soil.

The decision was conditioned only on the maintenance by China of efficient postal facilities of her own, including retention of the present domestic organization by which a French director general acts as adviser to the Chinese postal authorities. January 1, 1923, virtually was agreed upon as the date of withdrawal of the Japanese alone withholding final approval on that point pending consultation with Tokyo. Constituting the first concrete application of the principle of Chinese administrative integrity as delineated in the "four points" of Elihu Root, the postal agreement is expected to be followed by another providing for gradual abolition of the system of extra-territorial rights under which a dozen foreign governments have set up their own courts in China, and by a discussion of the Chinese request that foreign troops be quartered within her borders without treaty sanction be withdrawn.

The question of troop withdrawal may lead the delegates into some of the most troublesome questions of the Far East. Some of the forces which the Chinese declare are in China without authority are Japanese quartered along the line of the Shantung railway, and others are within the debated territory of South Manchuria. Thus the negotiations promise to touch upon the Shantung and Manchurian controversies for the first time, although it is considered likely that the real issues of these two problems will be put over for discussion when the conference takes up, in the very near future, the specific subject of railway leases.

Along with the foreign troop question, which for the present does not deal with forces like the legation guards at Peking authorized by treaty, the Chinese will ask for a consideration of the status of certain foreign telegraph and wireless systems which they declare exist in China without her consent. The general subject is expected after a round table to go to a subcommittee. In Japanese circles it was said tonight that the Tokyo government was ready to withdraw its troops from the areas not covered by treaty stipulations as soon as China could insure the safety of Japanese nationals and property within these zones. Since the Japanese forces are more widely affected than those of any other nation by the Chinese request the attitude of the Japanese delegates was taken as forecasting at least a declaration of principle favorable to withdrawal.

Although the foreign governments are to have a year's grace in which to prepare for withdrawal of their postal systems from China one feature of the agreement is expected to become effective as soon as the conference confirms formally the action voted by the delegates today in committee of the whole. This action refers to the introduction of contraband into Chinese territory through the foreign mails, and gives Chinese customs authorities the right to search mail matter that they suspect.

Plans Mexican Hospital.

Mexico City, Mex., Nov. 29.—American Masons have become interested in the operating here of a hospital for crippled children, and it is probable that a structure costing about \$200,000 will be erected. At this hospital children will receive free medical and surgical treatment.

GERMAN NATION NOT CONCERNED

FRENCH STATESMAN SAYS HE HEARS ONLY RUMORS OF BERLIN BEING REPRESENTED—NOT INTERESTED IN CONFERENCE, SAYS VIVIANI.

Washington, Nov. 28.—M. Viviani, head of the French delegation to the Washington conference, in discussing the possibility that Germany might later be a participant, said tonight that "he could not see what questions on our agenda concerns that country. I have heard nothing more than rumors about this," he said, "and the subject has not been brought to my attention in any way officially. I do not see what question on our agenda concerns Germany. She has no specific interests. Her naval and her land armaments are fixed by the treaty of Versailles. This conference would not consider the revision of that treaty. The question of reparations, if a conference of world powers should desire to take it up, would mean, according to my personal view, that they would be prepared to take upon themselves the responsibility of the reparations which Germany has promised to pay over her signature. France has been in direct negotiation with Germany on this subject recently. M. Loucheur of the French ministry has been in prolonged negotiation with Herr Rathenau, representing the German government. The agreement reached for payments in goods has been referred to the allied reparations commission for approval. That is the present situation of the reparations questions."

Speaking of his having engaged passage to leave for home December 14, M. Viviani remarked: "I would like very much to leave on that date because I have urgent engagements in Paris. I am neither a minister, an ambassador nor a functionary of state, but I am at the disposal of my government if it should seem necessary for me to remain longer than middle of December. I see no reason why the conference should not have completed its work. Of course there might remain over details for experts to arrange. These would not require my presence."

POLICEMEN FIGHT ON RIVER FRONT

New Orleans, Nov. 28.—Two hundred and fifty policemen battled for an hour late today with union sympathizers of the striking river front workers. The battle extended over a space of five blocks in the vicinity of the foot of Canal street. Numerous arrests were made and a number of injured were sent to hospitals.

The clash was the first serious disturbance that has marked the strike, in which 12,000 men are out. Rioting started when non-union workers began to leave their jobs for the day. Iron bars, bricks, clubs and fists were used freely by both sides.

Police reserves from every station in the city and from across the river, many of them armed with shot guns, were called to the scene. Police Superintendent Malony led his forces in person, while officers and patrolmen alike plunged into the struggle, playing clubs liberally. No shots were fired.

According to an official estimate at least 20 men were seriously beaten. Two bystanders were among those badly hurt. None of the injured cases reported will prove fatal, hospital authorities say.

The number of arrests still was being tabulated tonight. Many men were sent to outlying precinct stations while scores of others were whirled from the police by their friends.

Thousands witnessed the battle.

LIQUOR REVENUE STILL VERY LARGE

\$82,000,000 TAKEN IN BY GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR—MORE THAN ONE-FOURTH AMOUNT COLLECTED WHEN PROHIBITION WAS NOT EFFECTIVE

Washington, Nov. 28.—With national prohibition in effect, it might naturally be assumed that the revenue of the government from alcoholic liquors would be very small.

Under the law, the only permissible manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors for medicinal, sacrificial, and manufacturing purposes, all within strict limitation and regulation.

Nevertheless, during the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1921, internal revenue was collected by the government on intoxicating liquors to the extent of over \$82,000,000. This is more than a fourth of the internal revenue collected from intoxicating liquors in the fiscal year, 1917, when prohibition was not in effect.

The comparison shows that the United States is consuming legally, or certainly under legal forms, a much larger amount of alcoholic liquor than would be assumed by the average citizen. Bootleg liquor traffic, of course, is unlawful and escapes all taxation.

Inquiry today brought forth the additional fact that Uncle Sam collected \$1,000,000 during the calendar year of 1920 in customs duties on imported alcoholic beverages. The revenue from that source, however, had fallen in much greater proportion than the internal revenue on liquors. Before national prohibition went into effect the customs duties collected in a year on imported alcoholic beverages ran from \$13,000,000 to \$19,000,000. It would appear from this that we are making in our own country a large proportion of the liquors which are non contraband now than were before we adopted national prohibition. But the surprising fact is the extent of the legal liquor revenue under the prohibition amendment and Volstead extensions.

CALHOUN HIGHWAY MEET HERE THURSDAY DEC. 15.

Directors and Officials From Several Counties to Come for Conference on Road Matters

The officers and directors of the Calhoun Highway Association have accepted an invitation to hold their next meeting in Abbeville Thursday, December 15. Planning to make the visit of these representatives as pleasant as possible a committee has been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to look after the entertainment features. J. M. Nickles, director of the association from Abbeville County, is chairman of the committee, and is assisted by M. B. Reese, C. E. Williamson, J. S. Stark, J. S. Cochran, C. H. McMurray, J. Moore Mars, T. G. White and Dr. G. A. Neuffer.

This committee meets in the Chamber of Commerce Thursday to formulate further plans.

COTTON MARKET

Spot, 18 cents.

	Close	Gain
January	17.63	.13
March	17.60	.19
May	17.31	.17
July	16.85	.11
December	17.19	.26

Tonight heavy forces of harbor guards were augmenting the police on river front duty and large reserves were being held at the more central precinct stations.

COMING OF FOCH NOW IS CERTAIN

WILL PASS THROUGH ABBEVILLE IN AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 9—COMMITTEE WILL MAKE EFFORT TO HAVE MARSHAL STOP HERE.

News carried yesterday by the Associated Press confirmed the report that Marshal Ferdinand Foch will make his principal stop in South Carolina at Greenwood, arriving there on a Seaboard train at 4:25 o'clock, Friday, December 9. To reach Greenwood he will pass through Abbeville about 3:45 or 4 o'clock and effort is being made to have the marshal make a short stop in Abbeville.

It is pointed out that Abbeville, as the home of John de La Howe, and the namesake of Abbeville, France, is a county and a town admirably equipped to do this great representative of France honor. And because of the connection this country has had with France it is felt that the marshal can not refuse to honor the hundreds of his admirers who live in this community.

Accordingly a committee composed of the mayor, members of the Chamber of Commerce and ex-service men, headed by J. D. Fulp, has been appointed to "endeavor to have Marshal Foch and his party stop in this city on his way from Atlanta to Greenwood." This committee which is composed of J. D. Fulp, chairman; W. D. Wilkinson, J. Moore Mars, Otto Bristow, A. J. Derbyshire, Arthur Rosenberg, Carroll Swetenberg, R. B. Cheatham, H. L. Johnson, Owen Speed, H. B. Wilson and H. A. Benton will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to decide what the nature of the reception will be.

Mayor J. Moore Mars yesterday received a telegram from John W. Moore of Greenwood, chairman of the invitation committee, inviting "you and your city and county to come to Greenwood on December 9 and take part in welcoming Marshal Foch to South Carolina Soil."

ERSKINE AND CLEMSON MAY PLAY GAME HERE

Effort Being Made To Arrange Baseball Game Here Next Spring.

According to a letter received yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce from Robert F. Plaxco, baseball manager at Erskine, a move is under way to have Erskine and Clemson play a game here next spring. Mr. Plaxco says that the Erskine authorities have been consulted and that they favor the plan. It only remains to get Clemson's agreement, which it is thought, can readily be secured.

This game, due to the large following both colleges have in this county, would be a big drawing card for Abbeville, and visitors would no doubt come from adjoining counties for the game. Every effort will be made, Secretary Barnes says, to have the game played here.

SOLDIER BONUS COMING

Washington, Nov. 28.—Senator Watson of Indiana who talked with President Harding tonight on matters which may be included in the formal message to congress on convening next week gave it as his personal view that nothing in the world could prevent congress at the regular session from enacting a bonus bill for former service men.

Winter League Closes Dec. 8th.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 29.—The California winter baseball league, in which several major league stars are playing, closes its first session on December 8, after which the two leading clubs will play a series for a \$2,000 purse.

OUIJA ON STAND IN FLORIDA COURT

LENA CLARK USES CRYSTAL ON STAND—DEFENDANT IN MURDER TRIAL SAYS DEAD MAN STOLE THOUSANDS. SHE ADMITS THEFT ALSO.

Orlando, Fla., Nov. 28.—The jury hearing the case of Lena M. T. Clark and Baxter H. Patterson, charged with the murder of Fred A. Miltimore, local restaurateur, today heard the woman's story recited under the spell of a crystal.

Unique in the annals of jurisprudence the woman, an announced devotee of the ouija, had the crystal steadily before her in order that she could concentrate, as it was explained. She held Miltimore responsible for the theft of \$38,000 from the West Palm Beach postoffice in 1918 which reflected on her brother Paul. Her attempt to cover this shortage culminated in her taking \$32,000 from a registered package later in July of this year, the defendant said.

When postal inspectors waxed warm in their investigation she came to Orlando accompanied by Patterson, in search of Miltimore. As to the killing of the man she suffered a lapse of memory. Her testimony exonerated Patterson as to having any part in the actual slaying.

Miss Clarke, who occupied the stand for more than two hours, told the same story she had given in a signed statement shortly after Miltimore's body was found in her room at a local hotel. She mentioned Joseph B. Elwell, murdered New York Sportsman, as having loaned her \$38,000 in 1918 because of his friendship for her brother. To repay him she was forced to start on a career of doctoring the accounts. Her mention of Elwell's name shortly after her arrest caused a flurry in police circles because of the fact that Elwell's assassins have never been arrested. It was quickly established, however, that the woman had not been north of Atlanta since a young girl.

KATO PRESENTS TOKYO CLAIM

Washington, Nov. 29.—To safeguard properly the interests of the Japanese empire, the ratio of 70 per cent in tonnage of capital ships is necessary, Vice Admiral Kanji Kato, president of the Japanese naval college and chief naval adviser to the Japanese delegation to the Washington conference, said to the Associated Press tonight in an interview.

Vice Admiral Kato, who is regarded as the leading Japanese authority on naval strategy, declared that the main issue for the conference on limitation of armament was the reduction of armament burdens.

"Japan accepts this issue wholeheartedly," he continued, "and is quite prepared to scrap capital ships under construction and old battleships. The naval ratio is of grave concern to the security of the nations. I hope the United States will accept the 70 per cent. for Japan, which is the minimum of strength required for her security."

The vice admiral remarked that the agreement to limit armament must be accomplished by a thorough understanding of all those participating.

"The main issue in the limitation of armament, as I have stated, I believe, is to relieve the burdens of the nations. Japan has shown her hearty accord to the idea and has agreed to the wholesale scrapping of capital ships under construction as well as old ships. This practically means that the great purpose of the conference has been attained, because it indicates that in the future

BARNES APPOINTED DISTRICT DIRECTOR

WILL HAVE CHARGE OF COOPERATIVE MARKETING CAMPAIGN IN FIFTEEN COUNTIES. DISTINCT COMPLIMENT TO SECRETARY BARNES.

Coming as a complete surprise and absolutely unsolicited was the appointment yesterday of George T. Barnes, secretary of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, as district director of the South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Marketing Association. Mr. Barnes has accepted the offer with the understanding that he will not give up his work with the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Barnes' appointment to this important position is a distinct compliment to the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce and to Mr. Barnes personally. It is the more complimentary in that the selection of Secretary Barnes was made without personal solicitation on his part.

Mr. Barnes will have direct supervision in fifteen counties of the cooperative marketing campaign now about to begin in the interest of the profitable selling of next year's cotton crop. His territory includes much of the Piedmont section and the tier of counties adjoining the Savannah river, extending across the state to Sumter county.

He will appoint and direct county directorates and field agents who will carry the plan direct to the farmer. All county agents will work in harmony with the district director, as will the state department of agriculture; Clemson College and all farmers organizations.

The campaign begins early in December and Mr. Barnes, as director of the effort, will be on the road much of the time until he completes the detailed organization work. He is planning to get the work under way with such momentum that it will be irresistible.

SEEING THE WORLD

John Klugh and Jack Bradley went to Chester with 'the team' Thanksgiving and after the game went on to Rock Hill and made a week-end visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Klugh. They enjoyed such dissipation as a game of golf, the country club, seeing the Winthrop girls and several turkey dinners.

HEE HAW JINX

West Point Gets Rid of Mule Mascot.

New York, Nov. 28.—Jinx, the stubborn one-eyed mule the West Point cadets borrowed from the Fort Bloom remount station for a football mascot, has been fired—kicked out.

Braying his dissatisfaction, Jinx started on his homeward journey without a wisp of hay or a single oat. He blinked his good right eye and made a move to project his rear hoofs in the general direction of two cadet muleteers, but they anticipated him.

If Jinx (he was named after the game) had won Saturday's game, he would have been paraded through the ball room of a swell hotel and put up for the night in a commodious, hay-filled, oat-lined stall on the roof.

The port eye of the mule is sightless, and the navy's touchdown followed a plunge through the left end of the army line.

Light Snow Fell at Gray Court

Gray Court, Nov. 29.—Scattering flakes of snow fell here Monday afternoon shortly after 3:00 o'clock. The fall was light and scattering and did not continue but a short time but were seen by many persons.

there will come about huge reductions in naval expenditure. There is another point to which I would like to call your attention.