

RESERVATION IS PROPOSED BY FRANCE

Would Start Work On Capital Ships Within Six Years

Many Elements Of Uncertainty Enter Into Discussions Regarding Further Limitation Of War Crafts; American Plan For Limiting Tonnage On Airplane Carriers Comes Up Today.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The major plan to limit the tonnage of airplane carriers to be maintained in the future navies of the powers. It is on this proposition and on proposals to restrict the use of submarines and the size of individual warships of the auxiliary classes that the American delegation now pins its hope of amplifying the capital ships agreement already reached but to which France yesterday attached a reservation as to repayment.

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Back to Capital Ship. Washington, Dec. 29.—Naval experts of the arms conference are preparing to take up the capital ship replacement program as soon as the naval committee reaches a preliminary agreement to return to the subject. A preliminary meeting of the experts was scheduled for late today after the naval committee adjourns.

French acceptance of the \$75,000 ton limitation on capital ships still hinges, according to M. Sarraut's formal statement to the committee, on an agreement as to details in regard to the ten year naval holiday and also on determination of the period of years for which the tonnage limitation agreement is to run. He indicated that France desired to begin in 1927, four years before the end of the ten year naval holiday, construction of such capital ships as might be necessary to replace units in her fleet which will have passed the 20 year mark in 1931.

World Out Holiday. If this suggestion is accomplished the actual period of the holiday would be extended to include the original American proposal no building was to be started until the full ten years has elapsed.

Naval officials realized, however, that many things might happen which would make a further conference desirable before the ten years was up and there has been discussion and arrangements of the desirability of calling for another meeting of the conference in 1928 or 1927.

The new angle taken by the negotiators was described by President Harding today by Secretary Hughes, who went to the White House before the naval committee met and was closeted for nearly an hour with the chief executive. The trend of their discussions are not revealed.

The American delegates attach a great deal of importance to the resolutions which they are to vote on. They do not want to see the resolution laying down principles for guidance of the powers in their dealings with the Far East through unscrupulous in appearance, the proposed submarine declaration in the opinion of the Americans marked a distinct advance toward the movement to divest naval warfare of its most repellent and inhuman feature.

Sends Letter to Hughes. Washington, Dec. 29.—Expressing a desire to assist in the conference in arriving at a just and proper solution of problems involved in Siberia, the special delegation from the chambers of commerce and industry of the United States, now in Washington, has addressed a letter to Secretary Hughes as chairman of the conference recommending among other things that national banks here today and escaped in an automobile after wounding a railroad guard.

Limit on Aircraft Use. Washington, Dec. 29.—Unlimited construction of aircraft but sharp delimitation of their use in war time are understood to be embodied in recommendations decided upon by the subcommittee on aviation of the arms conference. The report of the subcommittee was said to be ready for presentation to the meeting of the arms conference by the powers and a limit of 27,000 tons on airplane carriers.

British Agree. Great Britain alone agreed to the (Continued on page 5)

Germany Ready To Deal With Reparations

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany's readiness to deal directly with the approaching Cannes conference of the Allied supreme council relative to German reparations was indicated by Dr. Fischer, chairman of the German war debt commission, who appeared before a special meeting of the Allied reparations committee.

ITALIAN DISCOUNT AND TRUST CO. IN NEW YORK IS CLOSED

New York, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Italian Discount and Trust Company at 390 Broadway, New York, which has been closed since its doors were following the run.

Debs Rests At His Home After Big Celebration. Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader paroled several days ago from a federal prison, was resting at his home here today following a rousing homecoming celebration tendered him last night by his followers and fellow townspeople. Relatives announced that for the next few days Mr. Debs would probably remain in the seclusion of his home.

More Testimony As to Condition of Burch's Mind. Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Further testimony from allentists as to the mental condition of Arthur C. Burch, convicted murderer of J. C. Belmont Kennedy, was expected at the resumption of the trial today.

Four Robbers Kill Assistant Cashier and Clerk in Bank. Pearl River, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Four robbers shot and killed the assistant cashier and clerk of the First National bank here today and escaped in an automobile after wounding a railroad guard.

Five Deaths in Five Days in N. Y. Robberies. New York, Dec. 29.—Five killed and four seriously wounded are the result of the last five days' robberies in New York city which today set police and the district attorney's office hard at work to prove their oft-repeated assertion that there has been no crime wave this year.

MANY DANCING ACADEMIES. Moscow, Dec. 29.—This capital boasts of more dancing academies than any other. The reason is that, as everyone must have some sort of a stamped paper showing an occupation, in case they are stopped by the police or are travelling, many thousands have either opened or joined dancing academies. Among these are a number of cabinet ministers and former generals.

The Weather. North Dakota—Generally fair tonight and Friday; rising temperature in southeast portion tonight; colder Friday.

Passage Of Irish Treaty Is Foreseen

London, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The majority of English newspaper correspondents in Ireland see in the growing volume of sentiment for the peace treaty an indication that ratification will be effected shortly after the Dail Eilreann reconvenes next Tuesday. Some predict that a vote will be taken as early as Thursday, January 5.

LESS WINTER WHEAT SOWN THAN IN 1920

Washington, Dec. 29.—The area sown to winter wheat this fall is 44,293,000 acres, which is 1.2 per cent less than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1920 was 44,847,000 acres, the department of agriculture announced today. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 76.9 per cent of normal compared with 87.9 a year ago and 85.2 two years ago and 89.0 the ten year average.

CUT IN FREIGHT RATES TO SAVE MINN. BIG SUM

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—A saving of approximately \$250,000 on the 1922 construction program on Minnesota trunk highways is assured by an order of the state railroad and warehouse commission, made public today by Commissioner Ivan Bowen, for a straight 20 per cent reduction in freight rates on highway building materials.

ITALIAN BANK CLOSES DOORS

Rome, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Banco di Scoto closed its doors this morning following an announcement by the government of a modified moratorium permitting the suspension of payments of the obligations of certain corporations through court decree.

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Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Judge Claire C. Edwards of the circuit court of Lake county today upheld an indictment charging Governor Len Small with embezzlement of \$500,000 of state funds, and nine of the thirteen counts of an indictment charging the governor, Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, a banker of Grant Park, Ill., with conspiracy and operating a confidence game involving \$2,000,000 in state money.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—The farmers are not suffering from a lack of credit, but over-expansion, E. G. Quamme, president of the Federal Land bank of St. Paul, told the joint congressional committee on short-range rural credits here this afternoon.

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FARM EXPANSION DELAY URGED BY DR. J. E. BLACK

Declares Demand For Products Must Catch Up With The Supply.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—Dr. J. E. Black, farm economic expert of the agriculture department of the University of Minnesota today urged that the expansion of farming activities be "staved off" until the demand for products catches up with the supply.

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N. D. Farm Bureau Federation Opens Annual Session

Government of Canada Changes This Afternoon

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—It was announced with startling abruptness today that the government of Canada would change hands at 3 o'clock.

HEARING ON WEIGHING AND FEEDING STOCK MAY NOT BE HELD

Washington, Dec. 29.—The question of the continuation of state weighing and feeding at the South St. Paul stockyards was the subject of a conference between Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Congressman Steenerson and Volstead today.

HUNDREDS OF DRUG PEDDLERS OUSTED, BRANSKI REPORTS

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Federal narcotic agents have confiscated \$50,000 worth of drugs and driven hundreds of alleged dope peddlers out of the Minneapolis division comprising the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska during 1921, J. M. Branski, narcotic agent in charge, said today.

Purchase Of Land For Cemeteries In Europe Is Proposed

Washington, Dec. 29.—Purchase at an estimated cost of \$111,000 of seven tracts of land in Europe for permanent American cemeteries was recommended today by Secretary Weeks, who, in a letter to Speaker Gillett, also asked congress to make an additional \$745,000 available for improvement of the cemeteries so that they will compare favorably with those established by the allies for their war dead.

SLATER SHACKLED TO DEPUTY AND TAKEN TO ANOKA

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Shackled to Deputy Sheriff Earl Brown, Earl Slater, arrested under the name of W. L. McDonough for the murder of Frank L. Kelley, Mankato, in Dayton Station school house was taken to Anoka early today for arraignment before District Judge A. E. Giddings after his case has been considered by the Anoka county grand jury.

VAULT OF BARTON BANK BLOWN BUT NO MONEY TAKEN

Minot, N. D., Dec. 29.—The vault of the First State bank of Barton, McHenry county, was blown early today by yeggs who tunneled into it but no loot taken. The robbers were unable to open the money chamber.

ONE DOLLAR A BARREL DUTY ON OIL IS PROPOSED

Washington, Dec. 29.—An import duty of one dollar a barrel on crude oil was urged before the senate finance committee today by Harry H. Smith of Tulsa, Okla., for the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association and the National Association of Independent Oil Producers.

Hans Georgeson In His Address Declares Farmers Are Being "Jipped" In The Matter Of Freight Charges; Appointment Of Traffic Manager Urged.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 29.—Approximately 100 delegates, representing every county farm bureau in North Dakota, gathered at the little Country theater at the North Dakota agricultural college at 10 o'clock this morning for the opening session of the North Dakota Farm Bureau federation annual meeting, which closed with an evening session Friday.

Following the appointment of various committees, who immediately went into session, recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock, when the afternoon session was held in the Country Theater.

Leading the discussions will be Franklin Page of Hamilton, on the 1922 program; U. L. Burdick, on the "Drying of Farm Supplies" and a separate sectional conference on "Women's Work and Committee Chairmen."

History Is Told. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 29.—Details of the beginning of the North Dakota Farm Bureau movement, the present condition and the work accomplished during the past year in aiding agriculture were presented to the membership at the second annual meeting here today.

Another demand is coming for space from live stock breeders and others who would like to use the medium to advertise their live stock. One breeder stated that he had withdrawn his advertisements from another publication because he felt that he was paying for a large circulation in adjoining states that was of very slight value, if any, to him.

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