LAUGH MISSING AS DELEGATES GATHER

Wood Thinks Smile May Do Much to Prevent Future Wars.

STORY OF A SECRETARY

How President's Choice Was Left Out Because Chairman Forgot His Name. BY JUNIUS B. WOOD.

One thing missing from the grave

deserved attention in the great assembly. It has been there and will continue. Even grave statesmen cannot live without it. Journalists, correspondents and reporters have taxed their brains and amazed a reading world with learned discussions of oriental mysticism, terrifying figures on armament and inside theories of diplomacy, but little has been heard of the laugh which makes all the world akin.

Humor in a Sad Face.

Possibly the missing feature will be supplied by a sad-faced man who wandered down the corridor of the State Department yesterday looking for a delegate to the conference. He did not find anybody at home, for all who could get a ticket or fight their way through the crowd were at Arlington. The serious man explained that he was organizing a league for the telling of truth and thought that an indorsement by the conference might give international approval to the idea. Many wish him success in the field he has selected.

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That legislators, lawyers and business men can probably conduct for-tain diplomacy.

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"His Name Is-

The routine business was brief. The chairman's gaze swept the mere di-rectors with the superiority of a conrectors with the superiority of a confidant of state secrets.

"Gentleman," he said, "I am proposing as secretary of this board a man who has done much for our party and whose election will give pleasure to our President? His name is

The chairman paused as hundreds of village chairmen had paused after invite autories when they forgot similar eulogies, when they forgot the name of the visiting platform hero they were introducing. But the charthey were introducing. But the chairman could not present his hero with a graceful wave of the hand. The hero was in the anteroom. The chairman's hand dropped into his pocket and a card nestled in his palm. "His name is—" he continued with hardly a pause. "Yes, his name is Mr. —" he concluded reading the name on the card.

name on the card. He Was a Wise Young Man. The chairman's nominee was unani-mously elected. He was invited be-fore the board and astounded with fore the board and astounded with the announcement from the happy chairman that he was secretary of the august body. He was a wise young man who said nothing, bowed and retired. The board departed sat-isfied that they had pleased every-body. Later they discovered their mistake, but to rectify it would be to laugh. The other young man got a secretaryship, but not as imposing a one.

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PARLEY DELEGATION IS PICK OF U.S. REAR ADMIRAL FISKE TELLS LEGION

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, November 12 .- Sugestions from the lalety as to how the Washington conference on limitation of armament should be conducted, and the sending of conducted, and the sending of criticisms and petitions to the delegations by persons who know little or nothing about armament problems, will not help speed the conference to success, declared Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, speaking last night at an Ameri-can Legion dinner. "The four men selected to represent this country at the conference are the pick of the nation and are thoroughly capable," he said, "and they will be assisted by a large corps of advisors."

The people have not given the profound thought to the subject of armaments that they should, he asserted, and they do not have a clear conception of the real meaning of armament. He declared that a municipal police force is a form of armament, which protects honest and peaceful citisens from robbers and outlawry.

AMERICAN ARMS FOR DEFENSE, VIEW OF FOREIGN DELEGATES

BY PAUL SCOTT MOWRER.

Members of foreign delegations to discussions of the Washington confer- the Washington conference have been ence is the laugh. Though universal studying with the greatest interest through the world in the piping days certain ideas which they tend to re-of war as in the doldrum years of gard as the basis of America's present political psychology. Among these ideas they have noted the following:
That foreign policy and national interests abroad are properly to be repeace, the smile has not received its political psychology. Among these deserved attention in the great as- ideas they have noted the following:

That whereas foreign armies and navies are possibly weapons of ag-gression, as well as of defense, the American armament is solely defen-That navies reduced proportionately

to a smaller size will thereby become less belligerent than the same navies

That "open sessions" necessarily mean "open diplomacy."
That if sessions are closed not even trained newspaper men will be able to keep the public accurately informed.
That if the conference fails, it will probably be the other fellow's fault.
That there is a magic in agreement on abstract principles which facilitates agreement on concrete cases.
That a policy of "cards on the table" will go far toward solving certain existing conflicts of interest.
That agreements as to means, in the case of China, for example, will naturally entail agreements as to

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The humor of a story which had edified the visiting delegates as any politics is not appreciated by several persons. A few weeks ago the President indicated to one of his new appointees as chairman of one of the most important national boards that young man hamed as secretary. Of course the new chairman, the mere directors as well, were ready to please the President. The young man was a stranger to them, but they were told that he would be watting the attention of the president in the board met that afternoon. He had a ready to the complete the complet

Wonders Whether Arms Conferees Will Consider Pres-

ent Situation.

BY GEORGE WITTE.

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Will the Washington conference con-

the world congress called by Presi-

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LODGE CAUSES LAUGH **GERMANY WORRIES** AT ARMS PARLEY BY MOVING TO ADJOURN

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, member of the American delega-tion to the limitation of armament

member of the American delegation to the limitation of armament
conference, caused the only laugh
at the opening session of the
Washington conference today.

When all the nations represented
at the conference table had been
heard from, Senator Lodge arose.
His colleagues in the Senate,
seated in one of the galleries immediately facing Mr. Lodge, applauded vociferously, and the rest
of the gathering joined in.
With a smile on his face, as soon
as he could make himself heard,
Senator Lodge said, addressing the
presiding officer, Secretary Hughes:
"I move that the conference do
now adjourn until 11 o'clock on
Tuesday at this place."

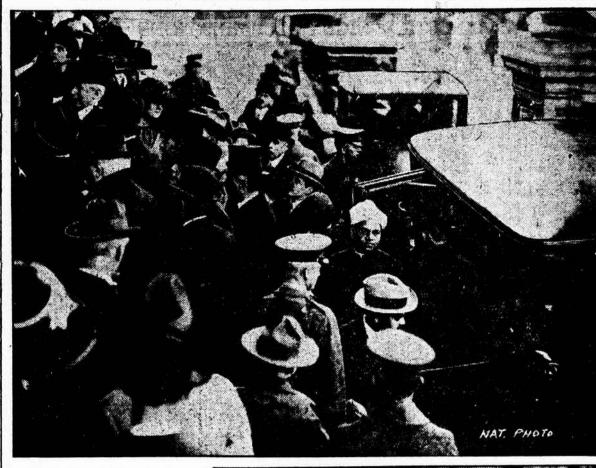
The galleries, expecting a speech

The galleries, expecting a speech rom the distinguished senator, The galleries, expecting a speech from the distinguished senator, burst into laughter. Incidentally, as republican leader of the Senate, Mr. Lodge almost dally moves the ad-journment of that body.

world limitation of armaments a few of the front page of your paper of all who participated in the imperant peace was discussed by delegates to the first American bird appointment of a commission to study birth control, were passed.

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GREAT CONGESTION AROUND ENTRANCE TO CONTINENTAL HALL WHEN DELEGATES ARRIVED FOR ARMS CONFERENCE



NAVAL DISARMING PLAN OFFERED BY MR. HUGHES **RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE**

Members of the Senate, who, with the President, are charged with looking to the foreign relations of the United States, today expressed the highest admiration for the American plan for naval for the American plan for havaidisarmament as presented to the limitation of armament conference by Secretary of State Hughes. The frankness of the statement by Mr. Hughes, its purpose, were applauded vigorouly by the senators as the Secretary spoke, and later they were enthusiastic in their comments.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, democrat, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee dur-ing democratic control of the Sen-

ate, said:
"It (Mr. Hughes' address) was splendid. It was concrete and to the point." Senator Kenyon of Iowa, republican, declared that the American Secretary of State had pointed the way to a real limitation of arma-ments.

LABOR DEMONSTRATION **FAVORS ARMS PARLEY**

Central Labor Union Addressed by Prominent Speakers Urging Support of Limitation.

the conference for limitation of armament.

"I hope that the proceedings of the conference," he said, "will be absolutely public, that all the cards will be laid on the table. We have had enough to do with secret intrigues of diplomats in the past. And I hope that for once in its existence the Congress of the United States will keep still and give the delegates to the conference a chance to show what they are going to do, and also that the newspapers of the country will do the same."

Other speakers were Frank Duffy, president of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; sider Germany's plight? That is the supreme question being asked by the country's financiers, industrialists and other leading men on the eve of erhood of Carpenters and Joiners; Mrs. Edward P. Costigan and John B. Colpoys, who presided and deliv-ered the opening address. country than Austria, Poland or Rus-



AS PARLEY DELEGATES MEET

Ambassadors, Justices of Supreme Court, Cabinet Members and Men in Brilliant Uniform Gather.

States ever had so many notables pass its portals as the 17th street doors of Memorial Continental Hall this morning for the few minutes just

Crowded on the steps and slowly CALL OF WORLD

was, of course, the big event eagerly awaited by those who had with the persistence of herring going upstrounded by representatives of herring going upstrounded the barriers. They featuously supposed that the chief executive would come to the main porte-cochere. Of course, he didn't. When the presidential cars slipped down 17th street and around the corner everybody registered acute disappointment, while the flying leaps of photographers, cameras in hand, from their precarious places on the pediments of the pillars provided a real thrill. Most, of not all, did not reach the corner until the President The Sense of values of some Amerator when Secretary Hughes

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No other entrance in the United icans is peculiar. "How dare you try tates ever had so many notables pass to stop me? I am the wife of a colonel in the Army," one woman called from her sedan to a police officer. She seemed to think that entirely suffi-cient reason for permitting her car to enter a street closed to all traffic.

RESOUNDS, SAYS

hind the American sections were draped the flags of the nine nations. American delegation to arrive. He was the tensest silence as the looking for a speech. But the senset walked about the room meeting members of the American advisory combers of the American advisory walked about the room meeting mem- of the conference as follows: bers of the American advisory com-mittee, much as he talked with col-leagues in the Senate chamber. There

galleries.

As the French delegates reached the main entrance there was something of a jam. Premier Briand, edging his way through, dropped his silk hat. Attendants quickly made a way for him to get in.

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Attaches in Full Dress.

Military and naval attaches appeared in full dress uniforms, making a show of plumes and spangles such as Washington has not seen since the war. Almost all the others were made to the war. Almost all the others were made and Mrs. Coolidge and Speaker Gillett of the House and Mrs. Gillett occupied and Mrs. Coolidge and Speaker Gillett of the House and Mrs. Gillett occupied and Mrs. Coolidge and Speaker Gillett of the House and Mrs. Gillett occupied and Mrs. Coolidge and Speaker Gillett of the House and Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Connecticut, president content of the Daughters of the American delegation. Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Connecticut, president general of the Daughters of the his eyes, searched for his own seat of honor in a box with a party.

Earl Beatty, putting his glasses to his eyes, searched for his own seat of Beritish advisors.

The delegate from India. Srinivass Sastri, wearing a white silk turbant and found it on the first row of the British advisors.

The delegate from Louding and Mrs. George Connecticut, president ground and the realization for the picture of the Daughters of the British advisors.

The delegate from India. Srinivass Sastri, wearing a white silk turbant of some of the Army with whom he was associated.

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PRESIDENT IS CHEERED AS HE PASSES ON WAY TO OPEN ARMS PARLEY

President Harding was cheered today almost the entire way as he motored from the White House to the Memorial Continental Hall to deliver his speech to open the armaments conference. The streets in that section were well crowded at the time, and the sight of the President called for one ovation after another. He bowed several times in acknowledgment of these manifestations. manifestations.

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The President was accompanied by Mrs. Harding, his secretary and Col. Sherrill, his chief aide. When they alighted at the steps of the building the President paused long enough to let the dozen or more photographers and motion picture men "shoot him." At the doorway the party was greeted by Basil Miles, secretary to the conference, who escorted the President to an anteroom, where he removed his hat and overcoat, and then went to the assembly room.

The President left the building immediately at the conclusion of his speech. Mrs. Harding remained to watch the proceedings.

and the entire American delegation took their seats at 10:25 o'clock.

A momentary hush fell upon the assemblage after the applause greeting the entrance of the American delegation, and then the storm of conversation broke loose again.

Secretary Hughes sat in the center of the table, and with a white slab of marble and a small gavel in front of

of the table, and with a white slab of marble and a small gavel in front of him. At his right, in order, were Senator Lodge, Elihu Root and Senator Underwood. On the Secretary's left was Lord Balfour, head of the British delegation. Ten-thirty, the official hour of opening the conference, passed with some of the delegations still absent. Mr. Hughes watched the clock and the confusion around the doorway.

Cheered by Audience.

The audience rose and cheered as Mrs. Harding took her place at the front of the box where the Vice Pres ident sat. The President came in at 10:33 o'clock, and immediately Secretary Hughes called the conference to order.

Prayer was offered by the President's pastor, Rev. W. S. Abernethy of Calvary Baptist Church. He prayed as follows:

"Almighty God, we thank Thee for the coming of this eventful day. We have seen it from afar, and now we rejoice that it has at last dawned. May it bring untold blessing to a rejoice that it has at last dawned. May it bring untold blessing to a troubled world. O Thou Omnipotent One, today, as in other days, we believe that Thou dost guide in human affairs. Thou hast made of one blood all nations that dwell upon the earth, and, though we are of many races and many tongues, yet the interests of the few are the interests of the larger pumber. May we feel assured that the welfare and happiness and prosperity of the human family are inexpressibly dear to Thy heart. We pray for clear vision, or we shall grope blindly for the light and lose our way. We pray for hearts lovingly sympathetic to the light and lose our way. We pray for hearts lovingly sympathetic to human distress wherever it may exist, or we shall sink into the depths of a miserable selfishness. We pray for minds willing to believe that the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, or we shall miss the great joy of service. We pray for the forward look or we shall be overwhelmed in hopeless pessimism. Give us the ability to think clearly, to judge fairly, to act wisely. Help us to think less often of our rights and more often of our duties and responsibilities.

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"We pray at this hour on behalf of a world in sore need. Thou art not unmindful of the sufferings of Thy people. The cries of multitudes of widows and orphans have come up before Thee, O God. We have had our terrible baptism of blood. There is hunger and pestilence and unutterable anguish. God forbid that the woes of these years should ever again be visited upon the earth. Can it be

the fateful days of this great conference. May we be intent on knowing Thy will; and knowing it, may we have the courage to do it. And may it not be that the findings of this conference shall be so wise, so far reaching and so beneficial, that all mankind may take new hope and fresh courage. And to Thee shall be the praise and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

Zer, who declared that in whatever issue the world would find Italy standing for peace.

Another war, if one should ever come, would be more frightful than the last, the added, and this of itself should urge support of the cause laid down by the President.

Mr. Hughes Steps Into Gap.

The first rap for order by Chairman Hughes was during the trainslation of

President Speaks.

Immediately at the conclusion of the prayer President Harding rose and began delivery of his address.

The President had stood during the prayer with bowed head between Mr. Hughes and the pastor. At the conclusion of the prayer Secretary Hughes stepped forward and, lifting his hands, said:

"The President of the United States."

Hughes was during the translation of the Italian's speech. It was a bang that quickly stilled noise in the congressional gallery, as members started out. With scattering cries for other speakers, Chairman Hughes stepped into the breach and took charge of the program, first calling upon the Belgian delegate. He said Belgium would support any program that could be carried out with honor.

Dr. Sze responded for China, speaking also in English. He expressed the firm belief that the results sought by the conference would be attained.

"The President of the United States." There was an outburst of applause and then intense silence as the Presi-RLD

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And then intense silence as the President began speaking.

Mr. Harding read his speech slowly and deliberately from small printed pages which he held in the hollow of his left hand. With his right he punctuated his statements with driving gestures. The first applause came when the President declared that the conference must have a millionian statement.

MR. HARDING

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smaller ones were the Portuguese, Belgians, Dutch and Chinese. Advisers had chairs of gold and velour directly back of their delegations. Behind the American sections were when the President declared that the conference must have a "signal influence" on the fortunes of the world. There was more applause when Mr. Harding asked how civilization ever could justify the destruction of the last great war. Still again he was answered by loud clapping when he said war should be "outlawed" and the resources of the world turned into constructive channels. Keynote of Conference.

with unselfish hands. We harbor no at 12:22 o'clock, until 11 o'clock Tuesleagues in the Senate chamber. There was a scattering of gold lace in the fears; we have no sordid ends to day.

Chairman Hughes requested the serve; we suspect no enemy; we contemplate or apprehend no conquest.

Content with what we have, we seek nothing that is another's. We only wish to do with you that finer. serve; we suspect no enemy; we conwish to do with you that finer,

States," said Mr. Balfour, "in a mos noble address has given the conference a lead. He has provided it with motto-simplicity, honesty, honer. We cannot carry out the plans out-

lined by the President unless we have chairman. a chairman.

"The nation which invites the conference and offers hospitality shall provide its chairman and presiding genius. I think the Secretary of State has not only these technical rights, but personal qualifications which enable him to carry out these duties."

The staccato of the interpreter's French concluded, Briand and those who had not understood the English applauded. It was an unusual procedure, the chairmanship being conferred at Mr. Balfour's suggestion without the formality of an election.

without the formality of an election. Appreciates the Honor.

"It is with a profound sense of privilege and responsibility," said Mr. Hughes in his speech of acceptance, "that I accept the honor you confer. Permit me to express my most cordial appreciation of the assurances of friendly co-operation so generously given by all the united governments. Mr. Hughes said the feeling "that we should meet the expectations of a watching world was the best augur of

watching world was the best august of the success of the conference."

There was a sharp, quick round of applause when Mr. Hughes, speaking with great emphasis, declared the present was no time for mutual resolution or advice, but a time for ac-tion. Delegates on the floor and sen-ators in the galleries applauded again when he declared there should be a naval holiday and no naval construction for ten years.

Spectators Rise and Applaud.

At the end of Mr. Hughes' speech the conference and spectators again arose and applauded and then a program or organization was quickly adopted. John W. Garrett of Baltimore, Md.

was unanimously elected secretary general at the suggestion of Mr. Hughes. Also at the chairman's suggestion it was agreed that the heads of delegations should compose a committee on program for the conference.

been in session a little over an hour Chairman Hughes suggested that a motion to adjourn until Tuesday would be in order. The galleries did not agree with him, for they began shouting the name of the French pre-

mier.
"Briand," "Briand," rang out until the distinguished head of the French delegation arose amid a thunder of applause to express his gratitude at the friendly spirit of Washington.

Marked With Eloquence.

M. Briand made his speech from the end of the long, green table, and touched many of those unable to understand him and his eloquence. He thanked President Harding and paid tribute to him and to Secretary Hughes for having called the confer

"France is with you in every way," he said, with a great show of feeling. He recalled the ravages of the war in his native land, and asked the members of the conference to remember the peculiar position occupied by his government here. France had come to Washington, he said, to discuss with a scapphing sincerity the cours with a searching sincerity the burden of militarism which it was hoped to lift from the world.

Ask Speech From Japan. Before Mr. Briand's speech could be translated into English, members of the Senate and House sent up a de-mand for a speech from Japan. The

mand for a speech from Japan. The premier sat down and was reading while the translation was read to the conference.

Answering the applause, Prince Tokugawa spoke briefly in English.

widows and orphans have come up before Thee, O God. We have had our terrible baptism of blood. There is hunger and pestilence and unutterable anguish. God forbid that the woes of these years should ever again be visited upon the earth. Can it be that Thou hast permitted us thus to suffer in order that we might turn from our own devices to Thee and acknowledge Thee as King of our lives and our destinies? Out of the depths we cry unto Thee—save us or we perish.

"May we walk softly and humbly before Thee, this day, and throughout the fateful days of this great conference. May we be intent on know-

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"May we now have the pleasure o "May we now have the pleasure of hearing the representative of the Netherlands?" said Chairman Hughes. Responding, Dr. Van Karnebeck, the delegate, expressed thanks for the invitation. Holland, he said, was not a military factor in world, politics, but was moved always by a deep, firm desire and hope for peace.

The representative of Portugal next to be called upon, referred, like other speakers, to the anguish of war, and the hope of the world for an end Italian, Belgian, Chinese, Dutch and

French Alone Use Own Tongue.

Portuguese representatives spoke in English, the French alone employing their own language.

There was more applause as Senator Lodge was introduced, the crowd