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New Proposals Relative to Battleships.

Outgrowth of Japan's Request to Retain the Matsui—Would Mean 2 Super-Hoods for Great Britain.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Dec. 15.—Alternate proposals relating to the "5-5-8" ratio are worked out, apparently over night, by naval experts, were presented today to Secretary Hughes, Mr. Bacon and other cabinet members, according to delegation spokesmen that no formal agreement had been reached by the "Big Three."

The proposals, submitted as a means of balancing the naval ratio to compare with the ratio of the Matsui by Japan, would permit Great Britain to build two super-hoods, scrapping four old dreadnaughts and one battle cruiser of the type of the Tiger and Repulse, or to build two battleships of the Royal Sovereign class, scrapping of four dreadnaughts, but no battle cruisers.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By Ben Deacon, staff correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—A remarkable feature in connection with the Washington conference is the constant shifting of opinion in regard to the rapidity of the movement toward a definite conclusion on the various questions with which the conference has to deal.

There is no doubt as to the fact that remarkable progress has been made in a little more than a month which have been accomplished, which as a British spokesman recently declared, would have taken many months to accomplish under the old system of international negotiations.

There is general agreement on this point. There is also a general feeling of optimism as to the outcome. That the recently signed four power Pacific treaty will be followed by several other definite compacts which will settle some of the world's most troublesome problems is considered a certainty.

The pendulum-like movement of opinion concerning the conference is not in respect to its ultimate success. That is pretty well conceded. It is in respect to the current situation affecting certain questions which details are necessarily hidden from the public, and is caused by the rapidly which new developments occur. It results in constantly changing speculation and reports regarding the probable time which will be required for the conference to complete its labors.

This morning there is again a very noticeable feeling of optimism on this point. But at any time during the negotiations indications may come that this feeling is misplaced. The principal ground for the belief that the delegates will soon reach the end of their task is the fact that an agreement on the ratio of the three big naval powers this morning appears to be merely a question of hours. However, events during the day may disclose some unforeseen obstacle which may again postpone an announcement of a settlement.

Washington, Dec. 15.—With formal announcement of a complete agreement between Great Britain, the United States and Japan on a basis for the latter's acceptance of the "5-5-8" naval ratio awaiting an adjustment of technical details the final point of the arms conference negotiations appeared to be shifting more and more today to the Far Eastern discussions.

No session was scheduled today for the Far Eastern committee, which adjourned yesterday subject to the call of Chairman Hughes after China had requested that the treaties resulting from the famous twenty-one demands be abrogated and consideration of the question had been promptly objected to by the Japanese delegates.

How the conference will steer its course on this new element of controversy in the Far Eastern negotiations was the subject of serious deliberation by the other delegations today as they prepared for a decision probably at the next meeting as to whether the subject can properly be taken up under the conference agreement.

Japan's request for retention of the battleship Matsui in substitution for an older ship as a basis for her complete acceptance of the naval plan having been definitely agreed to by Great Britain and the U. S. with provision for equivalent concessions to those powers, official announcement of the accord was held back today solely by technical details yet to be determined regarding the British equivalent.

Another difficult question in the Far Eastern negotiations remains unsettled today as the Japanese and Chinese delegates continue their shunting conference.

Majority Of Dail Eireann For the Treaty

Dublin Thinks Carson Speech in Lords Has Helped Griffith and Collins—Orange Rally Called for the Defence of Ulster—Dail and Commons Resume Consideration of Agreement.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—As the Dail Eireann met today for the continuation of its secret session, it was declared by supporters of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith that they and the other signers of the Irish peace agreement now felt certain of an ultimate majority in favor of the treaty.

They declared that no prominent person in any part of Ireland had yet protested against their action in signing an agreement with the British cabinet.

Mr. De Valera's objections were said to be to certain details of the treaty, which he thinks would have been improved if it had been resubmitted to him and the Dail cabinet before it was signed.

The general impression in Dublin today was that Lord Carson's speech in the house of lords last night had helped Collins and Griffith in their fight in the Dail for ratification of the treaty.

It was pointed out in this connection that Lord Carson had pictured the British action toward Ulster in a light that bore out the prediction of Michael Collins in his famous speech at Armagh last September when he said that Britain would "later as long as it suited her purpose and then throw her overboard."

As to Mr. De Valera's position with regard to the treaty, it is asserted that when the government's proposals were submitted to the Dail cabinet on Sept. 2 certain objections were made which Mr. De Valera does not think were adequately met in the final draft.

The secret session is occupied with a discussion of these points, and it was said after last night's adjournment that the members had got further than when they were when the public session was concluded early yesterday afternoon.

ORANGE RALLY IN MOVEMENT FOR ULSTER DEFENCE.
London, Dec. 15.—Preliminary steps in an important and extensive movement for the development and re-organization of the Ulster defence movement have been taken in Belfast, according to a correspondent of the Morning Post.

He reports that the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland—the supreme body to which thousands of Orangemen profess allegiance—at its semi-annual meeting yesterday, unanimously adopted a resolution calling on all its members and those of the Royal Black Institution to join the loyalist defence association.

This organization, he adds, was formed to protect Protestant interests in the event of any military action which would be necessary during the present situation.

ULSTER REJECTION REACHES LONDON.
London, Dec. 15.—The Ulster cabinet's letter, definitely rejecting the British invitation to enter the Irish free state, was made public today at Lloyd George's official Downing street residence.

The letter, dispatched by Premier Craig yesterday, protests, as was forecast by an unofficial report, in Belfast, against the Ulster's treaty without her being consulted.

DE VALERA MAY SEEK PLEBISCITE.
London, Dec. 15.—Meetings of the Dail Eireann at Dublin and the imperial parliament today were expected to bring something more definite out of the Irish peace situation than was developed at previous sessions.

Today's meeting of the Dail will be secret, as were the two final sittings yesterday, after the differences between Eamon De Valera and his group of "die-hards" on the one hand and the treaty advocates, including Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, on the other, had become so marked that the decision was taken to bar all newspaper correspondents.

The clash during the public session hinged on the point whether Griffith, Collins and the other Irish plenipotentiaries had exceeded their powers in signing the treaty instead of referring it first to the Dail.

It is thought probable that Mr. De Valera and his followers will not force a direct vote, but will ask the Dail to authorize a public referendum on the treaty.

Reports from various sections of Southern Ireland have indicated that such a referendum probably would result in a large majority favoring ratification.

Unexpected opposition was met in the imperial parliament yesterday, Lord Carson launching a bitter attack on the government in the House of Lords, opposing the settlement in the House of Commons. Further opposition is expected to come today, when "die-hards" under Colonel John Grettton, Conservative, will move in the House of Commons an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, expressing regret at a settlement which would involve the surrender of rights "to the crown in Ireland."

Regardless of the disposal of this amendment, however, the treaty is expected to be passed by the Dail.

Asquith for Treaty.
London, Dec. 15.—The House of Commons today resumed its debate on the Anglo-Irish agreement. The feature of the early proceedings was an address by Premier Asquith heartily commending the treaty for the acceptance of the House.

Belfast Shooting.
Belfast, Dec. 15.—Sniping was resumed in the vicinity of Marrowbone and York streets last night. The police fired on the concealed gunmen. The only casualty reported was the wounding of one man. A shop was wrecked by a bomb after it had been closed for the night. One of the men wounded in yesterday's shooting died this morning.

As Hiram Sees It

"I was thinkin' last night," said Mr. Hiram Hornsman to the Times reporter, "about the change there's been in the world since I was a little boy. Now, you take China. When I was a little boy, we used to go to Sunday school the Chinese was a lot of heathen that the Lord had no use fer till we sent folks out there to convert 'em. An' them there Japanese—we never heard about 'em at all. Yest'riday I see where big men from China an' Japan got down together in Washington an' talked English to one another, an' the rest of the world got round to hear what they was goin' to do to make it safer for the white folks in Europe an' America to sleep in their beds. It kind of looks as if them there heathen amounted to somethin' after all—don't they? Mister—I'd like to be livin' about five hundred years from now, to see what the world looks like then. I can't see a hull lot of things we been takin' fer granted because King George has been so good as to be throwed into the waste basket—yes, sir."

USE IDLE SHIPS OF GOVERNMENT

Suggestion in Connection With Cattle Shipments to the Old Country.

Regina, Dec. 15.—Suggesting that the dominion government utilize a portion of its idle merchant marine as a medium to carry Canadian cattle to the European markets, A. J. Craig, deputy minister of agriculture for Alberta, provided the feature at yesterday's session of the Western Canada Livestock Union, held here its annual convention here.

Mr. Craig's proposal, receiving general endorsement in discussion, was referred to the resolutions committee.

Certain figures and facts concerning results of shipments of Canadian cattle to Great Britain were given by H. S. Arsell, dominion livestock commissioner, and by Mr. Craig. The information agreed in general detail that the shipments to the old country had been a success if only from the standpoint that a certain surplus had been removed from the markets.

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RAID BARS OF CLUBS AND HOTELS

B. C. Liquor Commission's Advice—Sale of Beer Goes Merrily On.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—Continual raids on clubs and hotel bars and seizure of beer stocks are recommended by members of the provincial liquor control board to the Vancouver police commission as a solution of the problem of the sale of beer.

Archie Johnson, chairman of the liquor board, said that it was a mistake to think the government could not cancel the license of any club selling beer and keep it cancelled.

Nine new clubs opened on Tuesday night, and sale of beer in hotel bars and clubs goes merrily on.

JOHNNY'S STOCK HAS SOARED HIGH

Guarantee of \$6,000 for Buff's Bout Tonight.

Three Years Ago He Was Refused \$100 for Services in Ring—Baseball Council in Session—H. C. Jewett Makes Quick Turnover on Purchase.

Milwaukee, Dec. 15.—Three years ago Johnny Buff, then known as "the unknown boxer" was offered \$75 to box a preliminary contest here on the night on which Jack Sharkey defeated Jimmy Wilde, in the latter's first American appearance. Buff demanded \$100. His demands were refused and he did not box.

Tonight, in the same ring, Buff, as battan champion, will receive guarantees of \$2,000 with a privilege of thirty-five per cent of the gate receipts, to meet Pat Moore of Memphis in a ten-round, no decision contest.

New York, Dec. 15.—Baseball's advisory council with Commissioner Landis as chairman met in quarterly session here today. It will attempt to fill the major order for restoration of the draft under conditions satisfactory to all concerned.

The order was filed yesterday in the form of a resolution accepted unanimously by the American and National leagues now in annual meeting here. Commissioner Landis himself is quoted as saying that he favored a universal draft rule.

The International League officials decided at their annual meeting on Monday that nothing could be done to change the present arrangement, and asserted it would live for the duration of Commissioner Landis' term of office, seven years. The advisory council, however, has the authority, under the rules that govern everything in the game, to amend the national agreement as the occasion arises from time to time.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The Subway, Ont. hockey team will meet New Marquette of C. B. here tonight in the first of a three game series with local teams.

The Wolves, headed by George Dufresne, who was the storm centre of a controversy between Canadian and local hockey officials a year ago, will meet the West-End of C. B. here tonight in the first of a three game series with local teams.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 15.—The Pittsburgh hockey club team will play the Grand Mere, Que., team here on next Monday and Tuesday nights. This will be the second round of the season for Pittsburgh.

BEYS FOR \$200; SELLS AT \$100.

Fredericton, Dec. 15.—Harry C. Jewett of this city, owner of The Expositor, 2, 06, and other harness stars, purchased Lady X, 2, 11 3/4, a trotter by The Exponent, 2, 11 3/4, sire of The Expositor, at the Chicago horse sale. Magnus Flaws of Chicago acted as Mr. Jewett's agent. The purchase bid was \$800. Since then Mr. Jewett received a telegram from Magnus Flaws offering \$1,000 for the mare, which he declined, and this was followed by another offer of \$1,200. Mr. Jewett wired last night accepting the offer, but whether the message reached Chicago in time to close the deal has not yet been learned.

Lady X is eligible to the 2 1/2 class but is credited with a trial mile in 2:07 1/2, and her win race record over a half mile track is 2:14 1/2. She is a bay mare, 15 1/2 hands, and was foaled in 1918.

OPPOSED TO RELAXATION RE LIQUOR

Baptist District Meeting in York County Passes Resolution About Rumor.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 15.—The third New Brunswick district quarterly session at Temperance Vale, York County, passed a resolution declaring itself "opposed to any relaxation of the Prohibition Act of this province for revenue or any other purpose."

The resolution, it was explained in a preamble, was the result of "reports which are being freely circulated throughout this province, whether as propaganda or as rumor," that some change is contemplated that will give New Brunswick an act similar to those of Quebec and British Columbia.

SEVEN TALKS ON ONE WIRE AT ONCE; NO INTERFERENCE

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Two conversations going on simultaneously over a telephone wire, with no interference took place in a demonstration before yesterday's session of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association here. Two members of that organization talked over the same wire through another set, and neither party could hear the other. Professor Chas. A. Curtis, Ph. D., radio engineer for the Canadian Independent Telephone Company said it was possible to carry on seven conversations over one wire at the same time, and that power lines carrying thousands of volts could be utilized as long distance telephone lines.

GLEANER SAYS MR. FOSTER NOT GOING TO OTTAWA

Quotes Premier Relative to Rumor—D. L. D'Aigle Appointed Sheriff.

(Canadian Press.)
Fredericton, Dec. 15.—Reports which have been coming out from Ottawa to the effect that Hon. Walter E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick, was likely to be the representative of this province in the federal cabinet being formed by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Liberal leader, are evidently without foundation.

Premier Foster is quoted by the Gleaner today as declaring:

"If I had any federal aspirations at the present time, the announcement of joining a cabinet, I would have been a candidate in the general elections which were just passed."

Donat I. D'Aigle, of Edmundston, has been appointed high sheriff of Madawaska county. The announcement was made today by Premier Foster, who said that Mr. D'Aigle's resignation as a member of the legislature for Madawaska has been placed in the hands of Premier D'Aigle and accepted.

Premier Foster said this afternoon that the government had not considered the matter of by-elections and would not do so until the January meeting.

FORTUNE GOES TO HOSPITAL FUND

Lord Mount Stephen Gives Wealth to King Edward Foundation.

London, Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press cable)—Lord Mount Stephen, first president of the C. E. F., who died last month, left the residue of his fortune to the King Edward Hospital fund.

This, according to Lady Mount Stephen, is practically nearly his Lordship's whole fortune.

King George has written his regrets for the death of Lord Mount Stephen and his appreciation of Lord Mount Stephen's public life.

Lord Revelstoke, referring to Lord Mount Stephen's legacy to the fund, said the announcement came at a moment when the funds and finances were in urgent need of help. It represents a bequest from a man who, through a long series of years had given abundant proof of his good will towards the fund, more especially on capital accounts, by a series of donations which, apart from the bequest just announced, amounted to more than half a million pounds.

ASHORE BUT IS AGAIN AFLOAT

Chatham, Mass., Dec. 15.—The U. S. Shipping Board freighter Schock, which left Chatham for the British Isles, Manila and Hong Kong, to New York, under the flag of the Barber Line, was grounded on Cape Cod, and was again afloat and floated again several hours later. She had sent out a call for help and the crew of the Monomoy Point coast guard station was alerted when she worked out of her difficulty. It was believed she could proceed without delay.

SON OF GHANDI SENT TO JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS

Calcutta, Dec. 15.—Seventy-three participants of the non-cooperationist movement, including the son of Mahatma Gandhi, were sentenced today to six months imprisonment at hard labor, as a result of their activities in connection with the national volunteers.

ONLY 17 TONS, BUT SHE CARRIES A RICH CARGO

Little Gas Schooner Takes \$18,000 Worth of Liquor to Bahamas from Here.

The little seventeen-ton gas schooner, Motor, Capt. A. W. Schullts, of Gloucester, Mass., cleared from this port yesterday with a cargo of liquor for the Bahamas, which she will carry to New York, under the flag of the Barber Line, was grounded on Cape Cod, and was again afloat and floated again several hours later. She had sent out a call for help and the crew of the Monomoy Point coast guard station was alerted when she worked out of her difficulty. It was believed she could proceed without delay.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B., at 8 a. m., Dec. 15, 1921.

Synopsis—Pressure is low along the Atlantic coast and is rising over Canada and falling over the plateau region. The weather is turning much colder in the western and maritime provinces, while elsewhere in Canada weather is mostly fair and cold, with light local snow.

Cold—
Forecasts, maritime—Fresh to strong northwest and north winds, moderate gales off shore, fair and quite cold tonight and Friday.

New England—Fair and continued cold, with slightly increasing cloudiness, with slightly rising temperature; diminishing northwest wind, shifting to easterly Friday.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Temperatures: Highest during day 8 a. m. yesterday night
Stations. 8 a. m. yesterday night
Prince Rupert 28 28 24
Edmonton 28 28 24
Calgary 28 28 24
Winnipeg 28 28 24
Sault Ste Marie 28 28 24
Toronto 28 28 24
White River 28 28 24
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Detroit 28 28 24
New York 28 28 24

*Below zero.

HUNDREDS ARE BURNED OUT

Fires Sweep Valley of Sesto, in Italy—Several Villages Burned.

Bolsano, Italy, Dec. 15.—Fires which have swept virtually the entire valley of Sesto, in the Upper Adige region, have burned several villages and rendered hundreds of persons homeless.

Detachments of soldiers, pressed into service as fire fighters, were rushed to the scene, however, and at the latest advised the fires were considered on the point of being controlled.

GREAT LOSS IN A BROOKLYN CHURCH

New York, Dec. 15.—Fire swept through St. Ann's Catholic church of Brooklyn today, causing damage estimated at \$100,000. The assistant-pastor risked his life to enter the edifice and carry out sacred vessels and vestments.

FOR HOMES FOR THE SOLDIERS

Fredericton G. W. V. A. Devises in Matter of Use of the Canteen Fund.

(Special to The Times)
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 15.—The Fredericton branch of the G. W. V. A. Wednesday night decided to inform the provincial command that the opinion of the branch is that the surplus of the G. W. V. A. canteen fund should be placed in trust and invested at interest, to be used as the nucleus of a fund for the establishment of homes, at least one in each province, which may be occupied by members of the C. E. F. in their old age if it is inoperative.

The branch also decided to admit to membership any ex-serviceman now a member of either of the bands in the city, in return for services rendered to the branch by the bands. The bands in Fredericton are both connected with units of active militia, the York Regiment and the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade.

The financial statement showed a balance of \$229.24 since the reorganization of the branch a few months ago.

GERMANY DEFAULTS

Paris, Dec. 15.—The German government has informed the Allied reparations commission that it will be "unable to meet fully" the reparations payments due Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, so it was officially announced today.

STAY LASH AT G. W. V. A. REQUEST

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 15.—The minister of justice, Hon. R. B. Bennett, has promised the G. W. V. A. that George McVitie of Hamilton, who was convicted of bank robbery at Montreal and sentenced to seven years and fourteen lashes, will not be hanged until there is a hearing in Hamilton on that day. Two Hamilton men swore at his trial that they had talked to McVitie in Hamilton on that date.

LABOR WINS A BRITISH SEAT

London, Dec. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—The by-election in the southeast division of Southwark resulted yesterday in the return of Thomas Naylor, Labor candidate. His vote was 6,561, while Owen Jacobson, Coalition-Liberal, got 2,638 votes, and Horace Book, Independent Conservative, 2,307 votes. The seat was formerly held by a Coalition-Liberal, who was elected with a majority of about 4,000 over Naylor, the winner in the present contest.

The southeast division of Southwark has a labor majority on the borough's council, which makes the result in the present election less distressing for the government.

UNEMPLOYED PLANNED TO SEIZE KING'S CASTLE

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—The police have discovered plans showing that the homeless unemployed in Copenhagen contemplated seizure of the Christiansborg Castle, which is the king's official residence and the meeting place of the Danish parliament, intending to use it as a sleeping place.

THIS MORNING AT THE STEWART MURDER TRIAL

(Special to The Times.)
Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 15.—A few minor witnesses occupied the attention of the supreme court in the Stewart murder trial this morning. Those examined were James Murray, Clyde Munro, Mrs. Thomas Savoy and Louis Marlin all of whom testified about Stewart making threats against Ross on the day of the murder and previously.

Bishop Richardson Improved.
Letters received from His Lordship Bishop Richardson, dated at Bermuda, state that His Lordship had a most enjoyable trip over and that he was already feeling much better. He has since gone to Barbados.

ST. JOHN WELL REPRESENTED AT CURLERS' MEET

Delegates to the first annual meeting of the New Brunswick branch of the Royal Caledonia Club since its reorganization left this afternoon for Moncton, where the meeting is to be held this evening. Those leaving St. John were J. A. Sinclair, who is president of the club, and Joseph W. Cameron, representing the Thistle Club; Harry Belys and Chas. O. Morris, who is secretary of the club, representing the Carleton Curling Club; F. W. Coombs, H. Harvey and H. Simmon, representing the St. Andrew's Club. One of the matters to be discussed at the meeting will be the holding of a bonspiel this winter for the Blair trophy. New members will also be elected.

CITY MEETING ON UNEMPLOYMENT

A committee appointed by the Executive Alliance to look into the unemployment situation met this afternoon at two o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. in an endeavor to find out the true conditions in the city. Rev. H. E. Thomas, chairman of the committee, presided. Representatives from several public organizations, including the Associated Charities, Seaman's Institute, Great War Veterans' Association, Red Cross, Victorian Order of Nurses, and the Trades and Labor Council, were invited to be present to talk over the matter.

ONTARIO FARMERS WANT NO POLITICAL ALLIANCE

Toronto, Dec. 14.—By unanimous vote last night the United Farmers of Ontario adopted a resolution setting out that the National Progressive party in Canada should retain intact its identity and decline to alien itself with either of the established political parties. Progressives in parliament working individually and completely for the principles as defined in the association platform.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Willard B. Mahony, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident some weeks ago, was operated on in the General Public Hospital yesterday. His condition this morning was reported to be slightly improved and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

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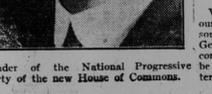
CANADIAN FOOTWEAR

No More to Be Camouflaged as American Goods.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The executive committee of the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada has authorized the statement that as a result largely of the efforts of the association, and the cooperation of its members, the banding of Canadian made footwear with names suggesting United States manufacture has been discontinued almost entirely.

HON. T. A. CRERAR

Leader of the National Progressive Party of the new House of Commons.



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