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FRENCH DEMAND CHIEF CONCERN

Washington Conference Anxious Over Naval Matter.

Greater Progress in Far Eastern Branch Through Tentative Agreement of Japan and China—"Opportunity of Making New World."

Washington, Dec. 17.—The proposal declared by British spokesmen to be presented by France in the naval committee of fifteen that she build between 1925 and 1928 ten capital ships of 35,000 tons each continued today to overshadow all other conference developments. The French group were expected to continue the presentation of their case when the committee met today, as it was indicated they had concluded at adjournment yesterday. It was believed today that the French delegates, in communicating with their government pending the full presentation of their case, might be seeking broader ways to deal with the situation here it now stands with definite agreement by the United States, Great Britain, Japan and the "Big Five" nations.

There was no disposition in conference meanwhile today to minimize the upsetting effect which the French proposal if pressed, would have upon limitation programme embraced in the Far Eastern branch of the conference negotiations, on the other hand, had been a turn for greater progress today in a tentative agreement between the Japanese and Chinese delegates in their Shantung conference on the mode of financial settlement for purchase of the Kiaochow way in the Japanese leasehold. With obstacle removed, the delegates prepared to press their negotiations another meeting today.

At the same time, with the armament conference rapidly nearing close, the nations of the British Empire today in a tentative agreement, which is stronger than navies and armies, in two great branches of the English-speaking world, civilization today is given opportunity of making a new world.

GERMANY MUST SHOW HER HAND

Allies Refuse Extension of Time Until They Get Information Wanted from Berlin.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Allied reparations commission has refused to consider Germany's request for an extension of time for January and February reparations payments until the German government gives just what she can pay. The commission has refused to consider the request for an extension of time until the German government gives just what she can pay.

The commission expresses regret that Germany has not replied to its previous series as to what action she proposed regarding the commission's suggestions for balancing the budget, preventing exportation of German capital and measures to obtain foreign exchange from German holders. The German government was asked to task, in a note, for this situation.

London, Dec. 17.—Germany's contentions that she is unable to pay in full reparations instalments due in January and February was attacked by several of the London newspapers today, news of the default has been featured in a news column, but heretofore it has been editorial comment.

THEATRES IN MONTREAL IN FULL SWING ON SUNDAY

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Theatres in Montreal will operate as usual on Sunday, all offering the customary programme. The moving picture theatres will run full blast, the vaudeville show the Princess will be presented, there will be burlesque at the Guyette and such theatres in the east end will offer drama.

There may, however, be changes in stage arrangements to cover future performances.

BANK OF HOCHLAGA

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The annual statement of the Bank of Hochlaga issued yesterday, shows profits of \$200,000 for a year to November 30, compared with \$4,738 in the previous year, representing 15.77 per cent of the outstanding capital stock and 7.88 per cent on combined capital and reserve.

Deposits are \$55,150,696 against \$56,650. Total assets are \$75,950,846 against \$84,500,000 for 1915. Liquid assets \$24,500,000 for 1915. Liquid assets \$24,500,000 for 1915. Liquid assets \$24,500,000 for 1915.

PRINCESS MARY'S FUTURE HOME



Chesterfield House, where Princess Mary will live after her marriage to Viscount Lascelles. This magnificent home of Viscount Lascelles is in South Audley street, London, and will be used as her town residence after the wedding.

MANIAC TERRORIZES B. C. TOWN; ONE MAN IS SHOT DEAD

Lund, B. C., Dec. 17.—Ralph Dango was killed early yesterday morning by a bullet fired by Alexander Johnson, a raving maniac, who descended on this little coast town, firing as he came. The inhabitants are terror stricken. Some have barricaded themselves in their homes, other have fled to the hills.

Well armed and plentifully supplied with ammunition, Johnson, at last accounts, had barricaded himself in a house and was prepared to resist efforts at capture. Dango was the only casualty so far.

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON



Founder of St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind, and himself a blind man, who was accidentally drowned in London. He was famous the world over for his works for the blind.

BODY OF A TINY BABE, FROZEN, IN MONTREAL STREET

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Wrapped in a pillow slip and lying near the edge of the sidewalk in City Hall square in the northeast end of the city, the body of a new born babe was found yesterday. The body was frozen so hard that it was impossible to perform an autopsy.

CLAIMS CUT IN ON WIRELESS CAN BE STOPPED

Moscow, Dec. 17.—Discovery of a method whereby wireless messages may be sent to a definite receiving station without the danger of being picked up by other stations is claimed in an announcement by the official press bureau.

NEW CONSUL-GENERAL GETS QUIETLY DOWN TO WORK

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Paul Emile Naglar, new consul-general for France, said in an interview that he would begin every effort to stimulate a broader trade relationship between the two countries. Although reaching Montreal only on Thursday night, he commenced work yesterday morning as though he had been here for months.

CANADIAN SEIGNEUR IS AT RUSSIAN PORT

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Word was received by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine here yesterday on the arrival at Novorossiisk, Russia, of the steamer Canadian Seigneur with the first consignment of 500 tank cars manufactured for the Russian Soviet government by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company of Montreal.

BUSINESS FAILURES IN CANADA 99 THIS WEEK

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press.)—The Ottawa Gazette this week contains notice of ninety-nine assignments under the Bankruptcy Act.

PROPORTIONAL SYSTEM IN NEXT ALBERTA ELECTION

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "are the neighbors feeling all right again after the elections?" "Well," said Hiram, "Zeke Snooks wout speak to Sir Jones yit, an' Tom he be got up an' walked out o' the store las' night when George Smith got riled up when Pete Smiler said o' Bolsheviks an' it took three men to keep 'em apart. Still, they ain't doin' bad. I guess they'll all come round afore Christmas. If they don't the revival'll fetch most o' 'em. Beats all how folks gets bet up on an election. He Allan staid home from church Sunday night because he wouldn't pass the plate with Steve Patton. The minister preached on ferveiness—but Ike didn't hear the sermon an' I 'pose he'll lay off fer another week or two. Yes, it beats all how a fight over politics takes hold o' some people. An' it beats all how some o' 'em'll take hold o' a job or a dollar if it comes their way, too—yes, sir."

MEIGHEN WAS DEFEATED BY 147 MAJORITY

Portage La Prairie, Man., Dec. 17.—Premier Meighen was defeated by a majority of 177 votes in Portage La Prairie by Harry Leader, Progressive candidate, according to official results yesterday. Following are the figures: Leader, Progressive, 4,814; Meighen, government, 4,187; Bannerman, Liberal, 157.

VOTE DOWN PLAN TO PETITION FOR THE WHEAT BOARD

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—A motion to petition the dominion government for the re-establishment of the wheat board was voted down by a large majority at the annual meeting of the United Grain Growers Association here yesterday.

PRINCE HUNTING TIGERS IN INDIA

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Dec. 17.—The Prince of Wales is spending a few days tiger shooting as a guest of Maharaja Sir Chandra Shumsher Jung, of Nepal, says a Reuters despatch from Delhi.

GREG AND WILSON TO MEET FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, Dec. 17.—Harry Greb will meet Johnny Wilson for the middleweight title in February, so Tex Rickard announced today. The bout will be held in Madison Square Garden.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Dominion Bureau of Meteorology and Fisheries, Ottawa, Dec. 17, 1921.

THREE LITTLE ONES DEAD IN A FIRE

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 17.—Word from Elk Lake reports the death of three children in a fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Auger. The mother is so badly burned that she may not recover. According to the story, she made a brave but vain attempt to rescue the children, two of whom were sleeping.

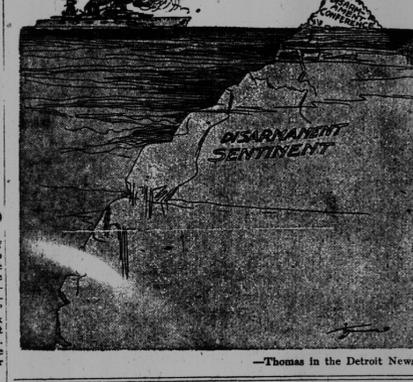
DESTROYER AND STEAMER CRASH; SIX MEN HURT

New York, Dec. 17.—The steamer Panama, which was in collision with the U. S. destroyer Graham off Seagirt, N. J., last night, arrived at quarantine at two o'clock this morning carrying six naval men injured in the crash. They were taken to the naval hospital.

GIBBONS WINS FROM O'DOWD

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, outpointed his fellow-townsmen, Mike O'Dowd, former middleweight champion, in a ten-round bout here tonight, a majority of the newspapermen at the ringside agreed.

ONLY A SMALL PART OF AN ICEBERG APPEARS ABOVE THE SURFACE



No Vote of Dail Till Wednesday

Monday and Tuesday for Discussion in Open Meeting—General Tone Indicates Adoption of Agreement—Business Warfare in Fermanagh.

CLEAR UP WALL STREET BOMBING

Dublin, Dec. 17.—Final decision on the Irish peace treaty by the Dail Eireann can be expected on Wednesday, but not before, according to the information obtained from authoritative sources.

Arrest of Wolfe Lindenfeld to Have Led to Confession of Plot for Death of J. P. Morgan.

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—Plots and counterplots, reading like a chapter from fiction, were involved in the search for clues in many parts of Europe by United States secret service agents which resulted in the arrest, here, yesterday, of Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linden, in connection with the Wall street explosion in New York, in September, 1920.

MOTHER, VAINLY TRYING TO SAVE THEM, IS PROBABLY FATELLY BURNED.

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