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Britain Halts Work On Battleships

HOLDS UP NAVAL CONSTRUCTION UNTIL FURTHER WORD

Orders Are Issued by Admiralty Suspending Operations on Naval Giants—Experts at Washington Seem to Have Agreed on Battleship Ratio Save as to Jap Fleet.

(Canadian Press Cable.)
London, Nov. 18.—The Admiralty announced today that it had ordered the cessation of all work on the four battleships of the Super-Hood type.

The shipbuilding firms were notified yesterday not to incur any further liabilities on new naval construction until further notice from the Admiralty.

These contracts were awarded only two weeks ago. Officials explained that the practical effect of the admiralty's order would be the absolute cessation of all warship work pending the outcome of the Washington conference.

Glasgow, Nov. 18.—It is officially announced that the contracts awarded the Clyde Shipyards for the construction of three warships of the super-Hood type have been suspended. The steel works are also affected by the suspension.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Action of the British government in ordering work stopped on the four capital ships of the Hood type, the only capital ship building programme on which the British have been engaged since the armistice, came as no surprise here. There was much doubt, even before the conference on limitation of armaments was called by President Harding, that the British would complete these ships.

Their status as to construction on most tabulations has been carried as "doubtful." In any case, deliberations of the technical commission, including highest naval officers of the five powers represented in the conference, appear to have reached a point where the capital ship ratio may be considered settled, so far as the British and U. S. fleets are concerned.

The proposal that Great Britain retain eighteen battleships and four battle cruisers and the U. S. eighteen battleships and four battle cruisers, has been accepted by the experts, which implies final acceptance by the conference itself. The British admiralty order stopping work on the four new ships is only an added precaution to prevent the British from blowing.

It is clear, however, that the experts have not as yet reached a conclusion as to Japan's fleet strength.

The plans of the British admiralty for capital ship construction appear to have been modified from time to time in the three years since the war, and the plans of that conflict were worked out, and the status of the building programme is not quieting four ships of the Hood type only one of which, the Hood herself, was launched in 1918 and completed in 1920. The other three ships, all of a highly powerful battle cruiser type, were re-designed to meet the lessons of the battle of Jutland, work on them having been stopped in March, 1917.

It appeared from London despatches in last August, dealing with admiralty construction plans, that four new battle cruisers were to be turned out as improvement over the Hood type, to take the place of obsolete vessels. Their completion by 1925 was expected. These ships were to have been probably the most heavily armed in the world, carrying ten to twelve 16-inch guns each in their main batteries. The Hood has a main battery of eight 15-inch guns and her normal displacement is 41,000 tons.

THE PROCEEDINGS AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Nov. 18.—Committee sessions of the conference delegates stood at adjournment today to give opportunity for preparation by Japan's delegates, of a general presentation of that country's views on China's proposal of principles for settlement of Far Eastern questions at a committee meeting of all the delegations tomorrow.

Baron Kato has announced Japan's acceptance of China's proposals as the "basis of discussion in committee," saying he had no objection to their acceptance in principle for that purpose.

The committee of naval officers of the five powers is carrying forward its consideration of the U. S. naval proposal, and progress is reported as certain that no early report from this body can be looked for in view of the strong British desire for a cut in the maximum submarine tonnage proposed and the equally strong United States view that this maximum should be retained. While this is the outstanding point of discussion, the committee also must take up modifications to be proposed by Japan permitting her to maintain a "general tonnage slightly greater" than the proposed 35 per cent ratio. Announcement that Japan would ask this was made by Baron Kato late last night. He said his country also would seek the right to maintain in types of vessels of "strictly defensive character" a tonnage approximately that of the other two powers.

Tokyo, Nov. 18.—With the fading of the first enthusiasm over the anticipated relief of armament burdens, a spirit of caution has developed in Japan, with the inclination to look for a possible advantage to the U. S. in its proposal for a ten year naval holiday and limitation of naval armament. Expressions favoring a more equal balance of power have become the conspicuous theme in public expressions concerning the scheme, with the probable disturbance of labor conditions as a secondary consideration.

It is pointed out that the Hughes pro-



The Pre-War Favorite: 'Well, I think that's the limit.' The Daily Express (London).

FOUR HUNTERS KILLED IN TWO DAYS IN MISTAKE FOR BIG GAME

Madison, Wis., Nov. 18.—Although the deer season was only six days old today, the toll of casualties among hunters was already high. Yesterday and today in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan woods four hunters were accidentally shot to death and another one seriously wounded.

Two of the victims were mistaken for deer, and a third for a bear.

GOVERNOR OF PRISON DEAD; MURDER CHARGE

Three Prisoners Were Escaping and Attacked Ontario Official.

Guelph, Ont., Nov. 18.—As the result of the injuries received on Thanksgiving Day at the hands of desperadoes who attempted to escape from the county jail, Governor John McNeil died in St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday afternoon.

SEVERAL KILLED IN DISTURBANCES IN BOMBAY, INDIA

Bombay, Nov. 18.—The disturbance in the native quarter of the city, which broke out yesterday while a procession was escorting the Prince of Wales through the European section, was through the European section, was through the European section, was through the European section.

UNIVERSITY MEN FORM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Montreal, Nov. 18.—At a meeting of university graduates and others who have attended a university in Canada, held at the McGill Union last night, the University Amateur A. A. was launched with a view to promote amateur sports in Montreal.

P. E. I. CHURCH HAS ISSUED CALL TO REV. GEO. A. ALLAN

Montreal, Nov. 18.—Rev. George A. Allan, who for the last three years, has been pastor of Outremont Presbyterian church, has received a call to become minister of St. James' church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., in succession to the late Dr. Fullerton.

WEST NOMINATES WOMAN.

Winnipeg, Nov. 18.—Mr. John Dick, the first woman in Manitoba to enter the federal contest, was nominated last night as independent candidate for Centre Winnipeg.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "what do you think of the lament that the world is going to the dogs, and the wall for the good old days when honesty prevailed?"

CONFESSES HE KILLED FATHER AND STEPMOTHER

Youth Says Cause was Objection to His Sweetheart Because of Religion.

Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 18.—Richard Champlin, twenty-two years of age, charged with the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Adrian Champlin, confessed last night, he was shot and killed his father and stepmother on Monday and set fire to the house to cover up the crime.

WANTS TREATY TO PREVENT WARS

Head of Steel Corporation Speaks on This—Says that Business is Improving.

New York, Nov. 18.—Negotiation of a treaty which would prevent wars was urged, in conjunction with an agreement to limit naval armament, by Albert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the U. S. Steel Corporation, in an address today before the American Iron and Steel Institute, of which he is president.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and in the western states and provinces, while a trough of low pressure extends from the Great Lakes to the southwestern states.

HITCH IN PLANS TO GET MCGUIRE AND JEFF SMITH

Montreal, Nov. 18.—The McGuire-Smith bout, scheduled to be fought here, may not come off at all.

JAMES HOLMES IS SUCCESSOR TO GORDON THOMPSON

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 18.—James Holmes of Halifax has been appointed by President A. W. Covey of the M. B. A. U. of Canada, as chairman of the Nova Scotia section, to succeed the late Gordon Thompson.

Think They Can See Way Through

IRISH NEGOTIATIONS LIKELY TO BE CONTINUED

Needless to be Unduly Alarmed at Ulster Reply is Declaration of Newspaper Close to Government—Resignation Not Deemed Imminent—Irish Bulletin Statement.

(Canadian Press Cable.)
London, Nov. 18.—The Irish peace situation is not deemed in authoritative circles to have been made actually worse by the Ulster cabinet's determination to adhere to its previously declared position.

The overwhelming majority given in favor of the government's policy at a Unionist party conference in Liverpool yesterday is looked upon as creating a better atmosphere for continuance of the peace negotiations in some form, although the possibility of the resignation of Lloyd George, or, indeed, the entire coalition government, is not ignored.

The Ulstermen, while decisively rejecting the government's proposals, outlined a willingness to engage in informal conversations and Lloyd George probably will take advantage of this to postpone the crisis further. It is now said that the premier's return to London was not due to the receipt of the Ulster communication but had already been arranged previously.

There is some difference of opinion as to whether, if an impasse is reached, the premier will resign, or ask the country's verdict in a general election.

The Dail's political correspondent says he has ministerial authority in regard to the anticipated informal talk. He thinks they can see their way through, and hopes that good results will ensue from the anticipated informal talk.

According to the Times there is reason to believe that the Ulster communication reflects in its terms the message of Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, to the demonstrators in Belfast on Wednesday in which he declared the cabinet was "still striving to attain an honorable peace."

The newspaper adds that the Ulster cabinet would be held regarding Ulster's latest reply to the government's Irish peace proposals before the next step was taken.

LEWIS MAY NOW TRY IN CLASS OF HEAVYWEIGHTS FISHERMAN

New York, Nov. 18.—Ted "Kid" Lewis British boxer, who last night won the English light heavyweight championship by defeating Roy McCornick, has become the Georges Carpentier of the British Isles.

Lewis started out as a bantam and won all the championships of Europe and won the world's welterweight championship in bouts with Britton. He returned to England and twice knocked out Johnny Basham for welter honors of Britain.

HOUSE COLLAPSES AND BURIES 8 OF ONE FAMILY

Mena, Ark., Nov. 18.—Eight members of the family of R. E. Weems, at Wickes, Ark., were killed last night when their home collapsed during a violent storm.

MISSING IN BAY OF FUNDY

(Special to The Times.)
Digby, N. S., Nov. 18.—A lobster fishing boat from Port Wade, operated by Wm. McGrath, is missing. He went out to the grounds yesterday and did not return with the others. At five o'clock the life saving station was notified, and the lifeboat went out. She returned some hours later unsuccessful and asked assistance from the C. G. S. Arctux, which was in port. The latter sailed about eleven o'clock, and the lifeboat again went out. The Arctux returned this morning, but the lifeboat is keeping up the search. It is possible that the boat became disabled and has been blown to the New Brunswick shore.



HARRY LEADER.

CRAIG AND CARSON ILL IN LONDON

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