

SUBMARINE PROBLEM CAUSES SOME WARM DISCUSSION AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Auxiliary Tonnage Question Remains in Abeyance Despite Fact That Additional Instructions on the Subject Reached the French Delegation from Paris — British Place Their Case, in Opposition to Submarines, Before Committee.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The submarine problem, and the new "Four Power Treaty" the one constituting the unfinished business of the Arms Conference, and the other attracting increasing interest because of the difference in view between President Harding and the British States delegation, tonight divided the attention of the plenipotentiaries of the Powers assembled in Washington.

New prominence was given the treaty discussions during the day by a public statement by the President characterizing the differences over interpretation of the pact as "unimportant," and declaring the United States delegates had the "full confidence" of the White House.

With the Arms Conference proper, the day's only session was devoted to a continuance of the debate over Great Britain's proposal to abolish the submarine. The discussion was not finished and the conference, giving up plans for an extended Christmas recess, will meet again tomorrow to consider it.

In the meantime discussion of the general question of auxiliary tonnage remains in abeyance, despite the fact that additional instructions on the subject reached the French delegation today from Paris. The French have taken the position that the abolition proposal should be carried to a decision before the allotment details are taken up, apparently their viewpoint has been approved by the other Powers.

In replying to the British proposal today, however, Admiral De Bore, chief French naval expert, gave the Conference a glimpse of France's position on auxiliary tonnage by declaring no important naval power could afford to maintain less than the 30,000 tons of submarines proposed in the reduction plan for the United States and Great Britain. The 30,000-ton figure would be greatly in excess of the present French submarine strength, and would be three times the amount she would have under an application of the ratio, already agreed to, as to capital ships.

Admiral De Bore argued that under water craft not only were legitimate weapons, when properly used, but that they have a defensive value that makes them indispensable to any important naval nation.

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Raid For Liquor During Dinner For Governor Cox

Governor Denies Any Evidence of Wet Goods at Quincey House While There

Boston, Dec. 21.—Gov. Cox in a statement today said there was no liquor in evidence at the dinner last night at the Quincey House given in his honor by 200 leading Republicans during which prohibition officers raided a room in the hotel and seized a quantity of whiskey and cognac. The governor's statement was accompanied by similar declarations on the part of Secretary of State Frederick W. Cook and State Treasurer James Jackson.

J. J. McCarthy, proprietor of the hotel and Harold R. Kern, who claims the hotel as his residence, appeared in the Federal Court and pleaded not guilty to charges of illegal possession of 24 quarts of liquor. They were released on their own recognizance for a hearing Dec. 27.

A British spokesman said tonight that it was quite clear the submarine would be discussed ultimately at an open session of the Conference. "We have a great deal more to say," he added. "We are not optimistic yet of success of our plan for outlawing the submarine, but we welcome any mitigation of its use by the Conference, either in size of such vessels or for warfare restrictions."

"If powers, which now have 40,000 submarine tonnage, are to increase the number to 30,000, that of itself is an original fault in the limitation of armament."

Along with the submarine discussions there has developed a proposal that plans be made for some future conference to include other nations and take up details of auxiliary fleet construction, which some of the delegates feel cannot be settled here. The Italians have taken the lead in advocating such a plan, and the British are understood to have suggested that the United States come forward with some definite proposal in line with President Harding's desire for a continuing series of international meetings. The conversations have not, however, reached a formal stage.

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York-Sunbury Teachers' Institute Closes Session

Most Helpful and Interesting Papers Discussed—Resolutions Passed and Officers Elected.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—The session of the Teachers' Institute of York and Sunbury Counties closed this afternoon with two excellent papers, and a number of resolutions on a variety of subjects. The institute is one of the most successful on record with a registered attendance of upwards of 160. "Methods of Facilitating Work in Rural Schools," was the subject discussed by Patrick E. Mous, of Minto. It was followed by discussion in which many of the members took part.

Miss Emma Fitch, B. A. of Devon, presented a paper on "The Teaching of Geography." This paper proved highly interesting and provoked a lengthy discussion.

The Resolutions Committee, through Miss S. L. Thompson and James A. Hughes, reported a number of resolutions which were passed by the institute.

Regro, on account of the death of the late Rose E. Davies, a former member of the institute, and a teacher in the Regent Street School, Fredericton, was expressed. Appreciation of the services of Miss Ella Thorne, as secretary, the session being the first in many years which she had not attended, and regret because of her withdrawal from the teaching profession were also expressed. By resolution, the institute placed itself on record as of the opinion that the teachers of the Parishes of Peterborough, Gagetown and Hampton, in the county of Queens, should be permitted to become members of the York and Sunbury Institute. The thanks of the institute were extended to Dr. V. Bridges for his address, and to Miss Gertrude Smith and her class for the demonstration of the teaching of music.

Thanks to the press also was extended. The Secretary-Treasurer, J. E. Page, was voted a payment of twenty dollars, and the janitor of the building the sum of five dollars for services during the sessions of the institute.

The report of the auditors was presented by R. K. Nover, Pearl Ross and P. M. Montague, showing a credit balance of \$54.95.

This morning officers were elected as follows: President, Clarence B. Burden, Fredericton; Vice-President, Miss Grace Smith, Fredericton; Secretary-Treasurer, J. E. Page, Fredericton; Members of the Executive, Miss Annie Sanson, Nashwaakia, Miss Zula Hallett, Marysville, Newton Farnley, Mcdam.

The Normal School closed today for the Christmas vacation and there was a general exodus from the city this evening.

Toronto Officers Want Bulgarian On Murder Charge

Brutally Beats Compatriot Over Head in Bulgarian Rooming House.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—A warrant for the arrest of George J. Tseoff, a Bulgarian, on a charge of murder, following the death of Joma Novanichou, who died in St. Michael's Hospital today, was sworn out by Chief of Detectives George A. Moran.

A reward of \$100 is offered by Chief of Police Dickson for the arrest of Tseoff.

Tseoff is described as follows: Age 28, looks young; 5 feet four or five inches; dark hair and complexion; Clean shaven; weighs 135 pounds, was wearing a very loose fitting grey, single-breasted winter overcoat.

Rovanichou was brutally beaten over the head Friday Thursday morning in a Bulgarian rooming house.

COMMENTING ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE DALL

Irish Press Almost Unanimous in Viewing Event as Victory for Treaty.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—Commenting on the adjournment of the Dail Eireann, the Irish Times says: "The adjournment has one redeeming feature, it is a good sign, perhaps that while Michael Collins moved an adjournment and Arthur Griffith supported it, Eamon De Valera and the other extremists opposed it and were outvoted."

"We infer that the friends of ratification in the Dail Eireann are ready to meet their opponents with easy minds but that the advocates of rejection begin to feel that it is one thing to defy popular opinion from the platform in Dublin and another thing to confront it on its own ground."

"If Mr. De Valera has succeeded in pushing a vote on the agreement before Christmas, he could have ignored the will of his own constituents in Clare. That will be recorded yesterday when the County Clare Council passed a resolution in favor of ratification."

Concluding the Irish Times says: "Ireland has listened to the Dail for a week, and now it is the Dail's turn to listen to Ireland. If she fails to make her own voice effective the fault will be entirely her own."

The Freeman's Journal says: "Domination has gone beyond the phase of nominalism and achieved sovereignty and equality of status within the Commonwealth of Great Britain. The old British Empire is dead, and any attempt to revive it as against Ireland would range the rest of the Empire against Britain because the rights and interests of the Empire would be involved in any invasion of the rights of Ireland."

This newspaper thinks the vote on adjournment shows that a healthy air of opinion and independent judgment dominates the atmosphere of the Dail Eireann, and if it does not procure us a happy Christmas, it brings us a promise of happiness in the New Year."

The Irish Independent refers to the fact that the County Clare Council put before the representatives of the county and also Mr. De Valera the wishes of the people they represent.

It declared that while the newspaper differs with Mr. De Valera on the merits of the issues before the Dail Eireann, it, in common with his fellow countrymen, unhesitatingly pays tribute to his patriotism. It thinks, however, that Mr. De Valera has subordinated his judgment to excessive scruples.

The newspaper expresses the belief that Mr. De Valera's personality and attitude have influenced many of the Dail deputies, and it appeals to him to act on the request addressed to him by the County Clare Council and use his influence and political capacity for the maintenance of national unity.

The Star explaining the delay in taking action on the treaty, says the present Dail is likely to be more intransigent because its members were elected during guerrilla warfare, while men were on the run or in prison or sentenced to death. Allowances also must be made for women members, whose husbands lost their lives for the cause.

"For our part," adds the paper, "we believe that the treaty will be ratified by the Dail, and that during the interval the members will learn that the overwhelming mass of the people demand it."

Sir Douglas Haig Issues Message To Ex-Service Men

Makes Strong Appeal to All to Join the "300th Remembrance League."

London, Dec. 23.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, who is devoting himself wholeheartedly to the cause of ex-service men, has issued a Christmas message to the men of all ranks who served with him in France appealing to all to join the "300th remembrance league."

A calendar accompanies the message with Sundays and holidays devoted leaving 300 working days. He asks all who enjoy the simple comforts of life to devote the equivalent of one day's service, or one-third hundredth of their annual income, to the new league which aims at providing a definite annual income for ex-service men and their widows and children.

Maybe. "I suppose she knows the men she is going to marry is a bad egg."

"Yes, that's why she's afraid to drop him."—Pearson's Weekly.

Progress Reported In Civil Aviation By Air Ministry

British Machines Flew 321,000 Miles and Carried 32,000 Passengers During Year.

London, Dec. 23.—Reporting progress in civil aviation, the air ministry states that in the half year ended September 30, last, British machines flew 321,000 miles and carried 32,000 passengers; nine tons of goods and 43,000 outward letters. The air imports were £206,000 and exports £119,000. Except for a few individual flights the whole traffic on the London-Brussels and London-Amsterdam routes was carried by foreign aircraft.

The treasury has agreed to provide £200,000 annually this and the next two years directly to assist British firms in operating cross-channel services with British machines and engines. As regards the dominions, the report records the Canadian allocation for civil aviation and the amount of work done.

Australia allocated £100,000 for 1920-21 in aid of civil aviation, of which £54,000 is being expended to subsidize three routes. The contractors are required to reserve accommodation for 100 pounds of mail. The personnel must be enrolled from the Australian air force reserve.

Died

TRECARTIN.—At his residence 249 Millidge avenue on December 22, 1921, after a lengthy illness, Edward S. Trecartin, aged 49 years, leaving a loving wife two sons, one daughter, four brothers and two sisters to mourn. Notice of funeral later.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Laura M. Flowering, of Oak Point, N. B., who fell asleep on Dec. 27, 1920. One precious to our hearts has gone, The voice we loved is stilled; The place made vacant in our home Can never more be filled. FATHER, MOTHER AND SISTERS.

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