

Friendliness Characterises Arms Conference Negotiations.

President Harding Has Hope of Other International Meetings--London Press Denounce Continuance of Irish War--Steamer Rescues Newfoundland Crew.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. The Arms Conference negotiations proceeding in an atmosphere of friendliness which delegates generally believe insures progress and accomplishment, increasing importance attached to its outcome to-day as the result of the informally expressed hopes of President Harding that the conference might lay the foundation for a complete series of conferences, with the aim of perpetuating closer international accord. President Harding's plan, which has been offered as a personal

suggestion to some of the foreign delegates, who have generally approved of it, was an outstanding topic of discussion in conference circles this morning. Submission of the results of the present negotiations for approval, not only to participating nations, but to those not represented here, including Germany and Russia, was intimated as a possible first step toward world-wide endorsement of the Conference plan. The President's informal proposal comes at a time of growing indication that further negotiations will be necessary to consummate the task

begun here; a case in point already reached being the virtual decision of the Conference yesterday, to send an international committee of jurists to investigate China's judicial system. Upon the report of this committee the Governments concerned would base their judgment of the efficiency of Chinese courts, and determine their course in withdrawing foreign tribunals within China, the gradual abolishment of which was agreed upon in principle yesterday.

THE IRISH CRISIS.

LONDON, Nov. 26. A chorus of vehement protests against renewal of warfare in Ireland in the event of the present peace negotiations collapsing is raised by morning newspapers following a meeting yesterday of Premier Lloyd George and Sir James Craig. In this conference the British Cabinet Chief informed the Ulster Premier that Sinn Fein Ireland had refused to swear allegiance to the Crown, in return for an Ulster agreement to enter an all Ireland Parliament. "The Government cannot engage in civil war with the Irish nation if the people of Great Britain are determined that there shall be no war," declared the Daily News. "The Daily Herald, Labor Organ, says, 'A new war would outrage the morals of the

whole world and would never receive the sanction of the British people. The Trades Union and Labor movement must resist to the utmost further reference to the arbitration of force.' Men of all parties are urged by the Daily Express to rally to the defence of a British settlement. It asserts that nothing but public opinion can accomplish this result. The Westminster Gazette says it believes that British people are 'quite determined not to fight anybody in Ireland in the interests of anybody else in Ireland.' Further developments are awaited with keenest anxiety.

ANOTHER LOCAL SCHOONER GONE.

HALIFAX, N.S., Nov. 27. The captain and four members of the crew of the schooner Stanley Joseph, of St. John's, Newfoundland, were rescued in lat. 46.08 N., long. 53.02 W., Saturday by the British steamer Welmen, according to a wireless message received here. The Stanley Joseph had lost her rudder and sails in a heavy N.W. gale. She was set on fire before the crew abandoned her.

ASQUITH'S RECONSTRUCTION PLAN.

LONDON, Nov. 26. A feature of the meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Newcastle yesterday was a speech by Hon. H. H. Asquith, former Premier, in which, emphasizing the part of Liberalism in the economic reconstruction of Europe, he urged that three things were essential, namely (1) Revision of the Versailles Treaty, especially with regard to reparations and indemnities; (2) cancellation of allied indebtedness of European states, and (3) removal of tariff walls.

FOREIGN P.O.'S IN CHINA.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. Withdrawal of foreign post offices in China was formally agreed to, in principle, today by the Far Eastern Committee.

MARGUERITE H. WRECKED.

HALIFAX, Nov. 26. Schooner Marguerite H., of LaHave, 75 tons, is a total wreck at Battis Island, Herring Cove, while en route from Sydney to Halifax with coal.

SEVENTY PER CENT.

TOKIO, Nov. 26. The Cabinet Council yesterday, according to newspapers, resulted in a decision to instruct the Japanese delegates to Washington Conference to do their utmost to maintain a 70 per cent ratio with regard to naval armaments.

ALL GOES WELL, SAYS BEATTY.

OTTAWA, Nov. 27. All goes well at the Washington Conference, Admiral Beatty told the Canadian Club here Saturday. What limits on armament are to be imposed will not be derogatory to the British Empire, and the Empire of the sea will be as safe in the future as in the past, the Admiral added.

Meigle From Labrador.

S.S. Meigle, Capt. Burgess, arrived in port from Labrador last night having completed the round trip in 16 days. The ship went as far as Cartwright, making all ports of call. On the return trip the Meigle picked up the remaining freight and passengers amongst the latter being Messrs. Hutchings and Scoble, wireless operators at Domino and Grady. The captain reports an exceptionally stormy trip with strong northwest gales with intense frost at times. At Cartwright and the lower part of the coast there are now six and seven feet of snow on the ground, while the various harbors and runs are frozen over. On the way south the Meigle called at Belle Isle in order to take off one of the lightkeepers, but owing to very stormy weather the ship's boat could not land. It is expected that the Prospero, which is now north will call and take the sick man to St. John's hospital. It is likely that the Meigle will now take up the Sydney freight route.

Tweedie Boot Tops at half price at SMALLWOOD'S, The Glove Fitting Spat.—nov25,tf

Our Local Peppys.

HIS DIARY.

November 26th.—This morning to the office. Comes the boy with my news-sheet by which I did see how there has been communication between Ireland and New Zealand by wireless, and very much amazed thereat. A demonstration of former soldiers who demand that there be work given them or else they starve; and the Prime Minister, he being notified, has promised to do all that he can, albeit considering the difficulty of the times, that may not be much. To the club where Miller, that is the club gossip, tells me how there will be prosecutions in connection with the Road-de-Luxe, to Water Street; and there met Mr. Smithson. His discourse most about the pensions drop balance, and how the Prime Minister has at last given his authority for its payment. With my wife to the pictures, whereby, being greatly bored, I did fall into a doze, at which my wife, being in great anger, did berate me soundly.

November 27th (Advent Sunday)—Up by noon. This day my oath for smoking of cigarettes is out; and so I do resolve to take a liberty to-day and then, to fall to it again. My wife to church and in a new gown, the which I have as yet not gotten the bill for, but fear greatly what it will be, seeing how the dress is a fine one. Comes Brown to tell me that the long distance telephone, it being completed, he did use it to-day, which is a very good thing for it was much needed.

Search for Sunken Treasure.

Search for sunken treasure amounting to three million dollars which has been at the bottom of the ocean eleven years is vigorously going on at a point sixty miles east of the Virginia capes, where the steamer Merida went down following a collision. The treasure hunters on the salvage ship Ripple believe they have found the wreck of the sunken vessel, and expect soon to recover the fortune abandoned when the vessel sank. The Merida's treasure consists of a large quantity of silver, about quarter million dollars in gold and a quantity of precious stones. She was sunk in May, 1910, when bound from Mexico, via Havana, for New York, by the steamer Admiral Farragut. The collision occurred about midnight, in a fog, the Merida remaining afloat for six hours. The Admiral Farragut was



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badly damaged, but remained afloat. The vessel had forty-seven hundred tons of copper in her hold, carried as ballast. She is believed to be on the hard sand bottom. The expedition is the second to attempt the finding of the Merida. About four years ago a number of New York capitalists fitted up a steamer and dragged for some days for the wreck. It was believed at one time that she had been located, but bad weather prevented further operations.

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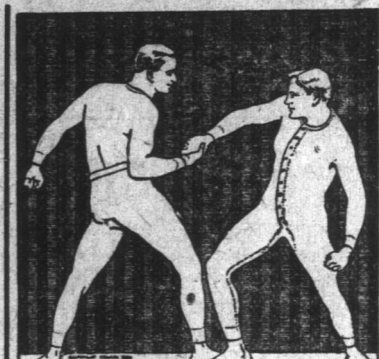
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