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NAVY NEGOTIATION VERY FAVORABLE

NEW STAGE REACHED ON QUESTION OF RATIO AT CONFERENCE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF U. S., GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

Washington Dec. 3.—A new stage in the negotiations over the question of naval ratio described as "very favorable" is understood to have been reached at tonight's conference between Secretary Hughes, Admiral Baron Kato and Arthur J. Balfour was concluded the Japanese delegation immediately began communicating with Tokyo.

This official communique was issued:

"Arthur J. Balfour, Admiral Baron Kato and Secretary Hughes met at the state department this afternoon and had an extended interview with respect to the naval proposals. No comment on the interview can be made at this time."

The conference lasted about two hours and intimations were given at its conclusion that a basis existed for some optimism. One delegation of the most important discussions yet held which would mean much to success of the conference as a whole. The result was "most favorable" he added.

There were some indications being construed to mean that the Japanese viewpoint on naval ratio was being brought more into harmony with the American. It was understood that in the discussions of Far Eastern affairs today some concessions of opinion were made toward the Japanese contentions regarding maintenance of foreign troops in China. By some this was interpreted as meaning that the Japanese were making concessions on the naval question. Some of the unofficial Japanese observing the conference expressed the opinion that today's conference had to do with some projected terms of compromise which has first to be referred to Tokyo as the official Japanese here are without plenipotentiary powers and as the coming agreement had to be considered in Tokyo with regard to its effect on the present Japanese ministry.

These Japanese who have been well informed of the progress of the negotiations pointed out that an agreement by which the Japanese navy would be permitted to retain the superdreadnought Mutsu and by which the United States would agree to fortify its Pacific bases no further would, according to Japanese calculations, place the Japanese naval ratio a approximately 65 to 66 per cent instead of the 60 per cent stipulated by American proposals.

The conciliatory influence of Great Britain has given a more hopeful aspect to the controversy over Japan's proposal to substitute a 10 10-7 naval ratio for the 5-5-3 plan of the United States.

GET BIG STILL

Sixty Gallon Copper Outfit Captured Sunday.

Sheriff McLane and his deputies Sunday captured a 60 gallon copper still and destroyed 2,000 gallons of beer the outfit being located just back of the John Henry Klugh place about 300 yards from the Greenwood County line.

The still had just been fired up, preparatory to making a run, one of the retorts being warm when the officers arrived. A signal gun, fired twice as the sheriffs approached, warned the operators of the still and they were able to escape the officers only catching a glimpse of the men as they hurriedly left the scene. From the appearance of the men the officers think the operators were two white men and a negro.

WOMAN INSANE JURY DECLARES

LENA CLARKE NOT GUILTY OF MURDER—BAXTER PATTERSON, ALSO INDICTED ON CHARGE OF IMPLICATION IN MURDER, ACQUITTED.

Orlando Fla. Dec. 3.—Lena M. T. Clarke was found to be insane and not guilty on the charge of murdering F. A. Miltimore here on the night of August 1 last by a jury in circuit court late today. Baxter Patterson, indicted with Miss Clarke was acquitted. The jury deliberated about two hours and 15 minutes.

Judge Andrews said he would continue to hold Miss Clarke in jail here until he had gone further into the evidence in the case. The action of the court in holding Miss Clarke until investigation of evidence is taken to indicate that he may order her incarceration in the State Insane asylum at Chattahoochee.

The jury retired at 3:26 this afternoon after listening to Judge Andrews' instructions the reading of which occupied nearly half an hour. At 5:15, 30 minutes before the verdict was rendered the jury reentered the court room and requested Judge Andrews for further information relative to the wording of a verdict and that part of the judge's instructions was again read. Once more the 12 men filed out of the chamber and their next appearance marked the close of the trial.

Miss Clarke received the verdict calmly and after embracing her aged father who has been with her throughout the trial turned to receive the congratulations of several women who rushed to grasp her hand as soon as the verdict was read. Miss Clarke's first remark following the reading of the verdict was: "To tell the truth, I didn't care much one way or the other."

MANY TEACHERS WILL COME TO INSTITUTE

Replies Received Already From Half Of Those In County—Program Opens Wednesday.

Judging by the replies being received by Superintendent Fulp, the teachers institute which begins in Abbeville Wednesday evening is certain to be a success. Plans now arranged provide a variety of entertainment and profitable information. The program, now practically complete, follows:

Organization meeting 8 p. m. Wednesday at Court House.

Observation in Abbeville schools 9 to 2 Thursday.

Conference 3:30 Thursday afternoon Court House.

Miss Jeanette McKenzie of Scotland, primary supervisor in Greenville City Schools, will talk to primary teachers Thursday afternoon in Court House.

C. V. Wilkes, principal Donalds school, will discuss teaching of Algebra to seventh grade and high school teachers at same time.

Dr. John Swearingen, state superintendent of education will speak to teachers and public 8 p. m. Thursday at Court House.

Observation Friday a. m. city schools.

Reception to Marshal Foch Friday p. m. followed by an address on teaching geography by Supt. Frank Evans of Spartanburg 4 p. m. Friday.

Musical entertainment at Opera House Friday 8 p. m. Visiting teachers admitted free.

Miss Mattie E. Thomas, school community organizer of Columbia, will speak at 10 a. m. Saturday.

Mrs. B. P. Bager, supervisor Richmond Va. schools, will give illustrated lecture on use of stereopticon in school room.

Adjournment noon Saturday.

FOCH COMMITTEE WORKING OUT PLAN

FULP TAKES UP MATTER OF MARSHAL'S STOP THROUGH STATE COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION—LUMPKIN WIRES MacNIDER.

J. D. Fulp, chairman of the special committee appointed to make an effort to have Marshal Foch stop here Friday when he comes through on a Seaboard special; is in receipt of a letter from Morris Lumpkin, state commander of the American Legion, in which it is stated that the plans of Abbeville have been laid before National Legion Commander MacNider. Mr. Lumpkin states that he urged that the marshal stop in Abbeville.

Mr. Fulp's committee, at a meeting last Thursday made tentative plans for a short reception to be participated in by the several organizations of the city. The committee realizing, however, that the same effort is being put forth by every other town along Foch's route, did not attempt to draw up a detailed plan until it could be learned definitely whether the marshal would appear in accordance with the Abbeville request. As soon as definite information has been received another meeting of the committee will be held to go into the details of the greeting that it is proposed to give the great Frenchman.

Mr. Lumpkin's letter reads as follows:

"Immediately upon receipt of your wire relative to the stopping of Marshal Foch's train at Abbeville, I took the matter up with MacNider and am this morning in receipt of a telegram from Lemuel Bolles, National Adjutant, informing me that the matter is being handled direct with MacNider who is with Foch on his special train. As soon as I have heard from him I will advise you.

"I am not certain that I can come to Abbeville as I may go through in a car to Greenwood but will advise you later as to this.

"I urgently requested the stopping of the train at Abbeville and think yours was an excellent idea."

ROAD TO GREENWOOD OFFERS LOW RATE

Cent a Mile for Piedmont and Northern For Foch Welcome Next Week.

Greenwood Dec. 3.—A rate of one cent a mile to Greenwood December 9 to take care of the crowds coming to welcome Marshal Foch to South Carolina was announced today by the Piedmont and Northern. The Southern, Charleston and Western Carolina and Seaboard have not announced what their rates will be but officials of the roads at a meeting here a few days ago declared that low rates would be offered and special equipment added to bring the thousands who are expected on Foch day.

Acceptances of invitations to come to Greenwood December 9 are pouring in from all over the state. Many prominent officials of South Carolina and adjoining states will be present and will take part in the welcoming ceremony.

Governor Cooper has notified the music committee that he will call out the First regiment band of the national guard the old One Hundred and Eighteenth infantry band for the celebration for Marshal Foch. A number of bands and orchestras are expected.

London, Dec. 3.—Prime Minister Lloyd George it was learned this afternoon is definitely planning to leave England for the United States December 12 to attend the Washington armaments conference.

IRISH DELEGATES IN CONFERENCE

TWO MEETINGS HELD WITH DE VALERA—ARTHUR GRIFFITH WILL RETURN TO LONDON AT ONCE, FOLLOWED BY OTHERS. SESSION HELD IN DUBLIN.

London, Dec. 4.—After two conferences in Dublin today with Eamon de Valera, the Sinn Fein delegates in the Irish conference are returning to London tonight. It has been intended according to statements at the Sinn Fein publicity department here, that only Arthur Griffith, Sinn Fein foreign minister, would return tonight and that the others would follow in a day or two.

It was expected the reply of the Rail Eireann cabinet to the latest British proposals would be flatly "yes" or "no" and that neither premise Prime Minister Lloyd George, upon Mr. Griffith's return, would decide the government's future action. But the news that all the delegates were on their way here was taken to indicate there would be further discussion on details, giving rise to hope that a final breach in the negotiations might be averted.

It was understood that the Sinn Fein delegates were bringing the Dial Eireann cabinet's last word, and if the premier should be able to meet any additional points they might raise, he would submit the new plan to premier Sir James Craig of Ulster, by Tuesday. In the event of rejection of the proposals by Sir James, it was indicated that the next move might be the resignation of the cabinet members as a prelude to a general election.

If an agreement should not be reached between Sinn Fein and the government, the new plan, it is understood, will not be submitted to the Ulster premier, and there was no definite clue as to what might be Mr. Lloyd George's move next. In some quarters belief was expressed that the military would be given command of the Irish situation immediately. In other circles, however, it was supposed the government would publish all the correspondence on the Irish situation and ask the electors later for a mandate to deal with the situation.

SOUTHERN STATES JEWISH RELIEF

August Kohn Chairman for South Carolina in Campaign To Raise Big Sum.

Atlanta Dec. 3.—Five Southern states will raise \$750,000 for relief among the Jews in famine and wartorn zones in Russia and eastern Europe according to pledges made today to David Brown of Detroit national head of the Jewish relief committee by representative Jewish citizens of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Georgia.

Victor S. Kriegshaber of Atlanta was selected zone chairman and the following state chairmen were appointed: Mo. Nevy, Norfolk for Virginia; Issadore Well, Montgomery for Alabama; Lionel Weil, Goldsboro N. C.; August Kohn, Columbia S. C. and Armond May, Atlanta. Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina delegations pledged for their states \$100,000 each. Virginia will raise \$200,000 each and Georgia has accepted \$250,000 as its share.

The campaign will be conducted during the latter two weeks of January.

COTTON MARKET

Down 20 to 29 points.
Spot, 18 cents for best.

	Close	Points off
January	17.12	.29
March	17.11	.21
May	16.80	.21
July	16.35	.25

BENTON ELUDES FLORENCE POSSE

MAN WHO SHOT HUNTER NOT YET APPREHENDED—DEPUTIES STAY WITH CROWD TO PREVENT FURTHER VIOLATION OF LAW.

Florence Dec. 3.—Jim Benton who yesterday afternoon shot and killed Fay Poston and wounded Alger Poston when the two brothers are said to have trespassed upon the farm of Benton after having been warned not to do so and later shot and slightly wounded the dead man's father when he visited the scene of the shooting, was still at large tonight although the posse had not given up its search. It is now thought that Benton had succeeded in getting out of the swamp and has left the community. Sheriff Burch stated tonight that he believed Benton would give himself up when danger he feared from the posse had passed. It was reported this afternoon that feeling against Benton was high and that he might be handled if captured by the band of Johnsonville citizens in search of him. Benton is said to be armed with a Springfield rifle and a plentiful supply of steel bullets. He is credited with being a crack shot.

The body of Fay Poston was buried today at Johnsonville. Alger Poston though seriously wounded is said to have a good chance for recovery. Few additional details have been obtained today that Dr. R. L. Cockfield and his friends were not at the scene of the killing of Poston having made a detour to reach the spot where the hunt was to begin.

According to officials here Benton is said to have warned hunters repeatedly to keep off his lands. Some time ago he is said to have shot the dogs of a hunting party and to have warned its members of grave consequences should they persist in coming on his place. Sheriff Burch stated today that he had been informed that when the Postons started to cross Benton's line yesterday they were halted by Benton and told not to trespass. The shooting, according to the sheriff followed the ensuing dispute. Sheriff's deputies are with the posse and it is believed will prevent violation of laws should Benton Later.—Benton surrendered Saturday afternoon.

SALES DAY

Three Land Cases and One Sheriff's Sale.

Today was salesday but the occasion did not bring out a very large crowd, as was the case in previous years. Master Thomson sold three tracts of land and Sheriff McLane sold an automobile at auction.

In the case of J. Allen Smith against Mike Kustus and others the lot to the rear of Adair's store known as the livery stable lot, was bid in by J. Allen Smith for \$400.

A vacant lot on South Main street was sold in the case of Roy Clement against George Godfrey for \$100, George Godfrey being the successful bidder.

J. W. Brock bid in a tract of land containing 86 3-4 acres located near Donalds the price being \$1600. It was sold in the suit of J. W. Brock against H. T. Morrison and others.

Col. Pat Roche bought an Empire automobile at the knock down auction conducted by Judge Hollingsworth for Sheriff McLane in the case of Coleman against Beatty. The automobile cost him only \$25 delivered. Col. Roche, fearing to trust himself with the car, has requested that a guardian be appointed to look after him.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has elected Mrs. Livingstone D. Schupler as president for the coming year.

VISITORS COMING TO WELCOME FOCH

GREENWOOD MAKING PREPARATIONS TO ENTERTAIN MARSHAL IN GRAND MANNER FRIDAY AFTERNOON—GOVERNOR AND OTHERS COMING.

The following is from the Greenwood Index Journal of Friday:

Every mail is bringing acceptances of invitations to come to Greenwood to welcome Marshal Foch on December 9 from prominent citizens and officials throughout the state and many have telegraphed their acceptance to Major John W. Moore, chairman of the invitation committee. Congressman Fred Dominick, Federal Judge H. H. Watkins, Judge W. H. Townsend, Associate Justice T. B. Fraser, Judge J. W. Bowman and many other prominent men have written and telegraphed that they will be delighted to come to do honor to the great Marshal of France.

A large number of Clemson cadets will be present though the cadet corps will not come in a body. President Riggs telegraphed Major Moore yesterday that permission would be granted to A. E. F. men who wished to attend. His telegram follows:

"Too expensive and too near final examinations to send corps of cadets. Permission will be given A. E. F. men to go individually. Commandant, Assistant Commandant and five cadet officers will represent Clemson officially. Regret out of state engagement prevents my coming. Corps of cadets and faculty appreciate invitation."

An invitation to the cadets of The Citadel to attend in a body has not been answered yet owing to the absence of Superintendent O. J. Bond from Charleston but it is thought that a large number of them will be permitted to come even if the cadet corps does not come in a body.

Congressman Fred Dominick's reply to the invitation follows:

"My dear Mr. Moore: "I am in receipt of your very kind invitation to come to Greenwood on December 9th and join with you in welcoming Marshal Foch to South Carolina.

"South Carolina and our District will be greatly honored by his visit and I shall be only too glad to be present at his reception.

"With kindest personal regards and best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours
"Fred H. Dominick."

At the American Legion rally and general reception on the night of December 9 Governor Cooper and Morris C. Lumpkin state commander of the American Legion will probably speak. Governor Morrison of North Carolina will also be asked to speak if he attends.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Boy's Arm Burned By Shot That Barely Misses Body

To have his clothing set on fire and his arm severely burned by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while squirrel hunting Saturday morning, was the unusual experience of Harmon McIlwaine, son of George McIlwaine of the Due West section. The load of shot barely missed the boy's body after cutting open his coat sleeve from wrist to elbow.

Harmon and John McIlwaine and Hunter Nickles, son of W. H. Nickles were squirrel hunting early Saturday morning in a patch of woods near their home. Harmon McIlwaine leaned his gun on a log for a moment and standing almost in front of the muzzle he reached with his right hand and picked it up. The hammer of the gun caught on a piece of brush and the fire from the gun barrel set fire to the lad's sleeve, the gun wadding lodging in his clothing. The fire was extinguished without doing any serious injury.