

## FAREAST MAY DECLINE INTO SECOND PLACE

Philippe Millet, Petit Parisien, Sees Easy Success for Conference.

### EVEN JAPS PLEASED

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The two great facts which appeared at the very first sitting of the conference have but become more apparent since.

1. It is clear we soon shall reach a complete agreement on the question of the limitation of naval armaments.

2. The position of the Far East tends to be removed more and more to a relatively second-rate place, where it will become harmless.

So far as the limitation of naval armaments is concerned, it is incredible certain people should not have seen how advantageous the American proposals were bound to be to the main powers concerned. Although the procedure proposed by the Far Eastern powers may have seemed disconcerting to European diplomats, representatives of the British Empire could not be disengaged with a scheme which definitely maintains the British navy in the first rank. The suggested naval holiday could not increase unemployment in England, as England already practically has stopped building ships. Similar to the proposal of the Far East, number of naval units will not create any difficulty as far as establishments are concerned, as the American proposals allow England to keep 22 capital ships, while the actual number of British capital ships in full commission today does not exceed twelve.

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On the Japanese side, satisfaction cannot be long marked. The proportion from three to five should be sufficient to insure the defense of Japan, because the Japanese fleet is concentrated instead of being divided as in the American fleet, and moreover, as the only strong naval bases in the Western Pacific are Japanese bases.

For these reasons, it is already certain, the naval agreement will be easily arrived at. Such amendments as may be presented to the American scheme, as for instance, the British amendments on the continuity of shipbuilding or the necessity of still further reducing the number of submarines are not as many excuses preparatory to refusal, but on the contrary will suggest only in the absence of better scheme to the Japanese.

It is scarcely necessary to emphasize the importance of the service thus rendered by the United States to civilization by stopping for the first time the race in armaments. The limitation of land armaments is unfortunately impossible in the present state of the world and in view of the responsibilities bearing upon France, it is still permitted to hope a day will come when the precedent created with respect to the relatively simple problem of naval armaments may be utilized as far as the land armadas are concerned.

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## Plays for Indorsers



## \$350,000 BOND ISSUE WILL BE SOLD ONCE MORE

Sanitary Board's Tangle Keeps City Legal Department Busy.

### CONTRACT IS AWARDED

The city legal department was engaged today in straightening out the latest tangle the board of sanitary commissioners has gotten itself into. This time the board has discovered that it will have to readvertise a bond issue of \$350,000 after bids had been received and the issue awarded to the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company.

Lucius B. Swift, chairman of the board of sanitary commissioners, Mr. Swift issued a statement the other day in which he said, in effect, that Samuel L. Shank, mayor-elect, had better not try to oust him. Mr. Shank replied that if that was the way Mr. Swift felt about it he would do everything he could to rid the city government of Mr. Swift and that if he couldn't get him off the board he would "stick some legal talent on him that will keep him hopping."

### ISSUE AWARDED

Today's blind tiger case against Carey resulted from his arrest Oct. 14, when he was found driving a Buick automobile with license 328400, in which a car Motor-cycle Office Fletcher found half pint of "white mule" whisky. When questioned, the automobile "only partly belongs to me," but admitted the license was issued to him and that the certificate of title was in his name. Fred McAlister, attorney for Carey, made a plea that the appeal bond be reduced to \$250, but Judge Kingsbury refused to reduce it to less than \$500. The case was appealed and William (Kinney) Hilt, professional bondsmen, attorney and political boss, signed the appeal bond.

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The incident recalls other famous "stunts" of this same board of sanitary commissioners, such as the purchase of the garbage plant for \$175,000 when one of its former members saw better opportunities for profit, and the case of the "white mule" whisky.

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called to get what it considered reasonable blind tiger bids, it received last week the same issue awarded.

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## CARL KUNKEL GIVEN TERM IN STATE PRISON

Man Implicated by Francis Gets 3 to 5 Years for Auto Stealing.

Carl Kunkel, who was mentioned in the confession of Frank Francis, the "confessing burglar," now serving a prison sentence imposed at Louisville, Ky., on a forgery charge, today was sentenced from three to five years at the Indiana State Prison by Judge James A. Collins of the Criminal Court following Kunkel's plea of guilty to a charge of stealing an automobile, according to Frank P. Cawenger, 320 North Illinois.

Kunkel was waiting to be sentenced on a charge of automobile stealing at the time Francis mentioned him in his confession. Kunkel was indicted both in the Federal and Criminal Court on charges resulting from Francis' appearance before the County and Federal grand juries.

With the permission of the United States District Attorney, Kunkel was brought into court this morning and sentenced by Judge Collins on his former plea of guilty.

## MAN SLUGGED BY TWO NEGROES

Number Robberies Reported to Police.

Two negro hold-up men assaulted William Purcell, 48, Porter street, at 2 a.m. today at North and Caldwell streets. The larger of the two, Purcell, was a negro, 5 feet 7 inches, who rugged him with his fist, knocking him down. Purcell told the police that he was "broken" at the time he was held up.

H. J. Jones, 3695 North Delaware street, reported to the police that a thief stole a shot gun and a leather case from his automobile while he was near Rockville, Ind., yesterday. The shot gun was valued at \$100.

Mrs. Henry Shelds, 308 East Michigan street, reported that he had no doubts as to the guilt of Charters, regardless of any technical legal points raised by Mr. Noel.

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## DRIVE ONLY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RED CROSS

Hundreds Working on Local Committees to Cover Entire City.

W. H. Leedy of Indianapolis Enters Twenty-Sixth Year of Service.

Nearly one thousand persons in Indianapolis are taking an active part in the annual Red Cross membership campaign, which began on Armistice day and the drive will take in every ward and precinct in the city. Organization plans have been completed in several districts under the direction of the divisional campaign directors and every effort will be made to obtain thousands of membership subscriptions.

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