

CONFERENCE IS SEEN AS BIG SUCCESS

Statesmen Declare Gathering
a Great Success Despite
Minor Failures—Opposition
to Diminish in Future.

WEDGE OF NEW DAY

By MARK SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The public generally distant from Washington must be more than a little dismayed to find some writers and others casting a balance, so to speak, on the arms conference, and coming to a tepidly comfortable conclusion that on the whole it has been a success.

The contrast between the spirit of the opening day and the spirit of these closing days is undoubtedly real, but if you look into it closely you will find that mere psychology plays a larger part in it than the fundamental facts do.

Thoughtful persons foresaw the dramatic anti-climax which is the chief cause of the present rather flattened out feeling. I suspect that Hughes himself foresaw it and calmly counted it in the cost as against the advantages he gained by making his sensational opening speech.

The day that speech was made there was a famous American humorist in Washington, who remarked, with the intentional exaggeration of his role, "I'm going back home. This is going to be a bum show. They've pulled off the burg murder scene in the first act."

Tells the Story.
Now that sounds merely frivolous, but it tells the whole story. It is not for nothing that generations and centuries of dramatists have learned that there is a law of the human mind when it is in the role of spectator which requires that you must have the big scene in the third act or other ways have your show flatten out in an anti-climax. Hughes and the American delegates violated this rule, and did it with their eyes open, and they are now quite serene in facing the foreseen result of an anti-climax as far as the spectators are concerned.

The conference as a "show," is one thing, but as a mechanism for achieving certain results it is quite another thing. It is the conference as a show that the less thoughtful public now sees and finds a bit disappointing.

Would See it Then.
If the whole thing had been reversed, if we had had all the disputes and disagreements in the opening weeks, and if, on one of the closing days Hughes should have come out with an unexpected announcement, such as that Great Britain, Japan and America had agreed to stop naval competition and take a 10-year naval holiday, then the same persons who now see the conference as a dramatic anti-climax would be seeing it as what it intrinsically is, a sensational and unprecedented success.

Further that with some of those who proclaim the conference a failure, it is a case either of temperamental pessimism or some other form of lack of kinship with the atmosphere of enthusiasm and success.

Opposition Small.
The truth is that the effective opposition to success in this conference, measured in terms of population and other values, is not more than 20 per cent. If the conference were an ordinary parliamentary gathering this 20 per cent minority would be bowled over unceremoniously.

But the conference is a case where decisions must be unanimous. When this limitation is remembered, it is wonder is not the relatively small failures of the gathering, but its great successes. Even the failures have had the good effect of drawing out overwhelming evidence of the fundamental fact—namely, that the great majority of the peoples and governments of the world favor the purposes of the conference. This minority that resists will find its position increasingly untenable. There will be other conferences like this—they will come soon—and in them the resistance will be a constantly diminishing factor. (Copyright, 1922, by the New York Evening Post, Inc.)

CONFERENCE OF COAL
OPERATORS IS OFF

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4.—The conference of coal operators of the central competitive field with officers of the United Mine Workers of America, called to meet at Pittsburgh, Friday, was called off today by President John L. Lewis.

The Pittsburgh meeting was for the purpose of fixing a date for holding negotiations on a wage agreement to become effective next April, and Mr. Lewis in a formal statement declared the meeting was discarded because of operators refusing to meet with miners.

"It is essential from a standpoint of public interest," Mr. Lewis said, "that a joint meeting of operators and miners be held. In no other way can the problems of the coal industry be solved, and in due time circumstances will compel such a meeting."

INTERURBAN TIPS OVER;
OVER SCORE INJURED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 4.—The rear car of a doubleheader interurban bound toward Akron on the Akron, Bedford and Cleveland, tipped over at Stop 36, shortly before noon today, injuring more than a score of passengers, several seriously. Several of the passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage and it is not known as yet whether any were killed. Both cars were crowded.

Depew, 87, Celebrates 20th Wedding Anniversary



Chauncey Depew, photographed in his home on his anniversary.

"You don't look feeble yet," Chauncey Depew might be saying to himself in the above photo, taken a few days ago at his home when he and Mrs. Depew celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Depew, formerly Miss May Palmer of Paris, is the noted after dinner orator's second wife. Depew will be 87 years old next April.

FAIR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES PREDICTED FOR EASTERN HALF OF COUNTRY NEXT SPRING

PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Building operations for the coming spring will be much more extensive east of the Mississippi river than west of it. The United States Chamber of Commerce has issued a chart based on advance building information obtained by government agents. This chart shows only a few sections of the country where building activities will be good. On the other hand, only a small area east of the Mississippi river has poor building prospects. Fair construction activities are largely predicted for the eastern half of the country. The chart forecasts good spring building in the southwestern quarter of Indiana and fair construction work in the remainder of the state.

A government bureau has issued a bulletin which discusses building prospects for the year. It reads in part: "Three factors enter largely into the problem of building during the coming months: the high price of material, high price of labor, and the question of obtaining funds for construction. Prices of material, on the whole, are much the more favorable

of the three factors. It is only here and there that there is only apparent difficulty in this respect. The matter of too high priced labor does not stack up so well as that of material, but running through the reports there is a general belief that not only are matters improving in this direction, but when springtime comes the long period of probable idleness of labor will

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DENIES FARM BODY AGREED NOT TO PUSH RAIL LAW PROGRAM

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Denial of recent charges of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin that an agreement not to push legislation to repeal the so-called guaranty section of the transportation act and to restore state control over intrastate rates was obtained from farm organization leaders at a conference here with representatives of the railroads and of coal, steel and lumber interests, was made today by W. L. Drummond, of Kansas City, chairman of the board of governors of the International Farm Congress.

Mr. Drummond, who attended the conference Dec. 9, which was termed a "secret" meeting in a statement by Senator LaFollette, declared the session was not a secret one and that the agricultural representatives held out uncompromisingly for repeal of the guaranty clause in the transportation act and that the railroad executives agreed not to oppose its repeal.

What They Agreed Upon
The railroad executives also agreed, according to Mr. Drummond's statement, "to the vesting of regulatory powers in the state railway commission which the Esch-Cummings measure does not provide" while the farm representatives agreed not to join "in the effort to transfer the control over intrastate rates from the interstate commerce commission to the state railway commissions at this time."

The object of the conferences, as far as the farm organization leaders were concerned, he said, was to obtain quickly the greatest possible reduction in freight rates and "to cause the correction of any condition or practice unfair to agriculture by peaceful effort, where possible."

The railroad officials, he added, contended the 10 per cent rate reduction already made on agricultural products was more than they could stand under present conditions and they sought operation in "effecting such reductions in railroad expenses as would justify" this increase and permit still further reductions.

SIX DEATHS RESULT
FROM BELFAST RIOTS

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Jan. 4.—Six deaths have resulted from the present series of disorders in Belfast, one of the fatalities being that of a child who was shot while in its mother's arms.

Firing continued last night, the fiercest being in the York street area which comes under the 8 o'clock curfew law. A heavy snow and frost did not deter the rioters.

In the Sinn Fein's Garriock hill district late yesterday police arrested two men who fired on them. One had a rifle and the other a number of bombs.

ELLIOTT NOMINATED
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Homer Elliott was nominated by President Harding today to be United States attorney for the Indiana district.

DE VALERA TO URGE AMITY TREATY MADE

New Version of His Amend-
ment Distributed to Mem-
bers of Dail Eireann—To
Make Public Proposal.

HALF EXPRESS VIEWS

DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—Announcement was made during this afternoon's session of the Dail Eireann that Eamonn De Valera would make public his alternative proposal for a substitute of the Anglo-Irish treaty which is under consideration at the close of the afternoon session.

On the re-assembly of the Dail today the new version of Eamonn De Valera's treaty of amity between Ireland and the governments of Great Britain and the other states of the British commonwealth was distributed.

The amendment provides: "That inasmuch as the articles of agreement for a treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, signed at London, December 6, 1921, do not reconcile Irish national aspirations and the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British commonwealth, and cannot be the basis of a lasting peace between the Irish and British peoples.

Question Is Raised
"The Dail Eireann, in the name of the sovereign Irish nation, makes to the government of Great Britain, to the governments of the other states in the British commonwealth, and to the peoples of Great Britain and of these several states, the following proposal for a treaty of amity and association which the Dail Eireann is convinced could be entered into by the Irish people with the sincerity of god will."

Mr. De Valera, after sharp exchange with Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins over the much mooted "document Number 2" announced that he would move his alternative proposals as an amendment to the Griffith motion for ratification of the treaty.

The question was raised whether Mr. De Valera, under the rules of the debate, would be permitted to make another speech.

Half Express Views
When the Dail Eireann reassembled today 59 of its members—nearly half—had expressed their views on the Irish peace treaty. Between private and public sittings the Dail thus far devoted nine days to debate.

Although the list of speakers is still far from exhausted, it is apparent that every argument has been brought forward and it is believed that henceforth the speeches will be short.

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To Hold Open Mind
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Light Plant, City
Hall Books in Good
Shape, Says Auditor

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Weather Forecast
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Miami Girl Wins Recognition as Prize Beauty



Miss Mildred Ellett.

The holidays were made doubly merry for Miss Mildred Ellett, twenty-year-old stenographer of Miami, Fla. She was awarded a \$1,000 prize for winning a contest held by a Miami paper to find the prettiest girl on south-eastern Florida. So popular was the selection that merchants doubled the amount in gifts and one of the banks started an account for her.

HAYS IS UNDECIDED ABOUT ACCEPTANCE OF MOVIE POSITION

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Postmaster General Hays said today he had not yet decided whether to leave the cabinet and accept the new place he has been offered in the motion picture industry and was not likely to make a decision within the next 10 days.

As matters now stand, it is said by some of the postmaster general's friends, he is not inclined to sever his connection with the administration despite the unusual salary that would be carried by the position tendered him. He has not yet discussed the subject at any length with President Harding, and does not intend to act until the wishes of his chief are fully understood.

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NAVAL REPORT OF EXPERTS IS NEARLY READY

Agreement of Sub-Committee
on Chinese Tariff of 5 Per
Cent Also Outstanding De-
velopment.

TO DEFINE METHODS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Practical completion of the report to be submitted by the committee of naval experts to the naval committee of the armament conference and agreement of the sub-committee on Chinese tariff on a five percent effective basis were two important developments today in the conference situation.

The naval committee may be called to meet this afternoon or tomorrow it is said, to receive the reports of the experts which will embody precise definition of the replacement schedules as well as the exact method of scrapping ships which are to be eliminated from the navies of the signatory powers.

While the rate agreed upon by the sub-committee on Chinese tariff is the same as that provided in existing treaties the fixing of five percent as the effective rate is expected to result in a clear increase of approximately one and one-half percent to the Chinese government, adverse exchange having reduced the existing tariff to about 3 1/2 per cent.

Important Step
An important step toward agreement by the powers on the American proposal to prohibit use of submarines against merchant vessels was seen today in the proposal's acceptance in principle by the French delegation subject to a discussion of the precise language of the declaration.

Although acceptances still are awaited from the governments of Japan and Italy, there was indication that neither of these powers would propose serious objections. The proposal received the full approval of France, and it was believed the delegations possibly would be prepared to resume discussion of the matter today at a meeting of the full naval committee of the conference.

The exact nature of the reservations attached to the French acceptance, as communicated to Secretary Hughes by Ambassador Jusserand late yesterday, had not been revealed, but it was believed they might concern stipulations to govern the conduct of merchantmen under immunity from submarine attack, such as whether they are to be permitted to arm or run down submarines and whether it is to be permissible to disguise warships as commercial craft. That phase of the question if raised probably would develop other ramifications and might result in an interesting and many-sided discussion.

Balfour Amendment
The French acceptance in principle also embraces the Balfour amendment under which the banning of submarine operations against merchantmen would become effective immediately as soon as the five powers and the additional Rost declaration defining as an act of piracy the violation by a submarine commander of the rules of international law.

Hopes for an early wind-up of the far eastern negotiations when they are resumed, probably next week, also appeared to have been strengthened today by developments in connection with the Shantung question. Definite results were expected many quarters from the action of the Chinese delegates in personally approaching Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, respective heads of the American and British delegations, in a move to break their deadlock with the Japanese on the Shantung question and to secure more direct employment of the proposed "good offices" of those officials.

Reputed Document
Another reputed document has been added today to the list of those made public by the special delegation here from the Far Eastern republic as relating to Japanese and French policy in Siberia.

Copies of an alleged treaty between the Japanese army in Siberia and Russian officers connected with Ataman Semenov, the anti-bolshevik leader, whereby the Japanese agreed to support with arms and money an offensive against the army of the Far Eastern republic, were published by the delegation yesterday and were at once denounced by Admiral Baron Kato, senior Japanese delegate, as "absolutely false."

CANNES, France, Jan. 4.—Premier Briand and M. Loucheur, at the head of the French delegation to the allied supreme council, arrived here today and received an enthusiastic welcome. M. Briand proceeded to the Carlton hotel and probably will hold the first of his series of preliminary conversations with the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, this afternoon.

Marquis Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, also arrived today. The delegates were greeted by a mild snowstorm.

RICH CINCINNATI
FOUND DEAD IN HOME

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—Leopold Burckhardt, a wealthy citizen of this city, was found dead today in his apartment. His skull was fractured and there was a hole above his right ear.

Coroner D. C. Handley believes that Mr. Burckhardt was struck down as he does not believe that the injuries could have been caused by a fall. The janitor of the building discovered the body and reported to the police that Burckhardt had considerable money in his possession last night. Burckhardt had lived in comparative seclusion for years. Detectives are working on the theory of murder.

Children Barn to Death
When Still Explodes

(By Associated Press)
CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 4.—Marie Hogan, 17, and Gladys Hogan, 9, sisters, were burned to death today in a fire which police attributed to the explosion of a still. The home of Dennis Hogan, the father, was destroyed. A still and several jugs of moonshine were found in the ruins. Hogan, his wife and three small children escaped.