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FRANCE AGREES TO SHIP NEGOTIATIONS

Disposed to Co-operate With U. S., but Maintains Demand for Defense Craft

BRIAND CABLES JUSSERAND

Suggest New Conference

to Deal With Submarines

Washington, Dec. 23 .- (By A. P.)-Suggestion has been made by the Italian arms delegation to the Naval Committee of the Conference that another international gathering of broader scope be called scon after the adjournment of the protent cussions to deal particularly with submarines and auxiliary craft.

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 23 .- Premier Brland has ent Arabassador Jusserand in Washington a final and definite acceptance of the capital ship ratio. France, however, it is stated, maintains her posi-tion regarding submarines and coast iefense ships, although she is willing to negotiate.

France insists that her demands ar vitally necessary to per security, but disposed to co-operate 1.2018 United States as far as possible.

Washington, Dec. 23.-(By A. P.) -Failure of the French delegation to receive expected additional instructions as to auxiliary naval craft from its home Government, promised to lead to further discussion today of the sub-marine question by the Washington Conference in the single meeting likely States tr break a pre-Christmus hull

Under a tentative understanding the the The presentation that another conference of the greetent of the present gathering to table the lagener of the present gathering to table.
A suggestion came from the Ifalian need, were not help conference to the adjourneen at the Conference combined, or four that a number of nations having to defend as all of the other Powers to defend as all of the other Powers to defend as all of the other the adjet.
Defend to the adjet.</li aubmarine discussions, opened yester-day with a plea from the British dolosubmarines either built, building or had the longest trade route to project. planned, were not represented at the had the longest trade route to project. present Conference, and unless brought into agreement with the splift of the had shown that they were not effective, to Great Britain alone, that was why into agreement with the splift of the had shown that they were not effective to Great Britain alone.

might, at the comparatively low cost of \$50,000,000, provide itself with 50,000 tens of submarines. This number would far exceed the allowance proposed to be given to Italy under the American plan, and might place the outside Powers in a position to dominate the Mediterranenn.

The Italian suggestion will be brought up for consideration before adjourn-ment, it was said.

The Italian attitude toward the use of submarines was described as un-changed by the elaborate argument made against that type of craft yesterday by Lord Lee, of the British delegation. aly still wants a considerable amount submarine tomage and, moreover, does not wish to be prohibited from utiding some large submarines if erres to do so, her spoke man said. Reverting to the suggestion of an-other conference, the Italian spokes-man said there would be other subjects than submarines to engage its atten-tion. For instance, he said, some doubt that been raised as to the operation of the mayal ratio agreement in so far an it related to the folioing of new war-ships by nationals of the countries represented here in countries not so ren-

that submarines be abolished as a naval that submarines be abolished as a naval that submarines. It stated the yiew of the British Admiraity came first. It stated the yiew of the British Gor-transent to be "that what was required was not merely restrictions on subma-rines, but their total and final abolish-ment." Lord Lee presented the following the drug had been runk, of a value of

Lord Lee presented the following estimates of existing submarine tou-\$1,100,000,000, apart from their cargo. More than 20,000 non-combatantsestimates of existing animation for nage: United States, 83,500; Great Britain, 80,500; Japan, 32,000; France, 28,360, and Italy, 18,250. He pointed out that under the Amer-lean proposals of 90,000 tons each for Great Britain and the United States and 54,000 for Japan, the United States could build 6500 tons, Great Britain 9500 and Japan 21,800, with the other two countries in proportion. women and children-had been ned. It is true that action had drowned. been undertaken in violation of all laws, both human and Divine. The German

ier two countries in proportion. tions had been driven fo resort to it. Lord Lee argued the submarine men-nee could be banished only by total aboltaiment from the seg. adding that Cites Many Objections

"He felt bound to say," the para-phrase continued, "that it seemed to him very strange to put before a Con-ference on the Limitation of Naval Armament proposals designed to feater this was the intention of the treaty of Versailles, which forbade Germany to onstruct submarines for any purpose. "Were we to assume." Lord Lee and increase the type of war vessels, which, according to the British view, ontinued, "that Germany was slways to be bad and the other Powers were always to be good? Was there to be one rule for Germany and another rule for the rest of the world?" was open to more objection than surface

"There were some people who said

Lord Les said friends of the submarine contended that it was a legitimate weapon of weaker Powers and as effec-tive and economical means of defense for coast lines and maritime communi-

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into agreement with the spirit of the present gathering, might, at compara-tively small outlay, construct sufficient submarine tonnage to menace the feeling of security of the Powers here repr-sented. It was conceivable, the Italian spokesman said, that one of the smaller Mediterranean Powers, for fustance, might, at the comparatively low cost of

"No less than 12,000,000 tons of shipping had been sunk, of a value of

Lord Lee argued that submarines might be "cheap for the aggressor, but it was not so for the victim." During the war, he said, Great Britain main-tained an average of 3000 anti-sub-marine surface craft. He said also that he was not impressed with the argument that submarines could not be dealt with, because 'it was found the both human and Divine. The encoded are a precedent, which appeared likely to endure for all time, now that Nadealt with, because "it was found im-possible to deal effectively with poison gas or air bombs which were by-products of essential industries." The speaker continued that subma-

onstituted the only class of vessel rines -Le Conference was asked to give permission to thrive and multiply.

Britain Strong in Submarines

"To show the enrnestness of the British Government in this matter," Lord Lee pointed out, "the paraphrase continued, that Great Britain posdid not share Lord Lee's opinion sessed the largest and probably the most defense."

always to be good? Was there to be one rule for Germany and another rule for the rest of the world?" Objecting to limitation of submar-ince, Lord Lee said V-boat fleets could be traidly expanded in time of war economical means of defense be rapidly expanded in time of war would do the same. That was the Both contentions could be and the industry and a nucleus of per- British offer to the world and he bethe opinion that submarines are necessations, not a contentions could be somel maintained unless complete abol- lieved that it was a greater contribu- sary to protect the lieved that it was a greater contribu- tion of our country. sary to protect the lines of communica-

location, detection and destruction of the first her fourier and the settlement as to capital ships submarines had proceeded much further be foolish not to recognize that Great that the settlement as to capital ships than the developments of submarines Britain was the nation most exposed "should be affected if they failed to value of submersibles against modern war-rait. He said he believed Ger-many had used 375 U-boats in the war, of while 207 had been sunk and that the necessarilishment of the U-boats in "legitimete naval warder" had been

Experts Differ on Figures

not one man had been lost from the action of submarines except on board hospital ships." the paraphrase de-clared. Later "some 2.000,000 United States troops had been brought across the Atlantic and the submarine had prover dequally powerless" in their case. "But it might be the submarine to save itself from the first " the first " the submarine had prover dequally powerless" in their case. it was this vulnerability of Great Brit-Secretary Hughes, as chairman, in-

For the French delegation, M. Sur-

but It was also undeniable, he contended, ing submarines, and we are not author-ing submarine 'could be used in conformity with the les-bes ons of the late war. 'It was instituable and necessary for adapting the war.'' It was also true of use of submarines, such as those re-eently committed by a certain nation, '' of submarines and of the firm and defense. 'I the first that a legitimate use of submarines. The mumber of submarines a nation all rules of war be modified to national defense. 'M. Sarrent said, marines said none could full the nectoriance with 'the laws of hu into author with the les-menticed depended upon ''the useds of hu toreded depended none ''the useds of hu toreded depended none ''the useds of hu toreded depended none ''the laws of hu in antional defense. 'M. Sarrent said, in antional rules of war be modified to presended upon 'the useds of hu in antional defense. 'M. Sarrent said, in antional rules of war be modified to presended upon 'the useds of hu in antional rules as and none could full in antional submercies of large size were more in the laws of hu in analised should be resended to the resended to the resended to the resended to the same and the resended the resended to the same and the resended to the same and the resended to the resended to the resended to the resended to the same and the resended to the manity, which demand that crows of torpedoed vessels should be rescued." than small submervibles. Large cruising tadius was needed, he snid, to protect distant colonies and maintain lines of For the Italian dolor. represented at the Conference that "submarines must observe the well-es-Schanzer said the Italian naval experts 'that submarines are not efficient means of

tablished principles of international law regarding visit and search in attacks on merchant ships. Mr. Hughes said he understood that still an indispensable weapon for the defense of the Italian coast." he said.

the "crux of the controversy is as to the use of the submarine as a weapon of defense." Lord Lee had said it was of 'Our naval experts are furthermore of defense." Lord Lee had said it was of little value, and had pointed out that only five nations were present at the Washington Conference, he said, add-

"were clearly disproved by recent bia-tory." the paraphrase said. Lord Lee declared that methods of submarines had proceeded much further submarines had proceeded much further be foolish not to recognize that Great Tertein was decided upon. He in-that to the cause of animanity that the sisted that the British delegation "were In cleasing Lord Lee said it vas not the fivention of the British delegation the fivention of the British delegation "We are not ready today to resolve these doubts of a technical character. We venture to observe, moreover, that ships, since they "represented the po-

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tency of competition" in capital ships, while other nations could produce sub-

The Advisory Committee report on the

it added that vulnerability of the sub-marine and the "probability of its sinking the vessels it captured" in the and representing every shade of public opinion," saying, however, that he did late war prompted merchant ships, including neutrals. to arm. so "not as the opinion of the American Government." but as the report of the committee.

"Such action greatly hampers the activity of submarines and tends to-ward illegal acts both by the merchan vessels and by the submarine," the The concluding paragraph of the Ad-

The concluding paragraph of the Ad-visory Committee report said: "The committee is, therefore, of the opinion that unlimited warfare by sub-marines on commerce should be out-hawed. The right of visit and search must be exercised by submarines under the yame rules as for surface vessels. It does not approve limitation in size of submarines."





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JAPANESE PREMIER

by reason of the guarantee we obtain, the position of Japan is screngthened in the Far East.

the position of Japan is strengthened in the Far East." In regard to China, the Premier was quoted as saying. "China is in an ad-vanced stage of decomposition. It will be an unpleasant situation for Japan. and a misfortune for China, if Japan. be an unpleasant situation for Japan. and a misfortune for China, if, as the result of her anarchy, she does not co-operate with the friendly Powers seeking to bring about her unlikedion." Baron Takahashi concluded by char-acterizing the resort that Japan had designs on French Indo-China as "an abourd fable." Christmas spirit and the stores seem and wreaths on the street how? I do. The store specific stores seem and wreaths on the street how? I do. In the store specific stores seem and wreaths on the street how? I do. In the store specific stores seem and wreaths on the street how? I do. In the store specific stores seem and wreaths on the street how? I do. In the store specific stores seem and wreaths on the street how? I do. In the store specific stores seem and wreaths on the store of stores seem and wreaths on the store of stores the store of th

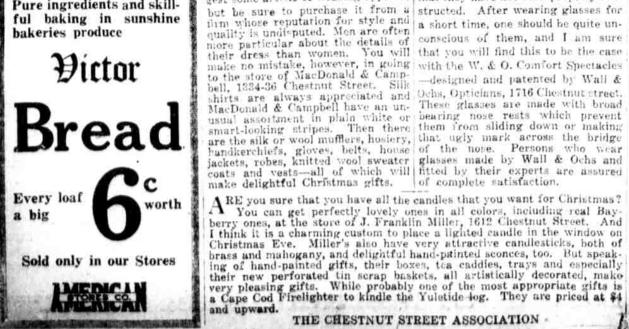
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LORD LEE BELITTLES SUBMARINE IN WAR

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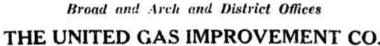


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