

SHIP SCRAPPING STOPS COMPLETED

Naval Experts Ready to Report. Agreement on 5 Per Cent Chinese Tariff Basis

FRANCE HELPS ROOT PLAN

By the 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 5 per cent effective basis were two important developments today in the Conference situation.

The Naval Committee may be called to meet this afternoon or tomorrow, it was said, to receive the report 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 navy of the various Powers.

While the rate agreed upon by the Sub-Committee on Chinese Tariff is the same as that provided in existing treaties, the 5 per cent rate as the "effective" rate is expected to result in a clear increase of approximately 14 per cent to the Chinese Government, Chinese exchange having reduced the existing tariff to about 34 per cent.

An important feature of the naval experts' report will be a statement of a uniform rule for calculation of naval tonnage. The absence of such a rule has led to difficulty in the consideration of many features of the limitation plan.

Preparatory to Treaty. Acceptance of the experts' report by that full committee would put these matters in condition to be incorporated in treaty or agreement form and for ratification at a plenary session.

The most important accomplishment of the experts in the opinion of some delegates was the completion of a "replacement chart," precisely defining when each ship or class of ships may be regarded as obsolete and subject to replacement, the dates upon which the commission and other such details.

While not positively stated, it was understood in British circles that the French experts had decided to accept the limitation of 10,000 tons as the maximum size of auxiliary naval ships, excepting aircraft carriers.

In addition to the 5 per cent effective rate, the subcommittee on tariff has provided for sending an international commission to study the whole subject of Chinese tariff, linking taxes and other factors with the purpose of arranging for a further increase of the Chinese tariff duties to 7 1/2 per cent, effective at a date to be determined.

An international committee composed of diplomatic representatives of the Powers resident in Peking is now sitting in that city and this body will be expected to enter negotiations with the Chinese Government with a view to securing adherence to the new rates of duty.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY G. O. P. CHIEFS HERE



Governor Is Here for Senate Confab

Continued from Page One. Numerous counties have put forward favorite sons. Among others mentioned for the top are former Governor Stuart, State Highway Commissioner Sadler, and J. Hay Brown, former Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

Republican leaders from western Pennsylvania who are here today for conferences regarding Senator Penrose's successor. Above at left is James F. Woodward, Secretary of the Allegheny County G. O. P., and below is ex-Mayor E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh, and in the center is Leslie, Senator Max Leslie.

Senator Vares and Thomas W. Cunningham, local combine leader, conferred today with Mayor Magee and John Casey, of Pittsburgh. Later Senator Vares denied that politics or candidates were being discussed. He said such discussion would have been out of order at this time with Penrose unburied.

The visitors from the western end of the State were unanimous in saying they would support Senator Penrose's funeral, although none of them knew any details of the funeral arrangements.

Senator Leslie insisted there is no serious friction between him and Mayor Magee. Leslie for Harmony. "What we want to do is to have a united party, and we must have harmony," he declared.

Secretary Woodward, who is a candidate for re-election, quizzed reports that he may be bowled over during the present manipulations. He smiled broadly.

"I don't know anything about these so-called manipulations," he replied. "It is all very well to talk about bowling people over, but so speak must be considered. I am a candidate for election, and judging from present indications there is no reason why I should be alarmed."

"Situation Critical"—Grundy. Joseph R. Grundy, of Bucks County, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, was questioned about reports that he would support Mayor Moore for the Senate vacancy. He refused to discuss the report.

Factional politics and personal detestments should not enter into the selection, Mr. Grundy declared, adding: "The situation is critical from the standpoint of representation. Senator Penrose was an authority on tariff and revenue matters, and his prominence in the Republican Party made him a leader in the Senate."

"Now that Pennsylvania is deprived of its leadership in the question of tariff and revenue, it is our duty to insist on the selection of a successor who will have the confidence of those in our industry which employ hundreds of thousands of workers and which must be protected."

Senator Vares was at his home, 2013 South Broad street, this morning when his opinion on the senatorship was sought. Disgraceful, Says Vares. "It is not only deplorable but disgraceful the way Governor Sprout, Senator Watson and others are hustling to fill the shoes of Senator Penrose," he said.

"Every one seems to be doing it, but for one will not discuss it until Senator Penrose is laid to rest."

HARDING KEEPS OUT OF PA. STRUGGLE

Likes Sprout but Will Not Urge Him in Selecting Successor for Penrose

PARTY WANTS QUICK CHOICE

By a Staff Correspondent. Washington, Jan. 4.—President Harding has adopted a "hands-off" policy regarding the appointment of a successor to the late Senator Penrose.

Senator Watson made this statement today, at the same time declaring he, also, is not interested in Pennsylvania factional politics, but desires a Republican Senator in the Capitol as soon as possible.

"I wish my attitude," he said, "would be made plain in the Pennsylvania papers. Neither the President nor myself is taking any part in any factional controversy in Pennsylvania concerning the appointment of a United States Senator from this State. I am not requesting Governor Sprout to come to the Senate himself, and I know the President is not. It is a plain, simple fact which none of us can evade that the appointment of a new Senator from Pennsylvania is a matter for Governor Sprout to decide. But we do want a good Republican quickly as he can get to Washington."

Harding Likes Sprout. Senator Watson asserted the subject of the Pennsylvania senatorship had come up incidentally during his talk with the President. President Harding is understood to have had his call by Sprout and liked Governor Sprout personally, but intended to keep out of the discussions.

Nevertheless, he is keenly interested in the situation and has written a "regular" sent here who can be relied upon to support the Administration's policies.

Pennsylvania's new Senator—whether Governor Sprout or some one else of his selection—on present indications will cast his first vote in the United States Senate to seat or unseat Truman H. Newberry, of Michigan, with the wholesale use of money in his senatorial campaign.

Wait for New Senator. Administration Senators fighting to keep Newberry in the Senate until the new Pennsylvania Senator is elected, recognized that Pennsylvania may have the deciding voice in retaining or rejecting the Michigan Senator. Newberry's friends in the Senate, all of them Administration regulars, are counting on at least one vote from Pennsylvania and would like to get it down here also, if he were in condition.

This situation accounts for the pressure exerted on Governor Sprout to name the new Senator quickly. Republican Senators that he himself take the seat vacated by the death of Senator Penrose. The organization leaders are all for Sprout. Senators Lodge, Watson and others of the "regular" group, though officially silent, apparently favor Sprout because of his regularity on personal grounds (he is well known and liked in Washington).

It was learned today that a Philadelphia member of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission has written Philadelphia members of Congress asking them to call a meeting of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to "urge" Governor Sprout to accept the senatorship.

The "regular" group, with no visible response. Not a member of Philadelphia has made any move to comply and no meeting of the State delegation has been called.

LYNCHING PARTY THWARTED. Alleged Assault of Girl Taken to Chester County Jail. West Chester, Pa., Jan. 4.—Charles Ford, fifty-two years old, a Negro, was hurried to Chester County Prison here today to save him from a large party of lynchers who were after him with guns and ropes, bent upon lynching.

Ford is alleged to have attacked Miss Ethel Boyd, of Oxford, who is a Negro, who was whisked away from Oxford and held here for a further hearing.

JAIL-BREAKERS GUILTY. Convicted of Assault After Jury Deliberates Fifteen Minutes. The four prisoners who escaped from the Gloucester County jail at Woodbury, N. J., November 26, were found guilty by a jury today of assault with intent to kill. The jury deliberated fifteen minutes.

The men, Harry Mart, Carl Bond, Howard T. Ayres and John Fossili, are involved in a number of charges, and will not be sentenced until they have been tried on all. Trial on the assault charge started yesterday morning.

Before they tried to break jail, was convicted of stealing an automobile and was sentenced to three to seven years in the State prison. Additional charges of breaking and entering remain against the other three.

GIRL AUTOIST HELD IN BAIL. Machine Climbed Sidewalk and Struck Woman, Is Charge. Magistrate Henshaw held Miss Dorothy Simon, a twenty-year-old girl, who lives at 2233 Park avenue, in \$500 bail this morning.

Last night an automobile driven by Miss Simon struck and seriously hurt Mrs. Mary McCullen, 221 North Juniper street, at Broad and Vine streets. Witnesses testified that the car had climbed the sidewalk and struck Mrs. McCullen.

Uncertain When Crow Will Be Able to Leave Hospital

Pittsburgh, Jan. 4.—It is uncertain when Senator Crow will be able to leave the Mercy Hospital. Physicians who have examined the Senator have not yet made their report. Mr. Crow's son is constantly with him. From the sick room comes the stereotyped report that the Senator is "feeling fine."

MRS. BERGDOLL APPEALS CONSPIRACY CONVICTION

Counsel Also Asks Reversal on Four Others Fined With Her. Counsel for Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll asked the Judges of the United States Court of Appeals today to reverse the convictions of Mrs. Bergdoll and four others for complicity in the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll.

Mrs. Bergdoll, her son, Charles Bergdoll, and former Magistrate Robert Bergdoll, were fined \$7000 each, Albert S. Mitchell and Harry Shuh were each fined \$1000. The fines were paid under protest.

Assistant District Attorney Henry T. Walnut asked for dismissal of the appeal on the ground that the sentence had been complied with even under protest, and that even should the decision of the court be reversed the appeal would not be recovered by the appellants.

PLAIN-CLOTHES MEN BEAT PATROLMAN, HE ASSERTS. Is Fined 45 Days' Pay on Charge of Intoxication. Joseph Stamper, a Negro patrolman of the Third and De Lancey streets station, charged that he had been attacked and beaten into unconsciousness by plain-clothes men, when brought before the police board today for drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer.

Stamper had been found lying in Panama street west of Twelfth street, unconscious. It was testified that at the hospital where he was taken said he might have been drunk and slept it off. Stamper's defense did not impress the board, and it fined him five days' pay, recommending also that he be listed as an "undesirable officer."

The case of John McDonald, Thirtieth and Lancaster avenue station, accused of being in a bootlegger's place, was held under advisement. He said he had gone there to make an investigation.

Twenty character witnesses appeared on behalf of Samuel Johnson, a Negro patrolman, of the Twentieth and Fitzwater streets station, accused of failing to report a disorderly house on his beat. His case was held under advisement.

HURLS BRICK AT WINDOW TO EXEMPLIFY HER LOVE. Woman Freed After Promise to Leave Another's Husband Alone. To show her love for Robert Shubert, a City Hall employee, Mary Marvin, 1807 North Thirtieth street, threw a brick through the front window of the Shubert home, 1105 Brandywine street, last night.

At least that was the only explanation Mrs. Mary Shubert could offer Magistrate Henshaw, when she had Miss Marvin up before him this morning on the charge of malicious mischief.

She said Miss Marvin had been wooing her husband several weeks—by letters, invitations and telephone calls. Mrs. Shubert decided things had gone far enough when Miss Marvin resorted to throwing bricks.

"Why can't you let this man alone?" demanded the magistrate. "All right, I'll let him alone. I'm going to New York, anyway," Miss Marvin said.

She was allowed to sign her own bond to keep the peace.

TRAIN DELAYED ONE HOUR. Cylinder Head Blows Out and New Engine is Summoned. Pennsylvania train No. 208, scheduled to leave Broad street station at 7 o'clock each morning over the New York division, was delayed one hour today at Preston, N. J., when a cylinder head on the engine blew out, according to information given out by Pennsylvania Railroad offices here.

Other trains were not delayed, being routed around the stalled train.

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DEATHS. CLEMMER—In Trenton, N. J., on the 24th inst. GEORGE W. WIFE, wife of James N. Clemmer, in the 71st year of her age.

MISS MARY ANN WATSON, wife of John H. Watson, in the 71st year of her age. ROBERT W. WATSON, in the 71st year of his age. ROBERT W. WATSON, in the 71st year of his age.

FREEHOLDERS DENY \$200,000 SHORTAGE

Merely Poor Bookkeeping and Can Be Fixed, Gloucester County Explanation

NEW TREASURER TO START

Complete denial of the report that there is a deficit in the Gloucester County treasury was made by several members of the Board of Freeholders this morning. The trouble is laid entirely to the use of an antiquated bookkeeping system.

Charles Walton, chairman of the board, said: "It was originally reported that shortage amounting to nearly \$200,000 had been disclosed in the report of the Budget Committee. This report incensed taxpayers when the appropriations called for \$60,000 more than in 1921. There was some talk of a Grand Jury investigation, but the matter was not pressed."

Mother of Sixteen Killed by Fall. Reading, Pa., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Annie Firing, sixty-five years old, mother of sixteen children, of whom nine are still living, died today as the result of a fall down a flight of steps. Mrs. Firing had enjoyed the best of health until her fall. Her mother is eighty-eight years old. Sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive her.

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ATTITUDE OF VARES TO SWAY GOVERNOR. Harrisburg, Jan. 4.—Close observers of the busy political situation brought about by the death of Senator Penrose believe Governor Sprout's decision on the senatorship will be influenced by the loyalty of the Vares-Magee faction to the proposal that he resign.