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THE WEATHER.
FORECAST, Sacramento and vicinity, until 12 m. tonight: Increasing cloudiness.

WHOLE NO. 25,473.

SUSPENSION OF HARDING LEANS TO NAVAL WORK SOUGHT

Borah Wants Agreement With Great Britain and Japan.

ASKS FIVE YEAR TRUCE

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Rumored intentions of Great Britain and Japan to seek a tri-partite agreement with the United States for limitation of warship building programs came up today in Congress.

In the Senate a resolution was offered by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, requesting the President to seek an agreement with those powers for a five-year naval building truce, with construction programs cut in half during that period. It would, he said, develop whether Great Britain and Japan "are sincere in the talk of reducing armaments."

Senator Borah's resolution went to the foreign relations committee without debate. The Idaho Senator said he would urge prompt action.

The House naval committee prepared to inquire into the relative strength of the navies of the three powers. It was informed by Admiral Cootz, chief of naval operations, that if all building were suspended today, the comparative capital ship tonnage figures would be: Great Britain, 854,600; United States, 468,000; Japan, 226,000. The officer was instructed to be ready tomorrow to discuss in detail at an executive session in question relative to strength, existing and prospective.

Secretary Daniels told the committee he agreed entirely with Senator Borah's recent statement at Newport, that the navy should be commensurate with the nation's interests, reiterating his opinion that it should be equal to any in the world.

"I wish we could have a world agreement to settle disputes without recourse to arms," he added, "but until that time comes, and comes surely, we ought to carry out our naval building program."

WOOL MEN URGE RELIEF

Senate Agriculture Committee Considers Revival of War Finance Corporation.

REMEMBER THE KIDS

It seems as if adults who have passed through the stress of the great world war realize more than ever the momentous years confronting the kiddies and are determined to give them all the enjoyment possible before they take their places in the great battleground of the grownups.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Two things are disturbing the members of the so-called group of "Irreconcilables" who oppose the entrance of the United States into any association or League of Nations whatever. One is that President-Elect Harding is veering toward the present League of Nations and has about made up his mind that the machinery of the league must be used even though amendments and reservations freeing America from obligations or entanglements shall be the basis of American co-operation with the other nations. And the other thing is that Mr. Harding is showing a marked friendliness to Herbert Hoover and has hinted that he wants him in the cabinet.

CHARTER FOES START ACTIVE FIGHT

Calumnies and Lies Against New Plan Find Fertile Field in Isleton.

SCHOLEFIELD MAY TURN

Callahan Doesn't Like Idea of Being Under County Manager.

Open opposition to a county charter and a fight to prevent the board of supervisors from calling a freeholder election to allow the people themselves to express their desire has been inaugurated by the Isleton Chamber of Commerce.

The action was anticipated by the charter proponents. It was known false rumors concerning the proposed charter had been widely circulated.

The ordinance to be voted on Thursday by the supervisors calls for an election of freeholders because of the demand of taxpayers.

DO NOT DESIRE CHANGE

The resolutions adopted by the Isleton Chamber of Commerce declare that public necessity for a new county charter does not exist; that the election and the subsequent charter election will put the county to an expense of approximately \$20,000; that there has been no petition of citizens presented to the board calling for an election; "that the government of Sacramento county as now administered, is an efficient and economical government; that taxes will not be reduced thereby, and that the change would be contrary to the best interests of the citizenry of the county of Sacramento."

These resolutions will be presented to the board Thursday and there will be a delegation from the down river section to open battle with the county section to open battle with the county charter committee and its supporters.

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This opposition which has been smoldering in Supervisor John Scholefield's district for the past

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DISARMING STEP TO BE TAKEN CAUTIOUSLY

Measure Acted Upon Favorably by Assembly of League of Nations.

MEETS SOME OPPOSITION

France and Belgium Consider Limitations Do Not Include War Losses.

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (by the Associated Press).—The limitation of armaments by the powers for the next two years by agreement among them was acted upon favorably today by the assembly of the League of Nations.

The matter came up in the form of the report of the disarmament committee, the limitations clause in which was amended to merely a recommendation before the report was adopted.

With respect to the limitation clause, Leon Bourgeois made the reservation that France was obliged to restore her armaments that had been worn out by the war. Belgian and Spanish delegations at the afternoon session, made similar reservations regarding the limitation of their armaments during the next two years.

Notwithstanding the reservations, France, together with Brazil, Chile, Greece, Poland, Rumania and Uruguay voted against the limitation clause.

H. Branting, Sweden, pointed out that the reservations did not change the situation, since a resolution on that subject was only adopted only if a recommendation by the delegates voting therefor, who are not understood as committing their governments.

The important subject of an international credits organization came before the league council, which has approved the plan of the Brussels financial conference. Two proposals dealing with the plan were adopted by the council, one relating to the creation of a committee to deal with credits for raw material and unfinished products, and the other providing for an international commission to examine the securities offered.

FEDERATION IS CONSTRUCTIVE

Editor Tells Better America's Head Labor Against Organization.

WOODWORTH CLUM, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE BETTER AMERICAN FEDERATION, ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE IN MASONIC TEMPLE AT J AND ELEVENTH STREETS LAST NIGHT OF WHICH MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERATION HAD TAKEN THE TRIP TO ADVOCATE THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY AS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

The speaker declared the federation was constructive not destructive in its plans; that it was trying to aid in the solution of problems that today confront the nation.

REFERS TO CRITICISMS

Clum's eloquence at times brought forth much applause. He referred to the criticism that had been voiced in Sacramento concerning the aims and objects of the federation and stated he felt sure the people of this city would have only the kindest feelings for the future welfare and attainments of the objectives that it advocated when they were fully appraised of its policies. He sensed a need for immediate action in the east to enlist during the war, then had married the Berkeley girl and admitted he now was living with a third woman in this city.

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