

whole, resolutions declaring for withdrawal of foreign Post Offices from China use of foreign radio stations in China. The appointment of an expert committee to consider the question of Chinese fiscal autonomy. Received Chinese "Ten points" declaration, setting forth the views of the Chinese delegation as to the principles which should be laid down to govern relations between China and other powers. Several of these are comprised in matters dealt with, while others have not yet been taken up by the conference. Debated the proposal that foreign troops be withdrawn from China. Remained on the Agenda are the questions of Siberia, Yap and Shantung. Siberia will bring before the conference several questions of the same nature as were met within the case of China. The island of Yap has been the subject of negotiations between the United States and Japanese Governments which were entirely apart from the International Conference. These are said to be practically completed. Settlement of the Shantung question has been undertaken in a separate conference of the Japanese and Chinese delegates which has already resulted in agreement on many important details.

London, Dec. 12th. —The ratification of the four power treaty, relative to insular possessions in the Pacific, which was announced on Saturday, is believed to be assured when the convention is submitted to the United States Senate, in the view of newspapers, here. Today's Journals, which have been commenting favourably upon the proposed treaty, greeted the terms of the convention with enthusiasm, and based their forecast of ratification upon the fact that United States Senator Lodge. Presented the treaty at Saturday's session of the conference on limitation of armaments. The apparently impossible is in effect an accomplished fact, said the Telegraph. "Our alliance with Japan has passed out of existence upon the only terms which Japan could regard as satisfactory and which we feel to be honorable. By this achievement alone Mr. Harding's administration has fully justified the bold and magnanimous stroke of statesmanship by which it amazed the world a few months ago". The newspaper concluded by paying a war, tribute to Japan's generous and far-sighted policy throughout the proceedings. In the opinion of the Westminster Gazette the one weakness of the treaty lies in the fact that it does not guarantee the integrity of China, but with that exception, the newspapers declared today, it regarded it as the "Ideal Solution". It remarked that the provision of the convention that a threat by one power should be the business of all, contained the spirit of the League of Nations, adding, "we emerged from a nightmare of misgivings about secret motives and

Mr. Harding has earned the good-will of the world by his initiative. Under the caption "the real thing at last". The Morning Post expressed hope that optimism regarding the action of the United States Senate on the treaty, was well founded. It reiterated its opposition to the League of Nations saying "article 2 of the new treaty is a much surer guarantee against a breach of the peace than all the debates and the edicts of the machinery of the League at Geneva. The world at last is returning to common sense". Great Britain will be immensely benefited by the treaty while Holland also will gain through it, declared the Daily Chronicle, which especially rejoined that the bond between Great Britain and Japan has not been severed, but only enlarged so as to bring in other friends. It expressed gratification over the prospect of closer and definite cooperation with the United States, saying it would "correspond with the dominant political instinct of all British democracy". Reports that a world economic conference will probably follow the parleys at Washington were referred to by the Daily Express, which said "this is the best news the world has had in many years."

PRESIDENT APPROVES REILY'S ADMINISTRATION

Despite Many Reports that he is not to come back, Gov. is Expected Here About January 1.

Arrival of Governor Reily in Washington where he conferred with President Harding and was his luncheon guest following which the President announced his approval of the Governor's administration; the statement of Cordova D'Amico in Washington against the Governor and his administration; the arrival in New York of Antonio R. Barcelo and his delegation to prefer charges against the Governor. and Mr. Barcelo's announcement that he is not for independence—these have been the outstanding developments of the week in the island's politics.

Announcement of Mr. Barcelo immediately before his departure that Governor Reily would not return shows every evidence of being a mistaken prophesy. The Governor is expected to return to San Juan about January 1. It is not believed possible that he can return in time to spend the holidays here with his family. The Governor is now in Washington and probably will be for a week or so after Congress convenes on Dec. 5. After that he plans to go West for a week or more, returning to Washington for a few days just before Christmas.

Despite the fact that there is every reason to believe the Governor will return according to his plans made before going to New York, there have been serious reports, circulated and printed during the week tending to create a con-

trary impression. One of these has been the report that Governor Reily shortly would resign to become third assistant secretary of the treasury. At least one newspaper has published the names of possible successors to Governor Reily.

During the week Mr. Barcelo and his followers definitely carried their fight against Gov. Reily to Washington and possibly to the President, although up to yesterday no definite word had been received that Mr. Barcelo had arrived at Washington or that arrangements had been made for him to confer either with Secretary of War Weeks or President Harding.

Aside from the general news dispatches that the administration of the Governor had been approved by the President, Roberto H. Todd, immigration Commissioner, this week cabled Leopoldo Feliu, Secretary of the Republican Territorial Committee, that additional support of the Governor from the island was not needed in view of the President's approval.

No announcement has been made when commissioners who went North with Governor Reily will return.—*Porto Rico Progress, Dec. 1st.*

ANNUAL RED CROSS MEETING

At three o'clock Friday afternoon, December 16th, the annual meeting of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Frederiksted High School. At this meeting officers and executive committee will be elected for the following year. Director of Police Mr. Frank Coulter, who represented the Red Cross Chapter of the Virgin Islands at the recent convention of chapters at Columbus, Ohio, will give an account of the meetings, which are reported to have been the most inspirational of any of the kind ever held in the States. It is hoped that every member of the Red Cross, who possibly can, will be present.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 10, 1921.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Boyce, Hill St. No. 41,
Miss Wilhelmina David,
Alexander Dowling,
Mrs. John Maria Emanuet, 52 Hill St.,
Miss Alice Heyliger,
Mr. Joseph Holst,
Eulalie James, 10 Hospital St.,
Miss Margaret Martin,
Mr. William Pemberton,
Mr. Donald Rock, Mess Hill,
Mr. Charles Samuel,
Mrs. Sarah Samuel,
W. L. Sperry, (2)
Mrs. Hermina Thomas, Darly Hill,
Mt. Pellier.

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