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DOORS ARE CLOSED REAL WORK OF ARMS CONFERENCE

BIG FIVE DECIDE THAT PROBLEMS SHOULD BE TASK OF COMMITTEES

One, Comprising Full Conference, Works On Far East. ANOTHER ON LIMITATION

British Acceptance of Hughes Proposal in Principle Calls For Important Changes. AGAINST FIXED 10 YEARS

Wants Replacement Program Immediate Instead of 10 Years—British Also Object to American's Submarine Fleet.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The real work of the armament negotiations was transferred today from the open conference to the more secluded precincts of the committee rooms.

After a debate which developed widely separated views on the advisability of giving publicity to the negotiations, the big five, comprising the chief delegates of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, settled on the committee plan as the only acceptable solution.

To one committee, whose membership will be identical with that of the full conference itself, was assigned the task of working out a solution for the far eastern questions. Another, composed of all the delegates of the great powers, was to take over the negotiations on the main topic of armament limitation.

Meetings Behind Closed Doors. Although no official would make a prediction prior to the assembling of the new "committees" the presumption everywhere tonight was that the meetings would be held behind closed doors, and that the public would get a glimpse of the proceedings only when, in their capacity as committeemen, the delegates have an important decision to report to the conference as a whole.

One result of the decision may be to make tomorrow's open session of the conference the last of its kind, since no injunction against an open convulsion meeting, but the likelihood of such a development is generally conceded to be remote at the present state of the negotiations.

Details of Meeting Kept Secret. An additional result, at least at the beginning, will be that the whole body of delegates to deal with subjects before the conference instead of leaving the decisions to the "big five" or the "big nine." Sub-committees are provided for in the plan, however, should that be found advisable.

French and Italians Reach Agreement

Washington, Nov. 14.—At a conference late today between Premier Briand, head of the French delegation, and Senator Schanzler, president of the Italian delegation, an agreement was reached for a harmonious attitude by the two countries toward questions coming before the armament conference.

LIMITATION OF NAVIES FOR DEFENSE ONLY IS HUGHES' MAIN MOTIVE

Plan Only Feasible Basis For Agreement. U. S. HAS MOST AT STAKE

Was Definitely Committed to Largest Naval Outlay So Holiday Benefits It Most. BATTLE CRUISERS DOOMED

Naval Officers Believe American Proposal Spoils Deal of Three on Naval Weapons—Judith Battle Shown Inefficiency.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Limitation of the world's navies so that they will be adapted for defensive purposes only is the fundamental motive which inspired the proposals submitted to the armament conference by Secretary Hughes. It was learned tonight from authoritative sources, the proposals were based, it was explained, on the proposition that navies should be so restricted in gun and mass power that they would not be used for offensive purposes.

The conception of defensive navies, it was stated, produced the American formula with limitation of capital ships as the primary basis and subsidiaries of such ships the minor factors, subject to adjustment through exchange of views of the naval experts of the various governments.

With the primary consideration that of providing for defensive navies, the American delegates, in drafting the proposals now before the conference were said to have adopted the present, relative strength of the three great naval powers as the only feasible basis for easy agreement.

It was made known that the United States, by virtue of its having the most extensive naval building program, felt itself in a position to make the definite proposals which were laid before the conference. The American delegates were said to have adopted the present, relative strength of the three great naval powers as the only feasible basis for easy agreement.

Not attempt was made in the American proposals to limit development of aircraft, it was said, among other reasons because it would be difficult if not impossible to insure observance of any such agreement. It would be equally impossible, it was declared, for any check to be kept on airplane engine construction, while the matter of equipping an airplane engine with

MOURNERS OF NATION ESCORT UNKNOWN TO GRAVE



Accompanied by officers of high standing in the army and navy and congressional medal honor men, the casket of the unknown American soldier left the White House en route to Arlington cemetery. The photograph shows the casket, surrounded by the honorary pall bearers, shortly before leaving the Capitol. In the outside group are left to right, General Ryan, General McArthur, General Edwards, General Harbor, Admiral Wilson and General Morton.

FOREIGNERS EAGER TO LEARN WHAT AMERICA OFFERS FOR FAR EAST

Wonder If Hughes Has Another Bombshell. CRITICISM UNDER SURFACE

Europe Fears Consequence of America and Great Britain Disarming Too Much. ASIA THE DARK SHADOW

Europeans Think Disarmament and Far East Very Closely Bound Together and Divergence Of Opinions More Widely Held. BY FRANK SIMONDS.

Washington, Nov. 14.—On the eve of the second meeting of the Washington conference one interrogation dominates all discussion: What of the far east? Is Mr. Hughes preparing another bombshell in the shape of a second detailed and specific program such as took the conference by surprise on Saturday?

Nothing is perhaps more impressive now than the fashion in which after two days of reflection interest and attention have turned back to the far eastern problems. The American tendency to regard disarmament and Pacific problems as unrelated finds no echo in the European minds.

What About Far East. What is Mr. Hughes going to do about the far east? Washington expected in view of what happened in recent weeks, that his opening address would bear as heavily upon Pacific problems as upon sea power. It now believes that the final version of Mr. Hughes' speech, which relegated the far east to a relatively minor place, was something of an eleven-hour decision, not impossible in the light of the Japanese maneuvers of earlier days.

Notwithstanding the widespread expression of approval of Mr. Hughes' program as spoken on Saturday, there is a deep undercurrent of criticism to be heard among all the foreign delegations and journalists which finds no public expression as yet. Exactly this thing happened at Paris and contrasted with the complete understanding between the United States and Europe. To America Mr. Hughes' proposal seems specific, definite and clear, as it is within limits, but as one distinguished British journalist has pointed out, liberal newspaper indicates to me today, even liberals stand aghast at a policy which contemplates disarming peaceful powers such as the United States and Great Britain without providing any

No Resistance Possible To Hughes' Bold Stroke

He Has Virtually Brought About Beginning of Naval Armament Limitation and in Addition Has Practically Killed Any Anglo-Japanese Alliance—He Is Expected to Solve the Far Eastern Issues in a Like Manner.

Details may be changed. The British may desire to retain more of certain kinds of ships and armaments than Mr. Hughes suggests. The Japanese may ask for minor modifications, but an agreement upon naval reduction within a few weeks is almost certain. The ending of the Anglo-Japanese alliance follows as a matter of course. With each of the three great naval powers adopting a purely defensive policy and having navies adequate to their defense in their own waters, alliances between any two of them for defensive purposes, and that is what the Anglo-Japanese alliance was, become unnecessary, inconsistent with the general attitude and unduly provocative. The Anglo-Japanese alliance cannot survive such a cut in naval forces as Mr. Hughes proposes, such co-operation among the leading powers as limited navies and an abstention from building navies.

British Will Abandon Alliance. Already the British have given an indication of their intention to abandon the alliance. The revival of their naval base at Singapore means that they are withdrawing from the work of guarding their own in the Pacific, a duty which devolved upon Japan under the alliance.

With regard to the far east problem the British are expected to have a similar declaration. Mr. Hughes is not going to be so lenient. He will take disarmament, they say, some sort of easily arranged compromise with regard to Asia and the Harding administration will announce the political prestige in this country.

Garment Workers of New York on Strike. Union Leaders Claim 100 Per Cent. Answered Call—Employers Say 60 Per Cent. THE STRIKE MAY SPREAD

New York, Nov. 14.—Leaders of the striking garment workers announced tonight that a check up of their forces indicated that 100 per cent. of the workers answered the strike call in 3,000 shops this morning. The manufacturers who had claimed earlier in the day that 60 per cent. of their employees had remained on the job, tonight set the figure at 40 per cent.

Reward of \$400 For Arrest of Armfield. Shortages Charged To His Manipulations Said To Aggregate About \$100,000.

Patrol Seaplane Accident Occurs at Pensacola, Fla. Patrol Seaplane of U. S. Navy, Machinist Mate Alvin Bruce Colton is dead, and Lieutenant Spalding and Ensign Steadham Acker suffered severe lacerations of the face and head as the result of a seaplane falling about noon today.

Weather Report. The temperature yesterday, according to A. R. Horry, local government observer, was: High..... 55 Low..... 41

PRESIDENT ISSUES HIS PEACE PROCLAMATION DECLARING WAR ENDED

Peace Between Germany and America Formally Declared. IS FIRST OF THREE STEPS

Second Will Declare War With Austria Ended, and Third Peace With Hungary. WILL END ALL WAR LAWS

Washington, Nov. 14.—Peace between the United States and Germany was formally proclaimed today by President Harding.

Take Up Debs' Case. Disposition of the cases of Eugene V. Debs and others convicted of violation of war laws likewise will await the third and final step. Attorney General Daugherty has prepared an opinion for the President suggesting a method of disposing of the Debs case by the Supreme Court.

Sudden Death Monday Thomas M. Robertson. Former Member North Carolina Legislature Dies At The National Capital. TAKE BODY TO LIBERTY

Press dispatches from Germany have indicated that the Ebert government was having difficulty in finding a suitable appointee to the Washington ambassadorship in view of the opposition of the German government.

Lee Vuncannon Killed in Spencer Railroad Yard. Crushed Under An Old Box Car as It Was Unloaded From Flat Car. Body Mangled.

Will Marry Divorced Wife Who Is Held For Murder. Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 14.—A marriage license was obtained from the county clerk here today by Ralph Obenchain, who wed his divorced wife, Mrs. Malvayne C. Obenchain, for whom he is attorney in the case in which she, under indictment for murder in connection with the trial of her husband, is awaiting trial here.