

Must Remove Causes Of Misunderstanding

Reduction Of Armament Will Fail To Bring Peace If Solution Is Not Found Of Pacific And Far Eastern Problems, Urges Secretary Hughes

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Washington, Nov. 14.—America's naval proposals, as announced by Secretary Hughes, are predicated upon the confident assumption that the Anglo-Japanese alliance as well as all other military combinations in the Far East will be eliminated.

The United States is willing to reduce the size of its navy but insists that the causes of misunderstanding which make navies necessary shall be removed.

Emphasis is placed today upon the words of Mr. Hughes' original invitation to the powers in which he says "it is quite clear that there can be no final assurance of the peace of the world in the absence of the desire for peace, and the prospect of reduced armaments is not a hopeful one unless this desire finds expression in a practical effort to remove the causes of misunderstanding and to seek ground for agreement as to principles and their applications; it is the earnest wish of this government that through an interchange of views with the facilities afforded by the conference, it may be possible to find a solution of Pacific and Far Eastern problems."

In other words, the limitation of armament is inseparably bound in the settlement of Far Eastern questions. This means that before an agreement can be reached upon the one, there must be an agreement on principles at least affecting the Far East. This is the crux of the conference at the moment for it seems likely that the naval proposals will be accepted and, of course, a reduction in the size of the navy of the United States would hardly be countenanced if there were immediate prospect of friction in the Far East.

The Japanese delegates have carefully refrained from saying that they would accept the American proposals upon condition that a satisfactory agreement is later reached upon Far Eastern questions. This is truly significant for it is far more advantageous for the Japanese to see the United States committed to a smaller navy at this time than to have held over them the lever of large armaments if they do not agree to America's suggestions on Far Eastern problems.

Since the United States is however not eager to see anything settled at this time except the main principles of the naval program, it is probable that nothing final will be agreed upon which is actually binding on any of the nations until all the Far Eastern questions have been thoroughly canvassed and there is prospect of agreement on those matters too.

The United States is saying nothing about the Anglo-Japanese alliance but is taking it for granted that Great Britain knows as must Japan realize that the American naval proposals are ineffectual unless the alliance is absolutely wiped out. For a combination of British and Japanese naval strength would violate the principle announced by Secretary Hughes, namely, that in general "regard should be had to the existing naval strength of the powers concerned."

An Anglo-Japanese combination would be absolutely alter the ratio of American to Japanese sea-power. There is a confidence, moreover, that the Canadian strength at the conference here will be thrown into the scales on the side of eliminating the Anglo-Japanese alliance, for it is reasoned there that if the United States is rid of an immense financial burden, the business revival here cannot but help the economic situation of Canada.

Similarly the pressure for an acceptance of Mr. Hughes' proposals is coming from all parts of the world where the hope is that an economic revival will follow the abandonment of useless expenditure for navies. Having made progress on the problem of naval armament, however, the next step is to bring about something of the same spirit of concord on Far Eastern questions, admittedly a more difficult task. The air is filled with expectations of another formula by Mr. Hughes to be sprung on the conference laying down certain principles on the Far Eastern situation. Whether these will be laid on the

Showing Of Pictures Is Somewhat Delayed

Necessary To Send Roanoke Island Movie Back To Producers For Minor Changes

Unforeseen circumstances will somewhat delay the showing of the motion picture films depicting the early settlement of North Carolina, according to W. C. Crosby, director of the Division of School Extension of the State Department of Education, who says that it will be necessary for the films to be sent back to the producers for slight rearrangement, and for the making of duplicate films.

The pictures, Mr. Crosby declares, will be brought to Manteo, Elizabeth City and Edenton and shown in these towns in the order indicated, at the earliest opportunity. The Department of Education had planned to show the films through this section, then at the North Carolina Teachers Assembly in Raleigh at Thanksgiving, and next at a meeting of the State Historical Association on December 2. Due to the necessity for the return of the films, Mr. Crosby states that this program must likely be abandoned.

"A great picture has been produced," says Mr. Crosby, "through the co-operation of the people of Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City and Edenton; one that we are all proud of. I do not believe that the fine result will be clouded by small bickerings over who should have the most glory, or in what order the showing will be made."

WOOD-GRIFFIN

Freshwater Pool Wood of Woodville and Miss Elsie Griffin, an attractive young woman of Elizabeth City, were married by Rev. J. M. Ormond at his residence on Church street Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock. The bride is the daughter of H. R. Griffin of this city and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wood of Woodville. Immediately after the ceremony they motored to Norfolk and from there left for a northern tour. Upon their return they will make their home at Woodville.

table at an open session or an agreement sought in committee is yet to be determined but the American aspiration is for these principles:

First, that all alliances shall be abrogated.

Second, that spheres of influence in the Far East shall be given up by all powers and the principle of the "open door" absolutely accepted with a pledge for its maintenance.

Third, that an international tribunal be constituted where pending questions as well as other vexed interpretations of existing treaties may be equably adjusted.

Unless some such body is provided for, the conference here might last for months without achieving agreement as the problem of China's relations to the treaty powers is a complicated one and the most that can be hoped for in a gathering such as this is a binding agreement upon principles which can be applied by the tribunal as each case arises.

The spirit of the moment is one of optimism; the reception given the Hughes proposals by the whole world has stimulated the American delegation to proceed in the open on other questions at issue. Open diplomacy has achieved a victory far beyond the expectations of Secretary Hughes himself, who is responsible for the policy of laying all cards face up. The conference is still in a preliminary stage; over confidence is still unwarranted. But the outlook is brighter as this conference opens than it was at Paris or The Hague or any other international conference in modern history.

Irvin B. Tucker U. S. Attorney

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Nov. 15.—
* Irvin B. Tucker was nominated by President Harding to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, succeeding E. F. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City.

Bradford Will Case Now Being Tried Here

Selection Of Jurors Was Completed Shortly Before Noon On Tuesday

The Bradford will case was taken up by Superior Court Tuesday morning, according to the schedule adopted in the latter part of the previous week. The selection of the jury was completed at a few minutes past noon and the examination of witnesses began promptly afterward with the calling of J. B. Fearing, a nephew of the late D. B. Bradford, to the stand.

Mr. Fearing testified to conversations that he had had with the widow of Mr. Bradford, both before and after her marriage to him. The attorneys representing the caveators are Meekins & McMullan and Aydtlett & Simpson. Those appearing for the propounders are Thompson & Wilson, Ehringhaus & Small and McLean, Bragaw & Rodman, of Washington, N. C. This is the strongest array of legal talent assembled on the opposing sides of a civil case here since the Hinton will case was tried in Superior Court at this city.

The jury in the Bradford will case comprises J. H. Price, Dan Russell, James Rhodes, S. D. Morgan, W. J. Armstrong, B. L. Paine, Robert M. Paine, H. W. Sanders, M. H. Paine, S. G. Scott, J. L. Alexander and N. P. Twiddy.

URGES CONTINUE WORK OF RELIEF

Frank A. Vanderlip, New York Financier, Impressed With Need In Near East For American Aid

Constantinople, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Americans should continue their humanitarian work in the Near East, said Frank A. Vanderlip, New York financier, when he visited this city in the course of an economic survey of Europe.

"We may be charged with shirking our political responsibilities in the Near East and with desertion of our associates in the late war when they came here to administer an exceedingly awkward and difficult situation," he continued. "But there is nothing but praise for America for her wonderful relief work here."

Mr. Vanderlip said Americans had signally distinguished themselves in their work in behalf of the 500,000 Russian, Armenian and Turkish refugees who fled to Constantinople.

Kitchin Returns To Scotland Neck

Treated By Specialists In Albany, Health Reported Greatly Improved

Washington, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Representative Kitchin, Democratic leader, left here today for his home in Scotland Neck, N. C., to spend several days. He has just returned from Albany, New York, where he was treated by specialists. His health is reported greatly improved.

ARRANGING FOR PULLMAN CHAPEL HILL THANKSGIVING

Arrangements are being made for a special through pullman to Chapel Hill and return for the benefit of those who wish to attend the football game Thanksgiving. Those who wish to attend this game should communicate with G. R. Little at the Carolina Banking & Trust Company at once.

Rev. R. F. Hall left Monday night for Rocky Mount, where the Baptist State Convention is in session this week.

LONG SOUGHT WITNESS FOUND

Miss Bettie Campbell, Wanted In Arbuckle Case, Denies Attempted To Hide—Says Believes Fatty Innocent

Chicago, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Miss Bettie Campbell, long sought as important witness in the Arbuckle case, was found today at her home here. She denied attempting to hide and professed to believe Arbuckle innocent.

San Francisco, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The second day of the trial of Roscoe Arbuckle, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe, opened with indications that the jury will not be completed before Thursday. Five jurors including a woman thus far, are seated subject to preemptory challenge.

Manteo Defeats Wanchese Team

Manteo, Nov. 12.—Due to the fact that Manteo High School located on an island, has been somewhat cut off from other schools of its class, the girls of the school have never until today played a match game of basketball with any outside school, so excitement ran high during a game between Manteo and Wanchese this afternoon. The Wanchese team showed good training and ability to some swift work, but lost the game to Manteo with a score of 28 to 13. The teams were as follows:

Manteo—Centers, Hazel Willis and Mary Baum; forwards, Maude Chaffin and Estelle Mann; guards, Hattie Wescott and Alma Meekins.

Wanchese—Centers, Brucie Tillett and Edna Simpson; forwards, Rola Melson and Margaret Daniels; guards, Zona Johnson and Nancy Montague.

Big Crowds Are Attending Mitchell's Birthday Sale

"The large crowds here Friday and Saturday, and Saturday in particular, we consider striking proof of the pulling power of the values we are giving," said O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's, Monday morning. "The results of our sale have more than met our expectations and we are gratified at the response of the people to our efforts to help them reduce the high cost of living."

Mitchell's eighteenth birthday sale goes on all through this week and a continuance of the lively shopping that characterized the opening days of the sale is indicated. New arrivals are being put on the bargain table every day and new prices from day to day will serve to keep interest in the sale up to its close. Mr. Gilbert thinks. He especially invites the ladies to look for his advertisement in today's paper for something really extraordinary that is offered Wednesday.

An indication of the business done at Mitchell's Saturday is seen in the fact that 250 pieces of aluminum ware specially priced but which arrived too late to be advertised were sold. "Had we got this ware in time to have advertised it," says Mr. Gilbert, "we would have cleaned it out in a half day."

CAPTAIN CHADWICK HERE

Captain Edgar Chadwick, formerly of Elizabeth City, now Superintendent of the Tenth District Coast Guard with headquarters at Buffalo, N. Y., passed through the city Tuesday on a trip down the sound.

BOATS ARRIVE TUESDAY AND SATURDAY NOW

Boats of the Inland Steamship Company are now arriving on Tuesday and Saturday instead of Tuesday and Friday. Business is fast increasing and there is every indication that the line will be a permanent success.

Completely Remodeled

The storage room of the Apothecary Shop, a popular local drug store, has been completely remodeled, so that it has two stories instead of one, and the available storage space has been materially increased thereby. Sidney G. Etheridge, manager of the progressive store, says that the improvements just completed provide him with cleaner, better and more convenient facilities for storing his surplus merchandise.

Randolph Commander has returned to State College after spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Commander, on West Main street.

Commander-Koontz

Impressive Wedding Ceremony Solemnized At First Methodist Church At 10:30 Tuesday Morning

The marriage of Miss Claudine Koontz to Mr. Richard Latimer Commander was solemnized at the First Methodist church Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. J. M. Ormond, retiring pastor of the church, was the officiating minister, and the bride party left by automobile for Norfolk immediately after the ceremony. They will tour the cities of the North before returning to make their home at this city.

The church, decorated with green potted plants, presented a scene of beauty and tasteful simplicity, and the ceremony was brief and impressive. The wedding music was exquisitely rendered by Mrs. D. Walter Harris. Only the relatives and close friends of the couple were present.

The bride is the attractive and beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Koontz, of this city. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Commander, of this city, and has long been connected with the City Utility Companies. Both have a wide circle of friends in this city and section.

Ask Signers For Fourth Of Pledge

Local Community Service Committee Has Outstanding Bills That Should Be Paid

In order that they meet a number of outstanding obligations incurred by J. Sterling Moran, Community Service organizer here in the spring and early summer of the present year, the local Community Service organization is asking that those who signed pledges in the Community Service drive pay up 25 per cent of their subscriptions. The total amount pledged in the drive amounted to \$657, a fourth of which will provide sufficient funds to meet the bills still in hand.

The local Community Service committee is headed by G. F. Seyffert, chairman; Raymond Sheely, vice chairman, and C. W. Gaither, treasurer. The financial campaign put on in the middle of June, during which the above mentioned amount was pledged, was for the purpose of continuing Community Service for another three-month or six-month period. For one reason or another, but mainly because the public at large failed to warm up to the idea of Community Service, the plan was abandoned.

The money due on outstanding bills is due mainly for printing, stationery, moving picture slides, badges and other supplies, to which is added a stenographic bill of sixty dollars. The indebtedness was incurred in good faith, and the Community Service is putting the matter squarely before those who pledged funds to the undertaking, with the intention of collecting the one-fourth needed to pay up these bills.

Valued At More Than Ten And Half Million

Washington, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The tentative valuation of the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad was fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission today at over ten and a half million.

October Cotton Report Shows Increased Consumption

Washington, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—October cotton consumption amounted to almost 490,000 bales lint, 61,900 linters as compared with 401,000 lint 48,000 linters for October preceding, the Census Bureau announced today.

SENATOR PITTMAN HURT IN FIRE AT HIS HOME

Washington, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, was slightly burned in a fire which damaged his home here today.

Inquiry Not Begin Until Next Month

Washington, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Members of the special Senate committee appointed to investigate the charges by Senator Watson of Georgia of the hanging of soldiers in France without trial stated today that the inquiry would probably not begin until after the regular session of Congress begins next month.

NATIONS ACCEPT U. S. PROPOSALS

"In Spirit And Principle" Say Men From Great Britain, France Italy And Japan

Washington, Nov. 15 (By Associated Press)—Spokesmen for Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan today accepted the American proposals for limitation of naval armament in "spirit and principle," making only reservations for suggesting modifications of detail.

Arthur Balfour for Britain, Baron Admiral Kato for Japan, Senator Schanzer for Italy, Premier Briand for France, in order, praised the plan and program suggested by the American government and gave the adherence of their governments to the general terms.

Secretary Hughes thanking them for the cordial expressions declared that the conference could proceed with consideration of the details of the proposed agreement with the assurance of "appropriate agreement to the end that there shall be no more offensive naval war." The conference adjourned at 12:44 o'clock subject to the call of Secretary Hughes.

Washington, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The second plenary session of the armament conference began at eleven o'clock today under an agreement providing opportunity for any nation to express its views on the American plan for limitation of naval armament. In view of the decision of conference committees on procedure to establish two committees to take over armament negotiations and Far Eastern questions it is considered possible that no more open sessions will be held before the period of actual decisions.

Great Britain's acceptance in principle of the American proposals was formally laid before the conference by Arthur Balfour, head of the delegation, shortly after the second session was called to order by Secretary Hughes.

Baron Admiral Kato's acceptance in the same sense for Japan was to follow.

Japan would face rather extensive naval building even during the ten year holiday, should the American plan be accepted, because it has not built in proportion the auxiliary craft such as destroyers, light cruisers, that are allowed under the replacement provisions, it is said. Japan's proposal includes permission to continue building up to these schedules, amounting to 54,000 tons for Japan.

SENDS MESSAGE TO METHODISTS

Detroit, Nov. 15 (By The Associated Press)—If the churches fail there is small hope for civilization, President Harding told the national conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his message read at the opening session here today by Bishop William F. McDowell, of Washington.

STAFFORD CHAUTAUQUA GIVES PLEASING PROGRAM

The Stafford Visual Chautauqua presented its first program Monday night in the Sunday school auditorium of the First Methodist church.

The lantern photographs of the avenues, parks, churches, monuments and street scenes of Paris were beautiful and admirably chosen, giving a bird's eye view of the brilliant French capital.

The descriptive lecture by Mr. Dawson was concise, forcible and eloquent. The moving pictures showed the American boys in Paris during the war, Kinograms, visual news of the day, and a Strand comedy. A discriminating audience was highly pleased with the performance. The musical accompaniment was brilliantly executed by Miss Anna Hester Bobbitt.

The subject of the travel talk tonight is "Italy the Illustrious."