

JAPAN HELPS CLEAR UP FAR EAST ISSUES

America Still Confident of Broad Discussion.

HUGHES AND ENVOY MEET

Mutual Exchange Is Regarded as Helpful to Both Sides—More Formal Notes Are Likely.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Renewed confidence that Japan will consent to a broad discussion of far eastern problems as part of the disarmament conference was evident in official circles here tonight after the exchange of views between the Japanese and American governments.

During the day the Japanese ambassador, Baron Shidehara, called on Secretary Hughes and they were understood to have discussed at length the situation resulting from Japan's reluctance to have the far eastern questions subjected to debate in the disarmament negotiations. It was indicated afterward that the mutual exchange was regarded as helpful by both sides and that the conversations now might reach a stage making possible a more formal diplomatic correspondence.

Belief Is Unshaken.
There was every evidence that the American government remains unshaken in its belief that to eliminate definitely any subject from the scope of the conference would prove a serious barrier to the disarmament discussion itself. These in the preliminary negotiations have heard with much interest the suggestion that some of the troubles of the conference might be obviated if such questions as the disposition of the Pacific island of Yap and the control of Shantung peninsula were decided before the delegates assembled.

Such a development would be highly pleasing to American officials and some steps might be taken to speed these questions toward solution.

Yap Move May Be Made.

It is considered entirely likely that to this end negotiations regarding Yap may be actively resumed in the near future.
There already has been some diplomatic correspondence on the subject. In the case of Shantung the indicated view of the state department has been that any dispute over sovereignty should be a subject of negotiations between the two governments. Reports have reached here that Tokyo is ready to undertake such a negotiation and it would occasion no surprise if well-informed circles in China were encouraged to take a similar attitude. It was indicated today that despite suggestion of British dominion status for a postponement of the conference until next spring, officials here believed the plan to begin sessions by early November would in the end find general acceptance.

JAPAN WILL PARTICIPATE

Cabinet Decides Against Discussion of Sovereign Rights.

TOKIO, July 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese cabinet, the Nichi Nichi Shimbun says today, has decided to participate in the proposed Washington conference with a general program of not discussing questions affecting sovereign rights of participants, and also not to discuss the Shantung and Yap questions, which, it is held, were decided by the Paris peace conference.

A delegation of peers representing all the parties visited Foreign Minister Uchida today and questioned him concerning the Japanese attitude. According to the Yomi Uri Shimbun, Viscount Uchida expounded his views with relation to the conference and the Anglo-Japanese alliance, says the newspaper, and added that although the questions of Shantung and Siberia were popularly supposed to be included among those to be discussed by the conference and might be so included, these matters had in fact been decided at the Paris conference. In an interview in the Jiji Shimbun today, Viscount Kato, leader of the Kensei-Kai, the opposition party, declared against the formation of a coalition government.

"There is no need to propose a coalition cabinet," he is quoted as saying "because Japan faces no crisis grave enough to justify such a step."
"All Japan has to do at the conference is to present her case openly and candidly. America is not a nation which refuses to withdraw from a position once she is met with argument based on justice. Isolation must be avoided at all costs, but Japan is in no danger."

The comment on the Washington conference now appearing indicates that Japan is recovering from the first shock of surprise caused by the invitation, but everything points to the disarmament issue being dwarfed in the public mind in comparison with the importance of the proposition for discussion of far eastern problems and policies.

"We should welcome the conference as affording an opportunity for Japan to dispel American misunderstanding and to initiate the American into the actual conditions in the far east," the editor of the Osaka Asahi writes. The press also presents the views of pessimists who foresee danger from the proposition. Thus America is pictured by some commentators as summoning the powers so virtually to place Japan on trial for her foreign policies.

"At Paris, Japan was the plaintiff, at Washington she will be the defendant," says the militarist Kokumin Shimbun in an article entitled "Anglo-American Pressure Threatens the Far East in the Guise of Disarmament Conference." The Kokumin expresses the fear that such pressure on the part of the two nations indicated will deprive Japan of her special position in the far east and affect her interests, particularly those in Kwang-Tung.

"China serves as a cat's paw for the Anglo-Saxons, who take China's side against Japan, but keep the kernels for themselves, leaving the hulls for China," this newspaper adds. Meanwhile arrangements are being made for a special steamer to transport the Japanese delegation to the United States for the conference.

NAVAL BUILDINGS ADVOCATED

Replacing of Obsolete Ships Is Duty, Says Lloyd George.

LONDON, July 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mr. Lloyd George declared in the house of commons today that it was essential for the government to proceed with its policy of replacing obsolete capital ships of the navy. It would be a dereliction

of duty to allow the efficiency of the royal navy to deteriorate, the premier declared.

The necessity for replacing obsolete ships, he said, would not be affected by the forthcoming conference on disarmament in Washington, which he assumed will be a complete success. He said the government, in replacing obsolete ships, neither committed itself nor contemplated a non-building programme in answer to any power.

As a result of candid discussions with principal naval powers, the prime minister declared, it might be possible to avoid anything in the nature of competitive building, but meanwhile the navy must be maintained at its present efficiency.

OREGON MEN GOOD SHOTS

STUDENTS WIN MEDALS AT CAMP LEWIS.

E. F. Sloan, R. H. Swarthout and R. W. Miller Take Honors in Tests on Rifle Range.

TACOMA, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—Marine cadets were presented to ten students of the reserve officers' training corps at Camp Lewis today when they were awarded medals for their marksmanship. The camp completed its program yesterday, and the students will leave for their homes today. General orders read at the morning formation prior to the presentation of medals included the names of 24 distinguished graduates.

Three gold medals were awarded to E. F. Sloan, R. H. Swarthout, and R. W. Miller for the highest total score of the record shoot at camp last week, the highest slow fire score, and the highest rapid fire score. Silver medals for second, third, fourth and fifth highest total scores were given to O. W. White, University of Montana; O. B. Knight, University of Wyoming; H. W. Thompson, University of Idaho; and E. F. Sloan, University of Oregon.

Winners of bronze medals for the next five highest total scores were: R. B. Miller, University of Wyoming; R. H. Goodale, Oregon Agricultural college; D. E. Swarthout, Oregon Agricultural college; R. W. Miller, Oregon Agricultural college; and L. W. Leazer, University of Oregon.

Five Washington men were numbered among the distinguished graduates. They were: R. W. Oltman, Washington State college, and Louis P. Janek, Amos Hatt, Kenneth D. Davis and Lee R. Collins of the University of Washington.

SIX OREGONIANS HONORED

Two Are Distinguished Graduates of Reserve Officers' Corps.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, July 21.—(Special.)—Two University of Oregon students have been announced as distinguished graduates of the reserve officers' training corps at Camp Lewis today. The four have been designated as honor graduates.

Emerald Sloan, Eugene, and George Houck, Roseburg, are the two distinguished graduates. Sloan has for the past year been a captain in the University of Oregon reserve officers' training corps and was chosen to be cadet major next year.

Houck has been a first lieutenant in the reserve officers' training corps for the same period.

The other graduates are John A. Gamble, Portland; William S. Hopkins, Medford; Roscoe D. Roberts, The Dalles; and Homer Lee Wilson, Grants Pass.

MISSING WOMAN SOUGHT

COLORADO GOVERNOR ASKS FOR SEARCH IN OREGON.

Laura Mayne, Believed Drugged, Last Heard From in Letter Mailed at Milton.

SALEM, Or., July 21.—(Special.)—Olive H. Shoup, governor of Colorado, has appealed to Governor Olcott of Oregon to assist in locating Mrs. Laura Mayne, who disappeared while en route from New York city to Gunnison, Colo.

Governor Shoup said the last information received from Mrs. Mayne was in the form of a letter mailed from Milton, Or. In this letter Mrs. Mayne said she had been drugged on a train and was being held captive by two men. The letter indicated that it was written while Mrs. Mayne was under a nervous strain.

Recently the woman's relatives appealed to the mayor of Milton for help, but he replied that he had been unable to find any trace of there.

The woman was described as being an American, single, 31 years of age, weight 125 pounds, height 5 feet 4 inches, heavy brown hair, brown eyes, educated, refined, well dressed.

Any information regarding Mrs. Mayne may be sent to Jacob Starr of Crested Butte, Colo.

ANTI-VICE LEAGUE ELECTS

P. A. Powell Chosen Head of Aberdeen Association.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—Officers were elected, articles of association adopted, the name "the law enforcement league" chosen and members signed at a meeting Tuesday night of men interested in the anti-vice crusade. P. A. Powell was chosen president and James A. Hood vice-president. Leonard Hinton secretary and John R. Benson treasurer. W. C. Munaw was picked as the fifth member of the executive committee.

The object of the association is given as law enforcement in co-operation with the city authorities.

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