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Government Opposed to Pre-Conference Sessions.

EVERYTHING IN OPEN, AIM

Officials Would Prevent Creation of Groups That Might Defeat Disarmament Purpose.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Proposals for preliminary meetings of the representatives of all the powers and any separate group of them prior to the disarmament conference are receiving no encouragement from the American government.

Although officials decline to comment formally, it is the apparent belief here that all of the various schemes suggested for preliminary sessions are impracticable and might lead to defeat of the purpose of the conference itself.

This feeling is understood to apply with particular force to any proposal that certain questions be taken up beforehand in separate conference where only certain members of the main conference are represented. It is held that such a plan not only would have the undesirable result of creating groups within the main group but might open such a venue of discussion that it would leave the participants further from a solution than they were at the beginning.

No details of the negotiations have been revealed, but it is generally understood that Great Britain is urging such a conference and this country is holding out against it.

It also is understood that this government holds to its original suggestion that the conference assemble here on Armistice day, November 11, although some of the invited nations have urged that a later date be selected.

Meantime officials are working steadily in the preparation of details. It is said that no actual choice of the personnel of the American delegation has yet been made. It is expected generally, however, that the president himself will not sit at the conference, but that Secretary Hughes will act as the head of the American delegates. It has been intimated that serious consideration might be given to suggestions that at least one of the places on the delegation go to a woman.

ORIENT HELD ONLY MENACE

Dr. Schurman Talks on Chinese-American Relations.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—Every one knows that in the Oriental questions which today menace the peace of the world, and the participation of Oriental nations in the proposed disarmament conference, it is therefore vitally necessary, Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, United States minister to China, said in an address to the Commonwealth club today. Dr. Schurman departs for China on the steamer Nanking tomorrow.

Discussing Chinese-American relations, he said: "America stands for the integrity of China and for the open door. We want China to remain in possession and control of her own territory and to be the mistress in her own house."

"Next to the policy of foreign spheres of influence within the country, the greatest menace to the integrity of China has come from ownership and control by foreign nations of strategic railroads and railroad zones. There is a strong demand today in China that financial claims against railroads should carry no political pretensions."

"The policy of the open door prohibits monopoly and discrimination. Any favored nation in railway service, or in railroad charges, such as were once practiced here in the United States, if practiced in China today would be a violation of the policy of the open door."

"Perhaps our chambers of commerce and business associations will develop some new organization like a national board of commercial strategy for investigation of the health of Chinese-American trade. This problem cannot be solved by the government, nor by the agents of the government; it can only be solved by business men themselves."

LONDON PRESS IS GRATIFIED

Japan's Acceptance of Harding's Invitation Approved.

LONDON, July 29.—Heavy approval is expressed by several London papers this morning over the Japanese government's decision to accept President Harding's invitation to discuss limitation of armament and the far eastern question.

The "Times" in a lengthy editorial says: "Japan's best friends knew that she would accept the invitation, but the fact that her acceptance now is actually on record is a relief to all who realize the magnitude of the issues with which the conference will be confronted."

The editorial concludes with the hope that friendship, tried and proved, in alliance may be broadened and deepened in a greater union that will be a sure bulwark for peace."

The Daily Telegraph says that an agreement between America, Great Britain and Japan that such a conference is desirable, the best news which has gladdened the world since the guns ceased firing in Europe.

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JAPAN KEENLY INTERESTED

Nippon Much Concerned Over Public Sentiment Here.

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"I was besieged for interviews as to public sentiment when I landed in Japan," he says. "I was asked if Americans would consider land disarmament together with naval disarmament and whether the United States had confidence in Japan."

"I replied by saying that America would have confidence in Japan when Shantung was given up."

COLUMBIA 43 FEET DEEP

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statement. The survey, it was understood and loaded at ports on the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland.

Cargoes in transit during 1920 amounted to \$71,279 tons, valued at \$7,869,469. The increase in the quantity and value of commerce was due to the increased foreign demand for lumber and wheat.

Discussing a year's work in the channel, Major Park says: "Dredging was carried to depths of 30 to 33 feet in the main channel, with a minimum width of 200 feet. The total length of cuts was 59,580 feet. The dredges Multnomah, Washiakum and Clatsop were used on this work, excavating a total of 4,484,040 cubic yards."

One Point Not Finished.

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