

SUBCITY ASKED TO HOLD DEBATE

Harding Applies Test to Rest of World.

NAVAL RESOURCES VAST

Ability to Outbid Every Other Country Said to Inspire President to Action.

BY ROBERT T. SMALL. (Copyright, 1931, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—(Special).—Although the phrase is borrowed from a previous occupant at the White House, the Harding administration has undertaken an "acid test" of the sincerity of the leading nations of the world.

The forthcoming conference on the limitations of armaments is simply that and nothing more. The conference will enable the controlling nations of the two hemispheres to put down in writing some of the lofty professions and sentiments that have echoed around the world since the signing of the armistice.

It is no longer a secret that the United States took the lead in bringing about this conference because it desired the last thing that Harding would want to engage in, would be an armament race with any other nation or any other combination of nations.

Sincerity Is Expected. Plain and sincere words are likely to be uttered across the armament conference. Since when it comes time for the United States government to place its cards upon the table, it will be face up. There will be sufficient publicity to the conference to let the world know that if the other nations are not willing to keep frankly and freely with the United States in bringing about what President Harding terms "approximate disarmament," the United States will set a pace that will completely crush those who attempt to compete.

It is becoming clearer as the conference approaches that one of two things must happen. Either there will be an agreement to limit armaments in the future, or the conference will be a stalling device of war preparation. In the latter case, the United States will not join with the other nations in the limitation of armaments. It would be plain to all that this country is isolated and must prepare to take a completely independent part in world affairs.

It is unthinkable, of course, to the Washington administration that the other nations will not gladly join the United States, and it is difficult to envisage a refusal at this time of the leadership offered.

The Washington administration feels that the nations invited to the conference hold the peace in their hands. Therefore the forthcoming conference holds the issue of war or peace. If the nations are sincerely desirous of peace, the States, the most powerful of them all, is willing to meet them more than half way.

As a matter of fact, military and naval men already are declaring that the United States has shown its earnestness by virtually disarming in the advance of the conference. The army is being cut down to what amounts to little more than garrison strength, or to the minimum. The building has been stopped on many important naval vessels of the first rank, while other vessels are being allowed to fall into decay.

Let the drift of the forthcoming conference show a belligerent attitude on the part of other nations, and the sentiment of the American people would swing overnight. It has already swung in the conference chamber, but it is realized that after all is said and done if the nations are not prepared to the public always they would drift into extremely formal affairs with a lot of oratory for home consumption, while the real decisions would be reached in private conferences attended by only a few of the delegates.

Of this, however, there can be no doubt; greater efforts will be made toward complete publicity than ever were attempted at any international gathering of similar importance.

PORTLAND MINISTER WHO WILL BE PASTOR OF CHICAGO CHURCH.

DR. JOSHUA STANSFIELD.

daughter, the wife of Rev. James L. Gardner, also lives near Chicago. "We are a family who are very close to one another and we long to get together again," said Dr. Stansfield last night. "That is why I could not resist the invitation to go east."

Dr. Stansfield has been an outstanding figure in church circles here since his coming five years ago. At the annual conference he has been a conspicuous and important character. Dr. Stansfield responded enthusiastically to the numerous calls extended to him to deliver addresses and lectures throughout the northwest. He has been unusually successful in his work among the young people.

During the war Dr. Stansfield was one of the hardest workers on various drives and his services were always gladly given in any of the multitudinous efforts that were put forth in the cause of the country and its allies.

In the Methodist Episcopal church ministers are assigned to pulpits only by the bishops and in this case the highly complimentary feature is that the congregation in Chicago asked Bishop Nicholson by unanimous petition to arrange with Bishop Shepard of the Portland area for the release of Dr. Stansfield to the Chicago area.

In the usual routing of affairs, Bishop Shepard will assign Dr. Stansfield to the Chicago area, and will announce at the same time who will succeed him as pastor at First church.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—(Special).—A new thing in the way of drives was launched yesterday by the trustees of the Roosevelt Memorial association.

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—Maximum temperature, 70 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees. Wind, light breeze from the north. Rain, 1.24 inches, excess of rainfall, 0.04 inches. Total rainfall, 1.28 inches. Sunrise, 6:02 A. M.; sunset, 6:02 P. M.; moonset, Monday, 2:09 P. M.; moonrise, Tuesday, 10:00 P. M. Barometer, 30.00; wind velocity, 10.00; wind direction, 10.00.

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