

BRANDT SAYS FIGHT FOR ARMY IS WON

France Is Well Pleased With Support of Powers.

EXPERTS MUST SPEED UP

Work Is Progressing Smoothly, but Too Slowly for Some and Far East Causes Clash.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—When the arms delegates quit work for the Thanksgiving recess, these considerations embraced central points of interest in their discussions.

Whether the effort to apply generally accepted principles to specific cases in the far east would bring definite accomplishments or only lead to futile debate.

Whether, in view of the position of France and the general situation in Europe, any serious attempt should be made to agree on a limitation of land armament.

Whether a pact can be found to hasten consideration of details of the naval limitation plan, which is proceeding smoothly, but too slowly to satisfy some delegates.

Chinese Credentials Questioned.

Of these questions, the first was brought sharply to the fore tonight by several direct clashes of opinion regarding elements of the far eastern negotiations.

At today's executive session of the nine delegations, the right of the Chinese delegates to speak for all of China was reported to have been questioned by France and later a British spokesman.

Speed Work Be Asked.

On the side of the naval reduction programme developments were so completely out of the picture that some delegates showed impatience and pointed out the possible danger that the negotiations might become confused by too exhaustive a discussion of details.

Tomorrow will be a day of rest as far as meetings of the conference and its subdivisions are concerned, although it may see some real progress through consultations among individuals and groups.

Facing each other in an executive session delegations of the great powers exchanged opinions on the limitation of armies as it touches Europe, but adjourned without making a joint declaration of policy, either as to Europe or general land armament.

Brandt Justifies Big Army.

Premier Briand reiterated reasons that move his country to maintain the world's largest army and suggested that the only alternative would be a pledge by the powers to aid France should Germany or any other nation again threaten civilization.

To this representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Italy and Japan replied with renewed expressions of regard and sympathy for France, declaring their governments firmly committed to the defense of free institutions and giving assurances that the French people had the moral support of all the powers in facing their problems.

But no one came forward with a proposal to write such a pledge into a public and joint declaration of policy such as M. Briand would be asked to induce France to reduce its army beyond the point already contemplated.

Neither was there a move to formulate a comprehensive programme for land armament reduction like that under consideration for naval forces, and the meeting ended after designating sub-committees to handle collateral subjects of aircraft, poison gases and rules of warfare.

Tonight M. Briand declared himself well satisfied to take home the oral expressions of moral support voiced by the representatives of the powers today and in Monday's open discussion. There were indications that some of the French had hoped he might take along also a formal written pledge, but the premier was said to have realized the restraints under which the other national groups found themselves as to the subject.

End Declared Accomplished.

In any case, he apparently is leaving confident that his principal object in coming has been accomplished, and that if any attempt is made to take up in detail the question of land armament, the negotiations never will take a trend inimical to the army of France.

Designation of such committees to deal with aircraft, poison gas and the rules of warfare brings into the negotiations several elements. Since it would be difficult for any five powers to make an agreement on any of those subjects without having the sanction of all the other nations the expectation is that the work done here will be merely a foundation for a possible world-wide conference to handle such problems.

Aircraft development as proceeding under the direct supervision of the various governments is accounted universally as giving promise of sweeping effects on the commercial world and it is taken for granted that no measure will be proposed that would seriously curtail that development. The discussion of use of gas is expected merely to be a beginning for a world discussion and the problem of revising the rules of warfare must be in the opinion of the delegates, either put later into the hands of a continuing commission or referred to a world tribunal.

BRANDT TO TAKE PARTY HOME

Premier to Leave for New York Today on Return Trip.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Briand will take with him on his return to France three members of the French delegation.

of the French general staff; Lieutenant de Colbert of the French general staff; M. Leger, formerly chargé at Peking; M. Cheysson, a financial expert; M. Marccassin, an attaché.

The premier and his party are to leave for New York tomorrow and will sail for Havre Friday.

NEW ZEALAND IS FOR PACT

Anglo-Japanese Alliance Wanted Until Something Better Is Had.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—New Zealand stands beside Australia in favoring continuance of the Anglo-Japanese treaty for the present, or

until "a more comprehensive system" for guaranteeing the peace of the far east has been found.

"We see no justification for scrapping that alliance without substituting something for it," declared a spokesman for New Zealand today.

"Japan's military and naval services in the war," he added, "and we owe her our gratitude. It is not the English nor the American way to turn our backs on a friend who has served us so well."

When some more general agreement can be entered into for the preservation of the peace of the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia will welcome it as a substitute for the present imperfect system."

Mr. Davila insisted that the Anglo-Japanese treaty has no application as against America. They hold that the speech of Premier Lloyd George recently on the subject expressed the New Zealand viewpoint.

With regard to construction of warships by the dominion, it is said by a British spokesman that a friend of any ship thus constructed may be regarded as included in the total allotment of British naval strength.

PORTO RICO ARE ROUSED

HARDING ASKED TO REMOVE GOVERNOR RELY AT ONCE.

Executive Charged With Being Incompetent Charlatan and a Camp Follower.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Senator Felix Cordova-Davila, president commissioner of Porto Rico, was instructed in a cablegram received from San Juan to request President Harding to remove Governor R. Monto Rely immediately from office.

The cablegram set forth specific charges which were to be preferred with the request. It was signed by 29 of the 58 members of the Porto Rican assembly.

Senator Davila announced he would see President Harding and Secretary Weeks at the "earliest opportunity."

Declaring Governor Rely had come to the island "with deep rooted prejudices," the cablegram asserted his actions since then had indicated he lacked "judiciousness and discretion."

He embarked on a "policy of aggression against Porto Ricans not personally addicted to him."

Among charges against Governor Rely enumerated in the message were: "He publicly declared himself leader of the insular republican party and the 'friend of the socialist party.'"

He removed judicial officers without stating the cause and threatened removal of others, being obliged to "confess the injustice in both cases."

He was charged with "driving" the charges that Porto Ricans had been responsible for the fire on the steamship Tanamo on which Governor Rely and other officials of the island administration reached New York Sunday.

"Rely made a land tour through the island," he said, "which was prohibited to this trip at sea. It was characterized with the same bombast and exaggeration and it was on the land trip that he displayed an utter unworthiness for the honor and shows his gross and indecent nature by referring to the Porto Rican flag as 'that rag.'"

The governor is looked upon as a camp follower, as incompetent, as an ingrate, as a charlatan and by reason of his indecent reference to the flag of Porto Rico as a creature whose continued presence there is an affront to our people."

OWL CHIEF IS CONVICTED

Head of Fraternal Organization Violator of Mann Act.

FRENCH CHALLENGE CHINESE DELEGATES

Right to Speak for Country Is Questioned.

BRITISH ALSO IN CLASH

Celestials Deny Making Concessions Credited to Them by English in News Interview.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The attempt to settle specific problems troubling the far east led today to the first sharp clash of opinions in the arms conference.

A British view of the concrete application of the four general principles adopted met with a challenge from the Chinese, and the Chinese delegates were pointedly asked by the French to show by what authority they presumed to speak for all of China over protests of the South China government at Canton.

Strangely enough, the Japanese, who had been the first to raise objections to the consideration of details of the far east, came forward with a suggestion that they would not oppose an examination of their famous 21-demands-treaty with China to ascertain whether it conflicts with the open door.

French Cause Flurry.

Although the action of the French in questioning the credentials of the Chinese caused a momentary flurry in the meeting of the nine delegations, the divergence of opinion between the Chinese and British over foreign control, the Chinese, it would mean an internationalization of Chinese economic resources.

The French objection was interposed when the Chinese presented a plan by which China would regain tariff autonomy by a gradual change from foreign control. The Chinese replied to the challenge that they were representing the only government in China, recognized by the powers and were attempting to help negotiations by furnishing whatever information they could.

British Make Statement.

The difference of view between the British and Chinese developed. The British spokesman explained to newspapermen that his government regarded the four accepted principles as meaning acceptance by China of a financial consortium, pooling of the operation of railroad concessions held by the powers, and continued supervision of China's customs. The Root resolution, according to the British viewpoint, was adopted with acceptance by China of these principles in view by the signatory powers.

The Chinese quickly sent out word that they had agreed to no such programme. While Alfred See, Chinese minister to the United States, declined to enter into a detailed discussion of the interpretation in the absence of an official statement containing them, the Chinese delegation declared committee discussion had brought forth no expression by the delegates of the British view, and that China placed no such interpretation on them. The consortium, Dr. See said, had not been mentioned.

Hay Policy Hope.

According to the Chinese view, the Root resolutions apply to the open door as embodied in the policy defined by John Hay, waiving of special rights and privileges, unannounced political and economic development of China, and assurance of her territorial, political and administrative integrity.

The British view, if accepted, Chinese asserted, would be tantamount to international fiscal control, which would be only a short step to political control.

Notwithstanding these cross-currents, the committee considering the far eastern situation, with special reference at the moment to China's financial affairs, made progress toward a solution of her customs by the appointment of a sub-committee.

Dr. Wang Koo, Chinese ambassador to Great Britain and a delegate, presented China's proposal for restoration of her tariff autonomy by three stages.

Plan Is Outlined.

He asked that from January 1 China be permitted to levy a maximum duty of 12 1/2 per cent which he said had

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