

PESSIMISTIC VIEW HELD UNJUSTIFIED

Mark Sullivan Says Conference Will Win.

BRIAND SPEECH EXPLAINED

French Premier's Appeal Is for Home Consumption.

SEA FORCES BIG ISSUE

Far East Also to Be Settled, Writer Declares—Military Agreement Later Is Predicted.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Probably persons close to the situation fall into a state of mind where they take for granted things that the more distant public does not see so clearly. Few of us in Washington—at least, few of the Americans who are disinterested—share the pessimism which seems to have colored public discussion of the disarmament conference during the last day or two.

This pessimism seems to have started with Premier Briand's speech at noon on Tuesday. Properly understood, Premier Briand's speech is not a cause for pessimism. More truly, it is a cause for optimism in that it was a final expression of a spirit of compromise within the conference.

To understand Premier Briand's speech you must understand that he was talking primarily for France to hear rather than for the conference. Briand is premier of France, and his hold on that office is precarious.

Practice Hard to Understand.

In France, they have a practice difficult for Americans to understand. In France, when a premier does or says something unpopular, he goes out of office automatically. For example, if the letter that President Harding wrote to congress asking for lower surtaxes had been written by Premier Briand to the French chamber of deputies, and if the chamber of deputies had done what our congress did, namely, refused to follow Harding's leadership, then Harding, if he were the premier of France, would have gone out of office automatically and the leader of the opposition would have taken his place.

Most of the foreign delegates to the conference who followed this episode in congress were puzzled to understand how it was that the day after that great speech, Harding was still in the White House.

Briand Solves Difficulty.

Premier Briand had to avoid saying anything that might have cast doubt on the present exigencies of French politics to vote him out of office before he left America. That speech was what American politicians call "a leave to address the house" speech, or "a leave to print" speech. It was designed, as many speeches in congress are designed, not to affect pending legislation, but to read by the voters back home.

The other members of the conference understood Mr. Briand's position perfectly and, as politicians, sympathized with it. They were entirely willing to let him take a position which was practically a resignation, but to submit to limitation of armament on land.

Speech Is Prearranged.

The concession that led Mr. Briand to make the speech he did was a sign of the success of the conference, not of its failure.

France expected Premier Briand to get something big out of the conference. They expected him to bring home a guarantee of support from Great Britain and the United States. It did not take Briand long to learn that he could not get that. Since he had to go home empty handed, the conference was quite willing he should be permitted to make the speech he did. That was all carefully arranged beforehand.

It is true that the limitation of land armament is officially on the conference agenda. But the men who are dominant in the conference all ways regarded it as a minor subject, and are not much disturbed by the fact that nothing is to be done about it. The two main subjects of the conference, the limitation of armament on the sea and problems of the far east, are progressing with a speed and a degree of satisfaction that, literally, nobody anticipated.

Details Now Discussed.

Mr. Hughes, in his speeches and discussions, always shows unconsciously what he regards to be the main purpose of the conference to be.

Whenever Mr. Hughes gets around, as he does with a frequency which is in itself significant, to saying that "offensive war on the seas must be made impossible," he puts an emphasis on the words which reveals completely what he conceives the main purpose to be. That purpose is already achieved. All the discussion in details will be settled in the end in any such way as to jeopardize the main purpose.

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FOCH JOINS AMERICA IN PRAYER OF THANKS

HOLIDAY GREETING SENT TO LEGION COMMANDER.

French Marshal Invokes Blessing on ex-Soldiers and Expresses Feeling of Gratitude.

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FRANCE WARNED AGAINST ENMITY

Britain Holds Injury to Germany Impossible.

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LONDON, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—One of the most outspoken warnings addressed by the foreign minister of one nation to another friendly nation was delivered today by Marquis Curzon of Kedleston to France. The British foreign minister declared "if France pursued an isolated and individual policy she would not in the long run injure Germany and would fail to protect herself."

The address was directed primarily to the Washington conference, but it was clearly an intimation to France of the effect of that country's attitude toward disarmament. It also applied with equal force to the French policy in the near east.

Safety Put in Confidence.

"Peace will never be achieved," he said, "if any one power tries to steal a march on another and conclude an arrangement on its own account."

He reminded France that her safety lay in the confidence of the world. He cautioned France that she could not succeed by a revengeful policy toward Germany or be permitted by isolated action to frustrate the work at Washington.

The speech was remarkable for the expressed determination to bring Germany into the comity of nations and for its enunciation of Great Britain's duty in the new world which succeeded the war.

NEW NATIONS DISCUSSED

Attending to the new struggling nations, he said:

"We are largely responsible for the creation of these new nations. Therefore, it devolves on us to do our best to curb their rivalry, help their progress and make them instruments of future peace."

Marquis Curzon delivered his address at a luncheon in London today.

"The real strength and protection of France," he continued, "does not consist in the strength of her arms, potent as they are. It does not consist in the inexhaustible spirit of her people. It does not consist even in the justice of her cause."

"It consists in the fact that the conscience of the world and the combined physical forces of the world—and in that I include the great powers

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WRECKAGE FROM TUG IS CAST UP BY SEA

DAMAGE TO WRECK OF SEA EAGLE IS INDICATED.

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POLICE RESCUE BABY LEFT ALONE IN AUTO

CHILD DISCOVERED CRYING IN FRONT OF IMPERIAL HOTEL.

Parents Explain That They Went to Motion Picture Show and Left Boy Asleep.

A 3-year-old boy, said by police to have been left in an automobile parked in front of the Imperial hotel last night while the parents were attending a picture show, was taken to police headquarters by Patrolmen Forken and Ballard and held until the parents called for him three-quarters of an hour later. A note left in the front seat of the car told them where to find the child.

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TAXATION REFORM URGED BY GRANGE

Better Distribution of Burden Demanded.

INCOME LEVIES COMMENDED

Luxury Taxes in Emergencies Held Warranted.

SOME EXEMPTIONS URGED

All Citizens Should Bear Just Portion of Burden of Government, Says Report.

A plan of taxation drafted with a view to providing a more equitable distribution of the burden and recommending the exemption of real estate on account of indebtedness and a system of state as well as national income taxes was adopted at yesterday afternoon's session of the National Grange convention.

The tax plan as finally adopted represented the report of the committee on taxation and included 12 recommendations dealing with the subject of taxation in its various phases.

The preamble to the document submitted by the committee declared that the burdens of government are not equally distributed. It also declared that little was being done to correct this fault.

"Any honest and patriotic citizen of a state should be willing to bear his just proportion of the burden of government, and no more than this ought to be required of anyone," the report declared in outlining the policy for the body.

Details Left to States.

The 11th recommendation in the report, which urges the levying of taxes in such a manner as to encourage home-owning and discourage speculation and tenantry, came in for considerable discussion. Some delegates held that this recommendation should specify means for bringing about the desired end. It was finally decided, however, that this was a matter which should be left to the different states to work out, inasmuch as conditions differ so widely in different sections of the country.

The 12th recommendation adopted was:

"Since taxation is necessary for the enforcement of laws, for the protection of property, individual or corporate, therefore no property either real or personal which is protected by law should be exempt from taxation, except such property as may be specifically exempt by state constitutions."

"In order to secure equality in the distribution of the burdens of government, if personal property is to be exempt from taxation on account of the indebtedness of the owner thereof, then real estate should be entitled to the same exemption.

"In case of mortgages by far the wisest system is to tax the mortgagee on the amount of the mortgage and the mortgagor on the value of the property minus the mortgage, the mortgage to be considered as real estate and not as personal property, and taxed in the locality where the mortgaged property lies.

WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH

Widower of Mrs. Dora Hanley Is Found Drunk in Adjoining Room.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Dora M. Hanley, 34, was found beaten to death in her home today. Her widower, Joseph H. Hanley, was in an adjoining room, apparently intoxicated.

On the back porch were a 50-gallon still and a tub of mash. Police believe the murder may have been due to a scheme to manufacture and sell illicit liquor.

Three men, lodgers who left the house hurriedly were sought by the police.

ITALIAN COMMANDER WELCOMED BY MAYOR AND CITIZENS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—General Armando Vittorio Diaz, commander-in-chief of the Italian forces in the world war, arrived in San Francisco today for a visit of three days. Crowds lined the streets to witness his arrival.

Officers and men of the Italian cruiser Libia, now in San Francisco bay, joined with Mayor Rolph and other civic and military authorities in welcoming General Diaz.

"All corporate real estate and personal property to be taxed for local purposes as the same kind of property is taxed when owned by individuals.

"The local tax of railroad property to be levied on a valuation equal to the market value of the capital stock plus the market value of the bonded debt. Each taxation unit to receive such part of the tax as the mileage of the road in said unit is to the total mileage.

"Every possible precaution should be taken to secure equality of assessments between individuals and between assessment districts.

"No city should be permitted to make a separate assessment, and all property everywhere should be uniformly assessed at its fair cash value.

"We favor the enactment of a law that will secure a fair and equitable taxation of bank property, whether personal or real, upon the basis that other property is taxed.

"For state and national purposes we favor an adequate and equitable system of income and inheritance taxes as a source of permanent income.

Luxury Taxes Approved.

"Excess profit, luxury and excise taxes afford just and equitable methods of meeting unusual government expenses.

"All taxes should be levied so as to encourage home owning and to discourage speculation and tenantry as far as sound public policy will permit.

"The Grange is opposed to any form of so-called classification of property which would discriminate in favor of any class of property as against any other class, for purposes of taxation."

The organization adopted committee reports on home economics, foreign relations, production and distribution, and the National Grange Monthly at yesterday morning's session. The Peas amendment to the

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36 PERSONS KILLED IN RIOTS IN BOMBAY

EX-RESIDENT OF RENO SAID TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN.

William Francis Dougherty Reported Victim of Disorders Which Occurred in India.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—In the recent disturbances at Bombay, India, coincident with the visit of the prince of Wales, the total casualties, according to Reuters' correspondent in that city, were 36 killed, including two Europeans, and 150 sent to hospitals suffering from injuries.

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CITY EATS TURKEY IN FIRESIDE QUIET

Slanting Showers Send Wanderers Home.

FEW SOCIAL AFFAIRS GIVEN

Hunt Club Chase and Gridiron Classic Notable.

CHURCHES HOLD SERVICES