

## JAPAN AND BRITAIN WANT U. S. ALLIANCE

American Delegates Are Silent, However.

### ATTITUDE IS MYSTERY

Behind-the-Scenes Developments Not Yet Clear—Each Move Believed to Be Cautious.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The effort to find an acceptable substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance has so diverted attention of many army delegates as to throw even the question of the naval ratio temporarily into the background.

Both the Japanese and the British have shown a desire to include the United States in any entente that may replace the alliance, and a tentative draft under consideration by some governments concerned would provide a quadruple arrangement, also including France.

What may have been the attitude of the American delegates in the behind-the-scenes developments, remains a mystery.

**Discussion Is Refused.**  
Taking the position that no entente suggestion is "formal" before them, the Americans refuse to discuss publicly the possibility of American participation in a political far east agreement.

In the absence of an authoritative explanation of the American viewpoint, the impression is gained by the other delegates that the Americans are feeling their way cautiously, as they seek to ascertain what course would be in accord with American opinion.

Recognizing the senate's claim to partnership in the shaping of international agreements, Secretary Hughes and his colleagues are said to be solicitous that the sentiment of the treaty-ratifying branch, as well as that of the executive, shall be taken into account.

**Considerations Are Weighed.**  
These considerations are being weighed carefully by the foreign delegates who desire to have the United States a party to the next far eastern concert of nations.

Meantime, some clue to help solve the riddle may be given by the senate. Speculation as to what course the negotiations may take is growing among senators, and several have indicated they might seek in a senate debate to bring the question of an entente more conspicuously before the public.

The naval ratio negotiations still are at a standstill while the Japanese delegates wait word from Tokyo. The full committee of the whole on the far east will meet again tomorrow after a recess of five days.

**Resolutions Are Considered.**  
In the five-day interim the formal activities of the conference have been confined to meetings of the sub-committee on draft of resolutions and to conversations of the Japanese and Chinese regarding shantung. Both the draft committee and the shantung group met today, but neither reported material progress.

**ARMY MEASURES ARE HELD UP**  
**Army and Navy Appropriations Await Conference Results.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The suggestion at the Washington conference of a three or four-power agreement to replace the Anglo-Japanese alliance has been received favorably by the newsgazers, although details of the plan are awaited before any extended comment is indulged in.

### YACHT OWNER ARRESTED

James Sheehan Charged With Transporting Liquor Illegally.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—A warrant was sworn out here today for the arrest of James Sheehan, wealthy New York shipbuilder, on a charge that he had illegally transported cases of wine and liquor from New York in his private yacht Patricia. The liquor was seized by the United States marshal.

Sheehan's attorney said today that his client had purchased the yacht from a member of the Armour company of Chicago and the liquor, while not included in the transaction, was aboard at the time. Sheehan, on advice of New York counsel, had replaced his yacht under British registry and made arrangements to have the liquor sealed whenever he touched an American port.

This plan worked until he reached Monterey. Sheehan will sue the government for return of the liquor, according to his attorney.

### FINANCES HELD VITAL

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Loan political issues are going to arise, not only in the campaign of next year, but in the campaigns of several years to come. We are going to have something like duplicates of the Bryan free silver campaign and other campaigns of 30 to 50 years ago, which revolved around currency, banking and economics.

**One Issue Held Certain.**  
Many of the returned members of congress say that one certain issue in the coming campaign is going to be the federal reserve board, because borrowers of money who are now bitterly squeezed, blame the federal reserve board for the policy of deflation, which, they think, brought about their troubles. Of course, this blame is almost wholly unjust. Of course, also, many local bankers, in pressing their borrowers to pay, or refusing further accommodations, passed the buck to the federal reserve, based at safely distant Washington. No doubt there are borrowers who in their resentful mood gathered about the local banker had read orders from Washington, to

tioning the would-be borrower by same as a victim to be sacrificed.

**Defense Held Necessary.**  
It is going to be necessary for enlightened persons to defend the federal reserve board as an institution which in the last seven years has saved the country from troubles compared to which our present woes are insignificant. There may be reasonable debate about the board's judgment as to the precise month in which the policy of deflation was begun, and about some other details of its handling of things in the last two years. But of the beneficence of the institution as a whole and the sincerity and integrity of its membership there cannot be the faintest question.

This is going to be merely one detail of a political year in which we

### WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAYS WORK YESTERDAY.

**Senate.**  
Bill directing war department to turn over surplus supplies to American relief administration in Russia passed.

Resolution offered by King for investigation of affairs in Porto Rico, especially with regard to number of Americans holding office.

Watson of Georgia warns senators against meddling in relations between Great Britain and Ireland, saying another Alabama claims case will arise.

Amendments offered by Smoot to make effective presidential recommendations concerning tariff legislation.

McNary introduces bill extending life of war finance corporation one year from July 1, 1922.

**House.**  
House convened in joint session with senate at 12:30 to hear annual message of President Harding.

Afternoon devoted to debating president's message and general subjects.

Floor Leader Mondell commends president for following Wilson plan of giving messages in person.

Representative Gallivan, democrat, Massachusetts, attacks president's failure to suggest a bonus, while Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, criticizes his stand on labor.

shall hear again all about silver and greenbacks and established currency here and in Europe, and government credits, and everything else of the kind a year in which we are pretty sure to hear from a new "Coolidge" and a new Bryan—1922 model.

### IRRIGATION SESSION HOT

BITTERNESS AT KLAMATH IS CAUSED BY TAX.

Size of Acreage Assessment in District Held to Depend on Interpretation of Law.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Considerable bitterness developed at a meeting of directors of the Klamath Irrigation district today.

The meeting had been called to devise plans for revising the tax roll. There were a large number of farmers present and they were engaged in a heated discussion of the tax roll.

On the other hand, Secretary Wishard maintains that the interpretation of the law is not correct. He contends that the law is to be interpreted as a tax on the value of the land, and which the farmers insist is too great a burden to be imposed, as in many cases it would mean confiscation.

**INDIAN REVOLT DEFENDED**  
Moplahs Deny Having Forced Hindus to Become Mohammedans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Charges that the Moplahs of Malabar have put to death many Hindus and forcibly converted them to Mohammedanism were denied and characterized as part of a British plot to discredit the Moplahs' movement for Indian independence in a telegram from V. K. K. Moplah leader, received today by the Friends of Freedom for India.

A few cases of conversion of our Hindu brethren have been reported to me, the message said. "But after investigation we discovered the real plot. The vandals guilty of this crime were members of the British reserve police and British intelligence department, and they joined our forces as agents to do such filthy work only to discredit our soldiers. There were Christians, Hindus and Moplahs among these British agents and spies. They have been put to death."

"We are at war with England. We are fighting for the independence of India and we are doing exactly what the Americans did to free America from British domination."

### AMERICA TO GET PLANE

30-Passenger Triplane Held Capable of 24-Hour Non-Stop.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A new 30-passenger Caproni triplane recently tried out with success in Italy and said to be capable of making a 24-hour non-stop flight from New York to San Francisco, will be brought here within two months, Captain Rev. Thomas G. Nicholson of Chicago, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, today was elected president of the Anti-Saloon league for the next two years.

Orpheum matinee today, 15-25-50-Ad.

## PROGRESS IS SLOW IN SHANTUNG CASE

Chinese and Japanese Accomplish but Little.

### DISCUSSION TO GO ON

Both Sides Silent Except for Brief Announcement That Subject Was Considered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Little progress was made today in the "conversations" between the Chinese and Japanese delegations on Shantung when restoration to China of public properties in the Kiaochow leasehold was discussed. No decision was reached and consideration is expected to be continued tomorrow.

Aside from a brief announcement that the subject had been discussed, both delegations remained silent. It is understood, however, that involved in the disposition of the public properties in the province, is the question of what constitutes a public property, and what public properties shall be included in the discussion.

**Waterworks Included.**  
Chinese contend public properties which properly should be restored comprise those built by China prior to German possession, those built under the German regime and those which Japan has constructed since.

They include waterworks, gas and electric light plants, the slaughterhouse and docks and other harbor improvements.

How far Japan will go toward meeting China's demand no members of the Japanese delegation would venture to say tonight.

A Japanese spokesman declared, however, that the delegation was prepared to go to any "reasonable extent in settlement" of the Shantung question. He denied that Japan had asked the Chinese for a postponement of further discussion of control of the Kiaochow Tsi-Nan-Fu railroad. He said that the Japanese had instead asked that minor questions in dispute relating to the Kiaochow leasehold be taken up first.

### Railroad Is Put First.

The Chinese view, according to one of the three Chinese delegates, is that the railroad, because of its importance, should be settled first.

Failure to conclude consideration of public properties, the Japanese spokesman said, would prevent taking up the railroad question tomorrow.

The Japanese spokesman said tonight his delegation had not desired a delay for the purpose of communicating with Tokyo, although he added that it might be necessary later to seek for instructions.

Replying to a question as to whether the Japanese demand for dual control of the Shantung railway contemplated such control perpetually or for a period of years, the Japanese spokesman replied this was "a point to be considered."

### FLEXIBLE TARIFF ASKED

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"Encouragement" to ship operators was accepted as an advance statement of his previously announced views as to ship subsidies.

The recommendations were received by republican leaders with widespread expressions of approval, although some declared one or more of the executive's proposals would be difficult, if not impossible, of early enactment.

Immediately after the joint session, the senate passed a bill urged by Secretary Hughes as head of the American relief administration, authorizing donation to the administration of surplus medical and other stores of the army.

**Tariff Legislation Proposed.**  
Legislation to meet the president's recommendation for a flexible tariff also was proposed immediately by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah. He introduced amendments to the tariff bill which would authorize the president, by proclamation, to reduce or increase tariff rates based on American valuation. Hearings on the tariff bill will be resumed tomorrow by the senate finance committee.

The president also emphasized need for agricultural relief. He urged improved methods of distribution and marketing of farm products, advocating legislative assistance to co-operative marketing, and reduction of rates, he added, were subjects of just complaint by farmers. Other recommendations included reclamation and irrigation development, highway improvement and measures to aid the unemployment situation.

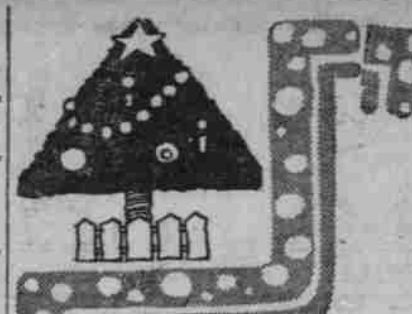
**Satisfaction Is Expressed.**  
The president expressed satisfaction with the revision law and its "billion-dollar reduction in the tax draft on the people," and urging economy and efficiency, declared the budget system "the greatest reform in government practices since the beginning of the republic." Party responsibility in government was stressed by the president in what some of his hearers regarded as thinly veiled dislike over the "bloc department in congress."

At the outset the president discussed world conditions, saying "a world restoration programme" would be worked out "by the nations more directly concerned." The United States will help, he added, unselfishly, because there is compensation in the consciousness of assisting, unselfishly, because the commerce and international exchanges in trade, which marked our high tide of fortune, are at present in a state of depression, and the nations of all continents are restored to stable order and normal relationship.

**Domestic Problems Considered.**  
Turning to domestic problems, the president urged re-enactment of the permanent tariff and foreign debt refunding bills. He also announced that later on he would make some recommendations about renewed consideration of the tax programme, involving further reductions and the abolition of "hindering burdens." He also suggested consideration by congress of an amendment to the constitution to end the issue of non-taxable bonds.

With regard to the merchant marine, Mr. Harding said it was the purpose to preserve a plan which contemplates no greater draft on the public treasury, and which, though yet too crude to offer it today, gives such promise of expanding our merchant marine that it will argue its own approval.

"Proper encouragement" for the co-operative marketing programme as a means of assisting in the relief of present conditions in agriculture was suggested by the executive. He also told the congress that it should give its "earnest attention" to a general policy of transportation, of distributed industry and highway construction, to encourage the spread of the popula-



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**Other Recommendations Made.**  
Other recommendations included: Plans of conference of common country of the world, and judicial determination in controversies between capital and labor.

Federal aid by way of advances for reclamation of lands, where state and private participation is assured.

An appropriation necessary to supply the American relief administration in Russia with 10,000,000 bushels of corn and 1,000,000 bushels of seed grains.

The scene presented in the house chamber was unprecedented in that never in the history of the nation has a message been delivered to congress by the chief executive with members of a great international conference in attendance. The galleries and corridors were jammed.

**Hughes Gets Reception.**  
Arrangements had been made by the state department for places for delegates from foreign nations to the army conference, their wives, and delegation attaches.

Secretary Hughes was given a warm reception when he arrived at the head of the cabinet.

There was more applause when the conference delegates entered. Members of the delegation were not grouped by countries.

At the right of Speaker Gillett sat Senator Cummings, president pro tempore of the senate.

The audience rose and applauded Mrs. Harding when she appeared. Promptly at 12:30 the president was announced.

The audience rose and applauded for a full minute until Speaker Gillett's grave intonation called for silence.

The president's remarks drew applause at the outset, when he expressed gratification over the nation being at peace. Again from house members and others came applause when the executive promised help to other nations in working out their problems.

The president's statements regarding agriculture and railroad rates were delivered without demonstration, but there was considerable applause when the executive declared for regulation of labor organizations. The demand for a plan which would permit to exact unfair terms or cause distress to the public. The suggestions for an industrial tribunal were followed intently.

There was hearty applause when the president concluded.

however, followed by others inspired by a noble sentiment of human solidarity," he added.

Added, the president said that when the European nations will have turned to heroic remedies to settle these conditions, then America will be in a position to help them, and will help them. These are good and comforting words, as the conclusion of the address is also comforting, when, speaking of the conference, the president said that "a most gratifying world accomplishment is not improbable."

### MEMORIAL PLANS READY

Monument in Honor of Linn County Pioneers to Be Realized.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Plans for the erection of a memorial monument in honor of the pioneers of Linn county will be formulated, it is expected at a meeting to be held December 15 in the community house in this city, according to the announcement of A. M. Templeton of Brownsville, president of an association formed a few months ago for this purpose, who was in Albany yesterday.

This movement was inaugurated at a meeting held in this city and later an organization was formed to carry forward the plans. The matter has progressed to a point where definite results probably will follow the next meeting.

The monument probably will be erected at Brownsville, near which city the organization of Linn county was perfected and in which community many of the first settlers of the county resided.

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### LOG TRUCKS UNDER BAN

HEAVY VEHICLES RULED OFF CLARKE COUNTY ROADS.

Unusual Damage Said to Have Been Done Causes Order of Commissioners, Director.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—All county roads in Clarke county will be closed to logging and piling trucks from December 13 until June 1, 1922, according to an order of the county commissioners and E. V. Kuykendall, director of public works, today.

It is held that four or five logging trucks have done from \$40,000 to \$60,000 damage to Clarke county roads during the last year. On the Pacific highway the damage done by them was \$7800. The amount of money these five trucks pay for licenses amounts to little as compared to the damage done, according to W. A. Schwarz, county engineer. This damage of \$7800 was between Vancouver

and Salmon creek, less than seven miles.

Under the 1921 law the commissioners and director of public works are empowered to close roads to vehicles that damage them unusually. While the pavements are held strong enough to bear the weight, it is the heavy impact that does the most damage. These big trucks on the straightaway travel from 15 to 20 miles an hour, and weigh with load up to 36,000 pounds. The limit is 24,000 pounds under the present law.

### FOREIGN DEBT BILL WAITS

Senate Committee Discusses, Then Puts Measure Over.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The senate finance committee quit tonight after a day's discussion of the foreign debt bill without having reached an agreement on which the measure could be reported to the senate. Further consideration was postponed until Thursday.

The house proposal placing the power of negotiating basis of settlement of the war loans in the hands of a supervisory commission of five was the stumbling-block which upset the plan of committee leaders to have

the senate at once begin on the measure.

It was understood that several republicans were inclined to support the amendment of Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, which would limit the power of the commission. Some democrats, however, were said to oppose the amendment, and the North Carolina senator has called a meeting of the minority committee members for tomorrow.

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