

ALLIANCE BROACHED FIRST BY BRITAIN

Three-Power Arrangement Originally Proposed.

FRANCE ADMITTED LATER

World Conference Is Same Idea Used by President Harding in "Best Mind" Sessions.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—President Harding outlined at the "best minds" conferences in Marlon, O., last winter the formula for international arrangements which has been set into effect by the four-power pact with Great Britain, France and Japan.

It has been stated both in Washington and in London that the new arrangement is the outgrowth of suggestions made when it became known to the British foreign office that the United States regarded the Anglo-Japanese alliance as a menace.

There may be every element of truth in the statements that Great Britain was first to broach a three-power arrangement in the Pacific—afterward modified to include France—but it can be stated with authority that such a suggestion would have been considered here except for the fact that it happened to coincide with the president's previously expressed views.

Theory Is Simple One.
These views should have been known, and probably were known, in London as early as last January. The British proposal for a wider treaty to supplant the Anglo-Japanese alliance was not made until last summer.

President Harding's theory of international accord and the maintenance of world peace is as simple as it is practical. The president stated very frankly to some of his callers at Marlon last winter that he was forever opposed to the institutional character of the league of nations with all of its cumbersome machinery and commandments.

He declared that his idea of the way to accomplish something practical in the world was to get four or five of the big nations together and let them agree upon a line of action. He held that if the big nations reached an agreement it was certain that the smaller nations could be induced, by entirely proper means, to "go along."

Others Certain to Follow.
The president at that time made a very homely simile. For purposes of illustration he took the small American town. If it was desired to inaugurate some civic enterprise, the president said, the method of procedure always was to interest the four or five big and influential men of the community in the undertaking. If they agreed to its feasibility and further agreed to co-operate, the success of the movement was assured, for the smaller men of the community, the smaller contributors to the public welfare, were certain to follow in the footsteps of the natural leaders.

Mr. Harding said he believed this rule would hold as true of nations as men, especially when the movement to be undertaken would be for peace and betterment of the world. Mr. Harding said he felt that such a combination of nations would be sufficient if the purpose of the association should be of oppression. But where the association was one of guidance for the rest of the world he felt that great things could be accomplished merely by calling the four or five big powers into consultation.

Japanese Relations Cited.
Further light on the president's purpose is shed by the fact that in Florida last winter, just prior to his inauguration, he told a number of his closer advisers, including Charles Evans Hughes, who at the time had just announced his resignation, that the portfolio of state, that he felt one of the first great problems of his administration would have to do with the arrangement of better relations with Japan.

Mr. Harding felt the Japanese question was a very urgent one and that conditions were developing which might easily lead to a very embarrassing situation. Feeling that Japan and consequently the entire Pacific situation must be dealt with at the Washington conference, President Harding has, with whatever help Great Britain has been able to give, put into effect the method of procedure which he has outlined.

Agreement Is Expected.
It would be fairer, perhaps, to say that the president believes they will be able to agree on the basis of the war in the Pacific will be laid aside forever. It is true that China remains not only a puzzle but a problem. Yet Mr. Harding holds that in dealing justly with China it is necessary that Japan, Great Britain and the United States be in complete accord. This accord, he believes, has been arranged.

If in the future questions arise in other parts of the world in which it is felt the United States has a serious interest or a duty to perform it will undoubtedly be the purpose of President Harding to arrange another "executive committee of the big powers to deal with it."

It is the president's theory that the town meeting is idealistic democracy, but the town meeting can be effective only through a small committee of its leading lights.

FAITH BREACH CHARGED
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ed by the delegation. Members are confident that the more the figures are examined the less will they be opposed by either the American government or American public opinion, but even if they were found unacceptable they declare it is not seen how they could be reduced materially, having in view the strength of the colonial party in France.

This, it was explained, is composed of senators and deputies of all political groups who are devoted to the development of French possessions. The trade with the French colonies is now upward of 2,000,000,000 francs a year.

exist among the delegates of the three major naval powers that France has surprised them by asking more than had been expected. French delegates consider this as in no sense their responsibility because they gave their figures when they were asked to do so. Premier Briand's acceptance in principle of Mr. Hughes' plan, according to French circles, was, it is indicated, not an acceptance of the status quo of navies but an acceptance of "the principle of naval limitation."

Although the French naval plan stipulates that no new capital ship shall be laid down before 1924, the view of the French government, it is affirmed, is that building can be begun in that year and regularly continued because by that time it is expected French finances will have recovered sufficiently to permit this expenditure.

Many members of the arms conference are looking forward to an animated and perhaps prolonged discussion before the French naval views finally are brought into accord with those of the other powers.

It would not surprise some delegates if the naval ratio discussion lasted into the new year and upset plans of the British to depart in December.

As to the far-eastern problems, there seems to be little to delay adjustment. The Shantung negotiations are understood to have brought the Japanese and Chinese almost to an agreement and only a few items on the far-eastern agenda remain to be considered. The delegates seem to be generally of the opinion that the naval problem can be solved the far-eastern end will be wound up speedily.

Solution Is Predicted.
China's request for abrogation of the 1915 treaties resulting from the 21 demands forms the most formidable immediate stumbling block, but in many quarters it is believed that the point never will be stubbornly pressed. Japan has objected to discussion of the treaties and it is recognized generally that no nation can be compelled to talk about a question it considers outside the conference.

In addition, there have been hints of strong support from other powers for the Japanese contention that the conference should not attempt to go into "closed incidents."

Neither is it considered likely that there will be any attempt to discuss Siberia in detail. The Japanese are said to be preparing a declaration of policy for future protection of the territorial integrity of Siberia and some delegates believe that the conference can well accept such a declaration as covering the situation.

Others want to see a similar joint declaration by all the powers but of a character so broad as not to require prolonged negotiations.

FRENCH PRESS LAUDS PLAN

Naval Building Programme Supported by Nearly All.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Newspapers today were virtually unanimous in supporting France's naval building programme, including the request for ten capital ships. Le Journal said:

"The danger was in allowing the United States, Great Britain and Japan to reach an agreement on the size of their respective navies without the consent of France and Italy being fixed."

Le Petit Journal declared: "Any one who is rightly disposed will recognize France as a seapower in protecting immense, widely separated colonial domains, must have a strong fleet."

Le Figaro took a different view, asserting: "Premier Briand, in his speech at Washington, said that the situation at sea was different from that on land. He advocated cessation of naval construction because the navies of France's ex-enemies had been destroyed and only friendly powers now possessed them. If we have no more enemies on the sea, why should we spend 1,000,000,000 or 2,000,000,000 francs to building battleships?"

The Temps maintained France's need for a strong navy to insure communications with North Africa and because her interests are world wide. France only asks for a navy necessary to defend her rights, it is declared, and Italy's fleet is superior to France's and their Mediterranean fleets should be based on the existing relations.

But, it added, the difficulty is in the resistance Great Britain makes to submarines, particularly the constitution of the French submarine fleet. The war established the failure of submarines unless supported by a powerful fleet, and even if the Germans used them barbarously, they still remain one of the best guarantees of independence in the hands of a humane nation.

U. S. QUOTA IS PROTESTED

Retention of Colorado, Washington and Maryland Criticized.

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Retention by the United States of the battleship Colorado, Washington and Maryland has called forth violent protestations by several Japanese newspapers.

The Asahi, under the caption of "The Selfish Washington Conference," attacked the retention by the United States of the battleship Colorado, Washington and Maryland. It also scored the powers for their alleged insincere attitude.

The Yomiuri Choho expressed the belief that the acceptance of the naval ratio has been to the detriment of Japan. The Kokumin Shinbun declared that the conference was prepared for war instead of peace.

W. S. Squier Quits Statesman.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—W. S. Squier, for the past seven years advertising manager for the Salem Statesman Publishing company, has resigned his position to accept employment with a specialty advertising corporation.

Mr. Squier is one of the best-known advertising men in the state, and has held positions on many of the leading newspapers. He was the first to be succeeded on the Statesman by H. R. White.

Thrift Drive's End Mourned.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Postmaster Medill mourned the order of the postoffice department suspending sales of thrift and war savings stamps January 1. "Since the close of the sale war the sale was not large," he said, "but we are losing them right along and they have been an acceptable investment for men, women and children and have been a powerful influence in teaching habits of thrift."

REPORTED REDUFF BY JAPAN RIDICULED

Shantung Conversations Going Steadily On, It Is Held.

ALL NOT SMOOTH, THOUGH

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BY ADACHI KINNOSUKE.
(Copyright by The New York World, Published by Arrangement.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—I have it from an authoritative source that the headline announcements in this morning's papers about "Japanese turn down Chinese railway offer" are hysterical bosh, as the Japanese look at it. The Shantung conversations are making their way steady on—not exactly as smoothly as a flatterer's tongue, to be sure, but who on earth, least of all the Japanese and Chinese, thought that it would slide into the final attitude on flowery beds of ease? To say the least of it, the Japanese conversations are not blocking the progress of the negotiations as is the meeting of the so-called Chinese peoples' delegates in Washington which adopted the following on the night of December 16:

"That this meeting of the peoples' delegates disapproves of the reported acceptance on the part of our delegation of Japan's proposal for us to redeem the Kiaochow-Tsinan railway by installment to cover a period of years; the delegates to reject any such arrangement at the latest by Saturday's conversations between the Chinese and Japanese delegates, and if Japan doesn't withdraw this arrangement, the delegates should break off the conversations immediately and bring the question of Shantung before the conference."

Misinformation Held Considerable.
And this was no mass meeting or irresponsible mob, that is responsible for the above resolution. It was signed by no less persons than the delegates of the United Chamber of Commerce of China, the United Education Association of China, and delegates from Shantung, the delegates from Shanai (the province adjoining the metropolitan province of CHIHAI), the delegate from Tientsin (the port of Peking), of the workers union and of the students' central.

There is and has been considerable misinformation and misunderstanding about the whole business, it seems. The oft-repeated report that China and Japan have reached the point of settling the Shantung railway question on the basis of China's payment of a certain sum of money to be mutually agreed upon and in a manner also to be agreed upon—this report itself seems to rest on a one-sided foundation.

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Dairy Feeding Schools Sited.

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an impression that the Shantung conversations are heading the right way; not as the newspapers proclaimed this morning. It may be well for us to recall the terrible "deadlock" which the naval ratio negotiation suffered at one stage of its journey toward the happy goal. At the time, as all the world knows, it was Japan who was blamed for it—just as she is being made a goat for the present Shantung "hitch" so-called.

RAIL BONDS PROTESTED

Nebraska Commission Opposes Issuance of Securities.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Nebraska railway commission sent a protest last evening to the interstate commerce commission against the proposed issue of \$75,000,000 of bonds by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company to reimburse the company treasury for money spent in improvements from the years 1916 to 1921 and an issue of \$30,000,000 for additions and betterments to be made in 1922.

The Nebraska commission says the company earned \$73,399,989 net over and above interest charges and dividends at 8 per cent in the past five years.

JEWS BACK AFTER EXILE

Wanderers Find Only Burned Ruins of Former Homes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Jews who fled from Lithuania, Latvia and Poland to Russia in 1914 are returning slowly after their seven-year exile, according to cables to the American Jewish Relief committee from J. N. Rosenberg, European director for the joint distribution committee.

Most of them, however, are finding only burned ruins of their former homes, he said.

KAISER'S COLORS VETOED

Reichstag Rejects Motion to Have Black, White and Red Flag.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The reichstag today decisively rejected the motion put forward by the nationalists and the peoples' party to have black, white and red restored as the colors for Germany's merchant marine.

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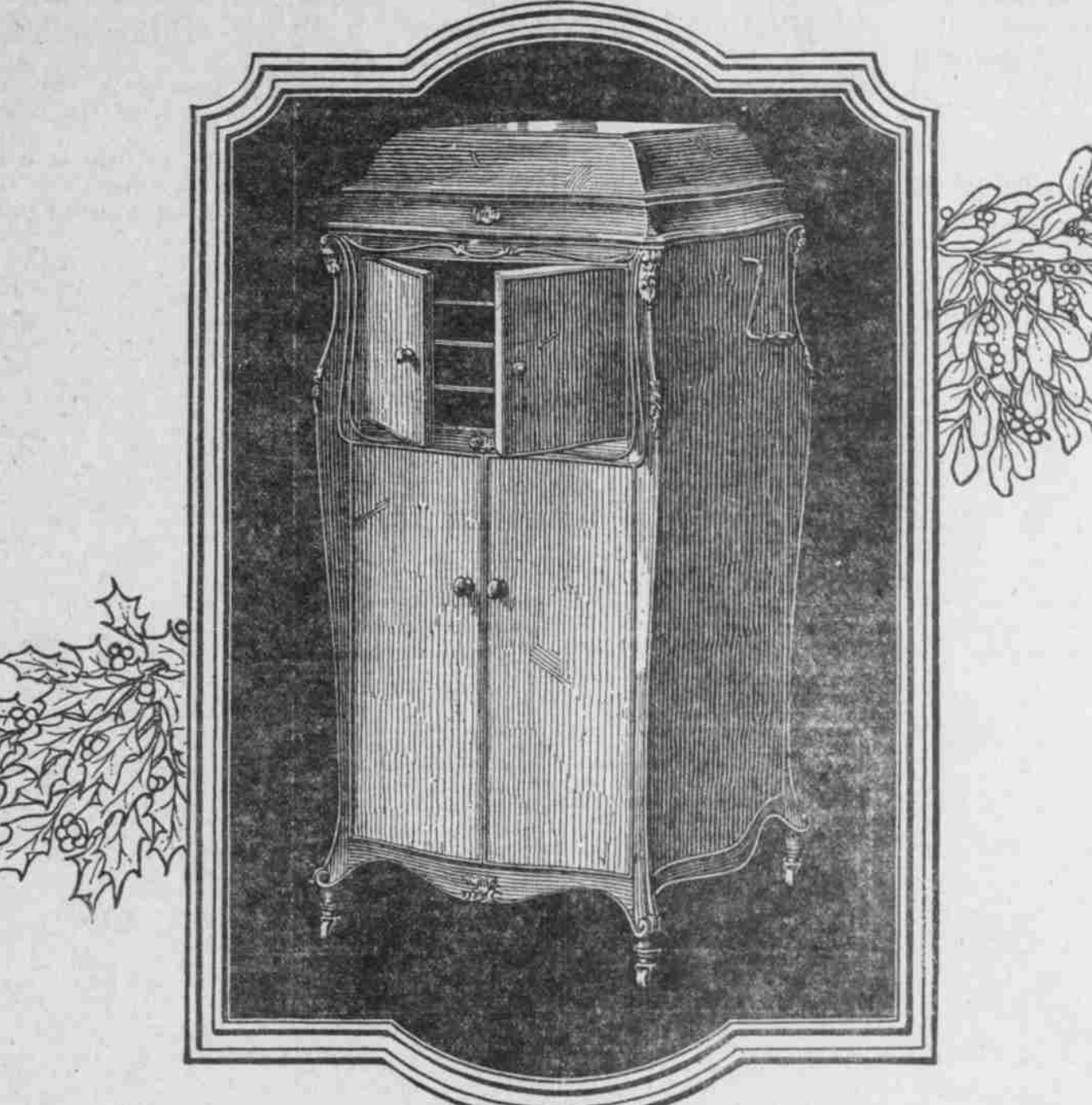
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DEATH SPURNS INVITATION

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He was held on a charge of carrying concealed weapons while authorities communicated with the Indians town to find out whether Jenkins is still the truth about being a criminal or whether he is unbalanced as a result of being down and out.

Flood Damage \$4500.
YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Official estimates of the damage done by the recent flood at the the cofferdam, power plant, pumping government dam in the city wall shaft, headquarters of the Tilton river repair of flume, etc.

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