

NOTES BY WHICH MR. HUGHES BROUGHT FRANCE BACK IN LINE ARE PUBLISHED

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"If it be said that France desires a greater relative strength, the obvious suggestion is that this would be impossible of attainment if such an agreement as we are now proposing were not made. The United States and Great Britain would very shortly have navies of over a million tons, more than six to one, as compared with France. France would not be in a position to better herself, much less by any possible endeavor to obtain such a relative strength as has been suggested. In short, the proposed agreement is tremendously in favor of France by reducing navies of powers who are not only able to build but whose ships are actually in course of construction, to a basis far more favorable to France than would be the case if the proposed agreement really doubled the relative strength of the French navy.

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FRANCE GETS IN LINE

U. S. PROPOSAL ON NAVAL LIMITATION ACCEPTED.

Next Big Problem to Be Taken Up by Conference Is What to Do With Submarine.

(Continued From First Page.) American 175,000 capital ship tonnage proposal and beyond the strict letter of which it is indicated, the French group did not go today, reads: With regard to the tonnage of capital ships, that is to say, dreadnought ships, which are the most costly, I have given instructions to our delegates in the sense which you desire. I am certain that I shall be sustained by my parliament in this view.

Attitude Explained. "But so far as the defensive ships are concerned (light cruisers, torpedo boats and submarines), it would be impossible for the French government, without putting itself in contradiction with the vote of the chamber, to accept reductions corresponding to those which we accept for capital ships under this formal reserve which you will certainly understand."

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Tonnage Is Estimated. Roughly, the submarine tonnage, built and building, now possessed by each of the five powers follows: United States, 95,000 tons; Great Britain, 52,000; France, 42,000; Japan, 32,000; Italy, 22,000.

Line of Attack Velled.

From what direction it is planned to attack the submarine tonnage problem, about the conference, it is agreed, as it is expected, to abolition of submarines, is not known. There are indications, however, that the American group will be prepared with definite suggestions both as to submarines and each other auxiliary craft element of the reduction plan when an attempt is made to present a resolution comes. Views of each of the other four powers on these points are understood to be in process of development.

So far as the British desire to abolish or at least closely curb submarine tonnage, it is understood to be officially for the British delegation that agreement to the capital ship 5-5-3 ratio, the ten-year naval holiday and the ten-year submarine holiday, the American programme was in no sense conditional. The British intend, it is understood, to fight the submarine issue on its merits.

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JUDGE HOLDS CROP CONTRACT INSIDE CALIFORNIA LAW.

J. J. O'Brien, Santa Clara County Rancher, Upheld in Desire to Rent to Japanese. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Carpenter contracts are not in violation of the state anti-alien land law, according to a decision handed down today by the United States district court in the case of J. J. O'Brien, Santa Clara County rancher, who seeks to make such a contract with J. Inouye, a Japanese.

There is nothing from which it can be legitimately inferred that the alien from entering into a cropping agreement whereby he gives his labor for a share in the crops raised, said the court. The contracts were rather in violation and concurred in by Circuit Judge Hunt and District Judge Bledsoe.

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