

ARMS CONFERENCE IS GETTING RESULTS

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THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—While the arms conference has failed recently to hold the conspicuous position in the public eye that it had a few weeks ago, much has been accomplished. In fact, so much has been done within the last few weeks of which the country has heard little that it is about determined to hold another plenary session in order that a permanent record may be made of the numerous important agreements reached.

Difficult and delicate situations, at times approaching the gravity of crises, have been compassed successfully, and the well wishers of the undertaking under the furrowed brow of anxiety and look forward with confidence to a happy outcome. Already eager eyes are being turned toward the senate, seeking light upon its prospective ratification of the acts of the conference. The administration, according to latest reports from authoritative quarters, expects affirmative action. Not unkindly of the temper of certain influential elements in that potent body, the belief prevails in administration circles that the logic of the situation spells co-operation of the senate ultimately.

Underwood is Confident.
Senator Underwood of Alabama, democratic member of the American delegation and democratic leader in the senate, says confidently that the treaties growing out of the conference will be ratified. Mr. Underwood's judgment on that point is worth much more than that of any prominent republican because these facts will win or lose by democratic action in the senate. It is not counted that more than six at the outside will stand in opposition, with Borah, Johnson, La Follette and Norris, the only ones put down definitely on that side. France of Maryland started to wobble a few days ago, but received such a storm of criticism from his own state that he is now maintaining an attitude of silence.

It is pointed out that the American delegation to the conference has proceeded throughout in a spirit of recognition not only of the rights of the senate but of consideration for differing views of members of the treaty-ratifying branch of the national legislature. No course, it is said, has been followed in wilful opposition to any group of senators.

Senate Conference Factor.
The senate may be said to be a part of the conference. Two of its members, invested by the senate with powers and responsibilities of party leadership in that body, have by their words and votes assisted in building the structure which will be presented for acceptance.

Senators have been invited to the White House, their views solicited and their wishes consulted on various phases of the work of the conference. No dogmatic programme has been followed, reflective only of administration ideas. The administration, it is contended, has consistently sought to place the efforts of the conference above party or factional considerations.

European delegates to the conference are said to be solicitous of early approval by the senate for the effect upon the coming attempt to stabilize conditions in Europe. Whether the United States is represented at the Geneva conference or not—a question to be decided this week—it is argued that the success of that enterprise will depend largely upon the consummation of the work of the Washington conference through the senate's affirmation.

It is held that the reduction of European land armament and military expenditures, regarded by the United States as essential to readjustment of European economies, would be retarded, if not prevented, should the United States fail in its effort to reduce naval armament and conserve peace in the far east.

Mr. Harding's speech today was made to Minister Sze of the Chinese delegation, who went to the White House with Secretary Hughes. The three went over the points of difference. The importance of a settlement

was stressed by the president, who pictured the benefits that would result not only to the broad purposes of the conference, but to the future tranquility of the far east.

Dr. Sze indicated he had been much impressed by the interview but declared it had not yet resulted in a settlement. Tonight the president's views are understood to have been cabled to Peking. Meantime American spokesmen declared that the differences between the two delegations had been reduced to "infinitesimal" proportions and that a failure to agree seemed out of the question.

Japanese acceptance of the compromise appeared a foregone conclusion, although it was said no formal pledge of approval had been given. Some of the Chinese were disposed to regard the plan as following in general the latest Japanese offer of settlement, but the Japanese said that it omitted the loan provision for which they have contended. That Japan now is willing to forego the loan and substitute a deferred payment plan is said to have been indicated informally to the American government.

Drafting Experts Busy.
The willingness of the Japanese to accept an exercise of "good offices" hitherto declined when offered by Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, is said to have been communicated to Mr. Hughes yesterday during a call at the state department by Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador.

Drafting experts are working overtime to gather the scattered agreements, resolutions, declarations and pronouncements of the past 11 weeks into appropriate treaties. They are understood to have decided to try to include in one convention upwards of a score of resolutions which have emanated from the far eastern committee.

Some of these resolutions are to be signed by all nine powers, others by all except China, but as many are merely expressions of opinion, it is believed the complications can be overcome by putting such matters in a long preamble.

The sub-committee of the rules of warfare, which is considering the subject of another conference in three months, is said to have decided that the United States government not only is to be charged with the section of the date, but perhaps also with preparation of a programme, although the conference would be held in Europe. The Hague has been suggested as a probable selection.

Open Door Principle Pledged.
The far eastern committee discussion of China's wireless facilities again revolved about the question of whether a policy of competition or co-operation should be adopted for development of a Chinese controlled wireless system.

Mr. Root's substitute resolution was presented after one he offered yesterday had met with objections from Minister Sze, who suggested that he provision for a commission to investigate the Chinese field might lead to "unpleasantness."

Mr. Root's new resolution does not include a commission proposal, but lays down at length the relations that are desired regarding wireless interests. It pledges application of the open door principle to radio facilities, provides that China must consent to erection of any foreign stations either in her provinces or in the legation quarters of Peking, makes all stations in China subject to regulations of the international radio-telegraph convention and declares the readiness of the powers to exchange views with China regarding development of outside radio communication.

MORE DEPUTIES REQUIRED

Increase in Internal Revenue Collector's Force Expected.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Three additional deputies are needed in the office of collector of internal revenue for the Oregon district, Senator McNary and Stanford were advised today. The salaries of the deputies will be \$1500 each.

Three additional deputies are to be added to the force of Clyde Huntley, collector of internal revenue, according to announcement yesterday. Last spring five deputies were eliminated from the payroll and the work of the office has been rather heavy since.

Hack of Harding Declared Driven.

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 25.—Frank Fisher, 30, arrested here today on a charge of burglary, claims to have shot, killed and burned the Marion Star, President Harding's newspaper, and later, as a hickdriver, often drove the president when he was United States senator, for which he always received a fare of \$1. Fisher says he was born on a farm five miles from Marion. He says he has been on the Pacific coast for the last seven years.

Theater Burns; Singer Perishes.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The Frederick theater at Dessau, capital of the duchy of Anhalt, has been destroyed by fire. Madame Herking, a well-known singer, perished.

FUNERAL OF POPE TO BE AT 3 TODAY

Strictest Privacy to Be Required at Ceremony.

NO MORE TICKETS ISSUED

Sister of Cardinal Refused When
She Applies for Permission
to Witness Rites.

ROME, Jan. 25.—(By the Associated Press).—The body of Benedict XV will be entombed in the basilica of St. Peter's tomorrow. The ceremony will take place at 3 P. M. after which the sacred college will devote itself to matters pertaining to the conclave to be held February 2.

Preparations for the funeral and the collecting and arranging of documents and medals to be placed in the coffin occupied practically the entire day of the members of the sacred college and the vatican household. The medals included all those struck during the pontificate of Benedict.

The funeral ceremony will be in the strictest privacy; no one will be admitted to the vast basilica but as many as sacred college, members of the pontifical household, diplomatic officers accredited to the vatican, officers of the units of the pontifical armed forces and members of the most ancient families of papal nobility.

Cardinal's Sister Refused.
The offices of the major domo of the vatican, Monsignor Sana a de Samperi, were besieged today by applicants for tickets to St. Peter's. One elderly woman, who claimed to be the sister of a cardinal and had documents corroborating this, was refused. It being explained that there were positive instructions that no additional permits should be issued.

The sacred college, upon learning that the requests for tickets from diplomats greatly exceeded the number allowed by the constitution, immediately gave orders to suspend all issuance of cards. The diplomats will be permitted to enter upon the presentation of their credentials. Newspaper correspondents will be excluded.

Pilgrims today continued to arrive from all parts of Italy, camping in the open air before St. Peter's in the hope of getting a glimpse of the body. More than 500,000 persons have filed past the catafalque in the two days on which the body lies.

Meanwhile the foreign cardinals continue to arrive for the conclave of the sacred college, with which the new pontiff will be elected. Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who is looked upon as somewhat of a "dark horse" in the election, is expected in time for the funeral.

Mercier Vote to Be Big.
It is acknowledged on all sides that he is certain to poll more votes on the first ballot than any other foreign cardinal.

Interest in the election centers greatly upon its possible effect on the relations between the vatican and the Italian government. Cardinal Maffi is represented as being supported by the group favoring a rapprochement, while Cardinal Gasparri, now acting head of the church, favors continuance of Benedict's policies of tolerance without recognition. Cardinal Merry Del Val, also mentioned as a possible choice, is supported by the faction favoring absolute separation. This group is thought to have more than a majority in the conclave. A two-thirds vote, however, is necessary for election.

Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, arrived today from England and visited St. Peter's, where he rendered homage to the dead pope.

Cardinal Gets Ovation.
The statement has appeared in several newspapers that Crown Prince Humbert visited the cathedral yesterday to view the body. This is semi-officially denied through the Stefani news agency.

Cardinal La Fontaine, patriarch of Venice, who has been prominently mentioned as a probable successor to Pope Benedict, was given an ovation as he left Venice for Rome today, but deprecated the popular demonstration, dispatches say. The old saying, "he who goes into the conclave a pope comes out as a cardinal," was the response of the prelate to the crowd which predicted his accession to the tiara.

It was recalled today that Pius X, who was a native of Venice, entertaining no thought of becoming pope in the conclave that resulted in his election, bought a round-trip ticket from Venice, but it was never used. Pope

Benedict XV had been a cardinal only two months before he was elected pope.

CARDINAL THANKS HARDING

Appreciation for Message of Condolence Is Expressed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, has replied to the message of condolence on the death of Pope Benedict sent by President Harding as follows:

"Profoundly moved by the noble homage, which his excellency, the president of the United States, as the spokesman of all his people, was pleased through your excellency, to send me on the occasion of the very and loss of his holiness Benedict XV, the great pontiff of charity and peace, I beg you to express to his excellency, the president, and to accept for yourself, the sentiments of keen gratitude of the sacred college."

The reply was directed to Secretary of State Hughes, who sent the president's message.

CHECK ON MOVIES ASKED

CENSORSHIP OR CONTROL
URGED ON SENATORS.

Brooklyn Pastor Asserts Entrance
of Industry Into Politics Dangerous to Morals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Censorship or control by the federal government over the motion-picture industry was urged upon a senate judiciary committee today by Rev. William S. Chase, Brooklyn pastor, who brought into the discussion the name of Postmaster-General Hays.

The hearing was on a resolution introduced by Senator Myers, democrat, Montana, proposing an investigation of the motion-picture industry based on charges that it has entered politics and has passed within the control of Lasky, Fox, Zukor, Laemmle and Loew, and that influence is to be exerted to obtain the repeal of censorship laws already enacted and prevent enactment of further legislation to control or supervise the pictures.

The influence of motion pictures on American life was emphasized by Dr. Chase, who asserted that grave danger lay "in the entrance of the industry into politics."

"They have engaged the postmaster-general to be their manager," he said, "and one of the duties which is reported to be assigned to him will be to prevent the adoption of this resolution."

Dr. Chase termed it "curious" that the man selected should have been the former chairman of the republican committee.

Senator Myers asserted that there was an attempt in certain parts of the industry to use it to promote immorality. He contended that the federal government has jurisdiction to regulate the industry in the interest of the public welfare.

Senators Shortridge, republican, California, and Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, members of the subcommittee, introduced the proposed regulation, the former stating he had used motion pictures in his campaigns, and the latter suggesting that Senator Myers' statement sounded like those made in the star chamber of England 250 years ago.

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