

SCRAPPING HALTED BUT NOT GIVEN UP

Junking of Warships Waits
Pact Ratification.

FRANCE AND ITALY SLOW

Indications Are That Attitude of
These Powers Will Be Known
Soon, Says Sullivan.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Because the writer has found the subject to be one of frequent discussion throughout the country and occasionally of serious misapprehension, it will be useful to state the precise present status of the naval limitation treaty, the four-power treaty and the various other treaties and agreements arising out of the Washington conference. The time is additionally appropriate because shortly it will be exactly a year since the opening of that momentous meeting at Washington, and it is interesting to examine the fruits of the event as they now stand.

The most serious and frequent of the misapprehensions heard in casual conversation about this subject is a widespread surmise that the scrapping of naval vessels which was contemplated by the Washington conference, has been held up by recent events at or near Constantinople, and by the war of war arising out of these events.

It is true that the scrapping of ships has been held up, but not for this reason. The events in the near east have no relation whatever to the present admittedly halting status of the treaties arising out of the Washington conference. The only relation possible to assume as existing between the two lies only in the suspicion that in one degree or another France, and the strained attitude which France has toward Great Britain, is the cause of both.

Status of Pacts Shown.

To draw an accurate line in this field between what are facts and what are mere suspicions is beyond the scope of the present article, which aims merely to state chronologically just what has happened to the various treaties arising out of the Washington conference. In doing this it is desirable, first of all, to ask the reader to bear in mind clearly the difference between the signing of treaties, the ratification of treaties and the final ceremony of exchange of ratifications.

All of the treaties were signed at the time of the conference, by the official representatives of all the nations that took part. The signing was the closing act on the last day of the conference. After signing the first nation to take up the matter of ratifying was America. Immediately after the close of the conference President Harding sent the various treaties to the senate. The senate debated them for some weeks and at the end of the debate ratified them with some relatively unimportant reservations.

Japan, Next to Ratify.

The second nation to ratify the treaties was Japan. At the opening of the conference Japan was looked upon as the one nation that had the most to lose. Therefore, she was the one least likely to enter heartily into the spirit of the conference. How completely unfounded this suspicion about Japan was has been proved by the events that actually happened. It is true that during the conference Japan held out stubbornly for the right to maintain a larger navy relative to the navies of Great Britain and America than Mr. Hughes assigned to her. But after some weeks of discussion Japan accepted the ratio of a navy three-fifths the size of that of America or that of Great Britain.

After the conference was over and after the Japanese delegates returned home, Japan acted in a way to demonstrate that she meant not only to live up to the letter of the agreements, but to go even further. The head of the Japanese delegation to the conference was Baron Kato. Almost immediately after his return to Japan Baron Kato took the office of premier. That fact alone was an eloquent sign of Japan's good faith. If she had any intention of evading the agreements she had entered into she would have been most unlikely to choose as the head of her government the man who had actually participated in the making of the treaties and had signed them in person.

Agreements Fully Met.

In fact, Japan has not only ratified all the treaties in full, but has actually gone further in the carrying out of the agreements about China and Siberia than was called for by the letter of agreement. Japan has withdrawn her troops from Siberia, although she was not bound to do this at any fixed or early date. And in other ways Japan has not only lived up to the treaties but has gone even further in the direction of showing an intention to manage her foreign relations in the spirit of the Washington conference.

The third nation to ratify the treaties was Great Britain. This ratification is in line with the disposition shown by Great Britain from the beginning. Both during the conference and since it ended Great Britain has shown a uniform and generous disposition to be helpful in every way toward furthering the cause for which President Harding called the conference.

The other two of the five principal powers that signed the treaties were France and Italy. Of these two nations neither has ratified. Whether France intends to ratify or to refuse to ratify, should be apparent now within a week or ten days. In France the committee to report, without recommendation, to a committee of the French senate. Thereafter the senate adjourned. It will come together again either next Thursday or the Thursday following. As soon as the French senate reconvenes it will be natural to expect the committee to report. When that happens or soon thereafter we should be able to know what France intends.

Italy Waits for France.

The reason Italy has not yet ratified lies undoubtedly in the fact that she is waiting to see what France will do. Italy wishes to have a navy as large as France's. If France, by ratification, accepts the size of navy assigned to her by the Washington conference Italy will promptly ratify also. If France refuses and insists on a larger navy



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We come now to the matter of the actual scrapping of ships. It was not intended that any ships should be scrapped until after all the nations shall have ratified the treaties. After, and if, all the nations have ratified, there will then occur in Washington the ceremony of exchange of ratifications. It is this ceremony that will mark the actual completing of a binding contract. Thereafter the scrapping of ships in accordance with the treaty will be in order.

NEW YORK THEATER LIFTS BAN ON WOMEN SMOKING

Privilege of Puffing Cigarettes Is Extended to Feminine Patrons; Dancing in Foyer Between Acts Is Provided.

BY JANE COMPTON.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Even the women may smoke. There it is at last. Smoking in the music halls and theaters heretofore has been restricted to the male sex. But no longer. The women who like and appreciate a puff or two in her element now in New York. The dignified bankers who have been conventioning heretofore for the last week can go back home and, if they so desire, tell their neighbors that not only are the women allowed to smoke in a certain Columbia Circle opera house, but that they do so with great zest.

More than a decade ago, in the days when there was more spirit, year, and spirit—a Gotham poet sang as he strummed his cigar-box ukulele:

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The women like both the show and the privilege to relax. A great many of them smoke. But there are plenty who do not. However, they seem to take a peculiar personal pleasure in seeing their sisters who indulge in the weed light up and puff away without interference by anyone.

strength, have already stopped some of their construction of new ships. This covers the matter of the naval limitation treaty. The other important treaty arising out of the Washington conference was the so-called four-power pact. This treaty covers the islands of the Pacific and the four nations which signed it are America, Japan, Great Britain and France. What has already been said of the naval limitation treaty is also true of the four-power treaty. This treaty has been ratified by America, Japan and Great Britain. France has not yet ratified it and her intention about this treaty, as well as about the naval limitation treaty and all the other treaties, will be known soon after the French senate reconvenes, about the middle of the present month.

In the meantime, some of the nations, including our own, in anticipation of the limitation of naval

PINEAPPLE LAND GAINS

Hawaiian Industry Is Spreading
and Sugar Is Declining.

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—The spread of the pineapple industry in Hawaii is becoming daily more evident and with it spread the decline of sugar is obvious. Negotiations were recently completed whereby the Wai'alea Agricultural company obtained one-third interest in the Hawaiian Pineapple company in exchange for a paid-up lease to the pineapple company. The leases embrace 12,000 acres which have been producing sugar, but which will be turned into pineapple fields after this harvest. An additional cash consideration involved is \$1,250,000.

At the same time President Dole of the Hawaiian Pineapple company announced that he had obtained for his company a lease with right to purchase the island of Lanai. The island has 100,000 acres and has been a cattle farm for the Baldwin interests of Maui. Only about 25,000 acres out of the total 100,000 acres on Lanai would be used for pineapple growing.

Seizure on Ship Denounced.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Judge Learned Hand, in United States district court characterized as an "act of piracy except in the mind of prohibition agents," the alleged confiscation of sums of money and personal effects totaling \$72,878 from officers of two ships, claiming British registry, recently seized as rum-runners. Judge Hand stated that he did not think an order directing the return of the money was within his power and reserved decision.

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