

BRITAIN WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY WITH U. S. AND JAPAN

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London, Aug. 1.—Japan's acceptance of the American disarmament invitation, although hedged in by certain conditions and reservations, has served to clarify the atmosphere as far as British officialdom is concerned.

It can be stated on the highest authority that a majority of British statesmen, both in and out of power, see eye to eye with America on a great many of the questions in the Far East. The momentous conference of the past two weeks in which Lord Curzon and Baron Hayashi, ambassador from Tokio, have taken part have been designed first to permit England to safeguard her own interests, and, second, to lay the foundation on which, without sacrificing American friendship, the British empire can retain its influence over Japan in the event of a crisis.

The position of Downing street is that Great Britain can be of service by remaining friendly both to America and Japan.

ALLIANCE MISINTERPRETED

England's chief fear is that denunciation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, theoretically because of pressure from America, and American supporters within the empire, would be misinterpreted by the Japanese, actually as Americans are now misinterpreting the significance of the alliance, which British statesmen today call "innocuous."

At the same time, the pressure from within is growing stronger daily and the press is becoming impatient that the alliance be denounced. As the Spectator says:

"We deeply regret that the premier did not denounce the alliance at the same time he accepted President Harding's invitation. Although the alliance is now only one of appearances, it continually hampers us and places England in a false position. Things of form seem things of substance."

J. L. Garvin, writing in the Observer, urges that the dominion premier go to America in a body at once, if only for conversations with Hughes and Harding. As for the main conference, he looks for rapid action from Lloyd George, saying:

"Both Hughes and Lloyd George are Welshmen. When they meet face to face, the human bond of understanding ought to be strengthened by that fact. Secretary Hughes is unquestionably one of America's greatest statesmen, while Lloyd George is undoubtedly the greatest of all historic Welshmen. Both are proud of their descent."

The Outlook is pessimistic regarding the success of the conference. It declares that the other members of the press are afraid to disclose the facts that "Japan's acceptance is really a refusal."

"Japan's formula, if adhered to, means that there will be no conference, or else that the conference will be a farce," the Outlook says. "The belief that the Washington actually regards the reply as the bitterest irony." The publication disclosed that there have been feverish conversations between British foreign minister and the Japanese ambassador, declaring that "some of the talk between Lord Curzon and Baron Hayashi would make unconventional diplomatic reading. On one occasion Hayashi informed Curzon that failure to renew the alliance would constitute giving Japan a free hand in China."

Pasco Schools to Open Earlier This Year Than Usual

Pasco, Wash., Aug. 1.—Departing from the custom of former years of opening the Pasco schools in September, the board of education has decided to have the schools open this year on August 29 to make the school year coincide with the state examinations, enable earlier closing in the spring and avoid the necessity of pupils leaving school to help on the ranches before the spring closing. Teachers selected for the coming term are:

City superintendent, C. H. Lillie; principal high school, W. E. Roloff; high school teachers, E. Beatrice Barnes, Beulah Sutton, Daisy Spieske, Wilma Porter, Esther Lambert, W. H. Boyd, Carolyn Churchman.

Grades, Lela Bigelow, principal East Side school; Frankie Carroll, Martha Ledgerwood, Ada Wing, Juanita Ambrose, E. Fay Warren, Margaret Burpee, Charlotte Spooner, Bertha Cochran, Laura E. Munn, Mary Hart, Marjory Foster, Myrtle Bell, Mildred Gehring, Eleanor Colburn, Ethel Cheney, Flora Beck and Jessie Maxfield.

Art glass windows have arrived for the Methodist institutional church. Additions to the pipe organ and other improvements are planned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanstead have received a telegram announcing that the body of their son, Clarence, who was killed at Hoboken, N. J., and would be forwarded to Pasco for burial. Clarence Sanstead was one of Pasco's first victims of the World War, being killed in action in France. It is understood that the body of Bernard Schmidtman, another Pasco war hero, has been sent to Auburn, where his parents now reside.

Woman Driver Sued For \$1000 Damages; Faces State Charge

Salem, Aug. 1.—In addition to charges of traffic law violations filed in the justice court, Mrs. Edith Grebe, who was returned to Salem Saturday, will also face a suit for damages of \$1000 filed by C. W. Finn of Portland, driver of a Salem-Portland stage, who was injured when run down by the Grebe car a week ago on the Pacific highway north of Salem.

In addition to the \$1000 asked as general damages, the suit filed by Finn asks for additional damages to cover payment of his doctor and hospital bills and court costs. A broken ankle, internal injuries and severe bruises are set out in the complaint as the result of the accident for which Finn is asking damages. Traffic violations charged against Mrs. Grebe include careless and reckless driving and failure to stop and offer assistance to her victim.

COURT REPAIRS BRIDGE
Hillsboro, Aug. 1.—The county court is reworking the long bridge across the Dairy Creek bottom, a mile west of this city on the West Side highway and a coat of bitulith will be laid on the floor. The state highway between here and McMinnville will be all paved and opened for travel within the next four weeks.

Saiz Returns From Endeavor Meeting

Clive E. Saiz, who attended the World's Christian Endeavor convention in New York city last month, returned to his home Friday evening. Saiz is publicity superintendent for the Oregon Christian Endeavor union and assisted the Portland delegates in promoting Portland for the next convention. He spent several weeks in visiting the large Eastern and Middle Western cities, besides spending a few days in Kansas with relatives.

PLAN TO OVERHAUL THE GOVERNMENT

By Ralph H. Turner
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Washington, Aug. 1.—When President Harding returns to Washington he will have placed before him an outline of the most radical revision of America's governmental establishment that ever has been attempted.

Walter F. Brown, chairman of the congressional reorganization committee and the president's representative in the administration's plan for overhauling the whole governmental machine, virtually has completed his recommendations. He had intended to place them before the cabinet last week, but postponed his report because of the president's departure from the capital.

Perhaps the most important of Brown's ideas is his decision to form a union of the war and navy departments under a department of national defense. This new creation would be headed by a cabinet secretary, with under secretaries of war and navy.

ARMED FORCES COMBINED

Brown declines to say whether he has "sold" Secretaries Weeks and Denby on this proposal, but has been quoted as saying there was "favorable support" for the plan in the administration. President Harding, it is believed, will urge the combination. There has been no decision thus far to establish a third arm of national defense, relating solely to the air, but a great measure of coordination will be urged between the army and navy air services.

It also is proposed to introduce a new concept of public welfare. Under this action, disapproval is voiced of the present bill in congress to create a separate department of education, as the influence now is to place education under the welfare department. Two other functions, the public health service and the care of ex-service men, would be taken from the treasury department and put under the new welfare division.

The mission of Brown and the congressional committee is not so much the saving of money—Budget Director Dawes is looking to that end—as it is the promotion of efficiency. Overlapping functions and duplications will be eliminated so far as possible. It also was aimed to place bureaus in departments where they more properly belong. For instance, the coastguard service, now part of the treasury department, would be assigned to the navy. A coastguard service school, conducted by the government at great expense at New London, Conn., and turning out only 25 graduates a year, will be made an adjunct of the naval academy at Annapolis.

Not a single branch of the government is being overlooked in this extensive reshaping process.

CABINET MAKES SUGGESTIONS

Enforcement of prohibition, under the proposed idea, will be pulled away from the treasury department and handed over to the department of justice. The bureau of markets, now a branch of the agricultural department, would be assigned to the department of commerce.

In drafting the program for departmental readjustment, Brown has received suggestions from all the cabinet officers. These will be embodied in the report to be laid before President Harding and after the program has received the latter's approval, it will be placed before the special congressional committee. But inasmuch as the proposed changes have been decided upon with the cooperation of the committee, that body already is generally familiar with the ideas which will call for new legislation.

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K. OF C. REFUSE TO GIVE AID TO BLUE LAW FORCES

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—An appeal to the Knights of Columbus international convention to cooperate with the forces seeking to revive so-called Sunday blue laws was received from the International Reform bureau in Washington, D. C., by the Knights of Columbus board of directors at the Hotel St. Francis here today.

The appeal calls upon the Knights of Columbus to espouse the cause of reform for limitation of Sunday activities and for the abolition of prizefighting.

Body of Japanese Is Found In Garden

The body of Matsutaro Iwafusa, Japanese, 49 years old, was found by his wife and daughter in the garden at the home at 83 Graham avenue, Sunday morning. Iwafusa had worked for the O. W. R. & N. Railway company for the past 12 years and had made his home at Graham avenue during that time.

Iwafusa's wife and daughter went away Saturday, leaving Iwafusa to water the garden across the street from the house. Sunday morning when they came home they did not find him in the house and looked for him in the garden, where they found him dead. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause of death. The body was removed to the morgue.

PROMOTE HISTORY STUDY

Formal launching of their \$1,000,000 movement to promote the study of American history was announced by John H. Reddin of Denver, supreme master of the fourth degree.

Reddin announced that the Knights offered \$7500 in prizes to the writers of the best historical essays on subjects to be specified by the Knights of Columbus national historical commission, the personnel of which is now being recruited. The prizes are open to competitors in classes as follows:

First prize of \$2500 for professors of history in American colleges; other prizes will be for \$1000 for school superintendents and teachers; general public, including specialists in history, sociology, economics, law, political, diplomatic and geographical studies, students in colleges and universities who have access to archives in Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, students specializing in American history who have access to universities, libraries and archives in Europe and elsewhere.

Detailed announcement will be made by Edward F. Mcweeney of Boston, with the first session Tuesday of the international convention.

Butler Retired in Old Age Grieving For Job, Ends Life

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Charles Schmitt was the perfect butler. From boyhood to old age he was the servant fiction. When his legs became too tottering and his hands too shaky to serve dinner for his employer of many years, Attorney Clarence Goodwin, he went south to recover his health.

He returned to find his employer had moved from his old home and the new occupant had another houseman.

Schmitt was heartbroken. The new butler allowed him to come in and putter around the kitchen and servants' quarters he loved so well.

Sunday he handed the new butler \$150. "It's all yours," he said.

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Camps Established To Build Railroad

Marshfield, Aug. 1.—Much activity is reported at Brookings, mill town in southern Curry county. The Grant Smith company, holding the contract for building the new railroad out of Brookings south 15 miles to reach the redwood in Del Norte county, California, has established construction camps at different points and is prepared to push the work with all possible speed. One hundred teams are engaged in the grading and material is being gathered for a bridge across the Chetco river. The railroad is being built for the C. & O. Lumber company. The same concern is building a new logging railroad up the north fork of the Chetco river.

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