WILL CONFERENCE DISCLOSE JAPAN TO BE AN ENEMY?

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Washington, Nov. 3.—Stripped of all camouflage, the coming arms conference must appear to intelligent observers as purely the application of an acid test to Japan.

The question is simply this: Will the conference reveal an enemy in 1921, just as The Hague conference revealed the menace of Germany in 1907?

However, a possible disruption of peace can be manifested in only one direction. England, sick of war, heavily in debt, has reduced her naval expenditures from $441,639,387 in the year 1920-1921, to $406,847,940 for the year 1921-1922, and cannot be said to reveal militaristic tendencies. The United States, leader in a movement for world peace at Paris and now at Washington, has reduced her naval expenditures from $757,486,849 for the year 1920-1921 to $425,848,079 for the present fiscal year.

JAPAN STANDS OUT

But what of Japan? Japan alone stands out today as spending proportionately more for armament than any other country in the world. And this at a time when most of the world is talking peace. Her naval expenditures for the year 1920-1921 were $187,207,522, while for the present fiscal year they have been increased to $248,519,224. And Japan's total armament budget, $399,394,000, so far as can be ascertained, constitutes approximately 31 per cent of all her national expenditures, while England's armament budget comprises 24 per cent of her total expenditures, and that of the United States 21 per cent.

So the crux of the forthcoming conference rests in the attitude of Japan toward the problems centering in the Far East. Upon that attitude will depend whether limited armament is a possibility or whether war in the Far East is a probability.

MUST GIVE AND TAKE

On the part of this government there is a willingness to enter into the conference in a spirit of give and take. On our part, we acknowledge the right of Japan to expand commercially. We recognize that her proximity to China, her need for ready markets, etc., give her special advantages in the Orient to which she is entitled in trade competition.

On the other hand, we ask that Japan, on her part, acknowledge that trade expansion cannot embrace political control of those spheres which she penetrates commercially. She must, in short, be satisfied to compete with other nations on an equal footing—save for her special advantages of race and proximity—in the trade markets and in the natural resources development of China.

To accomplish the end hoped for by the United States and other powers, Japan must wipe from the slate—and in this the test applies almost equally to England—the Anglo-Japanese alliance. America's dislike for that alliance rests not in her fear of a combined military threat by Japan and England, but rather from a natural abhorrence of military alliances and even more, in the case of this particular pact, because of its effect upon Japan's activities.

Japan might think she was sacrificing a great deal, but if the sacrifice is made she will but lose a political fight while winning a great moral victory before the world.

Rum Runner Fined $1000; Sea-Going Launch Confiscated

All was lost—whiskey, boat, money and almost liberty—Wednesday, when Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton passed judgment upon L. B. Talbot, confessed rum runner, whose seagoing launch Metallic was pulled to safety inside the mouth of the Columbia river by members of the coast live saving crew. Talbot, who formerly was in the automobile supply business here, had cleared the boat from Vancouver, B. C., with 60 cases of Canadian whiskey, ostensibly for Mexico. This was the second voyage.

The court imposed a fine of $1000 upon Talbot and $250 upon Olaf Berg, his engineer. The whiskey was seized, the boat was confiscated and Talbot was allowed 60 days in which to earn enough cash to pay the $700 balance between the amount of fine and the $300 he paid down.

The court at first ordered Talbot committed to jail until the fine should be paid, but on Talbot't showing modified the terms of payment. The judge scathingly denounced Talbot and other rum runners, declaring it a serious matter to smuggle liquors from foreign countries.

DELEGATES FROM JAPAN PAID HIGH HONOR AT CAPITAL

(By United News)

Washington, Nov. 3. — Principal Japanese delegates who have arrived here for the Washington conference were welcomed with the highest honors that the American government has accorded to any of the foreign representatives yet reaching the capital.

Secretary of State Hughes and other high officials of the government greeted the Japanese delegates when the special train on which they had crossed the continent rolled into Union station late Wednesday.

Hughes had intended to meet Carlo Schanzer, head of the Italian delegation to the conference, and his party Tuesday night, but the late arrival of the Italians caused the ceremonies to be postponed, and the American secretary of state's presence at the station to welcome the Japanese was the first time he had gone to greet any of the foreign plenipotentiaries. He will meet other ranking delegates as they arrive.

With the arrival of Admiral Iyesato Tokugawa, president of the Japanese house of peers, the main delegates of Japan are all here. The other principal Japanese delegate is Baron Kijuro Shidehara, ambassador to Washington. Present to meet the Japanese delegates were Secretary of the Navy Denby, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, Ambassador Sidehara, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Coontz, Vice Admiral Kato, Japanese naval adviser; Brigadier General A. W. Brewster of the American war department, Major General Anaka, Japanese military adviser, and others.

Secretary Hughes arrived a little late and he met and shook hands with Admiral Kato and Prince Tokugawa as they were walking away from the train with the reception committee.

Weather Favorable For Highway Work

Roseburg, Nov. 3.—The paving of the Pacific highway near Glendale has been almost completed, and if the present good weather continues two weeks will be necessary to complete the job, according to K. E. Hodgman division highway engineer, who is in charge of the work. About one and one half miles of the contract remains to be paved. In the meantime north bound auto traffic must go through Glendale, while southbound traffic is routed over the highway.

WOMEN DECLINE JURY JOBS

Montesano, Wash., Nov. 3.—Only four of 31 women called for jury service for the term of superior court starting November 14 accepted service.

New Judge Asked In Klamath Falls Courthouse Row

Klamath Falls, Nov. 3.—An affidavit of prejudice against Judge F. M. Calkins of Medford and a motion to disqualify him from hearing further proceedings in the case of Frank Ward against Klamath county was filed here Tuesday, constituting the latest move in the courthouse fight.

It is alleged that, because of his prejudice against Judge Bunnell, Judge Calkins would be unable to give the matter a fair and impartial hearing. The supreme court is asked to appoint another judge.

The suit is an injunction proceeding brought last December by Ward to prevent inclusion in the tax levy of $50,000 to complete the Hotsprings courthouse and an item of $14,000 in the miscellaneous fund. Judge Calkins granted the injunction and recently refused to dissolve it at a hearing at Jacksonville. The next step in the fight is a trial of the case on its merits, for which a change in judges is requested.

Using power obtained from waterfalls, Brazil will electrify hundreds of miles of railroads.

Auto Thieves Take Car on Wild Trip

Roseburg, Nov. 3. — A Buick automobile, belonging to J. M. Judd, was Wednesday stolen from in front of his home and driven to Rice Hill, where it was turned over a bank and wrecked. The car was later righted by the thieves and driven north, where they were apprehended a few miles from Yoncalla by officers. Upon the approach of the officers, three boys who were in the stolen car, ran into the brush and escaped. The car was driven to Oakland and held for the owner. The boys responsible have not yet been apprehended.

Stolen Astoria Car Gets to Red Bluff

Astoria, Nov. 3.—The touring car stolen last Thursday in Astoria has been recovered at Red Bluff, Cal., according to a telegram received here by the sheriff's office. It is not known if the thief was apprehended. Flight from the city was made over the inland route, through the Nehalem valley, the evidence shows.

Sinn Fein Kidnaps County Councilman

Belfast, Nov. 3.—(U. P.)—John McHugh, Catholic Nationalist and chairman of the Fermanagh county council, was kidnaped Tuesday night, it was learned here today. He was understood to have refused to pay a Sein Fein levy. Two witnesses who had been subpoenaed to testify in a case affecting the Sinn Fein, also were kidnaped, it was said.

McNary Again Brings Up Highway Measure

Washington, Nov. 3.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Bills to provide $2,500,000 for the Roosevelt highway to match state funds were introduced today by Senator McNary in the senate and Representative Hawley in the house. Committees will not be asked until the regular session.