

FRANCE, WISE IN WARS IS FEARFUL OF 'PEACE TRUST'

Nation Feels That Old Enmities Make Reduction of Armament at Present Somewhat Reckless.

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Washington, Nov. 19.—Although the attitude of the French toward disarmament has been understood in advance by the conference, it will come as a blow to those who believe that peace may be entirely arranged around a table, and that by the simple gesture of laying down arms the idea of brotherly love spreads over a nation's borders and sends up a shout of "Kastner" from those beyond.

Nations will sometime be brothers. Just now they are keen business competitors, with the strongest power in the world and any attempt to break this combine will be as effective as the Sherman anti-trust law. The Germans tried it and failed.

But trusts have their uses. The Standard Oil claims to have put a lamp in every house and still manages to eke out a living, although times have changed and it now puts a mortgage on numerous homes in the shape of an automobile. And a peace trust is by way of formation at this conference.

ON HER OWN TERMS
It is the unfortunate position of France that she feels she can enter this trust only on her own terms, and that those terms are opposed to the policy of the conference.

From the viewpoint of France there are only two ways to obtain peace, and partial disarmament is not one of them. Peace, or at least the status quo, may be held by one nation armed stronger than its fellows, with no aggressive intent. And it may be obtained by universal entire disarmament, a course in which France has no confidence whatever. Each course has its advocates and neither course will operate under all conditions and all stresses, but both are predicted for success on good faith.

ACCEPT GOOD FAITH
In studying the position of France we must accept first of all her good faith. And lest there be any skepticism on that point it may be argued that, if for no other reason, she is physically unable to pursue an aggressive policy, and is too old, too tired and too experienced in the cost of aggressive wars to inaugurate them. To this also may be added that France's argument for the present is not for the future; that she will probably maintain only that she should not be the first in Europe to disarm, but the last.

Undoubtedly the popular attitude today is the movement toward entire disarmament, of which the present limitation is believed to be a forerunner. It requires the courage of the present, and the opposing view. Yet, France believes that her only safety lies in this opposing limitation, so far as she herself is concerned.

DIPLOMACY UNDERSTANDS
Diplomacy understands her position and will respect it, or at least accept it. But it is necessary that not only statesmen but the people shall understand it also. If her attitude is the cynical one of an old nation, long and bitterly disillusioned if she trusts no one, if she clings with determination to the policy which so recently saved her and dares the anger of the world in so doing, she does so out of a deep and depressed conviction that no other course is open to her.

Of the three great nations called to conference, it may be said that the British will cooperate, the Japanese will bargain and the French will do neither. Not because they will not, but because they feel they cannot. Called to look ahead, they must still look back also.

As a result France will almost certainly refuse to disarm; it is unlikely she will consent to the demobilization of one soldier, to any reduction whatever in her army. In a gesture as definite as that of the world, she probably as direct and simple, she will almost certainly state that she cannot meet the conference even half way.

FRANCE HAS FEARS
To Briand and to the nation behind him the question of reduction of armament is a naive and reckless and dangerous. The old battleground of Europe does not believe the world can change overnight and puts rather less trust in the word of princes than other nations. It is perfectly aware that Germany, sulen and humiliated, but not contrite, may be physically disarmed and still remain morally in a fully armed condition.

It knows that back of all war lies the will to make war, and that Germany has the will to make war. It will not profit by so doing. It will contend that France is physically armed, but morally unarmed, in the sense that it does not want to make war. It is convinced that a proud and humiliated people may attempt to wipe out the stigma of their defeat and regain their lost greatness, and that Germany will continue to be dangerous so long as such conferences as this hold her as the outlaw nation of the world.

SHE KNOWS GERMANY
France knows Germany thought and German psychology. She knows that Germany resents her isolation, that the armistice is still only an armistice and that no war is over until one enemy is actually victorious. And she believes that the great war ended too soon. The issue which concerns her now is not what is Germany physically able to do, so much as what Germany wants to do. She knows, too, that Germany may reach out, in her loneliness for such friends as she may find and that to east



President Harding's Thanksgiving Proclamation

The text of President Harding's Thanksgiving proclamation is:

"That season has come when, alike in pursuance of a devout people's time-honored custom and in grateful recognition of favoring national fortunes, it is proper that the president should summon the nation to a day of devotion, of thanksgiving for blessings bestowed and of prayer for guidance in modes of life, that may deserve continuance of divine favor.

"Foremost among our blessings is the return of peace and the approach to normal ways again. The year has brought us again into relations of amity with all nations after a long period of struggle and turbulence. In thankfulness, therefore, we may well unite in the hope that Providence will vouchsafe approval to the things we have done, the aims which have guided us, the aspirations which have inspired us.

"We shall be prospered as we shall deserve prosperity, seeking not alone for the material things, but for those of the spirit, as well; earnestly trying to help others, asking before all else the privilege of service. As we render thanks anew for the exaltation which came to us, we may fittingly petition that moderation and wisdom shall be granted to rest upon all who are in authority in the tasks they must discharge. Their hands will be steadied, their purposes strengthened, in answer to our prayers.

"Ours has been a favored nation in the bounty which God has bestowed upon it. The great trial of humanity, though, indeed, we bore our part as well as we were able, left us comparatively little scarred. It is for us to recognize that we have been thus fa-

ored, and when we gather at our altars to offer up thanks, we will do well to pledge, in humility and all sincerity, our purpose to prove deserving. We have been raised up and preserved in national power and consequence, as part of a plan whose wisdom we cannot question.

"Thus believing, we can do no less than hold our nation the willing instrument of the Providence which has so wonderfully favored us. Opportunity for very great service awaits us if we shall prove equal to it. Let our prayers be raised, for direction in the right paths. Under God, our responsibility is great; to our own first, to all men afterward; to all mankind in God's own justice.

"Now, therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November, to be observed by the people as a day of thanksgiving, devotion and prayer; urging that at their hearthsides and their altars they will give thanks for all that has been rendered unto them and will pray for a continuance of the divine fortune which has been showered so generously upon this nation.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the United States of America.

"Done at the capital of the United States, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-sixth.

(Signed) "WARREN G. HARDING,
"By the President.

"CHARLES E. HUGHES,
"Secretary of State."

of her, separated only by the new, tumultuous and still incoordinate state of Poland, lies Russia.

No one can tell when the man on the White Horse will ride out of Russia and carry war again to all the world.

With these possibilities in view, undoubtedly France feels that if China is the keystone to the Far East, she herself is the keystone in the march of Western civilization.

France therefore is forced into the essentially unpopular position of opposing what amounts to world opinion. She has her own anti-militarists at home, also people weary of the burden of the great war machine, and asking now for a lifting of that burden.

Woman Slams Door In Face of Prowler

Another back door hold up was avoided Friday night when Mrs. J. B. Ridd, 1669 Sacramento street, slammed the door in the face of a man who demanded that she throw up her hands when she came to the door to find out the cause of an unusual noise in the back yard. Mrs. Ridd said she heard someone prowling around the rear of the house. When she opened the door the man jumped over a low fence and ran up to the door and called to her. The prowler fled when she slammed the door.

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BRITISH LABOR IN FAVOR OF HUGHES' ARMS PROPOSALS

National Council Is in Sympathy With American Cause; Advocate Universal Disarmament.

By Charles M. McCann
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Nov. 19.—An association of nations to effect universal disarmament was urged by the national council of labor tonight in a manifesto on Anglo-American relations.

The council also opposed renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The manifesto welcomed the Hughes proposal for a ten-year naval holiday, assuring the whole-hearted support of British labor to insure Great Britain's part in the plan.

It was pointed out that Anglo-American relations after the war have become increasingly exposed to friction—over Ireland, limitation of armaments, the Anglo-Japanese alliance and peace settlements.

The council declared in favor of a "satisfactory settlement with Ireland, safeguarding only the minority and British security."

Equality of economic opportunity was urged for all nations, "whether in Africa, the Mesopotamian oil fields, or the Panama Canal Zone."

British labor leaders generally view the Hughes program as "a splendid expression of a real desire for peace."

Temporary unemployment of several thousand workmen as a result of suspension of naval construction, already affected, has not caused any particular alarm, labor leaders taking the view that the resultant increase in manufacturing and agricultural enterprises will overshadow any falling off in naval shipbuilding.

Scrap British Navy? Nonsense, Declares English Newspaper

By Forbes W. Fairbairn
Universal Service Staff Correspondent
London, Nov. 19.—The influential "Saturday Review," in its current issue strongly assails Britain's scrapping her naval resources, saying: "Is this the time to play tricks with the British navy by abandoning four new battleships and throwing thousands out of work, not to mention the prevention of training of personnel. The American scheme presupposes a way to peace which is nowhere manifest today."

"The greatest part of the press in the United States is now in full cry against Japan. There has been no peace in Europe or Asia since 1914.

"Since the League of Nations has tragically failed to end the strife, to diminish the British navy which has steadily policed the seas or to weaken it, would seem sheer insanity. Facts and not aspirations are what we have to deal with.

"The British empire is a collection of islands which cannot live without a strong navy to control its sea communications. Japan is in the same boat to a slightly less degree."

Giant Battleship Is Launched by Navy May Face Scrap Pile

Newport News, Va., Nov. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Facing prospects of a sentence to the junk pile the giant battleship West Virginia, newest of her type, today took the water from the ways.

Prominent naval officials joined with state dignitaries in making the occasion just as gay as that marking the launching of any of our other ships and a brave effort was made to keep in the background the thought that this new queen of the seas might reign only a few months at most.

The West Virginia is the largest American ship now afloat and the most powerfully armed. She is much lighter than the Japanese Mutsu, around which a controversy threatens to rage as to her destruction.

The West Virginia is 624 feet long, with a displacement of 32,600 tons and a speed of 21 knots. Her armament consists of eight 16-inch guns, fourteen 5-inchers, four 3-inch anti-aircraft guns and two submerged torpedo tubes. She has the latest under-water protection against submarines. She is an oil burner and electrically driven.

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