

BALFOUR EVINCES BRITISH SYMPATHY FOR ALLY, FRANCE

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Washington, Nov. 22.—There is one outstanding difference between the plenary sessions of the Washington conference and those of the peace conference in Paris.

Formality and a feeling that what was being said in public was not what was being thought and done in private, vitiated all the public proceedings of the Paris gathering, save, possibly, the final ceremony of the signature of peace.

At Washington there have been three plenary sittings. The first set the tone, and indeed the pace of the conference, and lifted it to a plane from which it cannot easily descend. In a less dramatic fashion the second public sitting was worthy of the first; but when the moment comes to look back upon the conference as a whole, I wonder whether the public sitting of Monday will not seem as beneficent as either of its predecessors.

BALFOUR'S TALK CHALLENGE

It may have grown out of a misunderstanding; but, if so, the misunderstanding was happy. Last week Mr. Balfour in reviewing the matters which the Washington conference could not hope fully to deal, mentioned land armaments and said they would have to be considered at another time, treated by other means. Possibly on account of difference of language, these remarks were in some quarters interpreted as an allusion to the size of the French army, and the French prime minister's reply was also looked upon as an answer to an indirect challenge.

In point of fact nothing was further from Mr. Balfour's intention than to reflect indignantly on the French position.

His purpose in enumerating matters with which this conference would be unable to deal was to clear the ground for the consideration of the limitation of naval armaments.

Mr. Briand himself readily understood the true character of Mr. Balfour's words and, as he subsequently remarked to a friend, "Mr. Balfour is not the sort of man who speaks obliquely."

But he availed himself of the opening to ask that an opportunity be given him to state the French case to the American public and to the world, and Mr. Hughes gladly granted the request. In no quarter was the feeling of pleasurable anticipation of Mr. Briand's speech keener than among the members of the British delegation. They felt that by reason of the comparative weakness of her navy, France had not hitherto played at the conference a part commensurate with the greatness of her services, the splendor of her valor and the immensity of her sufferings in the war. It was therefore hoped that Monday's proceedings might redress the balance. It was also hoped that the French prime minister might be able to destroy once and for all the effects of the "poisonous propaganda" which he recently denounced, and to convince the American people that France is neither imperialist nor militarist, nor solely absorbed in the thought of her own losses during the

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Those who know M. Briand know also that he regards the European situation in a constructive spirit, that he is anxious to maintain the closest cooperation with England, and even to collaborate with a democratic Germany in the task of mitigating the dislocation caused by the war. They felt that should his speech be inspired by this spirit, it would be cordially welcomed and might be publicly endorsed on behalf of the British delegation.

These expectations were fulfilled. M. Briand's speech was all that could be desired. It was clear, concise, matter of fact and eloquent by turns, dramatic in its very simplicity and moving by reason of the profound pathos that ran through the main portions of it. It was not so much an indictment of Germany as an analysis of the true condition of Germany, and a vindication of the precautions which a peace-loving France is, in duty to herself, and to the cause for which she, with her allies and associates, victoriously fought, bound to maintain.

It raised in pertinent form the question whether, in discharging this duty, France is to stand alone, in moral isolation, or whether she will be comforted by the good will and support of her comrades in arms.

BALFOUR SUPPORTS SPEECH

To this question Mr. Balfour straightaway made reply. There may have been moments in his life when he has been more eloquent, or at any rate, more elegantly certain of his phrase. There can never have been moments in his life when he was more obviously sincere, or more moved. In effect he said that to raise the question in the presence of the delegates of the British empire was to answer it. Had not the peoples of the British empire, who were only one of the allies and associates of France, given nearly a million lives in the defense of the cause of liberty for which France stood? And had they not suffered in addition more than two million casualties? They grieved at these losses. They did not regret them. And since their views of the sanctity of the cause were unshaken, as was their conviction of the necessity of the war, could it be doubted that, should a like emergency occur, they would again sacrifice themselves without stint? For France to stand in moral isolation would be a tragedy indeed.

If therefore supported and accepted M. Briand's speech with all his heart, and urged it upon the attention of the citizens of the United States, whose happy lot it is to know nothing of the terrors and the dangers amid which France lives and has her being. He wished France every success upon the path of unaggressive prosperity she had elected to follow.

In the bright light of this glowing utterance the speeches of the Italian, Japanese and Belgian representatives seemed a little pale, but when Mr. Hughes' voice rang out with its vibrating note of American good will towards France, and his assurance that there are no limitations for those who defend liberty, the proceedings rose again to a rare degree of incandescence. It was a great moment and a great sitting. It helped the work of peace and good will among the nations yet another step forward along the road on which the Washington conference already stands as a mighty landmark.

PLANT CLOSED FOR SEASON

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 22.—The plant of the Oregon Packing company has closed for the season after a run of nearly six months on fruit. During the apple and pear season 500 persons were employed. No vegetables were canned this year.

Berlin People Riot As Prices Increase; Stores Are Raided

Berlin, Nov. 22.—(L. N. S.)—Sixty persons were arrested today charged with participating in the plundering of food and other shops throughout the city. Mobs of unemployed plundered provision stores throughout Berlin.

The populace was terrified today, fearing repetition of mob activities. The ostensible cause of the trouble was the continual rise in prices of foodstuffs, although officials blamed communist agitators for organizing the mobs.

Germany faces a hard winter with widespread misery, and the masses are becoming desperate.

Insurance companies report a 65 per cent. increase in their rates for insurance against mob violence.

Fifty-two of those arrested were members of the communist party. Police believed this indicated the rioting was a well-organized political movement.

Open air demonstrations and processions were prohibited by police in an order issued today. This action was taken to guard against possible recurrence of the rioting.

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Village Entertains Religious Gathering

Cottage Grove, Nov. 22.—A conference attended by more than 50 ministers and almost 600 people, from Canada to Mexico, closed a four-day session at Saginaw, a small village of less than a dozen houses and not more than 50 inhabitants, two miles north of Cottage Grove, Sunday night. These people claim no denominational organization, calling themselves "The Followers of Christ." Success of the affair was due to efforts of Bartlett Johnson, in whose yard, under an immense tent, the meetings were held and the people entertained.

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The principles comprising the American method of approach to the difficult Chinese problem, drafted by Elihu Root, were presented to the committee of the principles late Monday and unanimously adopted after discussion.

BIG GAIN MADE

Thus a great stride forward in disposing of Far Eastern questions already has been taken. In fact, arms limitation and questions of the Far East may now be regarded as moving forward neck and neck toward ultimate disposal. The principles adopted constitute a reaffirmation of the open door policy. They commit the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, France, Portugal, Holland and Belgium:

1. To respect the sovereignty, the independence and the territorial and administrative integrity of China.
2. To provide the fullest and most unembarrassed opportunity to China to develop and maintain for herself an effective and stable government.
3. To use their influence for effectually establishing and maintaining the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations throughout China.
4. To refrain from taking advantages of the present conditions in order to seek special rights or privileges which would abridge the rights of the subjects or citizens of friendly states and from countenancing action inimical to the security of such states.

NOT BINDING, BUT GUIDE

Of course there is nothing binding about the resolutions adopted by the committee and covering these principles. They are to constitute a guide, it was explained, in applying methods of solving certain concrete questions in the Pacific.

It was stated, for example, that subscription to these principles did not necessarily affect the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

That future application of these principles, however, would bring a general understanding among the powers interested in the Pacific, such as will render the Anglo-Japanese pact obsolete, was the expressed belief of British spokesmen.

Japanese delegates appeared to be satisfied with the Root proposals. They believe the principles laid down are sufficiently broad to prevent serious trouble.

No Pardon for Debs Before Thanksgiving

Washington, Nov. 22.—(L. N. S.)—Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, now in the Atlanta penitentiary, probably will not be pardoned by Thanksgiving day, Attorney General Daugherty said today. There have been many reports that President Harding would pardon Debs before Thanksgiving.



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