

JAPANESE CANNOT AFFORD TO REFUSE, DECLARES STEED

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Washington, Dec. 5.—While Mr. Bailefour is speaking at New York, and the Japanese government is deciding whether or not to sanction the provisional arrangements made by the Japanese delegation, much private but important work is being quietly done here in drafting the text of the various agreements and declarations that will, if all goes well, embody the results of the conference.

The impatience shown by some delegates at what they appear to regard as unwarranted delay has therefore no real justification. None of the work of an international conference is more weighty, or less showy, than the accurate drafting of its decisions.

As the imperfections of the Versailles treaty prove, hasty drafting may cause endless friction when the exact meaning of loosely worded clauses has subsequently to be divined under the stress of circumstances. The time spent on the essential business of making the conference say exactly what it intended to say, no more and no less, is time well spent, especially when minds are acute as that of Mr. Root are engaged on the work.

SPECULATION RIFE

The American public at large cannot be expected to take a passionate interest in these details. It is, however, so reasonable in its bearing toward the conference that it may be trusted not to lose patience unless the announcement of results is unduly postponed. Speculation whether the Japanese government will say "yes" at once, or whether it will procrastinate, is already lively among the delegates and outside.

If Japan wanted to wreck the conference, she could have done so ere this. Consideration of all essential factors encourages belief that she does not want to wreck it, but to emerge from it with as much prestige as possible. The tactics of the Japanese delegation last week did not enhance the excellent reputation it had previously earned.

The Tokyo government probably understands that useless delay at this stage might cause an irritation which Japan can have no interest in set up. In estimating the probabilities of a given situation, it is unwise to predicate shortsightedness in any direction. At the conference table the Japanese delegates are surrounded by representatives of the countries that are Japan's best customers, countries whose economic good will is indispensable to Japanese prosperity.

NO DELAY EXPECTED

Therefore, quite apart from the obvious sincerity of important sections of Japanese opinion, which favor the cause that the conference represents, there is no reason to assume that the Japanese government will withhold, or will seriously delay, assent to the decisions provisionally taken at Washington.

As the work of the conference approaches its climax, the value of the initial momentum imparted to it by Mr. Hughes' opening statement is more fully appreciated. The powerful interests that must be affected by the limitation of armaments would undoubtedly have taken advantage of a slow beginning, or of protracted discussions, to organize resistance.

While the attitude of the largest American steel magnate had been in every respect admirable, it would be asking too much of human nature to expect all armament firms in all countries to welcome the prospect of a diminution of their dividends. Moreover, the issues at stake in the Washington conference were greater than even some government officials perceived.

FAILURE MEANS BANKRUPTCY

The failure of the American effort to limit naval armaments would have been tantamount to the bankruptcy of international endeavor to strengthen security among civilized peoples. The success of the American initiative, on the other hand, must encourage further attempts to solve hard problems by international gatherings, and to reduce the objects and of presumably short duration, because working vigorously from the outset.

Some of the shrewdest American minds connected with the conference are, and have been from the beginning, convinced that it alone stood between the world and the precipitation of an economic catastrophe. However small the immediate financial saving may appear when the prospective reductions of outlay on naval armaments are summed up in the light of the decisions of the conference, it should not be forgotten that these reductions are only a germ from which much greater things may grow in more directions than visionless folk are yet able even dimly to perceive.

U. S. Shipping Board
Owed \$292,155,843
September 30, 1921

Washington, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The shipping board had outstanding against it on September 30, 1921, a total of claims presented and unpaid which represented an aggregate of \$292,155,843. It was disclosed today by a statement submitted to the senate by the board.

The statement also showed that of this amount a total of \$522,571 has since been allowed.

The total of the indebtedness to the board as of September 30, 1921, was \$69,741,087. It was stated, and the amount of money on hand \$46,358,005.

There is still a vast amount of unrecorded liabilities to be determined, it was explained.

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Stove Found No Safety Box for Dynamite Caps

Forest Grove Dec. 6.—Friend McDuffy of Thatcher had original idea of a safety deposit box for dynamite caps and as a result is out one heating stove while the interior of his home bears the appearance of the landscape following a silver thaw.

McDuffy purchased the stove and half a hundred of the explosive caps, putting the latter in the stove to keep them dry. Arrived at home he set up the stove, scattered ashes in the bottom and lighted a fire. While he was momentarily absent from the room an upheaval reminded him of the dynamite caps. No one was injured.

Unmarried Women Can Thank Hays in This Postal Ruling

Washington, Dec. 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The popularity of Postmaster General Hays with unmarried women postmasters should be enhanced considerably as the result of a decision by the department that they need not be reappointed in case they marry, nor lose any rights in the service.

Heretofore it had been held that when a woman changed her name by marriage a vacancy was created and she must be reappointed. While it has been possible to waive the examination for such "vacancies," the postmaster who married was in each case exposed to the possibility that she might lose the office by falling behind in an examination. This has also multiplied the routine work of the postoffice department, for the number of postmasters who marry is many.

The solicitor of the department rendered an opinion in which he found that the matter could be controlled by regulation, as there is no law on the subject. He incidentally held the old rule contrary to public policy as a restriction upon marriage, the implication being that postmasters who might wish to marry would refrain from fear that they would place their jobs in jeopardy. The new rule also does away with the necessity of securing a new bond.

BOOZE PENALTIES HEAVY
Montesano, Wash., Dec. 6.—G. W. and Jack Schroeder pleaded guilty to liquor manufacturing charges, the former being given 60 days, and \$250 fine, while the latter, who confessed ownership of the stills, received four months and a \$1000 fine. Charles Dahlstrom, convicted of liquor possession, was fined \$250 and given 60 days.

MONTESEANO INFANT DIES
Montesano, Wash., Dec. 6.—Roy Neil Phillips, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips, died Monday.

Portland Legion Post's New Officers



Three of the officers elected by Portland post, American Legion, last night. At the left, Commander J. J. Crossley; center, James Douglas McKay, adjutant; right, E. V. Stretcher, vice commander.

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JAMES CROSSLEY MADE COMMANDER FOR LEGION POST

James J. Crossley was elected commander of Portland post of the American Legion at the post's annual election at the armory last night. Crossley received 342 votes to 137 for his opponent, James W. Morris.

E. V. Stretcher was elected vice commander. He received 261 votes, Ben S. Morrow 156 and A. D. Monteith 59. Douglas McKay was unopposed for adjutant. E. C. Mears was chosen finance officer, getting 258 votes to W. D. Quinn's 221.

Henry Boyd, John Beckwith, Jerrold Owen, Kenneth Cooper, W. N. Beveridge, Byron J. Meattle and W. F. Bald were elected to the executive committee. The vote on committees was as follows: Henry Boyd, 414; John Beckwith, 342; Jerrold Owen, 311; Kenneth Cooper, 317; W. N. Beveridge, 257; Arthur Murphy, 154; Eugene Rockey, 122; Mike Brennan, 97; Archie Van Cleave, 94; Miss Marjorie MacBwan, 82; Glenn Ticer, 82; Rex Parelius, 82; William Murray, 60; E. W. Jorgenson, 51; Earl C. Chausse, 35; Martha Randall, 35; Joseph Rowley, 33; S. R. Payne, 24; Joseph Devine, 20; Howard Haines, 19; Leo Edwards, 16.

Three nominees for the executive committee, Claude M. Bristol, Earl R. Goodwin and Milton R. Klepper, withdrew their names before balloting began.

DREDGE FILLS IN STREET
Cathlamet, Wash., Dec. 6.—Dredging of the Cathlamet channel has made possible the filling of the River street ravine, giving the street a solid foundation.

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Ladies' Shoes at Sizes from 3 to 7. Fine quality kid and calf to choose from. Medium or high heels. Dressy shoes for street wear. Good fitters and good looking. These values will run as high as \$7.50. \$2.88	Ladies' Pumps at Ladies' pumps in black or brown kid. Sizes 3 to 7. This is a wonderful opportunity to actually save big money. \$1.88	Men's Shoes at High grade shoes in regular lines. Black or brown. Sizes 6 to 11. Actual \$6.50 to \$7.00 shoes. Come and see for yourself. This takes in dress shoes or work shoes. \$3.88
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