

FRANCE LIKELY TO ASK TREATY

May Balk at Army Cut Because of Isolation With Berlin

JAPAN MAY ADMIT ERROR

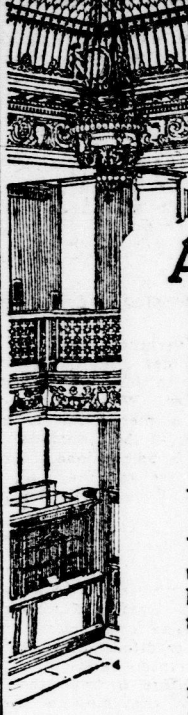
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Members of the French delegation, commenting upon the Chinese proposals, agree that they form a suitable basis for the discussion of the whole Far Eastern question. The proposals to them, however, seem to lack definiteness, except as to principle, and it is presumed that the Chinese delegation will take an early occasion for suggesting specific settlement of such outstanding issues as Shantung, Mongolia, Manchuria and all the other disputations problems.

M. Briand, while not saying anything respecting the Chinese project, in talking after the meeting did comment upon the general outline of his speech about the French army, which he will be prepared to deliver at an early plenary session of the conference.

"France being isolated, for she is isolated," said M. Briand, "is in a different position from the United States. The United States has the protection of naval armaments. Those countries are friends, and they propose as friends among themselves to reach a reasonable and equitable restriction each having the regard to the position of the other. France is not in such a relation to Germany. Consequently, France is bound to make such provision for her security as seems to her sufficient."

Fears German Army.

"Germany is in a situation where she can with great rapidity mobilize five or six millions of men who have had sen-



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an agreement to make a radical reduction in the size of the French army. Should she do so, those in touch with the feelings among the conferees state she will be disappointed.

The position of the United States delegation is said to be that the treaty must be agreed to in formal or informal form, assuring France that the United States would go to her aid in case of outside aggression. In this stand the United States delegates are said to have received considerable support from Great Britain, Canada and the other British dominions.

Members of the Japanese delegation declared today that they would welcome open discussions on the Far Eastern question before the conference.

They will examine Japanese policies in the Orient.

Wants To Stand Pat.

It was intimated that Japan would like to adhere to her attitude voiced at Tokio a few months ago that questions affecting particular states be left to

At the conference were to pit the history, as to Japan of the other powers, she feels it would grow restless and probably a self-feeding.

Such an examination, the Japanese people would logically include the conditions under which Great Britain occupied Hong Kong and Wei Hui Wei, and France Indo-China, not to mention the spheres of influence in the countries of the East. The valley and Yunnan Province, respectively.

Japan does not expect to raise the question of British occupancy of Chinese territory, and they do not expect that other countries will question her rights to the leased territory of South Manchuria which came to her as a result of the Russo-Japanese war. Her delegates appear to regard this lease of ninety-nine years as being in practice perpetual.

It was also intimated today that the Japanese had to the idea of an international control of China, con-

Toronto, Nov. 17.—The following statements on Canadian stocks in London were received by cable by A. J. P. & Co.:
Brazilian Traction 1 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway 1 1/2
Canadian General Electric 1 1/2
Canada Steamships, voting trust, 1 1/2
Canadian Steel, 1 1/2
Shawinigan Falls Power 1 1/2

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London, Nov. 17.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following figures:
Total reserve decreased 1 1/2
Circulation decreased 1 1/2
Bullion increased 1 1/2
Other securities decreased 1 1/2
Other deposits increased 1 1/2
Public deposits increased 2 1/2
Treasury bills increased 1 1/2
Government securities decreased 1 1/2
Total assets increased 1 1/2
The liability this week is 18.47 per cent. last week it was 18.27 per cent.

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68½c per ounce.

London, Nov. 17.—Bar silver, 38½d

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be made to discuss the past in connection with the general examination of the situation in the Orient.
Japan stood ready, it was insisted b

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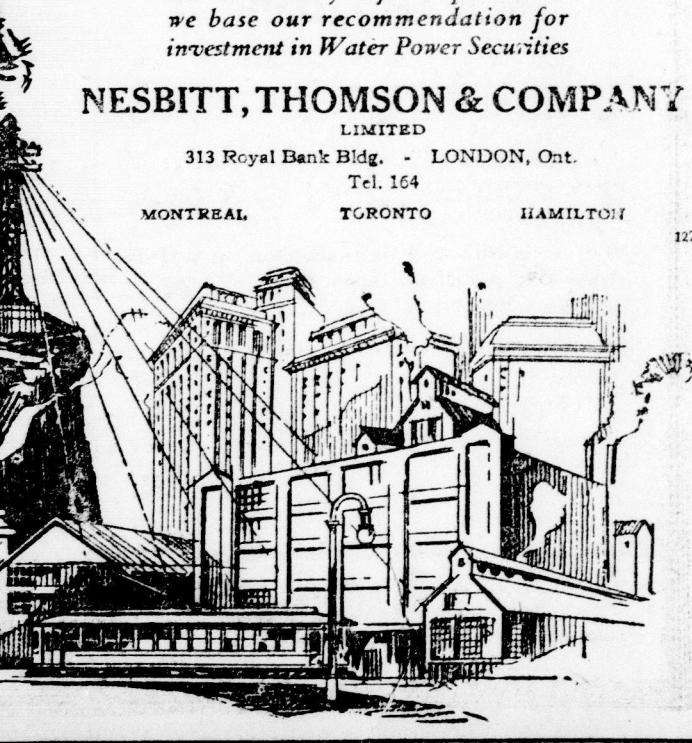
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A detailed black and white line drawing of a large industrial complex, possibly a power station or a manufacturing plant. The building features multiple stories, numerous windows, and several tall chimneys emitting smoke. In the foreground, there's a lower structure that looks like a train car or a covered walkway. The style is reminiscent of early 20th-century architectural illustrations.