

Blockade of German Austria

Allies to Lift it When Sure That Things Will Not Get Through to Germany; New Body Organized by Peace Delegates

Paris, March 28.—The blockade of German Austria will be lifted as soon as measures can be perfected for preventing imports into that territory being exported to Germany, it was decided at a council of the foreign ministers of the powers held here this morning. The council named a commission to inquire into the Moroccan question and then took up the question of the frontiers of Schleswig.

New Body at Work.

Paris, March 28.—A council of the foreign ministers and foreign secretaries of Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy has been created to work simultaneously with the premiers and President Wilson, but on different branches of the great technical questions involved in the peace settlement.

This action has been taken in the interest of speed. Japan is not given representation in the new council because its delegation does not include its foreign minister.

Paris, March 27.—(By the Associated Press)—Containing neither any reference to the Monroe Doctrine nor the Japanese proposal for recognition of the racial equality of nations, the draft of the covenant of the League of Nations

today is in the hands of the special drafting committee.

The draft was completed Wednesday night at a sitting of the full commission, and the covenant is expected to be ready in completed form early next week. These two amendments around which has centered the greatest interest and much divergence of opinion, however, may be offered either in the council of ten or to the plenary peace conference, to which the covenant must go for final action.

Among other amendments adopted Wednesday night was one directly recognizing the principle of women's suffrage, in that it provided that the offices of the league are open to women as well as to men.

The much discussed question as to the possibility of the withdrawal from membership in the league of a nation was

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settled by an amendment permitting withdrawal on two years notice, but not until such nation has filled out its international obligations.

Article ten of the covenant, to which the Monroe Doctrine amendment would apply, stands in its original form, President Wilson having reserved for the present the amendment which had been prepared as expressing the views of the American delegation. It is now explained that it was not the exact text, but only the general form of the amendment which was given to the press, and hence criticism must be withheld for the present. Careful soundings are being taken to ascertain the reception that is likely to be given this amendment by other delegations. If unfriendly sentiment develops or the pressing of other obnoxious amendments is threatened as a consequence of insistence upon the Monroe Doctrine, it is said the amendment may be withdrawn.

Since the first mention of the desire of the Japanese to secure an additional recognizing equality before the law for all nations of the league of nations states

in other countries, the Japanese delegates have not pressed their amendment before the commission itself. They have, however, been canvassing the delegations for various forms of such an amendment, endeavoring to find out the feeling toward it. They ran purely on one reef today, when Premier Hughes of Australia, declared without qualification that the Australian delegation would not support or stand in favor of any amendment of any kind whatever, containing the Japanese desire.

An important amendment adopted last night provides for the creation of a committee on organization of the league which is to be empowered to proceed with arrangements for the assembly, securing the necessary buildings and perfecting the secretarial forces, all in advance of the ratification of the treaty. But the acts of this committee will be subject to the approval of the ratifying body. The purpose is to speed up the beginning of the workings of the great league to meet the critical issues that now daily are arising throughout the world.

Another amendment separates into one section all of the separate conventions which are to be incorporated in the covenant, such as those relating to labor, commerce and finance, so that these are not made a part of the treaty, but that the countries signatory agree to do the things set forth therein. This would leave the league only to execute the terms of such conventions as may be agreed upon by the separate states. Provision is to be made for similar treatment of other conventions on other subjects, such as white slavery and the opium traffic, which are likely hereafter to be inserted in the covenant.

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