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Sir J. Tilley to the Marquess Curzon of Kedleston.—(Received January 30.)

(No. 10.)

My Lord,

Petropolis, January 9, 1923.

WITH reference to my despatch No. 372 of the 20th December last, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the Brazilian proposal for a preliminary disarmament conference appears to have died a natural death.

2. The Minister for Foreign Affairs told me that at his meeting with the Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs the latter was very friendly and polite, but Dr. Felix Pacheco was evidently very sore about the whole matter. The general opinion is that he made a *gaffe*, due to inexperience of diplomatic methods, but, from the conversation mentioned in my despatch No. 342 of the 28th November last, the real responsibility seems to be with Dr. José Carlos Rodrigues. Dr. Pacheco anticipated that if the Santiago Conference is ever held, it will have no result. This, I believe, is usually the case with pan-American conferences; nevertheless, this particular conference does seem likely to have a result in the shape of increased ill-feeling between Brazil and the Argentine.

3. There has been, as reported in Sir C. Mallet's despatch No. 272, Very Confidential, of the 22nd December last, some communication between the United States and Argentine Governments about the United States Naval Mission to Brazil, and the explanations given have been published in the Brazilian press. I do not think that any serious attention was paid to the matter.

4. I have forwarded copies of this despatch to His Majesty's representatives at Buenos Aires and Santiago.

I have, &c.

JOHN TILLEY.

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