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Britain and Japan Accept Principle

FRANCE AND ITALY ALSO GIVE THEIR ADHERENCE

Formal Statements Today, at Washington, on Limitation of Naval Armament—British Idea For Some Modifications—Sir Robert Borden in Touch with Mr. Balfour.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Great Britain's acceptance in principle of the Hughes proposals for limitation of naval armaments formally was laid before the arms conference today by A. J. Balfour, heading the British delegation.

Baron Admiral Kato's statement of acceptance in the same sense for Japan followed.

Before hearing the statements of the delegation the conference adopted unanimously the committee of the whole plan worked out by the Big Five.

After Mr. Balfour's conclusion, the official interpreter took up the repetition in French.

Premier Briand and the French delegation, listened intently. So did Mr. Balfour, who at times during the reading, whispered with Lord Bessy, seated on his left.

The premier took some notes. When the interpretation of Mr. Balfour's speech was concluded, Baron Kato, head of the Japanese, rose to make his statement.

Baron Kato spoke in Japanese and kept all around the big table guessing what he was saying.

Senator Schanzer, speaking for Italy, and M. Briand, speaking for France, also rose in their places and, praising in highest terms the plan and programme suggested by the U. S. government, gave the adherence of their governments to the general terms of the proposals.

Just after the opening gavel Mr. Balfour conferred earnestly with Lord Bessy. There was no speaker. Announcing the programme decisions of the Big Five, Secretary Hughes said:

It is the intention of this committee, consisting of all plenipotentiary delegates, to consider all matters and report to the plenary session.

He then announced the plan as outlined with respect to the Far Eastern question.

"May I ask if these recommendations meet the sentiments of the conference?"

Heads were nodded in approval and the programme was declared by Mr. Bessy, who then took his seat, while his statement was repeated in French.

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"And, if for reasons which I venture to explain, I am the first to take up the challenge it is because of all members here assembled, the country which I represent is most intimately interested in all naval questions."

"The British acceptance, according to a statement made in behalf of that delegation, while adhering to the basic principle of the U. S. proposal, contemplates a modification in several important details, chief of which, it was said, is for a continuing and more complete replacement programme instead of a flat ten-year holiday. In this modification, which would be presented as best meeting the problem of maintaining ship-building equipment commensurate with a scaling down programme, the British delegation was expected in Japanese circles here to be supported in the views presented by Mr. Balfour."

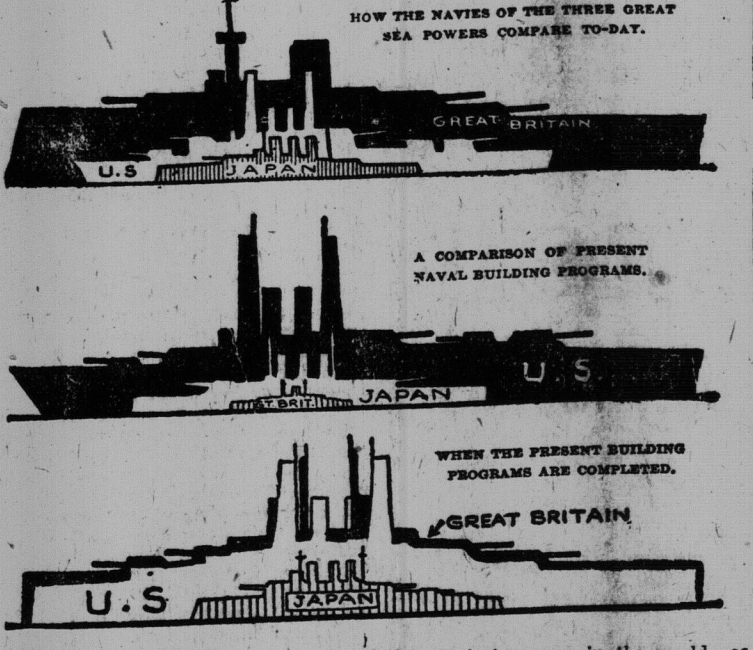
Since Saturday Mr. Balfour has held several conferences with Sir Robert Borden, Canada's delegate to the conference, as well as with the representatives of Australia and New Zealand. It is understood Mr. Balfour is prepared to recognize that whatever basis of limitation is agreed upon will apply to the empire force. What part the dominions will take in sustaining the strength that is permitted the empire under the agreement will become a family matter to be decided by the various self-governing units among themselves.

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NAVIES OF THREE GREAT POWERS



Comparisons of the naval strength of the greatest powers in the world; as they are today, and as they will be if the present naval building plans are carried out. Note that Great Britain would still stand out above the other powers. Sir Ian Hamilton warns as to Japan's great efficiency regarding armaments. Note her position on the diagram.

MURDOCH ADDS SIR HENRY DRAYTON TO QUARTETTE JUST NAMED

Oshawa, Ont., Nov. 15.—Sir Henry Drayton was last night added to the list of cabinet ministers who, he asserts, thwarted the people's wishes at Ottawa. The former board of commerce commissioner addressed a crowded meeting along with J. C. Elliott, former M. P. P. for West Middlesex.

"I never in my experience knew of a greater autocrat than Sir Henry Drayton," declared Mr. Murdoch, reiterating previous statements that Hon. Mr. Doherty, Sir George E. Foster, Hon. James Calder and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne had prevented the board from properly functioning.

Mr. Murdoch traced the work of paper control, with the object of showing influences exerted by the minister of finance. Sir Henry was quoted as saying that an embargo would be placed on fifteen per cent of the newspaper supply to prevent it going out of the country.

Mr. Murdoch said that subsequent inquiries by the board of commerce showed this had not been done.

"He was just kidding the public," averred Mr. Murdoch. "Sir Henry Drayton deserves nothing from the electors of Canada in any constituency."

TAKE UP MATTER OF S.S. SERVICE FROM HERE TO WEST INDIES

Montreal, Nov. 15.—The local board of trade were in receipt of a letter yesterday from Messrs. MacDonald & Co., a prominent firm of Antigua, B. W. I., urging the need for a better steamship service between Canada and the eastern group of the West Indies.

The council of the board decided to obtain all possible information with a view to ascertaining whether conditions would warrant additional expenditure in this connection on the part of the Canadian government.

PLAY SCORED BY M'ADOO

Chief Magistrate Rakes New York Production and Holds Al Woods on Bail.

New York, Nov. 15.—(Canadian Press)—The shade of Anthony Comstock is believed to have looked on with approval while Chief Magistrate McAdoo yesterday held Al Woods, theatrical producer, on trial under a section of the penal code which prohibits the exhibition of immoral or impure plays. Bail was fixed at \$500.

It was all about a piece called "The Demi-virgin," staged at the Biltmore Hotel, Canada's delegate to the conference, as well as with the representatives of Australia and New Zealand. It is understood Mr. Balfour is prepared to recognize that whatever basis of limitation is agreed upon will apply to the empire force.

TWO ARRESTS IN BOMB OUTRAGE AT U. S. CONSULATE

Lisbon, Nov. 15.—Two men have been arrested charged with placing a bomb which exploded on the staircase at the U. S. consulate here on November 1. A third man, who is said to have remained outside as a guard, is still being sought.

At the time of the outrage the police attributed it to the agitation in connection with the cases of Sacco and Vanzetti, the two Italians under conviction of murder in the United States. No one was hurt and only slight damage done by the explosion.

FOCH TODAY TO RECEIVE DEGREE AT PRINCETON

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 15.—Marshal Foch today was the guest of the faculty of Princeton University, which planned to confer on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He will be the third Frenchman to be so honored by the university. Ambassador Jusserand received the degree in 1911, and Gen. Lafayette was similarly honored more than a century ago.

As Hiram Sees It

"How is Mayor Schofield at them city commissioners this morning?" asked Mr. Hiram Hornbeam of the Times reporter.

"I have not heard that there is anything wrong with them," said the reporter. "Why do you ask?"

"I wasn't quite sure whether they'd be able to get out today or not," said Hiram.

"You surprise me," said the reporter. "Was there an accident?"

"No," said Hiram. "I just saw where they fellers from Prince Edward street went down to City Hall to thank 'em for spendin' money? You never heard anything like that before?"

ONE WOMAN ON ARBUCKLE JURY

May be More as Only Five So Far Accepted—Comedian Glum in Court.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Twelve Venue members examined and five jurors accepted tentatively, one of them a woman, at the opening of the second day of the trial of Roscoe C. (Fatsy) Arbuckle, here today, on a charge of manslaughter.

Without any sign of his "million dollar smile" the comedian sat glumly through the proceedings of the first day. It is expected that the jury will be completed by Thursday. Prospective jurors were subjected to a preliminary examination as to their knowledge of the case and their predilections among stars of the screen.

SEASON ENDING

The steamer Majestic left this morning on her last trip of the season to Cole's Island. She took away a large number of passengers and crew.

The D. J. Purdy is expected down river tonight and will be up for the season last year. The D. J. Purdy made her last trip of the season on November 28.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Meteorological Services.

Synopsis—Since last evening an important disturbance has developed near the Atlantic coast and is now moving over the maritime provinces, an area of high pressure covering the middle states and there are indications of a cold wave coming in over the western provinces from the northward. Storm signals are displayed along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts.

Coldest; Snow Flurries. Maritime—Winds shifting to north-west and increasing to gales. Wednesday, strong north-west winds, partly fair and somewhat colder, snow flurries. Gulf and North Shore—Strong north-east winds, with a snow shower Wednesday, westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

Montreal—Fair tonight and Wednesday, colder tonight, fresh west winds. Toronto, Nov. 15.—Temperatures:

| Stations | 8 a.m. Yesterday | Lowest | Highest |
|------------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| Prince Rupert | 22 | 44 | 59 |
| Victoria | 38 | 46 | 58 |
| Kamloops | 34 | 38 | 52 |
| Calgary | 24 | 34 | 42 |
| Edmonton | 20 | 34 | 41 |
| Prince Albert | 36 | 36 | 56 |
| Winnipeg | 36 | 26 | 54 |
| White River | 24 | 30 | 42 |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 30 | 26 | 42 |
| Montreal | 28 | 22 | 38 |
| Ottawa | 26 | 22 | 38 |
| St. John, N. B. | 36 | 30 | 48 |
| Halifax | 44 | 42 | 56 |
| St. John's Nfld. | 30 | 34 | 42 |
| Detroit | 44 | 42 | 56 |
| New York | 42 | 40 | 54 |

Initiative Again With the Premier

ULSTER'S COUNTER PROPOSALS REJECTED BY BRITISH

Likelihood Now is For Extended Conferences, and it is Feared Lloyd George's Hopes For Early Visit to Washington May be Shattered.

London, Nov. 15.—The initiative in the Irish peace negotiations is again in the hands of Lloyd George, the counter proposals made by Ulster cabinet members having been rejected last night by the British delegates.

No further meeting of the British and Ulster delegates has been arranged, but the negotiations have entered upon a stage which it is thought will lead to extended conferences, covering perhaps several months time.

This development promises to shatter definitely Lloyd George's hopes for an early trip to the Washington armament conference. Despite the added importance of the conference in view of the U. S. proposals definitely limiting the navies of Great Britain, the U. S. and Japan.

The premier's efforts will now be directed, it is thought, toward bringing Ulster into a tripartite agreement with the British government and the Sinn Fein. The delegates of the latter plan to make no move until Lloyd George indicates his next step.

The Ulsterites are holding out for independence if Ireland is to have a dominion status, while the Sinn Feiners declare Ireland must be a governmental unit.

Meanwhile considerable interest centres in the coming meeting of the Ulster party at Liverpool, at which it has been hinted that Andrew Bonar Law, will attempt to lead a Conservative section in support of Ulster's status. Prominent in the reported movement is the parliamentary group which swung forty-three votes in the House of Commons recently against the coalition government's Irish policy.

The Sinn Fein delegates who went to Ireland over the week end were back in London today. Their visit and their talks with Eamon De Valera were not in connection with the London conference, as to which a definite line of policy was fixed long ago. It was explained, but with details of the work of their departments in the Dail Eireann administration.

In answering questions today regarding the counter proposals from Ulster, Sinn Fein publicly department here said that unity in Ireland remained absolutely fundamental from the Sinn Fein point of view.

The Sinn Fein does not object to a local parliament in Ulster even with large powers, it was explained, but that parliament must be part of a single Irish system and the chief authority in Ireland must be a single Irish parliament.

The proposal credited to Ulster for the setting up of separate dominions in Ireland, was wholly unacceptable to the Sinn Fein, it was declared, and no chance existed of any compromise on the part of the Sinn Fein.

Lord Dillon, who represents the non-partisan Unionists of Southern Ireland, returned to the Sinn Fein with Lloyd George and other members of the cabinet for the purpose of laying out the views of this group of southern Irish before the government.

Dublin, Nov. 15.—The police yesterday returned to the publishers the type and forms of a Sinn Fein weekly, the Irishman, which was seized by the authorities in August, 1919.

C. C. BAND IS 47 YEARS OLD TODAY

Veteran Jas. Connolly Again in President's Chair.

The City Cornet Band today ticked off another milestone in its history by completing the forty-seventh years of its existence, during which it has gained an enviable reputation in local musical circles and even wider spheres.

James Connolly, the only surviving member of the original band, was honored this week by being re-elected unanimously to the premier position in the organization. A great deal of the credit for the success of the band is justly given to Mr. Connolly, who has always proved an ardent worker. In his long association he has given the best that was in him and is still as enthusiastic today as when the band was first formed.

Other officers elected this week were: Secretary, William Bridges; treasurer, M. J. Higgins; property man, E. J. McBride; assistant property man, John McMahon.

LLOYD GEORGE ON RELIEF FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

London, Nov. 15.—(Canadian Press)—Premier Lloyd George who recently refused to receive a deputation of London labor mayors with regard to the question of the government's policy in the matter of unemployment has made a written statement to the effect that the government holds the view that unemployment relief has been national, not local charges. He also states, in the government's dissenting views from those of the labor mayors, that the government declines to admit that full ordinary rates of wages ought to be paid to unskilled labor, seeing that many rate-payers themselves are working only half time.

Alluding to the labor mayors' objections that 75 per cent of the new put on relief work should be ex-service men, the premier says it is mostly ex-service men who are in need of relief. He also states that justice to such men should receive recognition of a prior claim.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton Had Half Foot Up to Noon.

Northern and Central Portions of Province Thickly Blanketed and a "Green Christmas" is Not Likely There.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 15.—Almost six inches of snow had fallen here up to noon today in what had all the appearance of a mid-winter storm. The snow commenced falling about six a.m. and in the early part of the morning an inch of snow an hour was falling, the storm keeping up with but little signs of abatement at noon.

Reports from all over the province indicated that New Brunswick was fairly in the grip of a storm. It was snowing equally hard in what was here all the Upper St. John Valley and the North Shore as well as the highland central portion of the province, while the snow extended into Charlotte county and along the coast at St. John and other points. St. John was having a mixture of snow and rain, while at Moncton in the southeastern section of the province there was also a combination of snow and rain.

With today's snowfall it was calculated that an amount of snow in some portions of New Brunswick would reach three feet in depth before nightfall, and any prospect there might have been of the snow being carried off by rains and possibilities of a "green Christmas" or any "green period" for that matter in the central and northern portion of the province during the balance of the winter seem to have vanished.

GREATER STARS THAN GIANT ONE DISCOVERED

Scientists Hear of This and Other Matters—Pampering Weakening the Human Race.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Discovery of the existence of greater stars than Betelgeuse, the giant star whose diameter was measured as 300,000,000 miles, was announced by Prof. Albert A. Michelson, in an address before the convention of the National Academy of Sciences, made public today.

Other speakers before the academy, Prof. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins University and Prof. E. R. Bernard of Yorks Observatory, described investigations of human mortality and the astronomical "milky way."

Too much pampering and hospitalization are weakening the human race, Prof. Pearl declared, drawing his conclusions from studies with species of fly. His experiments showed, he said, that there are more centenarians among flies than among humans.

"Under present conditions," he said, "the human race is taken care of so well that weaklings are kept alive much longer than they would live normally. Marginal of the weak ones results in a gradual weakening of the race."

VERY DULL ON EXCHANGE IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Nov. 15.—(10.30).—Trading on the local stock market during the first half hour this morning was dull almost to a point of non-existence. Only four of the leaders put in an appearance, and only one of these registered any change.

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