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The Government of the United States has brought to the attention of the Governments of China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Russia, Siam, and Turkey a proposal to conduct a joint and impartial investigation of the scientific and material conditions of opium trade and habit in the Far East which affect the possessions and direct interests of those Governments in that part of the world. All of these Governments with the exception of Turkey have signified their willingness to participate in the investigation. Turkey, owing to the unsettled conditions at present in that country, has as yet been unable to announce whether it would accept the invitation. The Governments who are to participate in the investigation have expressed themselves in favor of a "commission" rather than a "conference".

The Congress of the United States has appropriated the sum of \$20,000 to cover the expenses of this Government's Commission, and the President has appointed as Commissioners on behalf of the United States The Right Reverend Charles H. Brent, Missionary Bishop of the Philippine Islands, Dr. Hamilton Wright, well known in medical and scientific circles, and Dr. Charles D. Tenney, Language Secretary of the American Legation at Peking.

The idea of this Government has been that each Government's

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