

JAPAN IS WIDELY SPLIT ON QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT

Liberals Favor Frank Discussion of Far Eastern Issues at Parley.

ACCEPTANCE IS URGED.

Elder Statesmen Look With Suspicion on Attempt to Re-Open Many Controversies.

TOKYO, July 18.—Opinion here is sharply divided as to the acceptance of the invitation issued by President Harding to a disarmament conference at Washington.

The Elder Statesmen on the one hand are opposed to a full discussion of Far Eastern affairs, while the Liberals advocate a frank acceptance of the invitation with all that it would imply.

Both camps agree that Japan is facing a crisis requiring tact and largeness of vision. Many members of the Privy Council, according to the well-informed Chugai Shogyo Shimpu, are pessimistic about the conference.

They contend that the proposal to discuss problems and policies of the Far East indicates co-operation between the United States and Great Britain in an attempt to settle international questions favorably for them, an indication of which was to be seen in the attitude of the English toward the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The invitation to China to join in the conference, it is further urged, is additional evidence in support of the theory of a secret purpose on the part of the Anglo-Saxon nations in calling the conference. They argue that China doubtless will strive, with the support of England and America, for a settlement of questions in her favor, resulting in injury to Japanese interests in China. The Councillors are quoted as saying:

"Japan should make participation conditional on the settlement of all questions between Japan and the United States, including opening the economic door of all territories in the Pacific to Orientals."

The Jiji Shimpu and the Nichi Nichi condemn the pessimists and urge Japan to go forward without hesitation and present her case to the world. The Nichi Nichi says:

"We have become a sensitive, nervous nation—neurotic. If we are isolated we need not necessarily fear it. It is more important for us to destroy the national disease of fear and suspicion and achieve our resurrection."

The leaders of the Kenseikai, or opposition party, believing that the Washington conference is more important to Japan than that at Versailles, are convinced that Japan should determine her policy irrespective of party considerations, and therefore announce their preparedness to support the Government.

There is some talk of a Coalition Ministry to further the cause of a united Japan, according to the Nichi Nichi.

It adds that Kenseikai is represented as seeing in the conference a design to control Japan's activity in the Far East so as to facilitate American movements without risking a conflict with Japan.

The Chawakes, an important group of peers, have held a meeting to consider the American proposal and have approved Japan's answer. Other parties of peers are arranging meetings for the same purpose.

The Yamato Shimpu says Japan will maintain a positive attitude on the conference, irrespective of the American answer, and forecasts that Japan will request a settlement of the California question and would agree to abandon the defenses of Bonin and other islands in the North Pacific, if America would abandon the defenses of Guam, the Philippines and Hawaii.

Generally speaking, Japan will demand racial equality throughout the world, according to this paper and equal opportunity for all races.

The choice of Japan's delegation for the Washington conference is exercising the press, which demands the ablest representatives. It has been suggested that Premier Takahashi should go, but it is believed that his lack of knowledge of the English language would disqualify him.

"The fate of the empire depends on the conference," says the Kokumin. "Japan should reject with resolution proposals impairing rights legitimately secured, and should secure from the conference if the situation so requires."

After expressing the opinion that the invitation to China is incomprehensible, considering the disordered conditions in China, the paper says it seems probable that the United States is failing to curb Japan's activities at Paris, as sought a new opportunity in the form of a Pacific conference. The future world's markets, it says, are China and Siberia, and it is only natural that the United States will want to restrict the Japanese, who occupy a superior position there.

"It is quite clear," adds the paper, "that America will assist China in the cancellation of the twenty-one demands. This is better than Japan's

OWNER GAINS LIBERTY, BOOZE STAYS IN COURT

Philip McCarthy of No. 35 West 129th Street was discharged by Magistrate Sweetser in the Harlem Court yesterday when he explained that a bottle with whiskey found in his possession by a policeman had been owned by him more than a year, that it had come into his possession lawfully, and that he believed that in putting it into his pocket on the eve of a Rockaway trip he was within his rights.

McCarthy was arrested in the hallway of the building in which he lives. He departed joyfully, leaving the bottle in the possession of court officers.

There is no activity. Therefore, the fate of the empire must be regarded as depending entirely on the results of the conference."

The Navy Department welcomes a conference on disarmament, which already has been advocated by Vice Admiral Baron Kato, Minister of Marine.

Japan is not necessarily averse to a discussion of Far Eastern questions, but it is very anxious for an explanation beforehand of these questions. It is considered likely that Japan will frame a list of the subjects it desires to bring up. A popular movement is under way to secure separation of the discussions on armaments and Far Eastern problems.

"Japan's naval programme," says the Nichi Nichi, "is relative. It is needless to say that it was framed with a view to meeting American naval projects. It America tries to force Japan to curtail her programme without stopping or modifying her own projects it would be unreasonable and inconsistent that Japan's naval strength should be absolutely defensive while America's offensive strength would be so increased that that country would become the predominant power in the Orient. Japan's Navy is barely sufficient to maintain the existence of the country."

Astonishment is expressed here that there has been comment in the United States over delay by Japan in answering President Harding's invitation to participate in the disarmament conference.

The invitation was received in Tokio July 11 and was answered July 14. It was said to-day in official quarters that, considering the importance of matters involving the Japanese, the Government acted with remarkable speed and reached its decision in record time.

The Asahi to-day maintains that it is wrong to construe Japan's answer as implying reservations. The newspaper says it is believed Japan's determination to join the conference will not be affected by the reply of the United States outlining the proposed scope of the conference.

Commission Holds Two Long Sessions in Paris, Sub-Dividing for Quick Results.

PARIS, July 18.—The Armament Commission of the League of Nations has decided that the best help it could give the Washington Disarmament Conference, with which it is thoroughly in sympathy, is to carry out the spawork. Three sub-commissions were appointed which will immediately begin an investigation of the private manufacture of munitions, the institution of an international bureau to control the traffic in arms, the establishment of a system for exchange of information between the members of the League—means by which the national expansion of armaments can be ascertained.

The sub-commissions will start work to-day and the results of their labor will be reported to the full commission at the beginning of September in order that the commission can make its report to the League Assembly in Geneva a few days later.

The personnel of the commission is of outstanding quality, including soldiers, like Major General Fayolle of France, Gen. Giovanni Marinetti of Italy and Admiral Gough Calthorpe of Great Britain; statesmen and politicians like ex-Premier Viviani, ex-Premier Branting, Sweden; economists and financiers like Sir James Brunyate, India, Albert Janssen, Belgium, and Prof. Bonini, Italy; and labor leaders like Leon Jouhaux of France.

The sturdy self confidence of the commission in pursuing its work is the new factor created by President Harding's proposal appears to have staggered the Temps, which this evening fulminates violently against the League and all its branches. Claiming that the League is incapable of preventing war, the Temps continues:

"In accepting the invitation of Washington, France intended to bind the question of armaments to that of guarantees. In elaborating its proposed solutions of disarmament the League is seeking to settle the question of armaments while ignoring the matter of guarantees, which it is incapable of providing. We are asked to admit that a commission of free states sitting under the flag of the League of Nations, shall pronounce what is necessary for our security. We ask that an end be made to this continuing farce."

Pertinax continues to display pessimism on the possible results of the Washington assembly, the latest claim of gloom being the suggestion that Japan will wreck the gathering by insisting that there cannot be a reopening of the debate on what has been accorded her by the Versailles Treaty—shunting and Yag.

"The Allies will be caught between their desire to not separate themselves from Harding and the necessity of not renouncing their guarantees. Without a settlement of these preliminary problems there is no way to a general political accord. Without this accord, disarmament, even relatively, is impossible."

NINE DROWNED WITH HELP NEAR, FOUR RESCUED

Three Good Swimmers Are Among Day's Victims in Waters About This City.

TWO BOYS LOSE LIVES.

One a Nephew of Ex-Congressman Cleary — Brother and Sister Sink in River.

Eight persons were drowned in waters about this city yesterday and several others were rescued.

Salvatore Belleri, twenty-eight, of No. 408 East 161st Street, was drowned off East River Park at Astoria, L. I., at 6 o'clock last evening while his hysterical wife looked on from the shore and while two men struggled to rescue fourteen-year-old Louis Belleri, brother of Salvatore. The boy had got into trouble himself when he went to aid Salvatore.

Henry Albert of No. 66 Park Street, Astoria, and Patrick Corbett of No. 62 Dumas Avenue jumped into the river, both fully clothed, and swam to the drowning two. Salvatore Belleri was frantic with fear and fought off his rescuers. They were compelled to leave him and take the boy in. Mrs. Belleri became hysterical and fainted. Her husband's body was not recovered.

Lawrence Ziegler, twenty-six, of No. 860 South 19th Street, Newark, and his sister, Bertha, twenty-two, were drowned in the Passaic River near Fairfield, N. J., late yesterday afternoon. They had gone swimming with Otto Young of No. 826 South 17th Street, Newark, and Miss Caroline Burkhardt, No. 860 South 14th Street. Miss Ziegler was seized with cramps and called for help.

Her brother immediately went to her. Both were good swimmers, but the girl lost her head and flung her arms about the man's neck, pulling him down with her.

Both bodies were recovered. Ziegler was a veteran of the 78th Division.

Fourteen-year-old Cornelius Cleary of No. 210 73d Street, Brooklyn, was drowned in New York Bay off the foot of 65th Street at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The boy had been swimming with companions. Playing about the end of a pier he fell off. He was a good swimmer.

He had drowned before help reached him. His body was recovered. Thomas Cleary expressed the belief his son became excited. Mr. Cleary is in the lighterage business with his brother, Congressman William E. Cleary, at No. 116 Broad Street, Manhattan.

Ismel Goehman, fourteen, of No. 213 Second Street, Manhattan, was drowned in Gravesend Bay at the foot of West 31st Street, a few minutes after noon. He was just going bathing when he stepped into a hole and went down. His brother Harry, ten, shouted and attracted the attention of Michael Fagan of the Ely Yacht Club.

Fagan brought the boy in within a few minutes but failed to revive him. John Johnson, thirty-two, of No. 54 Marshall Street, Elizabethport, N. J., went to Runaldi Beach, Charleston, Staten Island, in a motor boat with two companions. He dived from the boat, swam for a few minutes and then called for help. His companions, Albert Byrnes of No. 108 Marshall Street and Martin Brady, No. 57 Elizabeth Street, Elizabethport, got him back into the boat but were unable to resuscitate him.

Thomas Gray, eighteen, a clerk, of No. 136 Fox Street, Oakwood, S. I., shouted for help a few minutes after he had started swimming off Oakwood Beach. Gustave Escher, No. 53 Ocean Terrace, Oakwood, who was swimming near, got Gray to the shore, where he died. Dr. George Mord, Deputy Medical Examiner, said death resulted from heart disease.

Raymond Burns, twenty-seven, Captain of the barge Atlas, tied up at Pier 3, Jersey City, was drowned when he fell from a pier between the barge and the pier. His body was recovered three hours later.

Richard Host, a mechanic, living at the boat house of F. Gogus at Hudson River and 149th Street, was drowned when he fell from a power boat he was repairing off 148th Street.

A schoolboy's letter to his father told of an heroic rescue at Camp Greenvich, Southfield, N. Y. The boy is a seventeen-year-old, Victor Vecchi, a recent graduate of De Witt Clinton High School, who lives at No. 16 Sixth Avenue. He saved thirteen-year-old Saul Miller, son of a cigar-maker at No. 11 Carmine Street.

Hyatt Ritzmore, twenty-four, a guest at the Seaside House, Rockaway River, was saved from drowning in Jamaica Bay off 106th Street yesterday by Joseph Burrows of No. 311 East 116th Street, Manhattan. Ritzmore, seized with a cramp while swimming, was unconscious when Burrows brought him ashore.

William Ward of No. 121 River Street was rescued at Pier 12, North River, by his brother-in-law, Thomas Shanley. At St. Vincent's Hospital it was said Ward was in a serious condition from submersion.

Prices realized on Swift & Co. sales of carcasses of beef in New York City last week ending Saturday, July 17, 1921: Choice, 16.50 cents per pound; good, 14.50 cents per pound; medium, 12.50 cents per pound; and lower grades, 10.50 cents per pound.

FUMES OVERCOME DOZENS OF FIREMEN AT STRANGE FIRE

ing the men and getting them back to work as rapidly as possible.

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Attention is called to the fact that the army of the United States includes the National Guard and organized reserves as well as the Regular Army. Corps area and department commanders are warned that the success of the great national organization contemplated in the new law really depends upon their "initiative, interest, energy and organizing ability."

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Third Innards Win Keen Soccer Match.

The 6,000 spectators witnessed the international soccer match yesterday afternoon at New York Oval between the Third Innards and a team representing the New York Football Club. Although the home team was in danger the Scotchmen won by the score of 2 to 1.

After fifteen minutes of exciting play, in which the New Yorkers had the better of the game, Wilson, the Third Innards' goalkeeper, made a blunder of an open goal.

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RIGA, July 17.—A plague of locusts is adding to the famine in Russia, according to a despatch received here from Moscow. A swarm of the insects has greatly damaged crops in the Kuban and Black Sea governments, where special staffs have been organized and part of the army mobilized to destroy the pests.

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Moving down the Bowery at a rapid rate, one of the big cars of the Madison Avenue line jumped the tracks on the curve at Broome Street at midday today and plunged against the street of a taxicab crossing Broome Street, south bound. The chauffeur, Fred Goetter, No. 260 72d Street, Brooklyn, and five passengers suffered severe contusions.

They are: Michael Murphy, forty-two, and his wife, Alice, twenty-five, No. 219 East 64th Street, Mott, Albany; Francis J. Moran, No. 241 East 55th Street, and John J. Whalen, thirty, No. 211 East 68th Street. The taxicab was smashed. No one in the street car was injured.

India Beats France in Davis Cup Doubles.

PARIS, July 18.—William H. Laurentz and J. Brugnon, representing France, were defeated yesterday by A. Fyze and L. Dean, India, in the men's doubles of the Davis cup lawn tennis test. The score was 6-1, 9-7, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

France must now win both the singles matches to-day in order to avoid elimination.

Only American and French Cars to Run in Paris.

PARIS, July 18.—The searching of seven English cars from the Grand Prix of Automobile Club of France, to be run in Paris on July 25, leaves only American and French entrants for the contest.

Four Duesenberg cars, one Mathis and four Ballots are entered.

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