

Vigilant Concern U. S. Attitude on Anglo-Jap Treaty

America Will Be Drawn Into London Conference as an "Unofficial" Party by Action of Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

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Washington, May 14.—The American government is watching with keen concern the preliminary negotiations for a renewal of the treaty alliance between Great Britain and Japan. The agreement expires July 13 next and before informal steps are taken looking to its renewal or the negotiations of a new agreement, there will be an imperial conference at London at which all the British dominions will be represented. The call for this conference already has gone forth.

The representatives of Australia, of New Zealand and possibly of Canada, are going to the imperial conference instructed to demand that any renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty shall be in a form acceptable to the United States.

As strange as the development may seem, the United States is, therefore, to be drawn in as an "unofficial" party to the conference concerning the new treaty. And once again it is shown how futile would be the attempt to keep America in splendid isolation from the rest of the world.

Forbidden by League. Another strange phase of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations is the fact that the making of a treaty along the lines of the old alliance, now in its last days, is specifically forbidden by the covenant of the League of Nations, which has been signed and ratified by both Great Britain and Japan. If there should by any chance be a renewal of the old pact, it is said here that the League of Nations would, indeed, be "scrapped" by two of its leading signatories, for Article 10 of the covenant provides:

"The members of the league severally agree that this covenant is accepted as invalidatory all obligations of understanding which are inconsistent with the terms thereof and solemnly undertake that they will not hereafter enter into any engagements inconsistent with the terms thereof."

Is Military Alliance. The old Anglo-Japanese "agreement" is a military alliance pure and simple, and as such would seem to come in conflict with the covenant of the league but it may be held by both Great Britain and Japan that the proposed tripartite agreement among Great Britain, France and the United States to come immediately to the aid of France in the event of an "act of aggression" on the part of Germany, was also a violation of the spirit and letter of the covenant. The agreement was supposed to hold only if the league should begin to function.

It is possible to set down here, with what may be said to be official sanction, just what the attitude of the United States will be toward a new agreement and her ally, Great Britain. However "unofficial" may be our participation in the negotiations, we will insist:

Exempt From Operation. First, that there shall be included in the agreement a clause specifically exempting the United States from the operation of the alliance.

Second, a statement in the agreement containing wherein we shall interfere with the maintenance of the "open door" in the Far East.

Outspoken opposition to a renewal of the old treaty exists not only in Australia, Canada and New Zealand but in England itself. It is recognized,

try in cultivating further relations with Japan must not make an enemy of America.

Arthur Henderson, former member of the British cabinet and one of the leaders of liberal thought in England, has declared that a renewal of the old alliance would cost the friendship of America and would constitute "a world blunder of the first magnitude." Other leaders in England have asserted publicly that an alliance with Japan which might draw Great Britain into war with the United States would be tantamount to blowing the British empire to smithereens.

Japan is Busy. Japanese propaganda on the other hand is at work in Great Britain in favor of its survival of the treaty. The Japanese ambassador at London has given out many interviews seeking to show the advantages of the alliance to the British peoples, asserting all the while that Japan regards any possible involvements with the United States as "unthinkable" and declaring further that Japan virtually could not exist without the friendship of the American people.

Nevertheless there is a strong current of opinion in Great Britain which feels the relations between the United States and Japan are a bit strained to say the least. This opinion demands, with the dominion, that there shall be a clause in any new form of agreement specifically and for all time, exempting the United States from the field of operations. The binding clause of the existing agreement is in clause two, which reads:

What Covenant Says. "If by reason of unprovoked attack or aggressive action, wherever arising on the part of any power or powers, either high contracting party should be involved in war in defense of its territorial rights or special interests mentioned in the preamble of this agreement, the other high contracting party will at once come to the assistance of its ally and will conduct the war in common and make peace in mutual agreement with it."

It is to the above clause that a special provision exempting the U. S. from its purview, is demanded.

The claim has been made in the past by supporters of the alliance that the United States would ordinarily be exempted under article four which provides that "should either high contracting party have a treaty of general arbitration with a third power, it is agreed that nothing in this agreement shall entail upon such contracting party an obligation to go to war

with the power with whom such treaty of arbitration is in force."

Treaties Are Incomplete. Virtually all of our arbitration treaties are incomplete, however, and in any event this clause is said to be of a negative nature rather than positive and would permit a declaration of war with the third power with perfect propriety.

The argument is made in certain quarters that even with an exempting clause, the renewal of the treaty of alliance along the old lines would hardly be satisfactory to the United States. The hypothesis is set up that if the United States and Japan should go to war and China should declare war on Japan at the same time in support of the United States then would not Great Britain under the terms of clause 2 be compelled to come into the war to fight China? The complications are manifold and apt.

With the British dominions as allies and demanding that nothing whatever should be done to offend the sense of security of the United States it is felt here that American interests in the alliance are well cared for.

At the same time, with respect to the entire Japanese situation it may be said that the policy of the new administration is not "watchful waiting" but vigilant concern!

12 Job Pressmen Strike in Spokane

Spokane, May 14.—Twelve job pressmen in three local print shops went out on strike Saturday and employers in three other shops said they were informed their pressmen would strike next week. Refusal to handle "strike" printers' work was assigned as the reason for the walkout. Twenty-two job printers in nine shops were said Saturday to be still on strike as a result of employers' refusal of the 44-hour week.

Northern Lights Seen in Portland

Portland, May 14.—A display of the aurora borealis or northern lights was plainly visible from here Friday night, extending entirely across the north sky and flashing intermittently from darkness in to a broad white strip and then back again. The display lasted about an hour. Interruptions to telegraph wire service at times during the evening were attributed to the influence of the aurora.

M. E. CENTENARY \$106,000,000 FUND TO BE PERPETUATED

Board of Bishops Select Syracuse as Next Meeting Place.

Portland, May 14.—The board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session here today, decided to hold the next meeting at Syracuse, N. Y., November 24 to 27, instead of at Washington, D. C., October 28, as had been planned.

The centenary fund of the Methodist Episcopal church was reendorsed and recommendations for its perpetuation and control were recommended in a report of a special committee of the board of bishops adopted by the board here following its presentation by Bishop W. F. McDowell of Washington, D. C., chairman of the committee.

Appointment of a special committee of five to carry out the recommendations on the centenary report was announced Saturday. The committee is composed of Bishop W. F. McDowell of Washington, D. C.; William Burt of Buffalo, L. B. Wilson of New York, Thomas Nicholson of Chicago and T. D. C. of Detroit.

The report made eight recommendations for the regulation of the centenary throughout the coming year. Special appeals to the church at large outside of the centenary purposes will be discouraged; maintenance money for the administration would be reduced if possible in order to supply more funds to buildings and expansion; a special committee of bishops will take up all

matters relating to the fund; and so far as possible without neglect of their duties the bishops will undertake to encourage the church to keep up the fund. Other recommendations related to details.

A total of about \$106,000,000 was subscribed to the fund on pledges of five years' duration, according to the report of Dr. Raymond J. Wade of Chicago, president of the centenary committee on conservation and advance.

America Protests Peruvian Wireless Grant to England

Washington, May 14.—The award by the Peruvian government of a concession to the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd. of London, for operation of the Peruvian wireless, postal and telegraphic services for a period of 25 years has been made the basis of representations by the American government.

The American communication has not been made public. State department officials declined Saturday to discuss its contents. It was learned, however, that it was not in the form of a protest.

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SECRET CONSISTORY JUNE 13. Rome, May 14.—The next secret consistory, according to trustworthy Vatican reports, will be held June 13. The public consistory is to be held June 16.

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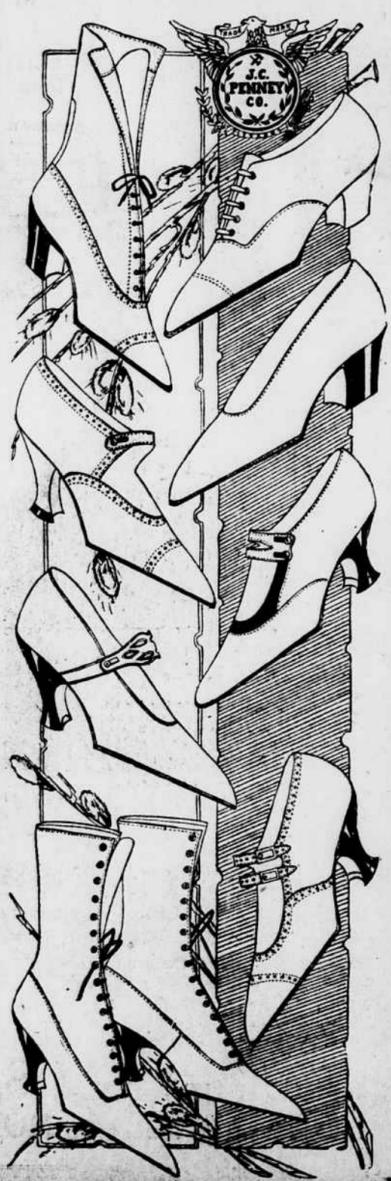
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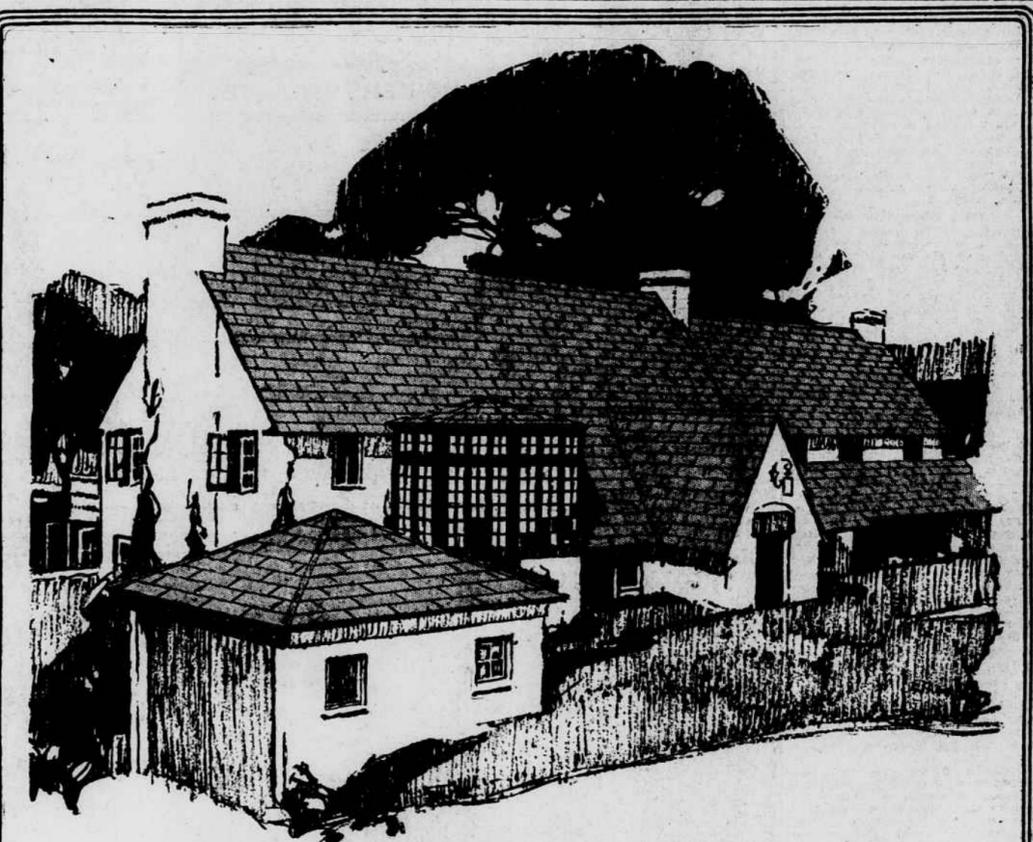
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