

tion of the conference. One is proposed by the delegation representing the Peking Government of China, the other a rather more general and indefinite statement of the views of Japan regarding the scope of conference undertakings it believes should prevail in the consideration of Far Eastern affairs.

The Peking proposal is couched in concrete and specific terms. The Japanese rejoinder in vague and to some extent ambiguous phrases that up to date have resisted comprehensive analysis. The key to the Japanese formula is contained in one clause of the statement made by Baron Kato to the Far Eastern committee yesterday, which reads: "All that this conference can achieve is, it seems to us, to adjust China's foreign relations, leaving her domestic situation to be worked out by themselves."

Well informed observers interpret this statement to mean that the representatives of Japan will urge the respect of the conference for "accomplished facts," and pending negotiations which Japan is trying to conduct with the Peking Government for the emancipation of Shantung, and the official adjustment by Japan herself of the situation in Siberia, which are held to be within the scope of "domestic situations."

Would Simplify Settlement.

If the Japanese view is accepted by the conference the work of ironing out Far Eastern complications will be brief, simple and easy to accomplish. But there is every reason to believe that the Japanese view will not prevail, and that sooner or later the discussion of Asiatic and Pacific matters must of necessity involve direct issues between the representatives of Japan and the delegates representing this country and respectively those of four European nations.

It is the desire of the representatives of this country, in moving toward the clearing up of Far Eastern complications that Japan should have the fullest opportunity to meet every issue raised by China or the United States. This desire is predicated on the belief that the most candid discussion of specific causes for Asiatic uncertainties will result in the removal of most of the friction between the people of Japan and those of China and finally produce benefits to both.

The attitude of Japan in approaching a situation that is admittedly delicate and fraught with potential danger to the interests of both Japan and China is variously viewed by the delegates who attempt to hold an impartial view of the problems involved. There is the fullest justification in the statement that the representatives of this country will invite public discussion of the Far Eastern issues without attempting to arbitrarily impose its own views upon the representatives of either Japan or China. That in fact is the policy of this Government in dealing with every phase of conference deliberations.

Widest Latitude Between.

If any doubt exists on this point it probably will be cleared up by a frank statement of the American purpose to concede to every Power the widest latitude in presenting facts and figures which may justify the change or modification of any plan presented for the limitation of naval armaments, the provision of adequate land armaments and the adjustment of Far Eastern problems.

Inform the Representatives of Most of the Foreign Powers on this point because they fully appreciate the simple plan prepared by Mr. Hughes and his associates for the accomplishment of the great reforms they have in mind. Hence, if Japan, can justify its position that the conference could limit its activities to the adjustment of China's foreign relations in such a way as to convince the people of the world that such a course is the most desirable of delegates of this country and from most of the European nations will frankly concede the fact.

That which is true of Far Eastern conference undertakings also applies to the matter of naval and land armaments. The difference in the method of approaching any of the issues is largely a matter of national practice and custom. The delegates from this country have displayed the utmost respect and consideration for the equal privileges of the other eight nations associated with it in the international convention.

The marked point in difference between the methods favored by it and those usually employed by some of the others is that the American delegates are really justified in publicly making known their position on every important point so that the people of this country will be fully informed as to the undertakings of their representatives. They do not, of course, seek to instruct the delegates of other countries in this respect and assume no control over the methods employed by the latter in keeping the people of their respective countries properly informed.

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methods employed by the representatives of this country. The American delegates appreciate this fact quite as well as any one else. There is little likelihood that they will jeopardize the tremendous advantage already achieved by countenancing the intrusion of influences that may imperil the security of the fundamentals upon which they have constructed its programme.

It is quite likely that there will be marked differences of opinion as to details, but the American delegates, and those representing the great majority of the participating nations believe that conflicting views will be settled finally with satisfactory results and under the most amicable conditions.

Informal Meetings Feature Diplomacy.

Americans Spend Much Time Talking to Visitors.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (Associated Press).—Informal "conversations" among leading members of the various delegations attending the armament conference are proving the most effective way of getting results. This method of assuring a "meeting of minds" is getting credit for much of the success which has been gained by the conference thus far.

Members of the American group are particularly zealous in this regard.

Most of their time between meetings of the conference or of its committees being devoted to conversation with members of foreign delegations. Not infrequently they are seen at night and deal with the most delicate and important features.

Immediately following announcement of the American plan for reduction of naval armaments there was a series of such conversations between the individual American delegates and prominent foreign delegates, including such distinguished military and naval advisers as Marshal Foch and Admiral Beatty.

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Some Folks Always Oppose Progress He Says.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MINNEAPOLIS, N. Y., Nov. 20.—In St. Paul's Methodist Church here to-day the pastor, the Rev. Fred W. Stacey, commented on the progress of the conference at Washington and rapped the pessimists.

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METHODISTS TO SEEK EVANGELISM OF WORLD

Benevolence Boards to Open Sessions in Detroit.

DETROIT, Nov. 20.—The Council of the Boards of Benevolence of the Methodist Episcopal Church will begin a two days' session here to-morrow at which funds for the work of various boards will be apportioned and at which plans for a world campaign of evangelism will be mapped.

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Conference Doings.

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It is expected that Italy might take a serious part in the land arms discussion by demanding a reduction of the Jugo-Slav army. Also it was hinted that one or more of the conference committees on naval armament and the Far East might make a statement in the nature of a preliminary report.

China and Japan continued to remain to the fore in the discussion of yesterday regarding the Far Eastern problems, but no opinions were ventured regarding the actual solution of the puzzle.

CHINESE PROBLEM NOW PIVOTAL POINT

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ditions which exist in China are the natural result of a change in government. The Tokio minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Goto, said that the Premier had no intention of delivering his entire address—without stopping aside for the interpreter's translation in English.

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"Strains may come and misunderstandings may arise," the Tokio minister said, "but the Premier is not long before he was assassinated told an American missionary. "But that the time should ever come when they shall be unable to find solution of their problems—their mind is absolutely unbreakable."

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