

HUGHES EXPECTED TO PRODUCE FRENCH AND ITALIAN SEA RATIOS

that "there will not be more than fifteen votes against it, or any other instrument agreed upon by the conference."

Conference Doings. JAPAN decided to accept the 5-5-3 naval ratio, but with an earnest plea that her splendid battleship Mutsu be saved from the scrap heap, principally as a matter of national pride.

'BIG THREE' CONFERENCE ON SEA ARMAMENT Hughes, Balfour and Kato Consider Means of Final Adjustment.

LOOKING INTO on the conference The Japanese Katos Are as Widespread as the American Smiths—Delegates Speculate on Character of Welcome on Return.

OPPOSITION IS SEEN TO ECONOMIC PARLEY British Editor Believes U. S. Not Ready to Make Further Sacrifices.

WARNING TO EUROPE American Participation Can Come Only After Public Opinion Is Aroused.

French Cabinet Minister "Without a Portfolio" LEREDU, Minister of Hygiene, is to-day a Minister without portfolio, although Premier Briand has not made any changes in the makeup of his Cabinet.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN RATIOS MAY WAIT Some Experts Expect Settlement in Europe.

Wilson Maintains Silence. Up to the present Mr. Wilson has declined to express his opinion in the matter. It is quite probable he intercepts the negotiation of the Pacific treaty as confirming his own acts in seeking to make alliances with groups of foreign Powers.

MORATORIUM HANGS ON FRENCH DEMAND Paris Would Agree if Britain Cedes 450,000,000 Marks Paid by Belgium.

MUTSU IS STILL THORN Further Conferences Needed Though 5-5-3 Ratio Is Accepted by Japan.

MAY SCRAP OTHER SHIPS America May Save Superdreadnought West Virginia Under Proposed Revision.

Believes Japan Will Keep Mutsu With New Ships for Other Powers.

FORECASTS NAVAL PACT BENARES IGNORES CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF WALES

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Acceptance With One Condition. There appears to be scarcely any room for doubt that the Japanese Government is perfectly willing to accept the 5-5-3 plan proposed by delegates of this country, with one condition. This is recognition of the right of Japan to retain the superdreadnought Mutsu, which is already in commission.

Advicers Are Summoned. The possibility that the United States will be allowed to retain one or more battleships of the Colorado class, perhaps the Colorado and the West Virginia, developed when Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and Admirals Coontz and Pratt were called into the conference.

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Another Obstacle to Agreement. Another obstacle in the way of complete naval agreement such as is desired is caused by the French insistence on its right to expand its naval establishment beyond the point American, British, Japanese and Italian delegates regard as even necessary or desirable.

JAPAN'S 21 DEMANDS COMING BEFORE PARLEY Still Deadlocked With China Over Shantung Railway.

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CHILEAN EDUCATOR COMING. SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 13.—Dr. Jose Maria Galvez, head of the department of English in the University of Chile will sail for the United States to-morrow to assume the exchange professorship at the University of California.

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