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Misunderstandings Over Far Eastern Question Are Swept Away.

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...of the signing of an agreement by Secretary Lansing and Viscount Ishii, it had not been generally known that the delicate far eastern question had been taken up at the conference between the commissioners and American officials. In fact, it was stated authoritatively soon after the mission arrived in Washington that such problems would not be touched upon, and as the conferences progressed the general understanding was that such subjects as Japan's need for shipbuilding and gold for trade balances were engrossing attention. It now develops that these latter questions have been left to the resident ambassador, Almaro Sato, to work out with the proper officials of the American government.

The Announcement.

Comment on the dispatch from Peking was withheld last night because of an understanding between the two governments that the announcement should be made today simultaneously at Washington and Tokyo.

Following is the state department's announcement: "On Friday, Nov. 2, 1917, the secretary of state and Viscount Ishii, the special Japanese ambassador, exchanged at the department of state the following notes dealing with the policy of the United States and Japan in regard to China:

"Department of State, Washington, Nov. 2, 1917. "I have the honor to communicate herein my understanding of the agreement reached by us in our recent conversations touching the questions of mutual interest to our governments relating to the republic of China.

"In order to silence mischievous reports that have from time to time been circulated, it is believed by us that a public announcement once more of the desires and intentions shared by our two governments with regard to China is advisable.

"The government of the United States and Japan recognize that the natural propinquity creates special relations between countries and consequently the government of the United States recognizes that Japan has special interests in China, particularly in the part in which her possessions are contiguous.

The Open Door.

"The territorial sovereignty of China, nevertheless, remains unimpaired and the government of the United States recognizes the confidence in the repeated assurance of the imperial Japanese government that the whole geographical position gives Japan such special interests that she has no desire to discriminate against the trade of other nations or to disregard the commercial rights heretofore granted by China in treaties with other powers.

"The governments of the United States and Japan deny that they have any purpose to infringe in any way the independence or territorial integrity of China and they declare, furthermore, that they always adhere to the principle of the so-called 'open door' or equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

No Special Privileges.

"Moreover, they mutually declare that they are opposed to the acquisition by any government of any special rights or privileges that would affect the independence or territorial integrity of China or that would deny to the subjects or citizens of any country the full enjoyment of equal opportunity in the commerce and industry of China.

"I shall be glad to have your excellency confirm this understanding of the agreement reached by us.

"Accept, excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration. (Signed) "ROBERT LANSING, His Excellency Viscount Kikuyiro Ishii, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Japan, on special mission."

Ishii's Confirmation.

"Washington, Nov. 2, 1917. "Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today, communicating to me your understanding of the agreement reached by us in our recent conversations touching the questions of mutual interest to our governments relating to the republic of China.

"I am happy to be able to confirm to you, under the authorization of my government, the understanding in question set forth in the following terms: "Here the special ambassador repeats the language of the agreement as given in Secretary Lansing's note. (Signed) "Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Japan, on special mission."

"Honorable Robert Lansing, secretary of state. In his statement accompanying the announcement Secretary Lansing said: "Viscount Ishii and the other Japanese commissioners who are now on their way back to their country have performed a service to the United States as well as to Japan which is of the highest value.

"There had unquestionably been growing up between the peoples of the two countries a feeling of suspicion as to the motives inducing the activities of the other in the far east, a feeling which, if unchecked, promised to develop a serious situation. Rumors and reports of improper intentions were increasing and were more

and more believed. Legitimate commercial and industrial enterprises without ulterior motive were presumed to have political significance with the result that opposition to these enterprises was aroused in the other country.

The Hand of Germany.

"The attitude of constraint and doubt thus created was fostered and encouraged by the campaign of falsehood which for a long time had been addressed and secretly carried on by Germans, who were government as part of its foreign policy desired especially to so alienate this country and Japan that it would be at the chosen time a difficult task to raise a rupture of their good relations. Unfortunately there were people in both countries many of whom were entirely honest in their beliefs, who accepted every false rumor as true and aided the German propaganda by declaring that their own government should prepare for the conflict which they asserted was inevitable, that the interests of the two nations in the far east were hostile and that every activity of the other country in the Pacific had sinister purpose.

Suspicion Increasing.

"Fortunately this distrust was not so general in either the United States or Japan as to affect the friendly relations of the two governments, but there is no doubt that the feeling of suspicion was increasing and the untrue reports were receiving more and more credence in spite of the earnest efforts which were made on both sides of the Pacific to counteract a movement which would jeopardize the ancient friendship of the two nations.

Frank Statement.

"The visit of Viscount Ishii and his colleagues has accomplished a great change of opinion in this country. By frankly denouncing the evil influences which have been at work by openly proclaiming that the policy of Japan is not one of aggression and the declaration that there is no intention to take advantage, commercially or industrially, of the special relations to China created by geographical position, the representatives of Japan have cleared the diplomatic atmosphere of the suspicions which had been so carefully spread by our enemies and by misguided or over-zealous people in both countries. In a few days the propaganda which was being unduly and both nations now able to see how their way came to be led into the trap which had been skillfully set for them.

Every Doubt Dispelled.

"Throughout the conferences which have taken place Viscount Ishii has shown a sincerity and candor which dispelled every doubt as to his purpose and brought the two governments into an attitude of confidence toward each other which made it possible to discuss every question with frankness and cordiality. Approaching the subject in such a spirit and with the mutual desire to remove every possible cause of controversy, the negotiations were marked by a sincerity and good will which from the first insured their success.

Protection for China.

"The principal result of the negotiations was the mutual understanding which was reached as to the principles governing the policies of the two governments in relation to China. This understanding is formally set forth in the notes exchanged and now made public. The explanation of the open-door policy, but introduce a principle of non-interference with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of China, which, generally applied, is essential to perpetual international peace as clearly declared by President Wilson and which is the very foundation also of Pan-Americanism as interpreted by this government.

"The removal of doubts and suspicions and the mutual declaration of the new doctrine as to the far east of the Japanese commission to the United States historic and memorable, but it accomplished a further purpose which is of special interest to the world at this time in expressing Japan's earnest desire to co-operate with this country in warring war against the German government. The discussions, which covered the military, naval and economic activities to be employed with due regard to relative resources and ability, showed the same spirit of sincerity and candor which characterized the negotiations resulting in the exchange of notes.

Officials Gratified.

"At the present time it is inexpedient to make public the details of these conversations, but it may be said that this government has been gratified by the assertions of Viscount Ishii and his colleagues that their government desired to do their part in the suppression of Prussian militarism and were eager to co-operate in every practical way to that end. It might be added, however, that complete and satisfactory understandings upon the matter of naval co-operation in the Pacific for the purpose of attaining the common object against Germany and her allies have been reached between the representative of the imperial Japanese navy, who is attached to the special mission of Japan, and the representative of the United States navy.

Wins Good Will of All.

"It is only just to say that the success which has attended the intercourse with American officials and with private persons as well as due in large measure to the personality of Viscount Ishii, the head of the mission, the natural reserve and the hospitality which are not unusual in neighbors of a delicate nature disappeared under the influence of his open confidence and his frankness of all. It is doubtful if a representative of a different temper could in so short a time have done as much as Viscount Ishii to place on a better and firmer basis the relations between the United States and Japan. Through him the American people have gained a new and higher conception of the reality of Japan's friendship for the United States which will be mutually beneficial in the future.

"Viscount Ishii will be remembered in this country as a statesman of high attainments, as a diplomat with a true vision of international affairs and as a genuine and outspoken friend of America.

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good will toward us, on all have profoundly impressed the members of the mission, the whole Japanese people. The feeling of fraternal spirit arising between the two nations has never been more emphatically manifested.

"Believing as I do in frankness I have tried as best I could to public utterances in this country, the truth and the facts about the aspirations and the mind, it is my impression that lack of information that cordance and distrust to create the relationship between nations am happy to think that at the true unity and co-operation between the allied nations are necessities it has been given to contribute in my small way to the understanding and appreciation among the American people with Japan."

Ishii's Statement.

The following statement by Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese special mission, was given out by the Japanese embassy:

"My final departure from Washington affords a fine occasion for me to express my more to the American people my deep sense of gratitude for the cordial reception and hospitality accorded to the special mission of Japan. The spontaneous and enthusiastic manifestations of friendship and

ATTENTION, A. O. H.

MURRAY FUNERAL.

The funeral of Henry Murray, who died last Saturday at a local hospital, was held yesterday morning with services at St. Patrick's church. The funeral took place from the residence of John McCoy, 421 East Broadway. Mr. Murray had served as a member of the A. O. H. for the past 15 years. The pallbearers were James Shea, John McCoy, Dan Lynch, Bill Riley, Mike Buckley and Ed. W. Lane.

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