

SIR RONALD GRAHAM



Sir Ronald Graham, who has been minister plenipotentiary of Great Britain at The Hague, has been appointed to succeed Sir George Buchanan as ambassador at Rome.

NO CHANGE IN U. S. PLANS

MODIFICATIONS IN SUBMARINES IS DESIRED BY DELEGATES

SHOW DOWN MAY COME AND THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE STATUS MAY RESULT.

(Western Newspaper Union News Service.)

Washington.—Great Britain has indicated without reservation the "5-5-3" ratio proposed in the American naval plan, it was learned on highest authority. While accepting the plan as a whole only in principle, because of their desire to put forward proposed modification of the submarine and replacement features, the British delegation is said to have approved the suggested relative capital ship strength for Great Britain, the United States and Japan without equivocation.

Adherence of the British representatives to the capital ship ratio became known as an aftermath of the conference between Secretary Hughes, Mr. Balfour and Admiral Kato, at which the naval question was canvassed in the light of Japanese reservations.

Thus far there has been every indication that the American group would "stand pat" for its proposal of maintaining the existing ratio, but it is declared the national viewpoints of the other powers as to what constitutes a fair basis of comparison will have due recognition.

The result may be a more thorough review of the status of the naval establishments of the three powers, which the Japanese hold will show Japan's right to an increase over the "5-5-3" proportion, but which American experts declare will be more likely to establish that Great Britain and the United States each is entitled to almost a two to one advantage over Japan.

The advisability of such a review is understood to have been discussed at a conference between Secretary Hughes, A. J. Balfour, and Admiral Kato, heads of the American, British and Japanese delegations, and is expected to receive a consideration soon by the international commission of naval experts.

By the highest authorities, the Associated Press was assured that the American government stood foursquare behind its original proposal to regulate limitation by the yard stick of existing strength and had no intention of making concessions. The American delegates do not want to adopt a "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude, however, so far as details are concerned and are willing to hear the views of any power which thinks it may have been done an injustice.

Thus there are increasing indications that the show down so far as the fundamentals of a naval armament agreement are concerned may be reached speedily. In the Far Eastern negotiations developments are not moving so rapidly, and there seems to be a growing impression that if details are to be worked out, the process will be a long one.

Shopcraft Men Ask Increase.

New York.—Wage increases of 13 cents an hour have been requested of virtually all carriers in the country by the heads of shopcraft unions, representing about 400,000 employees, who have asked railroad executives for conferences Dec. 20. This action follows the railroad's petition to the railway labor board proposing to cut the wages of shopcraft employees to the "going rate paid for the same class of labor in other industries."

Imperial City Marshal Shot.

El Centro, Calif.—City Marshal C. T. Diney of Imperial, near here, who was shot and seriously wounded while attempting to arrest a man known as J. D. Bryer, said to be wanted in Texas on a charge of passing fictitious checks, is resting easily at a hospital here. Marshal Diney was operated on and three bullets were removed from his body. Surgeons expressed the belief he would recover. Bryer, who fled following the shooting, is still at liberty.

POWERS AGREE TO GUARD CHINA

AID IS PLEDGED TO SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENCE OF FAR EAST SOVEREIGNTY.

APPLIES TO FUTURE

ADOPTION OF PLAN FOLLOWS TWO-HOUR DEBATE ON PANGLOSS QUESTION.

(Western Newspaper Union News Service.)

Washington.—A joint declaration of policy toward China, based on territorial and administrative integrity, economic opportunity, an enforced "open door" and abolition of "special rights," has been agreed on by nations represented in the arms conference.

The first definite agreement to come out of the conference, the declaration touches in general terms most of the principles for which China asked in her "bill of rights," but does not provide in detail for the settlement of the specific problems with which she is confronted.

Elithu Root of the American delegation, proposed the declaratory resolution. During the two hours of debate both Japan and China asked many questions as to possible application of the suggested principles to specific problems, while all other nations took a less active part.

"Perfect satisfaction" with the resolution was expressed by Admiral Kato, head of the Japanese delegation, although he declined to suggest what changes the agreement might lead to in the Far East. The Chinese also declared themselves gratified at the development, and the delegations of the other nations generally voiced the view that the agreement was a good start toward agreement on the most important of the Far Eastern problems.

The two features of the declaration attracting widest attention were the clause approving "administrative integrity" for China and that under which the powers agreed not to seek "special rights" within China.

Previous declarations of policy regarding Chinese integrity have stopped with "territorial integrity," commonly construed as a much narrower term than "administrative integrity." The "special rights" agreement was considered generally a direct contravention of the policy of "spheres of influence."

To the resolution, as adopted, the chief delegates of the eight nations mentioned in the preamble affixed their signatures, the Chinese refraining on the ground that China could not well pass on an agreement which set forth the policy of foreign governments toward her.

As interpreted by some Japanese delegates, the agreement is to be applied only to the future and is not likely to be used as a vehicle for bringing before the conference past incidents which Japan does not want to discuss.

The "administrative integrity" provision in the view of members of other delegations, will have a far-reaching effect on the internal situation in China if it is fully carried out. For many years Chinese authorities have let one after another of the functions of internal administration fall into the hands of foreign powers.

Seven Hundred Die in Battle.

Delhi, India.—Nearly 700 Moplah rebels were killed in an attack on the Pandikkad post, which was repulsed by the Gurkha garrison. The Moplah force numbered 2,000. One British officer and three men were killed and thirty-four wounded. Reports of this and other clashes show that the rebels are using artillery. One gun was captured at Pandikkad.

Youths Fined for "Scalping."

Chicago.—Four youths arrested for scalping tickets for the Chicago-Wisconsin game were fined \$25 and costs. Two others were fined \$25 and costs. The cases against three other alleged scalpers were dismissed because of the lack of evidence. "It seems that a man cannot get into a football game without paying four prices. This thing should be stopped," Judge Morgan said.

Justice Drinks Evidence.

St. Louis, Mo.—Justice of the Peace Werremeyer, principal witness for the state in proceedings to remove from office Sheriff John F. Willmann, of St. Louis county because of alleged failure to enforce the prohibition law, admitted that he had been accustomed to drink part of the "evidence" taken in liquor raids.

U. S. Gets Egyptian Cotton.

Washington.—American shippers will be given 50 per cent of the direct and indirect Egyptian cotton shipments to the United States, according to the Liverpool shipping agreement concluded with the shipping board, the details of which were received at shipping board offices. The agreement will cover two crop years. The first ship to sail under the agreement is the shipping board steamer Ophio, scheduled to leave Alexandria Dec. 15.

5 TO 16 PER CENT CUT

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE NOV. 28 WILL REACH 125,000 PEOPLE.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES DECIDE REDUCTION IN WAGES.

(Western Newspaper Union News Service.)

Chicago.—Employees of Armour & Co., 28,000 in all, through their plant governing committee, agreed with officials of the packing house that a wage reduction is necessary, and fixed its amount. The cut is effective Nov. 28. This is the first time in the history of the industry that a wage reduction has been arrived at in such a manner.

Officials of Swift & Company announced that after an all day conference, representatives of the Chicago assembly of employees had voted that a readjustment of wages was necessary, had extended a vote of confidence in the management and had voted to leave the wage readjustment to the discretion of the management.

Swift & Company announced reductions for various classes of employees of the Chicago assembly practically corresponding to those fixed by the employees of Armour & Company and effective on the same date, Nov. 28. Company officials said they expected the other sixteen assemblies of employees to take similar action.

Among the cities where such assemblies exist are Denver, Kansas City, Fort Worth, St. Joseph, Omaha, St. Paul, St. Louis and East St. Louis.

Officials said that action along the same lines was expected in these assemblies and that they expected the employees would ratify the action of the men appointed to represent them in the assemblies.

The agreement between Armour & Co. and its employees followed a two-day conference. Twenty-four employees, representatives of the plant councils in nine cities, met with an equal number of officials representing the company. The books were opened and the financial situation of the company explained. The question was put to a vote, and the following reductions, effective in all plants except that at Fort Worth, Texas, adopted:

For piece workers, 8 per cent. Unskilled labor, getting 45 cents an hour or less, 7 1/2 cents.

Semi-skilled labor, getting 45 and 50 cents an hour, 5 cents. Skilled labor, getting more than 50 cents an hour, 3 cents.

A minimum wage of 25 cents an hour for adult female labor is provided.

These reductions apply to plants in Chicago, St. Paul, Sioux City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Des Moines.

The reductions at Fort Worth, where wages are gauged by local labor conditions, are:

Unskilled labor, receiving less than 42 1/2 cents an hour, 7 1/2 cents.

Semi-skilled labor, receiving from 42 1/2 to 47 1/2 cents an hour, 5 cents.

Skilled labor, receiving more than 47 1/2 cents an hour, 3 cents.

When the reductions are applied to the plants of the other members of the big five 125,000 men and women will be affected. In the final result, a far larger number will be directly concerned, as wages in several hundred smaller packing houses are based on the big five scales.

All of the big five except Morris & Co. last spring inaugurated the "plant congress" system of employees' participation in the management of the industry.

Tolstoy Home Going to Ruin.

Yasnaya Polyana, Russia.—The home of the late Count Leo Tolstoy, which is claimed by the soviet government as a national museum, is in danger of collapse. Although the government is running free weekly pilgrimages to the house, no money has been spent on its upkeep, and the Tolstoy family plans to start a world-wide restoration fund of \$100,000. The family also proposes to fund a Tolstoyan university, obtaining funds through publication of a memorial edition of eight volumes of Tolstoy's works, the first of which are now being prepared by his daughter, Alexandra.

Gen. Pershing Named "Brave Eagle."

Washington.—General Pershing hereafter will be known to members of the Sioux-Indian tribe as "Brave Eagle." The name was given him at a council of Sioux Indians at the Rosebud reservation on Armistice day, and was communicated to General Pershing's office by Commissioner Burke of Indian affairs.

Eleven Killed in Theater.

Hamburg, Germany.—Eleven persons were killed and scores injured in an explosion at a moving picture house near here. The explosion occurred during a children's performance. The cause is unknown.

Howard Gets Re-Election.

Atlanta, Ga.—J. R. Howard was unanimously re-elected president of the American Farm Bureau Federation here. Addressing the convention later, he reviewed the activities of the federation, devoting attention to the plan for the nation-wide handling of crops through the United States Grain Growers' Inc. The proposed plan for co-operative marketing of live stock will be effected by Jan. 1, he said. The report of the executive secretary showed a membership of 1,500,000.

SEE WHAT SHE FOUND



Miss Mildred Lee of Los Angeles, Cal. with the two large and valuable pearls which she found recently in an oyster which she was preparing for a stew.

GERMANY NOT BUILDING ARMY

BERLIN GOVERNMENT TAKES ISSUE WITH BRIAND'S CHARGES AT CONFERENCE.

ASSERTION DISPUTED

STATEMENT THAT REICHWEHR IS NUCLEUS FOR ARMY DECLARED INCORRECT.

Berlin.—In a statement to the Associated Press, the German government takes issue with the charges of Premier Briand of France in his address before the Washington conference that the German police forces and reichswehr constituted a nucleus for a future German army.

It declares M. Briand's assertion that the reichswehr is composed exclusively of officers and noncommissioned officers of the old army is incorrect, and says that the bulk of the reichswehr is made up of youths between the ages of 19 and 21, recruited since the war.

The statement says that the "protection police" were created at the bidding of the entente, and adds:

"The reichswehr is wholly unaffiliated with the Schutz Polizei, which took the place of the security police when the entente ordered the latter's dissolution."

"The Schutz Polizei is primarily an agency to maintain law and order. It takes orders solely from the civilian ministries of the federated states. Its numerical strength and its composition with reference to the ratio of officers and men are designated and supervised by the entente control committee."

"The number of rifles and small arms it is permitted to have is specified. It does not possess heavy calibered arms. The eldwohnerswehr, or civilian guards referred to by M. Briand, have been dissolved, and their arms have been surrendered and destroyed."

The statement disputes M. Briand's assertion that Germany still possessed numerous arsenals equipped to turn out war materials, and asserts these plants are limited to two or three required to keep the German army supplied and that their output is supervised by the entente control commission.

The government's statement refers to the French premier to the address from the throne in which King George of England declared satisfactory progress had been made by Germany in execution of her financial and disarmament obligations.

Newspaper comment generally characterizes M. Briand's speech as "flat falsehood," but most of the journals express fear that America may believe what he said. The opinion generally expressed was that his attitude was likely to undermine and nullify the whole effort toward disarmament.

Notorious Bandit Killed.

Wichita, Kan.—A gunman, identified according to the police, as Eddie Adams, notorious bandit, wanted in several states, was shot and killed by Detective Ed Bowman, after both Bowman and his companion, Detective Charles Hoffman, were dangerously wounded.

Sets New Standard of Etiquette.

Washington.—Diplomatic dinners and luncheons incident to the armament conference have set up a new standard of etiquette for Americans. This was praised by one American official, as follows: "When I go to a friend's house and wine is served at dinner, I drink very sparingly, because I know his supply is very limited, but when Premier Briand of the French delegation tenders us refreshments of the same kind I go as far as I like in honor of diplomatic unity."



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Choice of Evils.

For a long time a beggar occupied a position in the street with a "blind" placard on his breast. One day the benevolent Mrs. Holmstierna finds him with the word "dumb" on his money box. She looks at him in surprise and says:

"How is this? Have you recovered from your blindness?"

"Not exactly, but I got too many trouser buttons."—Kansas City Star.

Fed at Last.

He was the most down-and-out looking specimen of a tramp who had been plied at the back door of this particular farmhouse for many a year. The housewife viewed him with disgust.

"My goodness!" she exclaimed, "don't believe you've washed yours for a year."

"Just about that," agreed the tramp.

"You see, I only washes before I eat."

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DADDY WOEFUL BACK NUMBER

How is it Possible for Young America to Look Up to a Father Like This?

Dad was forty-five, well dressed, evidently all business. Son was fifteen or sixteen. Both were standing up on an East Tenth street car.

"Son, this fellow Ruths—Babe Ruths you call him—is he the mascot for the team?"

"No, dad," replied the lad with an embarrassed grin, "he's heavy fitter for the Yankees. What made you think he was a mascot?"

"Why, Babe, you know. Babe, I thought he was a little fellow. And what is it you say, 'Yank'?"

"No, dad, Yanks, Yanks." Then, after a moment, disgusted "Say, dad, didn't you ever hear of John McGraw?"

"McGraws, McGraws. No, I can't remember that name."

The lad was visibly perturbed, and getting closer to dad, he whispered: "Say, dad, when we get home I'll slip it to you who some of these birds are so you will know next time."—Indianapolis News.

Gloomhounds.

Tell me not in mournful numbers Anything you have to say. If you deal in blues and umbers, Get! Avaunt! Be on your way! Life is dear. Ah, well I knew it. And don't wish to know it more, Told by some dog-gasted poet, Dull and turgid pest and bore. —Tennyson J. Daft, in Kansas City Star.

SMALL GIRL GOT HER WISH

Little One Took a Good Deal Granted, but as it Turned Out, She Was Justified.

My new young man took me to see on his sister, who was married, wanted to make a good impression, dressed in my best dress and was my best behavior.

Two brothers dropped in, and I heard them say they "wanted to see Fred's girl the once over."

A four-year-old niece administered the finishing touch when she asked a voice that could be heard in kitchen, "When you and Uncle Flet got married, may I be your girl?"

The brother grinned, brother-in-law in the kitchen howled, while I turned a most unbecoming red.

The youngster thought she'd wait long enough for an answer, so she said, "May I?"

I managed to say yes, and two years later we were, and she was.—Chicago Tribune.

Promise Kept.

Wife—She told me the whole story just as I have repeated it to you, and made me solemnly promise not to waver a word of it to anybody. Hub—Then why did you tell me? Wife—Well, I didn't whisper.—Boston Transcript.

Hear Him Coming.

Flubb—"Dixon believes in blowing his own horn." Dubb—"That's what people always dodge him!"

The Block Signals Are Working—

In some respects, human experience is like railroading.

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