

Jap Delegates Noncommittal on Chinese Demands

Prince Tokugawa Says People Are Desirous of Doing Everything Possible for Sister Nation.

By PHILIP KINSLEY.
Washington, Nov. 19.—China's bill of rights or the 10 points which it asks the conference powers to accept as guiding all future relations with that republic, will be dissected in executive session today by the full committee of delegates.

Japan's attitude was indicated last night by Prince Tokugawa. "I think our people at home are most desirous of doing all they can for the benefit of China," he said. "But they do not wish to do anything disadvantageous to Japan."

The prince speaks excellent English, but sometimes is in doubt as to the exact meaning of words. When the word "disadvantageous" was repeated to him, he said that "detrimental" might be substituted. The vice minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Hanihara, who was seated beside him, said that the prince meant that Japan was friendly to China, but would look out for her own legitimate rights.

Under the Chinese proposals Japan would be forced to jeopardize all its treaties and legal rights embodied in the 21 demands. Point four is aimed at the Shantung and Manchuria treaties signed since the war. It seems highly improbable, under the prince's statement, that Japan would consent to this. Therefore reservations or amendments may be offered.

Ask For Guarantee.

It was reported last night that Japan has approached China outside the conference, asking for a guarantee that its access of raw materials will not be closed. This is denied and is probably untrue, as such a guarantee by the Peking government could mean little.

Prince Tokugawa was asked if China's proposals had been accepted "in principle."

"On that I think the time has not arrived for us to say," he replied, after exchanging a few words in Japanese with Mr. Hanihara. "We are considering the subject in a friendly spirit to China. It is such an important question."

"Will you have any other proposals on China to offer tomorrow?" "None whatever."

"Will you consider naval disarmament aside from the Chinese question?" "I think so."

Considering Fortifications.

"Have you taken up the question of the Pacific fortifications of America and Japan?" "We are considering that question at present."

"Is it true that you have agreed to withdraw from Shantung unconditionally?" "I will not discuss that now."

"Are you prepared to make a public statement on the Chinese question?" "We are considering that question at present."

"What are Japan's special interests in China?" "There was no reply to this and as the questioning was getting warm, the prince's advisers suggested that he withdraw."

Want Court or Forum.

The Chinese will make every effort to get this conference to agree to set up some kind of a commission or make arrangements for other conferences at intervals of one or two years to check up on the agreements which are expected to be made here. They want some kind of a court or forum through which they can put specific cases of violation of the agreement, if any. They have had enough of pious formulas which mean nothing and which are never carried out.

It is the French view, too, that another conference at least, will be necessary to iron out this Pacific situation, although the American delegates who are supposed to stand behind the Chinese 10 points, take the attitude that the situation should be settled now.

China will not ask for abrogation of treaties made before the war or which were legalized by the Chinese people. The delegation will insist that Manchuria, Mongolia and Tibet are part of the Chinese republic.

Great Britain is willing to give up Wei-Hei-Wei, the port in Shantung, but regards Hongkong as having a separate status. British policy aims at aiding the rehabilitation of China in every possible way. Extra territorial rights will be given up when China shows itself able to protect British citizens.

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France Takes Issue With Britain on Submarines

Premier Briand Declares Overseas Boats Are Weapons of Weak—Hints Naval Operations in Next War May Be Revolutionized by Introduction of New Combat Factors.

By HENRY WALES.
Washington, Nov. 19.—Aligning solidly beside the United States, France yesterday took decisive issue with Britain regarding further limitation of submarines in the naval disarmament discussions.

Shifting to land armaments, France intimated that if it were offered suitable guarantees from the other great powers, it would be willing to reduce its army materially.

Premier Aristide Briand, who enunciated France's policy to newspaper correspondents, demanded a new entente cordiale, for the Pacific and far east, which might eventually be stretched to the Rhine and to Russia.

M. Briand first announced that he would deliver a 45-minute speech at the plenary session of the conference on Monday morning. He will speak in French, extemporaneously, following his custom, and there will be translation into English at five-minute intervals.

Poch to Attend.
Marshal Poch will be present as a military expert at Monday's session and although he is not set down for an address, it is understood that congress, which will occupy the balcony of Continental Memorial hall, is preparing a demonstration and will call on him to speak.

In exposing his government's viewpoint to journalists this evening, weighing his words as he took direct issue with Great Britain on the submarine problem which threatens to deadlock the conference, M. Briand said:

"The submarine is the weapon of the weak. We cannot take the same view about submarines as the British, because it is impossible to foresee the exact character of future naval warfare. Consequently France cannot take the engagements regarding submarines that the British suggest."

M. Briand's hint that naval operations in the next war may be revolutionized by introduction of new combat factors aroused considerable interest, as this is not the first time that mysterious inventions, making present types of warships obsolete, have been mentioned in conference circles.

Planning New Submarines.

The statement was also significant in view of cabled reports from Paris yesterday that the naval committee of the French senate has just asked credits for construction of 24 new submarines of an improved type.

"If the peoples will come to our assistance if we are wantonly attacked, we can reduce our land armaments. It is no pleasure for France to spend money on armies," said M. Briand, intimating that he will try one more bid for guarantees from the great powers against Germany.

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London Papers Eulogize Arms Limitation Plan

Hughes' Proposals for Naval Holiday Especially Praised in Editorial Columns of British Capital.

By The Associated Press.
London, Nov. 19.—Almost without exception, the London weekly reviews, most of which appear on Friday, eulogize the Washington conference, and especially the Hughes proposals for a naval holiday.

Referring to Japan's objections to the proposals, the Spectator thinks that this will constitute the crux of the whole conference. "If Japan agrees to a naval holiday," says the Spectator, "which, we must admit, will maintain its relative naval inferiority to Great Britain and America, it is certain to ask to be compensated for giving up what it believes to be a good chance of securing command of the seas."

The Saturday Review thinks sober reason is required to judge the American plan for limitation of armaments, and says: "There is doubt as to whether a treaty embodying it will be accepted by the senate."

"The Review says peculiar conditions will be created by the proposals. "At the end of 10 years, two British and six American ships will be obsolete. The American six may be replaced, but the British two may not until the British total tonnage shall have fallen below 500,000. The control of the sea would thus pass to the United States," it declares.

"For the bold management of an international conference," says the Nation, "there has been nothing in diplomatic history to compare with the opening move of Secretary Hughes at Washington." The Nation says that Mr. Hughes frankly adopted parliamentary methods "against babbling platitudes and secrecy which prevailed at Paris," and considers that he won the public opinion of the world at large, and especially in England.

The Nation, continuing, says that instead of first reducing armament, the question of far eastern policy should have been settled. The paper says that former President Wilson was blackmailed by the allies at Paris through his thinking that nothing mattered but his league of nations, and declares that Mr. Hughes will have hard work to avoid the same danger. The Nation expresses dislike to competitive armament building and expresses the hope that all capital ships may be scrapped before 10 years expire.

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Pomerene Scores Elections Body in Newberry Case

Says Senate Committee Blocked All Efforts to Gather Pertinent Testimony in Its Investigation.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Declaration by Senator Pomerene, democrat, Ohio, that he would resign if evidence such as that submitted against Senator Newberry were adduced against him, marked further consideration by the senate of Henry Ford's contest of Mr. Newberry's seat as senator from Michigan.

Asked by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, what his action would be if he had violated no laws, the Ohio senator replied: "If I were innocent, I'd fight the battle of my life for my rights; I would not remain silent."

Mr. Pomerene charged that majority members of the senate elections committee presided over by Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, had blocked all efforts to gather pertinent testimony in its investigation of the case. He asserted that if the committee had wished to be "fair" it would have subpoenaed Mr. Newberry and also would have attempted to get facts about the Newberry funds in the campaign by calling officers of banks which had Newberry accounts.

Mr. Spencer denied that Mr. Newberry was afraid to appear before the committee, or that the committee feared to call the senator because his testimony might hurt his case. On the contrary, Mr. Spencer argued, Mr. Newberry, as well as most of the republican members of the committee, regarded the Michigan senator's presence as unnecessary.

Mr. Pomerene again assailed the campaign expenditures, asserting that Mr. Newberry knew all about them and that the senator was responsible for the acts of his agents.

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