

Japanese Favor Pact to Avoid War With America

Delegates Advocate General Arbitration Treaty as Insurance Against Future Conflicts in Pacific.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Washington, Dec. 3.—A general arbitration treaty between the United States and Japan, as insurance against war in the Pacific, is being advocated by members of the Japanese delegation.

This development follows closely upon the Japanese suggestion that the prospective agreement on the reduction and limitation of armaments should be embodied in a formal treaty ratified by the United States, Great Britain and Japan. President Harding previously had made it known that there would be no objection on the part of the American government to a treaty on the navy reduction plan which he had no doubt would be ratified by the senate and carried into effect by congress with little opposition.

The United States would also welcome proposals by Japan as to a general arbitration treaty. There is a treaty between the two powers now for the reference to the Hague tribunal of disputes not involving vital interests and the Japanese suggestion involves an arbitration treaty of broader scope.

Japan Missing.

Japan is conspicuously missing from the list of about 30 nations which, beginning in 1914, entered into the Bryan peace insurance treaties, which provide for applying a "cooling off" process to international disputes. The signatories obligate themselves not to go to war pending discussion of the controversy by a commission.

Japan never accepted the Bryan treaty, but it is alleged that the United States never pressed it to her. Members of the Japanese delegation expressed regret at the failure of Tokyo to follow the example of the other allies in accepting the Bryan treaty and intimate that their government is now ready to rectify the mistake.

One spokesman for the Japanese delegation said that an arbitration treaty between Japan and the United States would be the best possible insurance against war in the Pacific and would make the continuation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance unnecessary. This is as close as any of the Japanese have come to admitting that the Anglo-Japanese alliance is now regarded by Japan as a measure of protection in the event of trouble with the United States. The Japanese have steadily disputed the contention that Germany and Russia down and out, the alliance is now aimed at the United States.

Senate Not Favorable.

The senate has not looked with favor upon general arbitration treaties requiring the submission of all disputes without exception to arbitral adjustment.

The Anglo-Japanese alliance contains a provision that neither party shall be obligated to go to the defense of the other against a nation with which it has a general arbitration treaty. Although the Knox treaty failed, Great Britain notified Japan that the Bryan treaty would be construed as a general arbitration treaty so far as the terms of the alliance were concerned.

Two Soft Drink Parlors Closed on Rum Charges.

Two soft drink parlors were closed yesterday for a year because of violations of the Volstead act. They are at 1202 South Twentieth street, run by Louis and Hannibal Siranni and Louis Serian, and 2105 Locust street, William Kane and Andrew A. Szigetvar, owners.

On the plea of Joe Falla, 308 North Sixteenth street, that he and his family resided in the rear of his soft drink parlor and fruit stand, the judge took his case under advisement.

The government's case against Jim Meredith, accused of selling rum in the rear of his tombstone-marking establishment at 1509 Webster street, was postponed until Monday. Mary Ann Gillich, owner of the property and a co-defendant with Meredith, is now dead, the district attorney's office learned.

Cabinet Members Consider Government Aid to Russia

Washington, Dec. 3.—Consideration was given at yesterday's cabinet meeting to proposals that the federal government give direct aid to Russian relief. No decision was reached, but it was indicated President Harding and his advisers would probably act one way or another.

Former Secretary of Commerce Redfield, a caller on President Harding, urged the backing of the relief work by direct appropriation.

The cabinet also considered the recommendations of the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics for the establishment of a bureau of aviation in the Department of Commerce. It was the general opinion that congress should take up the suggestion and enact necessary legislation.

It's a Lie, Retort From Judge Foster to Mayor

Police Judge Foster held court yesterday morning as usual, in spite of the letter written to him Friday by Mayor Dahlman, in which the mayor, among other blistering remarks, told Foster that he "is not fit to sit in a court of justice." "That letter is not worthy of any consideration. It's a lie," said Judge Foster as he sat upon the bench. "You can say for me that I thought the mayor had taken the pledge."

Muny Court Writ Granted.

District Judge Troup today granted a writ of peremptory mandamus against the board of county commissioners to compel them to give quarters in the county house to the municipal courts. The commissioners have appealed to the state supreme court.

Theater Fire Kills Three



Here are the ruins of the Rialto theater, New Haven, Conn., where scores were injured and three killed in a fire behind the screen. The theater was crowded. In the mad rush to the street scores were trampled upon. The heroic work of Yale students saved many women and children.

Foch Given Warm Welcome At Small California Town

Dansbur, Cal., Dec. 3.—More than 1,000 persons, many of them former soldiers, gathered at this little town near the northern edge of California last night to greet Marshal Foch at the first stopping place of his special train within the state. The greeting was arranged by the American Legion. Native fruits and flowers were showered upon the marshal and he made a brief address.

Eternal Triangle Bobs Up in Four Court Suits

Mrs. Florence Clasen was named as co-respondent by Mrs. Nettie Allsman in an answer filed by Mrs. Allsman in district court yesterday to the petition of her husband, Walter, for divorce. Mrs. Allsman asks a decree of separate maintenance.

Motorcyclist Injured in Crash With Automobile

Preston Reeves, 2201 Deer Park boulevard, was injured badly yesterday at Thirteenth and Mason streets in a collision between his motorcycle and an automobile driven by Charles Anderson who lives two miles north of Florence.

Reeves was given surgical attention by Police Surgeon Kinoyoum. Anderson was arrested, charged with reckless driving.

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Briand Declares Mission to Arms Meet Successful

French Premier Outlines Results of Visit to United States—Given Reception at Havre.

By The Associated Press. Havre, Dec. 3.—Premier Briand of France, returned home yesterday on the steamer Paris from the arms conference at Washington. A reception was tendered in his behalf at the city hall.

The premier, in an address, outlined the results of his mission, which he declared had been most successful. "I went to Washington," he said, "bearing a lawyer's brief in pleading the cause of France. The most mediocre lawyer could have pleaded it successfully. I have full confidence in the future."

He left for Paris at noon. "France could not have been absent from a gathering such as that called by President Harding for relieving the military burdens which weigh so heavily on the people and which, after such a cruel war, called for relief," the premier declared.

He referred to his speeches in the United States in which he showed that when liberty was in danger France at all times had fought for it and never failed in its task.

France Attacked.

In the last war France had been provoked and attacked and it was only sufficient for him to recall this fact in America to have the justice of France's cause recognized.

"I did not doubt," he continued, "the noble and generous American people. I knew well that every attempt to disgrace France, to turn America away from us, to paint France as a perpetual 'kill-joy' and the cause of the uneasiness of the world—I knew well that this all would be dissipated by plain statements of facts. But yet, I must say that at the solemn meeting it was not without emotion that I spoke, for it was the tribune from which words reached the ears of all peoples."

"My emotions grew and added to my deep satisfaction when, having only stated the situation of my country and pointed out the necessity to protect our security, which is the security of the world, I heard tremendous cheering; when I heard the noble representatives of our ally, England, saying France was in an exceptional position, that she was right to protect herself, and that

France never would be in moral isolation." M. Briand said that the representatives of the other countries also had given him the same assurances and that Secretary Hughes had declared France could not be isolated because it was the defender of right, liberty and justice.

Did Not Reject Proposals.

The premier said he had not rejected any proposals made at the conference for an equitable naval limitation. Concerning land armaments, he added, the situation was definite. He declared he did not suspect the intention of the leaders in Germany and did not desire to believe they were leading their people toward "the temple of war."

M. Briand said the words of

France had been sympathetically received in Washington and that when he left there "some of the prejudices, some of the errors which malignant propaganda had impressed on certain minds had cleared away."

The premier declared he was firmly convinced that the Washington conference would lead to good results; that nothing could result from it which would be intended to mitigate against France's liberty or security.

"We are going through difficulties which arose from calamities and other causes, but we are among friends and allies," he declared.

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union men were summoned before the Kansas industrial court, was brought to the attention of international officials of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America today and it was reported the Kansas men asked permission for a walkout today to avoid appearance before the industrial court.

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