

'Big Three' Naval Powers Agree on 5-5-3 Ratio Plan

Japan to Retain Mutsu and U. S. Two Ships of Maryland Class—Britain to Build Two.

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The maximum number of capital ships as proposed in the original American plan. The 20 American vessels to be scrapped under the original proposal had a tonnage of 825,000 and those to be scrapped under the present plan have a tonnage of 820,000.
Japan will scrap the same number as under the original plan, but the amended list substituting the old Seta for the new Mutsu makes the total tonnage to be scrapped by Japan 435,000 tons, in place of 448,000 tons in the original plan.
Great Britain, which was to have scrapped 19 capital ships under the original plan, is to give up 23 under the revised arrangement, but will build two new ships. The British tonnage to be scrapped, under the original proposal was 583,000, and under the revised proposal will be 605,000.
The total number of capital ships by the three powers under the first American figures was 66 and under the revised figures will be 69. The total tonnage to be scrapped was 1,878,043 tons in the original plan, and is 1,861,643 tons in the revised plan.

It was indicated in the official announcement that no further modifications will be made in the American 10-year naval holiday plan except as may be necessitated in arranging the relative position of the French and Italian navies in the reduction plan.
"Big Five" to Sign Treaty.
It was announced that the naval agreement, including that on naval bases and fortifications, probably would be incorporated in a treaty to be signed by the five powers. No plenary session of the conference, it was stated, would be held to consider the naval agreement until the entire subject, including that of auxiliary ships, was settled.

Under the agreement it was officially estimated that the United States would save \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 over the original proposal of the American government.
The agreement was made public in an announcement to the subcommittee on naval armament, which said:
"The following are points of agreement that have been reached in the course of the negotiations between the United States, Great Britain and Japan with respect to their capital fighting ships:

"Agreement has been reached between the three powers—the United States, the British Empire and Japan, on the subject of naval ratios. The proposal of the American government that the ratio should be 5-5-3 is accepted. It is agreed that with respect to fortifications and naval bases in the Pacific region, including Hongkong, the status quo shall be maintained; that is, that there shall be no increase in these fortifications and naval bases except that this restriction shall not apply to the Hawaiian Islands, Australia, New Zealand and the islands composing Japan proper, or, of course, to the coasts of the United States and Canada, as to which the respective powers retain their entire freedom.

Japan's Tonnage Increased.
The Japanese government has found special difficulty with respect to the Mutsu, as that is their newest ship. In order to retain the Mutsu, Japan has proposed to scrap the Seta, one of her older ships, which under the American proposal, was to have been retained. This would leave the same number of capital ships the same, that is, 10, as under the American proposal. Retention of the Mutsu by Japan in place of the Seta, makes a difference in net tonnage of 13,600 tons, making the total tonnage of Japan's capital ships 435,000 tons, as against 299,700 tons under the original American proposal.

While the difference in tonnage is small, there would be considerable difference in efficiency, as the retention of the Mutsu would give Japan two (2) post-Jutland ships of the latest design.
To meet this situation and to preserve the relative strength on the basis of the agreed ratio, it is agreed that the United States shall complete two (2) of the ships in course of construction, that is, the Colorado and the Washington, which are now about 90 per cent completed, and scrap two (2) of the older ships, that is, the Nevada and the Delaware, which, under the original proposal, were to be retained. This would leave the United States with the same number of capital ships, that is, 18, as under the original proposal, but with a tonnage of 525,850 tons, as against 500,650 tons, as originally proposed. Three (3) of the ships would be post-Jutland ships of the Maryland type.

Britain Allowed Two Ships.

"As the British have no post-Jutland ships, except one Hood, the construction of which is only partly post-Jutland, it is agreed that to maintain proper relative strength, the British government may construct two (2) new ships not to exceed 35,000 tonnage each, that is, calculating tonnage, according to British standards of measurement, according to American calculations, the equivalent of 37,000 tons each. It is agreed that the British government shall, on the completion of these two (2) new ships, scrap four (4) of their ships of the King George V type, that is, the Erin, King George V, Centaur and Ajax, which were to have been retained under the original American proposal. This would leave the British capital ships in number, 20, as against 22 under the American proposal. Taking the tonnage of the two (2) new ships according to American calculation, it would amount to 74,000 and the four ships scrapped having a tonnage of 96,400 tons, there would be a reduction in net tonnage of 22,400 tons, leaving the British tonnage of capital ships 82,550 instead of 604,450. This would give the British, as against the United States, an excess tonnage of 56,200 tons, which is deemed to be fair, in view of the age of the

Chief Problems Of Disarmament Meeting Settled

Results of Conference Successful Beyond Dreams of Any But Most Optimistic Statesmen.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee-Lessed Wire.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Announcement on the complete agreement of the powers on the naval holiday crowned the achievements of the international conference on the limitation of armaments with a measure of success beyond the dreams of any but the most optimistic statesmen.
Here are the outstanding accomplishments up to date of the convocation of the powers called by President Harding:
1. Agreement on a 10-year "naval holiday," providing for the reduction and limitation of the navies of the United States, Great Britain and Japan and the preservation of the status quo of naval bases and fortifications in the western Pacific.
2. Agreement terminating the Anglo-Japanese alliance and providing for the stabilization of peace in the Pacific by the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan.
3. Agreement to remove many of the foreign restrictions on China and to respect the territorial rights and administrative integrity of the Oriental republic and preserve the open door for trade and industry of all nations.
Goal Attained.
The conference has now attained its goal. All that remains will be the formulation of decisions already arrived at and further consideration of the Chinese problems.
Senator Lodge, with the administration backing, has the republican senators well lined up for the treaty. Predictions are being made that not more than half a dozen republicans will insurge.
The rumblings of revolt among the democrats against Mr. Underwood's leadership quickly disappeared after his arrival at the capitol. There is no prospect now that he will be deposed from leadership.
Senator Underwood, it is understood, had declared his willingness to call a democratic caucus at once to bring the leadership question to an immediate show down. There were no such requests.
Innumerable parleys of an informal nature went on during the day. Senator Underwood declined to discuss the results of his conferences with democratic senators, but it was learned that after looking the situation over carefully he felt confident the democratic opposition, now in the process of development, would largely disappear.
Tribute to Japanese.
Senator Borah, republican, and Senator Shields, democrat, paid high tribute to Japanese diplomacy in securing what they declared amounts to a guarantee of the integrity of the Japanese empire for the next 10 years.
Senator Reed of Missouri, democrat, launched a vigorous attack on the treaty in the senate. He characterized the pact as "a gold brick." He charged the conference negotiated the treaty in secret and that the naval reduction agreement is to be used largely as a "back horse" to carry the four-power treaty through the senate.
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States, Great Britain and Japan to scrap 19 capital ships (including certain pre-dreadnaughts already scrapped), whereas under the present arrangement she will scrap four more, or a total of 23. The total tonnage of ships to be scrapped by Great Britain, including the tonnage of the four destroyers, to which the proposal referred as laid down; if completed, was stated to be 583,375 tons. The corresponding total of scrapped ships under the new arrangement will be 22,600 tons more, or 605,975 tons.
Under the American proposal there were to be scrapped 66 capital fighting ships built and building, with a total tonnage (taking ships laid down as completed) of 1,878,043 tons. Under the present arrangement on the same basis of calculation, there are to be scrapped 68 capital ships with a tonnage of 1,861,643 tons.
"The naval holiday of 10 years with respect to capital ships, as originally proposed by the American government, is to be maintained except for the permission to construct ships as above stated."
"This arrangement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan is, so far as the number of ships to be retained and scrapped is concerned, dependent on a suitable agreement with France and Italy as to their capital ships, a matter which is now in course of negotiations."

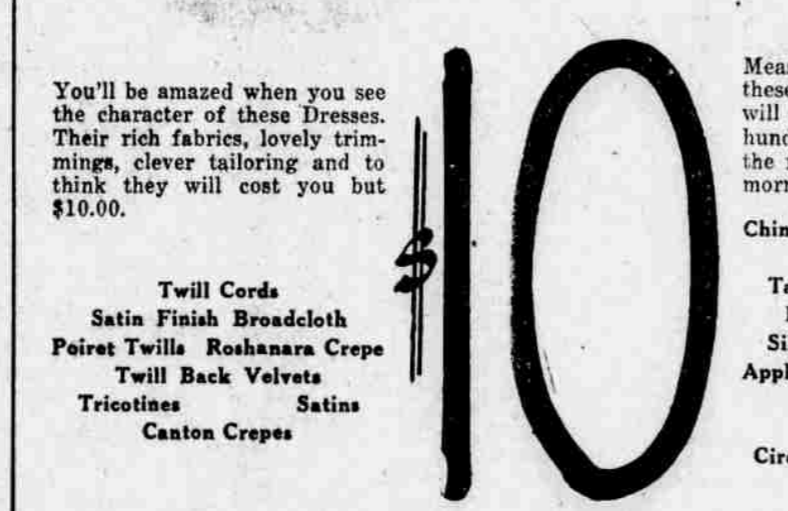


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Notice of appeal to the United States supreme court was filed.

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Kansas Coal Fields Quiet as Troops Come

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 15.—By A. P.—With the arrival of three troops of National Guard cavalry here this morning, quiet prevailed in the Kansas coal fields. There were no reports of further activities by the marching women who for the past three days have congregated at Coal mines and prevented miners from going to work.
The troops, after waiting here in their railroad coaches for some time detoured, and 75 cavalymen were loaded into electric cars and dispatched to the Franklin and Mulberry districts.
A machine gun company from Lawrence, Kan., is expected to arrive here some time today.
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