

Meeting On Armaments Is Proposed

President Suggests Conference Between Four Leading Nations to Settle Question "Of Limitations."

China Asked to Attend

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
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Washington, July 10.—President Harding has proposed to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, the holding of a conference in Washington on the "limitation of armaments" and on the Pacific and Far Eastern problems.

The fact that he has approached the four powers with a view to issuing a formal invitation to participate in the conference if they find the suggestion acceptable, was formally announced by the State department tonight.

The president takes the position that a settlement of the issues arising among the nations bordering the Pacific ocean would remove many obstacles to an agreement on a reduction of armament and he therefore made to reach a solution of these problems, to pave the way for favorable consideration of the curtailment of expenditures for preparedness for war.

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China has been invited to participate in the discussion of the far eastern question, which is evidently viewed by the president as of the broadest scope, doubtless involving the whole question of Japanese aggrandizement on the Asiatic mainland.

The State department's official announcement followed the following announcement:

"The president, in view of the far reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments, has approached with informal, but definite inquiries, the group of powers heretofore known as the principal allied and associated powers, that is, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the response is found to be acceptable, formal invitations for such a conference will be issued."

"It is manifest that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and Far Eastern problems and the president has suggested that in the problems should undertake, in connection with this conference, the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policies in the Far East. This has been communicated to the powers concerned and China has also been invited to take part in the discussion relating to Far Eastern problems."

Forestalls Congress.
By taking this action the president forestalled the immediate prospective action of congress on the question of reduction of armament. The naval appropriation bill, which was finally approved by congress tomorrow, contains the Borah amendment requesting the president to negotiate with England and Japan, an agreement on a naval holiday.

When Mr. Harding was at the senate last week he told Senator Borah he wanted to discuss this matter with him at an early date.
Unwilling to narrow the negotiations to the extent proposed in the Borah amendment, the president, on the eve of his receipt of the measure, has transmitted his proposal to France and Italy as well as England, and Japan and has not limited the scope of the conference to the reduction of military as well as naval armament would be subject to consideration.

Congress Rejects Plan

This broadening of the proposition was rejected by congress during consideration of the Borah amendment. It was contended that France and Italy, whose armament is primarily military, would never consent to a reduction of the size of their armies and that their inclusion in the conference would only result in failure to reach an agreement. Mr. Mondell, the majority leader of the house, proposed to amend the Borah amendment in the terms of the president's proposal, but he was overwhelmed with the opposition and the Borah amendment was accepted as it was passed by the senate.

Senator Borah did not conceal his amazement when apprised of the action of the president in forestalling congress with a broader proposal, which he deems certain to defeat the naval holiday movement, but he declined to be quoted until he could give further consideration to the situation.

May Abandon Regiments In Reduction Program

Washington, July 10.—Some army regiments may be disbanded rather than skeletonized, and a number of divisions merged, Secretary Weeks said, in discussing the method of reducing the enlisted strength of the army from approximately 220,000 to 50,000 men, as directed by congress. It was estimated that six of the military encampments constructed during the war and still maintained by army posts will be abandoned. The army would retain title to the land, water and sewerage systems of the reservations, it was said, so that they may be made available without delay in case of emergency.

Hot? One Man Barely Stopped Merc From Smashing Top of Thermometer

If the gentleman who likes to fry eggs on the pavement was in Omaha yesterday he found it easy to perambulate exposed to the sun in all this great city. Even the sides of houses, floors of porches and rails of street car tracks were too hot to touch.

Reports from the center of the Great Desert of Gobi are not at hand, but it was any hotter there than it was in Omaha, the Gobians have some sympathy.
Even the official weather bureau thermometer, in its cool perch on top of the federal building, felt and registered the thermal torridity of scorching, parching atmosphere at 96 degrees at 4 yesterday afternoon. And down on the streets, on pavements and amid brick walls, it was like a fiery lance in which countless, collarless, sleeveless men and lightly clad women gasped for breath. The asphalt paving melted, retaining the impression even of automobile tire treads in places.

Tale of Thermometer.
A citizen living in a house on Twenty-second and Leavenworth streets, surrounded by trees and much grass shaded by whatever breeze was lazily stirring, found that the thermometer in his north room,

which is sheltered from the sun, registered 90 at 2 p. m.

He bore the heat-measure out on the porch and set it in the shade. It quickly rose to 98.

Then he set it in the sun and the mercury galloped up to 122 degrees, which is as high as the thermometer registered. The size of the instrument and rescued the heat before the sun should melt the glass.

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At Seven o'clock streets about 3 o'clock a loud report. The big automobile had burst. The car was a new tire. The heat of the sun, beating directly down, had expanded the air inside the tire, causing the explosion.

Innumerable automobiles rushed hither and thither, laden with humanity which sought to assist nature in stirring breezes. Picnic parties by hundreds were in the public parks and in many places outside the city. The amusement parks were packed with crowds of people who sought to forget the heat in diversion, pop, near beer and ice cream cones.

The many beach, Riverview park pool, and other substitutes for the "of swimmin' hole" were filled all day and half the night. And in many a home, his said, members of the family sat in the bath tub and read the arid hours away.

Tidewater Body Assembles for Trip on River

East Shows Surprising Interest in Project—Power Feature Magnet to Manufacturing Centers

By VICTOR B. SMITH.

Niagara Falls, Ontario, July 10.—Today is assembly day for the party of business men, engineers and public officials of the United States who are to embark tomorrow on a week's inspection tour of the St. Lawrence river and of canal and power projects in this vicinity.

The party represents the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, which is advocating the development of a waterway from Lake Erie to the Atlantic ocean to permit ocean steamers to enter the Great lakes and to convert Chicago and other lake cities virtually into ocean ports.

Among today's arrivals was Congressman A. W. Jeffers of Omaha, who came from Washington to represent the Nebraska delegation in congress. Nelson B. Urdike of Omaha, representing Nebraska on the executive council of the association, will arrive early tomorrow.

A surprise of the gathering, insofar as a middle-western city is concerned, is the interest shown by New Englanders. There are approximately 100 westerners here but New England has an additional delegation of 75. While the westerners are interested in the project, because of the prospective saving in transportation costs of export agricultural products, the New Englanders are interested in the incidental development of electric power. Present plans provide for the development of the largest hydro-electric plant in the world as a side-line of the shipping program.

This interest in the eastern states is important because it means valuable assistance to the agricultural interests of the west in getting financial and political support for the undertaking.

In addition to some of the biggest business men of England, the eastern delegation includes former Governor James Hartness of Vermont, Governor San Souci of Rhode Island, Governor Lake of Connecticut and former Governor Milliken of Maine.

Former Governor Lowden of Illinois is here from the west, as also are Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas and Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover is expected to cover a part of the tour with the party.

Americans Sail for Celebration in Peru

New York, July 10.—The American commission to the centenary celebration of Peru's independence left today for Callao, Peru, on a special battleship squadron consisting of the dreadnaughts Arizona, Oklahoma and Nevada, under command of Rear Admiral John D. McDonald. The squadron will stop at Hampton Roads to take on Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman, naval member of the commission.

The Peruvian ambassador, Senor Don Federico Alfonso Perez, came from Washington to see the commission off. The Peruvian flag was run up on the flagship Arizona and a salute of honor fired as the Peruvian national anthem was played. Santiago Bedoya, second secretary of the embassy, and German Aramburu, joined the commission as aides.

Total of 4,630 Ex-Soldiers Admitted to National Homes

Washington, July 10.—National soldiers' homes for disabled volunteer soldiers admitted 4,630 former service men during the last fiscal year, Gen. G. H. Wood, president of the homes, told a senate investigating committee today.
The national homes at Marion, Ind., and Johnson City, Tenn., are now used exclusively for the treatment of world war veterans, he said. Veterans are admitted, General Wood said, upon presentation of honorable discharge papers and vocational training is given when requested by the federal board.

President Facing Test Of Strength

Demand That Congress Sidetrack Bonus Bill and Other Measures to Bring First Real Showdown.

Members Evenly Divided

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire.
Washington, July 10.—President Harding faces the first real test of his leadership as a result of his demand that congress sidetrack the soldier bonus bill, pigeon hole other pending legislation and give its whole-hearted attention to the purpose for which the special session was called, namely tariff and tax revision.

Polls indicated that the outcome will be a 50-50 affair. Administration leaders were confident that they would be able to shelve the bonus bill until next winter, although they admitted that the results would be close. It was generally conceded, however, that the president would have to gain new strength from unexpected sources before he could carry into effect his desire that the senate take a recess as a means of facilitating committee action on the tax and tariff bills.

In Defiant Mood

The bi-partisan senatorial combination known as the agricultural bloc, mustering 30 votes, appeared to have control of the situation. So far as the bonus is concerned, it is taking no stand and its members will be widely divided on the question of recommending the bill. On the question of taking a recess and abandoning all other legislation except tax and tariff, however, it is in a defiant mood.

Far from agreeing to this portion of Mr. Harding's program, the bloc was busily engaged today, seeking new methods to hold the senate on the job until the farmers' relief program is put through. The old law of 1850 was dragged out from the musty archives and prepared for application in the drive for additional agricultural legislation. Under the provisions of this act, senators who absent themselves without good cause are liable to a fine of \$100 for each day of their absence. This law was invoked several years ago in the house and vastly improved attendance resulted. It is believed that enforcement of the law in the senate now would lessen the difficulties of securing a quorum these days.

Leaders Confident

The most sorely perplexed element in the senate is that group of 32 senators who come up for reelection next year. Prospects are that the administration will receive little support from this class of senators, either on the republican or the democratic side. Notwithstanding such defections, administration leaders felt certain they would be able to round up 50 or more votes in favor of sending the bonus back to the finance committee after the president delivers his address next week.

The suggestion that the senate proceed to pass the bonus and then have the house assume responsibility for sidetracking it until next winter has been received with indignation among representatives. They declared emphatically that they did not propose to be "made the cat" and that if the bill comes before them they will pass it just as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

Shipbuilding Firm Awarded \$1,028,458 Against Australia

Seattle, July 10.—The Patterson-McDonald shipbuilding company of Seattle has been awarded \$1,028,458 in ship construction claims against the Australian government, by the board of arbitrators appointed by the Australian government and the company, which was filed today with the master in bankruptcy here.

Claims of the company rose out of the construction of nine 4,200-ton wooden ships for Australia.

As a result of its differences with the Australian government the company went into bankruptcy last year. A. M. McDonald, president of the company, declared that the corporation's total liabilities are not expected to exceed \$50,000 and that the company will be able to pay its creditors in full.

Communist Stand Approved By Third Internationale

Riga, July 9.—(By the Associated Press).—According to an official Moscow radio message, the congress of the third internationale, after a speech by Nikolai Lenin, the soviet leader, adopted a resolution approving the policies of the Russian communists. The resolution also approved "concession in order to keep the dictatorship of proletarian Russia until our western brethren can come to our aid."

Soviet Russia, Lenin says, is rebuilding her own industries, during a breathing spell in the struggle with capitalist states, who still want, but do not dare, to attack her. Meanwhile the communists must use this same breathing spell to prepare a revolution against all capitalistic countries, he said.

Man Arrested for Failure To Assist Drowning Boy

Chicago, July 10.—John Collins is under arrest here because he is alleged to have stood by while Annie Holdt, 10, drowned in shallow water without offering assistance.

Will They Come to An Agreement?



Matters Serves Only 44 Days of 5-Year Sentence

Former Legal Advisor of Sutton Bank Released From Federal Prison on President's Pardon

Forty-four days was all Thomas H. Matters, Omaha attorney, served of a five-year sentence in the federal prison at Leavenworth.

He was released Saturday afternoon on a pardon from President Harding.

Matters received his pardon ahead of M. L. Luebben, whose application for release received the endorsement of Judge Woodrough who sentenced him.

Luebben was president of the First National bank of Sutton, Neb., and Matters was legal advisor. It was because of the failure of this bank in 1915 that Matters and Luebben both received five-year sentences.

For six years Matters fought in the courts against conviction. When the courts ruled against him he sought pardons from former President Wilson and then President Harding. Both attempts failed and on May 26 he surrendered himself at Leavenworth, presumably to escape the humiliation of being taken to prison by officers from Omaha.

Prison authorities report Matters was a model prisoner during his brief stay. It is said he had nothing to do with Luebben while the two were prison mates.

Sultana of Kabul to Call at White House

New York, July 10.—The Princess Fatima, sultana of Kabul, who has arrived here from San Francisco on the way to England with her three sons, expects to visit Washington next week to pay her respects to President Harding. An immense white sapphire, set in the left side of her nose, has attracted attention at the hotel where the family is staying.

Prince Mohammed Hashim Khan and Prince Mohammed Azim Khan intend to enter Oxford. Twelve-year-old Prince Mohammed Akbar Khan will study at Eton, Harrow or Rugby. The sultana is a first cousin of the Emir of Afghanistan. She has been giving her sons education by travel since last spring. They visited China and Japan before crossing the Pacific and will sail for England July 15.

Secretary Denby to Review Pacific Fleet in September

San Francisco, July 10.—The Pacific fleet, with all its 207 vessels present, will rendezvous in San Francisco Bay on or about September 1 for review by Secretary of the Navy Denby, according to an official order issued by Admiral Eberle, fleet commander. The ships will pass in review before Denby in battle formation, it was said, and the demonstration will be one of the greatest displays in the navy's history.

Secretary Denby will review the fleet from the battleship New York, upon his return from Alaska and Honolulu.

Five Killed 50 Hurt in Air Crash

Bombing Plane Plunges Into Line of Automobiles at Langin Field—Explosion and Fire Follows

Sixteen Cars Are Burned

Moundsville, W. Va., July 10.—Five persons were killed and approximately 50 injured at Langin field here, late today, when a Martin bombing plane fell on a group of automobiles parked on the grounds.

An explosion followed, setting fire to the machines. The dead were all spectators.

Lieut. C. R. McIve, pilot, and Lieut. H. Denton, assistant pilot, were rescued by Carl Miller, coach of Bethany college.

The known dead are: Carl Pettet, Fred Edge, Ralph Hartzell, Mrs. George Long, 65, and an unidentified child, age about 9.

Most of the injured were taken to the Glendale hospital, where it was reported five were in a serious condition.

The dead are of Moundsville, with the exception of Edge, whose home was at Round Bottom, W. Va.

Lieutenants McIve and Denton were taking off in the government plane from Langin field. They had risen about 30 feet, according to the report, when the plane swung sharply to the left and seemed about to hit a hangar. An effort was made, it was said, to throw the plane into the Ohio river, but it was flying too low and crashed along a line of automobiles lined along the river bank.

Sixteen automobiles were burned and the dead, in some instances, were trapped in the machines.

The pilots arrived at Moundsville Saturday afternoon from the Martin factories at Cleveland, and were leaving Langin field for Langley field, where the plane was to be put into service.

Earl of Craven Loses Life in Solent River; Body Is Recovered

Cowes, Island of Wight, July 10.—The Earl of Craven was drowned in the waters of the Solent last night or early today. He disappeared mysteriously from his yacht during the night and at 3 o'clock this afternoon his body was found on the rocks two miles from Cowes.

The Earl of Craven, in 1893, married Miss Cornelia Martin, daughter of the late Bradley Martin of New York. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman and had taken the Solent Lodge, belonging to the Marchioness of Ormonde, for the Cowes regatta in August. He arrived yesterday on board his yacht, the Sylvia, paid a visit to the Royal yacht squadron, and then returned to the yacht.

A strong tide ran at the point the Sylvia was moored, and it is surmised that after having tripped over a rope or other obstacle and fallen into the water he was carried away by the current.

Although the automobile in which he was riding at a terrific rate of speed turned turtle twice and was practically demolished at Thirty-first and Evans streets Saturday night, Richard Randall, 3323 Madison street, escaped serious injury.

Randall was driving north on Thirty-first street and, according to Mrs. Arch Harvey, 3116 Pinkney street, lost control of the automobile while he was speeding.

Just in front of her home, Mrs. Harvey told police, the car turned over twice and landed on the parking. Randall was picked up stunned, but later recovered consciousness. Mrs. Harvey declared another man had accompanied Randall, but police could not find him.

Plan to Reopen Milling Plant at Nebraska City

Nebraska City, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—A meeting of the stockholders of the Wash-Co. Milling company was held here in an attempt to reopen the plant which has been closed down for some time. Arrangements were made for the liquidation of the company's indebtedness and it is thought the plant will be put in operation in a short time as the present stockholders have signified their intention of financing the concern. The mill employs a large number of men when running at capacity.

Davenport Shipping Body Quits After 18 Years

Davenport, Neb., July 10.—The Davenport Shipping association dissolved its continued business after serving the community for 18 years. Lack of business is given for the abandonment of the organization.

Good Wheat Yield

Davenport, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—Wheat in this section is making from 18 to 36 bushels an acre and is of very fine quality. The heavy rains of last week stopped shock threshing for a few days.

Tramps Crowd Trains

Tecumseh, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—Northbound Burlington freight trains through this city are carrying hundreds of tramps. Over 30 were counted on one freight train this week, 27 of the number sitting on top of a single box car.

The Weather

Forecast.
Nebraska: Continued fair and warm Monday.
Hourly Temperatures.
7 a. m. 77 10 a. m. 80
1 p. m. 82 4 p. m. 85
7 p. m. 84 10 p. m. 82
11 a. m. 86 2 p. m. 88
5 p. m. 85 8 p. m. 83
11 p. m. 82 1 a. m. 80