

Greatest Bar to American Naval Plan Is Removed

Termination of Anglo-Japanese Alliance Does Much to Open Way for Limitation Agreement.

By TRAFALLO WILCOX.
Chicago Tribune—Omaha Dec. 11.—The greatest obstruction to triumph for the American naval limitation program, the Anglo-Japanese alliance, was removed here.

Now for the 10 year naval holiday, agreement on the capital ship ratio, proposed by the United States, and the bringing of the Washington conference to a super-climax of achievement for the peace of the world.

Having removed a grave possible cause of war, the delegates of the powers represented here propose next to consummate the underlying purpose of the conference, the limitation of the great naval armaments of the world.

Expect Agreement Soon.
First to be determined in bringing consideration of the capital ship ratio to a conclusion is the 5-5-3 ratio of capital ships to be accorded the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

Today's accomplishment is believed here to make acceptance by Japan of the 60 percent capital ship ratio almost a certainty. How soon agreement on this will be announced could not be stated definitely tonight, but the prediction was general that it would be forthcoming within a few days.

Baron Kato, the head of the Japanese delegation, said tonight that final word from his government on this important phase of the conference had not been received, but that it was expected almost hourly. As soon as the issue is decided, it is probable that the plenipotentiaries of the conference will be held to receive the announcement. Reports are current tonight that a plenary session might be called early next week, but American conference officials said that there could be nothing definite about it at this time.

Successful Outcome Predicted.
The spirit of the delegates at today's session reflected a successful outcome of the naval reduction controversy. Mr. Balfour of Britain, speaking of the four-power agreement and its effect on the purposes of the Washington conference said:

"Nothing is more germane to its spirit and nothing that we could possibly have done would better prepare the way for that dimension of naval armament which I hope will be one of our greatest triumphs."

Prince Tokugawa of Japan said that Japan would rejoice in the pledge of peace upon the Pacific ocean made today and endorsed the utterances of Mr. Balfour in predicting success of the disarmament program.

Support of De Valera in Ireland Weakening
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Arthur Griffith will be the first chief of the new Irish free state.

Tom Johnson, the secretary of the Irish labor party, told me that labor would take no part in the present quarrel. It is true that it is not directly represented in the cabinet, but it stood aside to allow concentration on the national demand, but it will not even try to influence the votes of the members of labor constituencies.

The report that cornhuskers were needed in the vicinity of Superior brought men in numbers and corn-picking is being rapidly completed.

Work of Omaha Poetess Recognized by Magazines

Mrs. Julie Hammond Plans to Publish Mystical Writings in Book Form.

Mrs. Julie Hammond, 2425 Burdette street, is an Omaha poetess whose work has been recognized by publications here and elsewhere. She expects to gather her poems in a book to be published next spring.

A blending of various romantic strains from her ancestry accounts for the mysticism of many of her poems. For she is a New Orleans Creole, with Spanish, French, Cuban and negro blood.

Her parents died when she was very young and she went to live in Virginia with the family of Mrs. Ellick McVeigh Miller, a novelist. Here she found just what she craved—books. And from these books she educated herself. She has never gone to school.

Her earliest published work was printed when she was 16. She has had poems published in Life, the Indianapolis Freeman, the Monitor, Omaha, and in other papers.

One of her most appreciated poems is "June Time." It has a lilt and rhythm that typify the beauties of June:

Sunshine and blue skies, and fields of living green;
Hill and dale with flowers, of every hue and aben.
Song birds and butterflies on golden wings
Whispering sweetly in the breeze,
Moonshine and starshine and winds that softly sigh;
Aly clouds, white, that idly wander by.

Old friends and new loves now meet
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Attorney for Wife of Banker Presents Affidavit in Support of Accusation Against Plaintiff.

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Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Accusations that two Canadian agents had bribed to testify against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman and that agents for James A. Stillman attempted to corrupt 11 others into giving false testimony opened a fresh counter attack upon the banker in his divorce suit.

The charges were made in open court before Supreme Court Justice Morschauer by J. F. Brennan, chief of Mrs. Stillman's counsel, and John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for her son, Guy, 3, whose legitimacy the banker impugned.

The affidavit named Joseph and Ferdinand Page, both of LaTouche, Quebec, as the two who were bribed before testifying against Mrs. Stillman. Mr. Brennan told the banker's lawyer, Outerbridge Horsey, that agents for Mr. Stillman sought to corrupt witnesses were J. Albert La Fontaine and Francois Lajoie and added there were others who were guilty.

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No Provision for Force.
"There is no provision," said Senator Lodge, "for the use of force to carry out any of the terms of the agreement and no military or naval sanction lurks anywhere in the background or under cover of these plain and direct clauses."

Unusual significance attaches to this utterance and to the further fact that Senator Lodge was hosen to make the announcement of the agreement on the treaty. Senator Lodge is chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate, the consent of which to the ratification of the treaty will be asked by President Harding.

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Atlantic Exchange Phone Users Tickle Dial to Get Numbers Now

New Machine Switching System Put Into Service At Midnight—7,600 Subscribers Affected—Experts Present When "Cut Over" Is Made.

Two master minds of the telephone industry of the world were in Omaha Saturday and were present at midnight when the Atlantic board at the telephone exchange was "cut over" to the machine-switching system.

They are Dr. Frank B. Jewett, vice president and chief engineer of the Western Electric company, and Bancroft Gherardi, vice president and chief engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph company.

Jewett and Gherardi have had vital parts in the 10 years' development of the machine-switched telephone to its present state of perfection.

Omaha is the first city to have the new system, they said. Kansas City and Patterson, N. J., have systems in progress of construction.

All Atlantic Users Affected.
All of the 7,600 Atlantic telephones were switched from the manual switchboard to the new machine switching mechanism at midnight, and the new service was in full operation at the Atlantic central office Sunday.

Only Atlantic telephone users were affected by the change. Jackson, Douglas, Harney, Webster, Kenwood, West and Market subscribers are giving their calls to an operator today as in the past.

The first call recorded from one Atlantic number to another after the "cut over" was at 12:02 when Miss Ethel Brown, Atlantic 0059, dialed a call to Miss Melva Bouvia, Atlantic 3873.

Two minutes before, or exactly at midnight, as the "cut over" was effected, a Harney exchange operator picked up a call from Atlantic 0310 to Harney 1163. This was the first actual call under the new dialing system.

The change in the service furnished Atlantic telephone subscribers was carried out last night without ceremony. Careful and detailed preparations had been made and rehearsed, which resulted in the switch being made almost in the twinkling of an eye.

While highly pleased with the manner in which the change to machine switching service took place, telephone officials are urging Atlantic subscribers to limit their calls for a few days to only those which are necessary, because the operating forces which handle calls originating in the Atlantic central office and terminating at some one of the manual switchboards are entering upon their new duties for the first time.

Both Jewett and Gherardi had big things to do in the war. As colonel in the signal corps and as a member of the navy department special board for anti-submarine warfare, Col. Jewett directed the construction of a majority of the electrical apparatus which was used in the late war, among them the method of locating submarines by sound ranging. He also aided in the perfection of the wireless telephone.

Between his military and naval duties, Col. Jewett was kept busy, and at the close of the war was decorated with the distinguished service medal. Col. Jewett is an officer, director and member in many electrical and scientific organizations.

Long in Phone Industry.
Mr. Gherardi has long been connected with some of the largest telephone and telegraph companies in the country. He played an important part in the connection of the subway and cable from Boston to Washington, the transcontinental line and development of wireless telephony. During the war he was a member of several governmental advisory boards and did important work with cable communications.

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"This message has been relayed via Milwaukee and St. Louis."

"Three miles off shore. Deep water. No bars. Rear Admiral Wayne B. Wheeler at the helm. Whew! How the wind blows."



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Convicted Murderer Escapes From Prison

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wheeled so that the car ran onto the curb, leaped out, fired a shot at the owner of the car to terrify him, and then clambered into a big touring car, apparently waiting for him, and that is the last seen of him.

"The only way we can hold O'Connor is in the morgue," said Chief of Police Fitzmorris, as he sent out every available detective in squads, armed with riot guns, with instructions to kill him on sight.

"We will have him back before Monday morning—dead or alive," said the detectives, as they started to comb the city in high powered cars, traveling in squads of four and five.

O'Connor, after killing Detective Sergeant O'Neill, defied police for many months. He said, after he was captured, that he attended many dance halls, rode freely through the parks and did not restrict his movements in any way.

Eventually, however, the chase came so hot that he went to Minneapolis. After a drunken carousal there, he entered a sleeping car, armed with three magazine pistols, and undertook to terrify the negro porter. The latter kicked him in the face, knocking him from the car.

The engineer came back to the assistance of the porter, and with a large monkey wrench, beat O'Connor until he became tractable. He almost escaped detection when arraigned the following day on a charge of disorderly conduct and assaulting with a deadly weapon. This would have enabled him to free after a few weeks in a Minneapolis jail, but some one recognized him as the Chicago all around murderer and he was extradited.

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