FRANCE FAVORS ARMS REDUCTION

Ready to Support Any "Safe" Proposition at Washington Conference

PROTECTION IS DEMANDED

By the Associated Press

Paris, Oct. 10.—The French delegation is going to the Washington conference disposed to entertain any safe proposition by which France can save to the limit on military and naval outlay, it was said today by an official close to the head of the delegation.

From the same source it was learned that it is expected in official circles here that the cost of maintenance of the troops of occupation in the Rhineland and the possibility of reducing the force there will come up in Washington.

The army and navy now is costing France 4,500,000,000 francs annually, while the deficit in the budget is 2,500,000,000 francs, nearly all of which could be made up by economies in the military and naval sections, if France should be guaranteed otherwise against surprises from the east.

The French delegation is not ready to talk of a definite proposition, but the tendency of comment in official circles is suggestive of a proposition to cut the army and navy expense in half. It is pointed out that there is no other department in which France is able to reduce the outlay to the amount of her resources, the bulk of appropriations being for the fixed interest account and ordinary Government expenses.

St. Nazaire, France, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—"France must remain armed as long as her security has not been assured," was the declaration made yesterday by Aristide Briand, French Premier, in an address outlining French foreign policy.

M. Briand was surrounded by six Ministers of his Cabinet and four Under-Secretaries. He declared that at the present moment the French Premier seems to have full authority to deal with all questions with which he treats in the realm of world interest.

"My voice must carry high and far," said M. Briand. "Tomorrow, beyond seas, we are invited to examine into certain problems. I have had the honor to reply 'present' to that invitation. We shall go to Washington, first, in order to fulfill a duty of gratitude and to see in their home those noble and brave soldiers whom we have seen in France. We will go also to accomplish a duty toward France.

"France must remain armed as long as her security has not been assured. France has earned the right to reparations and security. At no time shall the French Government yield on those points. I will refute the accusations of imperialism which have been made against France. Our allies know that we demand our rights—nothing more. Tomorrow, at Washington, I will prove to the Americans that France wants peace.

"We will discuss the great problems of the day coolly and impartially. If guarantees of security are granted France, she will be among the first nations to enter into the policy of disarmament, for France loathes war and imperialism.

"This Government has confidence in the Government of Dr. Wirth, the German Chancellor. The undertakings entered into by the present German Government have been fulfilled. France's attitude in these difficult moments is no aggressiveness but no timidity."

PREPARE FOR IRISH PARLEY TOMORROW

Delegations Hold Separate Preliminary Meetings to Plan Procedure

MICHAEL COLLINS ARRIVES

By the Associated Press

London, Oct. 10.—Michael Collins, Sinn Fein Minister of Finance, arrived in London today, completing the Sinn Fein delegation which tomorrow will confer with representatives of the British Government to ascertain "how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire may best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations." The Sinn Fein delegates were early at work today completing arrangements for the meeting.

Prime Minister Lloyd George and the members of his Cabinet forming the British delegation also had a meeting to decide upon the course of procedure.

Third Secretary Pleases

Mr. Collins is staying with the secretariat of the Irish delegation, the other Sinn Fein delegates being accommodated in another residence nearby. Arthur Griffith, Sinn Fein Foreign Minister, said this morning he was delighted with the success of the Sinn Feiners in securing the services as third secretary to the Irish delegation of John Chartres, who besides being highly versed in legal matters was chief of the intelligence section of the War Office Armaments Output Committee during the war and for nine years was director of the Intelligence Department of the London Times.

Mr. Griffith said he expected Mr. Chartres to be of great value in interpreting the British proposals. Mr. Chartres is staying with Mr. Griffith.

Eamon J. Duggan, Sinn Fein member of the British Parliament, who since the truce has acted as chief liaison officer, arrived early at the secretariat for a conference with the other delegates. He said he had arranged to keep in close touch with his substitute as chief liaison officer of Ireland regarding the truce, and declared he had no apprehension concerning it. Murphy, the substitute, he said, had served as liaison officer in Athlone, where he behaved with discretion, no friction having arisen between him and the military.

Refuse British Hospitality

The Sinn Fein delegates have decided not to accept any hospitality while in England, except from personal friends. This decision is not due to hostility toward Londoners, they say, but because they wish to save themselves from being overwhelmed with invitations and desire to devote every moment to the work in hand.

Desmond Fitzgerald, Sinn Fein Minister of Propaganda, said today he expected the conference commencing tomorrow would decide to issue an agreed communique daily, as was done when Eamon de Valera, the Irish Republican leader, met Mr. Lloyd George in London some time ago. If the British representatives have a stenographer present, Mr. Fitzgerald declared, the Sinn Fein delegates will claim a similar right and they have brought a man from Dublin with them for that purpose.

Whatever decisions were reached by the British conferees this morning were kept closely to themselves, an official of the delegation dismissing inquiries with the statement that the matters to come under review at the first meeting tomorrow was for the negotiators to determine. Another meeting of the Cabinet Ministers will be held tonight.

That Mr. Lloyd George does not expect the initial conversations to be lengthy appears to be indicated by his calling representatives of the labor organizations this morning that he would receive their delegation at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening to hear their proposals relative to the unemployment situation.

"DOUG'S" HOME UP FOR SALE

Los Angeles, Oct. 10.—First authentic confirmation of a statement made by "Doug" Fairbanks and Mary Pickford in Europe recently that they plan to spend half of every year from now on in Paris, was given out in Los Angeles yesterday.

An advertisement announcing the beautiful twelve-and-one-half-acre estate of the two film leaders for sale or lease was verified at the Fairbanks home.

Caven Shatters "Free Fund" Myth

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000. Of this sum $2,257,786.79 is expended and charged off on the books, leaving a seeming unincumbered balance of $1,086,540. Plans under way, of which Mr. Hadley and the Vare men take no account, according to the Caven report, leaves an unincumbered balance of only $742,213.21. And plans will be underway for the use of the real balance as soon as required.

Where Hadley's Figures Fail

Another example of the difference between bookkeeping and actual work figures is found in the item of sewage disposal. The total loan money for this purpose is $5,200,000. Of this sum, $3,963,021.13 is expended and charged off on the books, leaving a bookkeeping balance of $1,929,225.73. Director Caven says that the true unencumbered sum is the insignificant total of $11,978.87. The reason for this, explained by the Director, is that plans for $1,225,000 worth of work are actually under way—the bookkeeper, of course, knew nothing about this, figuratively speaking.

Another sample of the real status of affairs is shown in the figures for bridges. The total loan money is $2,250,000, of which $1,075,992.76 is expended and charged off, leaving a balance on the books of $1,174,357.74. Director Caven's aides reported to him that plans under way make the actual balance only $174,007.24.

The total loan fund for the improvement of Delaware avenue is $3,550,000, of which $2,724,363.89 is expended and charged off, leaving a balance of $825,595. The actual "free fund," owing to plans under way, said the Director, is $25,636.11.

More Millions "Shrink"

In the Bureau of Highways, the loan fund for grading is $2,000,000, of which $1,787,610.10 is expended and charged off, leaving on the books a balance of $1,251,047.07. The Director says that the real unencumbered total is only $812,389.90, and that this will be cleared off under plans being prepared. For the improvement of country roads the loan total is $1,554,580.36, of which $1,356,558.81 is charged off, leaving a balance of $393,365.20. Caven said that the actual balance is only $198,021.55 and that ordinances to use are pending in the Vare Council. For paving the loan fund is $1,900,000, of which the bookkeeping balance, is $911,084.26. The Director says that the real working balance is $773,997.09, for which plans are being prepared.

The slump in building operations, says the report, decreased requests for paving. An item in this bureau of which the Vare men made much was $550,000 for the extension of Delaware avenue from Laurel to Dyott street. This money, they said, should be under contract, but the Caven report says that this whole sum will be required for land damages. In item after item in the Bureau of Highways, where the separate sums are small, but loom large in the aggregate, the reports show that plans are being prepared which will put the money under contracts as soon as possible.

Most of the items of the Bureau of City Property are small, about $5000 each, and they are all earmarked and therefore unavailable under the law for any other than the originally designated purpose. Even in these cases, however, the report shows that plans and specifications are being prepared and that bids will be called for.

Some of the large items, such as $9,000 for comfort stations, $100,000 for the improvement of small parks and squares, the money is held "subject to future legislation by Council." While awaiting this legislation the hands of the Director are tied, he says.

The big item in this bureau, $1,000,000 for the City Hall Annex, is tied up pending the settlement of damages to property owners. The decision of the Board of View has been handed down, but the case has been appealed. Meanwhile the department is ready to proceed with the demolition contract.

In the Bureau of Water there are a number of small items. Chief Davis reports on these: "Held waiting opportunity to apply on reasonably large contract."

The chief item in the Bureau of Water is the loan fund of $3,105,000 for the extension of the water supply. Of this $1,168,585.95 has been charged off.

The balance, bookkeeping and actual, is $1,966,865.37.

Rushing Work Rapidly

Chief Davis, of the Bureau of Water says there is a good reason for this balance—that work has been put under contract as fast as good engineering policy dictates.

In this connection, the report says:

"Appropriation of $3,105,000 available since the last of February, 1921, or practically seven months to date. During this period substantially more than one-third of the total appropriation has been put under contract. The program of work contemplated under this loan includes extensive improvements on ten major units of the water supply plant. New work must be subordinated to the effective operation of existing plants and must be carried on in logical sequence and at such times as conditions permit. Those items of work which require the longest time for execution have been started first; items which require a lesser time will be started at the proper place in the program so that an entire project will be completed at the same time."

PREPARE TO EXPAND U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Davis Formulates Request for $400,000 Special Appropriation

Washington, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—Foreshadowing what is expected to be one of the recommendations of the National Unemployment Conference, formulation of a request for a $400,000 special congressional appropriation to permit expansion of the Federal employment service, was ordered today by Secretary of Labor Davis.

The conference in drafting its emergency program recommended establishment of local employment agencies, and the recommendations for permanent relief from unemployment, in the light of Secretary Davis' action, are expected to include an extension of the work of the employment service, now operating on a skeleton basis. Emergency committees have been appointed by the Mayors of thirty-one cities with organization of committees under way in twenty-one.

Griswold Letters Hit Pathetic Note

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Miller, for eighteen years an employee of the Drischmans, acquired a piece of property formerly belonging to Mrs. Griswold.

"The books will show that," replied Mrs. Drischman.

Judge Cole gathered up an armful of books and laid them before the witness.

"Please consult the books and tell us," he said.

Knew Nothing About Books

Mrs. Drischman looked at the books in a helpless sort of way. After a moment's hesitation, she said:

"To start with, I don't know where to look for it. I may as well be honest. I don't know anything about the books."

In reply to further questioning, Mrs. Drischman said that her bookkeeper, Mrs. C. S. Waxter, could probably get the information from the books.

The rise in fortune of Charles Miller was hinted at during the morning proceedings. According to Mrs. Drischman's testimony, Miller had been a friend of her father and had been in her employ for eighteen years. Other witnesses had testified that he was for a time employed as an attendant and a chauffeur for Mrs. Griswold during the time Mrs. Drischman was trustee of the Griswold estate.

Mrs. Drischman admitted that she had paid Miller $6000 out of the Griswold funds because of a rupture he was alleged to have sustained when he lifted Mrs. Griswold onto the bed after she had fallen off. This payment, Mrs. Drischman declared, had been authorized by Mrs. Griswold. Later, the witness testified, Miller "lent" the Griswold estate $5000, and later there was transferred to him the Griswold property in Northfield.

Mrs. Virginia Elsey, a modiste, testified that she once saw Miller wearing an enormous diamond. Commenting on this to Mrs. Griswold, the witness said the latter declared that it was her stone which she had had reset and was allowing Miller, then acting as her chauffeur, to wear for "safe keeping."

Mrs. Elsey also testified concerning the steady decline of Mrs. Griswold in appearance from the time of the execution of the deed of trust, when she was a fashionable, well-dressed woman, down to the stage, just before her death, when her appearance was "very shabby." The witness told of being called to Mrs. Griswold's home at one time and asked to prepare to take care of an Alaskan seal coat, worth between $3000 and $4000. Mrs. Griswold at this time declared, according to the witness, that her "things were being stolen right and left." Mrs. Elsey also swore that Mrs. Griswold once came into her store and wept because of the way she was being treated.

The letters admitted this morning included all of those written by Mrs. Griswold to her daughter, the Countess, after the latter was married, and taken together they constitute a remarkable record of the misfortunes which seemed to dog the trail of the former American beauty. Those letters disclosed that Mrs. Griswold executed the deed of trust to Mrs. Drischman in 1915 in the belief that only in this manner could she protect her estate from people who were trying to rob her, that for many months after this Mrs. Drischman made her believe that the estate was in a most prosperous condition, but that it was being menaced by lawsuits; and that, during the last few years of her life, Mrs. Griswold turned against Mrs. Drischman and wanted to break the deed of trust, but was prevented from doing so because she was made to believe that her trustee would be an important witness in divorce proceedings which had been instituted by Mr. Griswold.

Pathetic Note in Letters

Some of these letters were exceedingly pathetic, especially when read in the light of the sharply social position Mrs. Griswold, as a descendant of the Bonapartes, once occupied.

In 1915, Mrs. Griswold wrote to her divorced daughter in Italy:

"My dear Clare: I have not written you for a long time, as I have been so worried over my business affairs. I found I was being robbed at the rate of $6000 a year, and I had to take the advice of a lawyer. He advised me to make a deed of trust, so that all of their noses would be cut off and you and the children would be provided for."

In a letter a few weeks later, she said:

"However, fortunately my trustee is a very clever young man and a wonderful real estate dealer. She makes from $7000 to $25,000 on every deal and that buys it."

Later she wrote:

"Mr. G. (evidently referring to her husband from whom she was then separated) misjudges me terribly, as I want, she also said, right. Much good may it do him, as I never do anything."

This was followed by a letter in which she said:

"The deal of which I made has unexpectedly gone to pieces and left me almost penniless. However, in six months more in rigid economy I hope to pay my debts."

This letter was written shortly after the estate was turned over to Mrs. Drischman, at a time when, according to the testimony of the previous witnesses, it was worth $500,000 at pre-war values.

Under date of November 19, 1918, Mrs. Griswold wrote her daughter:

"I have been told all sorts of things to prejudice my writing you."

December 1, 1918, she wrote:

"I have lived in a turmoil. My sister is very ill and I cannot get a nurse until she gets well. So can send you nothing. How glad I will be to escape and live in a hotel where there are lights and people."

Stripped of Everything

On February 23, 1919, a little more than a year preceding her death, Mrs. Griswold wrote her daughter:

"Everything has been taken from me—jewels, silverware, clothes. She (Mrs. Drischman) is furious because you have not written to her and thanked her for her kindness to you. But I do not see why you should, as I pay her 10 times at for her services. She continually engaged in lawsuits, but never has won one."

According to testimony previously given by Mrs. Drischman, she was not engaged in any lawsuits at this time.

Apparently complete disillusionment came to Mrs. Griswold in May, 1919, because on the 16th of the month she wrote her daughter:

"In spite of all I have survived, for I am a child of intrigue and lies. She has sold all of my jewels, including the fine string of pearls, which she sold for about $2000, and said they were paste. Even the family pictures and miniatures are gone.

"Don't say I tried to scale the Ritz, as well as every letter I have received from you in four years. I could easily get rid of her, but my lawyer says keep still and try to get her evidence. By keeping quiet I hope to get the money I need. If not, I must borrow money—on Short—and go to Paris.

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