

LEAD OF SHANTUNG DISPUTE AT HAND

Chinese Expected to Obey Pekin Instructions and Accept Japanese Proposals

DISCUSSIONS ARE RESUMED

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Washington, Jan. 5.—With the resumption of the discussions today it is expected that the Shantung issue will be settled, the Chinese accepting the Japanese proposal. The Chinese delegation is understood to have received its instructions from Pekin.

It is denied here that the Japanese have negotiated directly at Pekin and the denial is generally accepted. It is not believed that the Japanese would do anything so likely to injure their standing with the American public as to deal directly with the Pekin Government on a subject which was before the Conference here.

Some other method has doubtless been used of making the new authorities realize that it would be impractical to hold out for further concessions than Japan has offered in the negotiations here with the Chinese delegation.

Much speculation is going on here as to what will be the action of the Chinese delegates. Will they consent to be overruled from Pekin? Will they sign an agreement which leaves Japan in virtual control of the railroad in Shantung?

Expect Chinese Delegates to Yield

The best informed here feel that the delegation has been ordered to accept the terms from Pekin. The new Government there is evidently stronger and more determined than the one which has just been overthrown. The Chinese officials, two of them diplomats and one a Chief Justice, if the new Government is to stand they will have to give up their official careers to obey its orders.

Much popular sentiment exists in China, especially among the students and the western-educated Chinese, against accepting such a settlement as is now proposed. But unless this sentiment is strong enough to compass the overthrow of the present Government the Chinese delegates will have no political future should they align themselves with it.

If the Chinese delegates accept the Shantung settlement it is taken for granted that they will also sign the nine-Power treaty and one other anxiety of the conferees of the great Powers will be removed, for a rejection by China would have a bad moral effect upon the results of the Far Eastern Conference while the disturbances that might follow would have a practical consequence which every Power interested economically in China desires to avoid.

The new Government in China seems to be a kind of "middle way" between the old Government and the present one. Where the old Government was weak that the delegation had a quasi-independence of it, the Government is evidently firm and determined. The delegation here listened as much to the young Chinese at home and to the Chinese societies in this country as they did to Pekin. Now apparently they have to make their choice, and it is expected that they will be responsive to Pekin.

Old Pekin Policy Fails

Pekin is apparently realistic. It sees that the United States and Japan in the four-Power pact and in the naval agreement here composed their historic differences, and that old diplomatic game of playing the United States against Japan in the Far East is over. In this conference that old policy of China's has for the first time not worked.

The Chinese who make up the new Pekin Government have observed that it has not worked or have had their attention called to the fact, and have changed their tactics, with what will probably be large diplomatic consequences in the future, unless the radical movement succeeds once more in bringing about a change.

The new Government, by making a compromise on Shantung and by accepting the results of the Far Eastern Conference, will probably bid for the support of the four great Powers. And with that support it may feel strong enough to establish order in China.

The Shantung settlement will be a compromise, like all the other settlements which are coming out of this Conference. It will cause much debate in this country, especially in the Senate.

Those feeling entitled to expect ideal results from international diplomacy will attack it. But if China gets on her feet and grows strong the arrangements for Japanese financing of the railroad in Shantung will not be important. And if she does not, the amount of self-denying resolutions by the great Powers will help much.

NINE POWERS AGREE ON CHINA'S TARIFF

Washington, Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—The agreement for an increase of Chinese tariff rates to an effective 5 per cent was adopted today by the Conference Powers sitting as a committee on Far Eastern questions. All of the eight Powers approved the proposition for increasing Chinese revenues, and the Chinese delegation accepted the report, submitted by Senator Underwood, chairman of the sub-committee.

The Far Eastern Committee also adopted resolutions providing for eventual withdrawal of foreign troops from China upon the request of China, the resolutions provide that Ministers at Pekin of the eight Powers will meet to discuss the question.

Included in the report of the tariff sub-committee was a suggestion that reduction of the armed forces of China be increased by China as an aid in increasing the Chinese revenues. The report, which is to be incorporated in a proposed nine-Power treaty dealing with Chinese questions, also would establish a committee to work out, as soon as possible, for increasing Chinese tariffs to 7 1/2 per cent.

\$46,000,000 Annual Revenue Increase

The tariff increase, it was said, would increase the Chinese revenues about \$46,000,000 annually. The tariff commission is to meet next year in China to consider a further increase.

The resolutions for withdrawal of foreign troops met a situation of dispute between China and Japan as to the facts relating to the number and behavior of the foreign forces. On some foreign troops were needed to maintain order in certain areas of China. This, it was said, was denied by Chinese spokesmen. The committee adopted the plan of authorizing a committee to determine the facts and make a recommendation.

In principle, it was said, all the

Powers were willing to withdraw troops from Chinese soil should their presence not be needed for the maintenance of order and the protection of lives and property. The commission of the eight Powers Ministers at Pekin will meet upon the request of the Chinese Government when China decides to press its demands for the withdrawal of foreign forces.

The question of the "twenty-one demands" was not taken up at the meeting, Chinese delegates said. The entire session was devoted to the question of the tariff and foreign troops.

Naval Committee Meets

A meeting of the five Powers' Naval Committee was called for this afternoon. It was considered possible that both the submarine regulation proposals and the draft of the naval treaty would be presented for approval to this meeting.

Approval by all the Powers having membership in the committee of the proposed rules regulating submarines was expected to be the first step following the announcement that the Italian delegation had decided today to give its approval. Japan had previously agreed in principle.

The committee of naval experts at their first meeting today worked principally on the definitions of naval technical terms to be written into the general naval treaty. Another meeting this afternoon was called to conclude this phase of the experts' labors.

The Italian acceptance of the Root resolutions on submarines was said to be conditioned on French accession, and the attitude of the French has not been fully defined in spite of their announcement that they would accept the Root program in principle.

The question of whether the limitations imposed by the five-Power naval treaty should be imposed on a signatory if that nation is attacked by a formidable non-signatory Power took a prominent place today in informal discussions of the treaty. Some plenipotentiaries are suggesting the inclusion of a clause which would automatically release the signatory in such cases from the limitations of the treaty.

Another important suggestion was that in case of aggression by an outside Power, the five signatories would come together to consider the best means of securing a settlement. Such a "consultation" provision would be similar to Article II of the four-Power Pacific treaty.

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New York, Jan. 5.—(By A. P.)—A vivid word picture of the destruction of New York City by radio-controlled aerial torpedoes in the event of another war, painted by Joseph Wright, former commanding officer of courts and boards of the third naval district, was read before the Sinking Fund Commission today when an application for cession to the Government of the ninety-five-acre naval air station at Rockaway was called for discussion.

The application, which was of local origin, finally was withdrawn, and it was suggested that a formal application should be made by the Secretary of the Navy. The commission authorized the navy to continue use of the site for six months.

Mr. Wright declared the Rockaway station was absolutely necessary for the defense of New York. "I admittedly warn you to be prepared," he said. "Any one opposing the grant of land now occupied by the station is, in my judgment, committing the gravest crime of the age."

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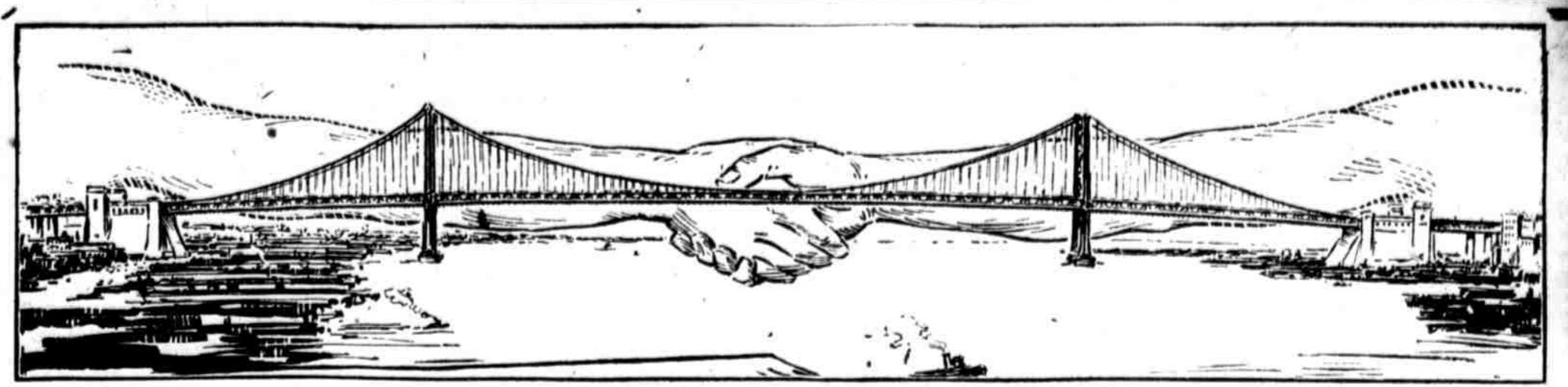
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