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DECADE OF PEACE SEEN BY JAPANESE

Naval Holiday Is Expected to Bring Nation Era of Unprecedented Prosperity

TROOPS TO LEAVE SIBERIA

By the Associated Press
Tokyo, Feb. 8.—The agreements reached at the Washington Conference mark the first step toward establishment of a "real and lasting peace," with the possibility of abolition of armaments, Premier Baron Takahashi told the House of Peers yesterday.

"The Imperial Government does not pretend that the Conference was an unqualified success as viewed from an individual standpoint," he said. "It does believe with the other Powers that the present agreements are the first step toward realization of a real and lasting peace, and that such agreements will grow in the future even into an understanding for the total abolition of defense equipments."

Hughes Proposals Criticized
The Premier's utterance came in reply to an interpellation by Baron Toshiyuki Sakamoto, the first speaker of the day's session, who characterized the Hughes proposals for standard limitation of navies flagrantly improper, since they excluded the considerations of the individual nations' geographical positions, and calculated naval strength on the wrong basis. He criticized also the Pacific fortifications agreement, and regretted omission of any restriction on airplanes. He further declared that in his opinion use of airplane carriers was unfair. Baron Sakamoto is a vice admiral and distinguished himself in the Sino-Japanese War.

To these arguments the Premier replied: "By no means was it with the view to consummating national defense that the treaties were enacted, but to minimize the possibilities of warfare in the future and ensure national development along more peaceful and productive lines."
Foreign Minister Uchida followed, giving assurances regarding evacuation of Siberia by Japanese troops when the negotiations at Chita had been completed and the safety of Japanese nationals assured.

WORK STOPPED ON EIGHT JAPANESE WAR CRAFT

Four Battleships and Four Cruisers Now on Ways, to Be Scrapped
Tokyo, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—The Navy Department has ordered dockyards to stop construction work on the eight battleships and battle cruisers now on the ways which are to be scrapped in accordance with the Washington Conference agreement. The battleships are the Kaga, Kii, Oyaw and Tosa; the battle cruisers are the Atago, Akagi, Amagi and Takao.

Construction of auxiliary craft set for the fiscal year 1924-1925 will be advanced to the present in order to afford employment for the dockyard workers.
Japan is allowed 270,000 tons of light cruisers and destroyers by the naval treaty. At present she has approximately 225,000 tons of this class, about 120,000 of which can be declared obsolete, leaving the margin for immediate construction 105,000 tons.
This construction work can be carried on with the funds released through stoppage of work on the capital ships. The amount thus saved, according to the tentative figure of the Navy Department, is approximately 106,784,000 yen.

GERMAN RAIL STRIKE ENDS

Resumption of Work Tomorrow Ordered by Union Chiefs
Berlin, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—The Executive Committee of the Railway Men's Union has ordered a resumption of work, beginning tomorrow afternoon.

A Berlin dispatch last night announced the calling off of the railway strike and the notification of Chancellor Wirth by the strikers' committee that the men would resume work on condition that the Government refrain from reprisals in the form of wholesale discharges. The Government promised that the regular workers would be reinstated.

After-Dinner Tricks



No. 80—The Leaning Match
Lean a match against the side of a match box with the head of the match standing on a piece of wood (not a mahogany table).
The problem is to remove the box without the match falling. To accomplish this, strike another match and light the head of the leaning match; then blow it out immediately. The tumbler may then be removed without the match falling.

METAXAKIS IS DEPOSED

Royal Greek Decree Unseats Patriarch of Constantinople
Athens, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—The Most Rev. Meletios Metaxakis, recently elected patriarch of Constantinople, is deposed of his rank and position under a royal decree published in the official gazette.
[Early in January an ecclesiastical court presided over by the Metropolitan of Athens found Archbishop Metaxakis guilty of attempting to bring about a schism in the church, and ordered him deprived of rank and sequestered as a monk in the monastery on the Island of Zante. Later it was announced that the Greek Government had decided not to ratify the sentence.]

Original of "Bud Means" Is Dead

Madison, Ind., Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Charles Grebe, from whom Edward Eggleston is said to have derived the character of "Bud Means" in his book "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," is dead at his home near here. He was eighty-five years old.

BRITISH PLAN STERN MEASURES IN INDIA

Official Statement Adds No Government Could Discuss Gandhi's Recent Demands

DANGER TO STATE IS SEEN

By the Associated Press
London, Feb. 8.—The India office issued an official communication last night indicating it was the intention of the Government to adopt stern measures to suppress the campaign of civil disobedience in India.
It adds that no Government could

discuss the demands contained in the recent manifesto of Mahatma K. Gandhi, the Indian Nationalist leader.
"The alternatives that now confront the people of India," says the communication, "are such as sophistry can no longer obscure or disguise. The issue no longer is between this or that program for political advance, but between lawlessness, with all its dangerous consequences on the one hand, and on the other, the maintenance of those principles which lie at the root of all civilized government."
"Mass civil disobedience is fraught with such danger to the State that it must be met with sternness and severity."
With reference to the proposed conferences, the communication says that, while the Government is asked to make concessions, there is no suggestion that any of the illegal activities of the non-cooperators, other than hartals, picketing and civil disobedience, should cease. Further, it adds, Gandhi has made it apparent that the proposed round-table conferences would be called merely to register his decree.

DIPLOMATS PICKED FOR FORMER FOES

Harding Appoints Houghton to Germany, Washburn to Austria, Brentano to Hungary

F. M. DEARING TO PORTUGAL

Washington, Feb. 8.—Diplomatic representatives to Germany, Austria and Hungary were nominated yesterday by President Harding. Alanson B. Houghton, of New York, being selected as Ambassador to Germany; Albert Henry Washburn, of Massachusetts, as Minister to Austria, and Theodore

Hungary.
The President also sent to the Senate the nominations of Fred Morris Dearing, of Missouri, as present Assistant Secretary of State, to be Minister to Portugal, and Roy T. Davis, of Missouri, to be Minister to Costa Rica.
Confirmation by the Senate of the nominations of Messrs. Houghton, Washburn and Brentano and presentation by them of letters of credence to the Governments to which they are to be accredited will completely restore the relations of the United States with the former enemy countries.
Mr. Houghton now is serving his second term as a member of the House from the Thirty-seventh New York District. He has large manufacturing interests in Corning, N. Y., and received part of his education at the Universities of Berlin and Göttingen.
Mr. Washburn, who was named for the Vienna post, is an attorney with offices in New York, although his home is in Middleboro, Mass. He received his education at Cornell, Georgetown and Virginia Universities, and prior to taking up the practice of law served as American Consul at Magdeburg,

United States attorney in Philadelphia. After taking up the practice of law he was a member of the Massachusetts constitutional convention, was connected with the political, legal and international law departments of Dartmouth College.
Judge Brentano served on the bench of the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, for more than thirty years, part of the time as Chief Justice. Hungary is the only one of the former enemy countries represented in Washington by a ranking diplomat. Count Laslo Bacsényi, husband of former Gladys Vanderbilt, is American Minister to Austria. Austria is represented by a charge d'affaires in interim and Germany by a charge d'affaires.

AUTO KILLS BRITISH M. P.

London, Feb. 8.—Sir Alfred Dreyfus, member of the House of Commons since 1914, was struck and killed by an automobile Monday. He was seventy-two years old, a retired manufacturer and a well-known traveler and Alpinist.

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