

## U. S. ATTITUDE MAY RESULT IN POSTPONEMENT

Setbacks for Genoa Conference  
in Policy of Opposition.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Admission was made in Downing street circles today that the proposed economic conference at Genoa may be postponed if the United States does not continue their present policy of opposition.

It is understood, however, that Great Britain is proceeding with plans to answer the objections of the United States and try to overcome them so that the conference can go ahead as planned with Washington represented.

THEORETICAL  
RECOGNITION.

As to America's opposition to Soviet Russia, British representation at Genoa has been pointed out by British officials that the United States has already given theoretical commercial recognition of the soviet. The official said if America gave "tactical political recognition" it would be possible to secure reduction of the Russian army and make economic advances in eastern Europe.

Francis Channing, the only American born male member of parliament, today made a stinging attack against Premier Lloyd George for consenting to the presence of delegates for soviet Russia at the proposed conference at Genoa.

"I wish to express my satisfaction that America has refused to assent to the last mad scheme of the prime minister to bring the Bolsheviks into the comity of nations," said Channing. "HIs (Lloyd George's) infatuation for the Russians cannot be allowed to ruin the future of the world."

It is believed that the attack was inspired by politics. Channing was formerly a resident of Boston. The only other American born member of Parliament is Countess Astor.

ATTACKS UNITED STATES STAND.

The Fall Mall Gazette printed a cartoon of Uncle Sam countering his war profits, with the caption over it:

"Tell them I am too busy."

The same paper printed an editorial saying:

"It is a sorry return for our backing of the Washington conference that the United States now turns its back upon the Genoa conference."

MAY WITHDRAW INVITATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Italian government will shortly take steps to recall the invitations which it issued for the Genoa economic conference, according to information obtained today in official quarters.

The embarrassment that would be caused the Italian government by an American refusal to participate would thus be obviated.

The expectation prevails that President Harding will soon announce the Administration's decision against participating in the Genoa meeting and the reasons will be substantially as follows:

1. The United States does not relish the idea of dealing with Soviet Russia around a common table as an equal. To do so, it is contended, would be to give tacit recognition to the Lenin-Trotzki government.

2. The position taken by the new French government—that German reparations must be discontinued at Genoa does not give the results of the Genoa meeting of doubtful value. The reparations problem is held to be at the root of Europe's financial and economical troubles.

3. European nations party to the conference have not yet indicated a sufficient willingness to make their budgets balance and make their incomes equal their expenditures.

4. There exist no definite assurances that the United States would not be made a target for cancellation-of-war-debt suggestions from some of these countries, should an American delegation enter the Genoa conference.

## World 'Ad' Clubs Head



—Photo by Bachrach, New York.  
Charles H. Mackintosh, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, addressed members of the advertising clubs today at the Chamber of Commerce. His talk dealt with the training of retail sales people as an element in the increase of efficiency.

## FIVE VETERAN OFFICERS PUT ON RETIREMENT

Patrolmen Eligible for Pension List Are Examined.

The ruthless hand of efficiency, guided by Mayor Samuel Lewish Shank and the trustees of the police pension fund, passed over fifteen veteran members of the police department Wednesday afternoon and cut them of their doves.

Following expression of the belief that there were more than twenty older members of the police department who were physically unable to perform active duty Mayor Shank had the pension board call the fifteen men in for interviews, one at a time. All fifteen men of more than twenty years service and therefore eligible for pension on pension. Several have over twenty-five year's service to their credit. The police pension law provides pension of \$40 a month for men serving of between twenty and twenty-five years and \$25 a month being added for each year over twenty-five until \$90 is reached. None of the fifteen men wanted to be retired, for none had passed his prime. A number were passed on promises to retire later in the year when they have rounded out their quarter century record.

The pension list would "almost break my new wife's heart."

Others were interviewed and disposition of them by the trustees was as follows: Albert Scherber, Joseph B. Oker, James P. Kerins, George F. Johnston, W. D. Hite, Daniel Haley, William Wheeler, Charles Bernauer and Henry J. Burris, passed; John Long, retired to pension fund at \$40 per month; William Mellen, Fred Amsden, Nicholas Hefner and J. W. Held, ordered to take physical examinations.

Jesus Stroh, Fred Gonsouls and Joshua Spears, retired by the board of safety Tuesday, were placed on the pension roll. However, Spears today said he would refuse to retire and accept a pension and he was sent to another physician for further examination.

## SHANTUNG RAIL DEAL IN FINAL STAGE, BELIEF

Arms Delegates Hope for Results From Sze's Visit to President Harding.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—President Harding's help—sought by Chinese Minister Sze—narrowed the chances between Chinese and Japanese in the Shantung dispute to a mere "infinitesimal" difference.

The word "infinitesimal" is borrowed from a spokesman of the American delegation, while Dr. Koo of the Chinese delegation diplomatically declares, following the Harding-Sze conference and a private night council between Japanese Baron Saito and Chinese Baron Chang, "The situation remains as heretofore." The President was described as "sympathetic" in receiving Sze at the latter's request.

Chinese sources admit the question has narrowed down to the final stage, and added that there was a chance that the railway proper would be the subject of the Shantung conversations this afternoon.

TRUTH APPEARS TO BE IN SIGHT.

Out of the mass of contradictions and concealments, the truth appeared to be that a settlement was in sight. Some of the Chinese delegation sought to link significantly the Shantung visit with that of Sze to the White House.

Dr. Koo, however, claimed there was no connection and that Shihadeh had sought out Sze on another conference not connected with Shantung.

Sources close to the Chinese claimed President Harding urged upon Sze that the Chinese yield on their position toward a Japanese trans- manager and a Japanese delegation on the Shantung. It was said the Chinese were holding out for giving Japan an assistant traffic manager, or at least wished the full traffic manager to be responsible to the Chinese general manager.

In any event there is now no further question as to the Japanese compelling the Chinese to finance the purchase of the line through a loan made in Japan.

FAIR EAST TREATY TO CONSUME TIME.

Preparation of the nine-power Fair East Treaty was regularized to consume several weeks. The present plan is to place in the preamble such declarations concerning China as do not involve actual pledges, but instead merely principles. There have been passed sixteen resolutions regarding China. They deal with a variety of subjects—open door, arbitration, etc.—and are to be submitted to the International post office's conference. Some of them are agreed to by all nine powers in the conference; others have not included the Chinese.

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## NOT ON SPEAKING TERMS NOW, COURT GETS DISPUTE

Two Women Named 'George' Deny Relationship—Jealously Starts Fight.

Two women answering to the name of Mrs. George from Gelsenfeld street were in court today.

"But judge we are no kin," declared Mrs. Blanche George, wife of Jimmie George, 324 Gelsenfeld street, as she peeped over Judge Delbert O. Wilmett, from under her wide brimmed hat which she could peek with one eye only as the other was black and closed.

"Judge that's not true. My husband is her husband's cousin. They were both born in Bulgaria," smiled Mrs. Fern George, wife of George George, 214 Gelsenfeld street.

"Judge, that's a big one," explained Blanche giving the other Mrs. George a few good looks. "I am a good eye. My husband wouldn't claim that his husband was related to him."

Both court and prosecutor interrupted with a request that all present be sworn and that they tell of the fight that resulted in Mrs. Blanche George receiving the black eye.

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