

U. S. WARY OF BRITISH PACT'S PEACE VALUE

Opinion Grows Agreement
Is Defense Alliance
With France.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—After first having welcomed the Franco-British naval arms agreement as an important contribution to the disarmament cause, officials today tended to reserve their final judgment as to the value to the United States of this secret agreement.

Whether the change in front is in any way connected with the growing belief in diplomatic circles here that the compromise actually means Great Britain and France have formed what many consider an European military alliance could not be determined.

Back French Army Claim
The abrupt and unexplained change followed closely the receipt of a note from London which presumably sets forth the terms of the compromise.

Despite the reluctance of officials to discuss the rumored alliance and notwithstanding the secrecy with which the note thus far has been hedged, sufficient information concerning it has become known to indicate to observers here that a newly created military arrangement between Paris and London may be at the bottom of the agreement. It is not believed, however, that the note itself deals with any but the naval aspects of the compromise.

According to the information available here, France, in return for its concession on the naval tonnage question, has been promised British support in the land armaments dispute. This controversy centers about French insistence upon the right to maintain its army by conscription, and its opposition to placing treaty limitations on its organized reserves. France's standing army, including its organized reserves, is the largest in Europe.

Suspect Defense Pact

If this is actually the basis of the compromise, it suggests to American observers the possibility that England, with a superior navy, and France, with a great army, have entered into some sort of mutual defense pact whereby England will assume part of France's defensive burdens at sea, while France will watch out for English interests on the continent, particularly to prevent an unfriendly power from gaining possession of channel ports facing England shores.

In any event, it was declared in an official quarter, the United States will not pass upon the Franco-British naval compromise pending thorough study to make certain it does not tread upon American interests.

DETECTIVE KILLS WIFE

Shoots Self and Step-Son; Both Expected to Die.

By United Press
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Thomas Lear, 49, Cleveland railroad detective, shot himself in the temple today after killing his wife and wounding his step-son, Frank, 24. Both Lear and the youth are expected to die.

The shooting climaxed a pre-breakfast quarrel in which Mrs. Lear and the step-son were aligned against the detective, police said.

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