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ARMS SLASH PLAN BACKED BY 26 NATIONS

Japanese Opposition Chief
Fear at Geneva on U. S.
Proposal Success.

FRANCE IS AGAINST IT
Britain, Germany, Spain,
Russia Ask Only Slight
Reservations.

By United Press
GENEVA, July 23.—Premier Edouard Herriot, of France and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain today agreed tentatively that Germany can not be asked to pay her reparations debt now or during the period of recovery from the world crisis.

BY STEWART BROWN
United Press Staff Correspondent

GENEVA, June 23.—The American plan to reduce the world's armaments by one-third, and relieve the world of an expenditure of from ten to fifteen billion dollars in ten years had the approval of twenty-six nations today.

Either publicly or privately, the representatives of these nations had informed Ambassador Hugh Gibson that their governments approved the American proposals.

Japanese opposition was the chief fear of the American delegates to the world disarmament conference.

Tokio was expected to offer greater opposition to real disarmament than the French delegates.

Japan Opposes Plan

The Japanese considered existing naval ratios only provisional until 1936, when they would be subject to revision.

The American plan might provide that present relative naval strengths continue indefinitely.

The Americans believed that French opposition, intensified by the Parisians and French politicians, could be overcome through new offers of security.

This might be achieved through a unilateral security pledge which, combined with another purely European security pact, would meet the French requirements.

Approved by Italy

Italy was the first nation to give the plan complete and unconditional approval.

Foreign Minister Dino Grandi communicated the plan by telephone to Premier Benito Mussolini. Il Duce approved it immediately. He outlined the speech which Grandi later made before the commission.

Support of the plan by Germany, Spain, Russia and Great Britain was considered "practically complete," as these nations had made only slight reservations.

Plan Is Acclaimed

BY JOSEPH H. BAIRD
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 23.—A world overburdened with armaments and resulting taxes today acclaimed President Hoover's plea for a reduction of nearly one-third in guns, ships and fighting men.

Although the Hoover plan's full success is far from sure, Ambassador Hugh Gibson of Geneva reported to State Secretary Henry L. Stimson that it had been enthusiastically received.

Italy accepted promptly and unconditionally, just as it did Mr. Hoover's debt moratorium a year ago. The other powers spoke well of the plan, but did not commit themselves finally. France said it could not disarm without security.

Britain Sacrifices Most

A competent analysis of the proposal's effect on the world's navies revealed that Great Britain would sacrifice most. It would scrap 365,846 tons of ships.

The United States would lose 306,360 tons in battleships, destroyers and submarines, while building 43,450 tons in aircraft carriers and cruisers.

Japan would lose 266,763 tons.

While the administration was seeking disarmament, Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aeronautics, warned against neglect of defense, and said the United States by so doing is "riding for a fall." He told the American Legion at Macon, Ga.:

Cuts Armies One-Third

"We can only maintain peace by having the powers to enforce it if necessary."

The Hoover plan would abolish bombing planes, heavy artillery, gas and tanks.

It would cut armies by one-third of the surplus left when police needs have been met.

It would reduce the world's navies nearly one-third under London treaty quotas.

ACTOR WILLING TO BE
AL'S 'RUNNING MATE'

Victor Moore Says His Hat Is
Ring With Smith.

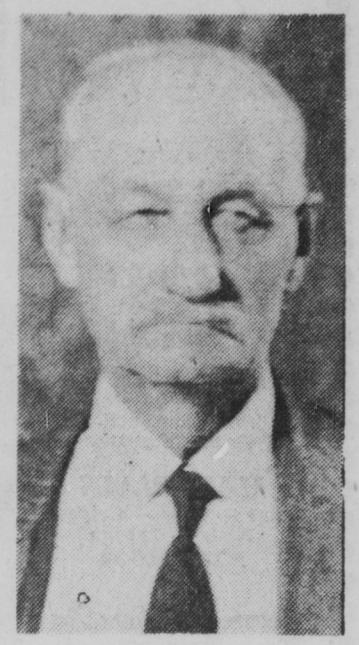
By United Press

NEW YORK, June 23.—"My hat is in the ring with Al's," Victor Moore, who plays the part of Alexander Throttlebottom in "Of Thee I Sing," said today when informed that Alfred E. Smith had named the musical comedy character as a likely running mate.

"But the hard part is going to be getting nominated."

The Throttlebottom of the Broadway musical hit refused to allow his new off-stage prominence to interfere with the matinee performance today, but agreed to "see reporters in the wings between acts."

Bowden Is New G. A. R. Commander



James Bowden
By Times Special

SENATE VOTE ON RELIEF IS SOUGHT TODAY

Democrats Are Confident of
Obtaining Passage of
Vast Program.

DENY AID TO CITIES

Illinois Plea Defeated on
Proposal for Funds to
Help Chicago.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, June 23.—Routing the opposition at every turn, senate Democrats were confident of obtaining passage today of their \$2,000,000,000 unemployment relief program.

The senate debated the bill continuously for thirteen hours Wednesday, voted down every at-

tempt to change the major aspects of the program, and then at 12:15 a. m. this morning recessed until noon.

Just before adjournment, Democratic Leader Joseph T. Robinson forced adoption of a "gag" rule limiting further debate to five minutes for each senator. Indignant insurgents declared they would try to have the rule abrogated today.

Senator George W. Norris (Rep., Neb.) charged that a coalition of Democrats and Republicans had "got together to carry out the command of some one in the White House."

Senator Robert La Follette (Rep., Wis.) threatened to vote against the relief bill if the "gag" was con-

tinued.

Before resuming consideration of relief, the senate was slated to ap-

prove finally the \$150,000,000 econ-

omy bill and send it to the Presi-

dent.

His friends said it was "direct

and frank" favoring prompt con-

gressional action to start the ma-

chinery for repeal, with precautions

against return of the saloon.

Smith, however, would have ac-

tion started to modify the Volstead

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