

WAR CLOUDS DARKEN SKIES OF EUROPE AS STATESMEN OPEN VITAL PARIS PARLEY

Failure of Conference Almost Certain to Be Followed by Bloody Conflict; Negotiations Seem Doomed.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Today, in Paris, began what statesmen here and abroad feel may be the world's final efforts to agree on early disarmament, failure of which almost certainly will be followed by a bloody deluge.

And failure, it is admitted reluctantly, now appears more likely than success for the simple reason that both in Europe and in Asia the war drums are rolling more loudly and persistently than at any time since 1914. Three factors would seem to doom the new negotiations from the start:

First, in Europe, Adolf Hitler's Germany is actively preparing for another "def tag," the day when she will once again seek to cut her way out of the iron ring which the Nazi chieftain insists again has been forged about her. Even the reluctant British now claim they have proof of this.

"Defensive War"

Second, in France the possible necessity for a "defensive war" against Germany is being weighed openly—a war deliberately waged by France against Germany to save herself from the new invasion which French opinion is convinced is being prepared.

Third, in Asia, Japan is pursuing a course which disinterested observers predict will lead to certain conflict with Russia—a conflict for which both Japan and Russia now are preparing.

Against this dark background the French and British today, in the French capital, began conversations in the hope of finding a way out. President Roosevelt's ambassador-at-large, Norman H. Davis, will join in Tuesday as Italy is expected to do later on.

France Seeking Backing

What France hopes to accomplish by these negotiations is to secure British, American, and especially Italian, backing for her plan to limit and control armaments so that when the disarmament conference resumes its sessions next month at Geneva, Germany can be induced to go along.

That the outlook is desperate, though not hopeless, is agreed. Germany insists others must disarm or she will arm, it is believed here that if her neighbors will meet her way up, at least a truce might be afforded, a breathing spell during which the present perilous situation could be patched up.

At any rate, it is argued, it seems now or never. Unless Germany's neighbors are prepared to make the necessary bid at this time Germany's price will rise rapidly as time goes on and her rearmament proceeds.

Secret Probe Revealed

The British recently conducted a secret investigation in Germany. They now are described as convinced that Germany is not only re-arming, but that unless the coming efforts succeed she will soon kick over the traces definitely in open preparation to shoot it out with her neighbors.

The view is supported by the United States. Ambassador Davis will so inform the French and British at Paris, where he will work for an understanding which will include Germany before it is too late.

President Roosevelt already has stated this country agrees in principle to an international control over weapons of war.

The British likewise are said to favor some such scheme, but Italy's stand remains doubtful. And much depends on her.

Russia Is Vital Key

Eventual agreement at Geneva hinges to no small degree on Russia. The Soviet union has one of the biggest war machines in the world. But while she has lately concluded treaties of nonaggression with most of her European neighbors, Japan remains a menace in the east.

Japan, by seizing Manchuria, has isolated Vladivostok and bottled up Siberia. In the Orient, opinion is universal that Japan intends to move sooner or later to take over southeaster Siberia.

Russia, therefore, hardly will reduce her defenses unless Japan will do the same, and Japan has announced a program to augment rather than decrease her military power.

The outlook for disarmament thus seems dark indeed.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen between 1930 and 1932.

Arville Phillips, 1412 Kappes street, Whitewater, Wis., from rear yard of 1412 Kappes street.

Fred J. Kandt, chief of police, Columbus, Ohio license, from Columbus hotel, 700-850 Don Hasting, Washington hotel, Desoto, 61-650, from in front of 46 North Pennsylvania Street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles recovered by police by car to:

George W. LaRue, 3108 West Michigan at 41st street, found in the garage at 3109 West Michigan street.

V. Bimell, 1529 Hiatt street, Cheviot, Cincinnati, 45220, near Morris and Belmont avenues.

Harold Johnson, 4529 Glendale avenue, Portage, found at Church and McCarty streets.

George Howard, 616 West St. Clair street, Forest Park, found in front of 625 West Market street.

West Virginia license plates found at Vermont and New Jersey streets.

George S. Guy, 4111 Shadel street, Nash street, found in front of 4102 West Market street.

Ralph Serrist, 2230 Belknap street, Buena, found at Twenty-third street and Baltimore avenue.

Harold Johnson, 4529 Glendale avenue, Roxbury, found at 17th and Tenth street and Ashland avenues.

Howard Roberts, 2232 Central avenue, Cheviot, found in alley in rear of 2233 North New Jersey street.

Adams pointed out that commis-

Vote on Semaphores

Signal Tower, Indianapolis Times

My name is living at

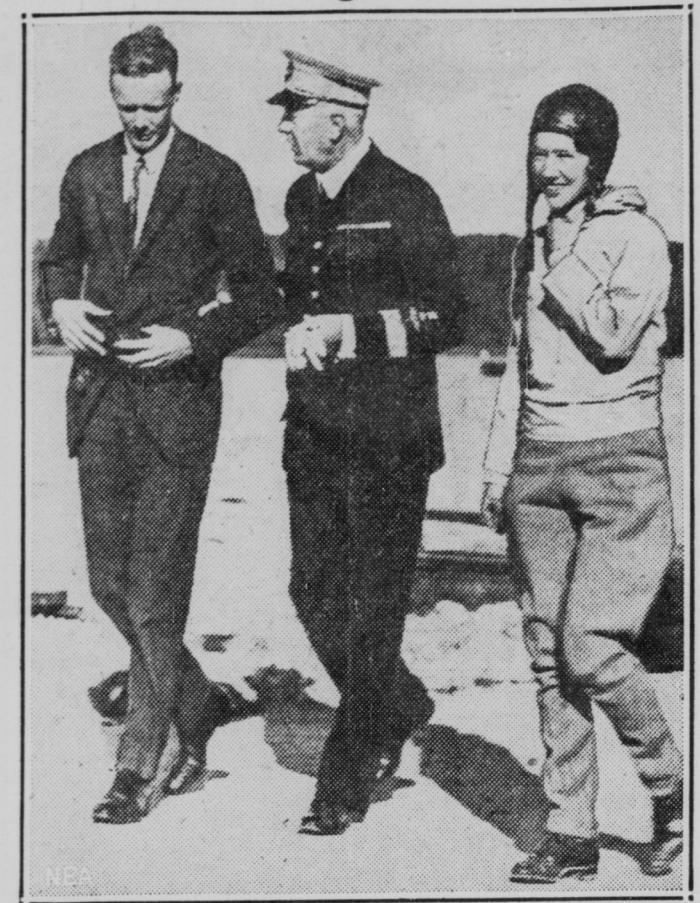
..... and my vote for the traffic poll is:

(Mark preference with cross in allotted space)

For Semaphores System Against Semaphores System

I am a motorist, pedestrian. (Check the proper designation.)

Lindberghs Prepare for Plane Flight to Russia



Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is shown here (left) with Mrs. Lindbergh as they were greeted by General Eric Virgin of the Swedish royal air corps after their arrival in Stockholm by plane from Denmark.

Flying Couple to Hop to Leningrad After Several Days' Visit in South Sweden.

By United Press

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 18.—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh intend to fly to Leningrad, Russia, after visiting in south Sweden for several days, it was learned today.

Lindbergh secured visas and a landing permit for his seaplane before he and Mrs. Lindbergh left Stockholm Sunday.

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