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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON LIMITATION OF ARMAMENT.

FIRST MEETING—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1921, 4 P. M.

PRESENT.

United States.—Mr. Hughes, Senator Lodge, Mr. Root, Senator Underwood. Accompanied by Mr. J. Butler Wright.

British Empire.—Mr. Balfour, Lord Lee, Sir Auckland Geddes, Sir Robert Borden (for Canada), Mr. Pearce (for Australia), Sir John Salmond (for New Zealand), Mr. Sastri (for India). Accompanied by Sir Maurice Hankey.

France.—Mr. Briand, Mr. Sarraut. Accompanied by Mr. Massigli.

Italy.—Senator Schanzer, Senator Rolandi Ricci, Senator Albertini. Accompanied by Marquis Visconti-Venosta.

Japan.—Admiral Baron Kato, Prince Tokugawa, Baron Shidehara. Accompanied by Capt. Yamanshi, Mr. Ichihashi.

The secretary general.

Interpreter, Mr. Camerlynck.

1. The first meeting of the Committee on Limitation of Armament met in the Hall of the Americas at the Pan American Building at 4 p. m., Tuesday, November 15, 1921.

2. There were present for the United States, Mr. Hughes, Senator Lodge, Mr. Root, and Senator Underwood; for the British Empire, Mr. Balfour, Lord Lee, Sir Auckland Geddes, Sir Robert Borden (for Canada), Senator Pearce (for Australia), Sir John Salmond (for New Zealand), and Mr. Sastri (for India); for France, Mr. Briand and Mr. Sarraut (MM. Viviani and Jusserand being absent); for Italy, Senator Schanzer, Senator Rolandi Ricci, and Senator Albertini; for Japan, Admiral Baron Kato, Prince Tokugawa, and Baron Shidehara. The secretary general and Mr. Camerlynck, as interpreter, were also present.

SECRETARIES.

3. It was resolved that all secretaries and experts should temporarily withdraw, with the exception of one secretary for each delegation. Accordingly the following secretaries remained: Messrs. Wright, for the United States; Hankey, for the British Empire; Massigli, for France; Marquis Visconti-Venosta, for Italy; and Capt. Yamanashi, for Japan (accompanied by Mr. Ichihashi, interpreter for Admiral Baron Kato).

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION.

SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE.

4. The secretary general of the conference was appointed secretary to the committee with the understanding that he would be allowed one assistant.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

5. It was agreed that no verbatim stenographic report of the proceedings of the committee should be kept, but that each secretary of a delegation should coordinate with the secretary general for the compilation of a collective and mutually satisfactory procès verbal.

METHODS OF PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH AMERICAN DELEGATION'S PROPOSALS.

6. The committee then proceeded to the discussion of the method to be followed in conducting the study of the proposals advanced by the American delegation with respect to naval disarmament and the other suggestions advanced during the discussion of the subject at the second plenary meeting of the conference. The suggestion of the chairman, Mr. Hughes, was adopted that the reference of questions to expert subcommittees should be only for the purpose of supplying information, settling questions of fact, and obtaining their advice and recommendation, the committee in no way thereby delegating its authority or binding itself to adopt such reports or advice.

TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE CONSTITUTED.

7. The committee further agreed that (1) there be constituted an expert subcommittee consisting of one technical expert designated by each delegation, who should enjoy the right at meetings of the subcommittee of the advice and services of such other technical advisers as each member of the subcommittee might desire, and (2) that one technical adviser for each delegation, in addition to the secretary of such delegation, should be present at each meeting of the committee with respect to limitation of naval armament.

The following naval advisers were nominated and appointed: Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, for the United States; Admiral of the Fleet Beatty, for the British Empire; Admiral de Bon, for France; Admiral Acton, for Italy; Admiral Baron Kato, for Japan; with full power of substitution and revocation in each case. At the suggestion of Mr. Balfour, Col. Roosevelt was appointed chairman of this technical subcommittee. The committee determined that the technical subcom-

mittee should convene at once to consider the proposals advanced by the American delegation with respect to naval disarmament and the other suggestions advanced during the discussion of the subject at the second plenary meeting of the conference, the subcommittee to report as soon as possible to the committee considering the questions upon which it might find itself in agreement.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

8. The chairman expressed the desire that any member of the committee who might consider that a meeting of the committee would be opportune should communicate immediately with him.

PUBLICITY OF WORK OF SUBCOMMITTEE.

9. The committee, in supporting the suggestion of Mr. Briand that the expert subcommittee should submit at the earliest possible moment their recommendations on questions on which agreement could easily be reached, resolved that the expert subcommittee should be notified that it is the instrument of the committee alone and that publicity with regard to any of the subjects under discussion should therefore be given solely through the medium of the committee.

The committee then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

SECOND MEETING—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 11 A. M.

PRESENT.

United States.—Mr. Hughes, Senator Lodge, Mr. Root. Accompanied by Mr. Butler Wright.

British Empire.—Mr. Balfour, Lord Lee, Sir Auckland Geddes, Sir Robert Borden (for Canada), Senator Pearce (for Australia), Sir John Salmond (for New Zealand), Mr. Sastri (for India). Accompanied by Sir Maurice P. Hankey, Gen. Lord Cavan.

France.—Mr. Briand, Mr. Viviani, Mr. Jusserand. Accompanied by Mr. Massigli.

Italy.—Senator Schanzer, Senator Rolandi-Ricci, Senator Albertini. Accompanied by Marquis Visconti-Venosta, Count Pagliano.

Japan.—Admiral Baron Kato, Prince Tokugawa. Accompanied by Maj. Gen. Tanaka, Mr. Saburi, Mr. Ichihashi.

The secretary general. Accompanied by Mr. W. P. Cresson.

Interpreter, Mr. Camerlynck.

The Committee on the Limitation of Armaments held its second meeting in the Columbus Room, Pan American Union Building, at 11 a. m., Wednesday, November 23, 1921.