tawyer, inserted to make doubly sure there would be no cheating in carrying out the plan.

The British therefore have been studying the problem vigorously, with a view to finding some safeguard which they could propose which would prevent such an unfair adjustment being taken by any nation which goes in neavily for building warships for other nations, as Great Britain always has. They have been working since Baturday on the theory that if they could find such a safeguard strong snough to satisfy the legal min! of Mr. Hughes they would meet the problem.

But such a safeguard will come far from satisfying Mr. Harding. His advisers do not venture the prediction that he would see the adoption of the American program endangered by stubbornly insisting on this point. He realizes keenly, it is said, that this thought of his about curtailing the economic interests which would work in the future for increase of naval armament is very nearly ideal, whereas Mr. Harding has a very definite appreciation that nine-tenths of a loaf is better than an empty plate.

President to Defend Idea
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Loss Incurred by Giving Up Contracts Under Way

No Immediate Holiday

Work, However, to Proceed Slowly, Pending Parley; 3 Plants May Be Closed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (By The Asociated Press) .- Actual cost to the But there is no intention of giving up without the most vigorous fight an idea which the President regards as of such tremendous importance, even if the idea looks forward for ten years to the end of the proposed naval holiday rather than at the immediate effects.

President to Defend Idea

United States of the scrapping of the present naval building program, naval officials estimated to-day, would be between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000, exclusive of any salvage plan that might reduce this total. In his statement to the Conference President Harding hopes that what he has started may go on with increasing momentum. He will be far from satisfied if it should merely be a temporary lull in the armament race.

The point about the building of warships is one which is giving the British the greatest concern, but it is not the only one which they intend to raise.

ment to the Conference on Limitation of Armament Saturday, presenting the American proposal, Secretary Hughes said the work already done had cost include costs incident to abandonment of the ships under construction.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt said ment to the Conference on Limitation

ips is one which it is to greatest concern, but it is greatest concern, the figure is the difference between the dotal cost of completion of the ships, about \$600,000,000, and what scrapping them all would cost. Included in the scrapping costs are allowances for reimbursement of contractors for work they have been compelled to do in their varies in preparation for the craft to be built.

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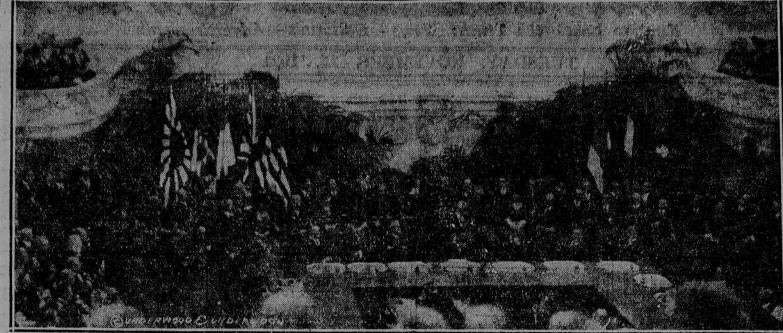
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Secretary Hughes Delivering His Epoch-Making Disarmament Proposal



States Secretary of State, as chairman of the meeting, is shown at the center of the table, reading his address

# Far East Shadow Still Hangs Menace From Over Conference, Says Simonds Limit Triple

Minor Powers Chorus of Approval Superficial, He Believes; Diplo-

## Japan Will **Propose Cut** In the Pacific

is doomed," said an adviser of the Chinese delegation. "Its consideration probably will not come before the con ference at all, but some action that the conference takes may have the effect of nullifying the alliance. Instead of an Anglo-Japanese alliance there will be substituted a triple agreement which will include the United

Members of the Chinese delegation, including Dr. Sze, Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain, and Dr. Wang Chung Hui, are sanguine that consideration of Far Eastern questions will not long be deferred. They are outspoken in their belief that China will obtain more satisfaction for her claims than was given her at the Paris peace conference. In the capital city of the very country which has espoused the policies of the open door and territorial integrity for China they have more reason, they say, to hope for a favorable hearing of their grievenances than they had in Europe.

New Far East Policy Demanded

British Won't

Limit Triple

Alliance Talk

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in Washington report that he is now the man of the hour in America. He has gained almost equal fame here.

The navy is close to the heart of every Briton and consequently the Hughes address aroused immediate interest, not only in Downing Street and in Whitehall, but in Chatham, Devonport, Portsmouth and every other port and manufacturing center.

The political side of the situation is equally important. It is no secret that comparatively few of the British expected any political results at Washington. Long experience in international conferences was responsible for that feeling. It was thought that an atmosphere of good will might be developed, but hardly anything more. America's sincerity, her frankness and the renthusiasm have changed the whole grasp that fact—the man in the street as well as the statesman. Better From West Conference, Says Simons Agency States and Says Si



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