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Washington, Nov. 17th.—Admiral Baron Kato, head of the Japanese delegation to the armament conference, announced today that Japan would ask modification of the United States Naval limitation programme, which would permit Japan to maintain a "general tonnage, slightly greater than 60%" of that of each of the other two powers. Japan also would ask, Baron Kato said, for the right to maintain a type of vessel of strictly defensive character, with a tonnage approximating that maintained by the other two powers.

Washington, Nov. 17th.—The signature by President Harding to the bill to extend the emergency tariff act until permanent tariff legislation is enacted, was announced today at the White House.

Liverpool, Nov. 17th.—By an overwhelming majority the unionist party in session here today endorsed, with certain reservations, the negotiations now in progress between the British Govt. and the Ulster representatives. This attitude was expressed by an amendment to a resolution moved by Colonel John Gretton, member of Parliament for Ruthlandshire, calling upon the conference to resolve that no settlement of the Irish question was acceptable which did not respect absolutely the position acquired by Ulster through the creation of a Northern parliament. The amendment to the resolution expressed the earnest hope "that consistent with the supremacy of the Crown, the security of the Empire, the pledges given to Ulster and the safeguarding of the interest of the minority in Southern Ireland a solution of the Irish difficulty may be found in the conference now in progress, which will bring peace to Great Britain and Ireland, and strengthen the Empire". Before Col. Gretton moved his resolution the conference passed a resolution expressing satisfaction that reform of the House of Lords would be the subject of a measure at the next session of parliament. This was followed by the presentation by Lord Farquhar and General Prescott Decie of the case against negotiations with the Sinn Fein, on behalf of that section of the Southern Irish unionists opposed to the policy of Lord Middleton and his party, who are in disagreement with the Ulster demand for separate dominions for North and South Ireland. The speakers contended that "peace purchased from the Sinn Fein by the weakness of the Govt" would contain no element of permanency. Colonel Gretton in moving his resolution, and referring to a proposed amendment by Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, wishing success to the Irish peace negotiations, said that the "Watering Down" of the motion would ultimately lead to the disintegration and destruction of the conservative Unionist party. "We must ac-

cept the Irish conference as an accomplished fact", he said, but it is a helpless enterprise, unless one side or the other is prepared to sacrifice something vital". Colonel Martin Archer Shee, unionist member of Parliament for Finsbury, in seconding the Gretton motion, said that as soon as negotiations broke down, as they surely would, the conservatives should leave the coalition and set up a Govt. which would really govern the country. "I am sick and tired of a Govt. that is carrying out a radical policy and which is led by a radical leader", he explained. Lord Middleton said the commercial and landed classes in Ireland were in favour of a settlement. If hostilities were resumed, he declared, the garrisons would have to be three times as powerful as at present, and the Post Offices, Railways and Banks would have to be closed.

London, Nov. 18th.—The Admiralty announced today that it had ordered the cessation of all work on the warships of the super-hood type. The ship-building yards were notified yesterday not to incur any further liabilities on new naval construction until further notice from the admiralty. These contracts were awarded only two weeks ago. Officials explain that the practical effect of the Admiralty's would be the absolute cessation of all warship work, pending the outcome of the Washington conference.

Washington, Nov. 18th.—The action of the British Govt. announced from London today, in ordering work stopped on the four capital ships of the Hood type the only capital ship building programme on which the British have been engaged since the armistice, came as no surprise.

Bombay, Nov. 18th.—The disturbance in the native quarters of the City which broke out yesterday while a procession was escorting the Prince of Wales through the European section, was started by a mob of unemployed mill hands, who wrecked and burned a number of tram-cars at several points it was learned today. The mob hurled stones and other missiles at European passers by. After several police had been killed and wounded in the scuffle which ensued, the police fired upon the mobs inflicting a number of casualties. The tramway service was suspended and the mob was still carrying on sporadic demonstrations.

Washington Nov. 18th.—Great Britain has come to the arms conference. British authorities emphasized today, for the purpose of doing everything possible to enable China to assume her proper position in the commercial world. With this aim in view, Great Britain is satisfied that this may best be attained through the "Open Door" and by leaving China free to carry out her own destiny.

Washington, Nov. 18th.—In a formal statement today, the Chinese delegation

to the Washington conference said that "in view of a printed report" that it was at the suggestion of the United States that the Chinese delegation has presented "her ten general principles", the statement was authorized that this report is unfounded.

Washington, Nov. 18th.—Committee sessions of the conference delegates stood at adjournment today, to give an opportunity for preparation by Japan's delegation of a general presentation of the country's views on China's proposal of principles for settlement of Far Eastern questions at a committee meeting of all the delegations tomorrow.

London, Nov. 18th.—The test match between Australia and South Africa was declared yesterday, according to a despatch from Johannesburg. Australia scored 450 and 7 for 10 wickets, the South Africans replying with 243 and 472 for 8 wickets (innings declared).

Washington, Nov. 17th.—The following general principles were also included in the proposals of the Chinese Govt. "7. In the interpretation of instruments granting special rights or privileges, the well established principle of construction, that such grants shall be strictly construed in favour of the grantor, is to be observed. 8. China's rights as a neutral are to be fully respected in future wars to which she is not a party. 9. Provision is to be made for future conferences to be held from time to time for the discussion of international questions relative to the Pacific and the Far East, as a basis for the determination of common policies of the signatory powers in relation thereto".

Berlin, Nov. 18th.—Food riots occurred Wednesday and Thursday in many parts of Berlin and suburbs, large bodies of unemployed looting the provision stores. In the Reichstag, the Government has had to meet many criticisms for its failure to suppress profiteering which has forced up the cost of living.

London, Nov. 18th.—British yachtsmen have decided to challenge the United States for another yachting contest for the British-American Cup to be contested in United States waters by boats of the six metre class. It was said here today that the United States had agreed that the race be held under the international rules. The challengers have suggested September as the most suitable month.

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