





NO SECRETS' IS NEW NAVAL THEME

United States, Britain and France Sign Pact to Inform One Another of Annual Construction; Italy May Agree.

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BEFORE the recent naval conference began in London it was a foregone conclusion that nothing in the way of a treaty agreement between the principal powers limiting or reducing the quantity of naval armaments would result.

Conditions were uncertain with war clouds brooding over Europe and Africa, and with Japan already having announced her intention to break the 5-5-3 ratio of the old Washington and London

agreements were correct. Old treaties were scrapped at St. James' palace. But out of the wreckage of former treaties arose a new idea which promised a solution to the problem of meeting changing international conditions over the long-term treaties with rigid provisions.

It would be a mistake, naval authorities point out, to suppose that the treaty in itself will provide any important results. Its importance lies, rather, in the new trend of naval bargaining which it establishes.

Because no ratios are defined, and no quantitative limitations prescribed, nations are not likely to be offended

expected that these lists will be "padded" every year so that the actual loss in any bargaining which follows will be unimportant.

Further, four months before the keel of any fighting ship is laid, all signatories must be duly notified as to its intended category, its displacement, dimensions, speed designed, type of machinery, type of fuel, accurate number and caliber of all guns over three inches, approximate number of guns under three inches, provision for mine laying, torpedo tubes and the number of aircraft which can be carried.

Notification is not necessary upon ships of the auxiliary type, such as hospital ships, repair ships, tankers, transports and the like, or upon craft of less than 100 tons burden.

Success or failure of the "informational" plan depends greatly upon how well the nations, even those who did not sign, stay within the qualitative limitations of the treaty.

The size limit for battleships remains at 35,000 tons, because of the need for that type of ship in the United States navy, with its extensive coast lines to defend; minimum is 17,500 tons.

Under the division of "light surface vessels" come three classes: (a) Ships up to 10,000 tons carrying 8-inch guns; (b) ships from 3,000 to 8,000 tons carrying not over 6.1-inch guns, and (c) ships under 3,000 tons carrying not over 5.1-inch guns.

No construction will be permitted between the minimum of 17,500 tons for capital ships and the top limit of cruisers of 10,000 tons.

The existing treaties declare a limit of 1,850 tons, but this has been thrown into the discard because France and

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Washington.—It has been several months since the administration farm relief program, the agricultural adjustment act, was declared dead, but like the words of the song, "the memory lingers on."

One of the main reasons why the memories linger on, where those memories involve AAA, is Michigan's Republican Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg. Senator Vandenberg never did get enthusiastic about the merits of AAA as they were expounded by Secretary Wallace, Administrator Chester Davis and other New Deal spokesmen.

Development of the vulnerable spots in the AAA crop curtailment program probably will prove beneficial to the country as a whole eventually.

Henry P. Fletcher and his Republican national committee. Mr. Fletcher has hired ten university professors to head up what he calls the committee's research staff and in announcing their appointment he stressed a declaration that "the division is not a brain trust."

Mr. Fletcher has chosen and the Tugwells, Hopkins and other doctors and professors who have constantly had the ear of the President.

The whole truth disclosed, in fact, that several million dollars had been paid even to corporations chartered by the British government and with home offices in England.

The list of huge benefit payments is much too large to include in this letter but the fact remains that it showed how even the best laid plans of mice and men oft go astray, even when those men are brilliant brain trusters who themselves claim to know all there is available for human understanding.

In behalf of the AAA officials, it must be said that there will be as, indeed, there has been already, considerable unfair criticism.

Unfair Criticism. Cleopatra's face and figure have been subjects of much comment and criticism ever since she became queen of Egypt, but Egyptologists cling to the idea that she had plenty of poundage; that she even had a double chin.

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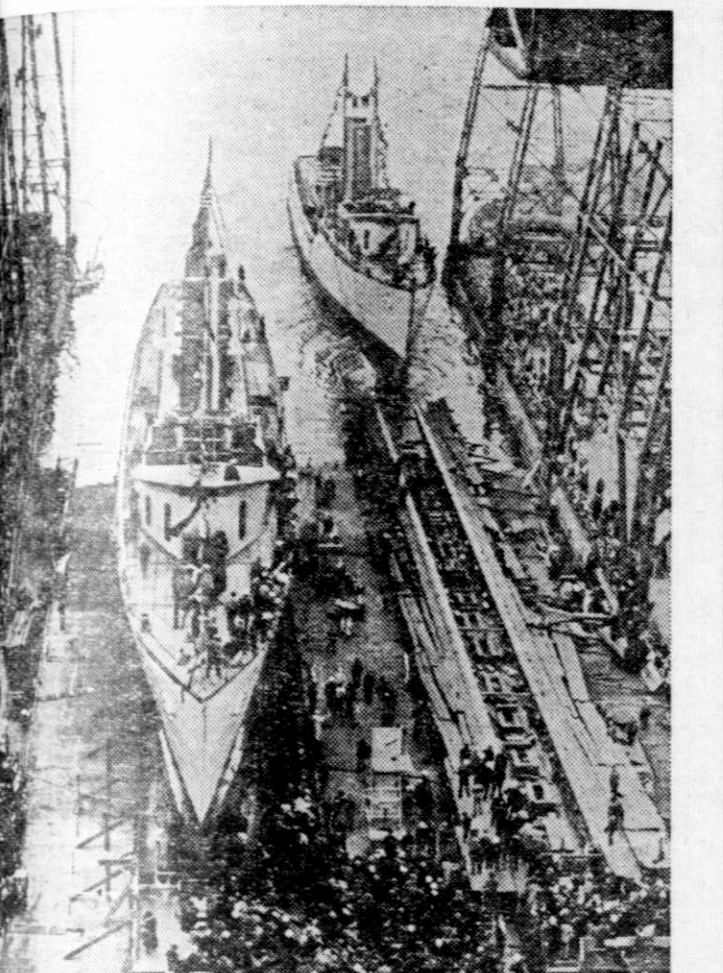
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In Cheering Section. Lissen—I had a most enjoyable time at the dentist's this afternoon. Hurja—I don't see how you could. Lissen—It's true. When I went in another dentist was working on my dentist's teeth.—Pathfinder Magazine.



U.S. Destroyers Cassin and Shaw Being Launched From Philadelphia Navy Yards as Fleet Is Increased.

upon the size of the ships, the building information is given each year, it is believed that formal agreements which will be satisfactory. To the lay observer it might appear that the notification might hasten a naval arms race.

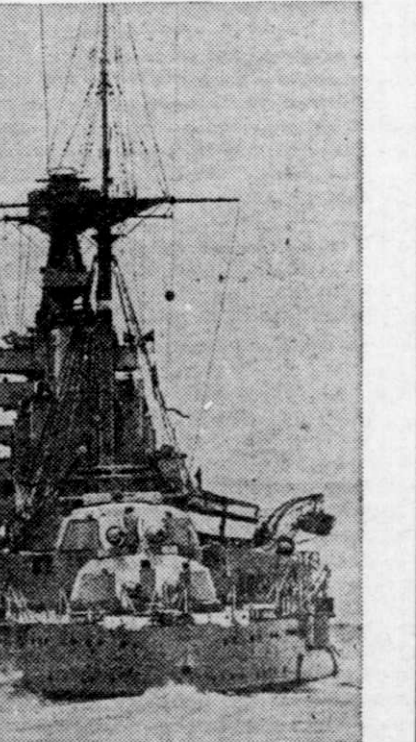
Mr. Davis said: "We have undertaken to keep each other informed not only of our current construction in navies, but also of our program of all vessels which we contemplate building down."

The fear of what your neighbor is doing is one of the causes of distrust and suspicion which may in turn lead to a competitive increase in armaments.

Hope Japan Will Sign. The treaty was signed by Great Britain, France and the United States. Japan is going to sign the submarine agreement during the negotiations.

Treaty Lasts Six Years. While the new treaty will last for six years, expiring on December 31, 1942, it will provide for constant consultations between the powers which sign it.

Part of French Atlantic Fleet Taking Part in Maneuvers Outside the Harbor of Brest.



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Italy never did agree to that limit and have already built destroyers of considerably larger size.

Aircraft carriers, formerly limited to 27,000 tons, have now been cut down to 23,000, with 6.1-inch guns. Two thousand tons is now the absolute limit of all submarines.

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