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ACUTE DANGER OF WAR WITH JAPAN

President Thinks She Has No Grievance.

MAKING READY FOR CONFLICT

War-Cloud Much Bigger Than Diplomats Admit.

PERIL TO THE PHILIPPINES

Islands First Prize for Which Nations Would Contend—Wood's Army to Be Strengthened and Pacific Fleet Enlarged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The relations between the United States and Japan as a result of the attitude of the Japanese Government toward the California authorities in school matters have become acute.

The President absolutely concurs with the opinion of Secretary Metcalf that the Japanese have no cause for grievance and that no treaty right has been infringed.

Outside of racial differences, there is another reason for segregation, and that is that many of the Japanese students are adults.

Senator Flint called upon the President yesterday. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, was another caller.

Philippines Prize of War. It is well understood here that Japan is in the background as the power with which the United States has to reckon for the possession of the Philippine Islands.

Wood's Advice to Be Ready. But recently the country was stirred by the annual report of Major-General Leonard Wood, in command of the Philippines.

about 15,000, would be unable to hold Manila against a first-class power.

Strengthen Pacific Fleet. On the heels of the startling demands of General Wood comes the report of the Bureau of Navigation, of which Rear-Admiral Converse is the head.

The President saw the possibilities of the San Francisco matter at once and dispatched Mr. Metcalf, a Californian, to the coast to investigate.



Seth Low, suspected of ambition to be United States Senator.

reported and the tenor of his report is that the people of San Francisco are not willing to recede from their position.

Acute Question Raised. The outcome of all causes combined has been the precipitation, although much veiled, of the acute question of Japan against the United States with the Philippines as the prize.

FULTON PROPOSES NEW LAW. Would Settle Problem by Restricting Stimulated Immigration.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Fulton does not share the opinion popular in this section of the country that there is likelihood of war with Japan as a result of the San Francisco school incident.

While Mr. Fulton anticipates no serious termination of the pending trouble, he is in sympathy with the people of the Pacific Coast to the extent that he believes that the immigration should be restricted.

It is a well-established fact that fully 90 per cent of the Japanese who come to the United States do so through the influence of immigration companies, which are in league with steamship companies.

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COAL MONOPOLY CAUSES FAMINE

Whole West Suffers Through Frauds.

RAILROADS CANNOT SUPPLY IT

Business Paralyzed and Human Life in Danger.

REMEDY COMES TOO LATE

Coal Production and Car Supply Checked by Twin Monopolies Built Up by Robbery of Public Domain.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Owing largely to the monopoly which has been built up by fraud, perjury and wholesale stealings in the vast coal fields of the West, the entire country this side of the Missouri River is in the grip of the greatest fuel famine ever experienced.

So extensive and general has become the shortage in the coal supply that industries are being crippled, manufacturing paralyzed, mines and smelters closed, the business of the farms and of the cities seriously retarded, and even life in the homes of the people is being threatened.

Famine Product of Greed. The shortage in coal—partially the fruits of greed and monopoly—grows daily and has become alarming.

Both the transportation and the coal companies are bending every effort to relieve the situation.

People Blame Monopoly. The people who are suffering and who are clamoring for coal insist that their sufferings are due to the monopolistic grip which the Gould and the Harriman systems have succeeded in placing on the coal industry of Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and other Western states.

That body produced evidence to show that by a system of fraud the railroad companies have succeeded in seizing all of the valuable coal land along their rights of way and have prevented development in other fields by exorbitant freight rates and by preventing independent capital from investing in coal ventures.

Not Enough Cars to Haul Coal. Whatever the truth may be, there is no denying the fact that the railroads do not begin to have sufficient power and equipment to transport the coal that is mined.

Have the shortage, but there is also no doubt that the shortage is largely due to the methods of monopoly.

Companies Which Have Monopoly. Under present conditions the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company practically has a monopoly, assisted in this connection by secret freight rates of the coal carriers in Colorado and the states east to the Missouri River.

Contents Today's Paper. The Weather. YESTERDAY—Maximum temperature, 40 degrees, minimum, 20.

National. Danger of war with Japan greater than admitted. Senator Fulton proposes remedy for Japanese problem.

Domestic. Mob of masked men plunder and burn tobacco stores in Kentucky.

Sports. Pullman's claim to football championship not sound.

Commercial and Marine. Cars available for moving potato crop.

Features and Departments. Editorial. Church announcements.

Classified advertisements. Peary's own story of his dash to "Farthest North."

Scenes in Portland harbor. Colonial blunders of some big men.

Book reviews. The John Dough mystery.

Household and Fashions. Youth's department.

GUARD INFORMER FROM SLUGGERS

Police Fear Attempt to Kill Young.

FOR EXPOSING LABOR GRAFTERS

Shea, Despot of Teamsters, Glowers in Rage.

STATE HAS FULL EVIDENCE

Leaders of Chicago Unions Paid to Order Great Teamsters' Strike. Proof That Pickets Were Sluggers Hired by Shea.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Guarded by detectives from assault by bands of union sluggers who have threatened his life, Albert Young, who turned state's evidence against Cornelius P. Shea, went to Judge Ball's court today to relate the inner workings of the great teamsters' strike of 1905.

Consternation in Labor Ranks. Feeling against Young is intensified because he had turned against some of the men whom he led in revolt against Shea.

Shea Glowers With Rage. Bribery and graft were cited as the compelling cause of the great teamsters' strike by Young from the witness stand.

Broke Contract by Striking. Young detailed how the teamster officials had accepted bribes from the garmentworkers' union to declare the strike against Montgomery Ward & Co., who with other firms had defected the garmentworkers six months before.

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YOUNG DESCRIBES THE PLOT

Garmentworkers Paid Labor Leaders \$1500 to Declare Strike.

AIM TO SIDETRACK RADICAL LEADERS

Old-Line Democrats Have New Candidate.

CENTER ON WOODROW WILSON

Secret Conference Plans to Launch Boom.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Sensational evidence was given today in the trial of Cornelius P. Shea, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, for alleged conspiracy in the teamsters' strike of 1905.

According to the statements of Young on the stand, Robert Noren, business agent of the Garmentworkers' Union, provided a fund of \$1500, which was divided between Shea and other labor leaders to induce them to call a strike of the teamsters for the purpose of aiding the garmentworkers of Montgomery Ward & Co., who had been on strike for several months.

At the time of the payment of the money to Shea and others, Noren was, according to Young, treasurer of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

When asked if any others were present, Young said: "Yes, Stephen Sumner, business agent of the 'Milkdrivers' Union; Charles Dold, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor; Edward Nockles, a member of the Chandler Workers' Union, and a man named Hoppe, of the Cigar-makers' Union."

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DEFEAT BRYAN AND HEARST

Thirty States Will Join in Conference on Direct Election of Senators and Are Sure of Winning Two-Thirds.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The New Haven Union, of which Alexander Troup is editor and proprietor, tonight publishes an article purporting to give the details of a secret meeting recently held in New York City by a number of leading Democrats of the country, called together for the purpose of sidetracking any plans Bryan or Hearst may have for gaining the Presidency in 1908 and putting in nomination for President Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University.

Troup has just returned from a Western trip, during which he spent a week at the home of Bryan in Lincoln. He declares in his paper that among those who have been secretly planning Woodrow Wilson's boom are:

John F. Hopkins, ex-Mayor of Chicago; Roger C. Sullivan, Democratic National committeeman from Illinois; J. H. Eckels, the Chicago banker and ex-Comptroller of the Currency; Charles S. Hamlin, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Carlisle; ex-Senator James Smith, of New Jersey; H. C. Frick, of Pittsburgh, and ex-Congressman Joseph J. Willert, of Alabama. They have been conferring with the Parker-Belmont-Sheehan people in New York at the Metropolitan Club, better known as the "Millionaires' Club."

THIRTY STATES ARE IN LINE. Conference at Des Moines for Direct Senatorial Elections.

DES MOINES, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The Governors of more than 30 states have accepted the invitation of Iowa to appoint delegates to attend a conference in Des Moines next Wednesday to discuss ways and means to secure an amendment to the Federal constitution giving the people the right to elect United States Senators by direct vote.

Governor Cummins and the Iowa Commissioners expect that more than 100 delegates will gather for the conference. Each state was invited to appoint five delegates. Their expenses will be borne by themselves, as the Iowa Legislature made no provision for paying the expenses for the convention.

It will be held in one of the assembly chambers at the capitol, however, and either the Bar Association or the Grant Club, of Des Moines, will entertain the visitors at a banquet.

Presumably all the delegates will be of a single mind—in favor of the popular election of United States Senators. The discussion in the conference will be then as to the best method to be pursued to achieve the desired constitutional amendment. It has been suggested that to call a constitutional convention might be dangerous. Once called, its powers would not be limited. It might assail the constitution in many points—relative to divorce.

A SUNDAY MORNING DREAM



Bryan Quits Talking. Peary Discovers the Pole. Rockefeller Returns His Possessions to the People. The Cigar-Store Masher Mashed. No More Grafting. —And Then He Woke Up!