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JAPAN THREATENS WAR ON CHINESE

Rumors From Secret Sessions of the "Open" Peace Council Disquietning.

SECRET TREATY APPEARS

China Looks to Big Powers to Stabilize the Situation and Free Her From Pact Made At The Dictation of Japanese.

(The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—That the Peace congress is not meeting with any great success in adjusting the strained relations existing between various powers, is becoming a fixed conclusion, and it is officially stated that Japan has virtually threatened war if China makes public certain secret treaties between the two countries, and fails to live up to the terms of alleged prior agreements to make Japan successor of Germany in regard to privileges and rights, as well as in property and concessions held by the Germans in Chinese territory at the outbreak of the war. The attitude of Japan toward China in the peace conference is causing grave apprehension among delegates of the other powers, it is alleged, and whether the attempts to fram a league of nations pact, can be successfully concluded is the problem that appears to be yet far away. In fact, if as alleged, Japan insists on China keeping the secret treaties hid, and the agreements are brought out in opposition to the Japanese demands, an open rupture may be the result, providing the Jap representatives live up to their veiled threat to declare war. China, on the other hand is pinning her faith and hopes to the peace conference for a final amicable adjustment of the difficulty between that government and Japan, and her delegates have made an excellent impression. The Chinese are courting the aid of Great Britain and the United States. Copies of the secret treaties existing between Japan and China were stolen from the Chinese representatives to the peace conference as the mission was passing through Japan enroute to Paris, so the envoys stated on their arrival at the French capital, consequently they have been unable to make known the full text of the secret treaties at the conference.

ATTACK NEAR ARCHANGEL.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Bolsheviki forces launched an infantery attack against the allied positions near Sredmakrenga, on Saturday, but were repulsed. This point of attack is southeast of Archangel. In quite extensive operations Friday, in which the United States, British and loyal Russian troops improved their positions materially, Bolshevists suffered heavy casualties.

ADOPT CONSTITUTION.

WEIMAR, Feb. 11.—The German national assembly today adopted a provisional constitution with little amendment to the original draft. A national president will be elected today.

COMMITTEE APPROVES ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The joint committee of the house and senate of the state legislature has favorably reported the bill providing $2,500,000 for a Roosevelt Memorial coast road, dependent on a like federal appropriation. This was the substance of a telegram which reached L. J. Simpson today from Representative Jones, chairman of the committee. The bill must now pass the house and senate and receive the signature of the governor but the favorable reporting by the committee is a long step. Passage of the bill is now regarded as a close certainty. How important the bill is to Coos Bay is indicated by the fact that the Roosevelt memorial highway would mean a road from Astoria to the Curry county line. An important feature of the bill is the attachment of an emergency clause which would make it effective immediately upon passage.—Coos Bay Times.

ALEXANDER BRIDGE BADLY DAMAGED

Residents of Alexander's Addition are preparing to vacate their homes in order to prevent becoming isolated by the destruction of the Alexander Bridge which is threatening to go out any moment. The central pier has been undermined on the South Side, and as was stated in the News several days ago, and the top has moved about five feet up-stream throwing the structure greatly out of line. The water is higher than it has been for many years and the bridge is gradually leaning more and more until a few feet further will put it in the stream. The county court can take no action owing to the fact that it is private property and as there is considerable litigation in regard to the bridge there seems to be nothing that can be done to prevent the catastrophe. It is hoped that the pier will strike a firmer foundation and will hold until the water recedes, when the property owners can possibly take some action. At the present time it would be impossible to stop the destruction without a very great expense, possibly greater than the construction of a new bridge. Dr. Brumfield who resides in the Alexander Addition states that he will move out at once and many others are planning to follow his example.

COOS BAY WIRELESS STATION SETS RECORD

From 4,900 miles away to the west a radio message came today to the Coos Bay Naval Radio station, the only one which the ship could rouse on the Pacific coast, says The Coos Bay Times. This distance for a message sets a new record for the local station. Because no other coast station responded the local wireless operator took the message here, which was from the steamer Yukon, 2,700 miles west of Honolulu, on its way to Cavite, in the Philippine Islands, and relayed it to Seattle. The message was peculiarly distinct, said Chief Stumpf, of the wireless station.

FISH INTERESTS WILL TRY AGAIN

Undaunted By Defeat of Pet Measure New Bill Is Introduced In Senate.

MONOPOLY IS THE AIM

Monopoly Would Be Gained By Fishing Interests Who Are Represented By One of Their Strongest Leaders.

Following the defeat of their pet measure, House Bill No. 120, the fishing interests have proposed a new bill, more far-seeing in its action and one which if approved, would result in the complete monopoly of the fish industry, it is claimed. In regard to Senate Bill No. 216, which was introduced by Senator Farrell of Portland, a local resident had the following to say:

"One of the most unprecedented measures ever introduced into the Oregon Legislature is contained in Senate Bill 216, introduced by Senator Farrell, of Portland.

"This bill proposes that the legislature shall delegate its legislative powers to the fish and game commission, so far as it effects any proposed change or alteration of any law regulating the opening and closing of any season, both in hunting and fishing, commercially and otherwise, to regulate the method of catching fish and appliances therefor. In other words, it empowers the fish and game commission to make laws, or change any laws prescribed by the statute, relating to fish, game animals or birds. It makes of the fish and game commission an autocratic power in the state, even the governor must obey its mandate and issue proclamations at the commission's will. The question arises here, have our laws been so perfected that the people can turn over to five men the absolute power to make laws, regulate the many difficulties arising both locally and state wide, pertaining to the one of the largest and important assests of the state? It is believed that when the people become informed as to the true meaning and purposes of this proposed law it will receive universal condemnation. Being introduced at the eleventh hour it was probably thought that it might go through unnoticed. It is easy to see who is behind the bill by the record of the man who introduced it. According to the January forth edition of the Oregon Voter, Mr. Farrell is president of the Deep River Logging Co., the Pillar Rock Packing Co., the Taylor Sands Fish Co., the Columbia Fish Co., and the Chinook Investment Co. He is vice-president of the Alaska-Portland Packers' Association and the Farrell Investment Co."

DEFEATS WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The senate again defeated the woman's suffrage amendment. The house resolution for adoption failed by a vote of 5 to 90.

MALHEUR-HARNEY TO RESCUE BIRDS

Oppose Scheme to Destroy Nesting Place of Wild Water Fowl.

ONLY BIG RESORT LEFT

Lake is Practically The Last Of The Once Near Countless Vast Areas Where The Big Birds Chose to Rear Their Young.

(By Associated Press.)

SALEM, Feb. 11.—The proposition of land promoters to drain Malheur Lake and sell the lands to farmers, is bringing a storm of protests from all over the State. It is pointed out by Wm. L. Finlay, state biologist, that Malheur Lake is the one remaining breeding place for wild bird life in the United States. All of the other natural nesting places have been destroyed by the encroachments of civilization, and the birds have gone with the destruction of their breeding haunts. The Malheur Lake Wild Bird Reservation was proclainted a national park for the purpose by President Roosevelt, who forsaw ultimate destruction of the wild birds of the west unless protection was afforded them. This reservation is now looked upon, since death called the ex-president, as one of the greatest and lasting memorials to his name. Malheur and Harney counties have declared war to the hilt on house bill 376, which proposes to turn the lake into land projects. Other sections of the state are coming up in defense of the lake as it stands, and promoters of the scheme will be given a hard fight before they will be permitted to lobby their measure through the legislature.

State Biologist Finley states that the Department of Agriculture has had charge of this area and since 1908, has paid wardens to protect it. Oregon is morally bound not to commit the commercial crime of destroying it. Malheur Lake Reservation is as wonderful as Crater Lake, Mount Hood or the Columbia Highway. It is an asset to Oregon and the United States as one of the last great wild fowl nurseries.

"PACIFISTS" FOR BUTTE.

TACOMA, Feb. 11.—Twelve men and one officer left Camp Lewis last night for Butte, where they will reinforce the units of the 44th Infantry on strike duty. All of the men are expert machine gunners, and eight machine guns were also sent to Butte.

STRIKERS GIVE UP.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—All strikers in the Clyde district have been instructed by the organized labor leaders to return to their work tomorrow.

NO MORE STRIKE FOR THE SEATTLE WORKERS

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.—The attempt of the general committee to have all of the strikers who had returned to their work without sanction of the union leaders to again walk out, so that they might return simultaneously with the remnant, failed of results. The men already at work refused point blank to make any further demonstration, which was looked upon as a wiley ruse of the labor agitators to make it appear that they had won their contention and they return to work was a special favor bestowed upon the public.

SOLDIERS BE OFFERED FREE COLLEGE COURSE

SALEM, Fbe. 10.—A bill was introduced today by Senators Pierce and I. S. Smith which provides that the state pay the expenses in Oregon colleges of her men who have served in the army and navy of the present war. A favorable report is assured from the committee.

FUNERAL OF JOE BRIDGES TOMORROW

The funeral of the late Hon. Joseph T. Bridges, of Oakland, the news of whose death saddened the entire community yesterday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at Oakland. Laurel Lodge No. 13, will have charge of the services and other local lodges, of which he was a member, will be well represented. The Elks are preparing a male quartette to furnish the music for the sad occassion, while the other organizations will have equal shares. Mr. Bridges is survived by his wife, a son, Ralston D. Bridges and a daughter, Audrey Endicott of Bandon, all of whom are in Oakland. Mr. Bridges was exceptionally well known in the community and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. A large number of people will go from Roseburg to attend the funeral.

65TH STARTED WEST.

Sheriff Geo. Quine this morning received a couple of telegrams from his son "Hub", in which it was stated that the 65th Coast Artillery is on its way to Camp Lewis to await discharge. The organization will probably be in Portland on the 17th or 18th and will be greeted by a great reception, at which many Roseburg people will be present.

OVERHEATED FLUE CAUSES SMALL BLAZE

Igniting from an overheated flue a smoldering fire was discovered this morning at the home of C. S. Heinline, on Ella street, and the fire department was called to the scene. The fire was not large or dangerous but in such a location, between the ceiling and the attic that it was an extremely difficult matter to reach. A hole was chopped in the roof and after considerable exertion the blaze was killed. There was very little damage beyond the charring of a few timbers and the damage resulting from the chemical.

DRAINAGE EXPERT WILL DEMONSTRATE

Farmers interested in drainage will have a chance to learn of new methods at a demonstration to be held at the farm of F. P. Miller at Wilbur Saturday, Feb. 15. W. L. Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and County Agriculturist Hurd will have charge of the work which will demonstrate the latest plans and methods as used at the state experimental station. There is a great deal of interest in this problem at the present time and there will undoubtedly be a large attendance.

ALLIES IMPATIENT IN DELAY OF GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 11—England and France have sent curt notes to the German president of the armistice commission, dealing with Germany's failure to deliver up certain locomotives and agricultural machinery as agreed. The notes are reported to virtually constitute a threat to Germany. The United States is expected to send a similar note.

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

The law firm of Neuner and Wimberly today dissolved partnership by the mutual consent of both members. Both attorneys have been restricted somewhat in their field and it was thought best to work separately in the future. Both attorneys will retain their offices in the First State Bank Building. The firm was started August 1, 1915.

CHAIRMAN ROAD COMMISSION HERE

R. A. Booth, chairman of the State Highway Commission, arrived in Roseburg this morning to review of the road situation in Douglas county. The commission has authorized the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars in the county during the coming season and it is very probable that several other items will be considered. Mr. Booth declined to make any statements in regard to the proposed plans of the commission but said that before his departure he will furnish a written statement outlining the program for the improvements to be made in this community. He will spend a few days looking over the work in the vicinity of Yoncalla and will visit the territory south of the city with a view of working out a plan to eliminate the several grade crossings there. He will make a visit to the Glendale district and will then go on to Grants Pass.

COURT DECIDES AGAINST COUNTY

Supreme Court Opinion Says That State Commissioner Acted Within Rights.

THE BILL WAS REFUSED

County Court Refuses to Pay Bill Submitted By Accountants Employed By the State Insurance Commission.

Reversing the decision of Judge Hamilton, the supreme court held, in a decision handed down today, that the State Insurance Commissioner has authority to contract with a third party for the auditing of the county books, suit having been brought against the county and an appeal taken to the supreme court by W. R. Mackenzie and Son, accountants. The suit was first brought in the circuit court of this county following the refusal of the county to pay the bill presented by Mackenzie and Son for the auditing of the county books. The work was ordered by the State Insurance Commissioner, acting under the provisions of an act of the legislature in 1913, which provided a uniform system of accounting and reporting, supervision and inspection of state and county offices and finances. The county maintained at that time that the work was not requested and no funds were assured, and that the commissioner erred in entering into the contract with the accountants.

The plaintiffs in that suit entered a claim in their complaint for the sum of $576.00, which had been presented to and verified by the commissioner and submitted to the county court, which in turn refused to allow the amount. The matter was brought up December 19, 1918, when the accountants sued out a writ of review to the circuit court. The writ of review was dismissed and an appeal was taken to the supreme court.

The county held that the commissioner had no right to enter into a contract for Douglas county and that the enactment of the legislature was unconstitutional.

Attorneys Crawford and Watson, represented W. R. Mackenzie and Son and District Attorney Neuner appeared for the county.

ANARCHISTS FIGHT WITH POLICE GUARD

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The herd of 56 alien born anarchists and I. W. W. from the west, who were ordered deported by the government, have been sent to Ellis Island awaiting a vessel out. These Bolshevists engaged in a fight with the police on the immigration boat, and as the steamer left the pier for the island, the Reds chanted in unison: "To Hell with America."

41ST DIVISION ENROUTE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb 11.—Four transports and a United States Cruiser are now enroute from France, bringing over ten thousand troops, including infantry of the 41st division, composed of national guard troops from Oregon, Washington, Montana and North Dakota.

CITY NEWS

Mrs. L. C. Heinline returned last night from a visit with friends and relatives at Portland.

Mrs. E. W. Hurst of Myrtle Creek spent a few hours yesterday visiting in this city.

W. L. Miller of Cottage Grove, spent the day in the city looking after business affairs.

P. L. Randles was admitted today to Mercy Hospital, where he will undergo an operation tomorrow.

Mrs. R. E. McNabb left last night for her Glendale home after visiting for a short time in this city.

Dr. Janett Reid, who has been lecturing in this city for several days on Social Hygiene, left last night for Grants Pass.

Rev. A. McClintock, wife and daughter of Wilbur arrived in the city last night for a visit at the home of J. E. McClintock.

County Bridge Master W. V. Hurst left last night for Reedsport, where he will spend several days completing some unfinished work.

J. F. Hale, representing the Hale Piano Co., of Medford, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters.

Mrs. J. A. Fitzgerald, left this morning for Camp Lewis, where she will join her husband who is awaiting discharge there.

Mrs. Glenn Wimberly and son left this morning for Drain, where they will spend several days visiting at the home of Ira Wimberly.

J. R. Farris of Portland and Frank Stall of Eugene, representatives of the Heider Tractor Co., spent the day in Roseburg conferring with John Signor, the local agent.

Mrs. E. E. Briggs, of Grants Pass, who has been spending a few days with relatives at Eugene, arrived in Roseburg last night for a short visit at the home of Mrs. Harry Cook.

Mrs. H. R. Stewart, formerly Miss Mabel Miller, arrived in this city last night, from San Francisco, where she now resides, and will spend a week or ten days at the Cardwell home.

Attornew and Mrs. A. M. Crawford who spent the week-end in this city visiting with friends and attending to court matters, left this morning for their home at Portland.

Miss Lela Campbell of this city left this morning for Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, where she will be united in marriage to Alfred Alfybauld, a Canadian soldier recently back from France. They will make their home in Canada.

N. W. CONGRESS WILL MEET SOON

Portland to Be Visited By Prominent Men In Interest of League of Nations.

INTEREST IS GROWING

Labor Leader Will Appear on Platform With Ex-President Taft and with other Leaders in Campaign for League of Nations.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—Labor will have prominent part in the Northwestern Congress for a League of Nations which will be held at the municipal auditorium in Portland, February 16 and 17. Frank P. Walsh, ex-joint chairman of the war labor board, who is regarded as America's foremost publicist on labor matters, will appear on the same program with ex-President William Howard Taft, President Lowell of Harvard, ex-Ambassador Morgenthau, Dr. Henry Van Dyke and other noted men, who are leaders in the campaign for a League of Nations.

As president of the League to Enforce Peace, Mr. Taft has issued invitations giving opportunity to some 10,000 prominent men and women in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho to be delegates at the convention in Portland. In addition some 10,000 general invitations have been issued. The state and county chairmen of Republican and Democratic committees have been equally invited, in order to insure the non-partisan character of the meetings. The heads of Chambers of Commerce, other business organizations, women's clubs, presidents of colleges, superintendents and principals of schools, bankers, prominent ministers and others are included in the invitation lists.

While interest grows hourly more intense in the results of the world peace conference, former President Taft and those asociated with him in the League to Enforce Peace are holding "a transcontinental League of Nations Congress" in nine locations of which Portland is the fifth. The first one at New York attracted nearly four thousand credentialed delegates in addition to spectators. Each of the conventions will take action expressing sentiment not only as to a League of Nations, but as to the kind of a league America wants. Results will be cabled overseas as well as reported to the United States senate for its guidance. An attendance of five thousand is expected in Portland.

AT ANTLERS THEATRE.

"Raffles, the Amateur Cracksman" is the new attraction at the Antlers Theatre. It isn't at all necessary to tell you even a wee bit of this story from the famous novel by E. W. Hornung, because there probably isn't a person living who hasn't read it. But to see on the screen the thrilling adventures of the society thief who stole for the sheer love of stealing, and for the excitement of the chase, and the mere joy of outwitting the police and amateur detectives who sought to capture him is a treat that you cannot afford to miss. And John Barrymore is an ideal "Raffles." His work is of the finest, and although you can't approve of his occupation, you certainly will approve of his methods. Besides the Melrose jewels were well worth the taking. This big attraction will be shown at the Antlers Wednesday and Thursday.

REINSTATEMENT OF TEACHER IS ASKED

Petition Presented to School Board Asking Instructor Be Given Former Place.

DISCORD IS ALLEGED

Petitioners Say That Injustice Was Done When Miss Ethel Tooze Was Changed From Rose to the Benson School.

A meeting of the school board last night, held a few thrillers outside the usual routine of business, a controversy being revived in the form of a petition presented by parents of children attending the Rose school, asking the re-instatement of Miss Ethel Tooze, who was removed from her position in the Rose School, some time ago, and assigned to a grade at the Benson School.

The petition was signed by 56 residents and was as follows: "We, the patrons of the Rose School, regretting the controversy that has recently arisen to disturb the harmony of the institution, and believing an injustice has been done, respectfully ask for the re-instatement of Miss Ethel Tooze."

The discord mentioned, dates back to the commencement of the school term, when three teachers, Mrs. Benshandler, Mrs. Thornton and Miss Tooze were assigned to the departmental work at the Rose School. Confusion arose between them in regard to methods and other features of the school work and as they were unable to arrive at a decision the affair was laid before the school board. The board of directors took the matter from the hands of the City Superintendent and after an investigation decided the best method of creating harmony was to separate the teachers with the result, that Miss Tooze was assigned to the Benson school. Her pupils, with whom she was in great favor, immediately rebelled and the parents took a hand, the petition being the result. The board, however, is taking no action at the present time and the request has been laid on the table for future action.

The petition was presented by Mrs. Wendell Wright and Mrs. H. J. Denn, both of whom have children in the class formerly taught by Miss Tooze and who have been working earnestly in an effort to have her returned to her former position, which she ably filled to the satisfaction of all, it is contended by those presenting the petition.

There was very little other business to be considered by the board of directors, other than the allowing of the usual monthly bills and a few other minor routine matters.

STOCKMEN WILL STUDY FEEDING

For the purpose of acquainting the farmers and stockmen of the county with the best methods of feeding and handling baby beef a visit will be made on next Thursday, February the 13th, to the farm of Sam Miller at Dillard.

Mr. Miller has now ready for market a carload of baby beef consisting of thirty head of grade Shorthorn calves. The calves are from two to thirteen months of age and will weigh around 650 to 800 pounds.

Mr. Miller has also two hundred head of steers that he has fed during the winter on corn ensilage and alfalfa hay. The steers are now in prime condition and almost ready for the market. Mr. Miller has kept accurate cost accounts on the feeding of this stock and will be able to explain to the farmers at that time just what it has cost him to produce this prime beef.

Every one who is interested in beef production is cordially invited to make the trip to Mr. Miller's ranch on that day, start will be made from the Federal Building in Roseburg at 10 o'clock in the morning and sufficient time will be given at the farm to note the feeding arrangements of Mr. Miller and to thoroughly examine both the baby beef and fat steers.

LETTER FROM JAMES GOODMAN.

A letter was received by The News today from James Goodman, formerly employed by the Umpqua Valley Bank in this city, in which he states he was very anxious to meet the Roseburg boys with the 65th Artillery who have been at Camp Dix, N. J., for the past two weeks, and had he of known they were going to land at Philadelphia he would have been right there to meet the bunch. Jim says he is "still on the job" at Camp Eustis, Va., and in closing his letter says: "As for me I haven't any idea when I will get away from here. At the present time the outlook is 'rotten' but I am hoping that something will come up shortly that will release me."