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## JAPAN OPPOSES POISON GAS AS WEAPON OF WAR

### Delegate to Geneva Takes Stand With United States Representative.

## TURKS ALSO FAVOR

### Plan to Prevent Civil Strife by Restricting Facilities for Securing War Supplies.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GENEVA, May 8.—Japan went on record today as favoring a strict interdiction of the use of poison gas in war. D. Matsuda, Japanese delegate to the League of Nations international conference for the control of traffic in arms and munitions made this declaration in a speech ardently supporting the proposal made yesterday by Representative Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, head of the American delegation that all export of poison gas for use in war be prohibited.

The American proposal was referred to two sub-committees, military and judicial. The Polish amendment condemning the use of disease bacteria in warfare, was referred to the same committees.

Mr. Matsuda said that Japan is already a party to the poison gas agreement made during the Washington arms conference and in prohibiting the exportation of poison gas for war purposes it also should be understood that such methods of warfare are forbidden by international law. He urged the legal committee to take up this aspect of the problem thoroughly.

The Turkish delegation heartily supported the American proposal, but agreed with the Hungarian delegation that the rights of states that do not manufacture gas to employ gas if they are so attacked should be respected and their opportunity for defense should not be removed by too rigid a ban on exportation.

The San Salvador delegation offered an amendment providing that arms may be exported to any government "that has been duly constituted in accordance with the provisions of the constitution in force in that country."

This, it was said, is intended to prevent civil strife by restricting the facilities for securing war supplies.

The Chinese and Rumanian delegate opposed the amendment. The Chinese said it afforded an opportunity for discrimination because if any manufacturing country dabbled a new government in any other country it could argue that it was unconstitutional.

The Chinese said this would be dangerous to international relations. The Rumanians declared that the league covenant recognized the right of all countries to procure means of defense.

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## HON. ROBERT M. VEATCH, FIRST REGISTRAR OF THE ROSEBURG LAND OFFICE PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 81

### Was Appointed the First Registrar of the Roseburg Land Office and Under President Cleveland's Second Administration.

## WEEKLY PARADE OF BOOTLEGGERS TO BE USED AS OBJECT LESSON BY CHIEF OF POLICE OF DES MOINES

### Police Cars Will Also be Equipped with Signs Warning of the Public of the Evil of Illicit Liquor.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DES MOINES, May 8.—Charging inefficiency in the handling of liquor cases by the courts, Chief of Police James Cavender today announced plans for what he termed a "weekly parade of bootleggers."

The announcement followed the parade through the streets of a wrecked automobile containing a police officer disguised to represent "death" and holding aloft a bottle labeled "hooch." Police claim the driver of the motor car was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Chief of Police Cavender said today he was making arrangements for the building of large stocks, such as were used in Puritan days.

He announced that it was his plan to place all "bootleggers" arrested in future police drives in stocks with appropriate placards and parade them through the downtown business section as an example of what the bootlegging

## WILL OPEN GRAVE TO SOLVE RIDDLE

### DENVER, Colo., May 8.—A grave in a cemetery will be opened today to yield up the riddle of the death of Carl H. Blank, 65, a Denver real estate operator, whose demise last February is being investigated by the authorities.

The disinterment of the coffin supposed to contain Blank's body, came as the result of the filing of civil and criminal action yesterday by Dr. E. S. Abbott, a Denver osteopath, against Mrs. Hannah Blank, the widow, on charges of obtaining money under false representations. Dr. Abbott was summoned at the time of Blank's death and signed the death certificate. The osteopath commenced litigation against Mrs. Blank because of an investment of \$2,500 in a real estate deal promoted by Blank last January, in which Dr. Abbott charged false representations were made to him. In his information pressing the criminal charges he alleges that Blank either was not dead or had died from alleged unnatural causes.

## HOOTCH PRICES SHOOT SKYWARD SUPPLY IS LOW

### Rum Fleet Blockade Causes Thirst Ashore and Cost of Booze Mounts.

## SCOTCH VERY SCARCE

### Each Ship on Rum Row Is Being Guarded by Two Cutters—Few Run the Blockad.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, May 8.—A great thirst ashore and at sea seems to have developed from Uncle Sam's blockade of Rum Row off the north and mid-Atlantic coast.

On land, the supply of liquor is rapidly diminishing, newspaper investigators say and prices are going up.

Meanwhile some of the rum fleet are presumed to have given up the campaign of attrition and headed for home ports in other lands, either hopefully to replenish their supplies of food and water, or to conclude that the dry navy is too strong for them.

Any retreat that may have taken place from Rum Row so far, however, has not yet been substantiated, so far as is indicated by messenger reports from the scene of the passive warfare from 20 to 40 miles off shore. In fact, four new craft, including a large German steamship, have arrived on the row. But the new arrivals had not known of the blockade. Like the vendors already on the row, they were promptly picketed by units of the dry navy, which has two small boats watching every rum seller and big cutters in the offing acting as mother ships.

The assertion continues to be made that the blockade's results have been perfect, with no customers at all getting to or away from the rum fleet.

The New York American, however, today prints an illustrated story of the successful running of the blockade.

A 100 mile airplane trip by one newspaper observer resulted in the direct sight of only four two-masted schooners and one tramp schooner on Rum Row.

Far in the distance, however, were 20 or 30 craft assumed to be liquor ships. Each had its pair of government watchers. Another newspaper man in an airplane reported only two rum craft. Reports that airplanes were part of the blockading forces are now officially denied.

New patrol boats with fresh crews are ready to relieve those on duty. It is announced by the coast guard and 500 additional seamen are being recruited.

A Hartford dispatch to the New York Tribune says Secretary of the Navy Wilbur inspected Rum Row yesterday going out from New London. Asked for his impressions of the rum fleet, he said that conditions at the New London submarine base were excellent.

## THIS LINTYPE OPERATOR GETS MALTESE CROSS

### Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and Southern Pacific May Join.

## MUCH MERGER TALK

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WASHINGTON, May 8.—The department of agriculture has prepared a printed bulletin saying: "The cat crop ranks third in importance. Cats traditionally constitute the banner horse feed of the world and three percent is used for human consumption. The cat crop is subject to several diseases, chief of which are loose and covered amuts, stem rust and crown rust."

Then follows a discourse on wild cats, tame cats, broken cats and willed cats. The main varieties in the United States are given as Swedish select, silver mines and white tartar.

The trouble was that the lintype operator consistently hit the letter "c" instead of the letter "o" and had turned a treatise on cats into one on cats.

The bulletin will not be distributed.

## TELEPHONE GIRLS MAKE ESCAPE FROM BURNING BUILDING

### Portland, Ore., May 8.—Fire which swept the main telephone exchange of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company at noon today put 15,000 telephones out of commission and caused damage exceeding \$100,000. One hundred telephone girls by hasty and orderly exit escaped the rapid sweep of flames which originated in the basement from a burned cable.

Two firemen were slightly injured. Company officials said the equipment of the building was worth \$600,000, and they could not say definitely the amount of the loss until a check was made. Fire department officers said the damage would exceed \$100,000.

One fireman slipped and fell down and when brought out was nearly overcome by smoke. Another was cut in the cheek.

In spite of the dense smoke firemen went down as far as possible into the basement and poured in water.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—One hundred telephone operators at the main exchange, Park and Alder streets, vacated the building in orderly haste when a burned cable put the whole building in flames shortly before noon today. The first warning the girls had was when great volumes of smoke poured from the basement followed closely by flames.

The chief operator was one of the first to see the smoke and she rang the emergency fire alarm. The fire apparently started in the basement and by the time the first fire apparatus arrived the flames were leaping from the basement and first story windows with the smoke pouring from the roof.

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CHICAGO, May 8.—Consolidation of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway and the Southern Pacific was discussed as a possibility late yesterday by J. E. Gorman, president of the Rock Island, in a talk before the annual meeting of shareholders here.

There has been much talk of such consolidation," he said, "and the managements of both systems have contended for some time that it would be logical. Should the merger come the Rock Island would be a great beneficiary. I have tried for some time to effect a stronger operating arrangement with the Southern Pacific and I have hopes that after June 1 when the jurisdiction of such matters on that line is changed it may be done.

"At the present time we are giving all our Pacific Coast business to the Southern Pacific because it is logical. Due to the long haul we get thereby, in return we get only the perishable freight requiring fast service. Of other heavier merchandise we get little, because the Southern Pacific can get a longer haul for itself by handling it through other connections.

"As to business on the Rock Island it is neither bad nor good at the present time. Grain movement has fallen sharply due to the heavy movement last fall and winter to take advantage of high prices. The outlook is good, although entirely dependent upon the crop situation."

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, said last night that he knew nothing about the possibility of a merger between the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad with the Southern Pacific System.

"This seems to me to be barely the expression of Gorman's personal opinion," he said. "I have no information one way or the other on the merger."

Miss Quine Coming Home—Miss Evelyn Quine who has been attending O. A. C. is reported to be ill at Corvallis, and her mother has gone there to be with her. It is expected that Miss Quine will be required, because of her health, to quit school for the remainder of the term.

he had received a shipment of furniture under the name of W. E. Ford, and tracing this shipment, located the ranch upon which the man has been residing near Umpqua. A warrant of arrest was telegraphed from San Francisco last night, and upon this authority, together with a fugitive warrant, the sheriff made the arrest this morning.

Sheriff Starmer stated that Ford appeared little surprised over his arrest, and agreed to waive extradition and return to San Francisco to answer the charges against him.

Ford appeared this afternoon before Justice of the Peace Jones charged with being a fugitive from justice, and \$4,000 was fixed at \$5,000. Being unable to turn in the amount he will be kept confined until officers from San Francisco can be for him.

Latest Photo of Von Hindenburg



The latest photo of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, president elect of Germany, at a parade of pro-monarchists in the closing days of the campaign.

## TODAY'S BASEBALL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

National League	
At Brooklyn	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	2 7 0
Brooklyn	3 9 1
Batteries: Rixey and Wingo; Erhardt and Taylor.	
American League	
At Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	7 12 4
Philadelphia	15 17 1
Batteries: Meadows, Krumer, Songer, Koppal and Smith, Goetz; Carlson and Henline.	
American League	
At Chicago	R. H. E.
Washington	3 13 1
Chicago	4 7 0
Batteries: Zachary, Moxridge and Ruel; Thurston, Lyons and Schalk.	
American League	
At Cleveland	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	5 9 2
Cleveland	3 7 4
Batteries: Gray and Cochrane; Urie and Myatt.	
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS	
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)	
At Portland 6; Seattle 2.	
At Oakland 5; Los Angeles 18.	
At Sacramento 6; Salt Lake 15.	
At Vernon 4; San Francisco 7.	

## The Weather

Highest temp. yesterday 62  
Lowest temp. last night 36  
Cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably rain; slightly warmer tonight.

Employer: "What do you mean by coming in thirty minutes late?"  
Employee: "Why you see it's on account of the fog."  
Employer: "What has that to do with you, you don't live across the bay."  
Employee: "I know, but you do and I thought you would be late."