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## JAPAN DELAYS CHINA'S DECLARATION OF WAR

### Chinese Diplomats Present Three Proposals to the Allies and Make a Declaration of War Contingent Upon Their Acceptance—They Want Revision of China's Customs Revenues, Postponement of Payment of Boxer Indemnities, and Cancellation of Rule Prohibiting Chinese Soldiers From Entering Foreign Concessions at Tien Tsin.

BY RALPH H. TURNER.  
(United Press Correspondent.)  
Tokyo, April 12.—(By Mail)—Actual participation by China with the Allies in the war against Germany is being delayed by Japan's attitude towards three proposals made by China to the Allies.

This statement may be made on the authority of members of the Constitutional opposition to the Terauchi ministry and is based upon admissions by high Japanese officials. Chinese diplomats, in pressing the three proposals, are showing themselves more astute than in some of their former diplomatic dealings, in that they make a declaration of war contingent upon the acceptance of these proposals.

But the date is not far distant when the Peking government actually will join hands with the Entente Powers and the United States in an actual state of warfare against the Teutons. Allied diplomats in Peking who

have been urging China to enter the war would prefer to consider her three requests apart from the main issue of joining them in the conflict. China's three conditions are: A revision of China's customs revenues, with a general increase; Postponement of payment of the Boxer indemnities, and Cancellation of the rule which prohibits Chinese soldiers entering foreign concessions at Tientsin.

China, it is definitely known, made these proposals when the decision to break with Germany was reached on March 14. President Li Yuan-hung and his cabinet consider it vital that these three propositions be settled favorably before China declares war.

Right here is where Japan enters with her objections. While the other entente nations seem ready to agree to most or all of these propositions, Japan considers them such as seriously to affect her welfare. Business interests which oppose an increase in China's customs revenues would violently oppose any act of the Terauchi government granting such increases. Opponents of the government say the government is likely to grant China's demands, but is waiting until after the elections of April 20 in order not to endanger its success in winning the backing of the house of representatives. (In the elections of April 20 the Terauchi government was upheld by a vote of 216 to 165.)

At a recent conference of allied diplomats at Peking, they discussed China's propositions and the result was favorable to China, but Japanese representatives pleaded for more time.

## Sports

### LEONARD-KILBANE MATCH WOULD BE LIFE-SAVER

BY H. C. HAMILTON.  
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New York, May 15.—A match between Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, and Benny Leonard, the most prominent claimant of the American lightweight championship, would bring back with a punch the old days when good bouts in the lightweight division were the rule and not the exception. It would determine with no trouble the right of one man or the other to a twenty-round chance at Freddie Welsh's lightweight title, and, if Welsh didn't see fit to make the match, it might be possible for promoters and boxers to reach an agreement whereby Welsh would cease to exist as a champion.

Leonard is heavier than Kilbane and is such an aggressive, hard-hitting youth that Kilbane would be at a much greater disadvantage than in his recent fist-fest with Freddie Welsh. Leonard hits with both hands and takes advantage of every opening. Kilbane would have to travel at his best speed to save himself from defeat.

There is a great difference in the styles of the two men. Kilbane, as a boxer and fighter outshines Leonard so long as he confines himself to brawls with the featherweights. The handicap of meeting a man who would weigh about five pounds the heavier, however, would make it hard for him. Kilbane uses either hand with deadly effect. He possesses a left hook that is fast as lightning, and he enjoys the custody of a right hook or a right cross that is paralyzing when it lands. He stands ahead of rival performers in punching ability for his heaviest punches invariably travel less than six inches.

Leonard cannot punch with such precision and effect. It is necessary for him to back from his opponent a sufficient distance to get the full effect. He uppercuts with either hand with tremendous power, quite an unusual accomplishment. Kilbane would have trouble defending himself from

punches of that sort. Kilbane's speed and excellent blocking probably would eliminate Leonard's chances for a knockout, but his cleverness would give him the opportunity of putting the crusher on Leonard. Kilbane looks the better of the two, when compared as workmen, but Leonard's weight evens the betting.

### OLD STARS THINNING OUT TOGETHER

BY R. C. HAMILTON.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
New York, May 15.—Hans Wagner's failure to show up this spring and the continued absence of his name from the box-scores is only one of many similar absences. Famous athletes who have played the game for many long years are out slow, and others of the veterans brigade are slowly slipping back to private life. Sam Crawford is about the only one of the old-time school of ball players left in the big leagues, and Sam's principal duty is to bat in the pinches. Recently he has been playing first base.

Napoleon Lajoie, grand old man of the second sackers, is not a major leaguer this year. He is managing a club in the International league—out of the fight in the big circuits for the first time in more years than many baseball players have lived.

John Evers, main-spring of the old Cubs, and principal cog in the new Braves is a bench warmer these days. A strained shoulder and strained nerves have combined to keep him out of active participation.

Wagner's case is just a matter of growing too old for the game. Rheumatism has attacked the wonderful old fellow. His eyes are not so good as they once were. He couldn't stand the rigors of spring training, so he stayed at home and got married this year.

Wagner's retirement from active life on the diamond brings to a close a most illustrious career. Whenever one speaks of shortstops and their relative abilities, Wagner's name is always omitted. He was too good for others to be compared with him. There are few ball players in any position who deserve the honor of being compared with Wagner.

The same thing can be said of Napoleon Lajoie. For grace in action, ability with the bat and all around baseball usefulness he never had an equal. There have been great second basemen and there are now, but they are not Lajoies.

John Evers is of the same general usefulness and probably has another year of baseball left. He never was as good as Lajoie as a batsman however, and probably not quite so good a fielder, but his nimble brain and energy carried him to inspired heights not attained by the younger ones.

### THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

BY "GM" Monocles.

The monocle is a fraction of a pair of glasses worn by a fraction of a human being. It is fettered to its position by heaven know what. Usually the wearer sends his eyebrow down to hold it in check. If the eyebrow has to go upstairs to emphasize a thought or something, the monocle's fall is certain. This situation is overcome by having the monocle on a leash. A long, wide, funeral ribbon leash. This gives it enough of a fall to scare the wits out of it and keep it subdued, but not enough to dash its glass out on the rocks below. To obtain a monocle all you have to do is go into an optician's shop and order a half portion of spectacles. Though why in heaven's name anyone should want to obtain one is more than we can understand.

### Ladd Canyon News

Community Is Busy With Garden-Making and General Farming—Ladd Creek Is High—Measles Epidemic Is Over—Helen Peebler Is Improving—"Get Together" Club Is Entertained—Miss Mulholland and George Clark Married.

Ladd Canyon, Ore., May 10.—(Special)—A busier community than this would be hard to find. Garden making and general farming are the order of the day. Ladd Creek is still rushing very high, overflowing and causing many farmers a great deal of worry.

In spite of all the work which has been done on the road, where the water seeps up, near Dick Peebler's place, it has finally become impassable for automobiles. Many have been forced to procure help in order to get out the past week or so.

Every one had their usual good time at the dance which Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fields gave at their home last Saturday evening. Jack Walker and Harry Thomas furnished the music and a good lap-supper was served.

Vernon Crossen is here visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCauley, and other relatives.

Roy Peebler is here from Waitsburg for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Peebler.

The measles epidemic is just about over here. They were prevalent in nearly every home. The school was diminished to twelve and fifteen scholars for a period of two weeks,

but all are back now working hard for the various examinations.

Helen Peebler writes from the sanitarium at St. Louis that her spine is gradually becoming straight and that she is to have a cord severed in her right knee soon. Friends were so glad to hear that she is now able to take a few steps without her crutches. She writes that the weather has been quite warm there for some time.

Mr. Mary I. Counsell entertained the Get-Together club members in the usual manner May 3, at her home. Sandwiches, salad, cakes and coffee were served at the close of an afternoon of music on the piano and doing fancy work. Mrs. Rex Conway will be the next hostess May 17. Miss Muriel Mulholland, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mulholland, was married to George Clark, in the evening of May 6, at La Grande. It is hoped their future life will be happy and bright.

### Summerville News

School Closes Thursday—Dry Creek Runs High—Rev. Mr. Archer Preaches Strong Sermon—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Niederer Charivariated.

Summerville, Ore., May 14.—(Special)—School closes here next Thursday. Measles have caused many pupils to be absent from school during the latter part of the term.

Dry creek is running over its banks and rushing on at a great rate. This year the water is unusually high.

Miles Woodell, our rural route man, is owner of a new auto. We congratulate you, Mr. Woodell. You deserve all the pleasure you can get during the summer months to make up for the deep snows of winter. Summer and winter are what we have here. Spring and fall are not so well known.

Rev. Mr. Archer, local pastor of the M. E. church preached a strong sermon last night on present conditions occasioned by the war. And we were glad to see so many present to hear his sermon. Not a few were from Pumpkin Ridge. Next Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Archer will preach at Pleasant Grove.

The meeting on Agricultural Defense Day, May 12, was well attended considering the rainy evening, and aroused much interest.

Dry Creek school will continue another month, ending June 8. Miss Nelle Poole, from Ontario, Oregon, is teacher. Miss Poole started to teach a year ago last fall and has been teaching ever since—20 months to date. "Pumpkin Ridge," the "Darr" and "Dry Creek" districts are the fortunate ones whose pupils received instructions from this ambitious young woman. School boards, let her rest awhile.

Ruth Littrel and Ruth Archer are as well as they ever were before they had the measles.

Charley Shafer, son of the late Henry Shafer, of La Grande, recently made his relatives happy by suddenly appearing in their midst. He had been absent for about three years.

It did us good to see Prof. Thompson of the Island City schools as a visitor on the 5th inst. He was accompanied by his oldest son, Leslie, and three younger ones. He was on his way to his ranch northwest of town. Prof. Thompson taught five consecutive terms of school here just preceding Prof. and Mrs. Starr's administration. This is their second year here, and his second at Island City.

About 20 of us "charivariated" Mr. and Mrs. Leo Niederer at their home the first evening they were there after the wedding. We sure had a fine time having been treated with oranges, peanuts, all-day-suckers and courtesy.

### Senate Passes Dry Bill.

Washington, May 15.—(Special)—The first legislative step toward conservation of the Nation's food resources and a long advance toward an absolutely dry United States was taken Saturday night by the Senate in approving, 38 to 32, an amendment to the Administration espionage bill forbidding during the war the use of cereals or grain in the manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

### State Will Pave Roads.

Portland, May 15.—(Special)—Paving plants will be purchased by the state highway commission.

If satisfactory bids for laying pavement are not received from contractors the commission will thus be prepared to undertake paving work itself by force account.

Bids for all types of standard pavement are to be invited under open and fair competition.

The type of pavement to be selected in each individual case is to be determined by cost and local conditions.

For work done by contract good and sufficient guarantees of workmanship, material and durability will be exacted from contractors.

During the existence of war conditions no construction will be undertaken which will withdraw labor from agriculture and other needed industry.

The above is an outline of the general policy which is to be followed by the state highway commission in matters pertaining to the construction of state roads.

In a street car signal system that a St. Louis man has invented an electric lamp in front of the motorman is illuminated as long as the back door of the car is open.

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