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ACCEPTANCE OF JAPAN IS EXPECTED

FAVORABLE RECEPTION TURNS OFFICIALS' MINDS TO DETAILS OF MEETING

ARMISTICE DAY MAY BE THE DATE CHOSEN

In Considering Topics to be Discussed at the Meeting, Officials Are Dealing Only With Such Specific Problems as Disarmament and the Pacific Situation.

LONDON, July 13.—Great Britain, France and Italy have officially accepted President Harding's invitation to the conference on the limitation of armaments. China has indicated a readiness to participate in the conference relative to the far east.

Japan has not gone on record yet, but it is expected her acceptance will be communicated to the United States government.

May be Armistice Day

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The expectation is that preliminary negotiations will be completed by late fall, and Armistice Day, November 11, has been suggested as a possible date for the assembling of the delegates at Washington. This feature of the plan, it was explained, will, of course, be subject to change, as developments may dictate but it is accepted as virtually certain that the meeting place selected will be the American capitol.

In their consideration of the subjects to be discussed at the conference, officials are dealing only with such specific subjects as disarmament and the Pacific situation but they are keeping in mind that in the end the conversations may offer an opportunity for the broaching of an association of nations plan which has been suggested by Mr. Harding. In highest administration quarters it was said that although the meeting has been called for other purposes, it would not seem unnatural that such an association might be discussed.

Peace Work to Go On

The process of completing the peace status with Germany and Austria will go forward without reference to the proposed disarmament conference, it was indicated. A proclamation of peace is expected to follow the recent signing of the resolution declaring the technical ending of the war.

The issuance of the peace proclamation is being delayed pending an investigation into its effect upon certain wartime laws, and Attorney General Daugherty indicated this might require a week or ten days of further study by his department.

The department, he added, is also attempting to determine whether the proclamation itself would actually restore the state of peace or whether a treaty "if only of four or five lines," would have to pass between the countries before a state of peace would actually exist. If in the present intention, he added to let the peace proclamation cover the entire situation, if that is possible.

FIRST GRAIN IN VALLEY WAS CUT ON JULY 11th

Wheat harvesting began in the Grande Ronde valley on July 11, the earliest date on which harvesting has begun in recent years. Bart Owsley on that day cut some with a binder. A number of other farmers are preparing to harvest their wheat and by the end of the week harvesting will have started in many fields.

Dog Poisoner Sought Reward Offered is \$50

A reward of \$50 will be given to the owner of the dog who is a day at home and he never went away from home unless the Haines family went out in their car, when he went along.

The only time he ever went after anything living was when chickens scratched around in our garden and when some would say "chicken" to him he would send the foragers on their way home, but he wouldn't hurt them," Haines declared in talking of his loss today. "He was just a dog, but he belonged to us."

Among the other people losing dogs is Glenn Patton whose dog was poisoned late yesterday afternoon.

BONUS OFFICE IS NOW OPEN AT CAPITOL

ORGANIZATION OF FORCE IS NOW UNDER WAY.

Captain Brumbaugh Busy Preparing to Administer Funds to the War Veterans of Oregon.

SALEM, July 13.—Offices for administering the so-called soldier's bonus law were opened in the United States National bank building Monday. Captain Brumbaugh, until recently connected with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, is in charge. The work of assembling an office force is now under way, and consideration of application for loans and bonuses probably will begin within the next ten days or two weeks.

The offices of the soldiers' aid commission adjoint the headquarters of the adjutant general. The latter office is in possession of the war records of all men who served from Oregon, thereby simplifying the work of the secretary of the commission.

The last legislature appropriated \$30,000 with which to pay the costs of administering the bonus law, but it is not believed that this sum will be sufficient. In the state of Washington more than \$40,000 already has been expended in investigating the qualifications of applicants and paying cash bonuses amounting to \$6,000,000.

The first work of the commission, following organization of its office, will be to appoint attorneys and abstractors in the various counties of the state. Another meeting of the commission will be held here Thursday.

WILL PRESENT PILGRIM PAGEANT

DESCENDANTS OF PILGRIMS ARE IN CAST

No difficulty was secured in selecting cast of 1200 for the various roles of the pageant.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., July 13

Notwithstanding that 500 years have passed since the Pilgrim Fathers landed, no difficulty was encountered in finding descendants of those who came in the Mayflower for the cast of the pageant to be presented here tonight as a feature of the Pilgrim Tercentenary celebrations.

Among the principles for speaking or phantomic roles in the spectacle, which requires 1200 actors, are Miles Standish Alden, descendant of John Alden, Grayton Howland, descendant of John Howland, and Edward Winslow Bradford, Jr., Delano, descendant of Philippe De La Noix, the French count who came to Plymouth 1709 also has a part. In one scene in the pageant Mayflower descendants only will take the parts of first settlers.

FEARS ARE FELT FOR SCHOONER

NOME, Alaska, July 13.—The schooner Gertrude, traveling from Nome to Siberian coast points, was wrecked in a gale off East Cape six days ago and is a total loss, according to a message from the Cutter Bear. The crew is returning to Nome on the Bear. The schooner Ram, with a number of passengers, is ten days overdue from Teller, Alaska, and fears are felt for its safety.

BONUS WOULD NOT BE RUIN OF COUNTRY

NATIONAL ADJUTANT SAYS ENEMIES HAVE ATTACKED CASH FEATURE ONLY

SAYS HALF A MILLION SERVICE MEN ARE IDLE

American Legion Does Not Believe the Granting of Adjusted Compensation Would Bring About Such a Disaster as President Harding Featured Yesterday to Senate.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 13

"If the payment of the bonus to the service men would mean the financial ruin of the country, we certainly do not want it," Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the American Legion declared today in reference to the statement by President Harding to Congress yesterday.

"But we do not believe the granting of the adjusted compensation would bring about such a disaster. The opponents of the measure have centered their attack on the cash bonus feature. There are three other options. A service man, under the bill, could obtain loans for the purchase of a house and lot or farm; he could receive technical or vocational training; or he could receive a paid up insurance.

"We do not believe any legislation that could make the service man an independent home owner or which would give him an education or which would have his family insured in the event of his death would visit destruction on our country.

"We suppose delay in the consideration of the adjusted compensation measure which has passed the house. There has been too much delay already. Now there are half a million service men out of work and a dire need for adjustment and

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MacFarlane Good Interviewer But Funks as The Interviewed

Noted Reporter Ill at Ease When Tables Turn on Him—All-day Suckers One Topic He Discussed Willingly



Famous reporter, Peter Clarke MacFarlane, whom Observer reporter interviews with little result.

Peter Clark Mac Farlane is one of the foremost interviewers of the world, yet he hates to be interviewed and is a little fussy about it besides. He is here to lecture tonight on "Us Americans" and the famous orator, traveler, interviewer and editor was inveigled into the Observer office this morning to be interviewed by a bush leaguer. We have gotten good stories out of Supreme Justice Taft, the late Colonel Roosevelt, Senator La Follette, and a score of other notables, but they know how to talk from the interviewee end. Mr. MacFarlane has an awful time of it when the tables are switched and he becomes the interviewed instead of the interviewer.

Erroneous as the belief may be, it has always been our impression that famous authors and writers employ elegant rhetoric and punctuation in their metaphors with perfect periods even in their commonplace conversation, but that's the wrong "dope" in his case. But finally we found his vulnerable spot and then we were off in a cloud of dust, as they say at the race paddocks.

For instance we found that he would much rather discuss all-day suckers than political issues—not that he doesn't comprehend politics or is not alive to the burning topics of the reconstruction period. But he has a streak of humor in him—a great, wide streak—and sees the funny side of Chautauqua life as he travels up and down the broad world on lecture bent.

"I want to have chautauqua seats endowed," he remarked in connection with all-day sucker topics. "I want the seats luxurious and comfortable; I want a little chest of paragonic on one side, all day suckers on the other side of the cushioned chair, and plenty of electrical fans, so the crowd can be comfortable. That will make it easier for the speaker, too."

Irvin Cobb and MacFarlane differ in habits though in the same game of life. When Mr. Cobb with his great bulk speaks, he might stand on a barrel head, according to Mr. MacFarlane, "but for me, give me plenty of room. I walk 32 1-2 miles at every lecture."

"Yes, I like the chautauqua game," he admitted. "I am the only piece of talent on the chautauqua that does, I think, unless it is the platform managers like Mr. Purles who have nothing to do."

"My first speech on the chautauqua platform nearly scared me off the circuit forever. I was getting up a good head of steam when something whizzed by me like a 70. When the daze had settled down I found to my horror that one of the all-day sucker patrons had heaved a half-consumed sucker at the flap in the tent, but shot wide for her aim was bad. The enraged toothpick into which the sucker is fastened penetrated the tent and there the little sweetmeat hung, the eyes of all eyes, during my speech."

Nothing would please us more than listening to Mr. MacFarlane's

BOY DIVES TO DEATH IN RIVER LAST NIGHT

COULD NOT WITHSTAND SUDDEN SHOCK IS BELIEF

Theodore D. Curteman's Life Sufficed Out: Went Swimming Immediately After Eating

Theodore Deunen Curteman, seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Curteman who reside in the sugar addition, met death last night at about eight o'clock when he went swimming with his cousin, Frank Millering, death probably being due to the shock of diving into the cold water immediately after supper.

The boy, who was employed by the Grande Ronde Meat company at its store in the Hooverized grocery, came home, ate supper and immediately went to the swimming hole formed by the backwaters of the Grande Ronde river near the Lovely place.

According to Millering, the boy, who was warm and probably perspiring as a result of rushing to the swimming hole ran, dove into the pool, his hands above his head, and as he came up raised one hand above his head and went down. He came up again holding one hand above his head and after going down the third time failed to come up. Millering then noticed bubbles coming up where the lad had gone down and immediately called for help. Harley Lovely responded and in about five minutes had the body of Curteman out of water.

Death Came Instantly

Dr. Ray W. Logan worked over the boy for an hour with a pulmonary but all efforts to revive him failed. Death came instantly in the belief of Dr. Logan, having been due probably to the shock of coming in contact with the cold water. The boy's heart is believed to have been weak as the result of an attack of scarlet fever just winter, making it impossible for him to withstand the sudden shock when he dived into the cold pool shortly after eating a hearty meal and perspiring following his hastening to the swimming pool.

Two scratches on the left side of the boy's face indicate that it is possible that he struck a rock on the bottom and was unable to catch his breath and call out when he came up. The marks may, however, have been made when the body was pulled out.

Funeral arrangements have not been made. The body is at the Bohlenkamp chapel.

COUNTRY CLUB TO BUILD PARK

FORTY MEN NEEDED, HUSKY OR OTHERWISE

Will Provide Suitable Picnic Ground For Members; Ladies to Serve Kats as Reward of Work

There is room for at least 40 men husky and otherwise, at the park-cleaning bee at the Country Club next Friday evening. The purpose of the effort is to provide a suitable camp and picnic ground for members so that those who do not enjoy golf may find other recreation such as bathing and picnicking. Tables will be built Friday evening by one "detail" under the captaincy of C. B. Miller. Chas. Reynolds will have charge of the police detail which will rather sticks and rake the ground. City Manager George Garrett is to supervise the construction of a winding roadway in the park. Other details will build the fire places, and the sand piles. A feed will be provided by the ladies. Every club member is urged to come and bring a rake, hoe, shovel or ax.

CRAPS AND OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE BARRED IN PARKS

SACRAMENTO, July 13.—You can't play in Uncle Sam's playgrounds this year. That is, you can't play craps, and other games of chance.

The rolling bone, and the shuffling card have been barred from the California national parks.

Thunder, it is announced, will do the only licensed rolling in the parks this year.

remembrance for an hour, but nevertheless we stand pat—he is a hard man to get a newspaper story out of, notwithstanding that he is probably the best known reporter and interviewer in America today.

We would rather take on presidents—they are easier to interview

MAY CONTRACT 72.8 MILES OF STATE ROADS

COMMISSION WILL MEET JULY 28 IN PORTLAND TO CONSIDER ROAD WORK

NINE COUNTIES ARE CONCERNED IN MEETING

Paving of Bridges on Tyron Creek, Sucker Creek and Molalla River in Clackamas County Proposed; Union County Work Not to Come Up At Meeting.

(Observer Salem Bureau)

SALEM, Or., July 13.—Roy A. Klein, secretary to the state highway commission, has announced that 72.8 miles of road improvement, distributed over nine projects in nine counties, will be up for consideration by the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland on July 28.

A summary, compiled by Mr. Klein follows:

Clackamas county—Paving of bridges on Pacific highway at Tyron creek, Sucker creek and Molalla river.

Cut-off Included

Clatsop county—Regrading and rock of Warrenton cut-off, approximately two miles, and construction of rock shoulders eighteen-foot pavement between east end of Warrenton cut-off and Miles crossing, distance 2.5 miles.

Deschutes county—Grading of the Dalles-California highway from Klamath - Deschutes county line north toward Bend, distance of 17 miles.

Lake county—Grading between Chandler's station and Chewaucan Narrows on Lakeview-Paisley road, 16.8 miles. Also grading of approaches to bridges on bridge near Chewaucan river at Paisley.

Grading Contemplated

Lincoln county—Grading on Corvallis-Newport highway between Toledo and Chitwood, 8 miles.

Linn county—Paving between Shedd and Halsey on Pacific highway, 7.5 miles.

Tillamook county—Rock surfacing on Roosevelt highway between Wilson river and Riverdale, north of Tillamook City, 1.5 miles.

Wheeler county—Grading and rock surfacing between Fossil and Cummins hill on John Day highway, 2.5 miles.

Yamhill county—Gravel surface on West Side highway between Amity and McMinnville, 3 miles.

MANILA LABORER PAYS 57 CENTS PER DAY FOR HIS LIVING EXPENSE

MANILA, P. I., July 13.—It costs a laborer in Manila 57 cents a day to live, according to statistics just made public by the bureau of labor. In Cebu, the second city in the Philippines, he may sustain himself on 52 cents a day and in Iloilo, the third city he requires 54 cents a day for the necessities of life.

A family of two adults and three children spend \$1.27 a day for sustenance in Manila, \$1.22 in Cebu and \$1.23 in Iloilo. The daily wages of laborers, not including those in the government service, range from 75 cents to \$1.50 a day in Manila, 40 cents to one dollar a day in Cebu and 30 cents to \$1.50 in Iloilo.

ONE APPLE TREE THIS YEAR PRODUCED 800 POUND APPLE CROP

PORTERVILLE, July 13.—Without permission of Luther Burbank, an apple tree owned by Swan Baker of this city attempted something on its own hook. The tree, only twelve years of age, this year produced an 800 pound crop of apples.

AT THE SOMMER HOTEL.

Mrs. P. W. Protsman and children, of Lockport, Ill., were registered at the Sommer hotel today.



WEATHER

TONIGHT AND

THURSDAY

FAIR