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CRISIS HAS BEEN REACHED ON FAR EAST

Question of Railway on Shantung Peninsula is Taken up

AGREEMENTS MAY STILL COLAPSE

China has Agreed to Refund to Japan Certain Money Spent on Public Properties.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The critical stage of the Shantung conference between the Chinese and Japanese delegations was reached when it was agreed to take up the question of the Kaio Chau-Tai-Nan railway now under Japanese control.

On the question of whether Japan will agree to China's having complete undivided authority over the railroad, depends the success or failure of the Washington conference, so far as China is concerned, according to the delegation.

Colapase Possible
If the railroad question was not settled satisfactorily to the Chinese, Doctor Koo of the Chinese delegation said, then agreements thus far reached during the conversations would collapse and further discussion of other points still in dispute would be of no avail.

Under the agreement reached Friday night, concerning the disposition of public properties, China would receive all public properties in the leasehold with the exception of certain schools, shrines, cemeteries and other institutions strictly Japanese in character.

China would, on her part, agree to refund to Japan all money spent by Japan on public properties during Japanese occupation. Subject to approval of the Tokyo government the Japanese delegation agreed that China should not compensate Japan for the properties developed under the German regime.

Founder Of Paper At Forest Grove Buried

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 10.—William French, a former well known Oregon traveling salesman, and who, with Austin Craig, founded the Washington County News at Forest Grove, was buried in the Forest Grove cemetery here. He died unexpectedly at Ripon, Wis., November 23.

After several years at Dawson and Nome, in 1902 he established the News, later consolidated with the Times as the News-Times. Later he lived at La Grande. His wife and his mother, Mrs. Philip French, survive. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Walter Blair of the local Congregational church.

CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE

BONNERS FERRY, Ida., Dec. 10. —Two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. K. Darrell Wooden, aged 13 months and three years, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Wooden home near Leona, Idaho, Wednesday.

Australia has raised \$50,000,000 for the assistance of her ex-soldiers.

Santa Claus Pays an Advance Visit Here

Santa Claus and some of the same of toys he will leave at the homes of good little boys and girls two weeks from tomorrow slipped into town last night and this morning he had a display of his presents in the window of Carr's store at the corner of Adams and Fir. From shortly after eight throughout the entire day there was constantly a crowd in front of both the Adams and Fir street windows.

The actual presence of old Santy himself dispelled many an illusion as to his being a myth among the youngsters who reached the cynical age since last Christmas. But one of them was obstinate and wouldn't take his friends' word for it that it was Santa Claus. "I'm eleven years old now and I just know there ain't no Santy Claus," said the lad who had arrived at the cynical age of childhood. "You're just a baby yet."

SUMMERVILLE MAN GUILTY OF BOOTLEGGING

Harold O'Hara Fined \$250 and costs; Offered to Turn Sugar Found Over to Salvation Army.

It isn't often that the Salvation Army benefits by the operations of a bootlegger. But such was the case when Harold O'Hara pleaded guilty to a violation of the liquor law. When his place near Summerville was raided by the sheriff's office two stills neither of them in operation, were confiscated by the officials, as well as five sacks of sugar which O'Hara apparently wanted to use in making some kind of concoction with a powerful kick.

He pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him and offered to turn the sugar over to the Salvation Army to be used in alleviating suffering.

Justice of the Peace Arthur C. Williams fined O'Hara in the sum of \$250 and costs.

PARSON LIVES UP TO NAME

Fighting Parson of War Finds That His Reputation Now Helps Him.

(By Associated Press) CHANUTE, Dec. 10.—The fighting instinct which won for the Rev. Earl A. Blackman, the newly elected national chaplain of the American Legion, the title of the "Fighting Parson of the Thirty-Fifth" during the world war, has stood him well in hand since he came back to his peace-time vocation as pastor of the First Christian church here. Enlightened men gained in his war service created new ideas as to the scope of religious activities. The new platform he inserted in the church's platform created considerable opposition, but thus far the "fighting parson" has won.

"We have never had dancing in the church," he said. "The reason being that we have no suitable room for it. I do not favor the use of the sanctuary in the church for any purpose other than worship, but believe the church could well have a dancing floor in a building adjacent to the church, or in the same building; also billiard tables, social and card rooms they seemed to be required to meet the social needs."

Mr. Blackman's church has a motion picture machine, for use in connection with services. Indications are that his policy is popular. On this point, Mrs. Blackman said: "Our church has outgrown its present plant. A lot has been purchased."

Drives In Schools Opposed In Eugene

EUGENE, Dec. 10.—Opposition to the solicitation in the public school of Eugene of funds for relief in foreign fields was voiced by the associated school council, composed of three members from each of the Parent-Teacher associations of the city, at a meeting held yesterday at the Eugene high school.

The sentiment of the body was that attention of pupils be directed from their work by "drives" of this nature and that many of them are not in position to donate and are thus placed in difficulties with their fellow students.

Visitors to Italy who travel on Sunday have to pay a special tax.

Drug Traffic Being Probed

Governor Olcott Orders Investigation of Conditions in the State.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 10.—Governor Olcott addressed letters today to Dr. Frederick D. Sticker, secretary of the state board of health, and Frank Ward, secretary of the state board of pharmacy, instructing those boards to investigate the drug traffic.

As soon as the investigation has proceeded far enough, the governor plans to call a joint meeting of both boards where the information obtained shall be placed before the board members. The observations made by Governor Olcott in connection with the inmates of the penitentiary and by other methods have revealed a serious situation, particularly in Portland, the governor said.

JACK FLAYS SOME OF THE DANCES

Three Fingered Jack had another large crowd last night at his union meeting at the Methodist church and he was in good form, so much that he had his congregation with him from the opening song.

He dealt a great deal in law enforcement, pleading for a united effort on the part of the people to back up officers so that La Grande might be freed from the invisible bootlegging ring said to exist and from other vices which infest the community.

Asking for a solid front in law enforcement the congregation stood up and received the congratulations of the speaker who took the stand that men were frequently had because of lack of restraint and many a man who was on the primrose path today could not only be stopped in the nefarious business he was following, but the man himself could be reclaimed.

Speaking of dancing the evangelist condemned modern dances as a whole but laid greatest stress on the way people dance rather than the dance. He urged the ministers of the city to attend the dances, for his theory that a minister gets no place in reform work unless he goes where the troubles lie existed in his remarks on dancing as it has on other subjects.

Realizing that people want to dance and will dance Jack sought the regulation rather than the abolition of this pastime. He advocated ordinances strictly enforced for public dances.

The high school dances were mentioned, but this is a subject which such general misunderstanding has enveloped that it is doubtful if the correct angle of the matter was understood.

Again this evening the evangelist will speak on the gospel and further law enforcement.

CONFERENCE NATIONS IN ACCORD NOW

Treaty Drafted by Senator Lodge Meets Approval of All

WITHDRAWAL MAY BE AFTER TEN YEARS

Would be in Force for Period of Ten Years; Way Paved for Naval Reductions.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Rene Viviani, head of the French delegation, declared that the conference had "fully and entirely succeeded" and that France adhered to the pact presented by Senator Lodge without reservation. Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, asserted that the new arrangement would benefit international relationships.

Prince Tokugawa voiced Japan's gratification and Senator Schanzer spoke Italy's satisfaction. Minister Sze of China expressed "great gratification" over the new treaty. The conference adjourned without discussing the naval ratio question.

Laid Before Conference.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The draft of the proposed treaty between the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, which is to supplant the Anglo-Japanese alliance and pave the way for an acceptance of the American proposals for naval reductions, was formally laid before the armistice conference today by Senator Lodge. It is a ten-year agreement in which the four nations bind themselves to respect their existing rights in insular possessions and dominions in the Pacific and in case of disputes which cannot be settled by diplomacy agree to a joint conference among themselves.

Withdrawal Provision.

Any of the parties may withdraw on 12 months' notice after the expiration of 10 years. The treaty requires confirmation by the senate. In presenting the treaty Senator Lodge said that he was gratified to lay the draft before the conference, declaring it full of meaning and importance to the world's peace.

Nettles have been made into substitutes for cotton and other materials, paper, gas mantles, and dyes.

TOUGH SLEDDING



Posse Finds Bandit's Body

Tom Slaughter Killed By One of Convicts He Led to Escape

(By Associated Press) LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 10.—Tom Slaughter's body was found today by possmen searching for it.

(By Associated Press) LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 10.—Possmen are today searching for the body of Tom Slaughter, bandit who escaped with six other prisoners yesterday. Following the capture of five of the escaped prisoners yesterday the statement was made by one of them, J. C. Howard, that he had killed Slaughter in the Salinas county hills.

DEER HUNTERS COME TO GRIEF

Old Game Warden John Walden is chewing his tobacco very fine these days and this has meant trouble in Union county for law breakers since the old chief began his official career and that was many years ago.

As a result of his constant vigil in protecting the game Ralph Butcher and John Williams were hauled up before Judge Williams yesterday and each got a fine of \$75 for killing deer out of season. Butcher was unable to pay his fine and was sent to the county jail for thirty-seven and a half days, but Williams dug up the seventy-five bones and was given his freedom.

"I won't stand this," said Walden today, "and any of the boys who think they have a quiet retreat where they can grab a deer any time they choose had just as well cut it out for I am onto a lot of their habits and will get them sure."

WORLD PEACE FORECAST.

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 10.—The international conference on armaments and far eastern questions now convened in Washington will bring about the assurance of the peace of the world, "which is the ideal of Buddhism as well as Christianity," according to Dr. M. T. Kirby, of England, a Buddhist missionary, who arrived here recently after having spent five years in Buddhist missionary work in San Francisco.

WANTS MURRAY'S ESTATE

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 10.—Suit was filed in federal district court here Thursday by Mrs. Sarah Crans of Salt Lake, Utah, against Mrs. Mary Haldon Murray of Monterey, Cal., and 12 other heirs of the estate of the late James A. Murray, millionaire mining man who died last May. The Salt Lake woman alleges that her marriage to Murray was never annulled and she claims dower rights to a third of the estate variously estimated at from five million dollars to fifteen million dollars.

GERMANY HAS SEIZED THE U.S. POTASH MARKET

American Distributors Alleged to Have Signed Contract with German Trust Ruining Domestic Industry.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Germany has seized control of the American potash market, virtually wiping out all American competitors in the first important clash of the "new commercial war," Dr. John E. Teeple, president of the New York section of the American Chemical society, declared Friday night in an address at the Chemists club.

The new potash industry in America, he declared, was betrayed by 34 American distributing companies which he named. These companies, he said, had signed secret contracts which eliminated all possibility of competition with the German monopoly. "I have in my possession," said Doctor Teeple, "a copy of a new form of contract framed with the devil's own ingenuity to evade all existing American laws, including the anti-dumping act and the Sherman anti-trust law. This contract is between the Deutsches Kaliyndikat of Berlin—the official German potash monopoly, and the 34 American distributors. The provisions of this contract with the change of a few words, are applicable to almost any industry in the country."

The Germans have won their first victory in the new commercial war. We are the sufferers, if they can hold their spoils for a year we are out of the business forever. Upon that the Germans depend for then they can raise their prices and in one season easily recoup losses sustained by their present cut-rate contract."

TO MAKE BROADWAY DRY

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Water, the most despised liquid refreshment in Broadway's restaurants and cabarets, will be the only available stimulant for high jinks along the once gay thoroughfare on New Year's eve, if prohibition agents have their way. The frequency with which federal officials have recently been patrolling several of the most popular resorts has been interpreted as a forerunner of a tight lid on the city's biggest night.

"These raids mean that Broadway, perhaps for the first time in its career, will see a dry New Year's eve," one of the agents declared.

ADDRESS CLUB IN CALCUTTA

Pussyfoot Johnson Tells Rotary Club India is Ripe for Total Dryness.

(By Associated Press) CALCUTTA, Dec. 10.—William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, American prohibition worker, told the members of the Rotary Club here that his impression after an extensive tour of the country is that India is more ripe for prohibition than America was five years ago.

Mr. Johnson was the principal guest of the club at its tiffin meeting where he was subjected to a good-natured bombardment of questions. Describing his reception in India which has been an enthusiastic one, Mr. Johnson said he had been well received because he represented a crusade that appealed to the people of India.

"In the districts I have visited in the past few weeks," he said, "I have been entertained by every class, from the Viceroy and the native princes downwards, and only on a single occasion—at Patna several days ago—did I hear an Indian stand up to oppose prohibition."

State Tax Levy Held up by Soldiers Bonus Case

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Dec. 10.—The state tax state tax was fixed at .021162 and commission today announced that until the supreme court decides on the validity of the bonus act the commissioners will be unable to make the annual state tax levy. The commission today announced the per cent of taxes to be paid by each county based on the percent of equalized value of taxable property in each county to the total taxable value of the state.

The Union county percentage of the

TOKIO SHAKEN BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

Worst in 20 Years; No Lives Believed to Have Been Lost

LARGE FISSURES LEFT IN GROUND

Italy Also Rocked by Quake During the Past Week; Residents Flee to Country.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The most severe earthquake of the past 20 years struck Tokyo Thursday, according to unofficial advices reaching the Japanese embassy here. No deaths were reported, the dispatches said, but a number of persons were injured and many houses were damaged.

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, Dec. 10.—A severe earthquake occurred here at 9:25 o'clock tonight.

(By Associated Press) ROME, Dec. 10.—Serious earthquake shocks have been reported throughout this week from the region of Lake Bolsena, 60 miles northwest of here.

The ground in several villages shows large fissures and most of the inhabitants are camping in the fields. No deaths have been reported.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—Wheat was \$1.03 to \$1.09 today.

(By Associated Press) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Maude Moore, arrested recently in Tacoma, after a nation-wide search, was acquitted today of killing Leroy B. Harsh here in the year 1919.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—An agreement was reached today by the senate finance committee on the bill for funding the foreign debt into obligations which would mature not later than June 15, 1940, at seven and a half percent interest on which five percent would be payable semi-annually.

(By Associated Press) ST. PAUL, Dec. 10.—The purchase of the Portland, Astoria and Pacific railroad by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads was announced today. The price was approximately two and a half million dollars.

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—Livestock was steady today and butter was steady while eggs were weak.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The farmers' national council has announced that congress will be asked to revive the United States grain corporation with a government guarantee of probably \$2.50 a bushel for wheat.

BRIBERY CHARGES

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Charges that agents for James A. Sullivan, banker, attempted to bribe prospective witnesses in his divorce suit were made by counsel for the defense today at the hearing being held here.

The best way to lie when sleeping is on the right side.

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Tonight and Sunday fair, except rain in the northwest portion of the state.