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## CHINA AND JAPAN MUST MAKE PACT

Senator Underwood Tells Colleagues that Outsiders Can't Settle Scrap.

### DOCUMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED SOON

Formal Resolution Expected to be Passed Today, But Publication Not Till End of Conference.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Shantung question must and probably will be settled between China and Japan and cannot be taken up by the arms conference, Senator Underwood of Alabama, one of the delegates of the United States, declared in the senate today, during a discussion of the controversy.

### To Publish Records.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The Far Eastern committee of the Washington conference Thursday recorded a mutual pledge against the discriminatory railroad practices in China and then gave general approval to a proposal that the whole multitude of treaties and understandings relating to China's interests be published to the world.

The suggestion for a show down of all Chinese commitments, which came from the American delegation, was promptly supported by the Chinese and received tentative endorsement by the British, Japanese and French. A formal resolution embodying the decision is to be considered at a meeting of the committee today, but the publication probably will not be before the conference ends.

### More Births Than Deaths in Eugene During Past Year

(By Associated Press) EUGENE, Jan. 20.—There were 248 deaths and 324 births in Eugene during the year 1921, according to the report of Dr. S. M. Kerron, city and county health officer, who has compiled the vital statistics covering the twelve-month period. All birth notifications are required by law to be filed with the health officer and the burial permits give the number of deaths during the year.

In regard to the general health situation that prevailed during the past year the city official states that Eugene and Lane county have maintained a high standard in comparison with previous years in this respect. In a compilation of the number of cases of contagious diseases reported for 1921, the report shows that 220 were classified under this head in comparison with approximately three times that number during 1920, but Dr. Kerron states that the influenza epidemic of last year was a large factor in the great number of cases reported.

## BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—The passing of the cold wave was indicated by observations of the weather bureau. The minimum here this morning was 27 degrees above, yesterday's minimum having been 17 below. Moderation is also reported from Eastern Oregon.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Determination to lay before the national agricultural conference next week, the "thoroughly selfish and grasping attitude of many companies which loan money on farm mortgages" was announced today by Secretary Wallace.

## Woodcutter Found Dead in Cabin on Fox Hill

Joe Clark, 51, a woodcutter in the employ of John Marks, was found dead in the woods on Fox Hill yesterday afternoon by John Wernstaff. Death apparently came from natural causes, probably aggravated by the extreme cold. Coronor J. Bolenkamp left for the scene shortly before eleven o'clock this morning and expects to be back with the body before tonight. The road is broken in within about half mile of the cabin, which is located about five miles from La Grande, on Tuesday and at that time Clark was apparently in the best of health. When he went up again yesterday afternoon he found the old man lying on the floor dead. He came down early this morning, finding there at about five o'clock in a heavy snow storm. Clark is not known to have any relatives. He has been working in this section six or eight years.

## NATION-WIDE COAL STRIKE IS IMPENDING

Secretary Hoover Calls Attention to Possibility of Tie-Up on April First.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Warning of an impending general strike in the country's coal industry was given Thursday by Secretary Hoover, who declared that the public should know what to expect when the national agreements covering the wages and working conditions of miners expire April 1.

"The stage," he said, "appears to be set for a strike in the bituminous coal fields about the last of March." Mr. Hoover did not indicate what the government's plans for meeting such an emergency were, but said there had been no conferences between representatives of the administration and the miners and operators for about six weeks. The impression was gained, however, that the administration regards with no undue alarm the possible approach of such a strike situation.

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As the time has approached for making new wage scales and working contracts between the miners and employers in the union fields, negotiations have twice been started between the mine workers and the employers, with Mr. Hoover, representing the government, taking part. Operators in the union fields, declaring that non-union coal producing territory has been taking an increasing proportion of the business, have announced their purpose of reducing wages when the contract expires, while John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, has asserted that the union men could accept no reductions but would seek increases.

Occasional wage negotiations in the bituminous industry have begun between an organization of operators in the central competitive field, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and the union. The agreement reached in this area has been the basis of similar agreements in all the union-outlying districts. Certain of the Pennsylvania operators have given notice that they would not renew the wage negotiations this year, claiming that West Virginia wage scales, chiefly non-union, were the chief competitive factor.

### Producers Make Charges.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Coal producers sincerely desire that the financial position of the railroads be maintained but recognize that "inflated rates on coal must come down," J. D. Ammerow, vice president of the National Coal Association, said to the interstate commerce commission today in inquiry.

### Poet of India Says Weak Are a Great Danger To Strong

"Warning" Against the Four-Power Treaty Sent to the World by Rabdranath Tagore.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Warning against the four-power Pacific treaty is being sounded in India by Sir Rabdranath Tagore, poet, according to the American commission to promote self-government in India. "Power has to be made secure not only against power, but also against weakness," said Tagore. "The weak are as great a danger for the strong as quicksand for an elephant."

Leaves of trees, shrubs, etc., are perhaps the most vital factor in the world of living things, as every element of food, save salt and water, comes to mankind through leaves.

### Gravely Ill



POPE BENEDICT XV.

## CONFERENCE ON A GIANT SHIP POOL

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—A conference of representatives of Pacific ports, looking towards the formation of a thirty million dollar pool to operate shipping board vessels in the trans-Pacific trade opened here today. About 27 men were present.

A telegram from Chairman James of the shipping board saying that President Harding approved of the shipping plan expressing the hope that Pacific ports would co-operate with the trans-Pacific trade. The conference was called.

### Athena Man Named As Pendleton's Marshal

PENDLETON, Jan. 20.—W. R. "Jinks" Taylor was elected to the position of city marshal of Pendleton by the city council at its meeting last night, by a vote of five to three. The action by the body came after a written opinion had been read by City Attorney H. J. Warner in which he gave it as his legal belief that Taylor had established residence here and is eligible to be appointed to the position which he has been filling in reality for several months.

Two requirements of a candidate for the position are that he be a qualified voter and that he have a residence of 90 days in the city. Taylor began his duties as a special detective July 14, according to the city attorney's opinion. He has maintained a room here since that time and has spent about half of his nights here. His household goods remain at Athena and he has never moved to Pendleton on account of the state of health of his mother, who is a sufferer from cancer.

## TREATY SOWS SEED FOR A WORLD LEAGUE

Speaker Last Night Declared That With Peace in the Pacific Heralds New Era.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The four-power Pacific Treaty was described as the probable progenitor of a Pan-Pacific League of Nations by Alexander Hume Ford of Honolulu, director of the newly-organized Pan-Pacific Union, in an address last night before the National Council for Limitation of Armaments. He quoted Senator Lodge as having said that "if there ever is to be an effective league of nations, it will have its beginning in the Pacific."

"A Pan-Pacific league of nations," Mr. Ford asserted "is now in the course of construction. These master builders, President Harding, Secretary Hughes and Senator Lodge have driven the first piling home and the nations of the Pacific have already begun to gather material for the laying of the foundation and with the help of a hoping world the structure will grow to completion."

### Less Suspicion.

"It has been clearly shown in Washington that the old world powers look forward to the time when they will gladly trust the countries of the Pacific to manage their own affairs. It has also been clearly demonstrated in Washington that the countries of the Pacific are beginning to trust each other and to leave to be so trusted. When the time comes, as it will, that the peoples of the Pacific grow in education until they themselves understand and trust each other, then the countries about the greatest of oceans will work together for their joint advancement and there will be no more spheres of influence or need of them. The one fact that need afford will give peace protection to the whole world. We have seen the dawn of this great era here at the Washington conference and some of us shall live to see its sunrise glory."

The Pan-Pacific union, Mr. Ford said, is preparing for the first Pan-Pacific commercial conference, to be held next fall to take up the following questions: "Transportation and port facilities with a study of trade routes in connection with supplies of raw material and points of accumulation."

Fuel and food supplies, including a survey of present supplies, location, quantity, control, new sources of supply, regulation of prices and guarantees of universal availability to all transportation lines of all nations without discrimination.

Cable and wireless communication with a survey of present facilities.

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# POPE BENEDICT IS NEAR DEATH

## OFFER OF BRIBES IS ADMITTED

(By Associated Press)

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 20.—William (Lone Star) Dietz, will not be retained as football coach of Purdue University, acting President Maynard announced today. Following investigation of charges that Dietz offered financial inducements to several high school athletes of the Pacific coast to play football at Purdue.

Dietz admitted in part the charges made by Professor Leslie J. Ayers of the University of Washington that Richard Hantley, a Dietz representative, had approached high school boys in Seattle, Everett and Sedro-Woolley, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon, with financial offers.

## MEN'S CLUB TO MEET TUESDAY

"Is the average Sunday evening effective and if not, why not? Would greater efficiency be attained by exclusive adoption of the open forum, evangelism, special movies or religious movies? Such are the main topics and special phases of it to be discussed by the Methodist Men's club at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening. Rev. Ira R. Alrich, G. E. Helm, Harry Hensert, Claude Cooper and A. W. Leffer will be the speakers of the evening.

## FARMERS AT COVE HOLD A MEETING

The Cove Annual Community Farm Bureau meeting was held Wednesday at Cove. One hundred and twenty-five people were present. In addition to the afternoon entertainment a free lunch was served at a cost of about fifteen cents per plate to the management.

J. E. Reynolds, vice president of the Farm Bureau; C. W. Bunting, of the Oregon Moline Plow company; Miss Louise Zorn, county nurse, and County Agent Avery gave talks on the various subjects concerning the farm bureau. A cream pool has been formed among the farmer of that section and the cream will be sold to the highest bidder in large lots. In this way the farmers expect to obtain a higher price for this product.

### Ladd Canyon Woman Passed On At Her Home Last Evening

Mrs. John McCauley passed away last evening at her home at Ladd Canyon. She had been bedfast for about six months. Surviving her, besides her husband, are five children. They are: Mrs. William Banton of Ladd Canyon, Mrs. Ahly Elliott of Union, Mrs. Oscar Crossen of La Grande, John McCauley, Jr., and William McCauley of Ladd Canyon. She was born in County Down of Ireland and was 79 years of age. The funeral will be held at the home Saturday at 1:30 p. m.

## MAY PARK MAN PASSED ON

C. E. Smith, who lived at May Park, passed away yesterday morning after a lingering illness from which he failed to rally. The remains are in the hands of Snodgrass and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlor.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman Chapel, the final interment taking place in the Island City cemetery.

### Lyceum Expects A Big Crowd At Its Next Presentation

The Lyceum committee held its regular monthly meeting last evening at the Ad club headquarters and went over the arrangements for the banner number of the lyceum course which comes here February 16th. The attraction on that date will be the Lorraine Symphony orchestra which is the feature attraction of the whole course. Arrangements for handling a big general admission crowd were made and other details gone over looking toward a successful gathering on that occasion.

## Frozen Pipes Postpone M.I.A. Pageant a Week

Because of the freezing of the hot water pipes at the L. D. S. tabernacle and M. I. A. assembly, the pageant which was to be held this evening will not be held until Friday, January 20, no other heat being available.

The pageant this evening is to be a departure from the usual pageants of the M. I. A. This year's slogan, which will be shown last being the seventh one, is "We Stand for Better Citizenship." The work of the M. I. A., each year centers around the slogan and the actual results were shown last year when the slogan opposing the use of

### Sudden Change For Worse Came Early This Morning.

### LAST SACRAMENT IS ADMINISTERED

Crowd Throngs Around St. Peter's in Rome Awaiting News; Prayers Ordered in All Rome.

(By Associated Press) ROME, Jan. 20.—Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, has summoned all cardinals resident abroad to Rome immediately in order that the sacred college may be present, ready for any eventuality. Dr. Dattinist said that only supernatural intervention could save the pope. Campaign injections are being frequently resorted to.

### Home Last Evening

(By Associated Press) ROME, Jan. 20.—Pope Benedict's life hangs in the balance today and fears were expressed at the Vatican that his holiness was dying. During the early hours, towards four a. m., a sudden change for the worse developed and the bronchial affection spread to his right lung, causing pneumonia.

The last sacrament has been administered. Oxygen was administered about eleven a. m. Prayers were ordered in all Catholic institutions in Rome. The eucharist was solemnly carried to the Pope at 11:30 and in the presence of 18 cardinals the holy sacrament was placed in the palliate chapel.

All Vatican business has been suspended. A great crowd has gathered at St. Peter's awaiting news of the condition of the Pope.

### Development of Huge Area of Timber In Oregon Contemplated

One of Largest Projects in World in Lumber Industry May Be Established in This State Soon.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—The Lone-Bell Lumber company, which has headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., and which has for many years been the biggest lumber concern in the southern pine forests, has in contemplation the development in Oregon of the largest timber operation in the world. R. A. Long, chairman of the board of the company, with E. J. Bannister, president; J. D. Tennant, vice-president; R. F. Davis, traffic manager; W. L. Pickett and W. F. Ryder, are now touring Oregon to study the points of vantage of the sawmills already erected.

In the last three days they have gone over the details of the project at Kelso, where a tremendous mill is to be erected and have also reviewed maps of the extensive timber land acquired by the company in Cowlitz and Lewis counties.



### Weather

Tonight and Saturday rain or snow in the western portion of the state and snow in the eastern portion, with warmer temperatures in general and moderate winds, mostly southerly.