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ULTIMATUM IS ISSUED TODAY TO RUSSIANS

Soviet Government is Told
How Far it
Can Go.

SUSPENSION OF ALL NEGOTIATIONS LOOMS

American Stand on Russia
Made Plain by Secretary
of State Hughes; Oil Deal
Denied.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, May 2.—British representatives announced today that a memorandum that is to be handed to the Russians, embodies the maximum which the powers are willing to give the Russian government and the minimum which the powers will accept from Russia. If the Soviet delegates do not accept it, it is certain that all negotiations with Russia will be suspended for some time, "probably until another government arises in Russia."

The Genoa correspondent of the London Evening News today reported an official denial that an agreement was made between the Shell Oil group, and the Russian government for an oil monopoly.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The American government stands unshaken in its determination that Russia must put her own house in order before she can expect political recognition by the United States.

Making his first statement of policy regarding Russian affairs since the subject came to the fore at Genoa, Secretary Hughes Monday told a delegation of women at the state department that before any outside power could resume full relations with Russia she must herself adopt a policy of sound internal reconstruction. He added that the American people were anxious to do all they could, but would not attempt to extend credit where there was no sound basis for it.

No particular form of government was cited as desirable or undesirable by the secretary, nor did he mention any of the developments which have influenced the fortunes of the soviet since the Genoa conference began. He did suggest, however, that the principle of self-government in Russia was "somewhat complicated" by the efforts of some soviet officials to interfere in the domestic affairs of other nations.

MANY BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

Although several people in La Grande who had intended building homes this spring have decided to wait until another year the building permit records show that a large number of houses are being built. Many permits were taken out during the past few days. George W. Perry, who has been working for the Grande Ronde Lumber company for the past 15 years is building a beautiful home on Y avenue that will cost \$4,000.

W. R. Jones has taken out a permit for a \$4,000 house on Eighth between M and N and a permit has been issued to Dr. J. Ralston for the erection of a \$6,000 home on N between Second and Third. Other permits issued are as follows: Grande Ronde Lumber company, Oak, between Adams and Jefferson, estimated cost, \$7,500; John Underwood, Sixth, between F and G, estimated cost, \$2,000; Nels Nelson, Oak, between Adams and Jefferson, \$2,000; C. E. Blanchard, Eighth, between N and M, \$2,200.

La Grande Lady Leads Nation in Insurance

A year ago had anyone mentioned to Mrs. Sule Van Buren that she had ability to sell life insurance she would probably have laughed at the person. But in the month of April she proved her ability for she sold \$200,000 worth of life insurance in the Guarantee Life Association of Omaha.

Today she received the following telegram from the official head of the company: "You lead entire nation for April. Congratulations upon your victory. Hard fight well won by best saleslady."

Considerable interest centers in Mrs. Van Buren's work as a life insurance saleslady.

Ad Club Has Island City Day Today; a Complete Success



Questioned

JUSTICE TAFT CALLED UPON BY CONFERENCE

Former President of United
States Will Be Chairman
of Mixed Arbitral Com-
mission.

(By Associated Press)

GENOA, May 2.—Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court will be asked to name the chairman of the mixed arbitral commission to be established for controlling the debts owed by the Russian government to foreign bondholders, according to the plan arranged. The other members of this commission will represent all the bondholders and the Russian government, respectively.

The commission will have power to render interest and decide all questions affecting foreign bondholders and Russia's ability to meet her obligations, a time limit will be fixed in which bondholders may make their own arrangements with the Russian government, if they desire.

Mixed arbitral tribunals, one for every interested nation, will be set up to deal with the question of the property of foreigners which has been nationalized; the chairman of each will be named by the chairman of the mixed arbitral commission. In the plan adopted, practically everything which favored of capitalization or infringement on Russian sovereignty will be waived. The French suggestion for a provisional administration, pending Russia's establishment of courts on the basis desired by western Europe was not approved.

FIGHTING CONTINUES

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, May 2.—Wu Pei Fu's drive for Peking was vigorously resumed in the vicinity of Chang Tsin, 12 miles south of the capital yesterday afternoon. Attackers were trying to turn both the enemy's flanks but eventually they retired to Liulih, five miles southwest of the capital last night. Brisk fighting is also taking place on the Han river at Kuank, 40 miles south of the capital. Chang Tsin Liu's forces are being driven away from the town.

MILLION DOLLAR SNOW.

(By Associated Press)

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, May 2.—What is characterized by farmers as a "million-dollar snow" fell in the upper Snake river valley yesterday. The snow started early in the morning and continued most of the day.

Ladies of Methodist Church in Neighboring Town Prepare Fine Dinner as Welcome to Ad Clubbers; Industrial Plants Inspected.

Oh, boy, what a fine dinner," was the song of the Ad Clubbers who today went en masse to Island City where the ladies of the Methodist church of that community served a chicken dinner in the Odd Fellows hall.

Real, honest-to-goodness fat chicken, with gravy, rich gravy, and along with it cranberry sauce, vegetables of all kinds, biscuits made by Mrs. Robert Clarke from the second grade flour of the Island City mills. But say, those biscuits did not taste like they were made from second grade flour, for they, like the remainder of the dinner, were excellent.

It was a feed that Ad Club members will talk about and the ladies of Island will be bothered a great deal with requests for them to repeat the event.

This was Island City day for the club members and before the menu said "pie", and don't overlook the fact that the pie needs special mention. Chairman F. D. Clinton began pushing the program in the usual Island City manner. He called on Manager Nelson to hit off the financial figures of the late drive for membership urging that speed is what counts at Island, and the manager whooped "or up like they do in congress when the reading clerk wants to get through."

Merton W. Kiddle delivered the address of welcome to the visitors and urged them to make themselves at home and take whatever looked good to them.

Rev. James Leitch was at home all right and he was mighty happy to know that ladies of his church had made such elaborate preparations for the La Grande visitors.

A communication was read from Wallawa county asking that the road in Union county be leveled before the Stockmen's convention, which meets in Enterprise this month. With a chicken leg in one hand, H. E. Dixon made a motion that the matter be referred to the good roads committee and the same was carried.

State Engineer Baldoek spoke on the possibility of building the Oro Dell overhead and left the impression with those assembled that the county court would have to be consulted before the state highway commission could proceed farther in this important matter.

With a vote of thanks, which was loud and lusty, to the ladies for their dinner and the manner in which it was served, the club adjourned to visit the concrete factory, a new enterprise, and also pay respects to the flouring mills.

At the concrete factory considerable surprise was expressed for few realized what a fine plant was in operation at Island, taking the sand

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Offer on Debt Is Suggested

American Commission Is
Ready to Hear From
the French.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, May 2.—The American debt funding commission informed the French government that it will be glad to receive the government's observations on what it has to offer concerning the payment of interest on the French debt to the United States and amortization of the principal.

Pool Hall Broken Into By Burglars Late Last Night

Money and Smoking Materials are
Loot of Robbers; No Trace
Has Been Found.

Sometime between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock last night someone entered Jap Choate's pool hall and escaped with \$50.00, one pipe and a considerable quantity of Camel cigarettes.

The loss was discovered this morning and the police began working on the case immediately but have not yet discovered any trace of the robber or robbers.

Their entrance was effected by prying loose the side door which was merely fastened by a bolt. The \$50.00 had been cached in a hiding place so that a sufficient amount of change would be on hand to start the day's business and indications are that the burglary was committed by someone who knew where the money was hidden.

ELECTIONS IN JUNE

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, May 2.—Elections directed to be held by the provisional government will take place early in June notwithstanding the refusal of the Dublin corporation to cooperate with the provisional government, according to announcement today.

FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

The fellowship banquet will be held at the Methodist church, this evening at 6:30 o'clock. Representatives from each of the six Protestant churches in La Grande will be present. The tickets have been sold out and everything promises for a very successful banquet.

RAIL RATES TOO HIGH.

SALEM, May 2.—The public service commission today on its own motion instituted an investigation into fares charged by the Southern Pacific electric and the Oregon Electric company. Complaint had been made that fares, including commutation fares of electric lines, are discriminatory and unreasonable.

IT'S PA'S TURN NOW

In Tangle



Amastase Anarevitch Voniatsky, 23, and his 45-year-old bride, say they are not worried about the news from Paris that another woman claims "V.V." as husband.

SURVEY SHOWS BUSINESS IS IMPROVING

Commerce Department finds
Production Increasing and
Exports on Incline.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Increased production, more stable prices and a larger export trade are shown in the survey of current business issued Monday by the commerce department. "From the figures available in recent months," the department said, "it is clear that fundamental conditions are much better, and there is every reason to expect business to improve steadily, although perhaps slowly."

Imports of unmanufactured wool in March showed a large increase over recent months.

Increased operations in the automobile factories were reported, the petroleum industry set new high records in all directions, and a marked increase was noted in the production of newspaper paper.

Exports of copper, wheat and beef and other food products were increasing, and while a slight increase in wholesale prices was noted, retail prices were on the decline.

NO DECISION.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Decision on the request of the American legation for another warship at Tien Tsin, has not been reached, state department officials stated.

Peacemaker Is Slain by Negro

Attempted to Stop Family
Quarrel, Meets His
Death.

(By Associated Press)
KIAMATH FALLS, May 2.—Geo. J. Nichols is dead as a penalty for acting as peacemaker between man and wife. Officers are seeking William Lewis, colored, charged with killing Nichols, who owns property in the lower part of town tenanted by negroes.

He was shot in the neck and instantly killed last night. After Lewis fired three shots at his wife, which went wild, Lewis turned the gun on Nichols, who attempted to intercede, according to the police. Then Lewis fled.

QUOTA MAY BE EXCEEDED IS INDICATION

Report of Membership Drive
Shows That Response Is
Better Than Expected.

This morning S. D. Crowe, chairman of the Ad Club committee that has undertaken to increase the membership of the club to 220, announced that by tomorrow that number would probably be exceeded, according to indications at present. A tentative report on the drive prepared by Mr. Crowe shows that the number of members signing up is now 192 and that there are 34 "live" prospects, all of whom are expected to be signed before the final report is made tomorrow.

One gratifying feature of the report, he pointed out, is that only two members dropped out of the club. It was expected that because of the doubling of the membership fees there would be more and all members of the committee that is soliciting are much pleased with the response.

The number of new members already signed up is 37. Two important business blocks have not been reported on by the committees in charge of the work and when these reports, as well as final reports by the other committees are received the quota will probably be exceeded.

HONOR THE HARDINGS.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The American Bible society announced today that President and Mrs. Harding had become life members of the organization. They joined at the request of a 68-year old woman member, who said she had campaigned and voted for the president.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, May 2.—The Japanese cabinet resigned to permit partial reorganization, says a Tokyo dispatch.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, May 2.—Ernest Crump, who has been working at Terminal No. 2 for several days was attacked this morning by six or eight men and beaten about the head. He was taken to the emergency hospital. His assailants escaped.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The department of commerce is expediting the investigation of the coal industry with the view of securing data for use in the administration plan for reorganizing the entire industry.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The president is to be asked by the senate finance committee to approve a soldiers' bonus bill differing from the house measure only in minor essentials.

High School Boys Will Give Annual Show Friday

The boys of the La Grande high school will present their second annual Merry Makers entertainment in the high school auditorium Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Tickets will go on sale this morning at 50 and 30 cents, for reserved seats and balcony seats, respectively.

The entertainment will consist of ghost dances, old home town talent, a dark town chaunt, jugglers and acrobats and will feature the African Cut-Ups. The details of the program are being kept secret but they promise the biggest laugh of the season.

The Merry Makers were given last year before a large crowd and with splendid success. Practically the entire personnel will be featuring in this year's presentation and, with several weeks practice behind them, they expect to outdo themselves.

The reserved seat sale will begin Thursday morning at Silverthorn's Drug Store at 8:00. "The Minor Five," an orchestra composed of students, will furnish the music for the evening.

PROSECUTION AS SLAYER IS PROBABILITY

Body of Last Husband Being
Exhumed Today By
Coroner.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF THREE OTHERS

Children Also Dead Under
Peculiar Circumstances, is
Allegation Made.

(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, May 2.—The coroner is expected today to exhumate the body of a man to examine it for traces of poison, which, if found, will result in the prosecution of a woman for a series of murders for \$11,000 insurance.

The woman is now being held on a charge not connected with the murders. She recently acquired her sixth husband. Three died under mysterious circumstances. Two children by her first marriage died from what was declared to be accidental poisoning.

BEST BOOK LIST BEING PREPARED

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, May 2.—The best 25 books for a one room country school will be selected by the votes of several thousand librarians and teachers at the annual conference of the American Library association in Detroit, June 26 to July 1, and of the National Educational association in Boston early in June. The winning titles will be announced after the conference "in order that people everywhere may know what books are considered by teachers and librarians as the best in the elementary grades," it was stated by Carl H. Milan, secretary of the American Library association.

A recent study of children's reading in one state showed that sometimes scores of children in a given district do not read anything but the text books; and that not infrequently there are no readable books in either the schools or the homes," Mr. Milan said. "In other districts school libraries are made up of discarded books from dusty attics or of large sets of books, in near-leather binding, which nobody ever reads."

"It is the hope of these two associations conducting the contest that the selection of this list will serve to stimulate interest in good books for general reading and to encourage the establishment and development of small school library collections. The desire of the organizations is to interest not only the teachers and librarians but also the school boards, trustees, public officials, parents and the children themselves."

AID MUST WAIT.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Recognition of a new government in Russia must await the establishment of sound business and social conditions, Secretary Hughes declared today in response to a petition from a delegation of women who asked American aid toward Russian rehabilitation.

DIVED OFF THE ROAD.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, May 2.—Miss Opal Sartwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Sartwell, of Kimberly, probably was injured fatally Saturday when the car in which she and some friends were returning to Kimberly from Twin Falls ran off an embankment and turned over.

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Tonight fair excepting showers in the northwest portion and cooler in the east portion. Wednesday fair.

Weather