



VOYAGE OF FLEET MISSION OF PEACE

Announcement Scattered War Clouds.

BEST WAY TO AVERT DANGER

Japan Changed Tone When Plans Proclaimed.

COST IS PEACE INSURANCE

Exclusion Act Expected From Future Congress, When Fleet in Pacific Would Aid Settlement. May Never Return East.

SAILING ON SMOOTH SEA.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—At 8 o'clock tonight the Deforest wireless station picked up the following message, presumably from the Connecticut, but the message did not indicate the sending ship:

"At 8 P. M. the fleet is in latitude 33:23 north, longitude 79:00 west. Fair weather and all well."

An hour or two later the following report was picked up, this evidently being repeated because not checked as received during the day:

"A N. The fleet met now 90 miles southeast of Hatteras in same four-column formation, steering south-southeast. Gentle northeast wind, smooth sea; warm, beautiful light stream weather."

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 17.—The Norfolk wireless station was in touch with the battleship Georgia at 8 receiving the following message:

"On board battleship Georgia, 110 miles south of Beaufort, N. C. Speed and squadron formation unchanged, choppy sea, all well."

The message is the first communication established with the fleet since 1 o'clock this morning, owing to unfavorable weather.

BY WALTER WELLMAN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—"It means peace, not war with Japan."

This is the comment of the highest authority in our Government on the sailing of the American fleet for the Pacific Ocean. President Roosevelt, Secretary Root and other members of the administration only smile at Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson's prediction of an early war with Japan.

They do not believe there is any serious danger of that, certainly not in the near future. Nor is there any evidence that Mr. Hobson is right when he says the Japanese are eager to have a go at the United States.

Best Way to Avert War. President Roosevelt decided to send the fleet to the Pacific," said one member of the administration who has been in almost daily consultation at the White House, "because he believes it a move for peace. There were many good reasons why the fleet should be sent to Pacific waters; but it will do no harm to say frankly the chief of these was because we wanted to make a demonstration of our naval power.

We wished to make such demonstration because it was deemed the best way to avert danger of trouble with Japan. I know what I am talking about when I say the dispatch of our armada, as the newspapers like to call it, was made for peace rather than for war.

Japan Has Changed Tone. "Since the dispatch of the fleet was decided upon and announced," continued this official, "there has been a marked change in the Japanese tone. Nominally, outwardly, there has been no change. Everything is as correct and polite as before. The change is spiritual, indefinable, not material in any way. All our anxieties, so far as the immediate future are concerned, are at an end."

The dispatch of the fleet has already served a good purpose and produced a good effect. Its value up to this time, as a peace move, as an insurance policy, is worth a hundred times what it cost."

LETTERS WILL REACH FLEET Friends Can Send Messages at Domestic Postage Rates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Navy Department today sent a wireless message to Captain B. Murdock of the battleship Rhode Island, with the Atlantic fleet en route to Trinidad, informing him that his wife, who has been seriously ill, is better.

For the benefit of friends and relatives of the sailors on the battleships, the Navy Department wishes it made known that mail matter destined for the 15,000 men afloat in the big ships can be sent at domestic rates of postage. So no matter in what part of South America Admiral Evans' ships may be, the sailors' letters will be delivered to them if they bear the ordinary 2-cent American stamp for each ounce.

All mail matter for the fleet should be addressed care of the Postmaster, New York. No mail can be received after January 4 until the ships arrive at Callao, February 18.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID Omaha Mayor Gives Out Statement About His Interview.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 17.—Mayor Dahlman tonight gave to the Associated Press a statement regarding his interview with President Roosevelt, while the Mayor was attending a meeting in Washington last week of the National Democratic Committee. He says there is no misunderstanding in his mind between the President and himself, and adds:

"He (the President) knew what he meant and I know what he meant. There was nothing ambiguous about it. There were several other witnesses there, and they heard what was said. There was no secret about it. "I have given it out only as it occurred. I am fully in accord with the President's position as he indicated it to me. He did not say that he was glad we had the panic, regardless of anything else. What he did say was that if it had to come he believed the sooner it was over the better. He does not believe that anything that I have ever said about it could be construed otherwise. I do not believe that President Roosevelt and myself will disagree in the slightest particular as to what he meant or as to what I understood him to mean. He was certainly specific, and I believe that I understood the English language."

HUGHES WILLING BUT NOT SEEKING

Letter Shows Attitude on Presidency.

LEAVES HIS FRIENDS FREE Refuses to Make Suggestion as to Indorsement.

PARSONS IN OPPOSITION New York County Committee Will Be Asked to Launch the Boom.

Cortelyou Denies He Seeks Nomination.

HUGHES WILLING, CORTELYOU NOT. Senator Martin Saxe informs Hughes of purpose to offer resolution indorsing him for President at meeting of New York county committee on Thursday and asks him for "some expression from you which will guide me in the circumstances."

Hughes replies: "I do not think it proper for me to make any suggestion as to what the county committee should or should not do. I stated my position before the Republican Club and by that I stand. It is of the highest importance that the party representatives will take such action, whatever it may be, as they believe to be best. They have their duty and I have mine. I think my position is clearly understood. Very truly yours, CHARLES E. HUGHES."

MEANS HE DOES NOT OBJECT Saxe Will Move Resolution, Though Parsons May Oppose.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Senator Martin Saxe said this afternoon, after the Governor had made public the correspondence that has passed between them: "I assume the Governor's letter to mean that he does not object to my resolution as I outline it in my correspondence. Hence I shall now proceed to introduce my resolution, just as I indicated to him. The only thing that could deter me would be the possibility that the Parsons forces could beat it."

The local leaders who favored Mr. Hughes at once accepted this letter as indicating that the Governor was perfectly willing that the county committee should adopt its resolution as proposed, but that he desired to make it clear that he was neither taking nor seeking any support.

Herbert Parsons, referred to by Mr. Saxe, is the chairman of the County Republican Committee and is generally understood to oppose a resolution of indorsement. The committee will meet on Thursday evening of this week.

CORTELYOU NOT A CANDIDATE Denies Using Influence to Secure Nomination for President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Cortelyou, in a signed statement given out tonight, pronounces unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a "movement in his behalf. The Secretary declares that neither he nor his friends have used their influence in behalf of any candidate for the Presidency and that he

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Governor Hughes today made public his correspondence with Senator Martin Saxe regarding the possible action of the New York County Republican Committee in indorsing the Governor for the presidential nomination. It follows:

"Dear Governor Hughes—It is my purpose, at the next meeting of the Republican County committee, to offer a resolution to the effect that it is the belief of the committee that the Republican voters throughout New York desire your name presented for President at the National Convention. In doing so I am only attempting to give formal expression to the sentiment that exists here, so that the Republican party throughout the state may have official notice of it. However, as I do not wish to pursue any course which may be distasteful to you personally or embarrassing to the plans of those who are in your confidence, I will appreciate some expression from you

which will guide me in the circumstances. Cordially yours, ALBANY, Dec. 16, 1907. MARTIN SAXE. Your letter of the 15th has been received. I do not think it proper for me to make any suggestion as to what the county committee should or should not do. I stated my position before the Republican Club and by that I stand. It is of the highest importance that the party representatives will take such action, whatever it may be, as they believe to be best. They have their duty and I have mine. I think my position is clearly understood. Very truly yours, CHARLES E. HUGHES."

THE OREGONIAN'S NEW YEAR ANNUAL. In the forthcoming New Year's edition, The Oregonian will review in detail the progress of the past year in the city and state, presenting in carefully prepared articles by well informed writers, facts and figures concerning the leading industries and more important natural resources of Oregon. All the leading articles will be profusely illustrated. Particular attention will be paid to the horticultural developments and progress of the year, especially to apple-growing, which already has given the state international fame. The edition will however, be a symposium of all other subjects of interest to the homeseekers and various other great industries including dairying, woolgrowing, cattleraising, mining, shipping and agriculture will be given adequate space. Articles of special interest will be devoted to railroad extension and construction, notably the completion of the new North Bank road into Portland, giving this city a no other transcontinental line.

The price of the edition will be 5 cents; postage 3 cents to any part of the United States and its territories and insular possessions.

UNION BOYCOTT GETS BODY BLOW

Injunction Is Granted Against Federation.

ACTION ILLEGAL CONSPIRACY Buck Stove & Range Company Not "Unfair."

ATTRACTS GREAT INTEREST Case Important to Industrial Life. Union Places Company on "Unfair" List for Running Open Shop and Institutes Boycott.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Of far-reaching importance to labor and business interests throughout the country was the decision announced today by Justice Gould of the Equity Court of the District of Columbia, enjoining the American Federation of Labor, with its membership of 2,000,000 or more, from boycotting the Buck Stove & Range Company's name in "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists. The decision arraigns the action of the Federation as an illegal conspiracy.

Tomorrow there will be an argument before Judge Gould over a proposition of counsel for the Federation that the court's order putting the injunction decision into effect limiting, in express terms, its application to the District of Columbia. Counsel for the plaintiff company will oppose this.

The injunction granted today, while of a temporary character, was allowed in a decision in which Judge Gould exhaustively reviewed the case, made copious citations of authorities, quoted precedents as to boycott definitions and said there was no room for argument as to the conspiracy alleged being established. The question of a permanent injunction will come up probably next Spring, and which ever side wins in the final settlement, the case, it is believed, will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Gould pointed out from the bench today that he had not in his decision taken up the question of inhibition of the boycott under the Sherman anti-trust or the interstate commerce act.

Many Other Opinions Agree. The court made numerous citations of decisions in cases involving similar issues including references to rulings by Judge Taft, the present Secretary of War, then Judge of the Circuit Court, in the action of the Toledo Electric Railway against Pennsylvania Company, and proceedings brought in various states.

Judge Gould declared that it was not surprising that there was so little difference of opinion among the courts upon the question involved and that the conclusion that such combinations as that disclosed by the affidavits filed

NEW MARK TWAIN OF ALMOND EYES

Mongolian Humorist on Marriage.

HEAPS RIDICULE ON CUPID Calls Mischievous God a Mere Brainless Kid.

HOW THE CHINESE DO IT Americans Go at Marriage Blindly, Chinese Calmly—In China the Woman Is as Free to Propose as the Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—As a humorist, an Oriental Mark Twain has developed in the keenly clever and highly-educated person of N. G. Poon Chew, Chinese editor and special adviser at the Chinese consulate at San Francisco.

"Domestic Life of the Orient, as Compared with Domestic Life of the West" was the subject of his address tonight before the Hillside Club of Berkeley, whose members he startled by some of his rhetorical slashes at love as the Anglo-Saxon understands that emotion. The lecturer said in part:

"As we understand it, love is an hallucination, a delusion, intoxication, mirage in the desert of passion, a perverted product of a dulled brain, a disease and a most deadly contagious one, a kind of dementia Americana. It is a symptom of a disordered brain, as a nightmare is a symptom of a disordered stomach.

Cupid a Brainless Kid. "In these matrimonial affairs you Americans go at it blindly. You throw deliberation, logical conclusion, reasoning, all the products of the matured brain, to the winds and, rushing along under the influence and stimulation of one of the by-products of passion, which for a better name you term love, you come to grief on the shores of matrimony. To the Oriental mind such a course leads only to disaster.

"We admire the American people for their intellectual attainments, their material progress; yet we cannot but marvel at you, wise as you seem to be, permitting yourselves to be led and guided by a mischievous, brainless kid you call Cupid in the most serious affairs of life.

"In China marriage is regarded as the means, while in this country it is the end. It sometimes ends in a surprisingly short time. The parties assuming the marriage state are merely performing the necessary functions of life, according to our view. Once assumed, it is final and there is no way out of it but death.

"To the Oriental marriage is absolute and not a trial. We marry because we must. You marry because you will; we marry because we hold it an obligation to our ancestors and a duty to our posterity; you marry because you fancy that you have found your affinity.

"In China no life career is considered a success unless a marriage state is entered into finally and truly. A man is no man until he is married. Though a Chinaman be born a bachelor, he invariably dies a married man, provided he lives long enough.

Square Deal for the Girls. "In a Chinese marriage absolute impartiality is extended to all parties concerned; either party can take the initiative in negotiation for marriage, while in America a square deal is denied the girl. The young man has the initiative and chance to choose, while the young girl has no chance at all. Your method is unequal, partial and unjust and you deny the woman privileges that are her right.

"In our marriage ceremony we are also far ahead of you, for we do not enjoin the woman to obey her husband, neither do we ask her to love him. For to a civilized being one is just as irksome as the other."

TRIAL STOPPED BY FIGHT

LAWYERS CALL EACH OTHER LIARS AND THROW THINGS.

Inkstand Strikes Aged Spectator on Head, Fractures Skull and May Cause Death.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 11.—The Herlington bribery trial was brought to an abrupt and sensational end, temporarily, just before noon today, when Assistant District Attorney James Sex and Attorney Jarman, of the defense, each called the other a liar and threw lookbooks and inkstands at each other's heads.

A missile hurled by Sex missed his mark and struck an aged spectator, Zachariah S. Tucker, in the head. Tucked fell insensible, and this afternoon it is announced by his physician that his skull is fractured and that he may not recover from the injury.

The combatants were arrested and ordered by Judge Welch into the custody of the sheriff.

PORTLAND MAN WHO DIED IN NEVADA.

Robert W. Rountree, who died at Hawthick, Nev., on Monday, was one of the best known and most popular of Portland's younger set. He was 21 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton W. Rountree, of this city. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon, and while a student at that institution, became famous as a member of the Glee and Mandolin Club. His untimely end, a victim of spinal meningitis, came as a shock to his many friends in this city.

OTHERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION AND ALSO THE ELECTROTYPERS, MOULDERS AND FINISHERS UNION NO. 11, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS COMPRISING ITS OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Buck Stove & Range Company, which runs an open shop, alleged that the labor organization placed its name on the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists in the labor publications, and that the boycott also was carried on through thousands of circular letters to the company's customers and the public generally and by threatening the company's customers with loss of labor, patronage and business.

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Others of the executive council of the Federation and also the Electrotypers, Moulders and Finishers Union No. 11, together with certain individuals comprising its officers and executive board.

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Advertisement for 'CROOKED BANKER' featuring an illustration of a hand holding a crooked ruler and a sign that says 'CROOKED BANKER'.

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