

OPEN DOOR IN CHINA IS BRITISH POLICY

Integrity and Independence of Peking Government Included, Says Sir Edward Grey.

AMERICAN VIEW SIMILAR

State Department Unwilling to Discuss Possible Infringement on Principles by Japan Which Has Enjoyed Secrecy.

LONDON, April 20.—The preservation of the common interests of all the powers in China by the insurance of the independence and integrity of the Chinese government, and the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China, was declared by Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, to be the policy of the British government in China.

Sir Edward spoke in the House of Commons. He was asked a number of questions concerning the negotiations now going on between China and Japan, but replied that under present conditions, while the negotiations were still proceeding, he was not able to give a detailed statement of the British position. Speaking generally, however, he declared that the policy of the British government in China continued to be governed by the terms of the Anglo-Japanese agreement.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS RETICENT

Firm Stand for Open Door Is Reiterated, However.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—While declining to discuss in detail the American policy toward the Japanese-Chinese negotiations, Secretary Bryan today inquires that the United States still stood firmly on the announcement made at the beginning of the Wilson Administration of its purpose to support the policy of the open door and freedom of commercial opportunity in the Far East.

Sir Edward Grey's statement of a similar character in the British Parliament today indicated to officials that Great Britain's position had undergone no change and that the principle of the open door would continue to be the aim of the powers. The Japanese government itself has assured the United States that it is not its purpose to violate in any way either the open-door policy or China's territorial integrity.

How far the present demands on China by Japan may be considered as infringing upon these principles is a question which can be answered only by a knowledge of the details of the negotiations, something officials here are unwilling to discuss because of the injunction of secrecy placed on the matter by the Japanese government. Officials here, however, have recently appeared optimistic over the progress of the negotiations, indicating a belief that the difficulties at Peking may be satisfactorily adjusted without requiring further diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Japan.

Secretary Bryan declined to comment on the denial issued by the American Minister Reineck of reports that the United States would not lend its moral support to any proposal indicating a situation, President Wilson, however, already has declared such reports to be without foundation, announcing that the United States had not adopted its position in one way or another.

UMATILLA ROAD DAY KEPT

Effective Work Done by Volunteers in Many Parts of County.

PENDLETON, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Good work was observed throughout Umatilla County in response to a call of the newly organized Umatilla County Automobile Association, commercial bodies and other organizations. Effective work was done in every section.

At Echo a squad of 25 men attacked some of the roughest dirt roads and roads with shovels and rakes. Athena showed much enthusiasm and reports from Milton station show that much work was done on the east end of the county. Around Pendleton the work was confined largely to filling holes and grading.

T. R. ASSAILS BARNES

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stant with an objection. Justice Andrews said it appeared to him that the defense had a right to prove if possible that there existed no conspiracy and politics a corrupt alliance, or that there was one between Barnes and Murphy.

"If these things can be proved," said the court, "they may establish justification of this alleged libel."

The court then overruled the objection.

"Colonel Roosevelt," said Mr. Bowers, "did you tell Mr. Barnes you intended to send a message to the Legislature advocating the passage of the franchise tax bill?"

"I don't just remember," replied the witness.

"Platt's Advice Urged on Colonel." After the bill was passed, he continued. "Mr. Barnes urged me to follow Senator Platt's advice and refuse to sign the franchise bill. Mr. Barnes said he made the request in the interest of the general public. He also asked me not to back the bill."

"Did Mr. Barnes ever talk to you about reappointing Louis F. Payn as Superintendent of Insurance?" asked Mr. Bowers.

"Yes," replied the witness, "he talked to me several times about Payn in the executive mansion and other places. I was contemplating the removal of Mr. Payn, and Mr. Barnes was opposed to that. So was Senator Platt. Mr. Barnes told me he was against Mr. Payn and said he had advised Mr. Platt not to insist on Mr. Payn. Mr. Barnes said that Mr. Platt's reasons for wanting Mr. Payn retained was that Mr. Payn stood in the good graces of men who were high up in business affairs."

Ethics of "Boss Rule" Debated.

"I had a talk with Senator Platt and he told me I would be beaten on a confirmation of any man I might decide upon to take Mr. Payn's place. I told that to Mr. Barnes and he said Senator Platt was right and that Payn must be reappointed. Then I made an investigation and I found that what Mr. Barnes and Senator Platt had said apparently was true."

At that point Mr. Roosevelt asked the court whether he might tell of the conversations he had with Mr. Barnes on the ethics of boss rule. Justice Andrews said that was immaterial. Witness and justice then entered into a discussion which resembled an argument between counsel, but the court held to its original decision.

"Now, Colonel Roosevelt," said Mr. Bowers, "is there anything you have

RECEIVERS NAMED FOR ROCK ISLAND

More Money Than Ever to Be Spent for Betterments Under New Regime.

CHICAGO, April 20.—H. L. Mudge, president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, who, with Jacob M. Dickinson, ex-Secretary of War, was named receiver of the property in the United States District Court here today, will depend on the present excellent physical condition of the road and the prosperity which he thinks is returning to the country to rehabilitate the corporation while the court affords its protection from its creditors.

He made this statement to newspapermen. Continuing he said: "A receivership was the only alternative we had in the circumstances. Under it we will probably spend more money on the road than we did in previous six months. We have an undue proportion of cars in bad order, a fact which assisted in bringing on the crisis. With increasing general traffic I might well spend more money on equipment."

Property Has Not Run Down.

"I have absolutely declined to let the property run down, which is another reason why we ran or were willingly conducted into court.

"No better selection than Judge Dickinson could have been made to represent the court in the receivership. He has the deciding voice, and I am sure that there will be no more drastic economy. Our purpose is to build up and when the stockholders realize this I am sure they will come forward with a plan of finance which will enable the road to rehabilitate itself out of the property which is hovering on the threshold of the country.

"The receivership, I believe, will be of short duration if the road is enabled to obtain its share of prosperity. The Rock Island is the largest railroad ever placed in the hands of receivers, and it is in better physical condition than any road ever was which was placed in a similar predicament.

Government Attitude Praised.

"The real underlying trouble with our road is the same as with other roads, and they will all in time find themselves in our fix if this fundamental trouble is not eliminated. The Government's attitude toward railroads; we must have higher rates and lower costs. I do not mean that the Atchafalaya, Topinka & Quincy, or the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and such systems will reach the receivership stage in the immediate future, but under conditions which they could not survive; they must in time under those conditions become insolvent. Happily, however, there are signs that the public attitude is changing and the railroads may hope for fewer handicaps.

Ratio of Net to Gross Shrinks.

"The representative governmental measures of the last ten years, the Rock Island has done a little better than hold its own in gross earnings in comparison with other railroads, but its ratio of net to gross earnings has shrunk more than others, because in its early days it did not spend enough money upon itself, and since I have been president money for that purpose has not been available because the financial organization of the company prevented it. We are now remedying our indebtedness, might have been greater with benefit to the road if the money had been put into the property. In that case we would not be in receiver's hands, but that is a thing I cannot stand by. If I had my way about it, we would have stood by for the purchase of the right now. Other classes of equipment are fairly adequate for the present."

The immediate cause of the receivership was the maturity of obligations April 30 aggregating about \$5,000,000, which the road could not pay. Among those was a bill for \$7,800,000 the American Steel Foundries Company, which through counsel made the application for a receiver. Ninety-five per cent of the stock of that company is held by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, already in the hands of a receiver. The entire stock of the latter company is held by the Rock Island Company, which, while it has not confessed insolvency, is said to have no assets of value.

PROSPERITY IS PREDICTED

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DR. C. J. SMITH WITNESS

Physician Testifies About Injury to Lad in Supp.

W. L. Thompson, Member of Panama-Pacific Commission, Is Sued for \$20,000 or Auto Mishap.

PENDELTON, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Dr. C. J. Smith, of Portland, recent Democratic candidate for Governor, was the principal witness called by the prosecution today in the \$20,000 damage suit brought by L. E. Twitcheil against W. L. Thompson, president of the American National Bank and member of the Oregon Commission of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, who, it is alleged, ran down Mr. Twitcheil's 9-year-old son, Sharon, with his automobile July 23 last and crippled the boy.

Dr. Smith, who was the family physician at the time of the boy's birth, also attended the lad after the accident. He testified that, besides one foot injury to the body, the boy suffered an affection at the base of the brain which may permanently impair his mentality.

There was much conflict in the testimony of the witnesses called by the plaintiff as to the position of the automobile at the time of the accident, also as to the speed the machine was running. Mr. Thompson, when called by the plaintiff, declared that the automobile did not strike the boy, but that after he had applied the brakes and drove the car into a nearby wagon to avoid hitting the boy, the bicycle, which had a tire sticking out from a hole through the frame, struck the bumper of the automobile. The defense opened late this afternoon.

SENATOR CLARK TO SPEAK

Aberdeen Farmers to Gather at Dinner on Friday.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Senator Clark, of Wyoming, Byron Hunter, Federal Agriculturist for Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and Professor C. F. Monroe, newly appointed Chehalis County Agriculturist, will be the principal speakers at a farmers' dinner here Friday night under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Fully 300 businessmen are expected to attend. The problem of marketing Aberdeen-grown produce will be the principal question discussed. Monroe is passing this week investigating conditions here. He has already said that he believes Western Washington possesses fine alfalfa lands and that he is going to experiment with the raising of this in Chehalis County.

PARK ALONG ROAD PLANNED

Hood River County Would Preserve Big Trees by Highway.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Citizens of the county, cooperating with the Commercial Club, have begun a campaign to secure adequate strips of land along the Neah Creek road leading from the Lower to the Upper Hood River Valley and thus prevent the land along the route from being denuded of its growth of large fir trees.

But few of the highways in the lower valley are lined with forest trees, and it is proposed to purchase outside the limits of the present strip an area adjoining the highway. The land, lying on the sides of a steep canyon, would be valuable for agricultural purposes.

POLICE DISPUTE SETTLED

Hood River City Charter Ends Contention of Resident Factions.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Contention between factions in the heights portion of the city as to the appointment of a policeman for that district has been quieted by the discovery of a clause of the city charter governing the matter. Two weeks ago the Council received two petitions, one asking that Allen Hart be appointed, and another asking that Harry Bailey be retained.

The police committee has reported that, according to the charter, a police officer in office cannot be discharged except for neglect of duty or other just reasons.

ALBERT JOHNSON TO TALK

Vancouver to Be Host to Representative in Congress.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Albert Johnson, of Clatsop county, Representative in Congress from this district, will visit Vancouver Thursday and deliver an address at noon in the dining room of the Hotel Elmo. A reception will be tendered him and the Vancouver Commercial Club invites the public to have lunch at the hotel Thursday and hear Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson said, when here a few days ago, that Vancouver will become a city of 75,000 population by 1925.

Governor Names Delegates.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—



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Governor Withycombe today appointed the following delegates to the eleventh annual child welfare conference in San Francisco, May 28-31: Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Oswego; William T. Foster, president Reed College; Mrs. Turner Oliver, LaGrande; Mrs. Robert Tate, Portland, and Mrs. A. E. Borthwick, Portland.

ROBBER SUSPECTS HELD

Woman and Two Men Bound Over for Holding Up Baker Stage.

BAKER, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Molly Burgett, "Sour Dough Bill" Halder and Joe Carlson, held as suspects in the holding up of the Rainbow Durkee stage and the robbery of \$7000 gold bullion, April 5, today received their preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Hubbard and were bound over to the grand jury, which will meet in June. Bail for the woman and Halder was fixed at \$1000 each, while Carlson got off for \$750 because Judge Hubbard considered that Carlson was not as able to furnish the larger bail as were the others.

All three were in court. Efforts to establish an alibi were of no avail.

DISEASE KILLS RABBITS

Silver Lake Editor Suggests Way to Exterminate Pests.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—F. M. Christian, editor of the Silver Lake Leader, today suggested to Governor Withycombe that jackrabbits of Eastern Oregon be exterminated with a mysterious disease which he says has appeared among them near Christmas Lake.

Mr. Christian said he had been told by A. W. Long, who lives near Christmas Lake, that jackrabbits were being killed by a mysterious disease, which he said was formerly, owing to the ravages of the disease, Mr. Long said that several of

ACCUSER OF WOMEN FINED

Miss Martin and Mrs. Holt Cleared and Jewels Shown to Be Gifts.

Charges of larceny preferred against Dorothy Beverly Martin and Mrs. Della Holt were dismissed in Municipal Court yesterday morning, and B. C. Elder, the complainant, was fined \$5 for costs. It was shown by evidence in court that jewelry to the value of \$95 that the young women were accused of stealing was given to them by the complainant. The young women testified that the groceries to the value of \$10 which they were alleged to have stolen had been ordered under the direction of Mr. Elder.

Mr. Elder admitted that he had proposed to Miss Martin and several letters signed "Uncle Ben," which he admitted writing, were displayed by Attorney B. H. Goldstein, for the defense. Mr. Elder is 42 years old and Miss Martin 19.

LOOKING GLASS MAN IS DIVORCED

ROSEBURG, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hazel Brisbin, daughter of a well-known Douglas County stockman, today received a decree of divorce from her husband, Walter Brisbin, of Looking Glass, Crude and Inhuman treatment, coupled with desertion, were the chief allegations. Property interests were settled out of court.

ESTATE PAYS \$423,000 INHERITANCE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 20.—The inheritance tax on the estate of Mr. Arcadia Baker was fixed by court appraisers today at \$423,000 on an estimated valuation of about \$7,000,000. It is one of the largest inheritances in the state. The Baker property originated in Spanish land grants and in the early days included much of the downtown business district of Los Angeles.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE COURSE URGED

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 - A 1705 Memories of Home (Ambrosia)... Call Me Thine Own (Halvey)... Instrumental Trios
 - A 1706 Everybody Rag With Me... George O'Connor, Tenor. On My Way to New Orleans... George O'Connor, Tenor.
 - A 5661 L'Esprit Français, Polka (Waldteufel)... Prince's Band Beverly Hunt, Fox Trot (Wending)... Prince's Band
 - A 5662 Diety Doo, Fox Trot (Morgan)... Prince's Band I Want to Linger, Fox Trot (Marshall)... Prince's Band
 - A 5666 Spring's Awakening (Sanderson) Miss Felice Lynne, Soprano A Dream Fancy (Marshall)... Miss Felice Lynne, Soprano
 - A 5655 Nita Gitans (DeKonan)... Oscar Seagle, Baritone The Bandolero (Stuart)... Oscar Seagle, Baritone
- Temporary Annex Fifth Floor

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CHICKEN CHASE NOT ALIBI

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