

JAPANESE EVADING THE HAGUE DECISION

Moving of Railway Station Nullifies Non-Taxable Concession to Foreigners.

ABSOLUTE CONTROL SOUGHT

Losing Attempt of Mikado's Government to Lay House Taxes on Yokohama Leases Results in Plans to Circumvent Ruling.

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YOKOHAMA, April 5.—If anybody thinks the Japanese are not a patient and determined people, let him consider a little what is happening to the foreign settlement in Yokohama. It has been happening, slowly, for several years, but it was only recently that the developments were such that it became apparent what was really going on.

Kanagawa, the first station on the road to Tokio, was the first open port in Japan, the village that was the result of Perry's negotiations more than half a century ago. The Japanese setlement at Yokohama followed. Here it is that foreigners have perpetual leaseholds or the superficies and are to a certain extent beyond the reach of the Japanese authorities.

Their contract provides that they shall never be taxed upon to pay any other tax than the ground rent called for by their leases. When the war with Russia put Japan to the test to find funds to meet the abnormal expenses of the struggle she sought to lay a house tax on the property on these Yokohama leases.

America Does Not Contest Plan. Most of the foreigners resisted. The Americans did not fight the matter and our Government took no part in the subsequent proceedings. But the British and other governments supported their nationals and the case went to The Hague court. There it was tried at length, and the decision was against the Japanese.

Perhaps what followed would have occurred anyway, but that decision marked the beginning of a jurisdiction of the foreign settlement in Yokohama as a powerful factor in the foreign trade of Japan.

It is not unusual that the Japanese should desire and determine to have full control over all establishments in their country. They have struggled for many years to get rid of the extra-territorial provisions of their early treaties. They felt that The Hague decision deprived them of a jurisdiction which was naturally and rightfully theirs. But they did not resist the decision. They simply set to work to get around it. And they are succeeding.

Harbor Work Immense.

The plan is the gradual removal of the business of Yokohama to territory that is not subject to these perpetual leases, with their restrictions as to taxes. To that end new harbor and port works aggregating many millions have been planned and are nearing completion. Some of them are already finished.

A new railroad station is well along. It is more than a mile farther out than the present station, farther away from the foreign settlement and the foreign business houses.

When the works now under way are all completed the foreign business establishments will be so far removed from the business center that it will be difficult and vexatious for them to continue as they have been doing.

They either will have to give up or move nearer the center. If they move they will have to come onto ground under the full control of the Japanese and not subject to the perpetual lease restrictions. That is all there is to it. There are more ways than one of skinning a cat.

More Evidence of War Feat.

A trans-Pacific steamer came in today and brought renewed evidence to Yokohama of the extent to which the war in Europe has laid its heavy hand upon this country.

There was great expectation among the hotel people that this ship would bring them a little business. The runners were ably helped by the swiftness down on the steamer the minute she stopped at the quarantine station, outside the breakwater. They flocked on deck and scoured around looking for the tourists and any others who might be induced to patronize their hotels, even for one night.

For half an hour they searched diligently for business. Then they gathered disconsolately along the rail and waited patiently for the ship to dock, so that they could go back and report the news to their employers. Just one lone passenger came ashore for over night.

Business Simply Dead. It was an extreme case, but on the whole typical of the present situation out here. Business is simply dead, so far as tourist travel is concerned, and the shopkeepers are in despair. Never before has it been so clear what an important part of the tourist trade in Japan is played by travelers on the "round the world" journey. The war has put an end to that form of amusement and disaster is staring a lot of Japanese shops in the face as a consequence.

The streets of Yokohama look like those of a small New England village on Sunday, and it is little better in Tokio. The shopkeepers shake their heads and sadly admit that "business is very bad." Not even reductions in price that in ordinary times would not be considered for a moment have served to attract customers.

Especially in the larger shops have prices fallen. They have establishments to maintain and organizations to keep intact. They must do some business to keep going and to retain their workmen. The little fellows, who do their own work in their own back rooms, are not so hard pushed. An occasional sale will tide them over for two or three days and they are not so pathetically eager for business.

Begining on Streets Witnessed. Never before have I seen begging in the streets of Japan by able-bodied and apparently sound men. But this time it has not been an uncommon thing to be stopped by a busy chap who looks as if he might be accustomed to any kind of hard work, with a pitiful plea of no work, no money and no rice. Just a little rice is all they ask, and it may be an old thing in Japan, but I never happened to see it before.

An automobile man came out from San Francisco in the ship with me, looking for business in Japan and elsewhere about the Far East. He was enthusiastic and optimistic, for he represents a good American case that has a wide sale in the States and does not involve the expenditure of a fortune.



Paint-Up, Clean-Up—May 4-11 You'll Feel Better

Have you seen Varsity Fifty Five? Do you want the smartest suit going?

These are rather pointed questions; we intend them to be; we don't want these attractive designs of Hart Schaffner & Marx to get by you. You'll thank us for being so insistent once you've come here. We'll show you the newest checks, plaids and stripes; you can pay \$18 and up; special values at \$25.

Sam' Rosenblatt & Co The Men's Shop for Quality and Service Northwest Corner Third and Morrison

PEEPING IS CHARGED

Seattle Student Tries to Concoct Divorce, Says Wife.

YOUTH'S FATHER ACCUSED

Young Woman Declares She Loves Husband Whom Parents Want to Wed Another and Payment of Alimony Demanded.

I met him here yesterday and the smile had gone from his face. "This country is broke," he said. "There are just about 1000 cars in Japan, and at least 700 of them are not in commission. Automobile men here tell me that since the outbreak of the war last Summer just five cars have been sold in all Japan. This is no place for me."

SEATTLE, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—Charges that her husband and his father employed "keyhole detectives" to spy upon and in other ways harass her in their efforts to "manufacture" a divorce case are made by Mrs. Merrill Scott Cushman against Thomas J. Cushman, University of Washington student, and his father, James T. Cushman, in an affidavit filed today in Superior Court in support of a motion to have young Cushman's divorce cause why he should not pay \$50 a month temporary alimony, \$100 suit money and \$250 attorney's fees.

LAVA BED ROUTE LIKED

ROAD-EXPLORING PARTY IS BACK AT KLAMATH FALLS.

Completion of Highway From City to Bearfoot Cave Decided On—Work is to Start Soon.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Captain O. C. Applegate, of Modoc War fame; Postmaster W. A. Dalsell, Charles Graves and Chauncey Raymond, the Klamath Falls members of the road-exploring party which held a conference at the Lava Beds late last week, returned Monday and are enthusiastic over the project. Charles Merrill, of Merrill, also was a member of the Klamath Falls party. Other delegations were from Lookout, in Modoc County, and Dorris, in Siskiyou County, California.

An unanimous agreement was reached at the conference to the effect that Klamath Falls should perfect the road from this city to the Bearfoot Cave and that the road from that point on to Lookout would be built by the two California counties. Other side roads to various points of scenic and historic interest can be made later on, but the through Klamath Falls-Lookout route will be started soon.

This road will tap the center of the most interesting section of the Lava Beds, that cover an area of approximately 150 square miles, and will make easily accessible the most important volcanic wonders of the neighborhood, such as cinder cones, blowholes, bot-tomless fissures and craters of various sizes and elevations, including Schoc-chin Peak, a perfect extinct volcano, which rises to a height of 800 feet above the level of the sea, and Lava field. Bearfoot, Mammoth and Skicaves, the famous two-story cave and the wondrous ice cave will be close to the road as planned.

WEISER ELECTION HEATED

Band Concert and Street Dance Held at Night.

WEISER, Idaho, April 29.—(Special.)—The curtain was rung down on Weiser's city election Tuesday with a band concert and municipal street dance, in which hundreds from both city and country participated. The election was the liveliest held here for several years and many surprises were sprung in final results. The fight was centered on Mayor, Clerk and Councilmen in the Third Ward with the following results: W. R. Hamilton, Mayor; S. H. Travis, Clerk; Mary R. Linderman, Treasurer; R. T. Wollston, Engineer; Councilmen: Frank H. Towley, G. W. Garrett; Second Ward, R. T. Black, W. V. Ferris; Third Ward, James A. Young, W. M. Maxwell.

Mr. Travis is rounding out his 16th year and Mrs. Linderman her sixth year. The heaviest vote recorded in any city election here was cast, and the women voters played a prominent part.

Centralia Seeks Entertainment Fund.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—The work of patriotism and to entertain the delegates to the conventions of the State Grange and six patriotic conventions in Centralia in June was started yesterday by the finance committee recently appointed and composed of Theodore Hoss, E. H. S. Mulder, John Galvin, Chas. Benedict, Jr., Walter Copping and August Oess. If the committee meets with the same success during the next few weeks that it met with yesterday no trouble will be encountered in raising the money. Tonight the 12 committees laid further plans for the event.

HOOD RIVER BUILDS ROAD

Every Business House in Town Sends Force to Columbia Highway.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Threatening weather throughout the day did not deter Hood River business men from participating in the second annual road working day under the auspices of the Commercial Club. Representatives from all stores were on the job improving a stretch of the Columbia Highway extending from Mitchell Point, where Standifer Clark-Cushman is building a dam, to a solid rock point, five miles up the river to the edge of the city. Only enough clerks were left in town to conduct the day's business.

The amateur road laborers numbered more than 150, while a dozen wagons and teams were furnished by ranchers residing along the highway west of town. Fills were made, excavations made for cuts and bushes cut along the curves in order that motorists may be able to see the roadway ahead when making the turns.

Another party of citizens spent the day working from the city to the South Franconia district.

650,000 TROUT FRY READY

Streams of Kittitas Valley Are to Be Planted This Week.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—Six hundred and fifty thousand trout fry will be planted in the streams of the Kittitas Valley this week by the Kittitas County Game and Fish Commission. Of the 650,000, 250,000 are Eastern brook trout. There are 50,000 rainbow trout from the United States Government hatchery in the Yellowstone National Park and 75,000 land-locked trout from the Government hatchery at Whitcomb Lake. In the Yakima River, between here and Easton, Wash., 100,000 are to be distributed. Lost Lake, Lake Keechelus, Lake Katchees and Lake of the Woods are to be planted with the rainbow trout. Mountain streams also are to be planted, but no arrangements have yet been made.

RECORD FRUIT PREDICTED

Idaho Inspector Finds Prospects for Unheard-Of Yield Bright.

BOISE, Idaho, April 29.—(Special.)—This year's will be the greatest fruit crop in the history of Idaho. State Horticultural Inspector Graham has concluded following a trip of inspection through the rich fruit belt in the southeastern part of the state, and after hearing reports from deputies in all sections. Only a hard freeze can prevent it, but this is not expected. For the first time in our history sweet cherries in this state will be in abundance. "My observations also convince me that the grain yield is going to be one of the largest and heaviest. There is more grain acreage in Idaho this year than ever before," says the inspector.

\$15,000 PAVING ORDERED

Oregon City Council Decides to Improve Main Street.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—After more than a year of debate and delay, the City Council last night ordered the Main street improved with an asphaltic concrete pavement at a cost of \$15,512.75.

PEACE HOPE HELD DISTANT

Chehalis Clubwomen Hear That Move Ultimately Will End All Wars.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—"The women who are heading the peace movement do not hope to end the war," said May Wright Sewell in an address before the Chehalis County women's club here last night, "but they know they can bring about permanent peace ultimately. To do this they will have to revise our present system of patriotism and to create a different feeling of affection. "Anyone who says the people of Europe want war, that men are eager to kill those of other nations, is badly mistaken. The majority of them have been dragged into the war by false patriotism."

Kelso Fruit Men Combine. KELSO, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—At a meeting of fruit growers and business men in the Kelso Commercial Club last night the Kelso Fruit &

HOLSUM BAKERY advertisement featuring an illustration of a bakery building and a large loaf of bread. Text includes: 'The Cleanliness of the HOLSUM Bakery', 'wins the instant approval of all who have taken advantage of our frequently extended invitation to the public to come and see HOLSUM in the making.', 'HOLSUM BREAD is the fact that the bakers scarcely touch HOLSUM from flour sack to finished loaf.', 'Log Cabin Baking Company'.

making a large quantity of ice cream, which it retails locally and sells wholesale in adjacent towns. The butter manufactured by the Kelso Creamery is in ready demand.

KELSO Creamery Does Big Business. KELSO, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—More than 4500 pounds of butter were turned out by the Kelso Creamery last week and the plant continues to operate at full capacity. In addition to the butter trade the creamery is daily

Barefoot Sandals at 79c for Misses and Children WRIGHT'S Corner Fourth and Alder

WOMAN REFUSES OPERATION

Tells How She Was Saved by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Louisville, Ky.—"I think if more suffering women would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound they would enjoy better health. I suffered from a female trouble, and the doctors decided I had a tumorous growth and would have to be operated upon, but I refused as I do not believe in operations. I had fainting spells, bloated, and could hardly stand the pain in my left side. My husband insisted that I try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so thankful I did, for I am now a well woman. I sleep better, do all my housework and take long walks. I never fail to praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for my good health."—Mrs. J. M. RUSCH, 1300 West Broadway, Louisville, Ky.



Since we guarantee that all testimonials which we publish are genuine, in it not fair to suppose that if Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped the virtue to help these women it will help any other woman who is suffering in a like manner? If you are ill do not drag along until an operation is necessary, but at once take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Signally Honored at the Panama Exposition The Conover Official Piano advertisement. Features an illustration of the piano and text: 'of the Illinois Panama International Exposition Commission', 'But you won't have to journey to San Francisco to hear or see these strikingly beautiful instruments.', 'Call at our Warerooms and hear this strikingly beautiful piano. If it is impossible, write today for Free Art Catalog.'

HOTEL SEWARD advertisement. Features an illustration of the hotel building and text: 'The SEWARD is a new, modern and elegantly appointed hotel, possessing one of the most beautiful corner locations in the Northwest. Located at 10th and Alder sts., opposite Gids. Western Bldg. Rates and big department store. In heart of retail and theater district. Rates \$2.00 and up. Free meals all trains. "Sew" car also runs from Union Depot to HOTEL SEWARD. W. M. SEWARD, Prop.'