

SENATE ASKS PROBE OF COREAN INVASION

Information of Events of 1904 Wanted in Reply to Mr. Root's Attack.

BELGIAN PARALLEL CITED

Criticism of President for Failure to Protest Against Occupation of Belgium Met by Saying Treaty Called for Action in Corea.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate today adopted a resolution by Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, asking President Wilson to submit to correspondence between the United States and Corea when Japan occupied the hermit kingdom during the Russo-Japanese war.

Mr. Root was Secretary of State when Japan took Corea. Senator Stone's resolution calls on the President to transmit, if not incompatible with government interest, correspondence, or so much thereof as in his opinion may be made public between official representatives of the United States Government and the representatives of Corea, relating to the occupation of Corea and establishment of a protectorate over said country by Japan during or as an incident of the Russo-Japanese war in 1904-05.

Treaty Said to Be Ignored. Administration officials said today they proposed to show by the correspondence that the United States was bound by treaty to aid Corea, whereas the treaty with Belgium provides only that the United States should respect the neutrality of Belgium.

The treaty of 1882 between the United States and Corea contains the following article: "If other powers deal unjustly or oppressively with either government, the other will exert their good offices to bring about an amicable arrangement, thus showing their friendly feeling." Officials declare that both Colonel Roosevelt, as President, and Mr. Root, as Secretary of State, ignored an appeal from Corea.

The foreign relations committee found today that some of the correspondence bearing on the matter was in its files.

Letter by Mr. Root Read. A letter from Secretary Root to Yung Teken, special envoy of Corea, without credentials, dated December 13, 1905, said:

"Since your visit we have received the following communication from Mr. Kim, the regularly accredited charge d'affaires of Corea in Washington: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 24th ultimo, informing me that by an agreement signed on November 17 by plenipotentiaries of Japan and Corea, by which Japan becomes the medium for conducting the foreign relations of Corea, you have, under the terms of the said agreement, telegraphed the American Minister to withdraw from Corea."

I have further to inform you that I have this date received instructions from Yi Wan Yong, the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Corea, to transfer to the Japanese Legation the archives and other property in my charge. "In view of this official communication it is difficult to see how the Government of the United States can proceed in any manner upon the entirely different view of the facts which you tell us personally you had been led to take by the information which you have received. It is to be observed, moreover, that the official communications from the Japanese government agree with the official communications from the Corea government and are quite inconsistent with your information."

Treaties With Japan Cited.

"If, however, the difficulty of complying with your wishes were surmounted, we should be met by the fact that on February 23, 1904, and on August 22, 1904, the Corea government concluded with the Japanese government treaties which are not now in any respect impeached or questioned by which Corea gave to Japan such extensive control over her affairs and put herself completely under the protection of the government of Japan as to render completely impossible the application of the provisions of the treaty with the United States above quoted.

The above-mentioned treaties between Japan and Corea appear to be of such a character as practically to give Japan control over the foreign relations of Corea, and to make the latest treaty of November 17, 1905, which is now called into question, but a slight advance upon the relations of control previously existing. Those previous relations of control amount to a complete bar to any interference by the United States under the treaty of 1882.

"Under all these circumstances I feel bound to advise you that the United States Government does not consider that any good purpose would be subserved by taking notice of your statements."

LIQUOR CASE POSTPONED

Arguments on Webb-Kenyon Law Put Off Indefinitely.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Oral arguments of the United States Government in the liquor cases involving constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon liquor law, which subjects interstate shipments of liquor to the statutes of the state to which liquor is consigned, were indefinitely postponed today by the Supreme Court. The cases, argued first about a year ago, were restored to the dock for a second argument before the entire court, and had been set for a hearing today.

MR. TAFT AGAINST PRIMARY

"Boss-Ridden Conventions" Said to Produce Better Candidates.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 12.—President Taft, in addressing the Southern New England Textile Club here, denounced the direct primary as a "fraud," saying that boss-ridden conventions can furnish better candidates. He declared the labor unions have gained control of Legislatures, and should be made to appreciate the spirit of the Constitution.

Mr. Taft also had a plea for the railroads, which, he said, were being

ground between the upper and nether stones of legislative will.

"But of all the evils which are supposed to be a cure for all evils, the direct primary is the worst," he said. "The primary so works that it can only be used by the rich man who can build up his own machine, or by the regular machine. Both of these things the primary is supposed to abolish. "The general primary is a fraud. We need political conventions, but put into the convention some of the same things with which you surround the primary, and you will have a good convention. From a boss-ridden convention with deliberation you will get better candidates than you will through the primary, as an example of what the primaries can do, I will say that they have largely seriously impaired the standard of the judiciary. "You will get better men through the convention, because the boss will want to put some good people into office, because he wants to win some of the time. I hope the primary will disappear."

VISTA FUND NOW \$3350

PIONEERS CONTRIBUTE \$250 FOR MEMORIAL ON HIGHWAY.

Donations Toward Crown Point Structure Are Being Made to Association Workers.

A grand total of more than \$3390 is shown in the fund for the pioneer memorial which is to be erected at Crown Point under the auspices of the Vista House Association.

More than \$250 has been received from the pioneers and more than \$100 from miscellaneous sources which just began to be represented a few days ago.

Following is the report of the results of the campaign yesterday:

Table with columns for Auto Owners, Cash, Pledges, Pioneers, and Miscellaneous. Total grand total for all is \$3390.70.

PANTAGES BILL PLEASES

REAPPEARANCE OF FRANK BUSH GREETED WITH APPLAUSE.

Six Cannibal Maids Give Baud Dance in Headline Number—Other Interesting Acts Are Given.

Applause from pleased customers who had purchased before of the wares of Frank Bush greeted the tall, quiet appearing individual when he came out on Pantages stage yesterday. His Irish, Italian and German anecdotes are exceedingly droll, and occasion great hilarity.

The headline act is "The Cannibal Maids," a musical comedy with a South Sea setting. Gus Elmore presents the act, and Gus appears as a cannibal chief. He has an assortment of weird gutters to take the place of speech and causes much mirth with his pantomime and chatter. Ethel Hamlin appears as Mrs. Cannibal, and Hazel Wood is an American girl who has been cast away on the island. Six cannibal maids in beads and smiles, and once in a while other bits of costume, dance and sing merrily.

Grace McCormack has a delightful act, and a dandy and demure and she plays the violin with musical skill. A sensational act and one which was given to a steady accompaniment of applause was the circus aerial Troupe cyclists, playing an exciting game of bicycle polo.

Rice and Newton, a pretty girl in flossy togs, and a joyous chap, have a hodge-podge or song and dance and the man does some acrobatic maneuvers that are splendid.

The Steiner trio of comedy bar artists opens the bill with an interesting act, and the sixth episode in the film story of Helen Holmes in "The Girl and the Game" proves diverting.

INSPECTOR IS OUSED

APPROVAL OF DEFECTIVE SEWER ENDS CITY EMPLOYMENT.

Notice Sent to Board of Dismissal of Harry Gurr, Once Before Let Out, but Reinstated.

As an outcome of the discovery by Commissioner Dieck of defective work on the East First-street and East Stark street trunk sewer, which was inspected and approved by Harry Gurr, district inspector of pipes and sewers, Mr. Gurr was discharged from the service yesterday. Notice of dismissal, effective at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was sent to the Municipal Civil Service Board.

The defective work was found last week by Commissioner Dieck, who took the Council out to look it over. The sewer, which is 24 inches in diameter, was not fitted with cement mortar at the joints, as required by the city's specifications for the work. The repair of the sewer will cost about \$2000, Commissioner Dieck estimates.

Discovery of the defects was made possible by the heavy storms in January and February. The trench along the sections in which the defects are located exist settled, endangering a private residence.

Mr. Gurr had been in the city service since October 11, 1907. On September 23, 1915, he was discharged for insubordination, but on appeal to the Civil Service Board was reinstated October 16, 1915.

Steps will be taken to require the contractor who did the work to go over it again and seal the joints. The question has been taken up with City Attorney LaRoche and it is said the contractor can be required to make the repairs.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors who expressed sympathy towards our sister during the recent illness and death of her husband, Charles Purdian. (Signed) FRED A. PURDIAN, IRA G. PURDIAN, Adv.

STATE SALE OF 2 SECTIONS ILLEGAL

Supreme Court Rules Against W. J. and F. Morrison and Slight Furniture Company.

PORTLAND COURT UPHELD

Right to Sell Does Not Attach Until School Lands Are Surveyed and Plant Is Accepted by Commissioner, Is Decision.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 21.—The right of the state of Oregon to sections 16 and 36, under its school land grant, does not attach until the lands have been surveyed and the plat of survey has been formally approved and accepted by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and then only in case the lands are unreserved and unappropriated.

This is the decision of the Supreme Court today in the case of the United States vs. W. J. Morrison, Finley Morrison and the Slight Furniture Company.

The decision means that the state has been selling lands to which it had no title, and that certain purchasers from the state are not entitled to the land involved in this suit, section 16, township 3 south, range 6 east, was surveyed in June, 1902, but the plat of survey was not accepted by the General Land Office until January 31, 1906.

On December 16, 1905, the land was, with other lands, sold to the Secretary of the Interior for forestry purposes, and January 25, 1907, was added to the Cascade forest reserve.

The Morrison claim title under conveyance from the state under date of January 9, 1907, they and the state contending the state's title attached when the lands were surveyed in the field.

The Supreme Court holds that a survey is not a complete official transaction until accepted by the General Land Office, and prior to acceptance it is within the power of the Government to make such disposition of the land as it deems proper, such as reserving it for forestry purposes.

Before the survey of this land was finally approved the land had been withdrawn by order of the Secretary, and that withdrawal was in full effect at the time the state undertook to sell the land.

The decision of the Supreme Court reverses the Circuit Court of Appeals, but sustains the District Court at Portland.

CLERGY ARE TRANSFERRED

Rev. Henry T. Greene, of Portland, Changes With Goldendale Pastor.

Bishop R. J. Cooke has appointed the Rev. Henry T. Greene to the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Goldendale, Wash., to take charge of the young men's work in the city. The young men's church of which he will have charge. Mr. Greene's successor will be Rev. Walter L. Albrecht, who will come from Goldendale to take charge of the young people's work and educational activities in the First Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene will leave next Tuesday for their new home.

JOHN P. ROSS, PIONEER, IS DEAD.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—He with a cold only a few days, John P. Ross, aged 84, for 45 years a resident of Baker, died today at his home here as the result of organic heart disease. Mr. Ross was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., January 20, 1832, and in 1851 crossed the plains, locating at Eureka, Cal., where he engaged in the mining business for the next ten years. Besides a widow he is survived by two sons, W. A. Ross, of Forest Grove, and J. M. Ross, of Walla Walla; by a sister, Mrs. Thomas A. Baker, and by a brother, Sam R. Ross, of Baker.

HAIR COMING OUT?

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Lanolin at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After a few applications the hair stops coming out and you can't find any dandruff.

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LAND IS LENT, NOT LEASED

Mr. Baker Announces Terms for City Baths on River Front.

A statement published in an afternoon newspaper to the effect that Commissioner Baker has leased some waterfront property in South Portland for a municipal bathing beach is denied by Mr. Baker. He says the O-W-R. & N. Company has donated to the city the use of some beach in South Portland and that the city is to pay nothing for use of the ground.

Flag Presented to Judge.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 21.—(Spe-

STOCK GO TO BUNCH GRASS

Eastern Oregon Farmers Do Not Fear Further Losses.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Hope for relief from the threatened further loss of livestock because of lack of feed is reported from parts of this vicinity. Horses and cattle are leaving their straw and hay for the alfalfa sold here, so that the feed is heavy, it is reported that it is melting

HOOD RIVER GETS MORE SNOW.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 21.—Ward Malott, suspected opium smugg-

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