



## CHINA TOLD TO BOW TO JAPANESE YOKE

### War Threatened if Chinese Bare Secret Treaty.

## PEACE DELEGATES WARNED

### U. S. and England Too Busy to Aid China, Nipponese Say.

## MILITARISTS SAID TO RULE

### Japanese Newspapers Point Out That Action Toward China Will Bar Japan From Peace League.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The correspondent of Reuters Limited at Peking sends the following under date of February 3:

"The Japanese on Thursday, January 30, informed the Chinese minister at Tokio that change in the attitude of the Chinese delegates in France was desirable. The Chinese should, he said, be guided by the Japanese in all questions of policy.

"The Japanese minister at Peking on Saturday, February 1, informed the Foreign Minister that a change of front on the part of the Chinese delegation was necessary and that Japan desired China to undertake at the peace conference the secret Sino-Japanese agreements. The Chinese delegates, he said, should work in the closest harmony with the Japanese delegates upon all questions brought before the peace conference.

"China Told to Choose.

"The Japanese minister added that Great Britain was so disturbed with strikes and financial troubles that no definite political or financial help could be expected from that quarter. Falling to receive such assurances, Japan would immediately exercise effective financial pressure upon China.

"The Japanese minister demonstrated that China was in a position to choose between returning Japan's friendship or meeting Japan's opposition.

"Simultaneously the Peking militarists brought great pressure to bear in presidential quarters with a view to securing the adoption of the Japanese viewpoint.

"Following numerous evidences of Japanese pressure upon China in connection with the peace conference, this revelation of Japan's determination permanently to secure privileges gained during the European war created astonishment throughout China, especially as a section of the Japanese government is known to be opposed to the policy of force against China.

"Militarists in Control.

"The newspapers, however, emphasize Japan's latest attitude as a matter of course, proving that the Japanese government is still tied to the wheels of the military chariot whose purpose is to destroy China, regardless of the fact that its action is calculated to force Japan outside the league of nations."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan's attitude toward China in the peace conference is causing grave apprehension among the representatives of the other associated powers. According to official diplomatic information reaching here, Japan virtually has threatened war if China makes public secret treaties between the two countries and fails to carry out an agreement to make Japan the successor of Germany in rights, property and concessions held by Germany at the outbreak of the European war.

China Hopes for Aid.

China is relying on the peace conference, where her delegates are anxious to have made an excellent impression, and is seeking support from the United States and Great Britain.

Advices from the orient through diplomatic channels say American Minister Rehnach at Peking, seeking to reassure the Chinese foreign minister with statements of the friendship of the United States government, was told frankly that the foreign minister did not see how at this time the United States or Great Britain could divert their attention to the orient when the European situation demanded so much attention.

When the Chinese peace delegation arrived in Paris, the information now available discloses they reported that their coats and their baggage were stolen from their baggage while they were passing through Japan and consequently they were asked to carry out their purpose of making their public at the conference.

U. S. Officials Silent.

Officials of the state department declined to make any formal comment today on the situation. The impression was given that the whole matter was being handled in Paris.

As regards the Pacific islands claims of Japan, the American position at the peace conference has been unofficially represented as one of the opposition to annexations and of insistence upon the internationalization of all Pacific islands taken from Germany. The Marshall and Caroline group lie directly east of the Philippines.

According to the reports received here, the threats against China were conveyed to the Chinese foreign minister by the Japanese minister in Peking in thinly veiled terms. The Japanese minister is said to have pointed out that Japan had an army of more than a million men idle at home, fully equipped and to have pointed out that Japan had a fleet of more than a half million tons of shipping with the intimation

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## PASSAGE OF WAR-TAX BILL EXPECTED TODAY

### CONFEREES' AGREEMENT DEBATED LONG IN SENATE.

### Democratic and Republican Leaders Predict Overwhelming Vote of Approval for Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Final action by congress tomorrow on the \$5,000,000,000 war revenue bill appeared assured tonight after several hours of debate in the senate on the conferees' agreement, which the house adopted last Saturday.

After some difficulties and delay in taking up the bill today Chairman Simmons, of the senate managers, addressed the senate for about two hours on the conference report, while Senator Thomas, of Colorado, democrat, sharply criticized elimination of the amendment to tax campaign contributions of \$500 or more 100 per cent. Both democratic and republican leaders predicted that an overwhelming vote of approval would be given the bill before adjournment tomorrow.

Senator Simmons said that if necessary a night session would be held.

At the outset today republicans delayed action on the bill, demanding that the lengthy formal conference report be read. Its reading took more than an hour, with the senate virtually deserted. An incident enlivening the procedure was the inadvertent adoption of the conference report, but upon objection by Senator Simmons the action was set aside. Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, democrat, who was presiding, hastily put the question on the report and formally declared the report adopted, but Senator Simmons, who had not spoken, induced him to annul his decision.

## IDLE CAR LINES TARGET

### Spokane Orders Resumption of Service Within 24 Hours.

SPokane, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Street car service on all of the abandoned lines of the Washington Water Power company was ordered resumed within 24 hours by the city commissioners this morning. If the order is not complied with by the company the city will at once start suit in the superior court to have its demands enforced.

The action was taken at this morning's session of the council, after the commissioners had received an opinion from Corporation Counsel Geraghty, "that the street railway company may not, without the consent of the city, abandon service on any of the lines on which they hold franchises."

## LUMBER PRICES GO DOWN

### Twenty Per Cent Drop Is Registered at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The cost of lumber tobogganed Monday. Wartime prices went into the discard with a crash when the lumber dealers of San Francisco announced a 20 per cent drop-off in the price of all lumber used in ordinary building construction.

At the headquarters of the lumbermen, it was stated that the reason for the drop in prices is the desire of the dealers to encourage a revival of the building industry and conserve the mutual interests of owner, builder and dealer. The further announcement is made that the prices fixed today are as low as they can ever be under existing conditions.

## HAWAII TO COAST IN DAY

### French Aviator Says Powerful Machine Could Make Trip.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Honolulu to the coast in 24 hours is the plan of Sergeant Jean Servantie, maker of 200 ascents on the battle front and member of the French flying corps, who is in Honolulu together with 40 other French soldiers awaiting return transportation to San Francisco.

In an address before the Pan-Pacific club the other day the aviator declared that with a 450 horse power machine he would undertake the flight from Honolulu to the mainland. The French soldiers are a part of the 500 who came here on the way to Siberia a few weeks ago.

## LESS TALK WILL BE RULE

### Ten-Minute Limit on Speeches to Be Strictly Enforced.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—There will be less talk and more speed in the house in the future and every effort will be made to expedite business, Speaker Jones stated tonight.

The rule providing for a ten-minute limit on speeches will be strictly enforced, he stated, and it is possible the house will be asked to amend the rules to set a five-minute limit. The house only passed four bills today and the business of the body is becoming congested.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN UP

### Ordinance Prepared Setting Clocks Ahead in Portland.

The daylight saving plan introduced throughout the United States last year will be in vogue in Portland during the summer months if an ordinance which will be presented to the city council tomorrow by City Commissioner Bigelow is approved. Under the provisions of this ordinance the official time in Portland will be advanced one hour beginning at 3 o'clock A. M. of the last Sunday in March and continuing until 2 o'clock A. M. of the last Sunday in October. The ordinance provides that this plan continue automatically each year.

## EBERT MADE HEAD OF GERMAN STATE

### President Chosen by Vote of National Assembly

## NEW MINISTRY IS ANNOUNCED

### Provisional Constitution Is Adopted After Long Wrangle.

## HOUSE DEBATE IS EXCITING

### All Agreements With Nations in Allied League Must Have Sanction of National Assembly.

BASEL, Feb. 11.—The German national assembly today elected Friedrich Ebert president of the German state by a vote of 277 out of 379 votes, a majority of 102. Herr Ebert accepted the election. Count von Posadowsky-Wehner received 49 votes.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 11.—According to a dispatch from Weimar an agreement has been reached by the German national assembly on the composition of the new ministry, which will consist of 14 members. Philip Scheidemann has been selected chancellor; Dr. August Mueller, minister of economics; Herr Bauer, minister of labor, and Herr Landsberg, minister of national defense and justice.

Socialists Have Seven Seats.

Another portfolio will go to Dr. Eduard David, who resigns the presidency of the national assembly at Weimar, which position will be taken over by Konstantin Fehrenbach.

The socialists have seven seats in the cabinet, the democrats have three and the centrists have three, including Mathias Erbsberger, who will hold the post of minister without portfolio. Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, anti-socialist, will be foreign minister.

WEIMAR, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The national assembly unanimously adopted a provisional constitution at 6 o'clock this evening after a three-hour wrangle between the independent socialists on one hand and all the rest of the house on the other over a single point—the question of secret agreements.

Independents Won Over.

Although the independents lost in their contention that Germany should pave the way for the entire world in going definitely on record in favor of open diplomatic agreements, they arose belatedly to make the acceptance of the constitution as whole unanimous, dem-

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## NAVAL EXPANSION IS APPROVED IN HOUSE

### THREE YEARS' BUILDING PLAN VOTED AFTER DEBATE.

### Programme Carries Construction of Battleships, Ten Cruisers, Appropriation Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Administration leaders in the house won their fight for a declaration by congress of a policy of naval expansion unless limitation of world armament is agreed upon at the peace conference. After an all-day debate the house voted, 194 to 142, to approve the new three-year building programme of ten battleships and ten scout cruisers and immediately afterwards adopted the entire naval appropriation bill.

Legislation for the new programme was voted in order as a part of the annual appropriation bill today by the house, which adopted, 295 to 148, a special rule to restore provisions struck out yesterday on points of order by Republican Leader Mann.

One hundred and thirty-one republicans, with 14 democrats, an independent, a socialist and a prohibitionist, joined in opposing the rule, while 172 democrats, with 32 republicans and an independent, cast affirmative votes.

With the adoption of the rule the house rejected various amendments framed yesterday to save the building programme from Mr. Mann's parliamentary coup and debate began on original building provisions under an agreement for a final vote at the end of two hours' debate.

## SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED

### Denver Finds It Impossible to Fill Places of Strikers.

DENVER, Feb. 11.—The 25 public schools closed yesterday by a strike of the stationary engineers remained closed today, despite efforts of school officials to fill the places of strikers. Seventeen thousand students and 425 teachers at the schools are affected by the strike.

"It is impossible to fill when the schools will reopen," said Carlos M. Cole, superintendent of schools, today.

## FEATURES OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Senate.

Differences settled on bill creating court of domestic relations for Multnomah County and bill reported for passage.

Multnomah delegation decides to elect Lieutenant-Governor George H. Kelly as commissioner for port of Portland.

House.

Kills bill to regulate social evils on plan used by war department in cantonments.

Copies of proposed constitutional amendment appear among members for merging of ports of Astoria and Portland and 16 Columbia river and Willamette valley counties into proposed port of Columbia.

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## LEGISLATORS FACE BIG POST-WAR TASK

### Measures Asked on Five Reconstruction Phases.

## ACTION WILL BE EXPEDITED

### Lack of Unity Feared as End of Session Draws Near.

## EXPERIMENT TO BE MADE

### Transportation, Ports, Irrigation, Cultivation of Logged-Off Lands and Building Work Outlined.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Five phases of reconstruction legislation will be submitted to the legislature by the end of the week, or early next week at the latest. These are transportation development, port development, irrigation, cultivation of logged-off lands and a building programme. That will expedite action several lawyers in Portland will be asked Wednesday to prepare measures and send them to Salem.

It is believed that this action will simplify formation of the plan and enable members of the senate and the house to grasp the scope of the reconstruction problem.

Legislators to Know Task.

There is a sentiment among some lawmakers against holding a special session to consider measures prepared by the reconstruction commission. These insist that the present session can deal with the subject. Others want to name the personnel of the commission. Friends of the reconstruction plans have mapped out the five points indicated and hope, by having measures on these topics prepared and submitted as quickly as possible, that the legislature will have an inkling of the task and be willing to come back in about three months to consider completed bills.

Handling of Measures Problem.

How these five measures can be best handled is a problem. It is feared, that if the Burdick element is identified with the bills some of the Jones supporters will be antagonistic, and vice versa. The suggestion has been advanced that the measures bear names from both camps, such as Burdick, Gallagher and Smith from Baker, and Gordon, Sheldon and Bean. By such a method it is hoped a unity of action can be obtained.

With the exception of about \$1,000,000, or \$2,000,000 at most, the reconstruction programme can be carried out, it is argued, without additional

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## GOVERNOR LISTER MAY QUIT STATE FOR TIME

### CHANGE OF CLIMATE URGED FOR SAKE OF HEALTH.

### Washington Executive Expected to Go to California, as Improvement Is Not as Fast as Desired.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11.—As a result of recent conferences of Governor Lister's immediate friends, it is believed he can be induced to try a change of climate within the next two weeks, following the full enactment of legislation in which he is particularly interested. Medical opinion is said to be that the governor's chances of rapid recovery will be greatly increased by this move.

If the governor decides to make the change, it is believed he will go to California. His condition is reported as no worse, but signs of decided improvement are what his friends desire.

With the capital building bill signed and the Columbia river basin project appropriation disposed of, it is believed Governor Lister may revoke his previously expressed determination not to leave the state while the legislature is in session. Settlement of the general strike is another factor urged as justification for relaxation at this time.

## "CO-EDS" RIVAL DIANA

### Deep Breathing Improves Stature of Girls at University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The average chest expansion of 200 women of the university is 3 inches, according to records just compiled from the examinations given by the physical education department. The ninth rib expansion average is 3.1 inches.

These figures show that there is a tendency among the girls to breathe more deeply, says Miss Harriet Thomson, instructor in the department. This is due, she asserts, to the fact that physical exercise is becoming more popular and the old manner of chest breathing is disappearing. The average weight of the 200 girls examined was 119 pounds and their average age, 18.8 years.

## PAIR, 68, WED THIRD TIME

### Charity Hope Bride of Robert Taylor, Klickitat Farmer.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Robert Kerr Taylor, a farmer in the Blockhouse section of Klickitat county, and Charity Caroline Hope, of Goldendale, each embarked on the matrimonial sea for the third time Sunday, both are 68 years old.

Mrs. Taylor formerly lived at Columbus, where she conducted a hotel for many years and recently has been operating a boarding house at Goldendale. Mr. Taylor was born at Mount Vernon, Mo., and Mrs. Taylor is a native of Errol, New Hampshire.

## KAROLYI DEMANDS FACTS

### Hungary's President Insists on Fixing War Responsibility.

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 10.—A full investigation of responsibility for the continuance of Hungary's participation in the war and also concerning "cruelty and barbarism committed in Siberia, Belgium and France, the ruthless submarine war, the inhuman war in the air and the use of gases and bombs," Count Karolyi, the president of Hungary, demanded today at a meeting of the Hungarian constituent assembly, according to a dispatch from Budapest.

Unfortunately this environment is not without effect upon the weighty considerations regarding further extension of the terms of armistice, which must be renewed on February 17. The French are insistent that new conditions be added to the rigor and severity of the terms. Americans and British do not wholly sympathize with this demand. The compromise views seems probable through the medium of a new clause with compensation features.

New Terms Proposed.

The plan is to frame the new armistice so that its terms, at least partially, may be afterwards embodied in the final peace treaty. This may be done to the extent of including in the document certain regulations to assure German good conduct, in return for which the blockade will be lifted and food and necessary supplies will flow into Germany.

The French have been always opposed to lightening the blockade. Now they seem willing to permit that course if certain military concessions shall be made, such as the occupation of Essen, of the Krupp properties and possibly other plants. Their further demand for further occupation of the left bank of the Rhine, the extension of their military zone well over the right bank and the dismantling of all the forts along the western border of Germany. Still more important is their demand for the demobilization of the German army, which they would reduce to a force of 25 divisions or less.

Police Force to Be Allowed.

The supreme council gave three hours yesterday afternoon to discussion of this highly significant project. It has been virtually agreed to submit it to the German commission at the meeting next week.

President Wilson is understood to feel that German sincerity will be put to a thorough test at the meeting, for the conditions to be imposed cannot unfavorably affect a country which is not bent upon war. However far the conditions may be pressed, the Germans will certainly be left with sufficient army to police their territory.

Bernard Baruch and Vance McCormick probably will accompany the armistice commission to Spa as the American civilian observers of the meeting. Should the Germans accept the new terms a long step will have been taken toward erecting a permanent peace structure, of which the armistice will be the foundation.

## ALLIES TO KEEP GRIP ON FOE

### Armistice Periods May Be Shortened to Ten Days, It Is Said.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—A proposal to change the allied armistice policy and greatly

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