

JAPAN MAY ANNOUNCE SHANTUNG MOVE SOON

Washington Hears Chinese to Be Given Pledge of Relief.

LANSING TESTIMONY ASKED

Senate Committee Seeking First-Hand Information on How League Got in Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Japan's intentions in the Chinese province of Shantung, where she is given control by the Versailles treaty, soon are to be set forth in a formal declaration from the Tokyo government, according to information received today in official circles.

Although the exact nature of the declaration was not forecast, it was assumed it would follow the lines of the repeated statements of Japanese statesmen, that the province eventually is to be returned to China. In some quarters it was believed Japan might even set a date for the restoration and acknowledge publicly the secret understanding she is said to have with China. The reported declaration of Japan to make known its purposes is believed to be the outgrowth of informal diplomatic conversations between Washington and Tokyo regarding the American government's desire that all the facts in the case be given to the public. The president has told many senators that a complete exposure of the case would throw a new light on the Shantung provision.

Committee Calls Lansing. News of the expected development regarding Shantung reached the capitol after the foreign relations committee had opened the way to other important disclosures by asking Secretary Lansing to come before it Wednesday to discuss features of the treaty. It is expected that the sessions will be public, and that some of the committee members will want the secretary to tell much of the inside story of how the treaty with its league of nations covenant was drawn.

With the reassembling of the senate after the week-end recess, there was much discussion among senators as to the possible effect of the prohibition issue on the ratification fight. The subject became conspicuous through an interview between a representative of the House and Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska, leader of the pro-treaty forces, at which the former is said to have urged that peace be concluded so President Wilson could suspend war-time prohibition.

"We" Hand Suspected. Senator Hitchcock said he told his staff that the only way a state of peace could be established by ratification of the treaty, and remarked that ratification was being opposed by some senators with whom the "we" had been influential. Ever since President Wilson made it clear a month ago that he considered it impossible to declare the war complete, and thus make prohibition suspension possible, until peace had been established, treaty opponents have charged that the light interest was being lined up to force ratification. Senator Hitchcock said today, however, that there had been no effort of that sort and none was contemplated.

SHANTUNG ROW HELD POLITICS

Japanese Delegate at Paris Discusses Treaty With China.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Agitation in this country over the Shantung question is merely the work of political enemies of President Wilson, who have seized the question as a weapon against the president, declared Dr. T. Yamakawa, technical delegate with the Japanese mission at the peace conference, who is in Seattle en route home.

"Japanese consider the award of the peace conference just in the light of all circumstances," said Dr. Yamakawa, "and will oppose any attempt to alter the situation.

"The whole question involving Shantung was settled by treaty in 1915 between Japan and China. Under the terms of this treaty Japan was to assume control of all German possessions, but would jointly operate the railroads and mines with China. At the end of the war Japan was to return Tsingtao to China.

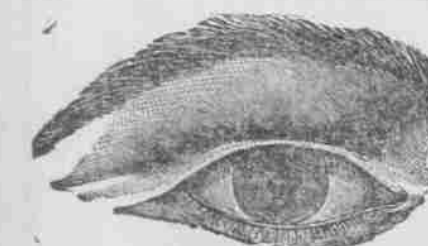
"But at the peace conference the Chinese delegates assumed a totally different attitude from that expressed at the time the 1915 treaty was signed. They did nothing short of completely repudiating the treaty, hiding behind the claim that China's subscription to the treaty was brought about solely through fear of Japanese force. This attitude was a great surprise to the Japanese delegates. We could not understand it. Through well-directed propaganda the Chinese have stirred up a great deal of sentiment, whereas, if the facts were fully known there should be no reason for it."

Accompanying Dr. Yamakawa home are Lieutenant-Colonel Minomiyama of the Japanese army and S. Yokota, an attaché at the Japanese embassy at Washington. Colonel Minomiyama was a military expert attached to the Japanese mission at the peace conference.

RACE WITH DEATH IS LOST

Frank W. Rogers of Roseburg Too Late to See Mother Alive.

Airplanes expected at Roseburg Sunday had not arrived when a train for



Portland drew up at the station, so Frank W. Rogers, despairing of making faster time to the bedside of his dying mother in this city, yesterday boarded it. He arrived yesterday morning to find that his mother, Mrs. Texie B. Rogers, wife of Joe Rogers, deputy county clerk, had died at 6:30 Sunday night.

Mrs. Rogers had been in ill health for many months and six weeks ago was operated on for cancer, since which time recovery was hardly hoped for. Her husband spent many nights at her bedside and days on duty at the courthouse, going for several days at a time without sleep. He is clerk of the court of the presiding judge and is known to all attorneys practicing at the local bar.

The Rogers were married at Waldo Hill, Or., 34 years ago. Mrs. Rogers was 60 years old. Their son is the only child. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon at Clough's parlors in Salem. Interment will be in Rocky Point-Waldo Hills cemetery.

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COLLEGE GETS COLONEL

WILLIAM F. SHARP TO COMMAND ARTILLERY STUDENTS.

Officer Who Has Been Overseas and Done Good Work Will Be Major Hanford's Successor.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Colonel William F. Sharp has arrived at Corvallis to take charge of the work of organizing a field artillery unit. He will succeed Major E. C. Hanford, who is on the temporary list. Major Hanford has received no definite instructions and it is hoped that he may be returned to the college. He has proved particularly popular.

Colonel Sharp, a graduate of the field artillery school of fire at Fort Sill, Okla., received his commission in 1907. He served in the Philippines from 1910 to 1913 and was inspector-instructor for the national guards of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico from 1913 to 1916. Colonel Sharp took the 11th field artillery overseas where he remained nearly a year and brought back the 21st field artillery, landing June 11. While inspector-instructor for the national guards from 1913 to 1916 he was in charge of the establishment of a battery at the Colorado Agricultural college at Fort Collins. Out of this battery 250 men went into service, many of whom were members of the 148th field artillery, made up of undergraduates of the Colorado Agricultural college, made a name for itself in the war.

GREASED PIG GRANGE AID

Vancouver Unions to Use Animal to Rebuke Profiteers.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—A greased pig, bearing the words, "We want the laboring man to catch this pig before the profiteer gets him," to be released in the city park labor day and to belong to the person who catches him, is to be the living illustration of the motive behind the recent alliance of organized labor and the granges.

Valley Grange No. 571 adopted this illustration at its meeting held at Barberton last Saturday night. When it voted \$25 to buy the pig and the grease with which to cover it and appointed a committee to train the pig.

The grange also went on record to join the labor organizations in their celebration and voted to co-operate with the store which is being operated by the labor organizations.

ALBANY'S EX-CHIEF DIES

Anthony Austin, Resident of State for 33 Years, Succumbs.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Anthony Austin, one of the best known three-termers of this section of the state and former chief of police of Albany, died at his home here today, aged 59 months. He had been ill the past 15 months.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Austin came to Oregon 33 years ago and settled on a farm near Albany. He moved to Albany 21 years ago, where he lived on the farm and also in town he operated a threshing outfit in the territory adjacent to this city, engaging in the work continuously for more than three decades. In 1913 he was appointed chief of police of Albany to serve an unexpired term and was chosen for a full term at the next election.

DRAINAGE CONTRACT LET

100,000 Acres Near Klamath Are to Be Reclaimed With Dikes.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Secretary of Interior Franklin Lane signed a contract last week whereby Doak and Brown and J. Frank Adams will reclaim about 100,000 acres of private and public lands of the upper Klamath basin. Under the terms of the contract they must complete the diking within three years and have posted bonds aggregating \$36,000 for its fulfillment.

OREGON CITY CALLS PASTOR

Baptist Church Invites Rev. W. D. Pettibone of Idaho Falls.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 4.—The Baptist church last Sunday sent a call to Rev. W. D. Pettibone, pastor in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to fill the vacancy made through the recent resignation of Rev. W. T. Milliken, who has been called to Highland Baptist church in Portland. Rev. Mr. Pettibone has been in the Idaho pulpit for the past three years.

GIRL, 4, KILLED BY TRUCK

Child Falls From Bicycle and Rolls From Walk Under Passing Vehicle.

MARKSFIELD, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—A heavy motor truck, belonging to McCullum & Partners of North Bend, today killed the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Vandecar.

Pendleton Short of Rain.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Rainfall in this section for the month of July fell .41 of an inch below normal. In fact, four one-hundredths of an inch represent the total rainfall for the month and three-quarters of that came on the first day of the month. The rainfall for the same month last year was .44 of an inch.

Sulphur Increases Alfalfa Yield.

BEND, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Use of sulphur in strengthening irrigated lands in the Tumalo district is resulting in record alfalfa yields this year. On the ranch of W. B. Davidson, the first cutting from one acre totaled 3.22 tons.

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Apparently Dr. Hill had died more than a week ago just as he was leaving for the Breitenbush hot springs, where relatives supposed he was taking a vacation. Because members of his family with whom he boarded were taking a vacation coincidentally with his supposed trip and everything about his apartments, in which he lived alone, indicated that he had gone as planned, his death was not discovered.

Dr. Hill planned to leave Albany a week ago last Thursday morning. On the preceding night, his baggage was taken to the depot and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ward, with whom he boarded, left for Newport Thursday morning. Dr. Hill's son, Gale S. Hill, noticed that the blinds were drawn and everything about his office and his living apartments, which adjoined his office, were as he always left them when on a trip. Later he visited the apartments to see if everything was all right and looked into the windows and saw that things were apparently as the doctor had left them.

Dr. Hill had ordered his mail sent to the Breitenbush Hot Springs, so none of it was going to his residence, and relatives who were at the office or apartments at different times found nothing unusual.

Body Found in Apartment.

Dr. C. C. Cleek of this city returned yesterday from the Breitenbush Hot Springs and, in a casual conversation last night with Fred Ward, Dr. Hill's son-in-law, the fact developed that the doctor was not at the springs. His apartments were then broken into and his body was found. Apparently he had risen and, partly dressed, had raised the blind on his bedroom window and had started to walk into the front of his apartments when he fell down and died instantly. The body was lying, however, in a position where it could not be seen from the windows.

Dr. Hill had been in failing health for about two years, but his condition in the past few months was better than it had been previously. He was down town on the day preceding his death, and on the night before his son was at his apartments and he seemed in usual health.

Doctor One of Pioneers.

Dr. Hill was 74 years old, having been born in Tennessee February 11, 1845. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1853 and had resided in Oregon ever since. His father, Dr. Reuben C. Hill, settled in Benton county near Albany and was the first physician in this section of the state. Besides practicing medicine, he was a Baptist minister and was one of the most active pioneer ministers, working as a physician all week and preaching on Sunday.

Dr. J. L. Hill attended the local schools, worked for a short time as a printer and then took up the study of medicine under the direction of his father. He then entered the medical department of Willamette university, from which he was graduated in 1871. He began practicing medicine in Vista, but soon afterward moved to Albany and had resided here continuously ever since.

Place as Instructor Held.

He was not only prominent as a physician but as a writer and lecturer on medical subjects and he was an instructor for several years in the medical department of Willamette university. He was student of more than 100 local reputation and was a voluminous writer on many subjects. He had the best private library in this section of the state. Dr. Hill was active in business affairs in the community for many years. He had extensive property interests here and at one time owned more than 100 dwelling houses in Albany.

Dr. Hill was prominent for years in public affairs. He never sought office personally, however, though he served at one time as mayor of Albany. He was especially prominent also in the work of different fraternal orders and a past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon. He was a charter member of St. Johns lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of this city, and was also a member of the local lodges of Elks, Odd Fellows, Artisans and Moose. He was the founder of the 2500, a local insurance society, and had served as its president continuously from its organization.

Bird Collection Extensive.

Dr. Hill also has been prominent as an ornithologist and had a collection of stuffed birds from all parts of the world. He also had one of the first museums in this section of the state and had a wonderful collection of curios and relics of all kinds.

Dr. Hill had traveled rather extensively and in 1914 made a trip around the world. He is survived by three children, Clyde L. Hill of Sydney, Australia; Gisle E. Hill of Albany, district attorney of Linn county, and Mrs. Emily G. Ward of this city. He is also survived by three brothers and one sister: W. Laile Hill, a prominent attorney of Oakland, Cal., formerly equally well known in local circles in the northwest; G. A. Hill of Seattle, Wash., formerly county clerk of Linn county; H. Taylor Hill of Portland and Mrs. Addie Thompson of this city.

LAKE'S STATUS IN DOUBT

Squatters Want Dry Bed and Settlers Claim Land, Too.

BEND, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Just what the status of 11,000 acres in Lake county, made available for agriculture by the evaporation of the waters of Silver Lake, is a question which is puzzling ranchers and squatters alike. The latter, whose farms adjoin what was formerly the lake margin, claim riparian rights, while squatters are waiting for a government survey to be made in order that they can make homestead filings.

The squatters, it is said, have been advised to leave the locality, but are refusing to do this. Only a part of the lake bed is under cultivation.

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