W. D. WHEELWRIGHT DEFENDS JAPANESE

Statements of Missouri Senator Are Refuted.

PRESENT POLICY SCORED

Americans Asked to Speak Words of Peace Rather Than Those Which Will Provoke War.

In answer to an assault made by Senator Reed of Missouri upon the Japanese and upon the relation of the league of nations covenant to that nation in an address before the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce a week ago, William D. Wheelwright delivered an address before that body yesterday noon. Mr. Wheelwright, who is president of the Pacific Export Timber company, has had commercial relations with the Japanese for many years, and has made several visits to that country, the last one being from November, 1918, to June, 1919. A large number of business men were present to hear the address, many of those who had heard Senator Reed the week before being in attendance.

"It is an amazing thing that a senator of the United States, disregarding his responsibility as a member of one of the three branches of the government, should come here and make a wanton attack on a friendly nation which was only recently our ally, and with which we are at peace," said Mr. Wheelwright. "I am safe in saying that no member of our community has ever received from any Japanese visitor anything but the perfect courtesy that marks the highest breeding, and it seems to me particularly unfortunate that their unvarying politeness should have been met with such rank discourtesy. Personally I deplore this attack more acutely than others, perhaps, because I am so well acquainted with the qualities of the Japanese people, knowing them to be the gentlest, the kindest and the most susceptible to gentle and kindly treatment of any people in the world."

Shantung Case Reviewed.

Mr. Wheelwright referred to the great growth made by the Japanese in 50 years and of the high civilization which has been developed almost within the span of a single generation. Using the report of Senator Reed's address which appeared in The Oregonian last Tuesday morning, the speaker took up each section of the senator's talk for refutation. In regard to the Shantung case, which Senator Reed dwelt upon at length, Mr. Wheelwright said:

"The facts in the Shantung case are as follows, taken from an article from the pen of an American resident of China for 30 years, that appears in the current number of the Review of Reviews: 'Germany had a leasehold on less than 200 square miles (168 I believe, to be exact) of territory surrounding the port of Tsingtao. The Chinese control of the province was in no way affected and the same is true now. No political right of the Chinese is interfered with in Shantung. The Japanese control the mines within ten kilometers of the railway, but these mines all have been developed by the Germans and not by the Chinese at all.'

"As for the return of Shantung to China, we have the word of Viscount Ishii, given at Seattle in a public meeting last summer, that Japan would make the transfer as soon as possible after she had come into possession of the archives of the German government, which under the treaty were to come into her possession three months after the date of final ratification. This statement has been confirmed and repeated in effect by Viscount Uchida, foreign minister.

Comparison Is Made.

"Now compare these facts with the following statement of Senator Reed: 'Through secret agreement between Japan, France and England, the nations were bound to hand Shantung over to Japan and by so doing Japan came into possession of one of the oldest and richest of Chinese provinces and added 36,000,000 people to the population of her empire.'

"As against this, the occupants of the leased territory are variously estimated at 50,000 to 60,000 and even they are subject to the government of China and not of Japan. And furthermore, Japan took nothing from China, not an inch of her territory, nor a stone of her fortresses, nor a mile of her railroads, nor a single mine, nor town, nor building. All the development of that portion of Shantung was the work of Germany, and it was from Germany that Japan wrested the harbor, the fortifications and the city of Tsingtao.

"Senator Reed is quoted as grouping the late republican president, Theodore Roosevelt, with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, as a man of staunch and steadfast American policy, and it is a matter of great satisfaction that Mr. Reed himself named one of the foremost men of all his time in such manner that he himself must bow to that authority. For Colonel Roosevelt said of anti-Japanese agitation in June of 1918:

"'This is of international importance; we must attack this wherever we see it' and 'Doesn't any sane man see that Japan's friendship is the best asset that we can have in the orient?' And that Mr. Roosevelt's position in 1918 was no new thing is shown by the fact that in his annual message to Congress of December 4, 1906, he urged legislation that would allow the Japanese to become naturalized citizens of this country."

Colonel Roosevelt Quoted.

Mr. Wheelwright then quoted from Colonel Roosevelt's paper, printed in the New York Times of October 30, 1919, urging friendship between this nation and Japan.

"Senator Reed says," he continued, "that under the league covenant we would be pledged to send our boys to fight for Japan, right or wrong. Whereas Senator Reed knows that under the covenant no single soldier could be sent out of the United States to fight for any cause without the consent of the American member of the council of five (whose decisions must be unanimous), and the further authority of an act of congress.

"Now ask yourselves if it is wise for us to cultivate and develop the existing antagonism between the Japanese and ourselves; treat them, as we are doing, with contempt and insult, heap indignities upon them such as were uttered here a week ago, refuse to meet them as equals, deny them the rights to which they are entitled under what our constitution declares to be the supreme law of the land, until they shall have been goaded to such hatred as shall move them when they shall have obtained control of Asia (as one day they will, as surely as intelligence drives out ignorance) to use their hundreds of millions of mercenaries for the conquest and subjugation of a world from which to her no hand of welcome is extended."

The speaker closed with an urgent appeal for all Americans to speak the words of peace instead of those that are provocative of war.

Other speakers at the luncheon were Miss Lutie Stearns of Milwaukie, who urged distribution of the milk supply so that all children would be cared for in this regard; A. G. Clark, who urged the support of home industries, and W. C. Alderson, county superintendent of schools, who spoke on behalf of the proposed two-mill tax levy to provide for an increase in salaries of teachers.

MAYOR LIBELED, CHARGE

SEATTLE PRINTER IS ACCUSED BY CITY EXECUTIVE.

Alleged Offender Long Identified With Various Political Activities in Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Mayor Fitzgerald is complaining witness in an information charging criminal libel filed today by Charles E. Claypool, deputy prosecuting attorney, in Justice O. W. Brinker's court against Joe Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Piggott printing concern and long identified with various political activities in this state.

Constable D. C. Brown arrested Smith this afternoon and brought him before Justice Brinker. Smith signed a personal recognizance bond and was released until time of his trial.

The complaint against Smith charges that on January 9 the accused "maliciously and unlawfully published, in the form of handbills and cards, circulated and distributed by the said Joseph Smith, a malicious and willful defamation of false tenor and effect, that is to say: 'For Mayor —Cecil B. Fitzgerald, sample portrait. Has the unqualified indorsement of his private secretary.' This followed by the union label of the allied printing trades council No. 67 and the words 'paid for by the city of Seattle.'

"Meaning thereby to insinuate that the said C. B. Fitzgerald was fraudulently, corruptly and criminally guilty of malfeasance in the office of mayor of the city of Seattle."

FRUIT PRUNING URGED

Horticultural Inspector Declares Time Is at Hand.

Now is the time to prune fruit trees, according to the advice of the Multnomah county horticultural inspector. The work should be done at this time in order to insure a crop of fruit and a healthy tree, it was stated, and those unable to find experienced pruners have been asked to phone to or visit the office of the horticultural inspector at room 152 courthouse.

Fruit trees in the yards of nearly every home in Multnomah county have been badly neglected, both as to pruning and as to spraying, according to the inspector, and proper care of the trees is urged, not only to avoid complaint later from the horticultural inspector, but also to prevent doing an injustice to neighbors whose trees are healthy and well cared for.

WAITRESSES AID NEEDY

Multnomah Hotel Employes Will Provide for Three Families.

Three poor families in Portland are to be supplied with gifts of food, clothing and fuel by dining-room employes at the Multnomah hotel. Purchases will be made from a fund of $70 collected from a most unusual source.

On the first payday of the year each employe found an additional $5 in his envelope, as the personal gift of Eric V. Hauser, proprietor of the hotel. The waitresses and others connected with the dining-rooms held a meeting, at which it was suggested that they take half of the gift and use it for needy families. Miss Ethel Duncan, head waitress, yesterday directed a delegation, which called upon the families to ascertain their needs.

NINE ASK FOR REWARD

Board to Determine Who Should Get Pay for Slayer's Capture.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Nine persons, both men and women, have filed claims for the reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of the late Frank Gowan, a local Chinese merchant. To dispose of these claims County Judge Cornelius and Mayor Bremner today appointed a board of arbitration, consisting of Major W. S. Gilbert, O. I. Peterson and Asmus Brix.

This board will meet on the morning of January 20 to hear the claims and make the awards.

ASYLUM ASKED FOR NEW

Defense Says Permanent Confinement as Insane Man Necessary.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—Harry New, alleged murderer of his fiancee, Freda Lesser, should be permanently confined as an insane man, the jury trying him was told today by Judge Rush of counsel for the defense in an all-day argument.

"We are not pleading temporary insanity, I want you to understand," Rush said. "We want this man placed in an asylum for the remainder of his life. That's where he belongs. He isn't fit to be turned loose on the community."

PRESIDENT OF BABY HOME QUITS OFFICE

After 12 Years' Service, Mrs. D. C. Burns Resigns.

CO-WORKERS ARE LAUDED

Retiring Executive Pays Tribute to Board Members, Physicians and Other Helpers.

Mrs. D. C. Burns, for 12 years president of the Waverly Baby home, has resigned the office. Her resignation was accepted yesterday at the meeting of the board of the home held in the office of F. S. Akin, secretary, in the Broadway building.

A successor to Mrs. Burns will be elected at 2 o'clock next Monday at the board meeting in the same office. Yesterday F. C. Knapp, A. F. Flegel and A. L. Keenan were elected directors. Others on the board are Mr. Akin, L. E. Kern, Charles Dodd, Mrs. F. C. Knapp, Mrs. J. Francis Drake, Mrs. William Shephard, Mrs. T. C. Allison and Miss Veila Winner.

Mrs. Burns Tells of Work.

Mrs. Burns did not attend the meeting, but in an interview regarding her retirement she said:

"I do not regret the time I gave to the home, for the fact that I was able to do something for little children was a source of great pleasure to me. The babies have been well cared for and except for the serious and fatal sickness that made its appearance several months ago we have had a splendid record for ten years. I cannot speak too highly of our old board members, F. S. Akin, A. L. Keenan, L. E. Kern and Charles Dodd. They have been faithful and their work deserves great praise."

Of the doctors who give their services Mrs. Burns said:

"The work of Mrs. Bliderbach, C. L. Booth, Patrick, and Dr. Bertha Stuart Dyment has been praiseworthy and unselfish and the press and public have been generous. I want to thank them all."

Clarence Gilbert, attorney for the home, also received her hearty commendation.

Successor Not Yet Known.

When asked who would be in line for the presidency Mrs. Burns said she did not know, but had heard Tommy Swivel and Mr. Kern both mentioned. However, it might be someone else. She couldn't say as she had not been in touch with some of the workers.

The Baby home office had no information regarding the possible choice of an executive and is not prepared to announce a choice until next Monday.

Of the field worker, Mrs. L. Shepherd, Mrs. Burns said:

"She is a wonderful solicitor, but I don't know what she has been doing lately as I haven't been informed. I shall continue to be interested and to work for the babies, but am glad to be relieved of the responsibility at last, for I have carried the burden a long time and would have resigned long ago had we been able to persuade someone else to take the office. Now, however, I feel that the time has come when someone must take it. I prepared my resignation about four months ago."

HOLDING CONCERN FORMS

$1,000,000 COMPANY TO GET CONTROL OF SHIPPING HOUSE.

Agent Announces That Change Will Have No Effect on Transfer of Lumber to Orient.

A million-dollar corporation to be known as the China-Pacific company, formed to take over a controlling interest in the China Import & Export company, is now being incorporated here, it was announced yesterday by C. E. Dant of Dant & Russell, lumber exporters, who are agents for the China Import & Export Lumber company. The new company was organized by C. L. Seitz of Shanghai, China, on his recent visit to this city.

Stock in the China-Pacific company is held principally in Portland and Shanghai, Mr. Dant said, with a small interest also held in San Francisco.

Dant & Russell will continue as agents for the China Import & Export Lumber company, and the organization of the new concern, which is merely a holding company, will have no effect, Mr. Dant said, on the amount of lumber moving from the Columbia river to the orient.

Because of the scarcity of tonnage for the trans-Pacific movement of lumber, the China Import & Export Lumber company in 1919 touched the lowest record of business in its history of 20 years' continuous operation. Only 35,000,000 feet of lumber were exported by this company for the year. With more tonnage available this year, the figures for 1920 will show an immense increase over those of last year, Mr. Dant predicts.

As a starter for this year's business, Dant & Russel supplied the cargo of lumber for the motorship Challamba, which put to sea from Astoria Saturday with a full cargo for Alexandria, Egypt. This company is also to supply a full cargo of lumber for the 8800-ton steel steamer West Kader, which started up from Astoria yesterday morning to load at the Inman-Poulsen mill. She was expected to start loading this morning, as she was fully manned, provisioned and fueled, and will be ready to begin working the cargo as soon as she arrives. The vessel was detained by fog in the river last night.

Mr. Dant returned yesterday from a business trip to San Francisco.

I. W. W. DEFENSE REBUKED

ATTORNEY VANDERVEER ROILS COURT AT VANCOUVER.

Trial of Mike Hennessy for Violation of State Syndicalism Law Is Progressing.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—At the trial of Mike Hennessy, in the superior court of Clarke county, George F. Vanderveer, attorney for I. W. W., throughout the state of Washington, caused some fireworks today.

An interesting sidelight is the fact that Vanderveer will himself be tried tomorrow before W. R. Wilson, justice of the peace at Minnehaha, on a charge of illegally talking to prisoners in the county jail.

Hennessy is being tried for violating the criminal syndicalism law. Today, when a state's witness was on the stand, and Vanderveer had asked a question to which P. J. Kirwin, special prosecutor, objected, and was sustained, Vanderveer asked the same question again and again Mr. Kirwin objected, appealing to the court. Judge Back addressed Vanderveer, "The court has ruled twice before on this matter, so stop asking this question."

And again, Mr. Vanderveer attempted to argue with Judge Back, who reproved him by saying, "The court has already ruled—there need be no argument, Mr. Vanderveer."

William S. Uren, well-known attorney in Portland, will defend Mike Hennessy tomorrow as Mr. Vanderveer will be on trial himself. He has demanded a jury trial and obtained a change of venue from Cedric Miller, justice of the peace of Vancouver, who fought in France 18 months.

MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Apoplexy Fatal to H. P. Brownrigg of Jennings Lodge.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Henry P. Brownrigg, who resides near Jennings Lodge, was found dead at his home today by his daughter, Mrs. Sheppard, who resides near the Brownrigg home. The father was lying on the floor, where he had evidently been for several hours. Dr. Frank Mount of this city, gave apoplexy as the cause of death. E. L. Johnson, coroner, was called, but did not deem an inquest necessary.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Sheppard of Jennings Lodge; a sister, Mrs. Smock, residing in San Diego, Cal., and a nephew, A. L. Smock, of 215 North Jersey street, Portland.

EMPTY CARS SENT WEST

Senator McNary Tells of Efforts of Railroad Administration.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—That every effort is being made by the federal railroad administration officials to divert empty cars west and thereby relieve the present shortage of carriers in the Pacific northwest was information contained in a telegram received at the offices of the Oregon public service commission today from Senator McNary.

In a previous telegram Senator McNary informed the commission that he had arranged for a meeting with railroad officials and it is believed here that today's message deals with the result of that conference.

REED VOTES ON TREATY

Peace Pact and Covenant Without Reservations Wins.

Reed college students voted yesterday to ratify the treaty of peace and the covenant of the league of nations without reservations, while ratification with reservations was a close second. Reed faculty votes tied on the two propositions, while three votes were cast for the Lodge reservations.

With two-thirds of the student body voting, the results were as follows:

For ratification without reservations, 69.

For reservations which would result in immediate ratification, 55.

For adoption with the senate reservations, 27.

Against the treaty in any form were 8 voters, 17 asked for a separate treaty with Germany and 23 favored the Lodge reservations.

A separate ballot was cast on the proposition calling for such reservations which would prevent the treaty from being resubmitted to a peace conference. The result was 128 to 45 in favor.

GERMAN PLOT IS EXPOSED

Plan to Scuttle Ships Not Turned Over to Allies Reported.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 12.—A plan to scuttle the German warships not yet turned over to the allies is being considered by officers of the German navy, according to information received by the majority socialist party leaders.

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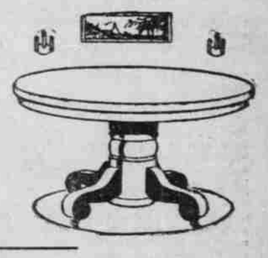

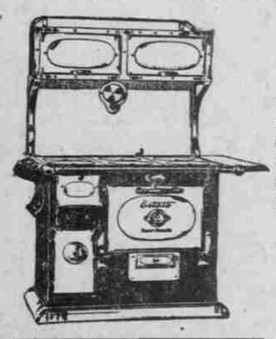

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