

JAPANESE PRAISE  
TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS  
Adjustment With United States Held Possible.

DIET HEARS ADDRESSES  
Foreign Minister Uchida Declares Exchanges on California Legislation Are Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Negotiations between Japan and the United States for adjustment of issues arising from anti-foreign land legislation by California were viewed as satisfactory and hopeful by Premier Hara and Foreign Minister Uchida in addresses yesterday at the re-opening of the Japanese diet.

Premier Hara declared that the exchange of views through Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador here, and Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, were proceeding in a most friendly spirit for an amicable adjustment. He added that Japan was "confidently looking forward to a satisfactory settlement."

Foreign Minister Uchida said that "a frank and free exchange of views has been proceeding on various points involved."

Addresses Made Public.  
The addresses of the two officials were made public tonight by the Japanese embassy.

Both referred to the sending of the Japanese troops to the Chinese district of China following the burning of the Japanese consulate and the killing of several Japanese at Hun Chun, and announced that the main object of the treaty was the maintenance of order was assured. Viscount Uchida also told of the league of nations assembly and declaration that it was the intention of Japan "to make endeavors in nearly co-operation with other powers for the attainment of the treaty."

He expressed satisfaction that the meeting resulted in a composition of the differences between Japan and Great Britain relative to the mandate, and after saying that the league had appointed a disarmament commission, asserted:

"As a matter of principle disarmament is to be welcomed for the general welfare of the human race, and the Japanese government is paying special attention to the question. The end may be found impossible unless all nations act in harmony and in good faith."

Good Relations Cited.  
"The historic good relations between Japan and the United States need no reiteration," said Foreign Minister Uchida, in taking up what his colleague had termed "the California question."

"Relations between the two nations have steadily grown in importance. It is true that this friendly relationship is not without an occasional misunderstanding of incidents; that is almost inevitable in any international relations. But I am firmly of the opinion that fundamentally the relations between Japan and America is as cordial as ever. I am happy to notice that in recent years the popular understanding between the two nations has been greatly helped by the close and frequent contact of influential men of both countries."

"I have to draw attention to the unfortunate event which has occurred in our relations with the United States. Last November California passed through the initiative and referendum. The new land law is a cognate law of 1913, made more drastic. That it came at a time of unrest and discrimination against the Japanese, which the Japanese government expressed at the legislation of 1913 is still more lamentable. The difficulty arising between Japan and America from legislation of 1913 has unfortunately remained unsettled."

COMPENSATION LAW  
CHANGES DEMANDED  
Washington Referendum Aim if Legislature Fails.

REPORT FILED BY GROUP  
Increases for Pensioners Made Widows Prior to 1919 and No Limit on Children Sought.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—What is in effect a declaration of organized labor of its intention to draft and submit to the voters of the state under the initiative and referendum act a revised workmen's compensation law, if the present legislation declines to make the revisions asked, was contained in a report submitted by the labor group yesterday to the joint committee of employers and workers.

The report was signed by the labor sub-committee, the members of which were Clair Covert of Seattle and Fred B. Norman of Raymond, and was concurred in by the other labor members of the joint committee, Harry R. Wood, J. H. Northway and F. M. Sharp.

The report, giving the causes of the disagreement, was in part as follows:

Widow Pension Lift Sought.  
"That in the cases of widows who were made pensioners prior to 1919, that the pensions of such widows be increased from \$25 a month, and that the pensions of all children under 16, now or hereafter, on the pension rolls be increased from \$5 to \$10 a month, without limit as to number of children in one family."

These suggestions, however, were subject to the reservation that such increases should be limited only to those widows who made formal application within two years and date only from the time of filing application.

The report also covering the children made pensioners prior to June 1919, also will be subject to the same question of constitutionality, and they likewise gradually cease to be pensioners as they reach the age of 16.

Added Cost Held Trivial.  
As to the item removing limit on number of pensioners in one family, it was stated that the removal of this would affect less than 24 per cent of the dependent families. In the cases of temporary disability, the proposed rise of limit of allowances from two to four children would affect less than 12 per cent of these cases and the added cost would be trivial.

No increases whatever were offered for those who become widows in the future. Nothing further was offered in awards for partial or permanent disability cases in lieu of limb, arm, eyesight, etc. No reduction would be made in the seven-day waiting period before an injured workman can begin to draw benefits.

CRIME RISES  
RAPIDLY IN FRANCE  
Murders Not as Numerous as Bunco Games.

POLICE ARE KEPT BUSY  
Organization of Aerial Squadron Begun, Following Escapes of Criminals by Air Route.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—(Special Cable.)—The wave of crime in France is rising to tidal heights. It is characterized less by violence, perhaps, than appears to be the case on the other side of the Atlantic, but by a greater variety and volume of confidence games, crimes of the pocket and the hand.

Business depression has left French producers and middlemen with large stocks of goods on their hands. To dispose of this surplus, they are willing to take extraordinary risks. High-class swindlers have been quick to sense this and take advantage of it.

Police Are Kept Busy.  
The French police are by no means idle in the face of this epidemic of law breaking, which includes numbers of murders, assaults, robberies and burglaries, as well as big counter swindlers.

Forgery Made Impossible.  
Lecord also has invented what he calls graphotometry, which scientifically assures identification of handwriting and makes forgery impossible.

Several crooks having escaped from France in airplanes, the ministry of the interior is organizing aerial police units to guard the frontiers and prevent the arrival or departure over French territory of suspicious aircraft. The police planes will be equipped with searchlights and must be of the fastest model.

Option Obtained by Youth.  
The most Napoleonic enterprise planned by any French confidence man whose duty it will be to guard the frontiers and prevent the arrival or departure over French territory of suspicious aircraft.

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PAYNE LETTER PUBLISHED  
JUDGE SAID TO HAVE BEEN COGNIZANT OF FACT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine company, in a statement today, declared Judge John Barton Payne, formerly chairman of the shipping board, had been informed of an agreement between the company and the British government to protect British shipping interests.

K-5 DISASTER MYSTERY  
SUBMARINE DECLARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN RAMMED.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Beyond the fact that it seems established that the British submarine K-5 was not the cause of the disaster to the submarine off Land's End Thursday, this was the first British naval distinction since the armistice, and the worst submarine accident.

GAMBERTA RUMOR PROBED  
DISPOSAL OF BODY HELD CAUSE OF RIDICULE.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—(Special by Wire.)—It was publicly charged in Paris today that French officials were attempting to probe the disposal of the body of Gambetta, which was buried in the Pantheon last armistice day.

EARLY PLEBISCITE ASKED  
GERMANS AND POLES BOTH CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

BRUXELLES, Upper Silesia, Jan. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—German industrialists, Polish propagandists and men and women who work in the mines of Upper Silesia, expressed hope that the council of ambassadors will fix the earliest possible date for the plebiscite, which, they believe, will be the first step toward stabilization of the unsettled condition terrorizing and pauperizing much of the population.

WAGE CUT LAST IS URGED  
Kansas Governor, Raps Asking Rises During Readjustment.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Wages should be the last thing reduced during business readjustment, Kansas Governor H. Ross said in an address here yesterday.

BIG SHIPYARDS TO CLOSE  
Last Vessel Sent on Trial Trip From Hog Island Plant.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—Hog Island, once the world's greatest shipyard, Saturday sent its last vessel, the army transport Albatross, on a trial run off the Delaware capes and with its delivery to the emergency fleet corporation by the pressure of war.

G. E. FRAMKE IS ARRESTED  
Man Charged With False Sale Held in Jail at Eugene.

G. E. Framke, said to be a Portland automobile man, was arrested yesterday at Eugene on a warrant issued by the sheriff's office. The purpose of the charge is said to be that he "obtained" the signature of last night, but authorities said he was alleged that Framke had sold an interest in a Portland garage, of which he owned no part, to another, retaining and retaining on a note for \$450. He was indicted by the grand jury last week. It is said, Sheriff Steckels is holding Framke in the county jail at Eugene, awaiting the arrival of a Portland deputy.

SIMS WANTS 1 BIG BASE  
Repair Plant for Whole Fleet on Narragansett Bay Favored.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 23.—The navy yards on the Atlantic coast should be sold and the money used for the building of one big base on Narragansett bay, in the opinion of Rear Admiral William S. Sims, president of the naval war college.

TAX BILL HELD IN FAVOR  
Portland Board of Education Said to Be Back of Gordon Measure.

Herbert Gordon, author of the much-decried tax supervision bill, announced last night that he had received assurance from members constituting a majority of the board of education of Portland that there will be no opposition on the part of the board. Frank L. Shull and A. C. Newell, directors, personally conveyed their sentiments to him, he said.

CIGARETTE FIGHTER FIRED  
Kansas League Stops Salary of Lucy Gaston Page.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 23.—The Kansas Anti-Cigarette league has refused to pay Lucy Page Gaston, its organizer, any more salary or to be responsible for bills incurred in her campaign against the cigarette. Miss Gaston announced tonight, adding that she will go to Iowa to organize a league.

12-INCH MORTARS FIRED AT NIGHT  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Night long practice of 12-inch mortars firing at a target 8000 yards was held for the first time last night from Fort Scott. Illuminated airplane dropping fares aided the gunners. Wireless messages from the airplanes to the battery on shore gave the range.

Mrs. Harding at Washington.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Mrs. G. Harding arrived today to pass several days prior to joining Mr. Harding at St. Augustine, Fla.

NEWSPAPER MAN DIES.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Charles H. Bliss, assistant city editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, died here today after a week's illness. He was 29 years old and is survived by his parents, his widow, a daughter and a son. Mr. Bliss had been active in San Francisco newspaper circles for the last ten years.

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