

JAPAN HELD EAGER TO TALK DISARMING

Proposed Meeting Called Key to Many Problems.

OPTIMISTIC VIEW TAKEN

Ex-Minister of Justice Ozaki Declares Sentiment in Nippon Is to Reduce Forces.

TOKIO, July 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Yukio Ozaki, ex-minister of justice, at the conclusion of a 10,000-mile campaign unparalleled in Japan's political history, declared today that if the United States proposed a conference on limitation of armaments it would meet with an eager response throughout Japan.

M. Ozaki, whose achievements have made him the foremost Japanese liberal, added:

"I should like to convey this message to the people of the United States. If the American government proposes an international conference to discuss restriction of armaments it will surely be the beginning of a solution of all the diplomatic questions between Japan and the United States. If we are unable to prevent the clearly unnecessary wasteful naval competition, how can we expect to solve other irritable and more complicated questions between our two countries? The latter will easily adjust themselves when the former has been settled."

He said he spoke in almost all important cities from Kyushu, in the farthest south, to Hokkaido, in the farthest north, addressing more than 100,000 persons at 100 meetings, at which post cards were distributed so that his hearers could vote freely on disarmament. The final results on the returns from these cards, he asserted, showed that 94 per cent favored limitation.

The intense endeavor of M. Ozaki appears to have awakened the nation to the fact that armament restriction is the supreme problem of the era for Japan. An investigation in the highest official quarters elicited confirmation of previous statements that the government would welcome a conference on limitations.

MOTOR GIG IS BURNED

COMMANDER AND 2 OF CREW SEVERELY INJURED.

Commander Foote and 5 Sailors Leap Overboard and Are Picked Up by Boat.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—The motor gig of Commander Percy W. Foote of the United States ship Salem, burned to the water's edge in San Francisco bay shortly before midnight, severely burning the officer and two of the five men with him. They were returning to the Salem from shore at the time.

Commander Foote and the sailors jumped overboard from the gig when it started to burn and were picked up sometime later by a boat from the U. S. S. Tennessee.

News of the mishap did not get ashore until several hours after it had occurred. Commander Foote's hands were burned and Stenham H. Cunningham and Machinist's Mate P. J. Leckikner received burns on the face and body. Cunningham had no life preserver and was in the water nearly an hour before he was rescued. Commander Foote and the other four sailors, however, were picked up in about 15 minutes.

The gig became engulfed in flames at both the bow and stern almost at the same moment, according to the sailors. Faulty ignition was said to have caused the fire.

Commander Foote was taken aboard the U. S. S. Tennessee and the five sailors were taken to the hospital ship Mercy, where their injuries were attended.

The navy tug Vigilant attempted to get a line aboard the gig to prevent it from sinking, but was unsuccessful and the boat went to the bottom. The mishap occurred when the gig was about half way to the Salem from land. The Salem was anchored on "Man o' War" pier with other navy vessels here to participate in today's Fourth of July celebration.

RESERVISTS TO CRUISE

EAGLE BOAT 38 WILL LEAVE FOR ALASKA WEDNESDAY.

Outside Passage to Be Essayed and Amateur Gobs Will Have Thorough Test of Sea Legs.

Eagle boat 38, with 56 naval reservists and its regular crew of 12 men, will sail for Alaska Wednesday on a training cruise of about 15 days' duration. The reservists are drawn from the Portland sub-district.

The eagle boat will touch at Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka, according to present plans. The way the boat will take the inside passage and the other the outside passage. The choice depends on weather conditions met with on the voyage.

Prospects are exceedingly good for a thorough test of the sea legs of the "gobs" who have no undertaken actual sailing for some time. A heavy northwest wind is sweeping along the coast at present and is causing some trouble to regular shipping. The eagle boat has a record for keeping things pretty well stirred up, even in a moderate sea.

The following officers will be on board: Lieutenant K. C. Ingraham, Washington naval reserve, commanding officer; Lieutenant C. L. St. Clair, Ensign R. C. Hunt, Ensign G. C. Kelahan, Ensign D. B. Webster, Ensign H. W. Groome and Ensign Byron Jefferson Beattie. With the exception of the commanding officer, all the officers and men are from the Portland sub-district.

If the United States were as densely populated as is Belgium, the country would hold a population equal to that of the rest of the world.

LAURELHURST KIDDIES STAGE UNIQUE PARADE.



Upper—Bring on the fireworks. A family gallery. Middle—Boy Scout color guard heads parade with the dolls, the babies and the family pets all in line. Lower—The firecrackers were better, but we still like it. The decorated pets pose for the camera.

TRANQUIL DAY OBSERVED

SILENCE BROKEN ONLY BY DESTROYERS' SALUTE.

Crowds Gather in Parks and Cheer Plans for Return of Fireworks and Cannon.

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American War Veterans, delivered short speeches. Rev. Mr. Cline opened the ceremony with an invocation.

Has on Fireworks Rapped. One and all declared that the passing of the firecracker, the daybreak cannon and the fireworks was the last step toward perfection in bringing up a nation of mollycoddlers. The boy whose earliest and happiest memories were the powder burns and the thrills of cannon crackers, rockets, roman candles, is the boy who always has been first to heed his country's call for volunteers, the speakers declared.

The day was the greatest in the Portland parks of any celebration in the last three years. Special programs of interest to all were featured at the various public playgrounds. Columbia park registered the greatest attendance with an estimated crowd of 10,000. Many of the other parks had several thousand present for the day.

The pushball contest, with hundreds forming a seething mass of humanity all around the great leather sphere, was the feature that closed the day at Columbia. The ball was loaned for the occasion by the Hill Military academy.

Laurelhurst and Mount Scott parks held morning parades with children and pet entries forming a unique display. The Boy Scouts took the leading part in organizing and carrying out the parades.

4000 at Peninsula Park. Family groups and community gatherings were in evidence in practically all of the parks. Those who did not leave the city took advantage of the parks. The residents here maintained for the athletic contests of the afternoon. The freak contests called forth the greatest interest in programs which ranged from track and field events, baseball games, horseshoe pitching, barrel boxing, and wrestling.

Peninsula park drew a crowd of about 4000. The entire afternoon was filled with athletic events of a varied nature. Pat Willis, 14-year-old youth, featured in four first places in athletic contests. Merchandise prizes were presented by community merchants to build up interest.

George Washington and Uncle Sam led Mount Scott's parade, followed by a long line of children, babies and children's pets. The day closed with a community dinner, a huge bonfire and a community sing.

Sellwood park featured a ball game with Duniway park, with Duniway

winning, 3 to 1. Horseshoe pitching, barrel boxing and wrestling came in for a share of the interest in addition to races and stunts.

Washington park also held a children's parade, athletic contests and ball games. The celebration closed with dancing.

Twins Win Prize.

Six prizes, contributed by merchants, were awarded in the children's parade at Laurelhurst park yesterday. Little Jim and Jane Jackson, twins, won the prize for the best decorated baby buggy.

The prize for the prettiest girl's costume went to Mary Jane Laird. The remaining awards follow: Funniest boy, Gordon Lawrence; best decorated dog, Jack Stewart; best doll carriage, Bessie Walker; best decorated bicycle, Clarence Heffel. The victors in the boy's ball game received passes to a picture show last night.

HOOD RIVER DRAWS THROUGHS

Heaviest Travel on Record Reported on Columbia Highway.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—With the usual formal celebration eliminated, Hood River folk passed the Fourth of July in other towns or journeyed to surrounding forested woods on fishing and camping trips. Traffic over the Columbia highway yesterday and today has been the greatest since the road was opened. For the two days the autos were estimated at 4000 to 4500.

The Lost Lake region was a favorite retreat for visiting motorists and local folk. Camping parties in the forests of this section today aggregated more than 500. Formal celebrations were held by residents of Odell, in a grove on the orchard place of Clifton Fletcher, and another community gathering of Dee residents attended the program at Milton and the roundup and festivities at Ukiah attracted hundreds. Bingham, Lehman and Midway Spring resorts also were popular.

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slept in France, it was asserted in a patriotic address here today by Colonel George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon. Probably 3000 were present at the celebration held here. Cottage Grove won the ball game from Eugene.

RIVER RESORTS GET CROWDS

Thousands of People Seek Recreation at Distant Points.

SALEM, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Salem had no celebration today and as a result most of the population passed the holiday at nearby river resorts and beach cities or fishing and camping in the mountain districts. Others attended the baseball game between the Salem senators and the Kirkpatrick team of Portland, while still others were on hand to witness the motorcycle hill climbing events, a short distance south of the city. The latter event was held under the direction of the Salem Motorcycle association.

At the state penitentiary the prisoners enjoyed a programme of sports, which were witnessed by a large crowd of townspeople. The state hospital and other state institutions observed holiday hours.

EUGENE DESERTED FOR 4TH

Following American Legion Sessions Throgs Go Into Valley.

EUGENE, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—After three days of celebrating with American legionnaires at their annual convention, Eugene, which was as quiet as on any Sunday, or perhaps quieter, as thousands of persons left the city for the mountains and other towns in the valley to celebrate.

Celebrations were held at Cottage Grove, London Springs, Thurston, Oak Ridge, Marcola, Spencer Butte and Central.

THIRTY VISIT VANCOUVER

10,000 Americans Pass Fourth in British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 4.—It is estimated that 10,000 Americans passed the Fourth on this side of the border. Federal officers at Blaine reported that 1200 automobiles, persons from British Columbia at one station and between 500 and 600 at another.

Added to the usual attractions which draw touring motorists away from home on holidays was the new "moderation statute," under which visitors as well as residents here may purchase liquor from the government.

Fourth Quiet at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—Independence day passed quietly in Pendleton, marked by an exodus from the city to various celebrations in Umatilla county. Many attended the program at Milton and the roundup and festivities at Ukiah attracted hundreds. Bingham, Lehman and Midway Spring resorts also were popular.

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other features made up the programme of the day. The parade included many floats and scores of decorated automobiles. The 5th company, coast artillery corps, Oregon national guards, which won the honors at the recent encampment at Fort Stevens, occupied the place of honor in the parade. Miss Blanche Eastburn was goddess of liberty. Fairmount grange, in north Albany, contributed features to the parade. Despite the large crowd, no accident marred the day.

ASTORIA HAS CELEBRATION

Imposing Parade and Patriotic Exercises Feature Day.

ASTORIA, Or., July 4.—(Special.)—With ideal weather and thousands of persons in attendance, Astoria celebrated the nation's birthday anniversary in a manner that was enjoyed by everyone. The parade, which was fully a mile and a half in length, was one of the best ever seen here. It included troops from Fort Stevens, sailors from the naval vessels, veterans of the civil, Spanish-American and world wars, Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, drill teams of the Artisan lodges from various sections of the state, civil societies, and long lines of decorated automobiles and floats.

Miss Helen Sherill was the goddess of liberty. Following the parade, patriotic exercises were held at the courthouse square, the address of the day being delivered by R. G. Skulason of Portland. The afternoon was devoted to a programme of races and athletic sports.

This evening, in the circuit courtroom, a large number of foreign-born Americans, who were admitted to citizenship in the June term of court, formally received their certificates and were welcomed as full-fledged citizens of the land of their adoption. The programme was under the auspices of Clatsop post, American Legion.

EXCHANGE FRAUD PROBED

Soldiers Said to Have Profited in Canadian Conspiracy.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 4.—Testimony was given today before a commission investigating soldier frauds in foreign exchange, in which it was charged the Canadian government lost several hundred thousand dollars and that a former Ottawa policeman made \$14,500 in this manner and then left the country.

The government agreed, when English money dropped heavily, to pay its returning soldiers the difference between the allowances they received abroad in English money and what these allowances would mean in Canadian money at the normal rate of exchange. It was charged that many soldiers presented fraudulent papers as to allowances for payments abroad.

Truck Wrecked, Girl Is Killed.

EVERETT, Wash., July 4.—Nora Norris, aged 11, daughter of J. S. Norris, a farmer living near Clear Lake, north of Everett, was killed this morning when an automobile truck, converted into a stage, in which she was riding struck a telegraph pole. Her skull was fractured. Three others were injured, including a brother and sister. The driver was unhurt. The accident occurred on the road to Anacortes, west of Mount Vernon.

Morrow County Picnic Planned.

The annual reunion and picnic of former residents of Morrow county will be held next Saturday afternoon in Laurelhurst park. A basket dinner will be served at 3:30 P. M. A special programme has been prepared.

Yankee Commander Heads Parade.

BOSTON, Mass., July 4.—Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, who commanded the Yankee division overseas, rode at the head of a parade of several thousand of his "boys" today.

RAIL AGREEMENT WAITS

Union Chiefs to Continue Meetings During Week.

CHICAGO, July 4.—The 1500 chairmen of the railway unions of the country who have been meeting here to consider the wage cut which became effective July 1, failed to reach any agreement today and will continue their sessions during the week. It had been expected that the union chiefs would issue a statement today.

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regarding the attitude of the employees toward both the wage decreases and the national working agreements continued in effect temporarily by the board pending further conferences between the roads and their employees.

According to the leaders the working agreements were considered the more important of the two issues and the statement was delayed to give further time for consideration of this issue.

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