

JAPAN'S DELEGATES THROWN IN SORROW

Assassination Is Shock to Official Washington.

BARON KATO IN TEARS

President Harding Expresses Horror at Outrage—Formal Statement Is Issued.

BIOGRAPHY IN BRIEF OF LATE PREMIER HARA.

Graduated from the law college attached to the house of justice in Japan.

Became editor of the "Hochi," a newspaper, in Tokyo.

Joined service of foreign affairs under the consul-general at Tientsin, China. Became head of the commercial bureau, and then vice-minister.

Became owner and editor of the "Osaka Mainichi," a newspaper, in Osaka.

Was appointed minister of communication.

Became member of "Seiyu-Kai" party.

Became member of parliament (1901).

Appointed minister of interior (1904).

Resigned as minister of interior in 1907 and made trip through Europe.

Appointed minister of interior, discharging the additional duties of minister of justice (1911).

Resigned in 1912.

Appointed premier in 1913.

Assassinated at Tokyo yesterday.

The premier was also a member of parliament, a member of diplomatic advisory council and head of "Seiyu-Kai" party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Japanese delegation to the armament conference was thrown into sorrow and confusion, an official Washington, including the delegates from other lands to the conference, was profoundly shocked today by the announcement from Tokyo that Takashi Hara, the Japanese premier, had been assassinated.

Admiral Baron Kato, the ranking member of the Japanese delegation, and Mr. Hara's most intimate friend, was so affected by the announcement that he burst into tears—something most unusual for a Japanese, who is trained from childhood to conceal his emotions.

President Harding expressed his horror at the outrage. It was an unhappy discordant note, he said in a formal statement, at a time when all were seeking to come together around the conference table and add to the good understanding and good will throughout the world.

Mr. Hughes Visits Embassy.

Secretary Hughes went immediately to the Japanese embassy and expressed his condolences. Mr. Hughes, the Japanese ambassador, later he called to Ambassador Warren at Tokyo to express to Count Hirota, the foreign minister, his profound sympathy and to say how much the news had caused a feeling of deep sorrow throughout the United States.

The death of Premier Hara, who had attained a dominating political influence in the Japanese empire and who was expected personally to shape from Tokyo the Japanese policy at the forthcoming conference, is a very serious loss to Japan at a time when that country is passing through a period of intense transition. Emperor Yoshihito is incurably ill, mentally and physically, and is no longer able to carry on his duties.

Regency Declared Planned.

It is understood that plans have been under consideration to establish a regency under the Crown Prince Hirohito, who recently returned from a tour of Europe. Mr. Hara and Viscount Makino, the household minister, have been trying to solve the problem of modernizing the Japanese court and seeking means to bring it nearer to the people of Japan, who are clamoring for a development of their country along the lines of democracy. New social ideas, even bolshevistic, have been coming in, influencing the thought of the people, 95 per cent of whom are able to read and write.

Mr. Hara frequently referred in public addresses to the dangers of a too rapid absorption of western social ideas into Japanese life, believing that his country could not quickly digest successfully western concepts of society. Gradually his influence grew until the Japanese began to look upon him as a popular leader at a rather critical moment of their history. It was a common saying at Tokyo that Hara alone was running Japan and that it was his decision alone that always obtained. He succeeded in inducing General Tanaka until recently minister of war, to bring about a more straightforward co-operation between the military elements and the civic branches of the government.

Policy Framed by Hara.

It was Hara who framed the policy of accommodation and conciliation which the Japanese plenipotentiaries announced as conference policy when they entered this country.

Important public personages in Japan are never announced as dead, although actually so, until the emperor has been notified of the demise, and it is possible that this ancient Japanese custom may account for the fact that the Japanese embassy tonight was still without official announcement of the assassination of the premier. It was, however, decided in view of an official message received by the state department announcing the death to cancel the official reception which the delegation had arranged for tomorrow evening. All Japanese official dinners also have been suspended.

Sonosuke Tokota, chief of the legislative bureau of the Japanese cabinet, and a personal representative of Premier Hara at the conference, decided to return to Japan immediately.

Threats Made in Letters.

Before the Japanese delegation left Japan, threatening letters were received by its members, including Prince Tokugawa, to whom were forwarded suggestive and sinister drawings of the assassination of Minister Mori in 1918, and the recent murder of Yasuda, a millionaire banker.

The receipt of threatening letters alleged to have been signed by Co-reans caused the American authorities to adopt unusual precautions during the journey of the delegates from Seattle to Washington.

The Japanese plenipotentiaries con-

ferred until late tonight on the situation and the embassy announced that tomorrow's reception would be postponed but not canceled. It added that no official word concerning the assassination had come from the foreign office at Tokyo.

Among the diet members who are here to assist unofficially the Japanese delegation to the conference, the opinion which expressed that if the Seiyu Kai, or government party, of which Mr. Hara was the head, retains its power, Prince Saionji, who was the chief delegate to the Versailles peace conference, would seem the logical choice for premier.

The question was asked as to whether Admiral Baron Kato might not himself deem it necessary to return to Japan, as he is the highest ranking member of the Hara cabinet, but there was no statement as to whether he might follow this course.

Overthrow Office Attempted.

Repeated attempts have been made at Tokyo to overthrow the Hara cabinet. Kenseikai or opposition party, under the presidency of Viscount Kato, was formed for this purpose when the 21 demands on China were presented, accused the ministry with incompetency and failure in handling the empire's relations with foreign countries. Mr. Hara was particularly attacked on account of his "liberal policy" which declared that if the vacillating and financially ruinous. The opposition demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Siberia.

The Shantung negotiations and the collapse of the Darien conference at which Japan hoped to make a working agreement with the far eastern republic at China, have failed in the opinion of some observers, to augment the opposition to the Hara cabinet. The political parties, who also held different views as to the probable results of the Washington conference, and the status of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is also another factor entering into the general situation.

Personal Trip Advised.

Conservative Japanese newspapers, led by the Jiji Shimpo, earnestly counseled Mr. Hara to come personally to Washington and direct the cause of Japan. Apparently Mr. Hara decided that he could be more useful at Tokyo as being in a better position to obtain the support of all the groups behind the throne and the government for his Washington policies.

A high official of the Japanese delegation said tonight there was no truth whatsoever for the present at least. In the report that Admiral Baron Kato would return to Japan immediately. This official interpreted the lack of official news from Japan as due to the confusion following the reported assassination and to the probability that the leaders of the empire were consulting as to the political situation and how best to meet it.

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BAKER COUNTY'S BUDGET AWAY UNDER LAST YEAR'S.

Board Completes Estimates, Which Will Be Submitted to Public Hearing December 9.

BAKER, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—The budget for the coming fiscal year in Baker county will be approximately \$50,000 less than that of the previous year if the report to the taxpayers is finally approved next month by the county budget board, which fixed its estimates late this afternoon. The estimate calls for a \$292,183.14 levy, which is \$22,183.14 less than the \$314,366.28 approximate income, derived from filing receipts and other county sources of revenue.

Last year's budget approximated \$250,000. The board in fixing its estimated budget rejected an appropriation for a county farm agent and took no cognizance of agitation in some quarters for a county fair appropriation. The estimated budget will come up for public hearing and discussion December 9, after which the board will arrange the permanent budget and add or reject items in accordance with the majority wishes. The board is composed of County Judge Dodson, William Polman and Norman Elliot, all of Baker, and G. W. Vanderwall of Haines.

CITIZENSHIP GRANTED 11

Three Applications at Bend Are Denied by Court.

BEND, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Eleven new citizens were made in circuit court here today following examinations conducted by Walter L. Baumgartner, representative of the bureau of naturalization, with headquarters in Portland. Ten applications were continued, three denied and 11 allowed.

The new Americans, with their former nationalities, are: Harry W. Gant, English; Paul F. Riedel, German; R. J. McCann, Canadian; Christian Hexburg, Norwegian; Joseph Hillbacker, Canadian; Pat Barry, Irish; Julius Trapp, German; W. M. Wilson, Canadian; E. W. Crooke, German; Archie McDonald, British; S. H. Sannerud, Norwegian; Daa Breen, Irish.

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JAPAN'S PREMIER SLAIN BY MANIAC

Hara Dies Hour After Being Stabbed.

ASSASSIN IS ARRESTED

Murder Comes at Dramatic Moment When Arms Delegation Is in Washington.

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came his introduction into the foreign office service. During a later interval in his political career, in 1906-7, he was chief editor of the Osaka Mainichi, and took up again the chief membership of that paper for a time before entering the Saionji cabinet as minister of the interior in 1906.

Plot to Kill Discovered.

In May, 1920, a plot was discovered to assassinate Premier Hara, the details coming out in November last by publication of the findings of a preliminary court which tried a former artilleryman named Ito, charged with planning an attempt against the premier's person. Seven bombs were to have been employed in the attempted assassination, which was to have taken place on May 8, 1920, the court findings showed.

It was asserted that Ito came to Tokyo and purchased a revolver and explosives, making his bombs out of bottles and boxes. On taking them into the streets, however, he was knocked down accidentally by an automobile and the police discovered the infernal machines he had devised and unraveled the plot.

The assassination of Premier Hara recalls a similar dramatic incident when Premier Clemenceau of France was shot and dangerously wounded at a time when the peace conference, of which he was presiding officer, was at its height.

This occurred February 19, 1919, while Clemenceau was going from his home to the American headquarters at the Hotel Crillon, Springs from behind a kiosk, the would-be slayer, Emil Cottin, fired a volley of shots at the aged statesman, two bullets taking effect, one in the shoulder and another in the breast near the lungs. The victim's life was despaired of for a time, but his iron will helped carry him through and within three weeks resumed his place with the peace conference, which had been thrashed with disruption by the incident.

The Vienna congress after the Napoleonic wars was similarly disrupted, first by a series of assassinations and then by Napoleon's dramatic stroke in escaping from Elba and returning in triumph to Paris.

DEBT MEETING URGED

British Business Men Favor Adjustment of Allied Obligations.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—Steps toward reaching adjustment of war debts between allied nations were urged in resolutions sent to the chancellor of the exchequer by the British national committee of the international chamber of commerce.

The resolution advocated the "desirability of negotiations in order to obtain the benefits which, in the committee's opinion, would accrue if the war debts of the allies to Great Britain were reduced or canceled on terms to be agreed upon."

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MRS. OBENCHAIN FAINTS

WOMAN ACCUSED OF MURDER COLLAPSES FROM STRAIN.

Divorcee Unable to Testify Before Grand Jury Regarding J. Belton Kennedy Case.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4.—Collapse of Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain, due to physical breakdown, before the grand jury, where she had been summoned by Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, to make any statement she desired in relation to the indictment charging her with murder in connection with the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy, resulted today in continuance until Monday of the hearing before Judge Reeves of a motion for dismissal of the indictment.

Mrs. Obenchain last night addressed a letter to the grand jury requesting that she be heard if any effort were made to reinstate her in connection with the slaying of Kennedy. District Attorney Woolwine early today summoned her to appear before the grand jury. She fainted in the county jail and was weeping when taken into the jury room. She was unable to answer any questions on account of her physical condition.

When the case was called in court later she was not taken into court, an showing by physicians that she was unable to stand the strain. At the request of her attorney, Charles E. Erbstein of Chicago, the hearing on motion to dismiss the indictment went over. Erbstein said that he hoped she might show sufficient improvement to enable her to go before the jury and tell her story first.

Logger Is Injured.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Ted Callow of Callow & Painters, camp near Matlock suffered a serious accident Wednesday at the

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