

JAPAN AND CHINA TO DEFEND ORIENT

Purpose of Recent Military Agreement Between Two Nations Made Known.

NIPPON IS NOT AGGRESSIVE

Rumors Alleging Assumption of undue Authority in Celestial Realm Declared to Be Without Foundation.

(By the Associated Press.) TOKIO, June 8.—The official statement issued by the Japanese government explanatory of the Chino-Japanese military agreement declares that this agreement relates only to co-operation by the two nations in defense of the peace and welfare of the Far East and explicitly denies various rumors to the contrary.

The text of the explanatory statement which accompanied the notes exchanged between the two governments reads:

"Having regard to the steady penetration of hostile influence into Russian territory, jeopardizing the peace and welfare of the Far East, and recognizing the imperative necessity of co-operation between Japan and China adequately to meet the exigencies of the case, the governments of the two countries, after a frank interchange of views, caused the annexed notes to be exchanged on March 25 between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Minister at Tokio.

Two Nations to Co-operate.

"In pursuance of the purpose of the notes, the imperial government subsequently sent commissioners representing the imperial army and navy to Peking, where they held conferences with the authorities of the Chinese army and navy."

"The negotiations progressing smoothly, two agreements were concluded, one relating to the navy on May 12. These agreements embody only the concrete arrangements as to the manner and conditions under which the armies and navies of the two countries are to co-operate in the common defense against the enemy on the basis of the above-mentioned notes exchanged on March 25.

"The details of the arrangements, constituting as they do, a military secret, cannot be made public, but they contain no provisions other than those pertaining to the object already defined.

Rumors Declared Groundless.

"Currency has been given to various rumors alleging that the agreements contain, for instance, such stipulations as that the Chinese expedition is to be under Japanese command; that Japan may construct forts in Chinese territory at such places as she may choose; that Japan will take control of the Chinese railways, shipyards and arsenals, and even that Japan will assume control of China's finances, will organize China's police system, will acquire the right of freely operating China's mines, producing materials for the use of arsenals, etc.

"It cannot be too emphatically stated that these and similar rumors are absolutely unfounded."

AMERICAN TROOPS REVIEWED AT FRONT.



American troops were recently reviewed at the western front in France. The color guard heading the division is shown in this French official photograph passing in review.

SHIP DODGES DIVERS

Extraordinary Means Adopted to Save Vessel.

SUCCESS REWARDS EFFORT

Many Days Consumed in Zig-Zag Course From West Indies to Atlantic Port—Captain and Crew Praised.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 8.—Racing at full speed for nearly a week to escape German submarines, an American steamship arrived today from the West Indies with 59 passengers, more than half of whom were women and children.

With the first inkling that U-boats were at work, the captain took drastic steps to protect his ship and the lives of his passengers.

Taking a zig-zag course, he ordered the engineers to get up every pound of steam possible, and then ran for the route usually followed by steamers engaged in the West Indian trade.

Lifboats were prepared for instant lowering and passengers warned that if they appeared on deck they would be thrown into iron.

Officers and men had no sleep for 72 hours while they kept a constant lookout for submarines, floating mines or lifeboats from the raiders' victims. The wireless operator picked up an S. O. S. call from the Harpathian.

Both crew and passengers showed the tension under which they had been. A. J. Danyon, a Philadelphia banker, and Frank P. Gilroy, a mining engineer from Denver, in relating their experiences, paid tribute to the work of officers and men and to the courage of the women passengers.

sion once more to launch its tirades against the United States and the President of the United States and to endeavor to find some offset and comfort for the steadily assembling American hosts in France, which, despite the abuse by the German papers of Premier Clemenceau for the inspiration for France he finds in the coming of the Americans, is evidently viewed with anything but equanimity in Germany.

The Cologne Gazette concludes a violent diatribe against America as follows:

"It is, therefore, only right and fair that we, too, make use of our war means to show the friends of humanity in their home land what war looks like and what it means. Our U-boats first visited the American coasts for legitimate, peaceful commerce. The North Americans may now feel the fist of the war lord."

"They need not be surprised. He who sows the wind reaps the whirlwind, even when he sits on the other side of the great herring pond, where he is under the delusion that he is safe from the storm."

The Cologne Volkes Zeitung talks about "those who are prosecuting a starvation war against our wives and children having revealed to them off their own coasts the seriousness of war when the new strategy of our U-boats was, which technically is becoming increasingly perfected, is also directed against the other shore of the Atlantic Ocean. This, in view of the character of our American opponent evokes on all sides the liveliest satisfaction among the German peoples."

PATRIOTIC APPEAL MADE TO OPERATORS

Western Union Officials Circulate Among Employees Address to President Wilson.

TEXT OF DOCUMENT GIVEN

Organization Leaders Say They Have Information That Less Than 40 Per Cent of Employees Affix Signatures.

Western Union officials of Portland yesterday circulated among employees of the company a testimonial, addressed to President Wilson, and calculated both to assure him that the telegraphers will stand by the corporation and to put a damper on the growing inclination of the workers to organize.

Organization leaders said last night they have information to the effect that less than 40 per cent of the employees signed the document. Company officials desired to make a statement on the subject.

Some employees who have not yet become affiliated with the Commercial Telegraphers' Union declared last night that they regard the testimonial, couched as an appeal to patriotism, as a bit of clever camouflage.

Loyalty is Pledged.

The text of the document employees were asked to sign, as carried away by one of the displaced workers, follows:

"President Woodrow Wilson, White House, Washington, D. C.: We, as patriotic citizens, first, telegraphers second, and Western Union employees third, deplore the agitation being aroused between employer and employees in the telegraph service over the question of unionism at the present time, when it is the manifest duty of all to forward the Government's interests to the utmost in aiding to provide an uninterrupted line of communication for our Government and its essential industries; therefore it is our desire that the present relations between employer and employees remain unchanged in this war crisis and we pledge ourselves for the prompt rendering of our duty first, last and all the time."



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OPERATORS OPPOSE STRIKE

Loyalty to Government Pledged in Chicago, Seattle and Spokane.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Final decisions in the case of the Bethlehem Steel Company workers and Postal Telegraph Company employees will be rendered in the National War Labor Board at Chicago Wednesday, the board announced today.

Several thousand telegraphers employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago, Seattle and Spokane telegraphed President Wilson today that they would not be parties to any movement for the suspension of the country's commercial telegraph service during the war.

They deplored agitation looking to a strike of telegraphers and pledged their loyalty to the Government.

Some 3000 telegraph operators in Chicago told the President that they were not represented by any labor leaders who had threatened to call a strike, and that they resented the inference that they might be "so base and disloyal" as to support a strike.

Banquet Held at College.

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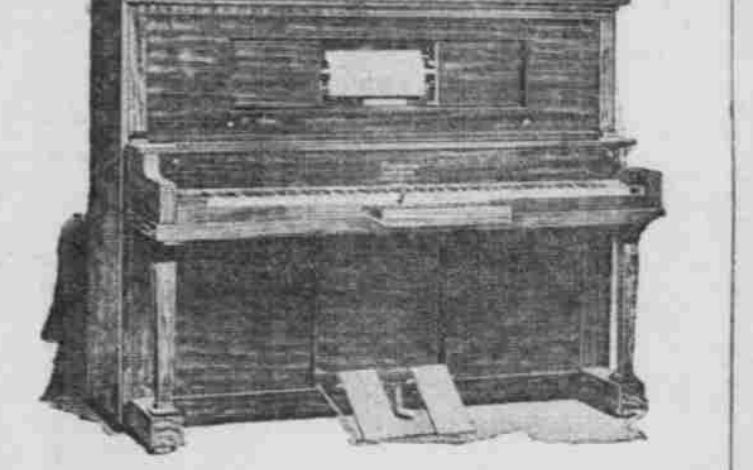
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THREE COUPLES UNHAPPY

Suits for Divorce Filed in Oregon City Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 8.—(Special)—Brief has been the matrimonial bliss of Charles O. Hudson and his wife, G. Hudson, who were married April 10 of this year. Today the wife filed suit for divorce, charging cruel and inhuman treatment and asserting that her husband had threatened to kill her.

Desertion is charged in the suit for divorce filed by Ray Loner against his wife, Irma Loner, who were married in Vancouver in March, 1917. Jennie E. Little asserts that her husband, George R. Little, has abused her and is an habitual drunkard. They were married in 1910 in New York.



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TREATMENT WORST SINCE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

Hundreds of Thousands Deported From Three Pasha—Women Are Sold as Slaves.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Mohammedan prisoners of war in Salonica, according to a cable message from Athens to the Greek Legation in Washington, made public here today by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, say that "the Greeks in Turkey are undergoing the worst treatment since the fall of Constantinople, 1453, A. D."

The message says that the Mohammedan captives assert that since the beginning of the war to the end of 1917 more than 200,000 Greeks between the ages of 15 and 48 have been drafted forcibly into the Turkish army and that thousands of these have died as a result of ill-treatment, hunger and epidemics.

"More than 500,000 Greeks have been deported from Thrace into Asia Minor. One-half of the deportees died from torture and illness," says the cable message. "Many were slaughtered and the survivors are in a terrible plight. With the exception of Smyrna, Constantinople and a few other towns, all the Greeks in them underwent terrible suffering, exile, torture and starvation."

AUSTRIA'S PERIL IS SEEN

VIENNA BURGOMASTER DECLARES HIGH TREASON RAMPANT.

Need Declared for Parliament Where Evils of Bureaucracy May Be Discussed.

AMSTERDAM, Friday, June 7.—The Vienna correspondent of the Vöelser Zeitung, a radical newspaper of Bremen, says that in a sensational speech Dr. Weiskirchner, Burgomaster of Vienna, declared:

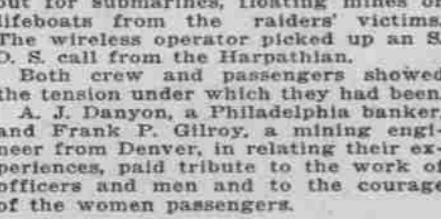
"High treason and ingratitude are rampant and the government has proved weak and unsteady. In the present serious time we need a Parliament, for even a bad Parliament is better than none.

"It is true that Parliament failed to deal with the food question, but it remains the only platform for free speech and the only place where the arbitrary acts of the bureaucracy and the numerous military encroachments can be discussed.

"The supreme and the most urgent duty of the German parties now is to show a united front to Slav treachery."

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is urging that war mourning be banned and only a mourning badge of black with a gray star be worn.

PORTLAND PHYSICIAN JOINS RANKS OF KNIGHTS' SECRETARIES.



Dr. Harry A. Medernack, CAMP LEWIS, Wash., June 8.—(Special)—Dr. Harry A. Medernack, with offices in the Broadway building, a graduate of Mount Angel College and later a freshman in the University of Oregon medical department, has joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus secretaries on this continent. He probably will be ordered overseas for service as soon as he has become familiar with routine secretarial work.

Dr. Medernack has practiced medicine in Portland since 1905, shortly after his graduation from the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery. He is also well known in Bendleton, where he moved with his parents when he was 4 years old. His father, James P. Medernack, was one of the pioneers of the motion-picture business in Bendleton. Dr. Medernack was born in Garnett, Kan.

BERNSTORFF LOSES HONOR

Union College Cancels Degree That It Had Conferred.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., June 8.—The trustees of Union College today by resolution rescinded their action of four years ago conferring the degree of doctor of laws upon Count Johann von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States.

Next Monday the college will confer the degree of Doctor of Laws on Secretary of State Robert Lansing and Major-General Peyton C. March.

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