

RUSSIAN PROBLEMS ARE PUT FOREMOST

Harden Thinks Conference Must Find Economic Solution.

BENEFITS TO BE GREAT

Europe Declared to Blame for Conditions That America Now Is Trying to Abolish.

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What has Europe to hope from the Pacific conference in Washington which was rendered necessary by the signs of omission and commission upon the part of the European governments? Three continental powers, Russia, Germany and France, showed hostility toward Japan at their first opportunity and robbed her of the profits of victory over China which she believed has been insured by the treaty of Tientsin.

Because Nippon's wounded warrior pride was not healed and because greedy Russian speculators, despite the warnings of the wise Li Hung Chang, reached for Liaotung, Yalu and Corea Great Britain easily gained Japan as an ally against Communism, which was then threatening India, and thus a European island empire caused Russia's military power to be destroyed by Asiatics.

Japan Encourages Others. Only the United States wisely never sought territorial gain, seemed to realize the consequences of a great victory by a yellow nation over a white. But Japan became a great power and has risen immensely in self-esteem. Japan's example, furthermore, has encouraged other Asiatics, the Turks, the Persians and the Tartar Huns of Moscow to attempt to recover their ruined power by modernizing their state organization.

Meaningless Russian imperialism, defeated in Asia, turned again westward to Europe, proclaiming more loudly than ever its Balkan rights, hounded with streams of blood, and prepared to acquire an outlet to warm seas via Constantinople.

Thus the scenery for the European drama now was ready and even a superstitious belief in the durability of the Hapsburg and Turkish empires could not prevent it. In the east, Russia had disappeared, China was sundered by internal strife, while England could see that the destruction of the German fleet would enable her to transfer her own ships from the North Sea to the Pacific ocean and thus Asia's fate would depend upon the will of the two allied island empires—England and Japan.

Japan, on her part, recognized that without the Chinese navy everything Japanese could not be conquered. Nor could the United States be induced to accept a flood of yellow immigrants. Japan has chosen her naval alliance with Great Britain. Many Japanese have insisted that the more the United States clinging to the Monroe doctrine, the more Japan would insist upon a parallel policy in Asia.

Europe's Fate for Trouble. But Japan's self-reliance is blind policy for several reasons. First, China's markets are essential to American industry. Second, the Panama canal, permitting movement between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, protects the United States from having to fight a war to become intermixed with yellow.

Third, the consciousness of the danger of race mixture is so strong in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and that no one of these dominions will bind themselves to an alliance which might increase the danger.

But Europe, which allowed the Japanese to rise to the rank of a triumphant power, also allowed China to be weakened by concessions, allowed Russia to be pushed aside in east Asia, then turn and defeat Poland and Galicia, then turn bolshevik and the torn asunder of Europe. Europe has precipitated the Pacific conflict.

Peace Held Impossible. But a peaceful solution is not impossible. More than meet the eye, fishable words and fragile compromises can be expected at Washington, and for this the world must thank Europeans. Since Russia and Germany no longer are chief factors in British reckoning, British policy is no longer made solely in London, but by the great dominions, and they were unmistakably upon the side of the United States and against Japan at the recent imperial conference in London, for they could profitably exchange concessions forced on China for honest United States friendship.

Thus, while Europe cannot rightfully claim the fruits of the conference, she will probably reap some of the choicest benefits. The gigantic problems of Russia, so long treated like a mere epidemic with quarantine and disinfection, must at last be seriously tackled because it is one of the chief problems of the world economic situation. This discussion will be fruitful and productive only when Asiatic markets are ensured to American labor and the problem of how to utilize the treasures of thinly populated Australia are amicably solved without the mixing of races.

A new order in the far east is the price of American co-operation in healing Europe's suffering.

All Have Problems. Today the American dollar buys 300 marks as against four marks before the war yet in dollar land there are millions of unemployed, while in mark land labor is so scarce that volunteers are called at high pay, since it is legally impossible to abolish the eight-hour day. Neutrals are in much the same position—dying like Midas amid floods of gold.

In all this there is no spark of economic reason? Will this continent of brilliant bankrupts, of vanity and of misery, refuse to disarm and save the expense of armies and dreadnoughts? If America and England agree to defend France against German aggression by boycott and war, will France limit her army and abandon her contemplated long occupation of German territory? Such fruits from the conference would be hailed by all Europe as a pledge of peace.

VEHICLE SESSION IS SET

Four States Plan Uniform Signal Devices for Machines.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Representatives of the motor vehicle departments of Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Washington will meet in Portland next Friday to discuss uniform regulations for the testing and approval of mechanical and signal devices.

AUTO RACER IS KILLED

WIFE OF OMAR TOFT SEES FATAL WRECK ON TRACK.

Car Plunges Straight Over Bank While Wheels Did Not Skid, According to De Palma.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 12.—Omar Toft died from injuries received in the 50-mile automobile race at the state fair grounds here this afternoon, when his machine went over an embankment at a curve in the track.

Toft's machine caught fire after the accident. Ralph De Palma, who passed the spot where Toft's machine went over the embankment, immediately after the accident, reported to the referee that Toft was walking around his machine apparently unhurt. The ambulance that was at the track, however, immediately went to the wreck and the physician found Toft fatally injured. Toft's home was in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Toft, who had accompanied her husband here from Los Angeles, was in the grandstand when the accident happened. After De Palma's report that Toft was apparently unhurt Mrs. Toft was taken from the stand by friends.

De Palma said that Toft's tracks were clear up to the point where the machine went over the embankment, indicating that his machine had not skidded. The cause of the accident is not known, but he believes that where the wreck occurred was so thick that spectators in the grandstand could not see the machine leave the track.

The accident happened while Toft was in the 24th mile of the 50-mile race in which De Palma, Toft, Jimmy Murphy and Tommy Milton had started. De Palma, who led throughout the race, had just completed his 24th mile when the accident occurred and he and Toft were the only contestants remaining in the race. The referee awarded the race to De Palma.

De Palma, who had completed 24 miles, and Jimmy Murphy, who had completed 23 miles, and Tommy Milton, who had completed 22 miles, were all dropped out of the race. De Palma's time was 4 minutes, 15 seconds. De Palma was not entered in this event but he did try to lower the track record for one mile which he established on Wednesday when he did a mile in 45.1-seconds. Today, however, he recorded 45.2 seconds.

Jim Davis won the 10-mile motorcycle race, his time being 8 minutes, 21.5 seconds. Ralph Hepburn was second and Ray Weisbar was third. In the five-mile motorcycle race, Weisbar finished first, Hepburn second and Davis third. Weisbar's time was 4 minutes, 2.5 seconds.

DECISION SENT BY MAIL

JUDGE DELCH RULES ON ROW BETWEEN OLD FRIENDS.

Compromise Regarding Loan Advised on Ground That Contestants Were Comrades in Army.

Through correspondence, District Judge Delch last week rendered a long distance decision in a matter which has been pushed aside in the comrades in arms. The question propounded to the judge was as follows: "A and B are two old soldiers and friends. A is sick and needs \$100 and goes to B and deeds six acres of land to B for \$100.

"B gives a contract to deed this land back to A for \$125 within six months. "A paid this \$100 back in four months and asked B if he was to pay the full \$25, and B insists as long as the contract calls for it he wants it and his verbal agreement does not go. "Now, A agrees that legally he has no claim for a rebate, but thinks that morally B should treat him square and rebate the \$25 by giving him \$10 back.

"A and B would like to have you state your opinion on the reverse side, just what you think is fair in a matter like this. "B makes \$25 expense in this deal. "In my opinion as a square deal proposition, the \$25 should be paid out by B should be considered a fair compensation to B for the use of his money for four months. In other words, A should pay \$125 and forget the rest and still continue to be friends.

"I might say in passing, that legally the \$25 could be collected. From a moral standpoint, being that A and B are old friends and comrades, B should be satisfied with the reimbursement of his \$25 expenses and return the balance of the \$25, and I believe A and B would do a better thing."

"RICHARD DELCH, "Judge of the District Court."

THREE STUDENTS INJURED

One Perhaps Fatally Burned When Auto Overturns.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Three students were injured by a week end of hunting near his home at Blanchard, Wash., Maurice Lawson, graduate student at the University of Washington, was seriously burned when the automobile in which he was riding upset three miles south of Arlington yesterday.

Herbert Gauger, sophomore at the University of Washington, living at Edwall, Wash., was badly burned about the shoulders and otherwise injured, and J. M. D. Hanberry of this city was cut about the head. Lawson's recovery was said to be doubtful.

Also in the car, which skidded at a railway crossing, overturning and plunging its occupants beneath the wheels of John Lucker and J. L. Grandy. Neither was hurt.

BIRMINGHAM GROWS DESPITE DULLNESS

City Is Pittsburg of South, Says Spillane.

EVERY INDUSTRY IS GOING

Slackness Noted in Some Quarters, but Business Generally Is of Good Proportions.

BY RICHARD SPILLANE. (Copyright by the Public Ledger Company. Published by Arrangement.) BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—If the Pittsburg of the north is in as good shape as this Pittsburg of the south it is fortunate. George Gordon Crawford, president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad company, says his company has not been below 50 per cent production this year and hopes the percentage will be higher next year, and he believes it will be. Incidentally, he says his company offered to roll rails for a railroad and take its pay next year. The railroad declined the offer and explained that in its forced economy it had reduced its maintenance of way gangs so much that it did not have hands enough to take out the old rails and put in the new.

A fine representative body of men gathered at the Tutwiler hotel to report to your correspondent as to business conditions. The bankers in the party stressed the fact that the comparative activity and the consequent good payrolls in the steel industry here had been of high sustaining influence in all other branches of business. With the increase in the price of cotton there were decided marks of improvement. But improvement had begun before that time and was due to the advance in cotton debts of many months' standing had been liquidated.

They referred semi-humorously to the oddity of nobody wanting cotton when it was 10 or 11 cents a pound and the craze to buy it when it went to 20 cents. But it is always that way.

Savings bank deposits have remained high for the last 12 months. They are not increasing, but have not been back and there has been an increase in the number of depositors.

Coal Industry Improving.

The coal industry here has been operating on about 60 per cent for the last year and today shows signs of improvement. But the coal business has been erratic. Henry L. Badham said January was the best month he had in the department and the company lost money and it had rough sledding up to July, when conditions improved. Each month thereafter was better and better until October was the best on record. As to the future he could not say, but he did declare that the railroads owe money to all the coal concerns hereabout.

Evidently there has been tremendous building here. R. C. Foster said his company, which makes pipe fittings, had a light business in the spring and thought in July it had sufficient stock for all ordinary requirements, but orders came in volume that month and they came in the form of a cyclone. October, too, was bigger than expected. Where he was wrong in his judgment, he said, was the amount of small house building. The demand from this quarter was so urgent that goods had to be shipped by express. The building is undertaken next year he predicts a fine year in his line of business.

R. E. Walker, who is known the world over for his cotton gins, says that up to 60 days ago he kept his shops going at 100 per cent production. Despite the gloom and pessimism, he has a world market for his gins and looks for good business next year and a larger cotton crop.

Hardware Business Gains.

The hardware business, J. D. Moore reported as having declined from January to July. Then began an improvement, which has continued. The belief that there is going to be a reduction in freight rates has operated to prevent dealers from stocking up. In his opinion the change in the mental attitude of the country in the last 90 days has been as important as the improvement itself. The people had decided conditions were better and they would be better.

Legrand Wilson said the wholesale dry goods business had suffered from the worst attack of canalitis in the history of the business. Now the patient was recovering. He noted improvement last May, but the improvement was slow until the report came as to the short cotton crop. Then a big demand came over night and the trade was not prepared to meet it and is unable to meet it today. He cannot get deliveries of some goods until January and is sold two or three months ahead.

In the wholesale grocery field, Mr. Porter declared there had been decided improvement in the last 60 days, but for the preceding 12 months it had been awful. J. W. Sibley said October was the best month in the last 15 for clay products. The previous months had been poor.

Power Company Prospects.

The Alabama Power company, which supplies power throughout this territory and may be considered a good barometer of conditions industrially, is on a 95 per cent basis compared with last year, so W. E. Mitchell reported. He said bottom was touched last January. After that improvement set in.

He gave a vivid description of how this district is aiding the country in the Carolinas, where there has been the worst drought in 35 years and the streams have been very low. His company has been furnishing 20,000 horsepower to a connecting company to the east. That company has been giving a good part of its power to a company further on and the third company has been supplying still another company until, in effect, the Alabama company power reached 600 miles away. This is illustrative of the value of the inter-

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SHOCKS DECLARED STRANGE—LYKE EARTHQUAKE.

Neither Residents of Neighborhood Nor Weather Bureau Men Able to Explain Disturbance.

A second disturbance bearing the main characteristics of an earthquake was reported last evening by alarmed residents of the Irvington district. From East Twenty-eighth and Wasco and East Twenty-eighth and Clackamas streets home owners telephoned to the Oregonian in real concern to learn if possible the cause of the earth's trembling.

The phenomenon is described as a sudden shock, like that of an explosion, but without any noise. It shakes the houses, rattles the windows and moves the pictures on the walls.

An exploding moonshine still deep in a basement, according to some Irvingtonites, might account for one such disturbance, but when the thing happens on two almost successive days, and three times in one evening, that makes too many stills for a neighborhood like Irvington.

The disturbance, whatever its cause, was confined last night and on the previous occasion a few days ago, to the Irvington neighborhood, according to the United States weather bureau's office. Efforts of the weather bureau to determine the cause of the previous quake were unavailing, and no explanation could be offered for the shock last night.

Lane Fair Directors Picked.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Fifteen directors of the Lane County Fair association were elected at the annual meeting at the courthouse today to serve during 1922. Practically two tickets were in the field, 23 men having been placed in nomination. An opposition ticket said to have been opposed to this year's administration of the fair was defeated by a decisive majority. The directors chosen were: George W. Taylor, W. A. Ayres, C. M. Young, N. E. Glass, C. S. Calver, E. A. McCorkle, E. H. Spencer, C. P. Barnard, A. R. Gray, George N. McLean, H. C. Wheeler, J. A. Griffin, W. C. Toran, T. Q. Green, George H. Gilmore. The directors will meet November 26 to elect officers.

Farmers Blame Wives.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Andrew Vachter, Nick Sabo and An Stravens, farmers residing in the vicinity of Gervais, were fined \$125 in the justice court here today on charges of having liquor in their possession. In each instance the men alleged that their wives were responsible for the law violation.

MAN IS SHOT BY WIFE

Coos County Woman to Face Grand Jury; Husband Twice Accused.

NORTH BEND, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—William Hazen was shot at Powers by his wife last night. A bullet, which passed through the upper portion of Hazen's body, did not strike a vital organ, but it is in danger his life. Mrs. Hazen was standing in a pool hall when her husband approached and ordered her outside. She endeavored to shoot a second time, but the bullet jammed in the gun.

She was released on bond of \$1500, on waiving preliminary hearing, and was bound over to the next meeting of the grand jury. Charges of possessing liquor and carrying a concealed weapon were placed against Hazen.

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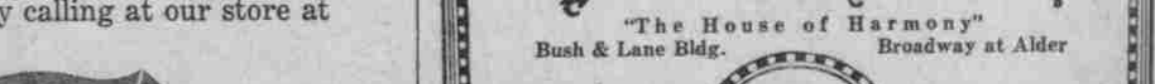
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