

FEARS JAPAN IS PREPARING FOR WAR WITH AMERICA

Congressman Hobson Says United States Must Enlarge Its Navy Soon.

PACIFIC COAST IN DANGER OF ATTACK.

Declares That Mikado has Spies at Work Securing Data on Our Defenses.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Pointing out what he declared to be the precarious condition of the national defense of the United States both in the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, Mr. Hobson of Alabama, in the House of Representatives made an earnest plea for two battleships of 25,000 tons displacement in addition to the two authorized by the naval appropriation bill. He said that a conservative estimate would indicate that for the minimum basis of security and safety in the Pacific ocean the United States should lay down at least four big ships a year for many years to come, "until Japan concedes to us what is inevitable—the American control of the sea around which our possessions are scattered."

As a minimum for the Atlantic ocean the government should lay down six battleships a year, he said. Heretofore, said Mr. Hobson, the weakness of America in the matter of national defense had not been fatal to its growth and development, because the oceans constituted a great barrier between America and the armies of the world. "Now, however," said he, "the oceans have been bridged and the armies of the world have been brought to our doors, and along with the armies of the older nations of Europe have come the armies of the ancient nations of Asia."

He said that where America formerly lived more or less in isolation, she is now exciting the jealousy of other great nations in threatening their supremacy in commerce, industry and finance. In addition, he declared that recent events have thrown us into the political vortex of the world, and that the dangers of being unprepared are becoming greater and greater with each succeeding year.

No Standing Army.
After calling attention to America's lack of a merchant marine, which could be used as auxiliaries in time of war, and of transports necessary for properly conducting war operations, Mr. Hobson said: "We have almost no standing army and could not prevent the seizure by a foreign power of a harbor on our shores or near our shores, to be used as a naval base; whereas it would be practically impossible for America to secure a naval base for operations in European waters. Forts, mines, torpedoes, torpedo boats and submarines are valuable accessories, but such defenses have never stopped a determined commander of a great fleet. They did not stop Nelson at Copenhagen, nor Farragut at Mobile Bay, nor Dewey at Manila. Such defenses never determine the issues of a war, and have no weight in deterring an enemy from seeking war. The forts that we have are woefully unmaned, whereas the troops needed for other landward defense could not be mobilized within the time necessary."

Supremacy on Pacific.
The possibility of a conflict with Japan was discussed at length by Mr. Hobson. He said it was but perfectly natural for Japan to aspire to dominate the commerce of China, the commerce of Asia and of the Pacific ocean. And he added it was perfectly natural for Japan to seek to control the policies of China and to attain supremacy in the Pacific ocean and to lead the Yellow race toward a recognized supremacy in the world.

With regard to the great nations of the white race, Mr. Hobson said, "It is, of course, clear to the Japanese statesmen that America is the one great nation standing athwart of the realization of these ambitions. It is true that America only asks a fair chance and no favor—simply the open-door policy in China—but this policy goes counter to Japanese ambitions."

"SYSTEM" HAS NEW SCHEME

Standard Oil Interests Acquire California Gas and Electric Companies.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—A financial deal of extraordinary importance to San Francisco and California, and which practically places all of the gas and electric light and power companies of central and northern California in one basket, the contents of which is to be controlled by the Standard Oil interests, was recently consummated. The deal amounts to \$45,000,000 and practically consolidates the gas and electric plants in twenty-five counties.

ITALIAN NOBILITY DISCUSS MISS ELKINS.

King of Italy and Others Discuss Arrangements for Duke of Abruzzi's Wedding.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, April 7.—The Duke of Aosta arrived here today and breakfasted with the King, Duke of Abruzzi and Count of Eurin after which the family conference relative to arranging a marriage engagement between the Duke of Abruzzi and Miss Elkins. Although it is not officially confirmed, it is reported that the engagement has been confirmed and that it is the intention of the Duke of Abruzzi to return to the United States shortly.

menace from the armies of Siberia or the armies of China or the armies of Europe. No nation since the world began has ever maintained such an army, under such conditions, except as a preparation for an early campaign of aggression."

Continuing, Mr. Hobson said that notwithstanding the fact that five battleships of the Russian navy had been added to the Japanese navy, and although the Russian fleet had vanished from the Pacific ocean and there was no fleet of any size of any European nation in that ocean and no fleet of any European nation that was available to be sent away from Europe into those regions, yet Japan has launched upon a stupendous program of naval expansion. Some, he said, had imagined that Japan's warlike preparations were intended for China, but he declared no one could conceive how a great new navy would be needed, whereas there is scarcely a Chinese gunboat. The United States, he said, could not ignore the fact that warlike activities have been going on in Japan "at a feverish rate" since the war with Russia. He said Japan had made great purchases of war material abroad. He pointed particularly to the fact that America had supplied 150,000 rifle barrels, "although our own troops have not yet been supplied with new rifles." Neither could the United States ignore the fact, he maintained, that two naval bases had been established in Formosa and the Pescadores Islands, down near Luzon, and that as soldiers were discharged at Hiroshima they emigrated to Hawaii.

Spies in America.
Mr. Hobson charged that Japanese spies have been diligent and active throughout the Philippines, in our outlying possessions, throughout all parts of America, in our forts, arsenals, shipyards, and particularly up and down the coast along the Pacific, in noting the elements of America's defense and mapping and charting harbors and approaches from the rear to our coastwise forts and to our cities.

Referring to the situation in San Francisco, Mr. Hobson declared that the most trifling incidents there were seized upon and made great international affairs.

"When we realize," said he, "that in case of a war with Japan we could do nothing practically to harm that country, whereas we would be exposed on all sides to injury that cannot be computed, it becomes a matter of absolute necessity for our peace and tranquility that we should not only have a naval force in the Pacific as large as that of Japan, but that on account of our strategic disadvantage we should have a very substantial margin of superiority."

In conclusion, Mr. Hobson said: "It may be remarked that at this critical juncture, when the world is drifting towards wars, that the failure on the part of America to build up the naval power adequate to keep peace in the Pacific ocean, will be liable to entail not only a war between America and Japan, but ultimately a war between the White race and the Yellow race, and engender a hatred and anger between the two races that would prevent the carrying of the Gospel of Peace throughout Asia."

TRY FOR OIL ON COOS BAY

Report that Large Consignment of Machinery for Prospecting Will Come.

TESTS SHOW SIGNS OF IT.

Effort Will be Made, According to Portland Advice, to Determine Question.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—The Portland Telegram prints the following: "Extensive oil fields will soon be opened up in the Coos Bay country. Forty tons of boring machinery will leave for that section on the steamer Alliance. The fields have been thoroughly prospected and it is said every indication goes to show that they will turn out to be even richer in production than those of California. On the strength of a lengthy report recently made by experts, the owner of about 2,000 acres of ground decided to develop the property at once. The machinery is consigned to A. Crittenden of Marshfield.

Coal deposits have been uncovered on the property. Tributary to them oil can be seen gushing from the ground in various localities. Tests show the product is of as high grade as any fuel oil on the Pacific coast. It pours out of the ground so freely in places that seams of it form on the bay. Until in the last two or three months it was a mystery as to where the oil came from. Steps are being taken to organize a stock company for prospecting and making locations.

NO MACHINERY HERE.

Alliance in Today but Without Oil Material.

The Alliance arrived from Portland today but did not have any oil machinery in her cargo. It is understood that arrangements have been made to ship considerable machinery from Portland to Coos Bay on her on an early trip and this may be the oil drilling machinery.

There have been reports that there is oil in this section and some prospecting has been done. However, no actual tests have been made. The identity of those who are identified with the proposed test is not known.

MANY INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Chicago Elevated Car Jumps Track and Crashes to Ground With Occupants.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, April 7.—Eight were seriously injured and nearly a score more or less seriously hurt when a motor car on the South Side elevated jumped the track and crashed to the ground. The car was used as a smoker, occupied by about fifty passengers.

A panic followed the first signs of danger, and as the car bumped over the ties, a number of persons jumped out into the elevated structure where they were in danger of the deadly "third rail."

Ambulances and patrol wagons were hurried to the scene and the imprisoned and injured removed to nearby residences or taken to hospitals.

ABE RUEF'S TRIAL BEGUN

San Francisco Political Boss on Trial for Bribing Supervisor Jennings.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—After many days, the trial of Abe Ruef, on the charge of bribing former Supervisor Jennings, to vote for the trolley franchise was begun today before Judge Dooling of San Benito county, sitting in Judge Dunne's department of the Superior Court. The work of selecting a jury will probably progress very slow as both sides are using extreme care in the selection.

We will store your goods for 10 cubic feet. Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

HOT DEBATE IN COUNCIL

Mayor Straw Scores Councilman Nelson for Intimating that City had been Robbed.

DISCUSSION OVER A BILL.

Audience and Other Officials Shocked at Unexpected Developments in Session.

Councilman Nelson by criticising Mayor E. E. Straw because the latter had ordered improvements of streets at the city's expense without consulting the council produced a sensation at Monday night's meeting of the city council. The debate became very heated, decidedly personal and brought forth language from Mayor Straw that parliamentary rules taboo. The incident caused expressions of regret to pass over the countenances of the city officials not directly involved and the dozen or so citizens who were present, who were shocked because the city's business could not be transacted without such occurrences.

The matter in question was the placing of crushed rock on 'C' street at the city's expense. Councilman Nelson said that the abutting property owners should pay for repairing the streets and not the city. He said that much similar work had been done at the city's expense and that he regarded it as robbing the city.

Mayor Straw's ire was instantly aroused. He said that he had ordered the work done because he regarded it as necessary. Then he started in scolding Nelson for intimating that the city had been robbed, making the matter personal and expressing his opinion in no uncertain terms.

The bills were finally allowed and Alderman Sacchi arose and demanded that henceforth public improvements, involving the expenditure of money, should only be done upon the authorization of the council.

Pay for Horse.
A bill for \$7 for the hire of a saddle horse resulted in Alderman Sacchi calling upon Marshall Carter for an explanation of it. Mr. Carter said that he had incurred the expense by securing horses to go after cows that were allowed to roam through the city. He said that he had taken up twenty-six cows and that the owners had to pay \$2.50 for each to get them out of the pound, the city receiving \$1.25 and the marshal \$1.25 for each animal. The bill was finally allowed but Alderman Sacchi said that some other arrangement must be made in the future for this expense instead of the city having to meet it out of its share of the income from the pound.

Question Nelson's Bill.
Councilman Sacchi also objected to the city paying a bill for \$2.20 from Councilman Nelson for the latter's work in supervising the construction of a sewer. Mr. Sacchi said that he believed that it is the duty of a councilman to do this sort of work without charging for it and that he had never presented a bill for the time he spent in looking after city work.

City Engineer Sandberg said that Mr. Nelson's bill was all right as Mr. Nelson had put in about seven hours in supervising the work.

The bill was finally allowed. About \$3.20 was trimmed off of the bill of the Coos Bay Gas and Electric Company because it included a charge for lights in the city hall when Manager Bell had promised that no charge would be made for these. The company's bill of \$280 for other services for the city during the month of March was allowed.

Lost Condon's Resignation.
The matter of accepting Ivy Condon's resignation as a member of the city council was also brought up by Councilman Sacchi. He said that the city needed a full council and that a successor to Mr. Condon should be named at once. Mr. Condon's resignation could not be found so that could not be acted upon. Nelson wanted to know what the city was paying officials for if papers were going to continue to be lost. Sacchi wanted Condon's office declared vacant. Finally Mr. Condon came in and said that if the council would wait a day, he would write out another resignation because he didn't want the city's records to be without the masterpiece that he had compiled. Mayor Straw agreed that it shouldn't get lost and this was agreed to with the stipulation that the mayor would have the appointment to fill the vacancy immediately upon the acceptance of Mr. Condon's resignation at the next meeting.

Pay for Rats.
Mayor Straw's crusade against rats has resulted in the extermination of ninety-nine rodents in Marshfield. Marshall Carter paid \$4.75 county, five cents apiece for them, and the city refunded the amount to him.

The quarterly reports of the city treasurer and city recorder were not ready and could not be acted upon. Owing to Councilman Sacchi not being satisfied with the minutes of the last previous session, the approval of them was withheld.

LAW AND ORDER MEN GET INTO PECULIAR ENTANGLEMENT

WOMEN FIGHT SALOON MEN

Reward Voters of "Dry Ticket" in St. Louis With Flowers, Coffee and Sandwiches.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—Despite the drizzling rain, the women turned out today armed with coffee and sandwiches to take an active part in the balloting on local option in this city. The voters for the "Dry Ticket" are rewarded with carnations and refreshments.

The saloon element hired every lively rig here to carry the voters to the polls and while the women offered their family vehicles for the prohibitionists.

PROHIBITION IN NEBRASKA.
Is Principal Issue in Municipal Elections in That State.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, April 7.—Municipal elections are being held in all cities of Nebraska except Omaha today. The principal issue is prohibition. Its supporters claim seventy per cent of the counties in the State and the result of today's election is promised to be a revelation.

ANNA GOULD GETS CONSENT

Family Finally Agrees to Her Marriage to Prince de Sagan of France.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 7.—An agreement has been reached whereby the relatives of Mrs. Gould will interpose no further objection to her engagement to Prince de Sagan according to rumor today. George Gould, custodian of his sister's property, is said to be the only member of the family opposing the match.

CONGRESSMAN DIES IN INDIANAPOLIS.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 7.—Congressman Abraham Lincoln Brick of the Thirteenth Indiana district, died suddenly here today at a sanitarium. Bright's disease is given as the cause.

MILLIONS NOW OUT OF WORK

Labor Leader Declares That 4,750,000 Men are Out of Employment Now.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 7.—At a convention of the representatives of labor bodies here yesterday, Samuel A. Stodel, representing the Industrial Workers of the World, said that the unemployed in thirty-seven States aggregated 4,750,000 and asserted that matters are going to be worse.

MINES STILL SHUT.

Operators and Miners Unable to Agree on Wages.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, April 7.—The conference of the coal operators in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and representatives of the miners in these districts and Illinois, adjourned today after a two hours session. No resumption of work in the mines in the States represented was ordered. The next meeting will be at Toledo, April 14th.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, April 7.—The prospects for an early settlement of the strike of 35,000 southwestern coal miners was put off today when the operators made certain demands which the miners refused to accept. An attempt will be made to bring the two sides together tomorrow.

RICHTER: "We should not let trifles merely plague us—they should also gratify us. We should seize not their poison-bags only, but their HONEY-BAGS, too." "Times" want ads, afford a simple method of turning trifles to useful ends—of "taking the sting out" of small events.

Agreement With North Bend Liquor Interests Causes Embarrassing Muddle.

MAY INTERFERE WITH MOVEMENT.

Ministers to Confer With District Attorney Brown—Ministers Visit Saloons.

The agreement between the Law & Order League and the North Bend liquor interests which resulted in the closing of the North Bend saloons at midnight and on Sunday has led to a peculiar complication in the prohibition movement in Coos County. The understanding was that if the liquor interests at North Bend would agree to the night and Sunday closing, the Law and Order League would not, for another year at least, aid or agitate the local option matter. Since that agreement, a meeting of many ministers and prohibition workers of the county at Coquille organized the Coos County Anti-saloon League and decided to institute a campaign for the local option and to circulate petitions to have the matter submitted to an early vote of the electors.

It is understood that a meeting of the Law and Order League was held at North Bend last evening to decide what the organization was to do. On the one hand is their agreement with North Bend Liquor Interests and on the other the position of the prohibition workers of the county outside of Coos Bay.

Whether the agreement will mean that the campaign for local option will have to be called off or whether it will be made and the members of the Law and Order be kept from participating in it on account of their agreement is not known.

Confer With Brown.
The Rev. Lacey and the Rev. Sumnerlin of North Bend came to Marshfield today for the purpose of holding a conference with George Brown of Roseburg, district attorney, regarding the enforcement of the Sunday closing law in this section, particularly in reference to Marshfield. The league has been considering the idea of engaging a special attorney to prosecute the cases but this will depend upon Mr. Brown's answer to the ministers.

Sheriff Gage of Coquille was in Marshfield today and whether he will participate in the conference is not known.

Ministers Visit Saloons.
Eight or ten ministers and church workers of Marshfield caused a little stir in some of the saloons of Marshfield Sunday afternoon by entering them and watching the proceedings for a time. It is understood that the object of the visit to the saloons was to enable the ministers and some others to testify, in case it is necessary, that the saloons are actually open on Sunday and dispose of liquor on that day.

The personnel of the party was not given out.

KEEP EMMA GOLDMAN OUT

Report That U. S. Immigration Officers Have Leader of Anarchists.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PAUL, April 7.—An express messenger on the Soo line reports United States immigration inspectors detained Emma Goldman anarchist at Noyes on international border as she was returning to United States from Winnipeg. No confirmation.

CANADA OUSTS HER.

Authorities Refuse to Let Emma Goldman Remain There.

(By Associated Press.)
WINNIPEG, April 7.—The Canadian government today instructed the police officials here to escort Emma Goldman to the boundary. If the United States government refuses to allow her to cross, she will be sent to Russia although she claims to be a citizen of the United States.

A CALD.
To the Republican voters of Coos county, Gentlemen: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination to the office of Representative for Coos county, subject to your approval at the primary election, April 17, 1908.

GEO. N. FARRIN.