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NORWAY REPLY

Will Reaffirm Constitutional Rights.

REPLY WILL BE SHORT

King Oscar's Communication Was Received in Open Session of Strorthing.

NORWEGIANS ARE CONFIDENT

Believed That King Oscar Will Soon Confirm the Dissolution and Blame the Present Difficulty to the Nobility of Sweden on Account of Politics.

Christiania, June 14.—King Oscar's long letter to the president of the Norwegian Storthing, M. Berner, defining his position, as cabled to the Associated Press yesterday evening, was received in the Storthing, which was crowded at its opening this morning after the Whitsuntide recess. The document was referred unanimously to a special committee without comment, and the Storthing adjourned to await the committee's report. There was no demonstration whatever. The Associated Press understands that a short reply will be sent reaffirming the constitutional rights of the Storthing.

The governemnt of Norway and the members of the Storthing welcomed the message, seeing in the last paragraph an indication that the king and the Riktion of the union, after a reaffirmation sdag will probably confirm the dissoluof the contention that the union could not be dissolved without the consent of Sweden and King Oscar.

A member of the Storthing, commenting on the bitter feeling in Sweden, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"Aristocratic Sweden is always inclined to look down on democratic Norway. The Swedes resent what they call our audacity in initiating a solution and dethroning the king. The latter has always been influenced by an atmosphere of the nobility of Sweden, and seldom visited Norway. The Swedish upper chamber too, is inclined to consider the rights of the throne paramount to those of the constitution, which, however, is not the case in Norway."

TOP GUNS TO GO.

Navy Department Issues Orders to Remove Top Guns.

New York, June 14.—Orders were received at the New York navy yard today to remove the guns from the fighting tops of the battleship Alabama. Orders received also that guns are not to be replaced on fighting top of battleship Indiana, which is being repaired. It is reported that the guns will be replaced by range finders and similar orders will be issued regarding other battleships.

The news of the victory of Admiral Togo in the battle in the sea of Japan is said to have influenced the decission to put range finders in the place of one pounders, which have occupied the tops. The fate of the battle was decided by the superiority of the work of the Japanese gunners while the ships were still at long range.

MORMON HOCH.

Case May Be Appealed to the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Chicago, June 14.—"Bluebeard Johann Hoch, who is sentenced to be hanged on June 23, for the murder of one of his numerous wives, may be given one more chance to escape the gallows. His case may be taken to the supreme court of Illinois. In a conference held here today Governor Deenan assurred counsel for Hoch that in the case the states attorneys office was assured by Wednesday June 21, that enough money would be forthcoming to provide for preparation of the necessary record, a reprieve would be granted until the October term of the supreme court. The sum needed is $700. The governor assurred the assistant attorney, Olsen, that he had no desire to interfere with carying out the verdict as he wished merely to give the accused every right afforded by law.

REWARD OFFERED.

No Trace of James Slaterly of Seaside Has Been Found.

Seaside, Or., June 14.—No trace of James Slaterly, the Portland man lost in the timber near here, had been found at noon today, and $50 reward has been offered for his recovery. Slaterly was lost not over a mile and a half or two miles from Seaside. He started from the Seaside house with C. M. Cartwright and C. H. Carey to look at timber, became separated from them and could not find his way back. Bear tracks have been noticed lately in the woods, and it is feared Slaterly became the victim of these or got lost in a swamp.

SHANGHAI RAILROAD.

First Locomotive Passes Over Bridge 1,000 Feet Long.

Shanghi, June 14.—The first locomotive drawing an inspection train in the charge of chief engineer of the Peihan Railway, crossed the Yellow river bridge over one thousand feet high, on June 11.

DELYANNIS DEATH

Premier is Mourned Throughout Greece by the People.

SUCCESSOR IS NOT NAMED

King George Presided at the Cabinet Meeting Held at the Palace and Requested all Members of the Cabinet to Retain the Portfolios.

Athens, June 14.—The chamber of deputies decided today to adjourn until after the funeral of Premier M. Delyannis. Amid extraordinary emotion, the president of the chamber eulogized the achievments and career of the late premier. Other deputies described M. Delyannis as a great patriot whose loss will be mourned by all Greece.

King George presided today at the cabinet meeting held at the Palace and requested all the members of the cabinet to retain their portfolios. His majesty said that out of respect to the memory of M. Delyannis he would not appoint a new premier until after the funeral.

There was mourning throughout all Greece today. Premier M. Delyannis was honored and respected by all and was very popular with all classes of people.

GREAT BRITAIN LOYAL.

Positively Refuses to Take Part in the Morrocoan Difficulty.

Fez, Morocco, June 14.—Great Britain's reply to the sultan's invitation to join the international conference on the Moroccoan situation, which has been handed to the government, consists of a categorical refusal.

This is the first reply received by the foreign office and is quite unmistakeable in its terms, showing the loyalty of Great Britain to her agreement with France. Count Von Tattnbach Ashold, head of the German mission to Morocco, handed in the reply of Germany accepting the invitation. It is expected that the reply from the French government will be the last to be received, in order that France may emphasize her refusal.

Railroad Commission.

Seattle, June 14.—Governor Meade, at Bellingham, today announced the appointment of J. C. Lawrence, of Colfax, and John S. McMillan, of San Juan, as railroad commissioners.

THREE CITIES

Named for Considering of Peace Negotiations.

PLACE NOT DECIDED ON

Washington, The Hague and Geneva Have Been Suggested for Conference.

PARIS AND LONDON ARE OUT

Negotiations For Peace In the Far East Is Gradually Nearing a Conclusion, the Only Thing Remaining is a Selection of a Place of Conference.

Washington, June 14.—Gradually the negotiations for peace in the far east are nearing a focus. One point to which the energies are being directed and which the belligerents are deeply concerned in is the choice of the place for holding the conference of the plenipotentiaries of the belligerents.

It is known officially that three cities are under consideration by Russia and Japan. These cities are named in the order of the liklihood of their final selection and are Washington, The Hague and Geneva. Thus far no decision has been reached. Paris and London are eliminated from the question.

It is understood that Russia objects to any Asiatic city, its preference being some European capital. After objecting to holding the conference in Paris the Japanese government expressed a willingness to consider other places which afforded adequate facilities, although it is assumed that Japan's preference is to be in some far eastern city practically near the theater of war.

As the situation now is, Washington appears to be the city most likely to be selected. It can be said on authority that if the conference is held in the United States it will be in Washington. No other place in this country has been considered seriously. The announcement of the selection of the place of meeting of the plenipotentiaries is expected within a few days. After the selection of the place of the meting the two governments will name those to represent them respectively at the conference. Then an armistice between the contending armies in the field will be arranged and pending the results of the peace conference the great armies facing each other in Manchuria will lie on their arms awaiting the final signal from the governments.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Man and Woman Killed and Two Sons Seriously Injured.

Middleton, N. Y., June 14.—An automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Sayer, of Englewood, N. J., and two sons, wa sstruck by the Erie train near Goshen today. Mr. and Mrs. Sayer were instantly killed and the sons hurled several feet, striking near the track. They are not expected to survive. The chauffer saved his life by jumping before the train struck the automobile. Mr. Sayers was president of the Rider Engine Company.

NO MORE "HELLO."

Baptist Church Will Not Permit Members to Use Telephones.

Flora, Ind., June 14.—The national conference of the old German Baptist Brethren closed a four days' sesion in the city today. One question warmly discussed was that of permitting telephones to be used by church people.

Foreman Montgomery decided that members can not permit the use of telephone in their homes and should any member now use a telephone or have one in his house, it must be taken out.

GUN EXPLODED.

Gun Practice on British Battleship Injures Several Men.

Gibralter, June 14.—During a gun practice on board the British battleship Magnificent this afternoon, a six-inch shell exploded. Eighteen person, including four officers, were wounded, eleven of them seriously. The officers are among the seriously wounded. The explosion was due to a defect in the breach of the gun. The shell burst inside of the gun. The wounded were brought here tonight.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Father Critically Wounded and Son is Instantly Killed.

Palouse, Wn., June 14.—Fred Fields was instantly killed and his father, A. C. Fields was critically wounded tonight on Cedar creek, Idaho, by an unknown foe who shot from ambush. The father and son were riding in a buggy on the highway when, without warning two shots were fired from the brush.

The son received a wound in a vital spot and lived but a short time. The father was struck under the arm and the bullet passed through his body. He is now in a critical condition at Freeze, Idaho. The officers from Moscow reach the scene of the tragedy at midnight and received such information from Mr. Fields as is believed will result in the capture of the murderer. The crime is said to have been committed for revenge and not robbery.

VIRTUALLY SETTLED

Chicago Strike is Losing Ground Every Day.

ADMIT THEY ARE BEATEN

Some Union Teamsters Claim that the Strike Will be Continued Against Boycotted Firms Until it is Called Off in an Honorable Way by Concessions.

Chicago, June 14.—The Teamsters' Joint Council has apparently come to the conclusion that the strike is a "dead issue." For the first time since the original strike was called against Montgomery, Ward & Company, the controversy was shelved in the council meeting as an "unimportant" matter of business.

"I don't see that the strike needs much attention any more," said William J. Kelley, secretary of the Coal Teamsters' Union. "No, we won't admit that we are beaten, but I mean to say that we have matters in hand so well that we can afford now to let the strike take care of itself."

The proposed referendum vote, which certain labor leaders wish submitted to the teamsters as to whether the strike shall be called off unconditionally, was not brought up.

President Bernard Milligan, of the railway express companies drivers union said of the referendum:

"It will never come up, even if it should, the teamsters on strike will vote to a man for the continuance of the strike until it can be called off on honorable terms."

Baseball Scores.

At Los Angeles.—Oakland 2, Los Angeles 4.

At San Francisco.—Portland 2, San Francisco 4.

At Seattle.—Tacoma 7, Seattle 1.

BOY KILLED.

Climbed Electric Pole For Birds' Nest and Received Shock.

Spokane, June 14.—A special to the Spokesman-Review from Asotin says:

The thirteen-year-old Willie Gordon, who climbed an electric light pole to get a bird's nest, came in contact with a live wire, was shocked and fell to the ground. He is probably fatally injured.

CHINA BOYCOTT

Chinese Government Proposes to Retaliate.

AN EXCLUSION POLICY

Government Will Fumigate All Americans and Charge $5 a Head.

CHINESE COOLIE LABORERS

The Chinese Government Is Strongly Opposed to the United States Exclusion Act and will Inaugurate a Systematic Boycott Against American Goods.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Honolulu, June 7.—Considerable attention has been attracted by a Chinese poster which has appeared in Hilos Asiatic quarters. It says that the Chinese government proposes to retaliate for the American exclusion policy and that the government at Peking will issue an order against the purchase of American goods with a death penalty for violation of the order and will proceed to have Americans who enter China fumigated at the Port of Entry and charged $5 a head.

The steamship Alameda brought a box of snakes, on her last trip, for exhibition in a local zoo. Efforts were at once made to prevent them being landed, as there are no snakes on the islands, and it has been a policy of long standing to keep them out. Escapes from the zoo are feared. The reptiles were all killed before they got through the customs house by collector Stackable.

The revenue cutter Bear, which has been on duty here since December 29, left yesterday for Dutch Harbor. She is to be on Arctic duty until the winter sets in.

High Sheriff Henry last night raided the Japanese theater where a play is being given attacking the local Japanese consul on account of his attitude towards the immigration companies. Five Japanese, including the manager and actors were arrested on a charge of conducting a theater without a license and conducting an obscene performance.

Pekin, June 14.—The agitation and proposed boycott of American goods by Chinese merchants is apparently based upon a misconception by the Chinese in regard to American intentions in regard to the exclusion act. Both Chinese and Americans are agreed upon the point that the exclusion of coolies is the chief matter under consideration, and that the act deals with the treatment of other classes. A discussion of the subject will be necessarily prolonged and to arrange a new convention will take time. Mr. Rockhill, the American minister, has assured the Chinese that America's intentions are fair and conciliatory, and the Chinese Board of Foreign Affairs is apparently satisfied upon the subject. The public are somewhat alarmed, hence the boycott.

This movement is unlikely to attain any serious proportions although it is significant, indicating the importance which is attached by the Chinese to the questions involved in the American exclusion act.

The exclusion of coolies from the Hawiian and Philippine islands is considered a hardship by the Chinese, who also complain of the treatment they experience at the hands of the American customs officials, nevertheless there is a genuine desire upon the part of the Chinese government for a speedy and amicable adjustment of the questions at issue.

Washington, June 4.—President Roosevelt is manifesting deep interest in the statements made to him Monday by the delegation of the members of the Asiatic Association concerning the difficulties experienced by the Chinese government, merchants, students, travelers and literary men in gaining admission to this country. In a letter to Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor, the president directs him to see that the immigration officers exercise discretion in the enforcement of the exclusion law to the end that the relations of this government with China may continue to be cordial. It is pointed out that great difficulty is experienced by immigration officials in executing the law because many bogus certificates are presented by the Chinese. So many frauds have been discovered in the matter of these certificates that the immigration officials examine all of them most carefully. That fact accounts for the trouble experienced by genuine merchants, travelars, etc., when they arrive in the United States.

MUNICIPAL OWENRSHIP.

Platform to be Made Containing Provisions on the Subject.

New York, June 14.—Absolute municipal ownership of all future subways provided most favorable terms can not be obtained from private bidders, together with municipal operation of lighting faculties, are advanced in a resolution which has been adopted by the city committee of the Citizen's Union. The resolution will be handed to the city convention of the party with the recommendation that it be incorporated in the platform this fall.

MORE LAND FRAUDS

California State Minerologist Alleges Frauds.

BY MILLIONAIRE LUMBERMAN

Thousands of Acres of Lands Filed upon as Mineral which are Non-Mineral and the Public Domain Has Been Robbed by Unscrupulous Timber Syndicates.

San Francisco, June 14.—The Examiner says today:

State Mineralogist L. E. Aubrey charges that thousands of acres of valuable land in Butte, Plumas, and Siskiyou counties have been secured illegally and he has placed information in support of his charges in the hands of the special prosecutor for the governemnt in the Oregon land fraud cases. Specifically, the state mineralogist alleges that S. H. E. Yard, who represents the Western Pacific Railroad in the matter of securing right of way and T. B. Walker, the millionaire lumberman of Minnesota, have both illegally filed on lands located in the northern counties.

It is the contention of Aubrey that thousands of acres filed upon as mineral lands are non-mineral in character. The state mineralogist has made a report upon the operation of Yard to the department of the interior.

H. H. Yard, who has offices in this city admits that he and his associates have secured 100,000 acres of mineral land in Butte and Plumas counties. He contends that all these lands have been legitimately secured and are mineral in character.

ENGLAND IS NEUTRAL.

Will Not take any Part in the Settlement of Morrocan Difficulty.

London, June 14.—Great Britain, as one of the powers of the signatory to the Madrid convention in 1880, in answer to a request of the Sultan of Morroco, joint international conference for the consideration of the Morrocoan question, has announced its preference not to take any part in the conference unless such action be satisfactory to France. The United States has taken the same stand and the two powers being in accord with France, that such conference is not the easiest way of promoting urgent reforms in Morroco.