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WISH NEW LOAN

Japanese Will Require More Money.

TAKAHASHI GOES HOME

Is Sent for by Japan's Imperial Minister of Finance.—Will Leave June 24.

SAYS JAPAN NEEDS FUNDS

Whether War Ends or Continues Will Negotiate for Large Sums—Believes New Loan Can be Made at 4 Per Cent.—Express Admiration for Roosevelt.

New York, June 17.—K. Takahashi, financial agent of Japan, who looked after the flotation here of his country's war loans, has received dispatches from the imperial minister of finance, summoning him to Tokio at once. He will leave New York June 24, and sail for home on July 3.

Mr. Takahashi will appear before the imperial cabinet immediately on his return to Japan, and confer with the officers upon the advisability of making further large loans in foreign markets in the event that peace then seems assured. If these plans are carried out it will be with the object of making ready for business conditions which will follow the cessation of hostilities.

In expressing his confidence that an early and satisfactory peace will be arranged, Mr. Takahashi said:

"Japan will need a comfortable amount of money after the war to give new impetus to her industries. While business in Japan is at present in no way injured; yet if the money advanced by the Japanese people in the first war loan of \$250,000,000, is returned to them on the termination of the war it will give a tremendous new life to Japanese industries. All departments of business will be vastly benefited by this large amount of money being put back into commercial channels.

"While I can not speak, with authority at this time, I believe it is the desire of the government to float a new loan in case of the termination of the war, to take up the domestic loan made just after the commencement of hostilities."

Mr. Takahashi said he believed that a new loan, made either in America or England, could be placed at as low a rate as four per cent.

In the event of a continuance of hostilities, a new loan to carry on the war doubtless will be made within three months. About \$140,000,000 of the foreign loan remains on deposit divided between the banks of America and England.

The financier expressed great admiration for the negotiations in the direction of ending the war inaugurated by President Roosevelt.

TRUCKEE IRRIGATION PROJECT IS FORMALLY OPENED.

Will Water Thousands of Acres—Appropriate Ceremonies.

Hazen, Nev., June 17.—Mrs. Francis G. Newland, wife of United States Senator Newlands, broke a bottle of champagne over the headgates of the Truckee river irrigation canal, two miles above Derby, today. When the headgates were lifted, a stream of pure mountain water poured into the canal in its course to the Carson valley, and the first step in making the arid West habitable was celebrated on the Third Anniversary of the National Reclamation Act.

The Truckee river irrigation canal is one of the recently undertaken govern-

ment reclamations. It is destined to make the great desert region of Nevada one of the most productive agricultural districts in the world.

Hop Crop Short.

Marysville, Cal., June 17.—The hop crop of Yuba and Sutter counties it is reported will be twenty-five per cent short of last season.

TERMINATION OF STRIKE NOW ASSURED

Chicago, June 17.—An early termination of the teamster's strike was predicted by representatives of the union today after the Teamsters' Joint Council has arranged for a special meeting of that body next Monday night when a new strike committee would be appointed. The personnel of the new strike committee, it is said, will be antagonistic to the continuation of the present struggle. One of the first moves of the board, it is said, will be to seek a conference with the employers at which a settlement proposal, greatly modified will be offered.

STOCK MARKETS STAGNANT

Revival Occasioned by Prospects of Peace and Other Matters Ended.

New York, June 17.—Slight animation on the stock exchange this week induced by the plans for the Equitable Society's settlement by the peace prospects and by the government crop report quickly subsided and the market for stocks sank into a condition of greater stagnation than before the revival. More and more importance is attached to the outcome of the crops and the future course of iron and steel, so that a waiting attitude in the stock market is indicated until more light is thrown on these questions. Meantime, prices show dull resisting power, and lose only part of the advantage gained in the occasional tentative revivals.

SIMPSON MILL BURNS

South Bend Plant Sustains Large Loss From Fire.

MAY OPERATE AT KNAPPTON

Boy Discovers Blaze Which Destroys Main Building—Loss is \$100,000—No Insurance Carried—Possible Effect on Northwest Lumber Trade.

(Special to the Astorian.)

South Bend, Wash., June 17.—The Simpson Lumber company's saw mill here was completely destroyed by fire this morning early. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with no insurance.

The fire was discovered in the engine room by a boy employed about the mill. He gave the alarm to the night watchman who was in the main building. The latter dislocated his shoulder in jumping down to the fire room. His attempts to quench the fire proved futile. The main mill was soon gutted. The planing mill, dry kiln and store house were saved by the firemen and a bucket brigade formed from among the 100 employees of the mill.

About four years ago the mill was rebuilt, during the regime of R. B. Dyes, the present manager of the Clatsop mill, at Astoria, Ore. What effect the fire will have on the lumber business of this section can not, as yet, be determined, with any degree of certainty. The Simpson Lumber company owns the Columbia mill at Knappton, Wash. This has been closed down for the past year, but will probably be opened, as the company's trade requires the better quality of timber which abounds in this region.

FIRE IS COSTLY

Huge Blaze Threatens Entire City.

LOSS IS FIVE THOUSAND

Palace Catering Company and Central Meat Market Suffer.

DEPARTMENT MAKES GOOD

Conflagration Narrowly averted.—Commercial Street Buildings Nearly Destroyed—Fire Laddies' Efforts Effective—Structure Completely Guttled.

At 9:05 o'clock last night a disastrous fire broke out in the building occupied by the Palace Catering Company and for a time threatened to destroy the East half of the block bounded by Bond, Commercial and Twelfth streets. That the blaze did not result in a costly conflagration and the possible destruction of the city is due to the excellent work of the department, to the work of volunteers, and to the fact that no heavy wind was blowing. The loss will probably exceed \$5,000. As yet the origin of the fire has not been determined. No lives were lost, and none sustained injuries.

The blaze was spectacular. Fifteen minutes after it was discovered large flames could be distinguished from all over the city. Excitement was keen and a very large crowd thronged the immediate streets. Fire lines were stretched and all traffic stopped. From among the spectators Fire-Chief Foster recruited volunteers who aided the firemen materially. Every effort was made to confine the flames to the building in which the fire started. Six streams were directed upon the exterior of the building, upon the roof and into, what was believed to be, the most threatening source. At 10 o'clock Chief Foster announced the fire under control. It was entirely extinguished by 11 o'clock.

Those who will suffer heavily as a result of the fire will be the Hobson estate and the Palace Catering Company. The Central Meat Market and persons utilizing the upper story of the building, as a dwelling will, sustain slight losses. Manager Smith of the Palace Catering Company stated, when seen, that but \$2000 insurance was carried upon the stock and fixtures of his concern. The damage, he thought, would amount to \$5,000. The building was owned by the Hobson estate. One thousand dollars is the insurance. In explanation of the fact that more is not carried it was stated that the rate here is \$72 on the thousand. Chief Foster says he feels deeply appreciative of the efforts of the volunteers and has nothing, but words of praise for his men.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS DEFEATED.

Portland Academy Plays Good Ball—Score, 13 to 11.

The High School boys lost their laurels yesterday to the Portland Academy team in the game played on the local diamond. A large crowd turned out and the crowd was fairly good. The visitors secured a start in the first inning scoring 11 runs. While this depressed the "homers" to a certain extent, they fought valiantly and held the Academy nine down to one run in the eighth innings. A return game will probably be played.

MEXICAN SMUGGLER CAUGHT

Arrested in New York. Carried Precious Stones Worth Thousands.

New York, June 17.—Ramon Rosales,

agent for a gold mining company, was arrested as he was leaving the Mexican steamship Monterey. He was taken in charge by a customs inspector after a boxful of rings had been taken out of a coat which Rosales carried on his arm. The rings were set with precious stones, believed to be worth several thousand dollars.

Rosales said he had intended to send the rings to Italy at once and thought it unnecessary to declare them for duty. Nevertheless he was locked up.

Army Surgeons Detailed.

Washington, June 17.—Orders have been issued at the war department detailing Majors Rudolph G. Egbert and Charles E. Woodruff, surgeons, and first Lieutenant James Carrol, assistant surgeon, to represent the medical department of the United States army at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held in Portland, Ore., July 11 to 14.

Orders have been issued detailing Examining and Supervising Dental Surgeon John H. Marshall, U. S. A., to represent the dental corps of the army at the Lewis and Clark Dental Congress, to be held at Portland, Ore., July 17 to July 20.

Teachers Re-elected.

At a meeting of the school board of district No. 1, Astoria, held yesterday afternoon, all of the present teachers were elected for next year. The directors were well satisfied with the progress that has been made and in the efficiency of all the teachers.

EIGHTEEN ARE DEAD

Freight and Passenger Trains in Collision.

FATALITIES AMONG WORKMEN

Employees of Company On Way Home Riding in Baggage Cars and On Engine Meet Awful Deaths—Blame Is Not Placed.

Baltimore, June 17.—Eighteen persons are known to have been killed and a score more injured tonight in a train wreck on the Western Maryland railway, a quarter of a mile from Patapsco, a small station between Westminster and Pinksburg.

A west-bound passenger train, while running at a high rate of speed, was crashed into by a double-header freight running East. All three engines were reduced to scrap iron, two express and baggage cars smashed and a number of freight cars splintered. The passenger coaches sustained little injury, and almost without exception, the occupants escaped with nothing worse than a bad shaking up.

All fatalities occurred among workmen in the employ of the company who were on their way to their houses and not being regular passengers rode in baggage cars and on the engines. Those in the baggage cars were badly mangled. The crews of all three engines were killed outright.

FIELDS CONFESSES THAT HE MURDERED NAMESAKE

Shot Fred Fields and Father from Ambush Near Freese, Idaho.

Spokane, June 17.—A special to the Spokesman Review from Moscow, Idaho, says:

Tom Fields, a rancher living near Freese, Idaho, tonight confessed to the killing of Fred Fields and the wounding of Fred Fields' father day before yesterday. The Fields were shot from ambush and suspicion fell upon Thomas Fields, who, although of the same name, is no relative of the men he ambushed, because of his suspicious actions before the assassination, and because of threats alleged to have been made.

AT THE HAGUE

Plenipotentiarys May Convene in Holland.

RUSSIA IS RESPONSIBLE

Grave Apprehensions Arise Over Suggestion to Change Place of Meeting.

DIPLOMATISTS ARE WORRIED

May Result in Prevention of Declaration of Armistice and Immediate Renewal of Hostilities—Selection of Washington Doubtful.

St. Petersburg, Sunday, June 17.—Whether Washington or The Hague will be the scene of the Russo-Japanese peace conference is not known here and news of Japan's answer to the Russian request for the reconsideration of the place of meeting is awaited before Monday.

After the ready acceptance of Washington, she is exhibiting unexpected insistence for The Hague and considerable apprehension is manifested in diplomatic circles and among friends of peace least there be delay in case of Japan being unwilling to consent to the change. This might prevent the conclusion of an armistice before the armies in Manchuria are drawn into a general engagement, which President Roosevelt wished to avoid, especially as the army leaders appear against bent on trying forces in the field.

Russian Denial.

Washington, June 17.—Russia today requested that the negotiations for the place of meeting of the plenipotentiaries be reopened with a view to selecting The Hague instead of Washington.

Tonight an authoritative statement was made at the Russian embassy that Washington was acceptable to Russia and would remain so and that Russia was not forwarded to Japan as the selection of Washington was final.

PROVED EASY MARK.

Spokane Mine Owner Falls Victim to Touts and Loses \$1600.

Chicago, June 17.—John Monroe has been arrested on complaint of P. H. Grear, a wealthy mine owner of Spokane, Wash. Grear said Monroe and two other men took him to an alleged poolroom and told him they had arranged with the clerk of the bookmaker to withhold the name of one of the winning horses in a race, until Grear could bet \$1600 on that horse. Grear placed \$1200. A short time later Monroe excused himself and the bookmaker and his clerk left the room. They did not return and Grear notified the police. Monroe's companions can not be found.

CHICAGO WILL HAVE ITS OWN STREET CARS

Chicago, June 17.—Mayor Dunne on Monday will ask the city council to authorize the commissioner of public works to advertise for bids to construct and fully equip 100 miles of street rail way to be operated by the city of Chicago. The democratic members of the local transportation committee have promised Mayor Dunne their support for a recommendation on the floor of the council chamber.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Washington, Sunday, fair. Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, unsettled weather with showers and thunder storms.

General Gomez Dead.

Havana, June 17.—General Maximo Gomez, the Cuban patriot, died at 6 o'clock this evening, as a result of an abscess on the hand. Gen. Gomez has been prominent in military circles. During the Cuban rebellion, as commander of the insurgent forces, he fought with the Spanish butcher, General Weyler. With the American intervention and the Spanish-American war which followed, Gen. Gomez allied himself with the American army and was the friend and colleague of Generals Miles, Shafter and Wheeler and, the then consul, the late Fitzhugh Lee.

General Gomez leaves a widow, five sons and one daughter. Only today the Secretary of the Treasury delivered to one of Gomez's sons a check for \$100,000, voted by congress for the general's benefit, this in addition to \$50,000, previously voted.

Dredging Contracts Let.

Seattle, June 17.—A contract for the dredging of the Whatcom creek waterway awarded to the North American Dredging company of San Francisco, at \$1474 the cubic yard, or \$29,480 for the entire work.

News of the Diamonds.

New York, June 17.—Seventeen thousand persons saw Yale win the third and deciding game for the baseball championship between Princeton and the victors. Score, Princeton, 5; Yale, 8.

Seattle, Wn., June 13.—Seattle, 4; Tacoma, 1.

ELECT COADJUTOR

Rev. Frederic E. J. Lloyd, of Uniontown, Pa., Selected.

ANNUAL CONVENTION CLOSED

Bishop-Elect is Chosen on Third Ballot—Long Desired Active Head Will Improve Conditions in This Diocese—Many Candidates Nominated.

(Special to the Astorian.)

Portland, June 17.—The annual convention of the Diocese of Oregon closed yesterday, after a bishop-coadjutor had been chosen. The candidates nominated were: Rev. A. A. Morrison, Ph. D., of Portland, Ore.; Rev. Robert Kell, Ohio; Rev. C. H. H. Bloor, Alaska; Rev. Paul Mathews, Cincinnati; Rev. George T. Linsley, Connecticut; Rev. J. E. Sulger, Terre Haute, Ind.; Rev. J. E. Freeman, Yonkers, N. Y.; Rev. Charles Y. Grimes, Tacoma, Wash.; Rev. W. E. Potwine and the Rev. Frederic E. J. Lloyd, D. D., of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The latter was elected on the third ballot. The Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd is rector of St. Peter's Parish in Uniontown, Pa. His acceptance will be anxiously awaited, although there is every reason to think that he will answer the call which, owing to the practical retirement of the Right Rev. Benjamin Wistar Morris, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, is an important one. The church's work in this diocese has, for some time past, required a younger man. Bishop Morris, while devoted to his work, has been unable to give the necessary attention on account of his greatly impaired health. Clergy and laymen alike will rejoice in the happy selection made. The bishop-elect received his degree from the Rutherford College in North Carolina.

Tomorrow most of the delegates will attend the Union missionary services to be held in several churches.