

GOVERNMENT WOULD KNOW IF TREATY WILL AFFECT 'OPEN DOOR'

Full Report on Russo-Japanese Pact Awaited; Silence Is Maintained.

PHRASE USED INTERESTS

Definition of "Russian and Japanese Special Interests," Whose Protection Is Guaranteed, Koped For Soon.

Washington, July 8.—(U. P.)—Awaiting a full report from Ambassador Guthrie at Tokyo, administration officials tonight maintained absolute silence regarding the new Russo-Japanese treaty and its possible effect upon American interests in the Far East.

Guthrie was expected to furnish the state department with all information obtainable at Tokyo. It was hoped that this report would define to some extent the meaning of the phrase "Russian and Japanese special interests," whose protection is guaranteed in advance summaries of the treaty text.

Though officials were exceedingly close-mouthed, members of the senate foreign relations committee expressed the belief that Russia agreed to Japan's proposals that Japan became the dominant power in Manchuria and China. They believe that Russia decided to abandon the exploitation of China, and devote her time to Persia, Asia Minor and an attempt to obtain a passage for Russian wheat through the Dardanelles.

In return for Russian support and the surrender of important railway lines to Japan, it is believed Japan has agreed to support the czar's claims for recognition in the near east at the peace conference at the close of the war.

This government is interested in showing whether the new treaty will in any way affect the "open door" principle which bankers might expect to enter China with any legitimate proposals for loans. It was stated on highest authority that though the American government, at the outset of the present administration, disapproved participation by American bankers in the big six power loan, it would favor participation by American bankers in any straight loan to China secured by a lien on customs receipts or similar security, but not based on the granting of concessions.

WILSON IS MAIN ISSUE BEFORE VOTERS OF U. S.

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people, by wire and letter, are telling the president that they, who must make the sacrifices and who will not ask that some other mother's son make it for them, want peace so long as it is compatible with the nation's safety.

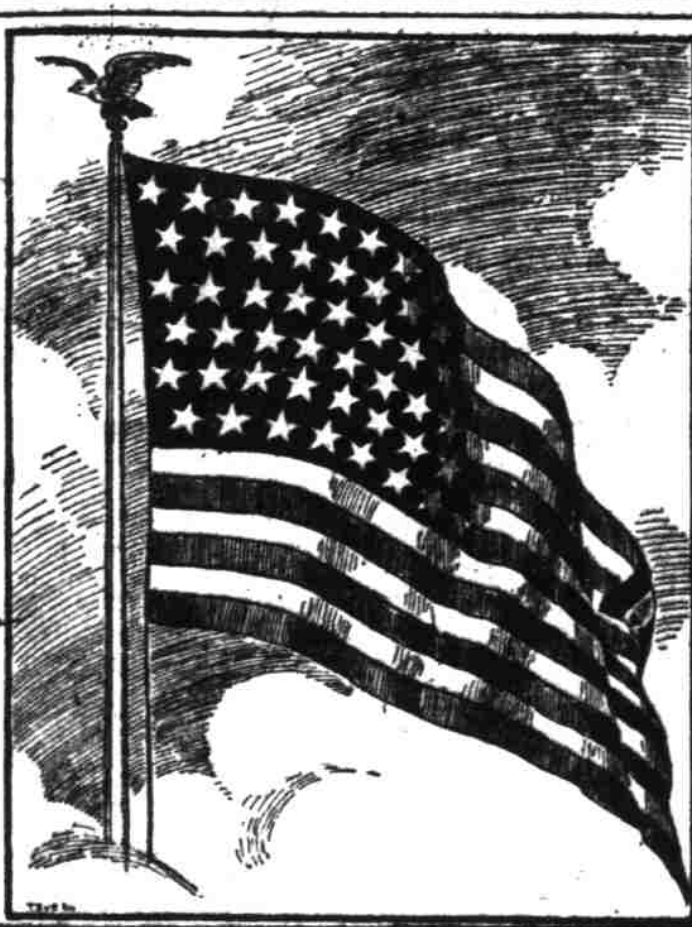
And the New York Tribune, admiring follower of Roosevelt, says: "Today we must all practice a little of the Americanism some of us have talked about so much in recent months. This Americanism, it seems to me, must begin by supporting the national government in its hour of crisis and in holding up its hands by demonstrating that at the point that we have now reached all considerations of party and personal ambition are merged in the one consideration of our unity in purpose and our determination in the face of foreign peril must be laid aside."

Why Remove Good Leader? Administration leaders are confident that President Wilson, bearing calmly the quips of the extreme party press, but steadily firm on questions of national honor, will be given credit for the masses of the people for pursuing the course that is wisest, and opposition oratory will find it difficult to give convincing reasons why in the day of stress, with a country prosperous and at peace, a leader of such capacity should be removed.

Roosevelt, Perkins, Elin and the other big bosses of the Progressive party, returning the road where they came, to an easy alliance with Hughes and Crane, have not demonstrated their ability to carry the party with them. Notwithstanding the action of the party's national committee, reports coming from different states show that large numbers of men who left the Republican party on principle are unwilling to accept the denance of their leaders.

Progressives Prove Recalcitrant. On the same day recently the Progressive party state committees met in the states of Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois. Every one of them declined to endorse Hughes and re-

THESE ARE SOME THINGS THE CARTOONISTS ARE SAYING ABOUT MEXICO



Left to right—"Thinking It Over," by Sykes, in Philadelphia Evening Ledger; "That's All," by Buell, in Sacramento Bee; "The Good Samaritan—Modern Version," by Culver, in Los Angeles Evening Express.

arrived independence of action at the November election. This gives emphasis to what was said at the time of the conventions, that the Progressives will split three ways. The worshippers of Roosevelt for the most part will go with him to Hughes. Many others, declaring principle above personality, will continue the party organization. Others are coming out for Wilson.

Democratic Platform Strong. Hugh Gordon Miller, a New York lawyer, prominently identified with the third party in that city, recently stated the case as many view it in a letter in which he said that the Democratic platform, through its social justice plank, its declaration for a non-partisan tariff commission, its Americanism plank and its unequivocal denunciation of alien conspiracy and interference with American governmental affairs, is a document much more acceptable to the average Progressive than the platform on which Hughes is running and has declared himself in entire accord.

The Progressives, also are keeping a watchful eye on the influence of the "open door" plank, which might expect to enter China with any legitimate proposals for loans. It was stated on highest authority that though the American government, at the outset of the present administration, disapproved participation by American bankers in the big six power loan, it would favor participation by American bankers in any straight loan to China secured by a lien on customs receipts or similar security, but not based on the granting of concessions.

FIFTY-YEAR LEASES FOR SURPLUS POWER ON RECLAMATION SITES

Washington, July 8.—The house committee on irrigation of arid lands has reported a bill by Congressman Smith of Idaho authorizing the secretary of the interior to make leases for the period of 50 years for the reclamation projects, giving preference to irrigation districts organized under state law and to municipalities desiring to use such power.

At the present time the lease can be made for a term greater than 10 years, and more advantageous contracts can be made on a 50-year basis. This term also corresponds with existing legislation under the Reclamation Act, and the Smith bill provides that the Smith bill provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall be covered into the reclamation fund to the credit of the project where the power is sold.

Southern Pacific's Answer Evasive. Washington, July 8.—Wrestling with the problem of "sold" and "unsold" lands of the Oregon & California grant, which must be clearly defined and made certain as a preliminary to final disposition under the Chamberlain act, Land Commissioner Tallman wrote to the Southern Pacific company asking for such assistance as could be given from the records of the company.

Acknowledging receipt of his letter, the company has written that it will advise him further when information is available. It is not believed that the land office will wait on the railroad's notion, but will proceed upon the descriptions of the land found in court proceedings as being substantially correct.

No estimate is obtainable, however, as to when the records will be in shape sufficiently to authorize the payment of accrued taxes or to take steps for actual opening of the lands to settlement.

Cushman Instead of Acme. Washington, July 8.—Representative Hawley has been advised by the post-office department that a change of name will be granted for Acme, Lane county, Or., to Cushman, in accordance with a petition from citizens there. Announcement is made of the establishment of a new rural route from Dufur, Or., effective August 1, known as No. 2. It will be 32 miles in length, leaving Dufur at 10:30 a. m. and returning at 6 p. m., with a salary for the carrier of \$340.

ONLY IN NORTH HAVE RUSSIANS FAILED TO OBTAIN PROGRESS

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Austrians were captured in the region of Opetovo, where Russian cavalry, breaking through the Austrian line, put many of the fleeing Austrians to the saber. Another Russian force operating near Kovel captured the villages of

ARRIVAL OF RAINY SEASON ON THE BORDER MAY MENACE PERSHING

Authorities Fear Motor Transportation Will Be Tied Up; Downpour Takes Place.

By Webb C. Miller.

Columbus, N. M., July 8.—(U. P.)—The rainy season, dreaded by all army officers as a grave menace to the punitive expedition in Mexico, has arrived along the border here.

Shipments over the Mexican northern railway out of Juarez virtually cut off by the Carranza government, the authorities fear that a tie-up in motor transportation by muddy roads would cause a serious shortage at least in fodder for the American horses.

A downpour of rain along the American lines in Mexico today resulted in an increased movement of supplies for storage to tide over the rainy season.

Rush orders for large shipments of forage were received from General Pershing. Requisition for 150 additional motor-trucks has been made.

The rain fell in sheets here during the guard mount ceremonies, resulting in the formalities being abandoned. The Massachusetts troops assigned to outpost duty marched out in the downpour to begin their vigil in the desert.

In a short time the dust was turned into sticky mud ankle deep and the camp streets into small lakes.

Soldiers Cheer Again. The storm was accompanied by a sharp drop in temperature and a spectacular display of lightning. As the first drops fell a cheer went up from the thousands of men in camp, many standing bareheaded to enjoy the first rain for months.

Reports from the lines in Mexico state that the expeditionary forces are alert and prepared for activity if bandits come within the limited sphere of the American troops.

In response to an urgent request from General Pershing for a scouting machine, Lieutenant Ira Rader made the flight from Columbus carrying

ACTED AS SCOUT



"Lem" Spillsberry, the Mormon scout and interpreter, who was with the Tenth United States cavalry, when Companies C and K were led into a trap by the Mexicans at Carrizal. "Lem" is carrying a bouquet presented him by admirers on his arrival at El Paso with the colored troops released by Carranza.

is a patriot and he is ready to see the country go through the depths of economic distress rather than to sell it over the counter to "international loan sharks."

Behind settlement of the border raid proposition is a comprehensive scheme to have Mexico got on her feet. This contemplates financial assistance, aid in rejuvenating her agricultural and industrial resources and putting her educational system on a firm foundation.

Opinions still conflicted here tonight as to whether Pancho Villa is person is directing the sudden activity of his followers. A war department message carried "unsubstantiated rumors" that Villa is in the Rio Florida region, west of Parral. Some army men insisted that though the Villistas are fighting seriously, Villa is not their leader and is indeed a corpse. State department advisers sent strength to the report that the bandit chieftain is actually in the field and urging his men to raid the string-goes and to fight Carranzistas.

Carranza Is Landed. El Paso, Texas, July 8.—(U. P.)—Newspapers from Yucatan and Mexico City received here lauded Carranza for diplomatically "pulling the tail feathers of the American eagle without a scratch." The "uncivilized" banding of Villistas taken in the Columbus raid was bitterly condemned, and Carranza was urged to exterminate the American troops in Mexico.

FRENCH TAKE TWO TOWNS NEAR ALBERT

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Trones wood. We captured 150 prisoners and several machine guns. The French on our right flank, greatly assisted our advance by the fire of their artillery. The enemy's losses were severe.

"A strong German counter attack was launched across the open against the captured positions but it broke down completely under the fire of our 18 pounders and the French 75. The enemy retired in disorder. In the neighborhood of Oviliers, hand to hand fighting continued among the ruins of the village. We made an appreciable advance."

French Report Captures. Paris, July 8.—(U. P.)—Fighting in a heavy fog and rain, French troops captured the villages of Hardecourt and Mamelan, north of the river Somme.

Two German counter attacks from the north and east were repulsed by French curtain fire, the communiqué asserted. In this region, 250 prisoners were taken.

No fighting of importance occurred south of the Somme.

"On the Yser front there was intermittent bombardment of our first and second line," the statement continued. "Northward of Souville and Fumin wood artillery exchanges continued."

The usual cannonading was reported on the rest of the front. The approaches to Hardecourt, which lies seven and one half miles east of Albert, were captured by the French in stubborn fighting in the first 48 hours of the allied offensive.

After the British advanced east of La Bulbigne, and consolidated their positions about Montauban ridge and the French pressed forward on the north bank of the Somme, the German positions at Hardecourt formed a wedge in the allied line.

In the attack the French straightened the allied line from Montauban to Curlu.

EDITORS WILL MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION AT MEDFORD, AUG. 4

Convention of State Association Will Last Four Days; Entertainment Feature.

AUTO RIDES TO BE GIVEN

Trip to Crater Lake Will Be Taken; Railroads Offer Special Rates to the Delegates.

Four busy days are planned for the annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association to be held in Medford August 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Special Pullman sleepers will carry eastern Oregon and Willamette valley delegates to Medford on Southern Pacific train No. 3, leaving Portland at 8:15 o'clock the night of Thursday, August 3.

Friday the visitors will be entertained at luncheon by the women of Medford, the opening business session being held that afternoon.

Following adjournment there will be an auto ride through the Rogue river valley to the California line, returning to Ashland's new lithia park for a banquet as the guests of the Ashland Commercial club.

There will be convention sessions all day Saturday, August 5, with a grand banquet at the Hotel Medford in the evening.

Sunday there will be a trip to Crater Lake. Will G. Steele, superintendent, has arranged for J. S. Diller of the United States geological survey to be present and tell the editors something of the park's natural wonders.

Railroads have granted fares of 20 per cent less than the regular tariff for the round trips to the convention. Rooms will be furnished free by Medford hotels to all registered delegates.

The trip to Crater Lake has been arranged by the Jackson county court. Ben C. Sheldon having been appointed special representative to prepare entertainment.

E. E. Brodie is president and Phil S. Bates secretary of the association.

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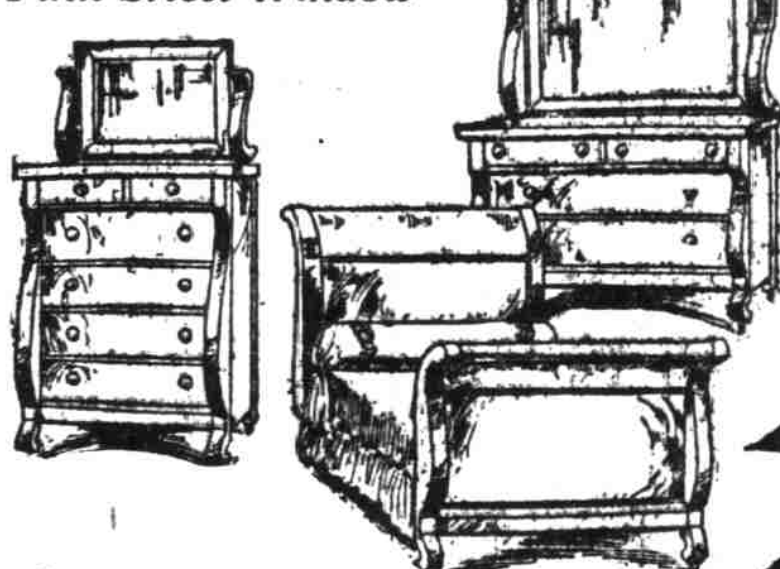
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