

CRISIS IN JAPANESE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION REACHED

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Home Politics So Absorbing No Comment on President Wilson's Speech Has Been Made Up to Present.

Tokio, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—The Japanese diet dissolved today, bringing the internal political situation in Japan to a crisis.

With the dissolution of the diet the whole attention of the newspapers was centered on the problem presented by that situation. So far they have made no comment on President Wilson's speech, proposing a league of nations to enforce peace.

Home politics is absorbing Tokio officialdom and the general public to the exclusion of other matters.

The Nationalists in the diet, and the Constitutionalists, in the house of peers, uniting in opposition to Premier Count Terauchi, caused the dissolution of the diet which re-convened Tuesday.

Ever since the emperor selected Terauchi as head of the government in succession to Marquis Okuma, a bitter political fight on the administration has been in progress. Count Terauchi, who is leader of the militarist faction in Japanese politics, has been fiercely attacked and even the emperor has been criticized for selecting him as premier.

The principal ground on which the fight was made was that the selection of Terauchi's cabinet was not made in accord with the constitution of Japan. The real leader of the opposition to the government in Viscount Kato, who served as foreign minister in the Okuma cabinet, heading the powerful constitutional party in the house of peers, he joined hands with the Nationalists in the diet with today's result.

Count Terauchi has been one of Japan's great military leaders, but his selection as premier created a great political sensation in the orient. As governor general of Korea, when that country was absorbed by Japan, he used stern methods in maintaining order.

Assassination Is Attempted. Tokio, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Political unrest in Japan culminated today in an attempt to assassinate Yukio Ozaki, leader of the constitutionalist party and former minister of justice. The attempt was made while Ozaki was addressing a mass meeting which was advocating the resignation of the present cabinet.

Just when Mr. Ozaki was in the midst of his speech two men sprang to the platform from which he was speaking and attacked him with two short swords. Men on the platform rushed to Ozaki's assistance and the assailants were overpowered and arrested.

Canadian Wants Job as Hangman At \$75 a Hanging

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Attorney General Edward J. Brundage has received a letter from I. M. Holmes, public executioner of Montreal, Canada, asking that he be made executioner of Illinois. He will perform every hanging for \$75 and expenses from Toronto, he says.

JUDGE RULES BACKUS 'LOOTED' TREASURY OF COLUMBIA MINE FIRM

Circuit Court Decree Gives \$17,157 to Frank S. Baillie, Manager, as His Interest.

Baker, Or., Jan. 25.—A ruling by Judge Anderson in circuit court Wednesday in the case of Frank S. Baillie vs. E. W. Backus and others, gives Baillie judgment for \$17,157, including \$14,500 tied up under court order pending the outcome and recovery of the balance from Backus. The ruling upholds Baillie's charge that Backus looted the treasury of the Columbia mine of which he was principal stockholder and Baillie was manager.

Backus was held personally responsible for conversion of funds of the mine to other corporations controlled by him. Baillie is upheld for paying mine creditors and tying up \$14,500 to secure his personal rights.

The case has been long drawn out, testimony being taken several weeks here, and later in Minneapolis, where Backus is prominent in financial and business circles. An appeal is likely. Findings and conclusions of the court are lengthy, covering 40 typewritten pages. The case was of extreme interest here, Baillie being very popular. Since leaving the Columbia he has been manager of the Baker Mines company at Cornucopia.

Anti-Pumpkin Bill Opposed. Washington, Jan. 25.—Oregon sportsmen and business interests are sending telegrams to the delegation in congress asking them to oppose Representative Meeker's bill to suppress hunting with automatic or "pump" guns. Oregon has solved that question, they say, by putting a bag limit on the hunters. Seventy-five per cent of Oregon sportsmen use repeating guns, it is stated.

rested. In the midst of the commotion two other men also tried to attack the statesman, but they also were overpowered and arrested. The last pair were badly beaten by the enraged crowd. Baillie was immediately after he had urged the resignation of Premier Terauchi. He declared that the premier's administration was unconstitutional.

REGULATION OF SALE OF REVOLVERS IS AIM OF GILL SENATE BILL

Purchaser Must Give Written Statement of Purpose of Purchase in All Cases.

Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—Senator John Gill has introduced in the senate a bill to regulate the sale of revolvers. The bill provides that persons wishing to sell revolvers or pistols must obtain a license from the county judge. Only persons over 21 years old and of good standing and reputation, and who are engaged in regular retail business, with a permanent place of business in the county, are eligible to obtain a license.

Applications for licenses are to be filed with the county clerk. If an application is filed by a firm or corporation, it must give the name and place of residence of every officer of the firm or corporation. Each license shall be for a term of one year.

The person or firm selling a revolver must take from the purchaser a written statement giving the name, age, sex, place of residence and occupation of the purchaser and the purpose for which the weapon is being obtained. The statement must also contain a full description of the weapon. The record of the sale must be delivered to the sheriff and also the record of the license issued to the dealer.

Section four of the bill says: "No pistol or revolver shall be sold or disposed of to any person under the age of 21 years, nor to any degenerate or abnormal person, nor to any person, unless he is of good standing and reputation and procures the same for lawful purposes."

Sportsmen of Benton Generally Commend Movement on Foot to Abolish State Commission. Corvallis, Or., Jan. 25.—While the Benton County Rod and Gun club has not gone on record officially in favor of abolishing the state fish and game commission, sportsmen generally are commending the action of the Lin county sportsmen in the initiative movement to abolish the commission and let each county regulate its own license fees and take care of its own fish and game.

The mountains in the eastern part of the county abound in deer, yet there is not a game warden in the county, nor has there been for several months. An official of the sportsmen's club said that with half the money paid into the state commission Benton county could have a warden on the job all the time and that the warden would be working in the interests of the commission rather than for the state commission.

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Chancellor of Exchequer Bonar Law

Centenarian Passes Away in Pendleton

Joseph Cunningham, inmate of Eastern Oregon State Hospital for Two Weeks, Is Dead at Age of 100 Years. Pendleton, Or., Jan. 25.—Joseph Cunningham of Prineville is dead at the eastern Oregon state hospital at the age of 100. He had been committed less than two weeks ago. Cunningham had no known relatives and had been a county charge in Crook county since it was found that he had frozen his feet during the recent cold snap.

It is said he had a farm near Prineville, but had deeded it to persons who had promised to keep him.

State Official's Car Hits Salem Woman

Salem, Or., Jan. 25.—Mrs. C. B. Stone, an elderly woman, sister of P. H. Raymond of this city, was struck by an automobile yesterday afternoon operated by R. B. Goodin, secretary of the state board of control, and seriously hurt. She sustained a gash on the back of her head. The doctors believe she will recover.

BONAR LAW ASSERTS ALLIED AIMS IS SAME AS THAT OF WILSON

Same Point of View, However, He Declares to Be an Impossibility.

STABLE PEACE IS DESIRED

Overtures Rejected Because Peace Now Would Mean Peace of Victory With Military Machine Unbroken.

London, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—"President Wilson's speech had this aim—to gain peace now and secure peace for the future. This is our aim, and our only aim."

This was the phrase from Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law's speech last night that was regarded here today as England's official answer to the American suggestions. Editorial comment regarded it as sufficient answer to Bonar Law's reminder to the United States that America has a share of responsibility in the past and present. Bonar Law said:

"The end of the war is peace. The Germans made us what they have called an offer of peace. It received from the allied governments the reply which it deserved—the only possible reply."

Frank Answer for Frank Speech. "Most of you, however, I presume, read the speech by President Wilson, which appeared in yesterday's papers. It is a frank speech and it is right that any member of one of the allied governments who refers to it should do so as a frank speech. It is impossible that he and we can look on it from the same point of view."

"The head of a great neutral power, whatever his private views may be, is bound to speak as a neutral. He is neutral; we are not neutral. We believe that the essence of this conflict is a question which is as old as time—the difference between right and wrong."

Peace Is Only Aim. "We believe, we know, that this war is a war of naked aggression, that the wrongs which have accompanied the conduct of this war have been unbroken in the world for centuries, are small in comparison with the initial crime of plunging the world into this war."

"You know that almost up to our own day duelling continued, and just as the settling of private disputes by force has now become unthinkable, so, I think, we may hope that the time will come when all the nations of the world will play the part which Cromwell described as his life work—to act as constable and keep peace. That time will come, I hope."

"But this whole question is not an abstract question for the future. It is a question of life and death now. In judging whether that result can be secured by his methods, it is impossible for us to forget the past. For generations humane men, men of good will among all nations, have striven by The Hague convention, by peace conferences and by all other means to make war impossible, or at least to mitigate the horrors of war."

Charges Against Germany. "What happened? At the very outbreak of the war the Germans swept aside every one of these barriers. They tore up treaties which they themselves solemnly signed. They strangled mine in the open sea. They committed every atrocity on sea and land against The Hague convention, which they themselves had signed. They made war on women and children. They destroyed neutrals as ruthlessly as they did their enemies. They are at this moment conquering the population of conquered territory into slavery, and, worse even than that, they are making some of the subjects of their enemies take up arms against their own country."

"All this has been done and no neutral power has been able to stop it. No neutral power, indeed, has made any protest against it. We must, then, take other means to secure the future peace of the world."

Peace Must Be Secure. "We have rejected the German offer to enter into negotiations, not from lust of conquest or desire for shining victories. We have rejected it not from a spirit of vindictiveness or desire for revenge, but because peace now would mean a peace based on victory. It would be a peace which would leave the military machine unbroken with the halo of success surrounding it. It would leave the control of that machine in the hands of the same men who for a generation prepared for war, who would make the same preparation again, and who would choose their own time to plunge the world into the horrors which we are now enduring."

"Our aim is the same as President Wilson's. What he is longing for we are risking their lives for it, and we mean to secure it. The hearts of the people of this country are longing for peace; we are praying for peace, for a peace which will bring back to us in safety those who are fighting our battles, and a peace which will mean that those who will not come back have not laid down their lives in vain."

Responsibility of United States. Lauding Bonar Law's address—which was delivered at a war loan meeting at Bristol—the Daily Chronicle today asserts:

"In a practical world we cannot safely shape our plans for the future without reference to the past and present, and Bonar Law is justified in his reminder that for the past and present the United States has a large share of responsibility. We are bound to ask ourselves what sort of value the countries of the United States in international agreements of this character has been to their maintenance in the past and present and the answer is that, under Wilson's own

administration, it has proved of no value at all. "Where parties to the struggle are fighting for such tremendous issues as we are, it is impossible we should commit their settlement in any serious degree to a statesmanship which by deed and word has ostentatiously disclaimed sympathy with them."

New Yorker Is Killed In Old Political Feud

Underworld Character, Witness in Recent Murder Trial; Dies After Being Bitten With Bullets by Gangsters. New York, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Another chapter was added to the annals of New York's gunfighting gangsters when Salvatore Zurica died after being riddled with bullets.

Zurica, known in the underworld as "Choc," was a witness in the recent trial of Michael A. Rofrano, charged with the murder of Michael Gaimari. Most of the cruiser's engines will have to be abandoned, too, owing to the heavy cost of taking them out.

As junk, the metal would be worth only \$20 a ton, and it would cost \$100 a ton to save it, contractors said. The engines are not suitable for merchant ships, and are not of great enough

Milwaukee's Metal Not Worth Saving

Salvage Contractors Say Boilers, Arm-plate and Most of Engines Must Be Abandoned; Salvage Is \$1,000,000. Eureka, Cal., Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—The boilers and armorplate of the cruiser Milwaukee cannot be saved, according to salvage contractors here today.

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