

PEACE CONFERENCES CREATE ILL FEELING

Japanese Representative Says So-called Peace Sessions Usually Fail

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—
"Peace!" Everybody wants peace.
Of course. But peace confer-
ences—well—

And Viscount Ishii shrugged his shoulders and made a face. He was the same Viscount Ishii we've been reading about in the newspapers, as the Mikado's representative at the Geneva conference, which fizzled the other day, after trying for months to limit the three leading sea powers—Britain's, America's and Japan's.

But this was a long time ago—about 15 years—before the war. Viscount Ishii—Ee-shee-ee, in three syllables—was Japanese foreign minister then.

The Chinese revolution, which has been raging intermittently ever since, had just broken out. On my way to give it the once over, I'd stopped off to see Tokyo. Those islanders are the most hospitable people on earth. The minute Editor Tetsunaga of the Nippon Dempo Tshushinsha—Nippon, Japan; Dempo, telegraph; Tshushinsha, news company—heard there was a visiting fellow scribe in town, from the president, he was right on hand to do the agreeable.

"Ishii," he told me, "speaks English. You'll want to see him." And he took me right up to the foreign office. It was no trick at all.

The talk was about nothing in particular. How the subject of peace conferences came up I don't remember. Probably an attempt was being made to pull one off at The Hague. The air was full of peace just before the war.

The viscount was unenthusiastic to say the least. He didn't expect to have what he said repeated and it wouldn't have done then, but at this distance of time, who cares!

"If peace conferences meant peace," he said, "I'd welcome them. Naturally. I'm for peace, like everybody else.

"But the trouble is, they generally develop awkward situations. What looks to one country like a perfectly beautiful, practical peace idea may look threatening to some other country. Each country has its own peculiar problems, which other countries can't be made to understand. For that matter, a nation's representative don't necessarily care to explain all its innermost problems to the world."

"The upshot usually is," complained the viscount, "that some of the negotiators yield against their better judgment and never get over regretting it—or else they talk and their motives are suspected.

"One thing is about as bad as the other. My observation of peace conferences has been that relations seldom are as pleasant afterwards as they were before."

Well, the Geneva conference is ended and Viscount Ishii, among the other delegates, is on his way home.

Before it opened it was agreed on all hands that an armed clash between this country and the British was "unthinkable." No doubt it is yet. Yet, if it's "unthinkable" to the British, what the dickens are they so bound and determined to have a stronger navy than we have?

In justice to Viscount Ishii it should be said that he worked like a Trojan to bring about some sort of an agreement, but in spite of all he could do, the conference failed.

Falls City Girl Crashes Grain Wagon with Her Car

Oregon Normal School, Monmouth, Aug. 12. (Special)—Lucille Hubbard of Falls City who is a student at the Monmouth normal school failed to turn out far enough when passing a grain wagon on the Monmouth-Dallas highway last evening and crashed into the rear end of the wagon. Both the coupe and the wagon were overturned. Miss Hubbard, two small brothers being badly cut and bruised. The driver of the wagon, Paul Riley, was pinned beneath the heavy wagon and suffered severe injuries to his back. The children were rushed to the Dallas hospital for treatment and are reported as being out of danger. Miss Hubbard escaped without injury.

Hop Picking Under Way at Fields Near Silverton

SILVERTON, ORE., Aug. 12. (Special)—Hop picking has begun in the early hop yards around Silverton. Oscar Satern is one of the growers of early hops, and picking began Thursday.

SIDE LIGHTS OF THE STAGE and SCREEN

Blind Alleys

One is told the title of Thomas Meighan's latest picture, "Blind Alleys," and immediately asks, "What does it mean?" Those who attend the Elsinore theater today, where the picture is having its final showing, will find the answer and lots of other things. Instance—

If you're shopping for thrills you'll get—one auto accident, one abduction, one hold-up, one rescue and a final—well—guess if you can.

If it's beauty you seek you'll see—one Cuban wedding, two gorgeous leading women, Greta Nissen and Evelyn Brent, and some attractive interior settings.

If it's action—Meighan will give you plenty because Owen Davis wove a number of fast sequences into his story and Director Frank Tuttle saw to it that they were interpreted in the best possible manner. From all of which it would seem as though "Blind Alleys" might top even

such phenomenally successful productions as "Tin Gods" or "The Canadianan."

Starting tomorrow Fanehon and Marco's idea "Screens," said to be their most daring and beautiful creation, will be presented on the stage, together with a splendid picture program, with Adolph Menjou in "Evening Clothes."

Oregon Theater

Syd Chaplin in Warner Bros. production of "The Better Ole," which opened at the Oregon theater yesterday scored one of the biggest of big comedy hits. Playing Old Bill, the war veteran of the Bruce Balfour cartoon, he gives a tenderly human, hilariously funny portrait that is the center of a comedy that has more laughs per foot than most films have in seven reels. "The Better Ole" has about everything that belongs to a perfect picture, and is recommended highly for entertainment purposes.

SACCO STILL FASTS BUT ABLE TO WALK

Convict Enters 27th Day of Hunger Strike; Wife Becomes Worried

BOSTON, Aug. 12. (AP)—Public attention, which for a week has been directed largely toward the attorneys active in behalf of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, today turned to the men themselves during the lull in the courts and occupied itself with their health and spirits and their limited doings in their cells in state prison.

Sacco himself set at rest rumors of his collapse by writing in his cell and walking and standing while in conversation with the prison physician, Dr. Joseph McLaughlin. He maintained his hunger strike, however, through his 27th day. The length of his fast has brought real concern to his wife, although prison officials said today that they had not yet begun consideration of forcible feeding.

Vanzetti broke his fast, already several times interrupted since both prisoners first refused food, by accepting during the day liquid foods recommended by Dr. McLaughlin as best suited to a stomach unaccustomed to nourishment. As a result he suffered none of the discomfort experienced when he broke a fast before.

By eating solids, Vanzetti appeared highly pleased when informed that his sister was sailing for Boston tomorrow to see him. It was learned today that only in event of a deadlock will Judge George A. Sanderson of the Massachusetts supreme court be called upon to sit with his four associates who will consider the case next Tuesday morning. The law provides that a justice shall not sit on any review of any judgment or ruling by him unless the other justices be equally divided in opinion.

DEDICATE STADIUM

RIVER BEND PARK TO HAVE COMMEMORATION PROGRAM

Dedication of the new water stadium at River Bend Park on Pudding River Aurora next Sunday will feature an elaborate program of aquatic entertainment as well as a public address in commemoration of the resort's second anniversary.

Kenneth H. Simmons, swimming instructor at the park and holder of the Pacific coast under water record of one hundred eighty four feet in three minutes and forty seconds, will present an exhibition of freak and fancy diving, as well as a demonstration of swimming strokes with special reference to the advantages of the Trojan crawl stroke with which he has won several long distance "channel swims."

E. C. Robertson, ex-president of the Aurora Commercial club and manager of the Moikilla Electric company operating in the north part of Marion county will give the dedication talk during the aquatic program.

The new water stadium, as its name implies is an arena situated in a natural cove in Pudding River. Two large platforms with high and low diving boards and towers together with a sliding chute for the swimmers constitutes the recently constructed equipment.

TOT TOSSED INTO DITCH

Wind Scoops up House in Arizona and Rolls it 100 Yards

PHOENIX, ARIZ., Aug. 12. (AP)—A wind of terrific velocity cutting a path of destruction through the Glendale district near here last night caught up the house of Mr. and Mrs. Price W. Nelson, rolled it over the ground for a hundred yards and tossed the youngest Nelson baby into a ditch fifty yards away.

EDUCATORS TO MEET AND DISCUSS TESTS

Conference at Monmouth Normal School will Occu- py Friday, Aug. 26th

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Aug. 12. (Special)—To concentrate attention upon the administrative phases of objective testing is the purpose of an Educational Conference which will be held at the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth on Friday, August 26, 1927. All school administrators of the state editors of general and professional publications, teachers of geography and history and the general public are urged to attend.

The general topic of the conference will be "The Present Status of Objective Testing in Oregon." and the program will run from 9 a. m. through the entire day. The general plan from 9 a. m. to 10:30 will be as follows:

A. Survey of the year's work from the viewpoint of: State Department of Education.

Educational Publications The County Superintendents, The Classroom teacher, Oregon Educational Tests Association.

Portland Principals Committee on Tests, The General Public, B. Discussion—10:30—11:30 a. m.

Disadvantages of Objective Testing, Advantages of Objective Testing.

C. Summary 11:30—12:00 Afternoon Session.

1.—Problem of Scoring Objective Tests, 2.—The Examining Board, 3.—Shall History be the new field for Objective Testing in Oregon.

State Examinations, 4.—The Aim for 1933.

1. Elimination of Untrained Teachers in Oregon Schools, both Rural and Urban, 2. Elimination of the Selection of the 8th grade as a discriminatory focal point for State Examinations in second and third grade districts.

Luncheon arrangements will be adequately taken care of by the School Cafeteria and the town's restaurants.

CONDEMN SHINGLES

FIREMEN ADOPT RESOLUTION AGAINST WOODEN ROOFS

PORTLAND, Aug. 12. (AP)—The International Association of Fire Chiefs will go to the home city of its new president, Ross B. Davis of Philadelphia, for its 56th annual convention, it was decided today after a hard fought battle between Chicago and Philadelphia for the honor. The 55th convention ended here today after the delegates had been in session since Tuesday. Many members left for their homes tonight although a large party have planned to climb Mount Hood tomorrow.

Pacific coast delegates made a strenuous effort to prevent the convention supporting a resolution condemning wooden shingles on the ground that a treatment for such shingles has been discovered for making them fire resisting. They were not supported in this effort, however, by President Murphy of San Francisco, who said that one fire in his city had started 125 fires within a mile and a half and had called out all apparatus of the city except one company.

George M. Mantor, chief, Seattle, admitted that untreated shingles constituted fire hazard but said tests had been made indicating treated shingles would stand fire better than some patented roofings and that cheap patented roofings were not as fire resisting as untreated shingles. He

WILL PUT ON PLAY

"MY COUNTRY SCHOOL" WILL BE GIVEN TO RAISE FUNDS

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Aug. 12. (Special)—"My Country School" is the title of an original playlet which will be given by a class of students under Thos. H. Gentle at the summer session of the Monmouth normal school. The object of the playlet is two-fold, first, it is the development of a class project and second, it will be given as a benefit performance to help raise money for the associated student building fund.

The co-authors of this clever sketch are Julia Spooner and Christina Cambell of Portland, and Ruth Olliver of Wallowa. The play will be given in the normal auditorium on the thirtieth of August and promises to be one of the most unusual and interesting projects worked out during the summer session.

The committee on arrangements has been appointed as follows: general chairman, Grace Bridges; publicity, Genevieve Anderson; tickets, Bernice Engebretson and Marion Ladd; stage director, Lorine Gingrich, and stage manager, Leon Blankenship.

Wife of Silverton Man Hurt in Auto Accident

SILVERTON, ORE., Aug. 12. (Special.)—Mrs. Frank Calahan was seriously hurt in an automobile accident at Tacoma, Wash., according to word received here by Mr. Calahan, district manager of the Shell Oil company. Mr. Calahan left immediately for Tacoma. The message stated that Mrs. Calahan was in the hospital.

A North Carolina colored baby has eighteen fingers. Think what a jazz player she will make when she grows up.

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LIBRARY TO SERVE OUTLYING DISTRICTS

Good Work Accomplished Despite Drastic Reduc- tion in Appropriation

Before increasing its service to the cities, the Oregon state library will exert every effort to care for its patrons in the rural districts of the state not served by other libraries, according to a recommendation made to the state library board here Friday by Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian. It was said that the board was agreeable to Miss Marvin's suggestion.

Reports submitted by Miss Marvin showed that despite the drastic reduction in the appropriation for the library at the last session of the legislature, the institution has functioned to the satisfaction of its rural patrons.

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