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NEGOTIATIONS AT THE HAGUE

That Location Will Have Sentimental Claims and Be Free From Prejudices

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET CONGRATULATE ROOSEVELT

M. Witte, President of the Russian Council of Ministers, Is On His Way to America - Russian Cruiser Sinks British Steamer in China Sea After Seizing Her Contents as Contraband - All Jews Excluded From the Proposed Russian Representative Government - Twenty-Four Jews Killed in Polish Riots, and Many Injured.

Washington, June 13.—In high official sources it is understood The Hague will likely be a compromise location for the meeting of the Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries. While nearly every other location suggested is unfavorably regarded by one of the belligerent powers, The Hague has a sentimental claim upon the entire world as a meeting place for a peace tribunal. The naming of plenipotentiaries will probably be simultaneous in fixing the time and place of meeting. The president received the warmest congratulations for his achievement in the direction of peace, from the cabinet members meeting today.

Armistice Probably in Force. Washington, June 13.—Minister Takahira called on the president this afternoon. He refused to discuss the status of peace negotiations. When asked whether the belligerents are still fighting, he said: "You have not heard of any battles, but you might if we brag too much." The minister's remark is construed to mean some sort of an armistice is already arranged.

All Jews Excluded. London, June 13.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states the functions of the proposed representative assembly have been definitely decided upon. Jews will be entirely excluded from taking part in the election of representatives, who will be selected through the zemstvos.

Twenty-four Jews Killed. Warsaw, June 13.—Martial law is declared at Brest-Litovsk, where 24 Jews were killed and 38 wounded by reservists, who raided the shops.

Russians Were Repulsed. Tokyo, June 13.—Oyama reports that June 11 some mixed columns of Russian troops attacked the Japanese in the vicinity of Yangtzeing Ershiliao Shufang Tai. All attacks were repulsed.

Russia Accepts Proposition. Washington, June 13.—The president has received Ambassador Meyer's cable dispatch conveying the formal acceptance by the Russian government of Roosevelt's peace proposition, and confirming the oral communication made by Casini yesterday.

Witte Will Leave for Washington. London, June 13.—A report from St. Petersburg states that M. Witte, president of the council of ministers, will leave immediately for Washington in connection with peace negotiations.

British Steamer Sunk. London, June 13.—It is reported the British steamer St. Kilda, which sailed from Kutchinotzu for Hong Kong May 22, was sunk six days later in the Straits of Malacca, by a Russian cruiser.

Alleged Contraband. London, June 13.—A dispatch from Singapore states that the Russian auxiliary cruiser Dneper, recently stopped the Dutch steamer Floores in the Straits of Malacca, and transferred to her 41 Chinese and 59 bags of mail taken from the British steamer St. Kilda, which was captured by the Dneper with contraband and sunk in the China sea. The crew of European officers and engineers was detained as prisoners on the Dneper.

Chinese Boycott. Tien Tain, June 13.—The Chinese guilds have quietly determined to carry out a plan for boycotting American goods. The situation is daily becoming more gloomy for all American manufacturers. Native newspapers are refusing advertisements of American goods.

MUCH ADO OVER NOTHING.

Flatulent Fuss Over Spain's Figurehead. Madrid, June 13.—King Alfonso arrived today, returning from his visit to France and England. On his way to the palace he was accorded a tremendous ovation by the people, who followed him to the palace, where he appeared several times on the balcony and acknowledged the cheers of the crowd. The king attended service at Buena Suceso church, where the solemn te deum was sung in recognition of his safe return and escape from death at the hands of the bomb thrower and anarchists of Paris.

APPLICATION DENIED.

Ex-Senator Hill Will Take Case to United States Supreme Court. Albany, June 13.—The court of appeals this afternoon denied the application made yesterday by Senator D. E. Hill, to hear a motion for a reargument in the case of Albert T. Patrick. Hill will make application to either one of the judges or to Governor Higgins for a stay, pending the motion for reargument. Should this fail, the case will be taken to the United States supreme court.

SWEDEN IS OBDRATE.

Instructs Against All Recognition of Norway. Stockholm, June 13.—The foreign minister has instructed the consuls of Sweden and Norway that Sweden does not recognize the provisional government of Norway and directing them to continue to exercise all functions as before the separation announced.

YELLOW FEVER ON ISTHMUS.

Victims Had All Been Subjected to Mosquito Bites. Washington, June 13.—Seven new cases of yellow fever on the Isthmus of Panama are reported by Governor Magoon. One death is announced in each case. The men were all employed in the open air, where they did not have the benefit of mosquito bars, etc.

Baron Rothschild Dead.

Vienna, June 13.—Baron Nathaniel Rothschild, brother of the head of the Vienna brokering house of Rothschild, is dead.

PROBLEMS FOR PRESBYTERIANS

REV. VAN NUYS HANDLES THEM INSTRUCTIVELY.

Church Union Now Only Lacks Transfer of Property and Formal Adoption—Question of Uniform Book of Forms Indorsed and Referred to a Committee—New Life Is to Be Infused Into the Educational Institutions of the Church.

"The three greatest questions before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church," said Rev. W. L. Van Nuys, who has just returned from the meeting at Winona Lake, Ind., "were the union of the two branches of the Presbyterian church, the making of a uniform book of forms and the attitude of the church toward its academies and colleges."

"The first of these questions was declared to have been constitutionally adopted by both branches of the church, the only details now remaining unfinished being the transfer of church property and the final absorption of the weaker branch. These details were referred to an enlarged committee to report at the next general assembly."

"The second question, or the adoption of a uniform book of forms or ritual was also referred to an enlarged committee, the work of the former committee having been indorsed. The object of this reformation, if such it may be called, is to secure a uniform book of forms throughout the church, and not necessarily to increase nor decrease the ritualistic work of the church."

"The third question, or that relating to the attitude of the church toward its schools is now in a most highly pleasing condition, and it may be truthfully said that almost an entire change of front has been experienced in the general offices and committees on this subject."

"The weak and struggling academies of the Pacific coast will receive especial attention from the educational board, but every effort will be made to keep alive those now in existence and also to extend the work of Christian education to other unoccupied fields."

Mr. Van Nuys is enthusiastic over the meeting of the general assembly and feels that it was one of the momentous meetings of the church. Justice Harlan, of the United States supreme court was a delegate and took an active part in all of the leading debates upon the floor of the assembly. Justice Harlan is a pleasant man, approachable and sociable and one of the most kindly gentlemen in the convention.

MITCHELL WILL BE TRIED JUNE 20.

Portland, June 13.—Judge De Haven this morning overruled the demurrer in the defense case and sustained the indictment of the federal grand jury charging Senator Mitchell with violating the federal statutes in receiving money while the senator was a member of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner, from Frederick A. Kribs, for expediting claims to land patents. The trial is set for Tuesday, June 20. The jury panel is now being drawn in the presence of the attorneys for the defense, who are accorded this unusual privilege upon request.

Mitchell Pleaded Not Guilty. DeHaven in overruling the demurrer said: "The objections urged against the indictment are as to form. It is open to criticism, yet I think it substantially charged the offense described in the statute." Senator Thurston, on behalf of Mitchell, filed an exception. Mitchell was then called on to make a plea and through his attorney pleaded not guilty.

LABOR LEADERS ARE UNDER FIRE

Are Accused of Bribery and Other Unlawful Methods in Strike Matters.

GRAND JURY AT CHICAGO IS INVESTIGATING THEM.

Also Accused of Absorbing \$30,000 Paid in by Property Owners to Head Off Teamsters' Strike—Brewers Implicated as Strike Irrigators, to Injure St. Louis Brewers—Union Men Accused of Taking Money to Stop a Strike and From It Reimbursing Themselves—One Employer Testifies no Money Used in One Settlement.

Chicago, June 13.—Robert Campbell of the Peabody Commercial Co., appeared as witness in the grand jury investigation of alleged criminal practices of labor leaders in connection with the teamsters' strike. It is understood Campbell was asked to throw light on the alleged use of \$30,000 to prevent a strike of teamsters against downtown office buildings, when the unions tried to force the buildings to use coal instead of gas.

Joseph Bigrobek, a Chicago agent of a St. Louis brewing concern, was questioned as to the possibility of the teamsters strike have been called at the instance of Chicago brewers to harm St. Louis brewing interests.

Joseph Lapham of Lapham Brick Co., testified before he was able to secure a settlement of the strike against his concern, he was forced to pay men whom he took back, full wages for the time they lost while striking.

Wholesale Bribery Charged. John C. Driscoll, an ex-labor leader, after a conference with his attorney, announced this afternoon he would go before the grand jury and give testimony, supported by documentary evidence, to show that in 10 years, while holding the office of secretary of the associated teaming interests, he had settled over 400 strikes by the use of money with labor officials.

SPECIAL TRAIN WRECKED.

It Bore Passengers to Confederate Reunion at Louisville.

Louisville, June 13.—A special east-bound passenger train on the Southern railway bound from St. Louis to Louisville, was wrecked one mile west of Golden Gate, Ill., today. The engineer and fireman were killed. A number of passengers are reported killed and injured. The train was composed of 11 coaches bringing veterans to the Confederate reunion. The dead are William Gratz, engineer; J. Johnson, fireman. Five passengers were injured.

WAITING FOR HANDOUTS.

University of Chicago Expecting Gift From Rockefeller.

Chicago, June 13.—Drafts amounting to over \$400,000 for the University of Chicago, were announced at the 55th convocation today. No large gift came from Rockefeller, but it is believed when the president's address is read it will contain the announcement of a big donation from the oil king to the university.

HUNG HIMSELF.

Lost Draft Representing Fortune Made in the West.

Lima, O., June 13.—William Pifer, aged 25, of Los Angeles, who came here to wed an old sweetheart, hung himself last night because he lost the draft for a small fortune made in the west. The bank refused a duplicate. The wedding was set for next Saturday.

INQUIRY INTO THE BEEF TRUST

Railroads Break Their Contracts With the Trust When Required to Obey the Law.

RAILROADS HAD OFTEN RETAINED SHIPMENTS.

This Was Done to Temporarily Restrict Supply at Market Points and so Influence Prices Thereat—Evidence Shows How Combine Between Packers and Railroads Arbitrarily Controlled Prices in Defiance of the Laws of Supply and Demand—Fruit Growers Are Lining Up Against Armour Private Lines.

Chicago, June 13.—The beef trust inquiry was resumed by the federal grand jury today.

Two prominent Iowa stockmen testified that since the railroads were compelled to obey the law requiring livestock to be watered every 24 hours the roads had broken off their pact with the beef trust. Under the former law the roads detained shipments at the instance of the trust, in order to regulate the market through daily receipts.

Edward G. Davis, representing the South Water street commission men, presented new evidence gathered from the fruit growers against the Armour private car lines.

NEW THEATER COMBINE.

All Coast Cities Represented in a Convention at Seattle.

Seattle, June 13.—The consolidation of a chain of theaters joining nearly all the cities west of the Missouri river with a central capitalization of \$1,000,000, is the purpose contemplated by the convention of theatrical managers here this afternoon.

Among the managers here are Ralph Rothschild, Novelty Circuit, San Francisco; Ed Homan Bell, Circuit of Oakland; Henry Kahen, Fischel circuit; San Francisco; Peckham, Star circuit, Spokane; John Considine, of the Seattle and Pacific Coast Amusement circuit; E. T. Merrill, Considine circuit, of Portland.

WILL COIN SILVER.

Business on Isthmus Demands More Currency.

Panama, June 13.—The government of Panama has decided to coin 1,000,000 silver pesos in order to relieve the demand for silver caused by the activity of canal works and increase of business.

Four-Year-Old Shoots Brother.

Lewisport, Mont., June 13.—John Drozi, aged 14, was accidentally shot while trying to take a revolver from his little 4-year-old brother, at the Drozi ranch, seven miles from this place. The weapon was supposed not to be loaded, but in the struggle between the two children it exploded, inflicting a very serious wound in the leg of the older boy.

Seattle Man Suddenly Dies.

Seattle, June 13.—Judge Henry Strave, former Territorial secretary, member of several legislatures, once acting governor and one of the most prominent corporation attorneys in the state, died suddenly at New York this morning.

Suicide of Arizona Attorney.

Tucson, Ariz., June 13.—Judge Thomas Satterwhite, one of the most prominent attorneys of Arizona, shot himself in his office here this morning, expiring immediately. Ill health was the cause. In the early '90s he was attorney general of the territory.

Fraud Order Issued.

Washington, June 13.—A fraud order has been issued by the postoffice department against the People's Home Purchasing company, of San Francisco, Long Beach, San Pedro, and Pasadena, Cal.

SUNK THE VESSELS.

Progress of the War on the Vth Coast.

Washington, June 13.—A telephone message from Fort Monroe says that at 3 this morning a battleship and two other vessels, Admiral Dickens in command, appeared off the fort and were "sunk" by a vigorous fire from the coast artillery guns.

According to the report smaller vessels of the fleet were sent up Potomac as scouts, the heavier vessels making demonstrations against Fort Monroe.

At 10 this morning a small naval vessel was sighted from Fort Hunt, but quickly disappeared. The day being bright and clear the artillery officers are of the opinion it is almost suicidal for Admiral Dickens to attack until dusk, although they are prepared for any contingency.

HEAVY GRAND RONDE STORM.

Lightning Damages a Store in La Grande.

La Grande, June 13.—About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a severe thunder shower visited this section, and for a short time rain came down in torrents, mingled with hail.

The storm was accompanied by severe lightning, a bolt of which struck the corner of the store of F. W. Hambel, on Jefferson avenue, setting it on fire, burning one side of it and destroying about \$50 worth of goods before the flames were subdued. When the lightning struck the building it glanced off plowing the earth for some distance, making quite a hole in the earth, where it disappeared, leaving a powerful odor. There were several persons in the store at the time the bolt struck it, but no one was injured.

COUNCILMAN ARRESTED.

Charged With Illegal Interest in City Contracts.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 13.—At the investigation of Mayor Weaver Frank H. Caven, selected councilman from the thirty-fourth ward, was arrested today charged with being interested in city contracts in violation of his oath of office. Caven was held in \$10,000 bail for hearing Thursday. He secured bail and was released.

Archduke Dead.

Vienna, June 13.—Archduke Joseph died here today.

WESTON NORMAL COMMENCEMENT

CLOSE OF THE SCHOOL'S MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Graduating Class of Seven, of Whom Five Are Ladies - Salutatory and Valedictory by the Misses Peebles and Cummings—Annual Address by State Superintendent Ackerman—Baccalaureate Sermon Was Preached by Dr. Preston Search, of Massachusetts.

Weston, June 13.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Commencement exercises in the Eastern Oregon State Normal School will be held here this evening, and thus what has probably been the most successful year in the history of the institution will be brought to a close.

There are seven in the graduating class this year, as follows: Miss Alice Peebles, Miss Grace Cummings, Miss Lydia Wyman, Miss Nettie Downey, Miss Faye Roadruck, Byron J. Halla and Walter Simpson.

At the commencement exercises this evening the salutatory will be delivered by Miss Alice Peebles, whose subject is "The Function of the Normal School." The valedictory will be by Miss Grace Cummings, with the subject, "The Modern Conception of Education." The address to the class will be given by State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman.

Last evening the annual class exercises by the seniors were held, the address being by Rev. G. L. Hall, of Pendleton.

Last Sunday baccalaureate services were held, and the sermon delivered by Dr. Preston W. Search, of Worcester, Mass. At that time solos by Miss Ono Proctor and Mr. Witte, the latter of Waiteburg, were rendered, and also music was furnished by the Normal Girls' chorus.

DEFAULTER IS DEAD.

Had Been in Retirement in Honduras Several Years.

Mobile, June 13.—News is received of the death at Honduras of Major E. A. Burke, ex-state treasurer of Louisiana and promoter of the Cotton States exposition, whose defaultations forced him to take refuge in Honduras several years ago.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Quotations From the Greatest Wheat Market in the United States.

Chicago, June 13.—July wheat opened at \$6 3-8 and closed at \$7. Corn opened at \$2 3-4 and closed at \$2 1-4. Oats closed at \$1 7-8.

CLOSING SESSION ROAD CONVENTION

Umatilla County Good Roads Association Formed at the Meeting Last Night.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Three Delegates to Be Sent From County Association to Meeting of National Good Roads Convention to Be Held at Portland, June 21, 22, 23 and 24—Vice Presidents Are Named From Various Road Districts of the County—Highly Entertaining Lecture on the Famous Roads of the World by Colonel W. H. Moore.

Frazer's theater was comfortably filled last evening to witness the closing session of the Good Roads convention, which was opened at 8 o'clock by a solo by male quartet, consisting of Rader, Owen, Lundell and Wilson, followed by two delightful solos by Miss Myteline Fraker.

Immediately after opening the session the committees on permanent organization and resolution reported, the reports being as published in this issue.

The first address of the evening was by Hon. Charles G. Canfield, on the subject of "Taxation," and this was followed by a delightful illustrated lecture by President W. H. Moore of the National association, on the famous roads of the world.

The lecture was accompanied by stereopticon views of all the famous historical roads in Egypt, Rome, Greece, Switzerland, France, Germany, England, Porto Rico, Mexico and the United States.

Some of the views in the Alps, the Pyrenees and the mountains of Mexico were magnificent and thrilling. Views of the world-famous Appian Way, Rome's oldest and most beautiful and substantial road, were presented; bits of road in Egypt were shown, the road leading to the pyramids and along the Red sea, over which the commerce of the ancient world traveled 2000 years ago, Caesar's bridge in the Alps, Napoleon's road over the Simplon pass, the hewa rock road at Cape Town, and the monster viaducts and stone bridges of Mexico and South America all were shown in the lecture, accompanied with an entertaining sketch of each.

As a diversion in the list of views, short pieces of American roads were then shown, over which it was impossible for teams to pull a load. Humorous views of Americans stuck in the mud, carrying their bicycles on their backs and other ludicrous scenes were presented to show the lack of progress made upon American roads and road building.

The lecture closed by having the song "America" thrown upon the canvass, the audience joining in singing the patriot's hymn.

Before the close of the meeting, Colonel Moore assured the people of Pendleton of the high appreciation of their efforts in behalf of the visitors, and said that about September 1, the good roads construction train would visit Pendleton and build a sample of good roads near the city, the site to be selected later.

The party left for Walla Walla this morning over the O. R. & N. A convention was held in that city today, and tomorrow another meeting will be held - Coitax. The party expects to reach Portland by June 19.

Permanent Organization.

Following is the report of the committee on permanent organization, which was unanimously adopted at the opening of the evening session:

We, your committee on permanent organization respectfully make the following report:

We recommend that a permanent organization be perfected, and this association shall be known as the Umatilla County Good Roads association. We present the names of the following officers, to be made permanent:

President, G. A. Hartman; secretary, Bert Huffman; first vice-president, F. W. Vincent; second vice-president, C. J. Smith; treasurer, J. W. Maloney.

We further recommend that the above named officers be the executive committee. We also recommend one

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