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HOBSON PLEADS FOR GREAT NAVY

Hero of Merrinack Declares America Should Lead the World.

POWERFUL FLEET IS THE PRICE OF PEACE

Congressman from Alabama Insists That Japan Is Spoiling for a Fight With the United States and That Conflict Is Inevitable—Wars Would Be Avoided Through Awe If Our Fighting Strength Was What It Should Be—Question of White Or Yellow Supremacy.

With more coast line to defend than all the other great nations of the world combined, the United States has but a second class navy. A powerful navy is the price that the country must pay for insurance against future wars. Japan maintains an army of 400,000 men and is fast strengthening her army for war with the United States. Japan seeks to control the Pacific and England is forced by her position into the offensive and defensive alliance with Japan. America did not have the power to guarantee California her rights in the controversy over educating Japanese children. If the battleship fleet were not in the Pacific now it would be needed here.

These are some of the salient points brought out by Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson in his lecture at the M. E. church last night. It was a lecture that was a revelation to those who thought of Hobson simply as a young naval officer who had become a hero in a day.

Is Brilliant Speaker. As a speaker, the Alabama congressman is brilliant, for he has a splendid voice, a fine command of English and enough personal magnetism to fascinate his hearers. The lecture last night was upon the subject of "National Defense" and it was devoted almost entirely to an argument for a greater navy for the United States.

In opening his address the captain declared his preference for peace and said that this country should do everything possible to insure arbitration of international disputes. But he held that the nations of the world had refused to allow the Hague tribunal to settle anything but minor difficulties. No country, he declared, is willing to leave questions of honor, or of territory, to the Hague tribunal.

Such being the case he declared it incumbent upon each nation to be prepared to fight for its rights and he held up Korea and China as samples of countries that believed in a peace policy.

America's Great Coast Line. With ready statistics he showed that the United States on the Atlantic alone has a seaboard to defend that is many times greater than that of all the European maritime powers combined. He then showed the population and the "values" centered in the exposed coast lines and likened the situation to that of a rich city without police protection.

But it was upon the subject of Japan and the possibility of war with that country that the speaker dwelt principally. Without mincing words he declared that Japan wished to control the Pacific so that she could dominate the orient and that to bring about such a state of affairs she wishes to fight the United States before this country wakes up.

Japan Could Raid Coast. Should a war come without our battleship fleet in the Pacific, he declared that the conflict would be all in Japan's favor. With Japan's fleet in control of the Pacific he said that the mikado could send armies across the ocean and capture Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Puget Sound. He declared that an

army of 25,000 men could be sent against any of the above points and take them without difficulty by attacking from the rear.

According to the speaker it has been figured out mathematically by the war department that to raise an army to send against the invaders would require not less than two years. At present the only fighting strength in the United States consists of about 7000 scattered regulars and the national guard which he believes would not turn out more than 50,000 strong.

In view of the hazardous position of the Pacific coast the naval hero declared that the only safe course for the United States to pursue is to maintain a fleet that can control the Pacific and thus ensure white instead of yellow supremacy on the ocean.

The Price of Peace. That the maintenance of a powerful navy, though expensive insurance against war, is but the price of peace and is worth it, Hobson insisted. "My countrymen," he said, "I have been about the world considerable in my life time and have seen the armaments of the different countries and races of the world. I have seen the reign of force and I am anxious for peace. This is a republic of peace and it wishes good to all the world. But the only way for it to stand is by being strong enough to enforce its doctrine."

According to Hobson he has had enough of war himself and the tales of war and battle no longer rouse a martial spirit within him. It is because he has seen war and its bitterness that he wishes peace.

Resolution Was Adopted. At the conclusion of his lecture last night he read a resolution advocating a substantial navy, and asked those present to vote upon the same. When put to a vote a chorus of "ayes" responded and no dissenting votes were cast. According to Hobson, the resolution has been already adopted in 44 states by over 400 audiences. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to the Oregon delegation in congress.

During the lecture last night and upon his entrance to the church Hobson was warmly applauded and at the conclusion of the address many people went forward to shake hands with the speaker.

BANKER ROSS IS FOUND GUILTY

CONVERTED STATE FUNDS TO HIS PRIVATE USE

Head of Defunct Institution Convicted on Larceny Charge—Jury Out Less Than Two Hours—Maximum Penalty Is 15 Years in Penitentiary and Fine of Nearly \$600,000—Formerly a Minister.

Salem, Ore., April 24.—Only one hour and thirty minutes was required by the jury yesterday afternoon to find J. Theoburn Ross, president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust company, guilty of larceny. The jury held that he had wrongfully converted to his own use, \$288,000 of state school funds which had been placed in his custody as president of the bank. The money was deposited by State Treasurer Steele. Sentence will be Monday.

The case was tried here on a change of venue from the Portland court, the defense alleging that so much prejudice existed in Portland that it would be impossible for them to secure an impartial trial there.

Demurrers and objections were interposed without number in an effort to throw the case out of court, but all were swept aside and the former minister, Y. M. C. A. worker and leader in church affairs, was compelled to stand trial.

The state law provides as a penalty for the crime of which Ross has been convicted, imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of from one to 15 years, together with a fine, equal in amount to twice the sum which Ross has been found guilty of stealing.

There was on deposit with the Title Guarantee and Trust company something over two and a half millions of dollars when the bank went under last fall. In this total there was almost \$400,000 of state money belonging to various funds, of which \$288,000 was money derived from the sale of state school land. None of this was lost by reason of the bank's failure. Various bondsmen and bonding companies made good the state's losses.

Immediately after the failure of the bank, President J. Theoburn Ross and other officers of the institution were arrested and charged with larceny by the conversion of state funds. The first of the cases, that against Ross, came to a hearing Monday. The next of the cases to be tried will be that against T. T. Burkhardt, treasurer of the defunct institution, which is set for May 4.

At Hoquiam, Wash., Tuesday a general fight occurred in the Austrian colony during which knives, axes and fists were used. One man was so badly injured that he may die.

PLOT TO MURDER HENEY FOILED

Attempt to Put Prosecutorial and Rudolph Spreckles Out of the Way Fails.

WERE TO START RIOT THEN SHOOT THE MEN.

Failure of the Intended Victims to Go to Oakland on Two Different Occasions Saves Their Lives—Heneys Libel Suit Made an Excuse to Get Him Across the Bay—Conference on Alleged Newspaper Statement Also Fails to Take Him Into Trap.

San Francisco, April 24.—That a plot had been discovered to kill Francis J. Heneys and Rudolph Spreckles was the startling announcement made today by men close to the graft prosecutors.

It is said it was planned to get Heneys and Spreckles in Oakland during the prosecution of his suit for libel against the Oakland Tribune and anger him. A riot would then be started during which the men would be shot.

The plot, it is said, fell through because of the failure of Spreckles and Heneys to appear. Another plot framed to get the men in Oakland for a conference in regard to the statements accredited them in newspapers and then do the work, but this also failed.

DESPERATE BATTLE WAGED.

Simla, India, April 24.—A desperate battle was fought today between a detachment of the British troops and tribesmen with the Afghan allies on the northern frontier. Sixty British are dead and wounded.

The dispatches are meager but it seems that the British were caught in a narrow defile and forced to make a stand against great odds. They fought stoutly and succeeded in routing the enemy, but not until the loss had been heavy. Reinforcements have been asked for. Lord Kitchener is now in personal command and is confident the rebellion will soon be suppressed.

Helie Kissed Anna at Naples. Naples, Italy, April 24.—Prince Helie De Sagan met Anna Gould at the deck this morning and immediately conducted her to a hotel where Mme. Gould will stay during the trip. He kissed her affectionately as she stepped from the gang plank. It is believed arrangements are being made for an early wedding.

Teddy Goes to Africa. Washington, April 24.—Roosevelt will be hunting big game in South Africa next year if nothing unforeseen arises. His plan is to sail for England port, but to make his stay in England short and informal. He will then go to South Africa. So far this is the only definite plan for his first year out of office.

Baseball Scores. At Seattle—Seattle and Butte game postponed account of rain. At Tacoma—Tacoma-Vancouver, no game, rain. At Spokane—Spokane, 2; Aberdeen, 1.

At Walla Walla—Walla Walla high school, 2; Walsburg high school, 5.

Gold for Europe. New York, April 20.—Goldman, Sachs & Co. today announced that they have engaged \$500,000 gold for shipment to Paris. This makes a total of \$2,500,000 engaged for export in the present movement.

Bank Robbers Again. Bandana, Ky., April 24.—Masked robbers raided the bank and secured \$4000 this morning. They cut the telephone wires to facilitate their escape.

OFFICERS RIDE WHILE JACKIES BOX

Los Angeles, April 23.—After three days of one continuous round of social duties of a formal nature, Admiral Thome and 250 of his officers, threw off all "fuss and feathers" yesterday and went out for an informal automobile spin through the beautiful foothill towns near the city. The trip included the Pasadena and San Fernando valleys. Luncheon was taken at the Anna Dail Golf club.

While the officers were out in the gas buggies 4000 blue jackets were gathered at the Chutes to witness the champion battle between Alford of Missouri and Schlossberg of New

ITALIAN CARS WIN AUTO RACE

250,000 People Witness 266 Mile Contest Early This Morning.

NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS MAR THE GREAT EVENT

Excitement Causes One Man to Die of Heart Failure—One Machine Smashes Into Post—Spectator Struck by Racer and Has Broken Leg—Gas Buggy Catches Fire and Woman Is Severely Burned—Broken Ankle and Collapsing Wheel Were Mere Incidents—Dagoes Take First and Second.

Briar Cliff, N. Y., April 24.—In the presence of 250,000 people the 266-mile automobile race was run this morning for the Briar Cliff trophy, the winner being the Italian car Isotta, driven by Strang.

The race started at 5:07 a. m., but even at that early hour great crowds were present. A number of accidents marred the contest.

A. Smith Hopkins, superintendent of the East View Almshouse, died of heart disease due to the tremendous excitement a few moments before the start.

Watson, driver of the simplex machine, struck a post, smashing the car but neither Watson nor his machine were seriously injured. They repaired the machine and kept on. Watson broke his big toe and was jarred internally.

Mr. Henry Wilcox, a spectator, was struck by a car near the starting line and his right leg broken.

Washington Kirkpatrick fell while watching the race and broke his ankle.

Mrs. Charles Ueherson was badly burned when her husband's auto ignited.

A front wheel of Majia's machine collapsed throwing the driver and mechanic out but he was not badly injured. The Italian car Fiat won second.

The Sterns car, driven by Vaughan, was third; Apperson car, Lytle driver, fourth; Bianci car, Satori driver, fifth.

DUCE DE CHAULENS IS DEAD.

Paris, April 24.—Duc De Chaulens, husband of Theodora Shouts, was found dead in bed this morning in their apartments at Langham hotel. Heart disease was evidently the cause of his death.

The hour of the duke's demise is uncertain. When the duchess awoke at the usual hour she thought the duke still sleeping and did not try to awaken him, until after she had donned her dressing gown. Her screams attracted the hotel servants. The duke had been dead some time. The young duchess is completely overcome. They had been married two months.

Sensational Robbery. Hot Springs, Ark., April 24.—A sensational robbery occurred here yesterday morning when four masked men entered the gambling house of the Indiana club, lined up all in the place and took out \$10,000 and escaped. The men entered through a rear door, and started the players with a curt "Hands up!" They then lined up the men along the wall, while the leader took the cash. They succeeded in getting a good start before the alarm was given.

Gould Love Grows. New York, April 24.—Mrs. Edward Kelley, mother of Mrs. Frank J. Gould, said today that Frank Gould, who went to Hot Springs immediately after he left his wife, would return Monday and have a meeting with Mrs. Gould. "I have no doubt but that the troubles of the young people are at an end, or practically so," said Mrs. Kelley today. "They are too much in love to be separated long."

WHITE WOMAN KILLS WENCH.

Fight Over Children at Memphis, Tenn., Results in Death of Colored Scrapper.

Memphis, Tenn., April 20.—M. James Wright of this city today shot and killed Lella Gordon, a negro woman. Mrs. Wright used a single-reloaded shotgun. Mrs. Wright reloaded the weapon and started in pursuit of Mary Davis, another negro woman. She shot at her once after a chase of nearly a block, but the charge went wild.

The homicide followed a desperate struggle between white and negro women, in which Mrs. John Wright a sister-in-law of Mrs. James Wright, who lives with her, received a bad beating at the hands of the Davis and Gordon women. A quarrel over the children of the white woman being stopped from playing with some negro children living in the vicinity led to the fight.

EXPRESS TRAIN DITCHED.

Every Car But Pullmans Leave Track—None Seriously Injured.

Caniteo, N. Y., April 24.—Running at the rate of 60 miles an hour the Chicago limited express on the Erie railroad was ditched here this morning, but fortunately no one was injured seriously. Every car except the Pullmans left the track.

Twenty persons were slightly bruised. The spreading of the rails is supposed to have caused the wreck. Engineer Vanderman remained at his post, although he believed death to be certain.

SIMON IN TROUBLE.

Indian Released Recently Is Again Under Arrest.

Simon Whitney, the Indian, is again under arrest and this time he is charged with horsestealing. He was arrested by Sheriff Taylor yesterday afternoon and is alleged to have taken a team and hack that was not his own. It was the property of an Indian woman on the reservation.

Whitney returned from Portland but a few days ago after having completed a term in the federal jail for taking liquor upon the reservation.

ACADEMY WILL WIDEN ITS SCOPE

FIELD AGENT WILL HUNT FOR ENDOWMENTS

Pendleton Academy Plans an Active Campaign for Funds and Students—Will Endeavor to Secure Unutilized County Money to Form Basis for Future Growth.

That the scope and resources of Pendleton academy are to be increased and widened in the near future was shown by the sentiment of a meeting of the board of trustees which was held last evening in which it was practically decided to employ an active field agent and enter upon a campaign for an endowment fund which shall be a permanent resource for the institution.

While no formal action was taken it was the decision of the trustees that a field agent to act in the capacity of solicitor and financial secretary to work not only for endowment funds, but to solicit students in the eastern Oregon counties as well.

At Whitman college is now working for a large endowment and as agents for that institution are at work in Umatilla county it is thought advisable to have a solicitor in the field to secure whatever Umatilla funds would be available for educational endowments for Umatilla county institutions.

Formal action in the way of securing a field agent will perhaps be taken soon and the coming year promises to be one of the best in the history of the academy.

Koontz Hall, the girls' dormitory has been filled to overflowing during the present school year and in fact a number of girls have been turned away and it is evident that larger quarters for the girl students will have to be provided for another year.

An addition will perhaps be built to Koontz hall and room for a larger number of girls provided for the future.

An active campaign for students in all the eastern Oregon counties will be conducted during the coming summer vacation, and it is hoped to start next year with both the boys' and girls' dormitory overflowing.

Cyclone Destroys a Town.

Memphis, April 24.—Three persons were killed and several injured in a cyclone which swept over Walls Miss., today. The town is said to be destroyed. All wires are down.

Arrangements are being made under the leadership of Thomas Kenneth Collins to organize a company of the Washington national guard in Ellensburg. Thirty-five names have been signed to the roster. The company will recruit to 53 members before receiving its commission.

UNIVERSITY HAS MANY FRIENDS

President Campbell Expects Favorable Action at the Hands of Voters.

HERE ON A TOUR OF STATE IN ITS INTEREST.

Head of the Institution Believes It Is Richly Deserving of the Support of the People—Thinks Oregonians Are Public-Spirited and Broad-Minded Enough to Pass the Appropriation—No Enmity Between the Varsity and Agricultural College.

President P. L. Campbell, head of the University of Oregon, has been in the city since yesterday afternoon and he is optimistic over the prospects for favorable action upon the appropriation for his institution.

President Campbell has been making a partial tour of the state in the interests of the university and everywhere he has gone he has found the people favorably disposed towards the school. He came here from La Grande and he has also been through southern Oregon, going as far south as Ashland.

That the university is richly deserving of the support of the state and that the people of Oregon should be public spirited enough to pass the appropriation by a large majority is believed by President Campbell. According to him the present contest is one between those who would strengthen and build up the schools of the state so as to make them in keeping with the state's greatness in other lines and between those who take a narrow-minded view and in their ignorance would retard the university's growth.

According to President Campbell, he sees no just reason why there should be any enmity between the university and the agricultural college and he does not believe there is any. In the present campaign for the university bill staunch support has been given by O. A. C. graduates as well as those of the university alumni.

Last night President Campbell was entertained by the high school fraternity boys and Prof. A. C. Hampton, who is a former university student. Today he will leave for Walla Walla to meet his brother, after which he will return to western Oregon.

FIVE NEVADA BANKS ARE IN BAD CONDITION.

Carson, April 24.—State Bank Examiner Hofer today took charge of the Richey banks at Carson, Tonopah, Goldfield, Blair and Manhattan and ordered all business to cease. The action followed an application of the state bank examiner for a receiver for the State Bank & Trust company, which closed its doors October 20. Unless the institution is rehabilitated by May 15 the appointment of a receiver will be made permanent on May 15.

Murder Follows Drinking.

San Francisco, April 24.—Enraged because he was not allowed to engage in a drinking bout with neighbors, Henry Baker, aged 63, quarreled in a quarrel which resulted in his murder early this morning. The body was found at daylight with two bullet holes in his chest. The police are looking for an Italian named Louis Colombo, who is suspected to be the man who did the shooting.

Two Big Banks Suspend.

Owensboro, Ky., April 24.—Two of the largest banks in the city suspended today because of their inability to make regular collections. The deposits aggregate nearly \$2,000,000. The banks are Owensboro Savings Bank & Trust Company, with a capital of \$200,000 and deposits of \$1,000,000 and Davies County Bank and Trust Co., capitalised at \$50,000 and with deposits amounting to \$700,000. The institutions will be reorganized and reopened.

SECRETARY TAFT IS CALLED TO PANAMA.

Washington, April 24.—It is rumored in Washington that Secretary of War Taft is going to Panama in May. Just what important work compels him to leave this country at this critical period of his campaign is not known, but the story is not denied.

The report comes at a time when many criticisms are being directed at Taft for leaving his work at the war office so much to subordinates while he is away on long journeys.

SEVERAL INJURED WHEN TRAINS COME TOGETHER.

Fresno, Calif., April 24.—The southbound "Owl" from San Francisco to Los Angeles, collided with an engine and several freight cars last night at Mendota 30 miles from here. The freight had not been pulled completely off the main track onto the siding and as a result the limited crashed into it.

Mrs. A. J. Stewart, of Los Angeles, was seriously injured, and Mrs. J. G. Mitchell and Mrs. R. H. Smith of Fresno, G. E. Libbey of New York, R. H. Moore, conductor, E. W. Sommers, brakeman, and Porter Whidden, were cut and bruised.