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WORLD-FAMED MILITARY EXPERTS PREDICT JAP WAR

STATEMENTS BY TWO MEN

American Naval Base in Philippines Intolerant to Japan.

MIKADO HAS TRAINED ARMY IN HAWAII AT PRESENT

Count Ernest Von Reventlow of Berlin Says Brown Ben Will Make Attack on American Island Possessions Before Canal is Completed—Washington Officials Make No Denials.

Berlin, Germany, March 15.—Count Ernest Von Reventlow, a noted military writer, declared today that the American naval base constructed in the Philippines is an intolerant menace to Japan. Supremacy in the waters of the Far East is necessary to the life of Japan, and realizing this her statesmen are preparing to strike soon, probably before the canal construction is completed, he said in summing up his essay.

The count gave his advance proofs to the United Press papers today and said, "It is not denied, even by the skeptical, that Japan is preparing for an aggressive war with the United States. The main object of the war will not be the annexation of territory but to prevent permanent Russian occupation of Korea, Kwantung and Port Arthur. Leading Japanese are convinced that Japan as a great power cannot exist unless she is navally supreme in the Pacific. America is her rival."

"The Japanese conquest plans provide for the seizure of all American island possessions in the Pacific. Thus Japan would create a permanent advantage for herself."

Japanese Army in Hawaii. Washington, March 15.—Discussing Von Reventlow's statement on the preparedness of Japan for war with the United States, Frederick Hildekeper, the noted military expert, said today that it is the sanest statement he had seen.

"There are 60,000 Japanese, many of them veterans of the Russo-Japanese war in Hawaii," he said. "Within three days they could be organized into a trained fighting force."

He said he believed they had arms concealed on the islands. He said we would be beaten the first year and then would begin to wake up and fight.

Officials Make No Denials. Washington, D. C., March 15.—Officials here won't deny the report that Japan has an army of veteran soldiers in Hawaii and that during the last year the mikado's agents have been active in a military way in the Philippines. Army and naval officers have letters bearing out statements that Japan plans to attack the Philippines, Hawaii and Samoa, in event of war. It is believed the first attack would be on Hawaii.

Japan Blames Germany. Tokyo, Japan, March 15.—Recognizing that the United States interests in Mexico justify the American mobilization the Asahi, the leading paper in Tokyo, today editorially declares that Germany is the source of interviews on the estrangement of America, Japan and England. It severely criticizes the semi-official press agency, the Welt Correspondenz, for the publication of anti-Japanese news, intimating the existence of a secret alliance between Japan and Mexico. It is believed the Asahi article was officially inspired.

Mobilization Complete. San Antonio, Tex., March 15.—Eight and a half days since the order for mobilization was issued the entire first division was encamped and completed today. The arrivals of the 9th cavalry completed the division and the skeleton divisions are being filled by war recruits who are arriving hourly.

It is reported that General Carter is preparing to entrain a division for points along the Rio Grande during the week. The map department is busily engaged in preparing military maps of northern Mexico, according to Washington advices, which leads to the opinion that the maps will be sent to Carter.

Mexicali, March 15.—Not divulging their destination, Generals Berthold and Leyva with the greater part of the insurgent garrison left Mexicali this morning, headed toward the south.

RUSSIA DELIVERS ULTIMATUM TO CHINA

St. Petersburg, March 15.—It was officially announced today that unless China replies to Russia's mandatory note within ten days, further procedure will be left to the war office. It is understood that military demonstrations against China will be pushed vigorously.

MISSIONARY THWARTS AN ASSASSINATION

Seoul, Korea, March 15.—A plot to assassinate former War Minister Saiké Terauchi, the new Japanese governor general of Korea, by dynamiting the train on which he is traveling, was frustrated through an American missionary who gave the warning a few hours previous, today. Forty Koreans were arrested and will be executed if convicted. The trial will start immediately.

The military police arrested an Ming Konox as the ringleader. He is a cousin of an Chung Ken, the assassin of the late Prince Ito, who was resident general of Korea.

The Japanese admitted the plot was well laid and would have succeeded but for the missionary who risked his life exposing it. Further arrests will be difficult as the plotters have fled into Russian territory. Probably Russia will be asked to aid in apprehending them.

HELEN TO THE RESCUE. Goulds Retain Control of Missouri.

Pacific Through Girl's Efforts. St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—The fact that the Goulds retained control of the Missouri Pacific is attributed today to Miss Helen Gould. It is said she joined forces with Frank Gould and threatened financial war against George if he relinquished control. Gould thereupon entered into another agreement with Kuhn, Loeb & Rockefeller whereby Gould would retain control.

DANVILLE GRAND JURY INDICTS THIRTY-FIVE

TRUE BILLS FOR CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

Names of But Few Prominent Men Included in the List of Those to Be Held for Trial.

Danville, Ill., March 15.—After returning thirty-five indictments but fourteen of which were for political offenses, the grand jury was dismissed this afternoon by Judge Kimbrough until April 17, the day preceding the city election. No politicians or leading citizens were indicted, the accused being precinct chairmen and workers about the polls.

William C. Brown, a member of the city election commission, was indicted for receiving money from a candidate to influence his vote.

The grand jury, which adjourned adopted resolutions which will be sent to the governor and members of the state assembly from this district, asking that a law be enacted making the first offense of purchasing votes disfranchisement for five years, and the second offense disfranchisement for life.

Other resolutions were adopted complaining of the obstructive tactics of leading men and condemning County Judge Lawrence T. Allen for appointing W. C. Brown on the city election commission.

WOMAN MURDERER OF SON NOT INSANE BUT DEGENERATE

Albany, N. Y., March 15.—The prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Melber, accused of murdering her son, today said she is not insane but a moral degenerate. Chief of Police Quigley today said she appeared perfectly rational while confined in the Rochester jail.

"I FEEL LIKE A TWO-YEAR-OLD"—ROCKEFELLER

Augusta, Ga., March 15.—With a check for \$4,050,000 in his pocket, Rockefeller was one of the earliest arrivals at the golf links today. The check arrived on this morning's mail from New York and was his share of the dividends of the Standard Oil Co. He felt like a two-year-old, he said, as he teed his ball.

TO INVESTIGATE STEEL TRUST

Democrats Will Force Resolution Through Coming Session Of Congress

MOST POWERFUL OF ALL TRUSTS SEEMS IMMUNE

Measure Favored on its Merits And Also For Campaign Material—Champ Clark is Pledged to its Support—Morgan Stopped Former Investigation by Threat of Panic.

Washington, March 15.—That one of the first measures to be pushed through by the democratic majority in the house of representatives at the next session of congress will be the resolution for the investigation of the United States steel corporation, to determine whether it is a combination in violation of the anti-trust law, was the statement made today by Representative Stanley of Kentucky, author of the resolution, who has been canvassing sentiment among the members-elect on this subject. The proposed investigation was strongly urged at the session just closed but the resolution authorizing it was finally pigeon-holed in the rules committee, of which Representative Dalzell of Pittsburgh, was chairman. The minority members of the committee, including Speaker-elect Champ Clark, were all committed to the measure and other democratic leaders are in favor of pushing the resolution through as early as possible. Not only is the resolution favored on its merits, but it is believed that it will provide valuable material for use in the next presidential campaign.

"The attitude of the members of the democratic majority, and also of many so-called insurgents who favor this measure," said Representative Stanley today, "is that the steel trust is one of the most dangerous combinations of capital in existence, because it controls not only the manufacturing side of the steel industry, but also by far the greater part of the raw material required by the industry. Through its domination of leading transportation lines it even controls some of its most important customers and prevents opposition from that source."

"If the tobacco trust opposes the farmers they can hold back their crop—as they have done—until reasonable prices can be obtained. If the meat packers treat the cattle growers unjustly it is within the bounds of possibility for the latter to slaughter their own animals, and, if necessary, to get into direct relations with consumers. Those great packing plants in which millions of dollars have been invested would be valueless heaps of junk in the face of the combined opposition of the producer and the consumer. But when the steel trust advances the price of wire nails, or any other of its products, three hundred per cent, the public is helpless because the trust controls the sources of supply and dictates to the few independent manufacturers the prices they shall charge. It can enforce its will upon these manufacturers by the threat to cut off their supply of raw material."

"There is another point on which it will be interesting to obtain light. It is significant that while there have been federal proceedings against the oil trust, the tobacco trust, the meat

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GREYS' SPEECH EPOCH MAKING

Most Important Address Delivered in Parliament in Years Praised By Liberals

FAVORS ARBITRATION TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES

Conservatives Scoff and Ask "How About Mexico?"—Enormous Interest Aroused Throughout Europe—Appearance Indicate Grey Was Sure of Ground With America Before Speaking.

London, March 15.—Sir Edward Grey's epoch-making speech as every liberal calls it, has aroused enormous interest throughout Europe and was again the absorbing topic in the parliamentary lobbies yesterday. By universal consent it is the most important speech made in parliament in years. Some conservative morning papers, taking the ground that the foreign secretary's ideal is almost impossible of attainment, comment somewhat coldly and point to the difficulty of the path.

The liberal organs, on the other hand, hail it with unbounded enthusiasm, and express strong resentment at the scoffing remarks heard from the conservative benches, while Sir Edward was speaking, such as "How About Mexico?" and similar interjections offensive to the United States. "The wagon of the English-speaking people is now hitched to a star," said Sir Henry Norman. "The rest may come slowly, but it will come and it will date from 1911."

Similar expressions were expressed by the most progressive members of the commons. Indeed, many members connected with the arbitration movement found it difficult to believe that Sir Edward had not made sure of his ground with regard to negotiations with the United States before going so far in public utterances. Lord Reay, the British delegate to the Hague conference in 1907, in an interview, thinks that a general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain might be the occasion for the establishment of a permanent arbitration tribunal and that the only possible opposition in America would come from the Irish sections.

The nationalist members in the house, discussing the matter, are frank in declaring that it would be quite impossible to secure acceptance of the treaty until home rule has been granted Ireland.

The morning Post, in an editorial, says that such a treaty would involve on the part of both nations the sacrifice of what is called sovereignty. At that sacrifice, the agreement is possible.

The Morning Leader says that American diplomacy has often shown to advantage by the side of the elaborate European methods but such a treaty would make all former triumphs pale. Some of the morning papers point out some of the difficulties in the way to Great Britain's foreign alliance.

The Daily News remarks that incidentally this is the first time a British foreign secretary has recognized the right of parliament to share in the treaty-making power.

The Times says editorially Great Britain is equally ready, as at the time of the Pauncefote-Olney negotiations, to accept the arbitration treaty; provided it can be shown that the American people desire it and that the negotiations will not prove abortive.

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSED

RAILROADS ARE FINED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Buffalo, N. Y., March 15.—The New York Central was fined \$25,000 and the Pennsylvania \$20,000 in the United States district court today. The roads pleaded guilty to rebating. The case involved the standard Oil company in connection with the shipment of oil four years ago. The Standard has already paid a \$20,000 fine.

WATERSPOUT DELUGES ITALY'S COAST CITIES

Rome, Italy, March 15.—A waterspout in the strait of Messina deluged the coast near Reggio inflicting enormous property damage and causing heavy loss of life, according to dispatches this evening. The greatest damage was near Guarnieri where it is reported scores of persons were killed and injured and 150 buried in a marble quarry.

MANY KILLED BY A COLLAPSING STORE BUILDING

Nashville, Tenn., March 15.—Three were killed and five are dying, while at least fifteen are believed to be buried under the walls of the G. H. Falls hardware company building which collapsed this afternoon while workmen were clearing the ruins caused recently when the building was fire-gutted.

MILWAUKEE FIRE COSTS LIFE OF ONE FIREMAN

Milwaukee, Wis., March 15.—Fire today destroyed the entire stock of the Hilly Lumber company, consuming ten million feet of lumber, valued at \$300,000. The flames threatened Menominee Valley, a manufacturing suburb. Fireman Frank Clark fell from a ladder and is dying.

TWO YOUTHS MAY CAUSE INTERVENTION

MEXICO SAYS THEY WERE CAUGHT ACROSS THE BORDER

Secretary Knox Declares They Were Arrested on American Soil and Insists They Must be Freed.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 15.—American intervention in Mexico when the rebels capture Chihuahua is predicted by United States Senator Burton today. The Americans will invade Mexico, place the government on a firm footing and then withdraw, he said.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Some persons profess to believe that the positive statement made by Knox that the American youths Blatt and Converse, now imprisoned at Juarez as spies were captured on American soil and the equally positive statement of the Mexican officials that they were captured in Mexico may offer the United States cause for intervention. According to international procedure Mexico's stand would justify pushing the troops over the frontier. It is pointed out that this would enable the United States to force the Japanese question to an issue and prevent Mexicans favoring Japan to secure a foothold on the coast.

Mexican Officials Not Notified.

El Paso, Tex., March 15.—Mexican officials have not received any information concerning the release of Converse and Blatt, imprisoned in Juarez. It is believed the negotiations will take a week but their friends think they will be freed.

Converting Artillery Into Infantry.

Galveston, Tex., March 15.—Making over the coast artillery men into infantry occupied the military commanders here today. They will drill today, and take a long march tomorrow. The transports Summer, McClellan and Kilpatrick with 3,000 artillerymen arrives tomorrow or Friday.

Conflict Expected.

San Diego, Calif., March 15.—Three hundred Mexican regulars, members of the famous "fighting eighth," are expected to reach Tia Juana from Ensenada today. General Tasker Bliss, commanding the American troops, has strengthened the American forces at the border to safeguard American interests if the Mexicans and insurgents start hostilities on the line.

NO OBJECTIONS ARE VOICED

Men Formerly Opposed to New Plan of Street Improvements Are Satisfied.

SIX ALTERATIONS ARE TO BE PASSED UPON BY VOTERS

Gravity Water System Bonds, Sinking Fund for Water Bonds, Issuance of Sewer Bonds, and Formation of Street Improvement Districts are Principal Questions to be Settled by Tax Payers.

Enthusiastically endorsing the provisions incorporated in the proposed amendments to the city charter, a large number of citizens were present at the joint meeting of the Commercial association and the city council last evening. No objections were voiced to any of the amendments although a number of men stated that they came up to the meeting opposed to the new street improvement plan, but found that these objections were founded on a misunderstanding.

The meeting was presided over by President Dan P. Smythe and the purposes of the meeting was explained by Mayor E. J. Murphy. The amendments, six in all, were then read and the duty of explaining each in detail fell upon City Attorney Roy Raley. The following are the amendments as proposed:

- 1. Authorizing the city council to issue \$200,000 water bonds.
2. Providing for a sinking fund for the water bonds.
3. Authorizing the city council to issue \$20,000 sewer bonds.
4. Providing for a sinking fund for the sewer bonds and for the loaning of the money in this fund on real estate security.
5. Providing that these two bond issues shall not be included in the \$10,000 floating indebtedness which the city is permitted.
6. Providing for a change in the method of meeting the cost of street improvements.

The Improvement Plan. It was this last amendment which aroused the most interest and caused the most discussion and, because of the fact that its purpose seemed to be more or less generally misunderstood, a brief resume of its provisions as explained by the city attorney, will be in place.

Under the proposed plan there will be two vital changes from the present system. The one now in vogue taxes the cost of improvements to the abutting property regardless of the fact of whether or not this property is benefited to the extent of the expense involved, and the city is required to pay for the work on the intersections. Under the new system, the total cost of improvement will be assessed against all of the property in the community which is directly benefited, each lot paying in proportion to the benefit derived. This does not mean that all the property within the limits of a certain district will be taxed but only such property as the council shall determine to be benefited.

By this plan, also, the city would be freed from paying the expenses of improving the intersections, which requirement under the present system has been a great obstacle to improvement work.

As stated before, the council is to determine the extent to which property is benefited and shall publish a notice of their apportionment of the expenses. Following the publication of this notice, there will be fifteen days in which any of the property owners affected can file objections with the city recorder, after the expiration of which time the council is to sit as a court to hear and judge all complaints. The council also has authority, in case any assessment should be burdensome on any property, to pay any part or all of the assessed cost out of the city treasury.

The Second Change.

The second vital change over the present system is the authorizing of the council to do improvement work itself by buying the material and employing the labor. In case all bids should be judged too high, it was pointed out last night that the present plan of doing all work by contract has resulted many times in an

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WOULD ACCOMMODATE RAILROAD AND GET FREIGHT DIVISION

Advocating the closing and vacating of Aura and Lilith streets at their intersection with the railroad property as a first step toward the selection of Pendleton as a freight division point, President Dan P. Smythe and a number of prominent members of the Commercial association addressed the meeting of citizens last night in the club rooms at the conclusion of the discussion of the proposed amendments to the city charter. So strong was the sentiment expressed in favor of this action that Mayor Murphy announced an ordinance to that effect would be taken up by the council a week from tonight.

It was pointed out last night that the railroad company is hampered at the present time for a lack of room in their yards and that Pendleton would not for a moment be consid-

ered as a freight division point unless it is shown that the city is disposed toward assisting the railroad in the securing of an adequate amount of room. It was further stated that the O-W, company is at present handicapped in their operations in the city by a constant fear of killing or maiming some person at these two streets.

Would Increase Values.

Councilman Stroble made a strong speech in behalf of closing the streets and his arguments were of the kind which would most effectually silence the opposition of property owners in the neighborhood of the two intersections. He pointed out that in case Pendleton was selected as a division point that the value of property in the neighborhood of the railroad

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