

NAVAL BUDGET IS REDUCED IN JAPAN DESPITE PROTESTS

Upper House of Parliament Takes Action by Cutting Appropriation Several Million.

PREMIER READY TO RESIGN

Yamamoto Makes Veiled Allusions to "Complications With Foreign Powers" in His Effort to Sustain Government's Program—Believed He Meant the United States.

TOKIO, March 13.—To the tune of vehement protests from Premier Yamamoto, the upper house of parliament reduced the naval estimate from eighty million dollars to forty-five million. The government previously wanted ninety-five million. A previous cutting trimmed the figure by fifteen million. The next step will be its submission to a conference committee from both houses. Indications are it will go through in its latest form. Should this happen it is considered certain the premier will resign. In his argument he made repeated veiled allusions to possible complications with a foreign power and it is believed he had in mind the United States in connection with the California land law.

The administration entered the naval expansion program with a majority in both houses. This being the case it seemed certain it would put the plan through despite the popular protest at taxes. The graft scandal broke at the psychological moment furnishing the anti-tax element effective ammunition. Politicians believed the government would risk a revolution if it persisted.

TWENTY BODIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM FIRE RUINS

ELEVEN MORE CORPSES ARE BELIEVED TO BE AMONG THE DEBRIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—Twenty corpses have been recovered up to 9 o'clock this morning from the ruins of the burned Missouri Athletic club. Searchers believe 11 more are buried in the debris. It was originally thought 26 perished but five were safely accounted for later.

Three more bodies were found later this forenoon and some limbs of others which have not been identified.

CHEWING TOBACCO IS NOT THE DUTY OF A CHRISTIAN—BOLGIN

Revivalist Says the Weed Does not Promote Growth in Grace—Leave Your Quid on a Stump and Come to Church" He Exhorts. "No Dog Will Touch It."

(By J. M. Cornwell.) Subject tonight: "Is Christian Science Scientific or Unscientific, Orthodox or Unorthodox, Biblical or Non-Biblical?"

Subject Saturday night, "Friendship: What Is Real Friendship?" Spoken for the benefit of all the new converts who are asked to be present.

Some questions answered last night by Dr. Bolgin were: "Can a man be a Christian and use tobacco?"

"I will answer. Why didn't he ask the same question about a woman? Who would like to have tobacco juice run out of his girl's mouth every time he kissed her? Seriously, I will say, I don't think the use of tobacco would hinder a man from being a Christian, but he would be a mighty dirty one. Suppose you went to heaven chewing; you would surely have to go to hell to spit so you better quit here. Leave your quid out on a stump and come on to church. Get it on the way home, for no dog will touch it. I never saw a hound dog use tobacco in his life. What does the bible say? 'He that is filthy let him be filthy still.' Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be clean. Then again it is a wasteful habit, not desirable in women. The name is true of smoking, and besides it yellows the hands and destroys the nose. Be real men and quit it."

"What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? That was discussed fully

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HUERTA'S TROOPS SEIZE AVAILABLE MEN FOR WARFARE

Youth and Age Not Respected by Press Gangs Who Pick up Conscripts in the Streets.

WEALTH ALONE SAVES FEW

Strength to Carry Rifle Is the Only Thing Required by Dictator Who Is Making Strenuous Efforts to Reinforce His Army—Criminals Are Being Sent to Front.

MEXICO CITY, March 13.—President Huerta is drafting soldiers by the wholesale. His method is informal. Press gangs seized whoever they found in the streets, men of wealth and influence, of course, excepted, and turned them over to the drill sergeants. Neither age nor youth was spared, provided they were strong enough to lug a rifle. No boy was too young, no man too old to be safe if the gang cornered him. Nine hundred conscripts from a local prison were among the conscripts. Many are desperate criminals.

Huerta was much worried over Zapatistas activity in the vicinity of Cuernavaca. All the men he can spare from the local garrison were sent north.

In order to raise a force to deal with the Cuernavaca rebels Huerta is now pushing conscriptions so energetically. Reports are current of brisk fighting near Torreón. Nothing definite is known.

WORK ON GRAVITY SYSTEM IS BEING RUSHED TO COMPLETION

With warm spring weather tributary to fast work, the contractors who are building the gravity water system for Pendleton are making splendid progress with their contract and each week now is bringing spring water nearer to the city.

Jeffrey & Bufton have practically completed their work on the twin reservoirs. The two big receptacles are ready to receive water, save that they must be cleaned out. The overhead work is not yet quite completed and some backfilling is yet to be done before the reservoirs are ready to be turned over to the city, but this work is relatively easy and will be finished in a short time.

The Bent Construction Co. started the work of laying pipe last Saturday and is putting in the big concrete joints with a rapidity that augurs well for the completion of the job by June 1. Mr. Bent has a seasoned crew on

PREMIER ASQUITH INTENDS TO QUIT OVER DIFFERENCES

Home Rule Compromise Which He Offered Said to Have Caused Decision to Resign.

MINISTRY IS DISSATISFIED

Cabinet Cannot Agree on the Question Regarding Ireland—Lloyd George Said to Be Among Those Who Oppose Asquith in His Stand on the Matter.

LONDON, March 13.—Premier Asquith's resignation is said to be imminent. Cabinet differences on his opinion of the Irish home rule bill are given as a reason for his decision to resign. Members of his ministry and other liberal politicians are known to be dissatisfied with the compromise he has proposed. Among them is believed to be Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George.

The premier said he had an important announcement to make to the house of commons on Monday in connection with home rule. Many believed he then will announce his resignation.

TAX FOR JULY 1 IS PLAN.

BAKER, Ore., March 13.—A levy of half a mill on all taxable property in Baker City for a fund for an annual Fourth of July celebration here was endorsed at a meeting of the merchants' committee of the Commercial Club.

REASSESSMENT AMENDMENT TO CHARTER ASKED IN PETITION

With the signatures of 340 legal voters attached, the petition demanding that the reassessment amendment to the city charter be presented to the voters at a special election was filed this morning with recorder Thomas Fitz Gerald and will be submitted to the council this evening.

The amendment specifically provides that whenever any assessment for street improvement has been or may hereafter be made by the city has been or shall hereafter be set aside, annulled, declared or rendered void, or its enforcement refused by any court in this state or any Federal court.

The council may, by ordinance, make a new assessment or reassessment upon the lots, blocks or parcels of land which have been benefited by such improvement. The words "has been" are designated to make it retroactive in order that a new assessment can be ordered on the Jackson street improvement district, some of the property owners in which escaped payment by reason of a court decision based upon a small error in describing the boundaries of the district.

The amendment goes on to say that "such reassessment shall be based upon the special and peculiar benefit of such improvement to the respective parcels of land assessed, at the time of the original making, but shall not exceed the amount of such original assessment." This clause precludes the possibility of the council raising the assessments as first made, a possibility

that opponents of the measure have been parading to the front.

Another provision of the amendment gives the council power to add interest from the date of delinquency of the original assessment if it so chooses and the assessment, it is specifically stated, shall become a charge upon the property notwithstanding any irregularity. No reassessment, however, can be made in case of a street improvement wherein a remonstrance sufficient in law to defeat the original improvement shall have been filed. All sums paid upon the former assessment shall be credited to the property on account of which the same were paid.

DELIQUENT TAXES BELONG TO DISTRICTS SAYS CRAWFORD

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—That the 12 per cent interest collected on all delinquent taxes under the 1907 law do not belong to the county but should be distributed among the various taxation districts, county, cities, school, etc., according to their share of the delinquent taxes, is the opinion of Attorney General Crawford.

W. H. Singler, sheriff of Jackson county, the districts are preparing to sue to recover their share. It is understood the same condition prevails in other counties.

When a married man keeps a lot of ready-made excuses on tap his marriage is something of a failure.

NEAR RIOT STARTS WHEN GIRLS LEARN SAVINGS ARE LOST

Seigel Department Store in New York is Scene of Outbreak—Many Will Be Out of Work.

PLACE IS ORDERED CLOSED

"Let's Wreck the Store," Cries One Girl and Only Prompt Action on Part of Cooler Heads Prevents Destruction—Many of the Clerks Will Lose All They Possess.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A near riot at the Seigel department store occurred today when the salesgirls realized they would lose not only their positions but their savings deposited in the defunct Seigel bank, as well.

"Let's wreck the store," cried one. Others joined in putting the threat into action. Cooler heads prevented them.

The trouble followed the arrival of Mrs. Matteson, an employee, just returned from Europe, when she learned of the bank's failure.

"I've been robbed," she said. "All the money I had in the world, \$2000, has been stolen."

Over a thousand employees will lose their jobs tomorrow as a result of a court order closing the store.

An investigation showed that many clerks deposited their savings in the bank. To indicate their loyalty to the firm, others thought it would be the means of holding their jobs in slack times when the force was likely to be reduced.

GRAND JURY PROBE MAY BE CONCLUDED TONIGHT

REPORT EXPECTED SOON—MINORS AND INDIANS ARE EXAMINED TODAY.

Up until 3 o'clock this afternoon the grand jury, which is probing into alleged vice conditions, had made no report of its findings but it is confidently expected that the investigation will terminate either this evening or tomorrow morning. Judging from persistent rumors relative to the evidence secured it seems likely that at least a few indictments will be returned.

Fresh subpoenas were issued today and it is believed that the total number of witnesses examined is not less than 50. Quite a number of minors have been called before the jury and it is said some of them furnished some real evidence. A number of Indians, among the number the notorious Stella Williams, have also been called, presumably in an effort to learn the identity of those who are furnishing liquor to Indians.

MEXICAN SAYS EMBARGO WILL BE RE-ESTABLISHED

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Both the white house and the state department denied that anything was known of a note which Mexican Minister Rojas proposed to be expecting from Bryan, re-establishing the embargo on the transfer of arms from the United States to Mexico. The Mexican embassy said, however, that Rojas had the "best authority" for expecting the note.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Premier Asquith may resign because of differences over home rule question.

President regards Page incident as mere plesantry. Refuses to comment upon it.

Twenty bodies have been recovered from fire in St. Louis that wrecked Athletic club building.

Woman who mutilated painting of Venus is in critical condition; may be released from prison soon.

Naval budget in Japan is cut down several millions despite protests of government supporters.

Huerta is forcing all sorts of men into the army and sending them to the front.

Near riot occurs in Seigel store in New York when salesgirls learn they have lost their savings.

Local. Petition for reassessment amendment filed with recorder.

Alice Shippentower, victim of brutal assault by husband, may live.

Grand jury expected to report soon. Splendid progress being made on gravity water system.

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Democrats Boom Local Business Man For Place—Familiar With County Affairs.

That Charles H. Marsh, secretary of the Hartman Abstract Co., and secretary of the Round-up association should become the democratic candidate for county judge is the sentiment among many local democrats of influence and they are trying now to prevail upon Mr. Marsh to make the race.

In the event he will become a candidate he is virtually assured the democratic nomination and many are predicting his election. Incidentally, this view is shared by a large element of republicans as well as by the followers of Wilson and Bryan.

At this time there is no avowed candidate for the democratic nomination for judge. Among those prominently spoken of are W. W. Harrah of Pendleton and Louis Scholl, Jr., of Echo. Mr. Harrah has expressed himself as opposed to entering the race, while Mr. Scholl is understood to be somewhat more willing to run but is not desirous of doing so if a candidate of the proper timber can be secured from Pendleton.

It is generally considered that the judgeship should go to a Pendleton man because the east end has one of the commissioners and the west end a commissioner. In the event the judgeship should go to a man from either end of the county the central part of the county would be without direct representation on the court.

Whether or not he will enter the race for judge Mr. Marsh has not yet said. His friends, however, are hopeful of getting him to run and believe that if sufficient pressure is brought to bear he will enter the race. Mr. Marsh was formerly a resident of Weston and has been in business in Pendleton for many years. Through his work as manager of the abstract company and as a representative of several large estates he is well informed on county business affairs and upon matters relating to taxation. He is also very popular and hence would be a hard man to defeat should he get into the field.

Last evening an informal gathering of democrats was held here at the office of Will M. Peterson, county chairman. Several were in attendance from other parts of the county. According to C. P. Strain, who presided at the meeting, nothing was accomplished beyond the discussion of the possibility of getting candidates to run for various offices. One of the features of the meeting was a report that Bruce Shangle, editor of the Milton Eagle, is willing to accept a nomination for representative in the legislature. He is very popular in the east end of the county and may be that district's candidate for the legislature.

NOTED INVENTOR DIES AT HOME OF HEART DISEASE

GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE PASSES AWAY IN HIS SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

NEW YORK, March 13.—George Westinghouse, a foremost figure in the world of engineering and inventor of the air brake that bears his name, died yesterday at his residence here of heart disease. The end came a few hours after it became publicly known that Mr. Westinghouse was seriously ill. He was in his sixty-eighth year. Funeral services will take place at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church on Saturday and the burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

RITCHIE GETS DECISION OVER WOLGAST IN BOUT

KNOCKDOWN IN SEVENTH TAKES SPEED OF FORMER CHAMPION.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 13.—A knockdown scored in the seventh round and superior glove play gave Willie Ritchie, lightweight champion of the world, a 10-round victory over Ad Wolgast here last night.

The California boxer outgaited and outgeneraled Wolgast and landed repeatedly with left hooks and solid right hand punches to the head.

Wolgast frequently was warned by Referee Stout for apparent rough tactics after Ritchie protested.

The former lightweight champion started to make it a rushing battle, but after Ritchie floored him in the seventh round with a volley of punches to the stomach it was obvious that he had been robbed of his speed.

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WOMAN REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS AND TELLS STORY OF ASSAULT

Jap Hangs Himself.

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—Making a house of a shoe string, S. Kokima, a Japanese asylum inmate, hanged himself. When the patients were being taken for a morning walk, he hid in the bath room. An attendant found his body dangling from a water pipe.

Wilson Remains Silent Regarding Page Incident

IS NOT INCLINED TO COMMENT UPON UTTERANCES OF AMBASSADOR.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Though he would not say much concerning it, President Wilson was plainly troubled today over the controversy of a speech in London Wednesday by Ambassador Page who was quoted as telling his hearers the United States would prefer that no European government gain more land in the new world. Personally he made it clear that he considered the Monroe Doctrine to mean now exactly what it has always meant.

The president looked on the utterances of Page merely as pleasant and polite expressions without deep meaning. He realized that the opponents of the repeal of free trade meant to make the utterances a test for an argument that the administration was truckling to England.

LONDON, March 13.—"I am a victim of condemnation," said Ambassador Page today, replying to the request for his views of the commotion which his speech stirred up in Washington. "My remarks quoted in America mean something different from what they mean taken with the context. I had distinctly said the United States would object and prohibit the acquisition of more territory in the new world before I added—amid laughter—so you see the United States will prefer that no European power gain new territory." In reference to the canal, I said that England would derive the most benefit because the bulk of the world's shipping is by English vessels.

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