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ULTIMATUM TO BE SENT TO CHINA TO ENFORCE DEMANDS

Japanese Government Decides Upon Drastic Measure in Effort to Gain Concessions Asked for.

CABINET ENDORSES ATTITUDE

After Lengthy Session Between Premier Okuma and His Fellow Ministers, Japan Takes War-like Course Toward Sister Nation—Time for Reply Will Be Made Short.

TOKIO, May 4.—The Japanese cabinet has decided to send an ultimatum to China. This was learned today following a lengthy conference between Premier Okuma and his fellow ministers. It is understood the time to be fixed in which China must reply to the ultimatum will be short. The decision of Japan follows the flat refusal of the Chinese government to accede to the various demands made by Japan.

INDIANS WILL ACCOMPANY LOCAL DELEGATION ON TRIP

MANY FROM UMATILLA RESERVATION TO BE AT OPENING OF CANAL.

Once in the early days when voyagers passed along the Columbia they were sometimes started by the war cries of the savage Indians. Tomorrow when the good ship "Annie Cummings" carries Umatilla county folk down the great river there will be offered something in the way of contrast to those fearsome noises, something that will testify just how great have been the strides taken in this Oregon country in a half century. It will be nothing less than the voices of full-blooded Indians raised in song. From the Umatilla reservation a large number of Indians will make the trip to Umatilla today for the celebration there and a dozen or fifteen have tickets which will permit them to go on down to The Dalles by boat. These dozen or fifteen are peaceful and Christian Indians and they have learned the songs of the white man at their church on Tutulla creek. It has been arranged by Chairman Robinson to have them sing these songs in their native tongue as the boat sails down the stream.

British Steamer Sunk

LONDON, May 4.—The British steamer Minterne, 3000 tons was sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved.

PENDLETON HIGH LOSES MEET TO WALLA WALLA HIGH 57 TO 74

Starting the meet by winning the first three events, the Pendleton high school track and field athletes yesterday afternoon lost their lead and were defeated 74 to 57 by virtue of the superior work of the Walla Walla high school team in the dashes and jumps. The meet was held on Ankeny Field, Walla Walla, and was attended by about 400 people.

Minnis, Carl, Russell, Brown, Gordon and Mimms were first place winners for Pendleton, each winning one event. Siebert came through with three seconds and was second high point winner for the locals. Gordon won by winning the low hurdles and taking second in the javelin and pole vault was high with 11 points to his credit. Russell was third with 8. The following are the winners of points for P. H. S.: Gordon 11, Siebert 9, Russell 8, Minnis, Carl and Brown 5 each, Reed and Friedley one each and Colesworthy and Myers one-half point each.

In the javelin throw Wesley Mimms threw a surprise in to the Walla Wallians by hurling the spear over 150 feet, a throw that many colleagues would be glad to claim. In this event the Pendleton boys took all three places.

In the broad jump, however, the locals failed to get in the point although Clarence Bean, who had never turned out for practice even, made a leap that was but a few inches behind third place.

LOCAL DELEGATION ALL IN READINESS FOR CELEBRATION

Pendleton Party Will Leave This Afternoon on Special Train-Steamer That Will Take the Umatilla County Party Down the River Arrives at Umatilla Landing-Boat Will be Filled to Capacity.

At 5:30 this afternoon the Pendleton delegation to Umatilla leaves the O.-W. R. & N. depot by special train and it will mark the beginning of the Celilo canal celebration. Appearance this afternoon indicate that Pendleton's quota of steamer tickets, 100, will be fully taken. However, all will not make the trip to Umatilla at 5:30 as a number of parties are going by auto to Umatilla while some other people will take the westbound night train reaching Umatilla in time to leave with the boat at 5:30.

It was announced today by James Miller, traveling passenger agent for the O.-W. R. & N., that if there is demand to justify the step a special will be run from Umatilla to Pendleton after the festivities tonight. If there is not sufficient demand for the train those wishing to return tonight will be accommodated on the eastbound mail train.

Steamer Is There

Shortly after 1 o'clock today, J. F. Robinson received a telephone message from H. N. Dryer at Umatilla stating that the steamer Annie Cummings was then in sight making the upstream run to Umatilla to await the delegation from this county.

The Cummings is said to be a better boat in many respects than the Georgia Burton originally chartered but which could not make the trip. At Umatilla the full quota of tickets has been sold and there are indications the steamer will be filled to capacity. The weather at Umatilla has been beautiful today and the outlook is good for splendid weather tomorrow.

PRINTING COMPANIES SAID TO HAVE JUGGLED FIGURES

SYRACUSE, May 4.—Disclosures through old correspondence of the personal interest of Barnes in state printing contracts and his complaints to the late Senator Platt because he wasn't getting as much printing as he thought he should were featured in the hearing of the libel suit today against Roosevelt. It was shown that New York state had spent seven million eight hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars in printing since 1899 and that the Albany Printing Companies juggled the contracts in handling the state business.

VENERABLE PIONEER FIRST CAME TO UMATILLA IN 1863

A. W. NYE SAW TOWN GROW RAPIDLY DURING BOOM AND THEN DECLINE

It was in May, 1863, that A. W. Nye, venerable pioneer of this country, in company with Wm. Switzer, first disembarked at Umatilla Landing. That was when that port was a small burg. He was a witness to the boom which raised the population to 3000 and made it the seat of shipments to the mines of Idaho and he saw it decline when it lost this big trade and likewise the distinction of being the seat of Umatilla county. It was because of his early identification with this town that he was invited to be on the platform this evening during the festivities, an invitation he has been forced to decline in the following letter to Chairman J. F. Robinson:

"I'm sorry I can't be at Umatilla," he writes, "and occupy the seat assigned to me on the stand while Col. Haley speaks. It would be one of my happy moments to sit there as a living witness to the early history of Umatilla Landing. I, together with Bill Switzer, landed at Umatilla on the 7th day of May, 1863. We put our saddle horses on a steamer at Celilo and went up the Columbia river to Umatilla for the first time in my life. We found about a dozen business houses and perhaps 100 people. I had the pleasure of seeing the little town grow to over 3000 inhabitants in less than three years. Then I have seen it go down to what it is now. My heart is with you boys and I will try to meet you at Celilo."

Some men would have no excuse for living if their wives didn't take in boarders.

Sponsor for the Umatilla River



Miss Thelma Louise Thompson

Two attractive young ladies will represent Umatilla county officially at the celebration of the opening of the Celilo canal at Big Eddy tomorrow. Miss Thelma Louise Thompson of Pendleton will be sponsor for the Umatilla river and Miss Sadie Olive Griffin of Umatilla will act as sponsor for the port of Umatilla.

With other young ladies representing the various tributaries and ports of the Columbia, they will form a party of special guests of the celebration committee on the trip down the river to Portland. Phil Bates will act as official chaperone for the young ladies and will see to it that they have every courtesy extended to them.

Both of the Umatilla young ladies were chosen for special reasons. Miss Thompson because she is the granddaughter of one of the oldest living pioneers of the county who came up the Columbia river more than half a century ago and Miss Griffin because she is the daughter of a riverman and may be truly called a child of the river.

Miss Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Thompson and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Blakely. It was in the early 60's that Mr. Blakely made his first trip up the Columbia from Portland and even at that date there was a little railway around the place where now is the Celilo canal. His last trip down the Columbia was 35 years ago next November when he made the trip in company of Major Lee Moorhouse, then of Umatilla. Both Mr. Blakely and his wife will be aboard the "Annie Cummings" on her trip down the river tomorrow.

Miss Griffin is the daughter of the U. S. foreman of the Umatilla rapids on the Columbia river, a man who has been in the government employ on the river for 24 years. He has worked on the Willamette river on the U. S. Dipper Dredge No. 2, on the Lewis and Cowlitz rivers in Washington, at the Vancouver Barracks, at the Cascade Locks and on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. He has been at Umatilla for the past eight years superintending the drilling and blasting on the Umatilla rapids in order to form a better channel.

GERMANS CLAIMING GAINS IN FIGHTING IN FLANDERS

BERLIN, May 4.—New gains for the Germans in Flanders were announced officially. The villages of Zevenote, Zonnebeke and West Hoek have been captured by the Germans, it was stated. The retreating allies were subjected to a heavy flanking fire and suffered heavy losses.

FINAL WORD ON ITALY BY AUSTRIA IS UNACCEPTABLE

Negotiations Believed at an End and Time Believed Near When Italy Will Enter War.

WHOLE COUNTRY IS ARJUSED

Intense Excitement Prevades Rome When Rumor Becomes General That Austria Has Practically Turned Down Demands of Italy—Final Break May Come at Any Time.

ROME, May 4.—Rumors that Austria's final word in negotiations with Italy was delivered to former Minister Sonnino yesterday and that it is regarded as unacceptable by the cabinet, prevailed the city, arousing the most intense excitement today.

It is generally believed a crisis in the Austro-Italian situation again is near and that Italy is rapidly approaching a moment when it will declare its intention of entering the war on the side of the allies.

The belief gained support through an announcement that King Emmanuel and his cabinet ministers had abandoned plans to attend the unveiling tomorrow of a monument to the achievements of Garibaldi's volunteers.

Russians May Have to Give Up Their Mountain Campaign

VICTORY OF GERMANS WILL FORCE NICHOLAS TO ABANDON INVASION.

BERLIN, May 4.—Unofficial reports of the smashing of the Russian line in western Galicia indicate the new German victory almost equals the successes of Von Hindenburg in Poland, the effect being to completely disrupt the Slav army in that region. The Russian losses in killed, wounded and captured numbered 100,000, according to one report.

Experts hailed the victory of the Austro-German forces as the most important success gained by the Teutonic allies in two months. They asserted that Grand Duke Nicholas must now abandon his campaign to force the Carpathians and invade Hungary and retire to northern Galicia.

SPLIT-LOG DRAGS WILL BE SECURED FOR ROAD WORK

COUNTY WILL PLACE ORDER FOR DRAGS FOR USE BY THE FARMERS.

In order to help improve roads over the county immediately the county court will within the next few days, it is anticipated, place an order for 50 split-log drags and will parcel them out to such farmers as show a desire to use them in fixing up the roads in their locality. County Judge Marsh stated this morning that a good many requests are being made to the court for the use of the few drags the county owns and he feels that the road situation would be helped at once if more drags were available. "There has been much said about the split log drag," he said, "and while many pretend to scoff at them as roadmakers, there is a general disposition among farmers to give them a trial. The cost will be small and I feel that the roads could be materially bettered this spring and fall by using them."

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Russians may have to abandon invasion of Hungary through the Carpathians. Ultimatum will be sent China by Japan is decision of latter government. Final answer of Austria to Italian demands said to be unsatisfactory. Open break expected at almost any time. Local. Pendletonians leave this evening for Umatilla celebration. Two Umatilla county maidens to be sponsors for this county at Big Eddy tomorrow. Indians to chant for entertainment of excursionists down river. Pendleton high loses close track meet at Walla Walla. County will order 50 split-log drags. Boy's arm out of joint two months without his knowledge.

EAST OREGONIAN WAS FIRST NEWSPAPER TO ADVOCATE THE BUILDING OF CELILO CANAL

In the completion of the Celilo canal the East Oregonian feels a particular pride from the fact it was the first newspaper to advocate the building of the canal and the opening of the Columbia river from Lewiston to the sea.

Credit for being the first journalistic champion of the open river is given the East Oregonian by J. N. Teal, the "Father of the Open River" and the man above all others who is in position to know the forces that have been at work for this great betterment.

The fight for unobstructed commerce on the river and the consequent benefits to the people has been a long battle. It was started many years ago when newspaper editors travelled on railroad passes and few papers had souls of their own when transportation issues were at stake.

Then as now the East Oregonian was of independent spirit and saw that its duty lay in service to the people irrespective of how other interests might be affected thereby. For 40 years as a Semi-Weekly and 26 years as a Daily this newspaper has steadfastly aided the cause of river navigation and reduced transportation rates.

The canal at Cascade Locks was formally opened November 5, 1896, 19 years ago. Three days prior to that event, Nov. 2, 1896, the East Oregonian commented editorially on the then coming event and said:

THE OPENING OF THE LOCKS.

The celebration of the "opening" to occur at The Dalles and Cascade Locks on the fifth is an occurrence of great interest and one that means much to a large number of people of Eastern Oregon. An open river above The Dalles would benefit a large section and more people and settle an area of the Columbia river basin that now lies idle and barren, and it is to be hoped that the benefits arising from the opening of the river below The Dalles will encourage the putting forth of a greater energy toward securing an open river above from Lewiston to the sea. With each step of this kind trade will become freer and lives easier. Those words now take historic significance. With the dedication of the Celilo canal tomorrow the dream of the open river from "Lewiston to the sea" comes to realization. The prayer becomes an achievement. The economic blessings to follow that improvement are heralded by the 25 per cent reduction just made in the wheat rate from Umatilla to Portland. To secure the full benefits of the river service it will be necessary for Umatilla county and other counties to build permanent roads to the steamer landings. The East Oregonian now advocates that course for Umatilla county and in doing so is receiving criticism from those who do not understand the subject or do not wish freight rates reduced. It is the same manner of abuse this newspaper has endured intermittently for 40 years. It will not swerve the paper from its traditional policy and duty.

Many Prominent Men From Northwest are on the Program for the Formal Opening of Celilo Canal Tomorrow

Following is the official program for the formal opening of The Dalles-Celilo canal to be held at Big Eddy tomorrow afternoon:

2 P. M. Chairman of the Day—Hon. Joseph N. Teal, of Portland. Exercises in charge of engineering corps, United States army, assisted by official representatives of United States congress, the northwestern states, cities of the northwest, commercial and other participating organizations, active and pioneer steamboat men, railway officials and citizens. Assembly of participating steamboats and other craft in the canal at Big Eddy (government headquarters). Salute by locomotives of the Oregon state portage railway, canal locomotives, steam shovels, locomotives of local railways. Responded to by the assembled river craft. Massed band music. Dedicatory innovation—Rt. Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, D. D., bishop of Baker City, Ore. Remarks by chairman of the day—Hon. Joseph N. Teal, of Portland. Presentation of canal flag by General H. S. Fargo, department commander G. A. R. of Oregon and staff. (Flag the gift of the citizens of Lewiston, Idaho.) Song by the people—"America," led by massed bands. Greetings from the congress of the United States by United States Senator Miles Polindexter of Washington, and Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon. Greetings from the state of Oregon, by Governor Withycombe. From the state of Washington, by Governor Ernest Lister. From the state of Idaho, by Governor Moses Alexander. From the commercial bodies of the Columbia Basin, by James S. Ramago, president Spokane Chamber of Commerce. Music by massed bands. Historical address by T. C. Elliott of Walla Walla, representing Oregon Historical Society. Farewell to the Oregon state portage railway, to be given by the passing of decorated locomotive and cars of the railway past the speakers' stand. Members of the Oregon state portage railway commission to be on board. Salutes of steamboats, locomotives, bands and spectators. Remarks by the chairman of the day, Jos. N. Teal. Response by Jos. T. Peters, president of the commission. Formal presentation of The Dalles-Celilo canal by the United States engineers, Lieut.-Col. Jay J. Morrow and Lieut. C. H. McKinstry. Response—Hon. Wm. E. Humphrey of Seattle, Wash. Breaking of bottles of water from the Pacific ocean and the various tributaries of the Columbia by young women sponsors from all sections of the Columbia watershed. Benediction—By Rt. Rev. Walter T. Sumner, D. D., bishop of Oregon, of Portland. Massed band music, during which locks will be opened to allow fleet to proceed to The Dalles.

FARMERS' UNION PICNIC AT PILOT ROCK MAY 29

NATIONAL LECTURER DORNBLAZER OF ATLANTA, GA., TO BE SPEAKER.

Pilot Rock gets the annual picnic of the Farmers Union of Umatilla county and the event will be held Saturday, May 29, with National Lecturer Dornblazer of Atlanta, Georgia, as the chief speaker of the occasion. This was announced here today by C. C. Connor, member of the executive committee that had the deciding of when and where to hold the picnic. Pilot Rock gets the picnic because of attractive offers made in the way of entertainment features and the action was taken by the committee at a meeting held at Helix Saturday. Members of the executive committee present were Mrs. Eva Cargill, M. O. LaHue and C. C. Connor. The picnic will be an all day affair and the details of the program will be left to the Pilot Rock local.