

JAPAN FAILS TO KEEP HANDS-OFF POLICY IN RUSSIA

Ambassador Was at Meeting at Which it Was Agreed to Withdraw Support to Kolchak, But Refused Decision.

FORCES, NOW 60,000 BEING STEADILY STRENGTHENED

Believed Country Seeks Foot-hold While Allies' Attention is Turned; Fears of Bolshevism's Spread Expressed.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—Japan was not a party to the "hands off" policy toward Russia agreed upon by the other allies at the "unofficial peace conference" it is learned today. On the contrary, Japan is steadily increasing her forces in Siberia.

Officials here declare that while they fail to understand America's policy in keeping troops in Siberia, they attribute it to a desire to watch Japan.

Decision Refused
Although the Japanese ambassador attended the conference at which it was agreed to withdraw support from Denikene and Kolchak and let the Russians decide their own fate, the Japanese decided that he refused to adhere to the decision, thereby tacitly reserving for Japan the right to decide her own policy in Russia.

Officials are deeply interested in War Minister Churchill's statement in the house of commons, that "Japan's forces in Siberia are considerable," and that they are being increased.

Foot-hold Feared
Persons in close touch with the international situation say they are unable to understand Japan's reason for the purpose of securing a foot-hold in Siberia, while the other allies' attention is directed elsewhere.

Other alleged reasons for strengthening the Japanese forces, now estimated at 60,000 are fears for the spread of Bolshevism into China.

PACKERS TO ABANDON UNRELATED PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It is learned that Attorney General Palmer and the "big five" Chicago packers reached an agreement today whereby the latter will abandon control of unrelated products. This will probably result in the department of justice dropping its anti-trust suits against the packers, it was stated.

Under the agreement the packers agree to give up control of stockyards and such unrelated products as rice, wheat and breakfast food. They agree further to use refrigerator cars only for the shipment of meat and meat products, it is understood.

Department of justice officials are hopeful that the agreement will be effective in reducing the cost of living.

ELECTRIC POWER IS RESTORED TO PENDLETON; MILLS AND FACTORIES ARE REOPENED TODAY

Electric power was restored in Pendleton last night after having been denied all industry for the last 10 days. All mills, factories and plants, using electrical energy were enabled to reopen this morning and will operate without interruption except between 4 and 6 o'clock each afternoon. Unrestricted use of power is expected by the first of next week.

The Pendleton Woolen Mill, the Pendleton Roller Mills, Walters' Mill, the Umatilla Flour & Grain Co., Burroughs' planing mill, the Oregon Lumber Yard and other institutions using power resumed full time operations today, following notice yesterday afternoon that power would be available. The planing mill has changed its hours so as to get in an eight hour day by 4 o'clock. It is opening at 7:30 and closing at 4, the lunch hour being cut to 20 minutes.

The supply of power was made available by the reopening of the plant on the Walla Walla river near Milton. The time has been blocked with slush and ice, prevent the operation by water power. This has all been removed and Pendleton is once again using water-power electricity instead of that generated by steam.

With all restrictions removed and conditions rapidly improving, local stores announced today that they will open tomorrow at 8 o'clock as previously and will close at 6. The regular hours on Saturday will also be observed.

PENDLETON'S THIRD ANNUAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW WILL BE HELD MARCH 11, 12 AND 13

Pendleton's third annual automobile show will be held March 11, 12 and 13, 1920, according to decision made by the Pendleton Automobile Association at its regular monthly meeting last night. Appointment of committees to handle the exposition was deferred until the January meeting.

All cars handled in the county, as well as all lines of tires and accessories, will be incorporated in the largest auto show yet held. The automobile industry has made rapid strides in this country since wartime restrictions were removed and the large number of dealers insure a record show, the association members declare.

Happy Canyon will likely be the scene of next year's show as in the past, although arrangements other than setting the dates are as yet tentative. With the large number of entries expected, the capacity of Happy Canyon will be tested.

Last night's business meeting, which was held in the rooms of the Pendleton Commercial Association, was devoted almost wholly to the discussion of the show. J. H. Allen presided in the absence of J. B. Knight, president.

Preceding the business meeting the 35 dealers assembled at Jolly's Inn for a banquet supper. Music by the club's orchestra was furnished during the meal.

Nurse, Wounded Four Times, Who Chose Her 22 Gr



Still suffering from four wounds she received while acting as a nurse with both the French and American armies, Miss Martha Gauthier has arrived in this county on a trip of recuperation. Two fellow passengers assisted her down the gang plank when she landed. The French government has conferred upon her the Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Medaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre. While held prisoner, she chloroformed twenty-two Germans and made her way to the French lines by crawling from shell hole to shell hole.

"STOP EATING DOLLAR A DOZEN EGGS," WARNING OF WOMEN H. C. L. ENEMIES

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—"Stop buying" is the first instruction issued by Illinois women in their campaign against high prices, started by a conference with United States Attorney General Palmer Tuesday.

Mrs. Maud Turley, organizer of the women's division of the campaign today declared: "Refuse to pay luxury prices and unreasonable costs for common food-stuffs. Buy only what is absolutely necessary. Stop eating a dollar a dozen eggs and 50 cent butter. Postpone the purchase of a fur coat, and expensive suit for the present and watch prices tumble."

NURSE SAVES BOY'S LIFE; BLOOD IS TRANSFUSED

ASHLAND, Dec. 18.—Orren Dillard 15-year-old Ashland boy, was said by attending surgeons today to owe his life to Mrs. E. E. Russell, a nurse at the local sanitarium, who offered her blood when it became apparent that transfusion of blood was all that could save the boy's life, following an operation. The transfusion was successful and the boy will probably recover, according to announcement today.

EXPLOSION OF SHRAPNEL ROCKS DOVER, KILLS TWO STARTS \$1,000,000 FIRE

New Jersey City Visited by Series of Shocks from Burning Shells at Picatinny Arsenal Seven Miles Away; Three Persons Perhaps Fatally Hurt, Cause of Fire Unknown.

DOVER, N. J., Dec. 18.—Two persons are dead and three are perhaps fatally hurt as the result of an explosion of shrapnel shells in a blaze which destroyed four buildings of the Picatinny arsenal today. The damage is estimated at a million dollars.

Dover and the surrounding territory was started into wakefulness at midnight by a small explosion at the arsenal.

Five minutes later a terrific blast shook the countryside, and shattered plate glass windows here seven miles from the arsenal. The explosions continued for three hours as shrapnel and other shells were set off by the fire. The cause is unknown.

NEW YEAR IS USHERED IN BY COUNCIL, THROUGH WITH BUSINESS OF 1919

All Officials Sign Resolution Requesting Sheriff Taylor Not to Split Reward, But Refer Portlanders to "Stool Pigeon."

Nineteen hundred and nineteen was ushered out last night as far as the city council is concerned, for the next two meetings due to come respectively on Christmas eve and New Year's eve, the city fathers anticipated the little business at hand, provided for its disposal and adjourned "to take a two week's vacation without pay."

Business last night was brief and was confined almost wholly to routine. The one extraordinary feature was the signing of a resolution, by all the city officials present, requesting Sheriff Taylor not to split any of his reward money with four Portland inspectors who received \$500 each, but to suggest that they go to the "stool-pigeon" who was given \$5000 as his share.

Specifications for the paving of Matlock street from Tindley to Jackson were presented by city Engineer Hays and ordered laid over until the next meeting, January 7. These are the first specifications drawn since the passage of the ordinance requiring the laying of all gas, water and sewer mains before paving is undertaken, and include provisions for these improvements.

John Hatley Jr., again reminded the council that the light at Bailey and Garfield streets is still out of commission and has been for the last two months. He was before the council two weeks ago on the same mission. The light committee was ordered to have the matter attended to.

Bills for the current month were allowed and the council instructed the recorder to draw the December salary list and the warrants without further action by the council. This will permit of the council taking its two weeks vacation.

On account of the injury to Mayor Vaughan's hand yesterday, he was unable to attend, and Councilman Henry Taylor presided. All members of the council were present.

GRATIFYING THAT SWEET TOOTH IS APT TO COME HIGHER THIS CHRISTMAS

Gratifying the sweet tooth, always more insistent in its demand during the holiday season than at any other time, will come higher this year than last, say local dealers.

The swain who purchases a box of chocolates finds that the high cost of loving has soared, for boxes of candy that formerly sold for \$1 are now \$1.50 and so on up the scale. Bulk chocolates have advanced five cents a pound in price, while mixed candies, much used for filling the Christmas stocking, sell at 50 cts. a pound instead of 30 cts.

The reason for the sharp advance, say dealers, is the sugar shortage and the cost of other raw materials. Sugar is hard to get, and so is glucose, the base for all candies. Even candy boxes are scarce, thus adding to the cost of boxed candy. Walnuts are higher this year. Nearly all walnuts used for candy are shipped from Manchuria, China. Manchuria water cracked nuts are those which are placed in baskets and floated down the river. The water causes the oil in the nuts to be more susceptible to decay, making the nuts less desirable than the dry cracked nuts which are shipped by land from Manchuria.

Despite the increased cost in all saccharine dainties, Pendleton merchants declare that the local demand is as large as ever.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY BUILDING IS BURNED

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Walker Hall, a class building at the Willamette University was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is \$35,000.

600 ACRES OF INDIAN LANDS TO BE ON SALE

Six hundred acres of the best land on the Umatilla Indian reservation are offered for sale February 16, 1920, and advertisements are now being mailed out from the agency office to prospective bidders. Nine allotments are offered for sale at this time, the appraisal totaling \$80,410, or an average price of \$134 per acre.

There are five allotments of 40 acres each, three of 50 acres and one of 100. Four tracts lie on the north side of the river and the remainder are scattered over the south reservation. All lands, except one 40-acre tract, are considered good to excellent wheat lands. The remaining allotment is lowland along the river, close to Pendleton, lying along the railroad and the Old Oregon Trail.

GUARD MEMBERSHIP AS ALTERNATIVE FAVORED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A proposal by the American Legion that membership in the national guard be permitted as an alternative for universal military training is receiving the serious consideration of both branches of congress. Much opposition to compulsory military training will be removed if young men are given a chance to take the training in night drills as members of the guard, according to legion officials. This plan, according to its backers, would mean eight military school or those who cannot afford to attend training camps.

Pat's Daughter Born
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Roberts' of Rich are the parents of a little daughter born last night.

Parents of Daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Olin H. Baum, of 500 West 10th street, are the parents of a little daughter born this morning.

SENATOR POINDEXTER WHO ASPIRES TO BE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE



U.S. SENATOR MILES POINDEXTER

MERCURY AT 30 BRINGS FIRST MILD WEATHER

A temperature of 30 above is reducing Pendleton's snow to a slushy consistency today and bringing assurance of mild weather. Last night the mercury sank to 17 degrees above zero. The barometer says 29.78. Word from Pilot Rock says that the thaw there is noticeable. The snow is melting rapidly, says the report. At Meacham the thermometer registers 40 above, with a gentle Chinook wind blowing and the snow melting rapidly. Last night the mercury was down to 10 above zero at Meacham.

Although trains are still much delayed, the local O.-W. R. & N. office says the situation is improved. They hope to have the situation well in hand in a few days.

The improvement in the weather makes a noticeable difference in the number of holiday shoppers on Pendleton streets. Today the stores are busier than they have been for some time past. Many local people have been delayed in their shopping because of the bad weather.

STEPS FROM ENGINE, MAN MISSES BRIDGE

Stepping from an engine on the bridge at Umatilla last night, Oliver Allen, O.-W. R. & N. boilermaker missed his footing because of the darkness and fell 20 feet to the frozen river bottom below. He sustained painful bruises, broke his left leg and was knocked unconscious.

Allen was rushed to St. Anthony's hospital in a special train, the trip being made in an hour and a few minutes. He is convalescing today.

RESULTS OF LOCAL VOTING ON PEACE TREATY WILL BE WIRED TO SENATORS; BALLOT APPEARS LAST TIME TODAY

With the fate of the peace treaty still in the balance, "now is the time for you to make your feelings known. If you want the treaty ratified without reservations, if you favor the Lodge resolutions or the outright rejection (to be found on page seven) and mail it to the East Oregonian.

LAST BALLOT TODAY
This is the last day on which the ballot will appear. So make use of your opportunity if you wish to vote. Several people may vote on one ballot if they write their names plainly. Some have used blank paper on which to vote. This too, is permissible, if the name and address of the voter is given and a choice expressed.

When the votes are counted the results will be wired to the New York headquarters of the League to Enforce Peace and to the Oregon senators. As this referendum marks the largest test of individual sentiment yet taken in Eastern Oregon the outcome will be significant. Proper steps will be taken to assure accurate count and the ballots will be held for several days to allow anyone desiring to make a recount, the privilege of so doing. They will then be forwarded to the Oregon senatorial delegation.

SHOW YOUR COLORS
No matter what your views may be vote your convictions and thus make your influence felt.

Remember this is the last day the ballot appears. Votes must be sent in promptly in order to be included in the count. The ballot will be held open for several days, however, in order to permit out of town ballots to arrive.

RUSSIAN RED SEEKS AUDIENCE AT CAPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Vladimir Vochmetroff, claiming to represent twenty million people of soviet Russia and to be on an important diplomatic mission to Washington, is being held at the Angel Island immigration station, it is learned. He arrived yesterday. Immigration authorities will interrogate him.

If Vochmetroff is allowed to reach Washington he will urge the following program:

To raise the blockade against soviet Russia.

To free Russia of all foreign interference in working out her own immediate destiny.

To give Russia liberal financial assistance.

WESLEY MIMS ENTERS INVESTMENT COMPANY

Wesley Mims, Pendleton young man who has for the past three years been a member of the United States Navy, has returned to this city and will in future be associated in business with his step-father, Fred Latz, in the Matlock-Latz Investment Company. He will enter the business January 1.

Mims enlisted three years ago in the navy, and recently received an honorable discharge from service. He was stationed on the U. S. S. Frederic, and made many trips overseas.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS ASSUME LEADERSHIP IN FORMING DEFINITE PROPOSALS TOWARD COMPROMISE

Republicans Decline to Offer Terms on Ground Treaty Advocates Should Say How Far They Are Willing to Go; Suggestions Take Form of New Set of Reservations.

WOMAN STRUCK WITH BOARD BY PASSERBY

Mrs. Anna Mortimer, of 417 Calvin street, was attacked shortly after midnight at West Alta and Cobble street by an unknown man who struck her head three times with a flat board. The man fled when neighbors, startled by her calls for help, raised their windows and prepared to come to her aid.

The man made no attempt to rob Mrs. Mortimer but seemed intent on stunning her with blows from the board. He had followed her from Main street and as she stepped aside to allow him to pass, he turned and attacked her instead. None of the blows injured Mrs. Mortimer.

As near as Mrs. Mortimer can describe the assailant, he was of medium build, probably not over 20 years old and wore army trousers and leggings and a civilian overcoat. Police were given a detailed account of the attempted assault and are looking for the man.

FIRE CHIEF CAUTIONS OF YULETIDE HAZARD

Needing among the hundreds of letters to and from Santa Claus, now passing through Pendleton's post-office, came one to the East Oregonian today from Fire Chief W. E. Ringold, who is more than anxious that every one's Christmas be a merry one. To insure the happy yuletide, the portly and good-natured chief is giving some advice regarding decorations and lighting of the tree.

The use of candles, while expressing more faithfully the spirit of Christmas, is dangerous, says the chief. Electric colored lighting sets are much to be preferred.

Care must be taken with the electric sets, however, he says. When the cord from the electric light socket is conveyed to the tree it should not be fastened to the wall by nails nor in any other manner come in contact with metallic surfaces, for short-circuiting is possible and short circuits cause fires.

Cotton, or other inflammable decorations, should be carefully avoided to lessen the fire hazard. There are asbestos and other non-inflammable decorative materials on the market which are preferable. Christmas trees, even though green, should not be placed near a stove in the house, according to the chief.

These and other common-sense directions will render safe the Yuletide celebration and allow the firemen to spend Christmas eve at home with their kiddies, instead of waiting poised to answer fire calls at other Pendleton homes.

METAL DEMAND NOT TO SWALLOW DOLLARS

Hoarding of silver dollars will not be necessary, nor a good form, Pendletonians are advised, even though the present price of that metal makes it more valuable as bullion than as money. Banks are not under any orders to withdraw silver from circulation, according to J. B. McCook, vice president of the American National, and none will be withdrawn so far as is known.

Under provisions of the Pittman act, \$300,000,000 worth of silver dollars were to have been melted for bullion. Up to the present, \$260,000,000 have been converted. Plans are now being made to convert the remaining \$90,000,000. It will not require withdrawal of any of the silver in circulation to accomplish this, however.

The nineteenth century, have been stored in the vaults of the treasury for years. Silver certificates have been circulating since these and they have never circulated.

Of late the favorable balance of trade for China has tended to push upward the price of silver in America, owing to the oriental nation's demand for an increased circulation of medium. Practically all of this country's output has been sent across the Pacific in the last year. The conversion of \$90,000,000 silver dollars remaining under provisions of the law, is expected to stabilize silver values in this country and again meet the demand for as much for money as for the metal.

WILL STRONGLY PROTEST ANTI-JAPANESE ACTIVITY

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—Following a meeting of the cabinet council Tuesday, Minister Oshira, plenipotentiary to China, was directed to make a strong protest to the Peking government regarding anti-Japanese activities of the Chinese, notably Chinese students, which endanger friendly relations between China and Japan. The protest is understood to do particularly with the difficulties at Foo Chow and boycotts against Japanese merchandise.

Cables recently received from Tokio told of two vigorous protests forwarded to the Tokio government from Peking regarding the Foo Chow trouble. Japanese newspapers declare China is to blame, whereas Peking dispatches place all the blame for the Foo Chow riots on the Japanese. Japanese war vessels have been at Foo Chow since the riot in which several Japanese were killed and one American was wounded. The riot resulted when Chinese student boycotted Japanese Goods. It is traceable to the Shanghai award.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Friday may not be cold tonight.

