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JAPAN ONLY ONE OF BIG THREE TO REMAIN SILENT

Nippon Government Expected to Accept or Reject Harding's Invitation to Conference.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE HAVE SENT THEIR ACCEPTANCE

Japanese Statesmen Promised People to Discuss Disarmament if Opportunity Offered.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(U. P.)—Highest authority indicated that the disarmament conference may be called in Washington November 15th, the third anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(A. L. Bradford, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Japan today is expected to accept or reject President Harding's invitation to participate in the disarmament conference. France has accepted, according to a Paris message, Premier Briand making the acceptance speeches both in the chamber of deputies and the senate. Great Britain, through Lloyd George, identified his intention of attending. Italy is expected to send her acceptance shortly. Japan is the only member of the "big three" that is silent and is now holding the center of the state. Washington is eagerly awaiting the Tokyo work, since Japan is reported reluctant because of the inclusion of the Pacific and Far East discussions. She cannot refuse because she would be the only nation unwilling to comply. Japanese statesmen promised the people to discuss disarmament in the eventuality of real estate needs the friendship of Great Britain. The United States will lay the case before the world should the Nipponese refuse. The officials were delighted when the United Press informed Washington that France has accepted, though they predict France will fight a land disarmament.

MEMBERSHIP IS DOUBLED

CHICAGO, July 12.—(U. P.)—Fred Taylor, a Portland real estate man, urged the establishment of real estate courses in educational institutes throughout the country. He told the delegates the convention membership in the real estate association had doubled during the past year.

CANADA IS AFTER THE CHEESE CHAMPIONSHIP

SASKATOON, Sask., July 12.—(United Press.)—Holland has a new rival in the cheese-making industry. Canada has stepped into fourth position among the producing nations and its 2300 dairy factories are rapidly increasing the output. Thirty-six million dollars is the sum returned to Canadian farmers for cheese exported during the last year. Most of these exports went to England, long one of Holland's best customers.

DISABLED VESSEL IS EXPECTED TO LAND

LOS ANGELES, July 12.—(U. P.)—The Matson liner, Hawkeye State, reported to have made Salina Cruz in a sinking condition is expected here. Sea sickness is claimed to have been opened, indicating sabotage. The vessel has a passenger list from Baltimore to San Francisco.

THE WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer.
Maximum, 88.
Minimum, 49.
Barometer, 29.50.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Tonight and Wed. fair; warmer Wed.

NORTHWESTERN FRUIT GROWERS TODAY DECIDE TO HOLD ANNUAL FRUIT MARKETING CONFERENCE

They Are Working on Plan for Affiliation of All Local Co-operative Organizations.

PORTLAND, July 12.—(A. P.)—The Northwestern Fruitgrowers and Marketing Experts in session here were today working on a plan for the affiliation of all local cooperative organizations in the territory with a central organization. The elimination of local sales managers was discussed. It has been decided that an annual fruit marketing conference of the northwest will be held.

LOCAL PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF ROUND-UP PUBLICITY

Round-Up is coming and the Round-Up publicity workers are beginning to get the "Let 'er Buck" idea to work. Already considerable newspaper publicity has been carried on through the local office. Inserts in letters, posters and stickers will soon cover the northwest as the result of their efforts and papers will carry stories of the Round-Up. Arthur Ridd, a Pendleton student at the University of Oregon was today given charge of the outside publicity work throughout Eastern Oregon and he will start in a few days on a tour of the most important towns in the eastern part of the state. He will circulate advertising matter, write newspaper publicity and speak before the various local organizations in the preparation of the Round-Up gospel. Since the close of school Mr. Ridd has been selling Chautauque contracts for Ellison-White and has also been connected with Simpson-Stovris Tire company in the selling end of the work. He expects to spend the rest of the vacation period in the Round-Up work. The local publicity will be handled by Miss Elsie Fitzmaurice of the East Oregonian. Miss Fitzmaurice will supply all write-ups for the newspapers throughout the Northwest and these will be placed in the hands of the various newspapers by Mr. Ridd and through the local Round-Up office. Hundreds of press sheets will be printed each week and sent to newspapers. Two lots of sheets have already been distributed.

KING CONSTANTINE WILL DIRECT GREEK OFFENSIVE

ATHENS, July 12.—(U. P.)—King Constantine and Staff have left for the fighting front in Smyrna, to direct the Greek offensive against the Turkish nationalists.

STEFANSSON CORRECTS ERRONEOUS THOUGHTS ABOUT ARCTIC REGIONS

Explorer Says North Pole is Not Difficult Place to Reach Nor is it Coldest Place in World.

Did you hear Stefansson last night? If you did, you have already revised many of your ideas regarding the Arctic Circle. If not, here are a few of the facts which the great explorer told his audience last night at Happy Canyon, and which may surprise you. The North Pole is not a difficult place to reach, nor is it the coldest place in the world. The North is not so cold and frozen as the world believes; there is no "icy greenland," for the lowest temperature recorded in 10 years in the Arctic Circle was 54 below zero, while at Havre, Montana, in our own United States, the mercury has fallen to 63 below. The temperature on the north coast of Alaska often reaches the 100 mark in summer. It is not true that only the "mossy heifer" mentioned in school geography grows in the far north; the vegetation is that of our prairie lands with a growth of grass, edible fungus and wild flowers, as well as spruce and cottonwood trees. We will not die if you go to the northern regions without food, for man can live on the fish and meat available there. Caribou, seals and fish are found in abundance and the ice and members of Stefansson's party fed for four months on a diet of meat and fish exclusively, drinking the water in which this food was cooked. The North is not a great waste of land as an economic value; rather it is a land of promise where great quantities of meat could be raised to supply the markets in Canada and the United States.

Stefansson predicted last night that within 20 years reindeer meat will be more common on the markets in the United States than mutton and that in 50 years it will be more common than beef. "Cattle and sheep cannot be raised with profit in the North," he stated, "but reindeer can. The meat is very good and a reindeer is as domestic as a sheep. Two men can herd 10,000 head." His methods of making an expedition were contrasted by Stefansson with those of Peary. "Peary took 10 tons of food," said Stefansson. "We took one ton. He took 132 dogs, we took six. There were 20 men in his party; three in ours. Instead of 19 sledges, we had one." In Modest Speaker. Stefansson, despite the fact that he is accorded with being one of the greatest if not the greatest Arctic explorers in the world, is modest regarding his achievement and insists that a man who invades the North is not a hero. He is the discoverer of the blond Eskimo of Victoria land and speaks the Eskimo language with ease.

TREASURERS OF PACKING HOUSES ARE SUSPECTED

Fred Crowell of Armour & Co. and L. A. Carton of Swift's Appear Before Grand Jury.

\$10,000,000 STATE FUNDS LOANED FOR TWO PER CENT

Former Treasurers of Illinois May Have to Pay \$2,000,000 and Face Criminal Charges.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 12.—(U. P.)—Fred Crowell, treasurer of Armour and Co., and L. A. Carton, Swift's treasurer, have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury and testify regarding the alleged juggling of \$10,000,000 of the state funds through misadministration. Grand Jury Investigate. The two packing companies were permitted to borrow \$10,000,000 from the state upon which only two percent interest was received, it is claimed in the probe. The grand jury investigation is believed to be made the basis for a civil suit against Governor Small, Lieutenant Governor Sterling and Auditor Russell, all having served terms as state treasurer, to recover \$2,000,000 due the state through unpaid interest, according to Attorney General Brundage. Should the charges warrant, the former treasurers may all face criminal charges.

NEW BIDS ON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE SOUGHT SOON

Former Bids Were Considered Too High and Changes Are Authorized at Meeting.

Contractors will soon be asked to submit proposals on the erection of the splendid high school group for Union High School District No. 2 at Milton-Freewater according to the decision of the school board of that district which last evening met in a joint meeting with the special building committee. Previous proposals received by the board had been rejected as being too high.

KIDNAPPERS OF TAXI DRIVER ARE CAPTURED

SPOKANE, July 12.—(U. P.)—W. E. Colton, a taxi driver, kidnaped and forced to drive across the state from Seattle to Spokane, was robbed of his money, car and became exhausted. Following Colton's report of his treatment to the police, the authorities of surrounding towns were notified and the two men were captured at Coeur D'Alene without resistance. They are alleged to be deserters, one declared to be from Bremerton, and the other from Camp Lewis.

WOMAN, 68, BEARS 15TH CHILD

BLAND, Mo., July 12.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Amanda Martin, sixty-eight years old, has presented her husband with a fine healthy boy. The father is seventy years old. Neighbors have presented Martin with a new suit of clothes. The baby is Mrs. Martin's thirteenth.

NUN IS CALLED IN JURY

LONDON, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—A nun living in a community in London has been summoned to serve as a witness in a case in the High Courts. The incident is giving rise to great agitation in Catholic and legal circles, as it will mean her breaking her vows, and a bill is now being drafted by the Catholic Union in England to give immunity to nuns.

WOULDN'T THIS MAKE YOU SHIVER?



Suppose you were just leaving the church, after your wedding and a black cat walked out across your path. What would you do? Here it is happening. The newlyweds are Major G. Lloyd George, and his bride. The major is a son of the British premier.

JUDGE LOWELL PAYS TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT OF NORMAL SCHOOL

'He Devoted His Life to Education of Teachers and of Children' Says Local Speaker.

A tribute to the educational work of the late J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal School who died on Sunday, was paid by Judge Stephen A. Lowell in a eulogy delivered this morning at special memorial services held at the Summer Normal school in memory of the educator.

"He devoted his life to the education of teachers and of children," said Judge Lowell. "As superintendent of the public schools in what was formerly East Portland, and as county superintendent in Multnomah it was his fortune to lay the foundation of the school system of Oregon's metropolis, and his influence has never been lost. As State Superintendent of Public Instruction he more than any other gave form to the scheme of education which now blesses the youth of the Oregon counties."

Sentiment Changed. Judge Lowell pointed out that with the present century, education received a stimulus. "When the term of office of Mr. (Continued on page 6.)

OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURE DURING DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE DESPITE ITS REMOTENESS

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(Raymond W. Clapper, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Officials are considering the questions of procedure during the disarmament conference, despite the comparative remoteness of the actual conference. President Harding is expected to take no active part in the actual delegate discussions, but simply advise. He will appoint a delegation of four men to represent the United States, Secretary Hughes and possibly two senators, Nicholas Murray Butler, Ellhu Root, Bryan and Lansing have been mentioned as possible members.

MOTHER OF 'PRESIDENT' OF IRELAND FAVORS ABSOLUTE FREEDOM

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 13.—(U. P.)—According to the belief of Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, mother of Eamon DeValera, the Irish "president" would be imprudent to accept anything but the absolute freedom of Ireland, despite the overtures during the peace negotiations starting Thursday.

EXPENDITURES FOR NEXT YEAR ARE REDUCED

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(U. P.)—With the final enactment of the last appropriation measure of the naval bill, the hope for a substantial federal tax reduction depends upon the Dawes economy act. Congress has authorized \$2,500,000,000 expenditure during the new fiscal year, \$139,000,000 under last year's appropriation. These represent 13 days expenditure at \$19,000,000 daily, the recent rate. Dawes stated he proposed to cut the appropriation a quarter during the coming year, a reduction of approximately one half billion. The appropriations do not include railroad payments, which received \$500,000,000 last year and may receive \$400,000,000 this year.

CLOVERDALE HAS LARGE FIRE

Five business houses were destroyed by fire which is thought to have been started by boys shooting firecrackers. The loss is \$29,000.

PRESIDENT ASKS SENATE TO DELAY PASSAGE OF BILL

Harding Said Small Bonus Would be Poor Substitute to Millions Facing Unemployment.

OVERBURDEN TO TREASURY MEANS FUTURE DISASTER

Emphasized Importance of Congress Proceeding With Enactment of Tariff, Tax Bills.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(U. P.)—"Personally and publicly, I have commended the policy of generous treatment to the nation's defenders, not as a part of a contract, not as a debt owed but as a mark of the nation's gratitude. If the measure could be made effective at this time, without disaster to the nation's finances it would be different. The enactment of the compensation bill in the midst of the struggle toward readjustment and restoration would greatly imperil the stability of the country. The executive branch of the government owes it to both houses of congress to explain the difficulties we are daily called upon to meet and the added peril of the enactment of the measure entailing expenditure of further billions would bring. Every obligation is to the disabled and dependent, but it is unthinkable to reduce our tax burdens while committing the treasury to additional obligations ranging from three to five billions. We never have neglected, and will not neglect our dependent soldiers. We pledge a conscientious drive to reduce the government's cost many millions. It would discourage those bending every effort to save millions to have congress add billions to the burden at the very beginning. Even though paralysis of the treasury was not threatened by the bonus enactment, it would be better to await the settlement of foreign loans, and the defenders of the republic will be the last citizens wishing the stability to be menaced by an individual peace pactance.

GREEKS ADVANCE 15 MILES IN OFFENSIVE

ATHENS, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Greeks advanced 15 miles in their offensive against the Turkish nationalists, according to a Smyrna dispatch. They launched the offensive Monday after a terrific bombardment on the Turkish positions.

TRADE COMMISSIONER WILL VISIT AMERICA

LONDON, July 12.—(U. P.)—Dispatches from Berlin stated that Leonid Krassin, a Bolshevik trade commissioner, would soon visit the United States.

WOULD RECOMMEND BILL

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(U. P.)—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the finance committee, moved recommendation of the bonus bill to the finance committee five minutes after the conclusion of President Harding's address.

ELIERS FOUND 'NOT GUILTY'

PORTLAND, July 12.—(U. P.)—Judge Stapleton ruled H. Y. Eliers, head of the Oregon Music company, not guilty of embezzlement. He was charged with taking funds from the Eliers Talking Machine company. Eliers is filing a suit for \$18,000 damages against his "prosecutors."

MANY CHERRIES PACKED

EUGENE, July 12.—(U. P.)—Over a million pounds of cherries have been packed by the Eugene Fruit Growers Association, declares J. O. Holt, manager. The Royal Anne crop is completed. Loganberries are coming. This is the largest cherry canning year in the history of the organization, according to the report.

DE VALERA RECEIVES TEEMENDOUS OVATION

LONDON, July 12.—(U. P.)—DeValera, heading the Irish peace delegation, arrived here today and a great crowd met him and gave him a tremendous ovation.