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TAX REDUCTION HOPES PLACED IN DAWES

ARMY GENERAL STAFF CONTROLS JAPAN POLICIES

NO STEPS TAKEN TOWARDS THE EVACUATION OF SIBERIA BY THE JAPANESE

POINTS TO RULE OF JAPAN MILITARISTS

DUAL DIPLOMACY THOUGHT TO HAVE FRUSTRATED THE ORIGINAL PLAN

By HENRY W. KINNEY (United Press Staff Correspondent)

TOKIO, August 5.—While it was given out definitely as a result of the cabinet and foreign office conference which ended a few weeks ago, that steps would soon be taken for the removal of Japanese troops from all parts of Siberia except the Amur region and Saghalien, no steps appear to have been taken to carry out such evacuation.

No Negotiations Made
Furthermore, no negotiations have been entered into with the government at Chita, although it was stated that such would be taken up immediately to be followed instantaneously with the withdrawal of the troops as soon as Chita promised to undertake preservation of order in Siberia when the Japanese pulled out.

At first glance it would seem as if the overthrow of the Chita forces at Vladivostok, by the Kappelites, following immediately upon Japan's announcement of her intention to withdraw her troops, might furnish the reason for the postponement of such action; but, while the war department may look upon this as an excellent excuse for staying in Siberia, it was stated unofficially, but on unquestioned authority at the foreign office, that this event would not be allowed to interfere with the plans decided on.

Dual Diplomacy
It seems apparent that this is another case of the dual diplomacy which has been the curse of Japan for many years past, where the ministry may undertake in perfect good faith, to carry out some course of action, only to have its plans entirely frustrated by the quiet but effective stubbornness of the general staff, which still has the power to act quite independently.

If no change occurs in the situation very soon, it is apparent that the general staff and the militarists will have demonstrated that in spite of all that may be said to the contrary, they still rule Japan. It cannot be doubted that the Hara administration was sincere enough in its wish to effect evacuation, as the Siberian expedition has ever been its most vulnerable point. The entire venture has been a most unpopular one with the people at large and one of the most telling weapons used by the opposition.

OREGON STATE BANKS IN HIGHLY SATISFACTORY CONDITION, SAYS REPORT

SALEM, Or., August 5.—Reports of 287 Oregon banks indicate a highly satisfactory condition, Frank Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, reported to the state banking board here today. The report was made in response to the call on June 30 for bank statements.

RESERVE BOARD HEAD APPEARS BEFORE JOINT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5.—Governor Harding, head of the federal reserve board, today described efforts that the board made to finance the 1920 cotton and wool crops before the joint agricultural committee.

Ship First Car Of Bartletts To Eastern Points

MEDFORD, Or., August 5.—Packed by the Bear Creek orchard and consigned to the Stewart Fruit company, the first car of Bartletts rolled from the Rogue River valley yesterday.

Picking generally will commence Monday and Tuesday of next week. At that time the association's big plant which now has only one of its big Cutler graders in operation, will start a second machine and string of packers. Later in the week as the deliveries grow, the third machine will be placed in operation.

Bear Creek orchard plans to gradually increase its output of packed stuff until the maximum is reached next week. This orchard will have in excess of twenty cars of Bartletts alone.

Manager Lemmon plans to start picking and packing at the Phoenix plant on Thursday or Friday of next week, that district being a bit later than the granite soils of the Central Point section and the lighter soil along Rogue river. Bert Stancliffe is in charge of the Phoenix house. At Eagle Point packing will commence about August 15 by the Growers.

In addition to the above points the association will pack apples at Gold Hill and Talent. H. D. Reed is in charge of the Gold Hill house, and T. E. Beaulieu is foreman of the plant at Talent.

CIVIC CLUB FAVORS REST ROOM; LIEU OF A LARGE HALL

The Civic Improvement club holds to the same idea regarding a rest room and hospitality for women tourists, but decides against a large hall. Members of the building committee, of which Miss Chamberlain is chairman, are gratified at the interest shown in the proposed Civic club venture. While many of the younger set welcomed the idea of a large, clean hall for dancing parties and entertainments, the majority of telephone talks favored a more conservative plan.

Some Disadvantages Outlined
Mr. Shinn pointed out that in case the Civic club disbanded, the building and all its responsibility would be thrown back on the city, since the land would be granted on a lease. Another member of the city council dwelt feelingly on the present white elephants "browsing" in Ashland, and dreaded the probability of another. He believes that Ashland is "different" from other towns, and that attendance at any entertainment seldom runs over 200 people. He also pointed to the halls in the library, which are not in demand as such cheerful, pleasant rooms should be.

Thinks Grounds Too Large
A prominent Civic member urged that the request for so much land be withdrawn, because of the expense of looking after lawns and flowers. A few window boxes and cement paths sound simpler than struggling to add to "Ashland the beautiful."

Although the matter of granting land on Park avenue for a Civic club building was discussed by the council several months ago, no decision was reached, and no reply to the petition sent to the Civic club. Mayor Lamkin stands behind the discussed sixty foot frontage on Park avenue, which he and the members of the city council considered adequate at the time of the petition.

The Civic club building committee has agreed to withdraw the request for 125 feet, and to urge the council to grant a long lease on seventy-five feet.

Necessitates Change of Plan
Instead of a community building with a large central hall, the Civic club expects to build the rest room

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Prepare To Receive U.S Prisoners From Russia

Cut Grain Freight Rates to Atlantic In Central States

CHICAGO, Ill., August 5.—The grain freight rates for exportation from the Central Freight association to the Atlantic has been cut seven and a half cents a hundred pounds, according to information obtained this morning. The agreement was reached following a conference between the railroads and shippers' agents. The Central Freight association includes all points north of the Ohio river, east of the Mississippi river, south of the Illinois-Wisconsin line and west of Buffalo, New York.

New Tract Taken Over For Camp By Park Board

In 1914 J. B. Ware, then one of Ashland's city councilmen, and now connected with the Grand Rapids Trust company, at Grand Rapids, Mich., anticipated the growth of the Ashland auto camp ground. He predicted that the time would speedily come when Ashland would find her available camp space entirely inadequate, and made a very wise provision in the interest of the city. Lying between Ashland creek and Granite street was a tract 200 by 300 feet mostly covered with timber, which he considered the only available ground for camp ground expansion. This tract was privately owned, and he felt it should be secured to the city so that when it was needed it would not be held at an exorbitant price. He proposed that the city buy the ground while it was cheap, but other officials did not see the future as he did, and did not act thereupon he proposed that he and Mr. Greer buy the tract and hold till such time as it would be needed for camp extension, to be offered to the city, when it was

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HERBERT HOOVER WANTS SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS

CLAIMS SOVIET GOVERNMENT ONLY AGENCY ABLE TO GUARANTEE SAFETY

By A. L. BRADFORD (United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5.—The state department has instructed the American commissioner at Riga to make preparations to receive Americans released from imprisonment in soviet Russia, now reported to be released.

Herbert Hoover, heading the American relief administration, is insisting upon negotiations with the soviet government itself before extending American food and other relief to famine stricken Russia. Hoover is taking the position that he believes that the soviet government is the only agency able to guarantee safe conduct to American relief workers.

PORTLAND LAWYER SAYS WOMEN WORST REASON FOR BAD PHONE SERVICE

PORTLAND, August 5.—A. W. Kaste, Portland attorney, told the public service commission in the telephone rate rehearing today, that women are the worst offenders in making telephone service bad. He declared that desk instruments allowed women to sit down and talk for hours. That wall instruments be installed in homes was his suggestion.

PORTLAND, Or., August 5.—Three San Francisco tong men, alleged members of the Sney Sing tong, were arrested here today on board an incoming train. Police believe that the alleged highlanders were sent to avenge deaths that occurred in a recent shooting when the Hop Sing killed one Sney Sing and severely wounded a second.

Ulster Opposition Hinders Sinn Fein Peace Acceptance

LONDON, August 5.—Peace between Great Britain and Ireland depends upon Ulster and the six northern counties, representatives of which are still determined not to yield to Eamon De Valera's demand that he represent all of Ireland at the peace conference. Their opposition is hindering the Sinn Fein's acceptance of the British peace proposals. A meeting of the Sinn Fein parliament has been called for today by De Valera at Dublin, where the situation will be threshed out.

Bootlegger At Gold Hill Held To Grand Jury

MEDFORD, August 5.—The first bootlegging arrest in weeks was made last night by Deputy Sheriff I. E. Millard, when he took Charles Randall, a Grants Pass young man in custody on the charge of soliciting and taking and receiving orders for the sale of intoxicating liquor outside of the Gold Hill pavilion Saturday night, July 30. At his preliminary hearing in Justice Taylor's court here yesterday, Randall was held to the grand jury on \$500 bail.

According to the testimony of H. V. Close of Medford, who had been deputized as an acting deputy sheriff the afternoon of July 30, Randall approached him outside of the pavilion about 11 o'clock that night and asked him if he knew where he could sell eighteen bottles of moonshine, and Close said he could not. Then Close saw another man walk up to Randall and hand him \$3.50, with the remark, "Here it is." The witness testified that Randall then talked with three other men, after which he left them and went into the darkness and returned to them in five minutes. In the meantime Close had told Deputy Sheriff Mil-

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Mining Activity On Big Boom At Gold Hill

GOLD HILL, August 5.—The increasing activity in mining here is remarkable. This locality is recognized as the most active mine center on the coast at the present time and the number of mines now active to a more or less degree is actually making the old sourdoughs open their eyes. The Centennial mine is now listed as an active fact. Preparations are being made to lay a four mile pipe line to pump water from the river to float a dredge. This is one of the largest and richest placer deposits on the coast. The Bertelson mines in the Meadows were inspected this week by A. L. Hill, C. M. Kidd, A. E. Kellogg and photographer Palmer. They were met and guided by Sam Bertelson. They report the mine one of the best developed in the west and a real success. The Narling mine near Jacksonville is opening and the outlook there is very good. The Ashland mine near Ashland is again on the active list. Word to the effect that the Braden mine would soon be active was partially substantiated this week and some of the best mining men in the country are taking notice.

HOUSE PASSES BUCK TO CUT EXPENDITURES

ECONOMY PLAN FROM DAWES IS LIKELY REQUEST OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

BUDGET DIRECTORS TO APPEAR BEFORE HOUSE

REPUBLICAN LEADERS REALIZE HARD TASK IN MAKING GOOD PROMISES

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5.—The house ways and means committee hopes to effect a tax reduction this year hangs on the ability of Charles G. Dawes as budget director to cut the government expenditures below Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's estimate of \$4,500,000,000. The committee will probably ask Dawes to seek an economy plan immediately.

The budget director is expected to appear before the committee again within the next few days. Following Mellon's estimate yesterday the house republican leaders are commencing to realize that making good on their promise to cut taxes by \$500,000,000 will be a difficult task. Yesterday Mellon gave the committee a complete review of the difficult situation facing the government. He estimated the yields of the various new taxes which he suggested, including the levies on automobiles, bank checks, increased postage and higher rates on tobacco and cigars.

Government Receipts Slump
His figures reveal the big slump in government receipts during the last year. Last year the revenues amounted to \$5,625,000,000, Mellon said, or \$1,000,000,000 in excess of the revenues estimated to be necessary for 1922. The slump in government receipts, however, is estimated at \$1,400,000,000.

Ordinary expenses for July, 1921, he said, "amounted to about \$322,000,000 as against \$307,000,000 for July, 1920, while the current deficit for July, 1921, was about \$113,000,000 as against \$76,000,000 for July, 1920."

Mellon Has Program
Mellon declared that his program of revenue revision with the assistance of the new tariff bill, would raise \$4,093,500,000 for the current year as against an estimated need of \$4,200,000,000. He was of the opinion that \$350,000,000 out of the \$4,450,000,000 grand total expenditures can be obtained from salvage of war materials. A new tax increase was suggested by Mellon. It was the doubling of the present document stamp tax, saying \$30,000,000 could be obtained in this manner.

CONFERENCE FAILURE MRANS CATASTROPHE EAYS NORTHLIFFE

LONDON, August 5.—Lord Northcliffe, in discussing the approaching disarmament conference, declared today that its failure would mean a catastrophe. "If the conference fails," he said, "the old days before disarmament will come again and the old rancours and old war fears will return with them."

Lord Northcliffe believes President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes understand clearly the momentous importance of the coming conference. Northcliffe characterized it as the greatest, most pregnant gathering of its kind ever held, fraught with great possibilities of weal and woe to civilized humanity at large.

A Washington dispatch says that Hughes is awaiting word from Japan, Italy, France and China, as to whether or not November 11 will be a satisfactory date before issuing formal invitations to the conference.

