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JAPAN FACES CRISIS WHEN SEVEN BANKS FAIL IN DAY

Officials Centering Their Efforts on Preventing Severe Shortage

PEOPLE ARE RESTLESS

Strong Probability Exists That Country May Change Chinese Policy

NEW YORK, April 19.—Japan faced the greatest economic crisis since the post-war panics of 1920. The bank of Formosa, semi-official, imperial chartered institution, closed its doors for three weeks and only a few hours later the Omei Bank of Osaka, capitalized for 15 million yen, approximately \$7,500,000, closed for a similar period.

Seven other smaller banks closed their doors for three weeks. Previously the Wakatsuki cabinet had resigned when the privy council refused approval of a 200,000,000 yen (approximately \$100,000,000) loan to the Bank of Formosa, to serve that institution from threatened disaster.

Official Japan a few days ago directing its attention to the Chinese situation immediately centered its activities on the domestic necessity of preventing a serious financial and economic crisis.

March Unrest

Economic unrest in all parts of the country increased during the day, according to cables from Tokio and Osaka, while the yen dropped less than one half of one cent (.45 of a cent) in New York. It was feared that further drops might follow so important a closing as that of the bank of Formosa, which is capitalized at 30,000,000 yen (approximately \$20,000,000) and also a cabinet crash and threatened failure of the Suzuki Company, Ltd. The latter organization, one of the three largest export and import houses in Japan, has several score subsidiary firms dependent upon it, and branch houses in all parts of the world. It has received heavy financial support from the bank of Formosa.

Not only is a financial crisis involved in the happenings of Sunday and Monday in Japan, a danger of change in Japan's Chinese policy enters into the situation. General Baron Tanaka, militarist, who sponsored Japan's unfortunate expedition into Siberia is thus far only one who has been suggested in cables from Japan as a possible successor to the resigned Premier Wakatsuki.

Eliminate Official

Tanaka's selection means elimination of Baron Shidehara, recent foreign minister and former ambassador to the United States, from the cabinet. While Tanaka is the avowed advocate of a strong policy toward China, Shidehara, on the contrary has directed that calmness shall rule Japan's attitude toward her sister Asiatic country.

Tanaka's choice as premier, while still believed unlikely, would not be well received in Japan where the people are well satisfied with the Chinese policy of Baron Shidehara.

Japan is less in a position to face a financial crisis today than she was in 1920, when huge war time profits gave her a reserve with which to combat financial troubles. Since that time the country passed through two large earthquakes and has not yet recovered from those disasters. The immediate business of say new cabinet and one probably cannot be formed easily due to danger of the present situation—would be to save the Bank of Formosa from failure and with it the Suzuki concern, which ranks only below the great Mitsui and Mitsubishi firms in size.

Taft—New Keith & Watson sawmill will be ready to run by May 1.

Monmouth—City council votes for extensive street lighting system.

MANY ATTRACTED BY CHURCHES ON EASTER

Beautiful Services Given in All the Ashland Churches

Methodist Church

The Methodist Episcopal choir presented last Sunday evening the beautiful cantata "The Easter Victory." All solo parts were excellently given as were the duets and trios. The choruses under the direction of G. H. Yeo, showed good variation and harmony. Mrs. H. J. VanPossen was the accompanist.

Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian church gave a beautiful cantata by the choir on Sunday evening at their church, with a short Easter talk by the pastor intervening. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and daffodils and Rev. Hugh T. Mitchelmore announced that these Easter blossoms would be sent to the shut-ins after the service.

Christian Church

The Christian church had a short Easter program before the Sunday School session, consisting of a piano solo by June Wolcott, duet by Vera Wright and Eunice Hagar and a solo by Frances Cooper; the rest of the program being given over to the lesson period. Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. Stockdale and others had decorated beautifully with spring blossoms and lilies.

Nazarene Church

The Nazarene Sunday School gave a splendid program before the church service in the morning. The room was tastefully decorated with many bouquets of flowers and a good attendance was present.

Congregational Church

The Congregational Easter program was presented Sunday evening and consisted largely of a pageant by the young people. The young folks of this church also enjoyed Easter breakfast at the church Sunday morning in connection with their prayer meeting.

Baptist Church

The Baptist young folks began the day with a sunrise prayer meeting on the mountain in the vicinity of Ashland St.

Their Easter program was given after Sunday School session by the younger children of the Sunday School and a very pleasing program was rendered consisting of readings and music, with one delightful refrain by the choir in connection with a reading by Miss Hanson.

The church was elaborately decorated with ivy and lilies, dozens of these beautiful lilies being used in artistic arrangement. After the evening service all of the Easter lilies were sent to the sick and shut-ins as was requested by Mrs. H. P. Holmes who so kindly furnished them.

Trinity Episcopal

Reflecting the spirit of Easter, the Trinity Episcopal church decorations were beautiful. The service consisted of a special Easter Anthems by the choir, and a solo by Mrs. William Briggs. Rev. P. K. Hammond delivered a splendid Easter sermon.

Portland Has its Fourth Robbery

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—Under the eyes of recently organized shotgun squads, a lone bandit entered an uptown waist shop shortly before noon and escaped with \$450.

Four women were in the shop at the time. He turned a gun on them and escaped through the rear door. This is the fourth major holdup in Portland during a period of nine days.

PATTERSON FUNERAL

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Sarah E. Patterson will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in the Ashland cemetery.

GOV. SMITH'S STATEMENT IS THE CAUSE OF MUCH COMMENT

Political Leaders Hail His Statement on Church and State Important

COMMENT IS VARIED

Many Politicians Privately Pay Tribute to Democratic Official's Courage

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(UP)—Political leaders in both parties hail Governor Al Smith's statement on the church and state as a document of first importance in American political history.

Comment was both favorable and otherwise. Also there were many politicians who privately paid tribute to Smith's courage, but refused to emulate it by commenting in print on the delicate questions raised.

The principal criticism came from southern democrats. Senator Hefflin of Alabama, a democrat, who has been attacking the Catholic church for its attitude toward the Mexican religious controversy and Representative McClintick of Oklahoma.

"The New York governor's statement is evasive and unconvincing," Hefflin said. "It is in some of the essential questions raised by Mr. Marshall in direct contradiction to the teachings of many of the popes and priests of the Roman Catholic church. It was intended, of course, to make a favorable impression for Governor Smith on non-Catholic American citizens."

McClintick said: "Every good American believes that the church and state should be forever kept separate. I am wondering, however, how this statement of Al Smith's can be squared with the action of the Knights of Columbus in raising a large fund to be used in opposing the separation of the church and the state in Mexico."

ASK FOR REMOVAL OF LANE COUNTY DEPUTY

Veneta Pool Hall Robbery Brings Charges Against Official

EUGENE, Ore., April 19.—(UP)—Demands that Van Svarerud, Lane county deputy sheriff be removed because of alleged incompetency in the Veneta pool hall holdup case, furnished a lively controversy in Lane county today. A petition signed by 266 Veneta citizens has been presented to Sheriff Frank Taylor, threatening that official with a recall movement unless Svarerud is dismissed.

Svarerud has declared that he "will fight to the last ditch." Sheriff Taylor has taken no action. He said that he was not entirely satisfied with the manner in which Svarerud handled the Veneta case, but that he was not altogether in sympathy with the Veneta movement. The petition gives him until Wednesday in which to make up his mind. The petition charges that Svarerud, acting as sheriff, left for Los Angeles, the day after the holdup, instead of remaining on duty to direct the manhunt for Albert Brownlee and Dewey Russell.

You Usually Get What You Want

DENVER, Colo., April 19.—(UP)—Every morning William McMahon, an ash wagon driver, flipped a coin to decide whether to buy oats, for his horse or liquor for himself. Heads liquor, tails oats, explained McMahon to police who arrested him on vagrancy charges after his horse had been found standing for 36 hours.

A 90 day sentence was suspended on McMahon's promise to flip "tails" every time in the future.

TEN MARINES DEPART JUST BEFORE THE DAWN LEAVES FOR OCEAN

Soldiers Leave Base in San Diego Just Before Roll Call

SAN DIEGO, April 19.—(UP)—Ten marines assigned to the coast regiment which sailed for Oahu on the liner President Grant at 5 p. m. Sunday deserted, officials at the marine corps base revealed here today.

The deserting marines left the marine base before the roll was called preparatory to marching to the ship for embarkation. Search was started before the ship sailed, but none of the missing men were found.

When the liner cleared from the Broadway wharf at five and started out into the stream with unusual cheers came from the throats of at least 15,000 citizens in Easter flurry.

Even contented was present to add a touch of California's sun-flung hospitality to the departing seamen.

The third regiment, with Colonel H. C. Davis at its head, marched the marine corps base direct to the ship.

The embarking of the men started in at about two o'clock and shortly before five o'clock the last man stepped aboard.

TWO ARE KILLED IN PECULIAR EXPLOSION

Terrific Blast Does Much Damage in Crowded Grocery Store

WICHITA, Kan., April 19.—(UP)—Two persons are known to have been killed in an explosion in a grocery store. Several others injured may not recover.

Searching parties were working in the ruins to extricate several others believed buried. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

So terrific was the blast that bricks flew from the two story building across the street, breaking windows in an apartment house. One piece of wood was driven into the apartment house wall, as if it had been a nail.

Rescuers were hampered in their work by a rain which at times changed to a downpour.

Over twenty persons were believed in the store at the time of the blast and searching parties made plans to work all night in order to clear away the debris and find the remainder of the party.

LONE BANDIT KILLED IN A BANK ROBBERY

Two Officers Fire Six Shots When Man Refuses to Drop Gun

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—(UP)—A lone bandit was shot to death here as he was leaving the First State bank of Sherman with \$2,000 he had taken from the cashier.

Two constables, who answered a knock on the wall between their office and the bank, fired the shots which killed the unidentified robber.

The signal, prearranged between bank employes and the constables, brought Constable Cook and Deputy Johnson running from their office in time to see the bandit leaving the cashier's window with his loot.

The gunman elected to shoot it out rather than obey the demand to "drop that gun." His first bullet went wild and before he could fire again six bullets from the two constables guns felled him.

PAY INCREASES ARE GIVEN ON RAILROAD

Clerks, Baggage Handlers and Station Employes Get Raise

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—(UP)—Clerks, baggage handlers and station employes of the Pacific division of the Southern Pacific railroad system have been granted increases in wages varying from two to seven cents per hour.

The increase was decided upon by a board of arbitration and is retroactive to January 1, 1927. It affects 2954 employes and will boost the annual payroll of the division by \$1,150,000.

The Western-Pacific company has agreed to accept terms of the compromise and to raise the wages of more than one thousand men on its lines.

BAPTIST STATE SECRETARY WILL PREACH SUNDAY

Dr. C. C. Wright of Portland will preach in the Baptist Church next Sunday morning. Dr. Wright is conversant with the national and world-wide activities of the denomination. He is a speaker who brings timely and virile messages to his hearers. He will attend the Rogue River Association in Medford which meets on Monday evening and closes on Wednesday night.

Hoover is Not to Resign His Office

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Coolidge has definitely set to rest the rumors that Secretary Hoover might resign, following his supposed rebuke.

The president praised Hoover's work and said that he qualified for any cabinet position that he might choose to accept.

HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER REGION

Twenty Five Thousand Are Driven From Their Homes by Floods

RELIEF FUND RAISED

Red Cross Refers to Disaster as a Major One for the First Time

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The Mississippi Valley floods today had driven twenty-five thousand persons from their homes and the Red Cross was calling for a twenty-five thousand dollar relief fund, and termed the disaster a major one for the first time. In the meantime the weather bureau forecast new flood crest levels for tonight or tomorrow with no definite drop in sight before the end of the week.

More Rain

ST. LOUIS, April 19.—Despite more rain last night over the Mississippi river section the floods were expected to reach a stand here today and start receding tomorrow, halting further flood dangers in the upper valley. Below Cairo Illinois in the lower section, however, the menaces continues.

Two Are Killed

PARIS, Texas, April 19.—The casualty list of a twister which struck Archer City, fifteen miles north of here increased to two known dead today as reports came here from across the state line into Oklahoma. Frank Williams, 18, was killed just across the river in the direct path of the cyclone and Robert Craven was killed at Archer City.

BABY, BORN IN CAR, THRIVES AT HOSPITAL

Sleepy Ferryman Delays Trip to Hospital Until After Babe Arrives

THE DALLES, April 19.—(UP)—Born in the rear compartment of an automobile while friends of her mother frantically sought to arouse a ferryman to secure transportation toward The Dalles hospital, the eight pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Whitmore of Bickleton, Wash., was thriving at the hospital tonight, after safely surviving the ordeal, and medical attendance.

Mrs. Whitmore was being rushed to the hospital last night from the Washington city 69 miles away. At Maryhill the car was delayed when the ferryman could not be aroused to bring the party across the Columbia river until it was too late to attempt to reach The Dalles, 22 miles farther.

Neither the baby nor the mother showed any ill-effects today of the lack of usual attention, hospital attendants reported.

SAN FRANCISCO QUAKE BRINGS UP MEMORIES

Twenty One Years Ago This Week the Earthquake Brought Disaster

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The interval has been filled with industry and accomplishment.

CHRISTMAS MELON OF STEEL COMPANY IS APPROVED BY BOARD

Quarter of a Billion Dollar Christmas Present Now a Reality

HOBOKEN, N. J., April 19.—The proposed quarter billion dollar "Christmas melon" of the United States Steel corporation, one of the largest market values on record, became a reality when it was approved by the directors at their annual meeting.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, 50 year old chairman of the board, announced that the 40 per cent stock dividend probably would be placed on \$7 annual basis, making it just as valuable from the standpoint of profit as the old shares.

This is the largest dividend in the history of this industrial giant. It will enrich thousands of stockholders, including President Coolidge, who has fifty shares of common.

In announcing the intention of the directors, Gary revealed that new processes are being developed looking to the manufacture of better and cheaper steel. Professor Milliken of Western Reserve university in Cleveland, discoverer of the electron, had agreed to join the corporation's research staff, he said.

The Christmas dividend in round numbers representing stock worth \$250,000,000 is now approved by the directors and will be paid immediately. It will come within ten per cent of doubling the holdings as well as the profits of the thousands of stockholders and will increase the capitalization of U. S. Steel to \$1,071,904,600, making the corporation second to the American Telephone and Telegraph company as the country's richest company.

EMPLOYEES OF SUMMER RESORT BLOCKADED AT PIKES PEAK COMFORTABLE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 19.—(UP)—Although snow-bound atop Pike's Peak, James Ames and Axel Simonson have all the comforts of home.

The men, employes of the Summit house, summer resort on the peak, made the trip to the top nine days ago on the first run of the cog railroad this year. They intended to come down the following day. Snowstorms, however, blocked the railroad and the men have been marooned since.

The men are in no danger. They are sheltered in the Summit house, have ample fuel to keep it warm, and have enough food to last two weeks.

An airplane circled the peak and dropped them newspapers, tobacco and additional food. Rotary plows were at work Monday clearing the snow from the cog railroad. Officials of the line expected to have it open within two days. In the event there is delay and the men are threatened with depleted food supplies, the Adaman club, famous hiking organization, plans to start an expedition to their rescue.

Eugene — Bank deposits here on March 23 were \$7,571,742.



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THE TELEGRAM IS ADJUDGED BANKRUPT BY CIRCUIT COURT

J. E. Wheeler Head of Publishing Company Asks Court to Take Action

TO APPOINT TRUSTEE

Meeting of all Creditors Will Soon Be Called to Settle Paper's Affairs

PORTLAND, Ore., April 19.—The Portland Telegram, evening newspaper, operating under a receivership, was today adjudged bankrupt by the United States Circuit court. Federal Judge F. H. Rudkin granted the petition, which was filed by J. E. Wheeler, president of the Telegram Publishing Company, asking that the concern be declared to be voluntarily bankrupt.

The petition was restated during a hearing by Amedee H. Smith receiver, and the Lumberman's Trust company, a major creditor. A referee of bankruptcy will call a meeting in a few days, when all creditors are to appoint a trustee to settle their affairs. This newspaper was served by the Associated Press. Both of the other evening papers in Portland are members of the United Press.

SNOW BOUND MEN ARE ENJOYING EXPERIENCE

Employees of Summer Resort Blockaded at Pikes Peak Comfortable

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