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FRANCE AGREES TO U. S. STAND YAP MANDATE

SECRETARY HUGHES GETS REPLY TO RECENT NOTE OVER PACIFIC ISLANDS

TANTAMOUNT TO ACCEPTANCE

Principle Is That of the Contention That U. S. Has Surrendered None of Her Rights

Washington, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—France's reply to Secretary Hughes' note regarding the Japanese mandate over the island of Yap is interpreted in official circles here as tantamount to acceptance of the principle laid down by the American government that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the former German overseas possessions.

Paris, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Premier Briand has dispatched to Washington a note acknowledging receipt of the American communication regarding the mandate over Pacific islands north of the equator to Japan. It says a representative of France will take up the question before the supreme allied council "with the most ardent desire to find a solution giving satisfaction to the United States."

JOHN BRUNO MUST SERVE LIFE IN JAIL

Portland, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—John Kawacinski, alias John Bruno, was convicted today of murder in the second degree for killing Harry I. Pawluka, whose body was found near the city February 22. The verdict carries life imprisonment.

Apples Are Blooming—

The apple orchards of the valley are just now coming into bloom, and are giving promise of a heavy crop. The apples were not far enough advanced during the recent frost to suffer injury. The bloom has now fallen from the pears, and examination shows that in most districts there are enough pears on the trees to make a full crop. In many orchards there will have to be further thinning.

YEAR'S WHEAT CROP WILL SUPPLY DEMAND

London, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—The prospects of the coming world's wheat crop are favorable and the harvest is likely to produce enough to meet the world's demand, says Sir James Wilson, chairman of the central agricultural wages committee for Scotland, an authority on that subject.

He declared in an address he delivered the other day on "The World's Wheat" that the world's supply for the current year is more than equal to the demand, and he predicted that on August 1 next there would be a surplus of exportable wheat left in the exporting countries. But, he said, this surplus, outside of Russia and India, would not be large and if the world's future weather proved unfavorable, the fall in the world's price of wheat might be checked and the price might even rise again.

For the world as a whole, he said, there is no more reason to fear a future permanent dearth of wheat than that the world will be starved of food generally. He predicted that some time within the next 20 years the world's price of wheat, measured in gold, will return to a level not far from the pre-war average.

CONFERENCE OVER STRIKE FAILURE

No Progress Made Toward Adjustment of British Situation and Walk-out Call Holds

London, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—The federation of general workers, representing 1,500,000 workers in over 100 industries outside the triple alliance, decided today to support the triple alliance in their strike.

London, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—A conference between Lloyd George and officials of the triple alliance, which has called a strike for Friday night, was concluded within two hours without any progress apparently toward adjustment. The premier made a long statement appealing to the workers to exercise restraint and not precipitate a crisis. Whether the call for a strike will be universally observed remains doubtful.

Fortunes for Sale—

The city is captured today by a band of Gypsies who are touring the streets with a variety of fortunes which are being retailed to the citizens, the kind of fortune depending very largely upon the amount of coin that appears in sight.

SUFFRAGE FOR CITIZENS LIVING IN CANAL ZONE

Panama, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Civilian government of the Panama Canal Zone under the department of commerce or the department of the interior and effective suffrage for civilian American citizens residing in the Canal Zone are two of the objects sought by the newly formed "Civilian League of the Canal Zone." The zone is now a military reservation.

"The league has been keeping in touch with proposed legislation by congress affecting the Canal Zone," said H. J. White, president, "and it has discovered that parties not connected with the zone have attempted to secure the enactment of bills submitted by them which would not prove applicable or beneficial to the zone."

A statement issued by the league declares that "the military branch of our government is using its influence to have the canal considered primarily as a military project" and adds:

"The league takes the position that the business interests of the United States demand the fullest commercial development of the canal that, as far as possible, the same form of government that exists in the United States should apply in the Canal Zone; that the civilian citizens of the United States residing in the zone should have a voice in the affairs of the zone; that the zone should be thrown open to Americans who want to own property and settle in it, the same as in the District of Columbia; that the army and navy, while permitted to do any and all necessary defensive work for the protection of the canal, should be entirely separate and distinct from the government of the Canal Zone.

Specific demands is made that "congress grant the right of suffrage to civilian Americans residing in the zone, authorizing them to elect a resident commissioner to represent them at Washington, in the same manner as the present resident commissioners of the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico."

"HOME PRODUCTS" IS SLOGAN AT EUGENE

Eugene, Ore., Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—"Oregon products—know them, use them, boost them," was the slogan adopted for the Oregon Products carnival held here three days this week. Three floors of a building were used to display products from all parts of the state. There was a program of entertainment each day of the carnival.

JAPANESE TO COMPLETE NEW NAVY PROGRAM

PLANS WILL BE CARRIED OUT REGARDLESS OF POLICIES OF FOREIGN NATIONS

NO DISARMAMENT AT PRESENT

Naval Power of the Empire Will Be Brought Up As Early As Possible to That of America

Tokyo, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Japan's present naval program, which, say officials, will be completed whatever may be arranged with foreign powers as to future curtailment means more than the creation of the so-called eight and eight units. The phrase "eight and eight" signifies, according to the official view here, that Japan will build until she has eight first class battleships and eight first class battle cruisers but it also signifies another "eight," namely, that when one of the above 16 units reaches the age of eight years, that unit passes to the second line, to be replaced immediately by a new ship of the latest design.

It is pointed out therefore that Japan's future navy, as at present outlined, will have 16 first class fighting ships of the latest construction as well as numerous ships of the second line to which the warships now building will fall when a period of eight years makes substitution necessary. Hence, adherence to the "eight and eight" plan means constant building and constant big expenditure. It is this continuing outlay to which ex-minister Yukio Ozaki takes objection in his campaign for an international agreement for naval restriction on the ground that the budget involved will prove disastrous for his country.

A comparison of the strength of the navies of Japan and the United States shows, according to the view held here, that in 1921 Japan will have one fewer major ships, two more light cruisers, 220 fewer destroyers and 11 fewer submarines than the United States. By the end of 1923, if the programs of the respective countries are carried out, the United States will lead Japan by 16 in major warships. She will have 231 more destroyers and 24 more submarines, but on the other hand the American light cruisers will fall behind Japan's to the number of

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DIVORCE WILL COME HARDER UNDER NEW LAW ADOPTED IN WASHINGTON

Spokane, Wash., Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Washington's new divorce code, as amended by the last legislature, sitting at Olympia, is declared by S. A. Mann, of Spokane, one of the committee which framed the amendments, to be about as strict as those in force in any state in the country.

"After June 1 it will be no longer possible to obtain an absolute decree of divorce following the trial of the case," Judge Mann said. "The new amendments provide that the court, after hearing the case, shall either deny the application for divorce, or enter an interlocutory decree. In the interlocutory decree settlement of property rights and of the custody, care and education of children is made and appeal from the interlocutory decree may be made at any time within 90 days after it is entered.

"At any time after six months has elapsed from the date of entering the interlocutory decree, the trial judge may, upon motion of either party, enter an order granting a final decree of divorce.

"Parties who rush out of the state and get married while the interlocutory decree is pending and before the final decree is signed, under the new amendments, can be prosecuted for bigamy. (After the final decree is signed, the six months clause

DEMAND MADE FOR PROBE OF TAX CAMPAIGN

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITY ASKED BY WISCONSIN MEMBER

CHARGES RICH MEN ARE BUSY

Would Shove Big Man's Tax on to the Poor Man, Says Representative Frear

Washington, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Demand for a congressional investigation to disclose the interests trying to put through a sales tax was made in the house by Representative Frear, republican of Wisconsin, of the ways and means committee. He mentioned Jules Bache and Meyer Rothschild, of New York, as prime movers in the campaign, and charged huge funds had been raised to "shove the big man's tax on to the poor man."

S. Army Advisory Committee—

Adjutant Sidney Cooke, representing the Salvation Army, is in Grants Pass today arranging for the organization of the county advisory committee to have charge of the local work during the current year. The committee appointed consists of Eugene Coburn, chairman, and E. C. Macy, F. S. Bramwell, T. M. Stott, Wilford Allen, W. W. Walker, John Hampshire, A. S. Coutant, C. H. Ernst, Dr. Stearns, C. E. McLane and W. P. Quinlan. The county is asked to raise \$2000 as its quota for the year, of which amount \$1500 will be returned to the county in relief work, the balance to go toward the support of the Rescue and Maternity home at Portland. Adjutant Cooke states that the home has received 106 girls during the past year, of which number two came from Josephine county.

Fred Cheshire a Lawyer—

The city commission today extended congratulations to S. F. Cheshire, deputy city assessor and revenue clerk on having been admitted to the bar. Mr. Cheshire pursued his legal studies evenings for the last four years. He recently took the bar examinations before the state supreme court, passing with high marks.—"Pasadena Star-News."

F. E. Black, of Roseburg, is registered at a local hotel while in the city on business.

HARVESTERS WILL SOON BE CHEAPER

Drop in Steel Prices to Cause a Reduction of 10 Per Cent in Lines of Machinery

Chicago, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Basing action on recent reduction of steel prices, announced by the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvesters' Company today announced a 10 per cent reduction in the price of their products in which steel is the principal raw material used. This affects principally harvesting machines.

Mr. Voorhies Returning—

A. E. Voorhies, publisher of the Courier, who for the past six weeks has been in eastern and southern states and to the island of Cuba, will arrive home tomorrow morning, being today in Portland on the last stage of his extended trip around the circle. His son, Earle, who is accompanying him, will stop in Eugene for a few days before coming to Grants Pass.

GOLD HILL BURGLAR SUSPECTS ARE CAUGHT

Medford, Ore., Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—The authorities today assert that they had under arrest in the county jail at Jacksonville the two burglars who attempted to rob the bank at Gold Hill. The prisoners are Pete Lester, alias Dutch Pete, who is alleged to have served six years in the Oregon penitentiary, and Frank Kodat, a bridge worker. The men are about 45 years old.

William Wiseman of the Gold Hill bank, who had a one-sided gun battle with the burglars, positively identified Lester and Kodat as the intruders. In addition the Medford police and Deputy Sheriff McMahon declared they had positive evidence as to their guilt.

Deputy Sheriff McMahon and Patrolman Adams arrested Dutch Pete in the business district yesterday afternoon. A short time later McMahon found Kodat and arrested him.

ATTACKS CONTINUE ON OFFICIALS OF PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Attempts to assassinate the judges and members of the tribunal of public defense continue. Several of the members of the court already have been killed or wounded. The latest attempt was made on the life of Dr. Ferreira de Sousa, one of the judges, who was shot three times as he entered the gate of his own garden.

His life was saved by the fact that one of the bullets aimed at his heart pierced a pocketbook and was stopped by his fountain pen, the bullet falling harmlessly into his pocket where it was found.

The police attribute these attacks to members of the Young Syndicalist's Association.

Dr. Ramos Preto, formerly of the cabinet and author of the law creating the tribunal of public defense has received a letter threatening him with death and signed by "The Red Committee."

SIR ARTHUR E. VICARS KILLED, HOUSE BURNED

Dublin, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Sir Arthur Edward Vicars, former Ulster king of arms, was shot dead today at Listowel and his residence burned. Five policemen were ambushed last night at Fedamore, County Limerick, and one killed and three wounded. A Sinn Fein shoe factory here used as an assembling place for bombs was raided and two persons found in it were arrested.

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TIED SOLDIER ESCORT OF MISS ELEANORE SHEYER TO A TREE, THEY ADMIT

FEDERAL PENALTY IS HANGING

Laurence Bogart and Everett Impyn Will Be Turned Over to the U. S. Authorities

Tacoma, Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—Laurence Bogart and Everett Impyn, Camp Lewis soldiers, today confessed to an assault Monday night upon Miss Eleanore Sheyer civilian nurse, camp officials announced. They will be turned over to federal authorities. The penalty for the offense under federal statutes is hanging. The soldiers admitted they found the nurse's soldier escort to a tree and carried her off.

Carl and His Spuds—

Several of our citizens were seen going down the streets last evening each carrying a single potato very gingerly in his hand. It was disclosed that the spuds were some received by Carl Williams from a friend back in New York, and that they are reputed to be the earliest of the vegetable in existence. Carl guarantees them to be ready to pick or dig or harvest whichever it is that happens to a spud, within six weeks after they are put in the ground. There was only one potato to a friend and now there will be warm rivalry to see whose crop thres out the biggest yield.

CONVICTION OF LEGION DAY KILLERS SUSTAINED

Olympia, Wash., Apr. 14.—(A. P.)—The state supreme court today upheld the conviction of seven alleged I. W. W. members convicted of second degree murder in connection with the Centralia Armistice day killings, and refused to grant a new trial. The men will be transferred from the Montesano county jail to the state prison to begin sentences of from 25 to 40 years.

C. H. Shellhorn, a citizen of Klamath Falls, arrived in the city yesterday for a business visit.

\$1000 JUDGMENT IS GIVEN IN GALE CASE

The jury in the case of Castella Barnard against H. E. Gale for damages claimed to have been suffered when the automobiles driven by Mr. Barnard and Gale collided on the Pacific highway last summer, gave a verdict last night for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1000. The jury was given the case at about 4 o'clock, and after deliberating for two hours, announced that it had arrived at its verdict, giving Mrs. Barnard judgment for the amount named.

Today the second case against Mr. Gale growing out of the same accident was taken up in the court. In the present case B. Barnard, who was driving the car that was in the collision with Gale's, is seeking damages. The jury was selected this morning, its personnel being as follows: Geo. M. Stidham, Luther N. Wyatt, J. H. Wittrock, J. P. Duncan, C. D. Sexton, L. F. Roat, W. G. Thrasher, Fred Roper, F. O. Wilcox, Dan Wiltrot, Wm. Haberman and Chas. F. Hart. The attorneys are the same as appeared in the case yesterday, H. D. Norton and J. T. Chinnock for the plaintiff and O. S. Blanchard and Mr. Sheppard for the defense.