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U. S. To Treat With the Chinese Factions

If the Delegates Are Named Secretary Kellogg Will Discuss Treaties.

Washington, D. C.—The United States has notified all Chinese factions and the powers signatory to the Washington conference treaties that if proper delegates can be agreed upon in the war torn country it stands ready to transact, either in concert with other nations or alone, if necessary, a new tariff and extra territorial treaties with China.

However, until new treaties are negotiated with "somebody representing China," and ratified by the senate, existing pacts "cannot be abrogated."

These are the cardinal points in Secretary Kellogg's long waited Chinese policy declaration, made public in the form of a "statement," and making no mention of the British memorandum on the subject, to which it had first been planned to be an answer.

It pointed out that American naval forces will be held in Chinese waters to protect American life and property in event the "Chinese authorities are unable to afford such protection," asserted the United States has watched with sympathetic interest the "Nationalist awakening of China," and expressed a desire to observe strict neutrality as between Chinese factions and to deal with that country in "a most liberal spirit" as to unequal treaties.

WASHINGTON FARM INCOMES REDUCED

Spokane, Wash.—Washington farmers received a total of \$125,000,000 for their 14 principal crops in 1926, the federal crop reporting board estimates in a report made public here. This compares with a total income from the same source of \$153,000,000 the previous year.

Winter wheat, with an acreage of 847,000 and a yield of 23 bushels an acre, showed a return on 19,481,000 bushels of \$22,495,000 at \$1.15 a bushel as against a return of \$12,571,000 in 1925 on a 372,000 acreage at \$1.28 a bushel.

Spring wheat showed a decided drop, from \$39,883,000 for the 1925 crop, on an acreage of 1,700,000 at \$1.31 a bushel, to \$24,324,000 realized from 20,790,000 bushels at \$1.17 a bushel, raised on 1,260,000 acres planted last year.

Total receipts from the apple crop of 34,020,000 bushels were \$25,522,000 at 75 cents a bushel. This compared with \$38,415,000 realized the year before from a smaller crop of 29,550,000 bushels sold at \$1.30 a bushel.

OAKVILLE BANK ROBBED

Cashier Locked in Vault as Cash and Securities Are Scooped Up.

Oakville, Wash.—The Oakville State bank was looted at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning of \$10,000 in currency and securities by two unmasked men who entered the place while A. W. Jensen, cashier, was alone. He was ordered into the vault at the point of revolvers, while the robbers gathered up all the cash in sight.

As they were engaged in this, the assistant cashier, Miss Leona Lemons, returned from the postoffice and was forced to stand in a corner until one of the men started a sedan in which they fled in the direction of Aberdeen, 37 miles distant.

Government Offers Pulp Timber.

Washington, D. C.—To assist in the establishment of a paper manufacturing industry in Alaska, producing at least a million tons of paper a year, and to relieve to some extent the necessity for American users buying from Canadian and Newfoundland mills, the government offered through the forest service for competitive bidding, two of the largest timber tracts it ever had offered. Each embraces 5,000,000,000 board feet of pulp wood timber.

Olives Long Known to Man

Olives are named in the earliest account of Egypt and Greece. The tree spread throughout Asia Minor, and its fruit was one of the most valued crops. The oil pressed from the fruit was in general use throughout all those countries. The olive was first planted in Italy about the year 562 B. C. Cape Colony, South Africa, has grown olives since 1730.

Rehearsals Are Directed By Mrs. Loren Basler

Rehearsals for "Once in a Blue Moon" the operetta to be presented Tuesday evening February 15th by the Etude club are going forward with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Loren Basler who will direct the production has arrived from Boise and under her efficient supervision soloists and chorus are being perfected.

The setting of this musical romance is strictly modern with touches of college youth and love making interspersed throughout.

Delightful dances lend a festive air to the production and a complete unity is displayed by chorus and soloists.

An added attraction will be the Style Show sponsored by Bond Brothers of Pendleton which will be presented between acts.

This company will also furnish many of the costumes for those taking part in the operetta.

Attractive lighting effects will be used and from every standpoint the affair promises to be the best ever presented by the club.

Car Skids Off Highway

While returning from the basketball game at Helix Saturday night, O. C. Hadley's car skidded from the highway. The accident took place at the turn from the Helix road on to the hardsurfaced highway. Mr. Hadley's Essex coach skidded against the embankment, and in doing so the left rear wheel struck a rock and was completely demolished. The running board was shattered, and this was the extent of damage to the car. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley, little son and three high school girls, occupants of the car, were not injured in the least.

New Hospital Opens

Dr. Wallace Pratt, secretary of the board of trustees of the new general hospital at Walla Walla, announces the opening of the institution on next Wednesday, February 9. A public reception will be given at the hospital Tuesday afternoon and evening February 8, the hours being 2 to 5 and 7:30 to 10. A brief musical program is being arranged and a short address will be given, this talk to be broadcast.

Mad Dog At Hermiston

George Legler of Hermiston, found his dog frothing at the mouth, and believing something was fast in his throat, lacerated his finger on a tooth when he opened the dog's mouth. Later the dog continued to act queerly and it was killed. The head was sent to Portland for examination and it developed that the dog was afflicted with rabies. Legler was at once given the serum treatment.

Helix Takes Both Games

Griswold high school of Helix took the boys and girls' double header Saturday evening, from Athena high school at the Griswold gym. The Athena girls were defeated by the close score of 9 to 6. The Athena boys lost by the one sided score of 32 to 11.

Dance Tomorrow Night

The Legion boys will give another of their Saturday night dances tomorrow night. They are preparing to entertain a big crowd. The Jolly Joy-Maker's Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Billion-Dollar Retirement in Prospect for This Fiscal Year.

Washington, D. C.—Public debt retirement of \$1,000,000,000 this fiscal year is in prospect, Director Lord of the budget bureau informed the semi-annual business meeting of the government. General Lord reiterated that the apparent surplus for this fiscal year was \$333,079,095 while the margin for next year appeared to be \$200,703,863. He did not discuss tax reduction.

Relating the results of the budget, the director said that in the six budgets so far submitted to congress the estimates totaled \$22,741,582,295, which was \$1,492,458,995 less than was asked by the executive departments.

Employer Can Dictate Trading, Rules

Portland, Ore.—Federal Judge Bean has held that the Oregon state law making it unlawful for a corporation to dictate, under threat of discharge as to what establishment its employees shall patronize, or where they shall reside, was unconstitutional because it violated the right of contract, and such authority was held not to be within the police power of the state.

Umatilla Legislators Present Unique Bill

Would Abolish the Office of County Recorder; Boost To Salaries.

An act to abolish the office of the Umatilla county recorder, providing for the transfer of the records and duties of the county recorder to the office of the county clerk and taking the salary of the county recorder and distributing it among other county officials has been introduced jointly in the state legislature by L. L. Mann, S. A. Miller and J. S. Norvell, Umatilla county legislators.

The plan, which keeps within the lines laid down by Governor Patterson in his message, would increase the salaries of county officials, and at the same time make unnecessary an increase for this purpose in the budget of the county. The act would become effective January 1, 1929. A copy of the bill follows:

"For an act to amend section 3624, Oregon Laws, relating to the salaries of county officers of Umatilla County, Oregon, and to abolish the office of County Recorder of Umatilla county, and to provide for the transfer of the records and duties of the office of County Recorder to the office of the County Clerk of Umatilla county. This act not to become effective until January 1, 1929.

"Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

"Section 1. That section 3624, Oregon Laws, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3624. The county officers of Umatilla county shall receive as compensation for their services the following annual salaries:

"1. County Judge, from \$1,800 to \$2,500.

"2. County commissioners, \$5 per day for each day employed in the transaction of county business.

"3. County treasurer, (1,500), \$1,800.

"4. County clerk, (2,000), \$2,100.

"5. Sheriff (2,500), \$2,750.

"6. All fees provided by law to be paid to the constables in Umatilla county for services rendered as such in civil cases shall be paid to and retained by the sheriff of said county whenever he shall perform such services, and shall not be paid by him to the county treasurer. All sheriff's fees for mileage in Umatilla county now provided for in civil cases shall be paid to the sheriff of said county and retained by him, and not paid by the county treasurer.

"7. Assessor, (1,500), \$2,000; one deputy (125) \$130 per month, and such other deputies as may be necessary but whose number and compensation shall be determined and fixed by the county court of Umatilla.

"8. County school superintendent

RUSSELL C. WOOD



Russell C. Wood of the secret service, who now guards John Coolidge at Amherst and elsewhere. Being quite young, he will himself take studies in the college.

(1,800) \$2,000. In addition thereto he shall receive not to exceed \$800 annually to defray his traveling expenses, which expenses shall be audited and allowed by the county court in the same manner as other bills are audited and allowed; provided, that whenever one or more county school superintendents are employed in said county, then and in that event no sum whatever shall be allowed to said county school superintendent for traveling expenses or otherwise.

"Section 2. On and after January 1, 1929, the office of County Recorder of Umatilla county, Oregon, shall be abolished and the records and duties of the County Recorder shall be transferred to the office of the County Clerk of Umatilla county.

"Section 3. This act is not to go into effect until January 1, 1929."

"Pals First" At the Standard Tomorrow

First National's fine picture, "Pals First" will be screened at the Standard Theatre tomorrow night, with Lloyd Hughes and Dolores Del Rio in the leading roles. "Pals First" has to do with a man worth a million but a hobo. It is from the story written by Francis Perry Elliot and the stage play by Lee Wilson Dodd—one of First National's best pictures of the year.

On Barnstorming Trip

Coach Stolze and his Athena HI hoopsters left yesterday morning on their annual barnstorming tour. Games will be played with teams of Clarkston, St. John and Endicott, Washington. The boys were accompanied on the trip by William Kirk, O. O. Stephens, F. B. Radtke, Art Douglas and M. I. Miller.

The Groundhog's Shadder

Mr. Groundhog came out of his dugout Wednesday and for a short time interviewed his "shadder". Mr. G. H. had no trouble in finding his shadow, for the day was warm and spring-like, with sun shining and snow entirely gone.

The Trappers

Say, Pete that's one ground hog that'll never see his shadow next week eh, Pete

Big Medicine Dance Causes Indian Death

Whitebird, Noted Nez Perce Dies Participating In Dance.

The Spokesman-Review gives the following account of the passing of Whitebird, noted Nez Perce Indian:

The first fatality connected with the series of medicine dances conducted at different points on the Nez Perce reservation occurred Thursday night at the hamlet of Webb, near this place, when James Whitebird, 60, in his desire to outdo all of his tribe's people, danced until he became frenzied, then fell dead from a heart attack.

These dances have been held at Lapwai, Spalding and Webb and have been largely attended, the medicine men coming from Montana. In these dances the Indians, in order to think they are being relieved of ills, real or imaginable, go through the same forms as practiced by their forefathers, throwing themselves to the ground and writhing in seeming agony until they think themselves cured. On a number of occasions, it is reported, the dancers cause themselves to enter a cataleptic state and the medicine man is also adept at practicing a hypnotic influence on his subjects, and tales reaching here tell of the men and women having to undergo treatment after they leave the dances.

With the passing of Whitebird the Nez Perce lose their outstanding figure in history. At the age of 10 he fought in the war against the whites in 1887 and, according to persons knowning history, he proved a valuable acquisition to his father, Chief Whitebird, and Chief Joseph, and was the youngest person on the side of the Indians. He was captured in Montana by General Nelson A. Miles and later banished to Oklahoma. He was a stately figure and was always in demand at public gatherings. His war-time regalia was considered the costliest and most elaborate on the reservation. He is survived by a 3-year-old son. Funeral will be at Sweetwater Monday.

Pure Air on Market

In Amsterdam, Holland, the municipal electric light works sell air to citizens. This seems an odd by-product of the electric industry until it is considered that the electric ozonation process is one of the most effective means of purifying air just as lightning "freshens" a dank and humid atmosphere, stimulating those who breathe it. The Dutch air is drawn down through a chimney 100 feet high, purified and dried by electricity and compressed into cylinders like those used for soda fountain gas in America. These are sold to homes in the city on an annual contract basis, for about \$24 a year. Slow release of the air in bedrooms of people afflicted with asthma is said to bring relief to the sufferers.

Slitting Parrot's Tongue

"It is a widespread superstition that to enable a parrot to talk (in imitation of human speech) it is necessary to slit the tongue," says Alexander Wetmore in the Scientific Magazine. "This, however, has no foundation in fact, and when practiced only inflicts an unnecessary cruelty. Birds make sounds in a little organ known as the syrinx at the lower end of the trachea or windpipe, and as the tongue has little to do with the process, slitting it has no connection whatever with the ability to imitate sounds."

Uselessness of War

Proved by Voltaire

One of Voltaire's most popular books, his history of Charles XII, is devoted to a practical proof of the utter folly of war. The life of Charles XII of Sweden is an example without equal of the colossal futility of war. Charles, one of the world's most inspiring examples of a capable, indefatigable ruler, in a life of self-denial, had but one fault. He spent his entire life making war. Starting his career at the age of eighteen with the successful defense of his kingdom against the combined forces of several of the greatest countries of Europe, within a comparatively short time he was complete detactor of eastern Europe. Many times he overwhelmed forces outnumbering his own five or ten to one. Crowning and dethroning kings almost at will, his aims were usually altruistic. He sought always to be impartial and just. He undertook no offensive war with the intention of bettering himself or his country. Yet when he died he had done no lasting good. He had irreparably impoverished his own and other countries, and had wasted his great life, which might have been so productive of good to the world. In telling this most significant story Voltaire impressed upon the world the terrifying uselessness of the thing he so hated—war.—From "The Young Voltaire," by C. B. Chase.

Small Change of No Interest to Royalty

Louis Philippe of Bourbon, the French pretender, had a royal way of shopping. When the World War was at its height, he stalked into an expensive boot shop in London and ordered a dozen pairs of boots and shoes. The bootmaker wanted to suggest something on account, as the man was a stranger, but his remark that the bill would run to about \$250 met with no response. So his wife tactfully asked for some money toward the cost of buying leather. The stranger pulled out a thick roll of treasury notes and handed it over. A week later he returned and "tried on." The result was satisfactory and the bootmaker inquired as to where to send the order.

"You may consign it to the king of France," he replied, and named his hotel. The order was delivered by messenger with a flowery letter in French, in which was enclosed \$22.50, representing the amount overpaid. A day or two later a secretary appeared at the shop with the news that the king was incensed at the refund, adding affably that it would have been all the same if the balance had been on the other side.—Manchester Guardian.

The Blue Danube

Near Vienna on the Danube at the Iron Gates the speed of the current is from 12 to 16 feet per second—and the British monitor the Glowworm goes stunted halfway up it, couldn't get either forward or astern, and had to hold down her valves to get a high enough head of steam to struggle out of it. It was a question whether she would go up or blow up.

It takes a special towing steamer, pulling itself up on a cable from one end and one-half to two hours, to go up this two-kilometer stretch. The Germans used locomotives to blow ships through it during the war. Down below Orsova these dreaded Iron Gates are not one-half so sticky as the six-to-five miles of rapids and submerged ledges below Drenova. As a matter of fact, the "Schneidlet" by Vilshofen is one of the nastiest parts of the river.—Nesley Farson in Adventure Magazine.

MUSIC AND FILM COMBINED

Photophone Pictures Perfected to Point of Practical Use.

Schenectady, N. Y.—The smallest motion picture theatre in the country may now have the services of a 100-piece orchestra to accompany its reels if it desires, and to the possible mystification of the audience, the orchestra will not be present, even though its music is heard as distinctly as though it were.

This has been made possible by development, to the point where it is commercially practicable, of the "talking movie" by research scientists of the General Electric company. It was announced here, simultaneously with a private showing of the new pictures, which are called "photophones."

By this process, both action and sound are recorded simultaneously. If desired, or can be recorded separately and later put together without destroying the synchronization.

Washington State Banks Gain

Olympia, Wash.—Reports from the 255 state banks and trust companies of this state to the state banking division as of December 31, 1926, indicate rapid progress toward normal conditions and reflect great credit upon the stability of the state, Supervisor H. C. Johnson said. An increase of \$14,587,699.37 in the total resources of the banks was made in 1926 over the previous year.

Coolidge is Against All Martial Gestures

President in Favor of Ade- quate Preparedness for National Protection.

Washington, D. C.—An assurance of "adequate military preparedness" was coupled with a warning against militaristic gestures or acts leading to competition in armaments, by President Coolidge in speaking before the semi-annual business meeting of the government. The president also reported a prosperous condition of the treasury, but again withheld promise of early tax reduction pending a study of the producing ability of the new revenue law.

Mr. Coolidge made no direct reference to the struggle in congress to override his stand against immediate construction of three new cruisers, or to the proposal to increase the budget figure for the army, but he took occasion to remind congress that the question of national defense is always given "the most serious thought in my recommendations to the congress in the budget message."

"What we need, and all that we need for national protection, is adequate preparedness," he said.

Pointing out that the government had reduced its public debt below the \$19,000,000,000 mark and now is more than \$2,000,000,000 ahead of the debt-retirement schedule, the president declared the nation was probably in the most fortunate financial condition of all the great nations of the world.

But, from a financial standpoint alone, he insisted, the United States must refrain "from any gesture which could possibly be construed as militaristic."

PACIFIC COAST STATES INCREASE POPULATION

Washington, D. C.—An increase in population of 23,000 is estimated for the state of Oregon during the fiscal year 1927 by the commerce department.

Oregon on July 1, 1927, will have 890,000 residents, officials of the census bureau believe, as compared with 877,000 on July 1, 1926. The official census of 1920 credited Oregon with 783,359 persons on January 1 of that year, so the estimate made for the middle of 1927 would indicate a gain in population for the state of 106,611 over a period of 7 1/2 years.

The estimates forecast an increase for the state of Washington from 1,238,000 on July 1, 1926, to 1,562,000 on July 1, 1927, and for California from 4,316,000 in 1926 to 4,433,000 in 1927.

"The population of the entire United States, estimated at 117,136,000 on July 1, 1926, will have increased to 118,628,000 on July 1, 1927, says the census bureau. Since the official population of the United States at the last census was 105,710,620, it is presumed to have increased 12,917,380 in 7 1/2 years.

