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## Russia to Close Her Embassy At Peking

### Note to Northern Chinese Protests Raid on Soviet Buildings.

Moscow. — Soviet Russia, demanding redress from the Peking government for the raid conducted last week on buildings attached to the soviet embassy in that city, has served notice on the northern government that as a sign of protest it will recall its charge d'affaires in Peking and its entire embassy staff.

The soviet government, while possessing sufficient technical means for employing repressive measures, the note says, nevertheless definitely rejects the idea of a punitive action.

The note demands that the Chinese police must immediately evacuate the buildings raided; that all the arrested employees of the embassy's economic institutions be immediately released; that all documents taken from the buildings must be returned and that all possessions, money, books and personal property must be given back to their owners.

The soviet note was in the nature of a reply to one from the Peking foreign office, transmitted through the local charge d'affaires, stating that under the protection of the soviet embassy communists had established themselves in the Dahl bank, and the old Russian barracks, and had plotted an uprising. The Peking note declared that as a result of the raid, weapons and propaganda and other evidence had been found proving this intention.

## FILIPINO FREEDOM VETOED BY COOLIDGE

Washington, D. C.—Any prospect of immediate Philippine independence was killed by President Coolidge in a veto of the proposal of the insular legislature for a plebiscite on the question. The plebiscite bill had been vetoed by Governor-General Wood but passed over his veto. The action of Mr. Coolidge definitely shelve it.

The president summarized his reasons for opposing the measure as follows:

"The plebiscite, under conditions provided or, in fact, now possible, would not accomplish the stated purpose. The result of the vote would be unconvincing.

"It might create friction and disturb business, slowing down progress.

"It might be taken to mean its approval by the United States or as an act likely to influence the United States.

"Finally, I feel that it should be disapproved because it is a part in the agitation in the islands which, by discouraging capital and labor, is delaying the arrival of the day when the Philippines will have overcome the most obvious present difficulty in the way of its maintenance of an unaided government."

## WHITE HOUSE IN DANGER

Roof Truss Supports Found to Have Sunk Out of Place.

Washington, D. C.—Fears of engineers that the White House roof was in a precarious condition have been confirmed by its recent removal in the course of reconstruction of the upper part of the executive mansion.

Uncovering showed that the huge trusses which held the burden of the roof had sunk out of place and were actually resting on the fragile partition walls of the third floor.

In the opinion of army engineers the roof might have caved in at the slightest provocation and it may have continued in place for many more years, depending on circumstances.

Time Allowed Oregon Trunk Plan. Washington, D. C.—The Oregon Trunk railroad has been given until April 25 to notify the interstate commerce commission whether it will accept the terms proposed by the Southern Pacific railroad for joint use of the latter's Cascade line into Klamath Falls, together with other privileges, including the right to build its own extensions within prescribed limits.

Lemp Wins Boise Race for Mayor. Boise, Idaho.—Herbert F. Lemp was elected mayor of Boise by the decisive vote of 4623 to 1517 over Ern G. Engstrom, incumbent.

## A Motor Purchased for City Pumping Station; Pipe Laying Completed

A fifteen horse power motor has been purchased for use at the Athena pumping station, to take the place of the twenty horse power motor heretofore in use there. The twenty horse power motor is now connected to the big centrifugal pump, which will perhaps be connected with the mains in the future to serve in an auxiliary capacity in case that the regular plant should of necessity be closed down.

Inasmuch as the city water system will hereafter depend on the well for the main supply, it would appear that good judgment is exercised in providing for the auxiliary pumping equipment.

The new pipe line leading from the corner of Fifth and Main streets, east to the E. A. Dudley place has been laid and the excavation refilled. This new pipe replaces the old wood pipe line leading from the reservoir to town, and the work of replacement is in line with the policy of the city authorities, to make yearly replacements until the entire system has been renewed.

## Adams a Winner

Adams has a team in the Walla Walla Valley baseball league, and it is a winner. The opening game was played with the Whitman team, which Adams lost by a point, 8-7, after Whitman had made five scores in the first inning. Last Sunday on her home grounds, Roll Morrison pitched a no-run, no-hit game, Adams shutting out the River Rats 9-0. Adams plays Lowden on the Adams grounds Sunday.

## State Christian Endeavor

The coming State Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Oregon City April 21-24, 1927, is looked forward to by many young people as an event of great importance. Mr. E. P. Gates of Boston, Massachusetts, General Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, is thinking enough of its importance to make this convention his main objective in a long transcontinental trip.

## Athena Bridge Club

The Athena bridge club enjoyed a "no hosts" luncheon at Kilgore's cafe, followed by bridge at the home of Mrs. H. I. Watts. Three tables were played during the afternoon. Mrs. Grant Presthlye and Mrs. Glen Dudley were guests of the club and each received a dainty prize. At the next meeting of the club the tournament will end and scores will be counted for the twelve meetings past. Much interest is being shown in the outcome.

## Another Gold Find

Sprague River, small lumbering community 40 miles east of Klamath Falls is in a fever of excitement as the result of discovery of placer deposits of gold and platinum. Since Sunday between 40 and 50 claims have been staked out. The entire community joined in a secrecy pact which was religiously adhered to until the entire area was staked out.

## Bank's Improvements

Among other improvements made at the First National Bank building recently are a set of massive oak doors at the entrance. A granite finish has also been put in at the sides of the bank entrance. With a newly designed ceiling and the installation of an electrical driven exhaust fan, cooler temperature will be experienced in the bank during the summer months.

## Blue Mountain League Games

In the opening Blue Mountain league games Sunday, Hermiston defeated the Reservation Indians at Round-Up grounds, Pendleton, 4 to 3. The Buckaroos played at Walla Walla, the Bears clawing them for a win, 13 to 4. Parris was the winning pitcher for Walla Walla, and Phelps bested Beetles in the Pendleton game.

## Toll of Tornado

Known dead in the tornado that levelled Rock Spring, Texas, of more than 800 population, Tuesday night, was fixed at 56, after casualty lists had been checked and rechecked. More than 150 persons were injured, some of whom may die.

## Senator on Way Home

Senator McNary is enroute to his home at Salem from Washington. Only one of the Oregon delegation remains in Washington at present, Congressman Sinnott.

## Clifford Given the Game Warden Post

### Many Sportsmen Petitioned For Retention of the Outgoing Warden.

The Portland Journal says that before the ink on the certificates of Governor Patterson's new "business administration" game commission was entirely dry, in a manner of speaking, those men met in Salem Saturday, organized, elected a chairman and promptly discharged the old game warden and named a new one.

Harold H. Clifford of Canyon City, rancher and former member of the game commission, was unanimously elected game warden.

E. F. Averill, the deposed warden, was granted his salary until May 1.

I. N. Fleischer, one of the hold-over members of the commission from the old board, was elected chairman.

The members of the commission—Fleischer of Portland, M. A. Lynch of Redmond, D. A. Wright of Union, Matt Corrigan of McMinnville and Ben Dorris of Eugene—went to Salem Saturday to receive their official certificates of appointment from the governor and confer with him and the new fish commission over an administration of business and harmony free from politics.

At luncheon the new commissioners started talking informally and presently they decided to organize at once. Fleischer was then elected chairman and Ben Dorris temporary secretary. The warden is always permanent secretary of the commission.

First there was an extensive discussion of problems facing the new commission. Then a pledge of full cooperation with each other was expressed by the members of the commission. Then a unanimous vote was taken to declare the position of game warden vacant.

Lynch nominated Clifford for the place and Wright seconded the motion. Carrigan moved the nominations be closed and Dorris seconded this motion.

The commission voted to retain Matt Rychman as superintendent of hatcheries and Harvey Moreland as chief clerk.

Following the meeting the commissioners departed for their various homes.

Many sportsmen of the state had petitioned the new commissioners to retain Averill as warden and it was expected that the scheduled meeting in Portland Monday would be attended by a force of Averill partisans.

"We just made a coup," explained Fleischer informally Saturday night. "Some of the sportsmen may be sore—we expect them to be—but they will get over it. What we are working for is an efficient and harmonious administration and I think we now have it."

## GEORGE R. FARNUM



George R. Farnum of Melrose, Mass., is the new assistant attorney-general of the United States, succeeding Ira Letts. Mr. Farnum has charge of all admiralty, bureau of war risk insurance, insular, customs, alien property, and Department of Agriculture litigation.

## "The Sporting Lover" "The Flaming Frontier" Jannings in "Faust"

Conway Tearle comes to the Standard Theatre tomorrow night in "The Sporting Lover," supported by Barbara Bedford, Ward Crane and an all star cast, presented by First National Pictures corporation.

Sunday night Goethe's "Faust," with Emil Jannings playing the part of Mephisto, will be one of the high class Metro photoplays now being offered Standard patrons.

The big mid-week picture for next Wednesday night will be "The Flaming Frontier," depicting General Custer's last stand against Sitting Bull and his Sioux warriors at the battle of the little Big Horn. A portion of this picture was filmed at Burnhart Station in Umatilla county, at the time the Universal company made other pictures in the territory adjacent to Pendleton.

## Farmers are Bringing Plowing to a Close

Farmers in the vicinity of Athena are in the midst of plowing season, and in some cases will finish within a week.

Rain and blustery weather has retarded operations somewhat but at present, the weather seems to have settled.

The growing crop is quite advanced and it has been feared that the heavy frosts of the past several nights may have injured it some, though not seriously thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Huggins returned home from Husum, Washington, Monday. They visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Gibbs and encountered considerable snow while away.

## Coolidge and McNary Discussed Farm Aid

### President Said to be Hopeful That Satisfactory Terms be Made.

The Morning Oregonian's Washington bureau reports that a general agreement upon farm legislation in the next congress between the administration forces and the agricultural leaders who sponsored the McNary-Haugen bill in the last session is understood to be strongly desired by President Coolidge, who spent several hours on Saturday evening discussing the farmers' problem with Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon.

Republicans have hoped since the veto of the measure of which Senator McNary was co-author that a compromise bill would be worked out during adjournment to a point where it could be introduced promptly upon the opening of the 70th congress in December.

It has been realized that the only way in which such an understanding might possibly be obtained would be through some overture by the president himself, since the breach between Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine and the McNary-Haugen group is as wide as ever.

Discussion of agricultural legislation henceforth is likely to be at first hand between President Coolidge and the spokesmen of the farm group, whose chief emissary will presumably be Senator McNary. Secretary Jardine will probably be included in the conference, incidentally.

The president, it is known, wants to obtain directly all possible knowledge about the present situation and the needs of the farmers. The pressure of duties prevented him while congress was in session from going into this broad subject as fully as he desired. Opportunity to do so is now afforded by the long adjournment.

A farm bill which would meet with the approval of both the Coolidge administration and the leaders of organized agriculture is unquestionably a stupendous undertaking.

President Coolidge is represented as extremely hopeful that such a measure can be worked out, and is said to be ready to make concessions toward such an end with the understanding that the supporters of the McNary-Haugen bill will also concede something.

## Aviation Field

John Peterson has been named chairman of the aviation committee of the Pendleton Commercial association. He will name his assistants soon. Under Peterson, work will soon be started on the tract of land leased for an aviation field. Leveling and marking will be carried out in accord with government regulations regarding air fields.

## Easter Services Will be Held at Baptist Church Next Sunday

An Easter service will be held at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. E. M. Bollinger will deliver the sermon.

A special feature of the program will be several Easter anthems by a choir of thirty voices. The famous "Hallelujah chorus" from the Messiah will be one of the numbers rendered. Miss Lorraine Terry will sing a solo appropriate to Easter.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

The young people of the Baptist church are sponsoring an Easter service and breakfast at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts Sunday morning. Cars will leave the parsonage at 6 o'clock.

## King at Weepah

Ted King, former employe in the Preston-Shaffer electrical department writes from Weepah, Nevada, that Drexel and he traveled 1745 miles via Bakersfield, California, to get to the gold fields from Athena. He says there are about 500 people in Weepah, which is a little city of tents, with five wooden buildings in process of erection. There is but one mining shaft going down at the present time. The whole country is staked off in mining claims.

## Pendleton Shot Straight

Marion Hansell, shooting with the Pendleton squad in the Oregonian telegraphic tournament went straight with 25 Sunday. Guy Matlock and Ralph Park also had a clean score of 25, with the result that Pendleton won from Huntington and Salem, total scores being 75-67 and 75-73 respectively. Omar Stephens is still leading all Pendleton shooters for the term of the tournament with a 94 percentage.

## Gardening Operations

Gardening and flower plot operations are in full swing at Athena this week. The soil is in perfect condition for the formation of seed beds. At a number of Athena homes extensive work is being carried on in the improvement of lawns and many plants and shrubs are being set out. It is evident that more gardens are being made in Athena this year than formerly.

## Man Hangs at Milton

A transient working man named Smith, committed suicide by hanging himself to a bedpost in a Milton rooming house, Monday morning. Smith, who was 64 years old and out of work, took his life while despondent. Little was known of him at Milton, except that he had come there from Georgia.

## Hydrants Painted

The fire hydrants of the Athena water system have received a coat of bright red paint. Grant Presthlye wielding the brush. Repairs will also be made to a couple of defective hydrants and the remainder will have their valve stems oiled and put in prime condition for use as occasion demands.

## May Develop Market

The East Oregonian reports that a Pendleton grain firm has recently shipped 200 bushels of hard Federation wheat on application, to an eastern milling concern for trial purposes. There is hope of establishing a new market for this variety of wheat should it prove satisfactory to the concern testing it out.

## Appeal Dismissed

The United States supreme court has dismissed the appeal of Ellsworth Kelley, convicted with others for the murder of John Sweeney, Oregon penitentiary guard. The appeal of James Willos will in all probability be dropped, as it was based on grounds similar to that of Kelley.

## District Track Meet

The district track meet embracing the schools of Weston, Athena, Adams and Helix will be held this year at Helix, the date as announced being Saturday, April 23. The winners of the district contests at Helix will participate in the county meet at Pendleton, May 7.

## Circuit Court Session

Circuit court is in session this week at Pendleton, with Judge Parker of Condon, on the bench in place of Judge Phelps, who is confined to his home with illness. Fred Finkler is serving as a jurymen for the April term of court.

## Reparations Asked For Cantonese Riots

### Britain, France, Italy, Japan and America Send Pro-Test Note.

Shanghai.—The consuls-general of the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy have presented a note to the Cantonese authorities demanding satisfaction in consequence of the anti-foreign rioting at Nanking March 24.

Washington, D. C.—Three identical demands growing out of the Nanking outrages, described by the state department as "studiously moderate," but presented with all the force of joint action by the five great naval powers, were served on the political and military heads of the Chinese nationalist regime. They called for:

Punishment of nationalist officers held directly responsible for attacks by their troops.

Written apology and guarantees by the nationalist commander-in-chief.

Full reparation for personal injuries and material losses sustained by foreigners at Nanking.

With these specific terms went the stern warning: "Unless the nationalist authorities demonstrate to the satisfaction of the interested governments their intention to comply promptly with these terms, the said governments will find themselves compelled to take such measures as they deem appropriate."

## STIMSON WILL VIEW NICARAGUAN AFFAIRS

Washington, D. C.—Henry L. Stimson of New York, former secretary of war, has been appointed a special representative of President Coolidge to investigate the Nicaraguan situation. Secretary of State Kellogg announced at a conference at the White House. "The strife and bloodshed going on in that country is a matter of great regret and the necessity for protecting the interests of our citizens there and the large interests of the United States government is very great," the Kellogg statement, announcing Stimson's appointment, said.

Julian B. Sacasa, Nicaraguan rebel leader, is reported by the Nicaraguan legation here as about to flee to Mexico.

Sacasa's revolution is destined to end in "complete failure," according to the legation, and unless he flees, Sacasa has no alternative but to surrender and throw himself on the mercy of President Diaz.

The legation statement said Sacasa has only a "beaten, retreating and deserting force between him and the oncoming victorious government forces" and that Sacasa's exchequer is "totally depleted."

## POTASH TRUST CHARGED

### U. S. Government Sues French and German Companies.

Washington, D. C.—A conspiracy to control and monopolize the potash industry of the United States, directed by German and French producers, was charged in a suit filed in New York by the government. Through representatives in New York, arranging with American distributing agencies, the government alleges that the French and German companies are dividing the sale of potash to be made in this country.

The companies also are alleged to have been fixing prices and the government asserts that because the mines of the French and German companies constitute the only sources of a large supply of potash, American users are almost wholly dependent upon them for their supply.

## High Court Holds Dry Treaties Valid

Washington, D. C.—The contentions of the officers of the British steamer Quadra, whose seizure off the California coast brought an international aspect of prohibition before the supreme court, were overruled in a decision by Chief Justice Taft, which held prosecution of the defendants in American courts was legal.

## \$30,000,000 Oil Combine Made.

New York, N. Y.—Consolidation of 15 far western oil companies whose properties have a combined value of \$30,000,000, into a large California independent concern, was announced here.

