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DANGER OF WAR WITH JAPS

War Cloud Much Bigger Than Diplomats Will Admit—President Thinks They Have No Grievance.

THE GREAT PERIL IS TO THE PHILIPPINES.

The Islands Are the First Prize for Which the Nations Would Contend—Woody's Army to Be Strengthened and Fleet Enlarged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The relations between the United States and Japan as a result of the attitude of the Japanese Government toward the California authorities in school matters have become acute. An erroneous impression as to the President's position has been widely circulated.

The President absolutely concurs with the opinion of Secretary Metcalf that the Japanese have no cause for grievance and that no treaty right has been infringed. At the outset the President took the stand that treaties superseded all state and other laws. Now he is convinced that, in giving the Japanese students equal educational rights while separating them from other schools, all has been done that is necessary.

Outside of radical differences, there is another reason for segregation, and that is that many of the Japanese students are adults. The President will stand strictly upon treaty agreements, but he thinks too much is being asked by the Japanese Government. It is known that the President feels that the Japanese, with an enormous personal conceit and tremendous personal egotism, are trying to impose upon the people of San Francisco and the Pacific Coast.

Senator Flint called upon the President yesterday. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, was another caller. Mr. Roosevelt also was in consultation with Mr. Metcalf and is seeking all the light he can get on the subject. In the meantime every step is being taken to safeguard American interests and make everything ready for the remote contingency of a clash of arms with Japan.

It is well understood here that Japan is in the background as the power with which the United States has to reckon for the possession of the Philippine Islands. Diplomats and officials here can scarcely conceal that the situation may become intensely interesting at any time, possibly in the near future.

Intimately associated with possibilities of a clash with Japanese diplomacy must, of course, be taken into consideration the important fact that Great Britain is the offensive and defensive ally of the recent conquerors of Russia.

The United States-Japanese war cloud is generally estimated here to be bigger than diplomacy is willing to admit. In fact, official reports of this Government indicate preparations against some enemy, and the indications all point to Japan.

But recently the country was stirred by the annual report of Major-General Leonard Wood, in command of the Philippines. He is close to the President, and it is not likely that his report would have gone out without being read by the President himself. The general tenor of the Wood report was the insufficiency of the protection of the Philippines. General Wood urged the general strengthening of the artillery arm, and suggested that a part of the cavalry of each regiment in the service be sent to the Philippines, about 15,000 would be unable to hold Manila against a first-class power. The suggestions of General Wood are certain to be heeded by the coming Congress.

On the heels of the startling demands of General Wood comes the report of the Bureau of Navigation, of which Rear-Admiral Converse is the head. He, in general terms, advises that the Navy be divided giving the battleship squadrons to the Atlantic coast, and that the cruiser squadron, reinforced largely, be assigned to the Asiatic side of the fleet. The strong inference from the report of the Navy Department is that the squadrons on or near the Pacific coast should always be formidable, and that the whole United States naval force should be ready at any time to be combined for action on either side of the continent.

The President saw the possibilities of the San Francisco matter at once and dispatched Mr. Metcalf, a Californian, to the coast to investigate. Mr. Metcalf has reported and the tenor of his report is that the people of San Francisco are not willing to recede from their position. This will be the subject of course for a report to Japan, and Japan will not be able to understand why the United States cannot coerce a state or invade its state and municipal functions.

The outcome of all causes combined

has been the precipitation, although much veiled, of the acute question of Japan against the United States with the Philippines as the prize.

The United States Government will see that the recommendations of General Wood are carried out and there will be no objection to the disposition of the fleet by the Bureau of Navigation. It is interesting to recall that some time ago the United States sent four of its first-class cruisers to the Asiatic fleet. These are each the equivalent of a battleship. One of the most important suggestions of the Bureau of Navigation is that ships on the Pacific coast, now there and to be assigned there, may be merged on due notice with the Asiatic squadron.

WAR CLOUD LOOMS UP IN COREA.

Japan Prepares to Fight China for Possession of the Island of Kando.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 30.—Active military preparations are being made by the Japanese in North Korea, according to advices received by the steamer Antiochus, which arrived to day from the Orient, with the object of the enforcement of Korea's claim in the dispute between China and Korea with regard to the ownership of Kando, the island province enclosed by the headwaters of the Yumen and Yalu Rivers. Advices from Vladivostok says the military preparations are causing alarm there.

W. M. LADD HAS RESIGNED.

M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, Appointed in His Place on Textbook Commission.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.—W. M. Ladd resigned to day from his position as a member of the State Textbook Commission and Governor Chamberlain appointed M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, to succeed him. Miller is State Senator from Linn County and is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon. He has given considerable attention to public schools and to the subject of public school textbooks. It is thought that for this reason he was appointed. He has always asserted that textbooks cost too much and as a member of the Textbook Commission he will now have an opportunity to point out in the manner in which they can be made to cost less. The other members of the commission are:

H. W. Scott, P. L. Campbell, W. M. Colvig, and C. A. Johns. The commission will meet in 1907 to adopt a series of textbooks for a period of six years.

SUIT AGAINST BIG FOUR.

Cars Are Said to Have Been Left Standing Idle on Sidetracks for a Long Time.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 3.—Attorney-General Charles W. Miller, of Indiana, on behalf of the State Railroad Commission, to day filed suit in the Superior Court of Marion County against the Big Four Railroad, charging the latter with allowing cars to stand on its switches and side tracks in and near Terre Haute for an unreasonable time and that it has refused to receive coal at the rate of several hundred cars a day from the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, the Evansville & Indianapolis Railroad and the Southern Indiana Railroad.

MUST FACE INDICTMENTS.

Mayor Schmitz and Ruef Must Answer Charges in French Restaurant Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 2.—Mayor Schmitz and Abraham Ruef will be called on to answer to the indictments in the French restaurant case in Judge Dyne's court tomorrow. Both will plead not guilty to the charges of extortion specified in the indictment, and unless counsel asks for an adjournment, the trial will proceed at once.

At the office of the District Attorney it is said that everything is in readiness to begin the trials on all indictments found by the grand jury to date.

Enormous Dividends Paid by Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 30.—Stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad to day were paid a semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent on their holdings. This dividend completes a remarkable record of 50 years, during which time the Pennsylvania has never failed to pay a cash dividend at each semi-annual period. The first dividend in May, 1856, of 4 per cent, was on \$10,886,004, and amounted to \$435,440. The dividend of 3½ per cent paid to day is on \$305,794,500 stock and amounts to \$10,702,807. Including the present dividend, the total cash dividends paid by the Pennsylvania during the half century aggregate \$269,116,851. The total cash and script dividends together are \$294,628,993, an amount nearly equalling the present capital stock.

SPENCER KILLED IN WRECK

President of the Southern Railway and Six Others Crushed to Death and Burned at Lynchburg, Virginia.

PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE CAR SMASHED TO ATOMS

Head of Morgan System Charred Beyond Recognition—Three Other Prominent Men Dead—Negroes Killed and Injured.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 29.—Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company and recognized as one of the foremost men in the Southern States, and six other persons were killed and eleven persons injured early this morning in a rear-end collision between two fast passenger trains ten miles South of Lynchburg and a mile North of Lawyer's Depot. Phillip Schuyler, a retired capitalist of New York, was among the killed, together with other guests of Mr. Spencer. Of those on Mr. Spencer's car, only Mr. Spencer's private secretary, E. A. Merrill, of New York, and one of three porters survived the accident.

The collision was between train No. 33, the Jacksonville Express, and No. 37, the Washington & Southwestern Vestibule Limited, both Southbound. The former train had stopped at the top of a heavy grade to repair a slight breakdown and the other train dashed into it before a flagman could get back to give warning.

The heavy engine of the train ploughed into Mr. Spencer's car, which immediately caught fire. The wreckage was piled around the engine and every portion of the woodwork on the engine was burned and the engine itself torn and twisted into a useless mass of debris. Mr. Spencer was the official head of the Morgan group of railroads.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST.

Deputy United States Marshall Burbee attempted to arrest Hexter McCloud, a halfbreed, at Adams, last week, in a saloon filled with halfbreeds, and while in the act of making the arrest, he was struck from the rear and knocked down, his revolver taken from him and was severely beaten. The town marshal arrested Burbee for disorderly conduct.

John D. Miller, an aged G. A. R. veteran who was severely beaten by Astoria thugs, a few days ago, died at the Astoria hospital, last Friday.

"Not a turkey left over," is what Portland market men say about the turkey market in that city.

The University of Oregon football team defeated the Multnomah Athletic Club's team, on Thanksgiving day, by a score of 8 to 4. This is the 13th meet between these teams and the first victory for Oregon. Willamette University defeated O. A. C. 4 to 0 at a meet at Salem on the same day.

Chinese Gin sellers in Portland have had their license to sell the same taken from them by the Portland city council. The Chinamen will appeal to the Federal courts.

Governor Chamberlain has gone to Washington city to appear before the Congressional Rivers and Harbors committee, in behalf of Oregon rivers and harbors.

The Portland Federal officials think the Land Fraud trials will not be delayed by the trial of Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco and expect Special Assistant to the Attorney General Heney to arrive in Portland about the 8th to be ready to take up the Land Fraud trials on the 10th of December.

The Arlington public school's sent 425 pounds of provisions and clothing as a Thanksgiving present to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland.

Albert Bealand & Sheerwood, Oregon men, got drunk on Thanksgiving day. His return home was along the railroad track. He stumbled and fell then went to sleep. In a short time he was ground to pieces by a swiftly moving train.

All indications are that Frank Dick, the German who was shot by the Salem night watch, will get well; nevertheless the bullet made seven holes in his intestines.

Fred Shepherd, on September 4, shot and killed Ben Zell, of near Prineville, then ravished Zell's wife. He was arrested and tried at Prineville, October 10, and convicted. Judge Fraser, of Portland, tried the case. The defense was insanity, but three physicians testified that Shepherd was sane. He was brought to Salem and executed Novem-

ber 30, less than two months after the crimes were committed.

One hundred seventy three marriage licenses were issued in Multnomah county during the month of November. The record of divorces is not at hand, but it is believed that the marriages will not outnumber the divorces.

Hood River donated a car load of apples to Portland Charitable institutions, on Thanksgiving day.

It is expected that the conference between representatives of the railroads and the business interests of the state, will have much to do with disposing of the car shortage question.

Dr. Krishna, a Hindoo lecturer, in a recent Portland lecture, bitterly denounced British rule in India. He said Lord Curzon's Derby of last year, cost India \$30,000,000 and the following winter 300 people died in India of hunger.

Oregon Dairymen's Association held their 4th annual session at Ashland this week, commencing on Tuesday and lasting through Wednesday. A good program with a number of good speakers, was planned.

Dr. I. D. Driver, of Eugene, a pioneer minister of the M. E. Church, aged 83, is preaching a series of sermons at a Portland church. Dr. Driver, having a slight lameness, is very robust for one of his great age.

Three cases brought some time ago by the Government against the Oregon & California railroad company, and which involved the rights of settlers to homestead claims along the right of way of the railroad, have been decided in favor of the Government and the settlers.

The trial of Orlando S. Murray, who killed Lincoln C. Whitney for seducing his sister, has been set for next Monday, by the Portland courts.

For the first time in the history of the state, every county in Oregon has paid its state tax in full.

16.83 inches of rain fell in Astoria during the month of November.

Oregon school text book sellers have formed a combination, through which they expect to compel book publishers to allow them a reasonable profit on the sale of the books. They now receive about 2½ per cent profit after the deduction of freight and other expenses.

BOURNE ADMITTED TO FLOOR.

First Senator Elected by Direct Vote of the People in the State of Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Jonathan Bourne made his initial appearance in the senate chamber today. Although not yet elected by the Oregon Legislature, he has been elected by popular vote and this fact, in the opinion of Senator Spooner, chairman of the committee on rules, was sufficient to entitle Mr. Bourne to the privilege of the floor.

He went into the Senate just before noon, accompanied by Senator Fulton, and was cordially greeted by a number of Senators whom he knew, and by others to whom he was introduced by his colleagues.

Mr. Bourne is the first United States Senator elected by direct vote of the people, and his admission to the Senate chamber establishes a precedent in that body.

Proposed Oregon Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—An estimate of appropriations for the next fiscal year submitted to congress to day by the secretary of the treasury includes \$111,200 for the Salem Indian schools; \$12,000 for the Klamath, Warm Springs, Walla Walla Cayuse and Umatilla tribes, and \$6,000 for incidental expenses of Oregon Indians.

For improving Oregon Rivers and harbors: Tillamook bay and bar, \$10,000; Coquille river \$40,000; Coos bay maintenance, \$3,000; Columbia and Snake rivers, \$10,000; the Cascades, \$105,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers above Portland, \$60,000; lower Willamette and Columbia, \$450,000; the mouth of the Columbia, \$1,000,000; the Columbia at Three Miles rapids, \$750,000; for Yaquina lighthouse, \$4,000.

Street Car Talk

It is reported that an eastern company, the Northwestern Utilities Co., has an option on the street car line, and that it will probably buy the property and electrify it, giving it an improvement which will be of great benefit to the city. For some time there have been reports of a prospective change in the system. It is to be hoped this one materializes.

It is reported that the company negotiating for the street car franchise, practically transferred already, will at once extend the line to both the eastern and western part of the city, and as well to the fair grounds.—Albany Democrat.

CABINET CHANGES PLANNED

President Also Names Moody for Justice of the Supreme Court—Cabinet Changes to Be Made at New Year.

BRISTOL REAPPOINTED U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Roosevelt Stands by Heney's Choice for District Attorney—Carnahan Appointed Collector of Customs at Astoria.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Six cabinet changes and one appointment to the Supreme Court bench were sent to the Senate to day by President Roosevelt, but they were not confirmed in accordance with general custom concerning such important nominations. It is said that there is no opposition to the appointments for the cabinet, and to the nomination of the Attorney-General, W. H. Moody, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, despite the fact that it was determined to refer these nominations to committees for report. The reason advanced for the delay is that no message of any character had been received from the President and therefore it would not be proper to transact business.

CHANGES IN CABINET.

The important nominations follow: Secretary of the Treasury—George B. Cortelyou.

Attorney-General—Charles J. Bonaparte.

Postmaster-General—George Von L. Meyer.

Secretary of the Navy—Victor H. Metcalf.

Secretary of the Interior—James R. Garfield.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Oscar S. Straus.

Associate Justice Supreme Court—W. H. Moody.

Civil Service Commissioner—John Avery McElhenny, Louisiana.

Interstate Commerce Commissioners—Edgar E. Clark, Iowa; James S. Harlan, Illinois; Judson C. Clements, Georgia.

OREGON APPOINTMENTS.

United States Attorney—W. C. Bristol, Oregon.

Collector of Customs—C. W. Carnahan, Oregon.

CABINET CHANGES AT NEW YEAR.

The first Cabinet change will take place about the first of the year, when Mr. Moody will take his place on the Supreme bench. Mr. Bonaparte will then go to the Department of Justice. Mr. Straus will enter the Cabinet as Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and Mr. Metcalf will become Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Shaw will retire March 4, and Mr. Cortelyou will take the Treasury portfolio and will be succeeded as Postmaster-General by George von L. Meyer, the present Ambassador to St. Petersburg. Mr. Garfield will succeed Secretary Hitchcock as head of the Interior department at the same time.

STANDS BY HENRY'S CHOICE.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—President Roosevelt today sent in the nomination of W. C. Bristol to be District Attorney for Oregon. This signifies the President's purpose to ignore the charges against Bristol and to reward him for his work in the land fraud cases during the past summer. If Senator Fulton adheres to his announced intention, he can and will prevent Bristol's confirmation.

GENERAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Government will introduce a suit to dissolve the combination of railways known as the Harriman Lines, arguing that they are an illegal merger.

The Government is now conducting inquiries that may result in criminal prosecutions of the officers of the Union Pacific railway because of the illegal acquisitions of coal lands.

Powerful influences have failed to prevent the Government from prosecuting criminally the Utah Fuel Company, the Pleasant Valley Coal company for receiving rebates and the Rio Grande system for paying them.

Philadelphia capitalists are investing \$6,000,000 in a scheme of consolidating Oregon electric power plants. The scheme of consolidation contemplates an intensive development of the Willamette Valley that is bound to prove a strong factor in its upbuilding. Trolley lines are projected to cover much of the rich valley now without modern transportation facilities. Electric power, generated either by mountain streams or by steam plants, will furnish light and propulsive energy to many communities, adding vastly to their prosperity.

The crew on the battle ship "Ten-

ness" on the late trip of President Roosevelt to Panama, mutinied, because of the poor and unsatisfactory quality of food provided.

The United States navy is to be re-organized into two departments, the Atlantic and the Pacific fleets. The battle ships will be in the Atlantic fleet, while cruisers and gunboats will form the Pacific fleet.

Disappointed in love, Edna Maurice, a pretty Spokane, Wash., girl, swallowed two ounces of carbolic acid, then rushed into the presence of her parents, announced that she had committed suicide and died before a physician could be called, last week.

Chester E. Gillette, the New York young man who drowned his sweetheart, Grace Brown, in Big Moose lake last July, was convicted of murder in the first degree, last Monday.

The town of Giffon, Arizona, has been practically washed away, by the breaking of the Concentrator dam. Eighteen people are said to have drowned.

The Supreme court of the United States has decided the habeas corpus case of Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners, who are held in Idaho for complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenburg. The effect of the decision will be to continue to hold the men for trial in Idaho.

Dr. Sharples, a Seattle physician declares that the board of physicians who declared Esther Mitchell and Maud Creffield insane, were fixed and produce letters written to physicians in that city proposing to them to serve on the Insanity board and to find the women insane, in evidence of the statement.

DEATH OF HENRY H. QUEENER.

Henry H. Queener, who was well known in Scio, died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Frank Gaines, on Saturday morning, December 1, 1906, at 2 o'clock a. m.

Henry's complaint was stomach trouble, which culminated in consumption. He was compelled to abandon work about the middle of September, since which time his decline has been rapid.

About ten years ago he went from this city to San Francisco, where he engaged in the street car service, which he continued to follow for nine years. One year ago he secured the position of conductor in the Pullman Car service, his last run being from Los Angeles to El Paso, Texas. Being thoroughly reliable, he filled all of his various positions with satisfaction to his employers. Having no bad habits, and being honest and square, he certainly was a model young man for these days of graft and rapid going.

Henry H. Queener was born in Scio 36 years ago, and resided in Scio and vicinity until 1893, when he removed to Salem, there engaging in street car work, from whence he removed to San Francisco, as before stated. He was a grandson of the late Hon. William Cyrus, consequently a large relationship in this vicinity mourns his demise. A wife and two children grieve for the loss of the husband and father.

His funeral occurred at Providence on Sunday, December 2, Rev. John Osborn preaching the discourse. In his remarks Rev. Osborn stated that among the very large number of deathbeds at which he had been present, he had never known a person to meet the Pale Messenger so calmly and with as little show of fear as did Henry H. Queener.

New Officers Proposed.

Some of the new state officers that have been proposed for creation of the coming legislature are:

Railroad Commissioner, of three members, salary \$5000 a year each.

Tax Commission, of five members, two under salary and governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

State Board of Control, of three members at \$2500 each.

Two new Supreme Court Justices, at \$4500 each.

State Bank Examiner, at \$2500 or \$3000.

State Auditor, at \$2500 or \$3000.

Insurance Commission, at \$2500 or \$3000.

New Fish Commission.

New Board of Immigration, with additional duties and \$100,000 appropriation.

Road Commission to direct employment of convicts on roads and supervise state aid to counties in road building.

One Normal Board to supplant present four boards.

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