

ARBITRATION FAVORED BY BERESFORD

England's Naval Expert States That America and Great Britain Should Combine to Keep the Peace Among All Nations.

RACE FOR ARMAMENT THREATENS BANKRUPTCY

Early War Only Alternative—America Should Take Initiative for Peace Pact.

LONDON, March 15.—For the first time in two years Lord Admiral Beresford England's naval expert consented to discuss the relations of the United States and Great Britain. (By Lord Admiral Beresford.) Speaking at the Pilgrim's dinner at New York in August, 1909, I declared in favor of an arbitration treaty between England and the United States and including all questions in dispute. I believed then, and I believe now that such a treaty would insure the world's peace and ultimate disarmament.

If America and England agreed to use their influence to keep the peace it is hard to conceive any nation attempting war with such an agreement. The international face for armament will inevitably result in universal bankruptcy or early war. There can be no other outcome.

America must take the initiative. England is the world's most vulnerable nation, because seizure of her trade routes in the event of war would cripple her desperately within a week. To England war is a matter of life and death, while to other powers, it is merely inconvenient. Therefore England must maintain the lead in armament at any sacrifice.

But America is invulnerable and able to take the lead in establishing universal arbitration. If unable to establish the peace principle unaided America could easily succeed with England's co-operation. Wars of aggrandizement are easier to prevent than wars where honor is involved, but even the latter would be preventable if the disputants knew that it would be made more difficult for them to fight.

For instance, America and England, practically the controllers of the world's markets, could make impossible the conduct of a prolonged struggle by any other two nations. This control, backed by the combined fleets of the two countries, would render war impossible.

That is why I want America to take the first step. I think England would follow. If the administrations of the two nations will not act let the two great Anglo-Saxon families move spontaneously.

TYPHOID VACCINATION FOR BRAVE SOLDIERS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 15.—Typhoid vaccination is now well under way with the soldiers of the provisional brigade stationed at San Diego. Not one case in 100,000 has occurred after vaccination. It is declared. Three applications of the serum are necessary, ten days apart, in order to guarantee good results. Unlike the vaccine for smallpox, the typhoid vaccine has no appreciable effect. It leaves no sores and there is small danger from blood poisoning where ordinary precautions are taken. Officers and men over 45 years of age are not compelled to submit to the vaccination, the matter being optional with them, as they are considered reasonably safe from the disease.

Wisconsin Lumber Mill Fire.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 15.—Fire today destroyed the entire stock of the M. Hill Lumber company here, consuming 3,000,000 feet of lumber. The flames for a time threatened Menominee valley, a manufacturing suburb. Fireman Frank Clark was thrown from a ladder and crushed. He died on the way to the hospital.

RUSSIA THREATENS CHINA WITH WAR IN AN ULTIMATUM

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—Unless China shall reply to Russia's mandatory note within 10 days the foreign office will cease negotiations and leave further procedure to the war office, according to official announcement today. It is understood that the proposed military demonstration against China will be pushed vigorously. Secret reports indicate great military preparations in China. Russia's ultimatum was handed to the Chinese imperial council today. It is reported that Japan is advising China to yield to the Russian demands.

INSURGENTS GO FORTH TO FIGHT

Garrison at Mexicali Slips Out of Town and Heads Toward Picachos Pass Where Battle is Momentarily Expected.

MEXICALI, Mexico, March 15.—Without divulging their destination, Generals Berthold and Leyva, with the greater part of the insurgent garrison at Mexicali slipped out of town this morning and headed toward Picachos Pass.

The arrival last night of couriers from the revolutionary junta is believed to have been responsible, as preparations to move were started immediately afterward.

Captain McDonald and fifteen men were left behind to hold the trenches at Mexicali.

Immediately after the insurrection force started, the United States soldiers at Calocico began throwing breastworks along the line, lending an air of mystery to the whole affair. It was generally believed that a battle near Picachos Pass was expected.

MANY SAVE COIN IN PAYING TAXES

Sheriff's Office Swamped by Taxpayers Who Save Three Per Cent of Amount Due by Paying Today—Have Until the First to Pay Up.

Banks throughout the county and the sheriff's office were crowded today by tax payers eager to save the three per cent allowed by law for taxes paid before tonight. Taxes do not become delinquent until April 1, after which a penalty of 10 per cent attaches. But all who pay before tonight save three per cent. The first half of the 1911 taxes are due now. The sheriff's office today was crowded. A large number of farmers called and paid taxes while the telephone was kept busy informing residents throughout the county the amount due.

Only a small number of tax payers have failed to take advantage of the refund for early payment.

NEW BASEBALL SUITS ARRIVE

Medford Team Will Sport the Apple and the Pear on Uniforms for Coming Year—Are Gray in Color—Suits Are Natty.

The new uniforms of the Medford baseball team have arrived and sport the apple and the pear. The uniforms are gray in color and upon the right breast is a large red apple while upon the left is a huge yellow pear. The suits are gray in color and are "some nifty."

The suits are on exhibition in a local sporting goods store and are attracting much attention.

TESTIMONY OF WOMAN AID TO M'CLALLEN

Miss Speicher Testifies in Roseburg Tragedy That Mahan Made First Move After Boasting That He Would Kill His Rival in Love.

DEFENDANT ESTABLISHES PLEA OF SELF DEFENSE

All Parties Were Divorcees—Jury Likely to Clear Accused Man—Is Composed of Farmers.

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 15.—The testimony of Miss Lillian Speicher before the coroner's jury that B. A. Mahan, who fatally shot by Roy McClallen late Monday night had boasted that he would kill McClallen is today considered of vital importance by District Attorney Brown.

Miss Speicher Testifies. That Mahan threatened to kill McClallen because he kept company with Miss Speicher was the testimony of the woman before the coroner's jury. Incidental to her evidence, District Attorney Brown read two letters written by Mahan to Miss Speicher in which Mahan declared his love for the woman and referred to McClallen in base terms. Most important, however, of all points brought out while Miss Speicher was on the witness stand was that Mahan, himself, ushered in the tragedy by moving his right hand toward his hip pocket as if to draw the pistol resting there, after McClallen had warned him not to advance further.

Replying to a point blank question put by Brown, Miss Speicher denied that she and Mahan were ever engaged to be married. "I quit Mahan's employ last November," said the witness, "when he returned from Portland and accused me of wrong doing. Then he threatened to kill McClallen if I kept company with him. I immediately notified Mr. McClallen by note of his danger, and Mr. McClallen, after that, carried a pistol when we were together."

Says Mahan Made First Move. Bringing her story to bear directly on the shooting, Miss Speicher gave testimony decidedly favorable to McClallen. After reciting the visit home with him that Mahan stepped to the theater with McClallen, she said that while she was on her way in front of them at the place where the killing occurred.

"Mahan advanced toward us and placed his right hand on his hip pocket, at the same time muttering something that I did not understand," said Miss Speicher. "Mr. McClallen pushed me to one side and said to Mahan stop, don't come a step further." Mahan did not stop and Mr. McClallen fired at him. At the first shot I hurried down the street, dazed, and saw no more."

STOCK MARKET ACTIVE BUT TONE IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, March 15.—Today's stock market opened active and although gains were in the majority, the tone was irregular. Westinghouse Electric gained 1-2, Illinois Central and Canadian Pacific 3-4, Missouri Pacific and Southern Railway 1-2, Amalgamated Copper and Atchison lost 3-8.

The market closed strong. Bonds were steady.

SCORES OF FRIENDS AT MISS PICKENS FUNERAL

Scores of friends attended the funeral services over the remains of Miss Dorothy Pickens who was laid at rest in the Jacksonville cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Simple words of comfort were spoken to the sorrowing relatives and friends by Rev. Belknap of the Methodist church at the home after which the funeral cortege made its way through the valley to the beautiful Jacksonville burying ground.

The floral offerings were very beautiful and were sent in great profusion. The casket was literally buried beneath a mass of carnations.

SCORES OF LIVES LOST NEAR REGGIO BY WATERSPOUT

ROME, March 15.—A waterspout in the Strait of Messina deluged the coast near Reggio and inflicted enormous property damage and a reported heavy loss of life, according to dispatches received here this evening.

The greatest damage was at Guarneri, where, it is stated, scores of persons were killed or injured. The collapse of the Guarneri marble works buried 150 persons in its ruins.

MAKES \$5 BET ON JAP WAR

Gold Hill Prophet Wagers That America and Japan Will Begin Life and Death Struggle by Midnight Friday.

GOLD HILL, March 15.—To show good faith in his assertions of Japanese-American war, H. W. Dikeman, Japanese war prophet of the Gold Hill News, has made a \$5 bet with Ralph Darling that war will be declared by midnight Friday between Japan and America.

For some time, Mr. Dikeman has predicted war. He has predicted the capture of Gold Hill and in other ways shown himself a faithful follower of Hobson.

COLVIG TALKS TO GRANTS PASS

President of Local Commercial Club Addresses Booster Meeting in Neighboring City and Praises Them for Enterprise.

President Colvig of the Medford Commercial Club has returned from a visit in Grants Pass where he appeared before the residents of that city gathered in a booster meeting and addressed them on progress. Mr. Colvig states that the meeting was most enthusiastic and that Grants Pass is making great strides toward becoming an important city. The judge, in his address, praised them for their enterprise.

"Grants Pass is waking up and is playing real ball," states the judge. "They say they will be the important city in Southern Oregon and I told them that Medford welcomed some real competition for the place. The city is stirring itself mightily and is coming to the front."

INSURGENT WOUNDED ARE KILLED BY TROOPS

EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—Tales of the cruelty of Diaz's soldiers to the rebel wounded continue to arrive at the headquarters here of the insurrection. It is reported that a suspected federal spy captured by General Blanco's men and held for examination by Madero said that General Navarro, federal commander, ordered his men not to take any prisoners.

FIVE YEAR OLD CHILD FOUND MURDERED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Sent by her mother to a butcher shop yesterday the body of little Barbara Boltzman, aged 5, was found in a room of a lodging house at 167 Russell street today by Mrs. Bertha Nelson who runs the place. She had previously rented the room to a man who appeared to be a laborer. When Mrs. Nelson threw back the coverings of the bed this morning she found the body of the little girl lying in a position which indicated that she had died in keenest agony.

EIGHT DAYS TO MOBILIZE ONE DIVISION

Length of Time Required to Get Into Action Made Apparent by Arrival of Forces at San Antonio Camping Ground.

SUSPENSION OF PERSONAL GUARANTEES TOMORROW

Regiments to Be Scattered at Points Along the Rio Grande—Maps of Mexico in Demand.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 15.—Eight and a half days after the order for the mobilization of American troops was issued from Washington, the first entire division was completed and encamped today. The arrival of the Ninth Cavalry and the Fourth Field Artillery completed the division. Recruits to fill out skeleton companies to their full war strength are still pouring into the camp.

The suspension of personal guarantees under the Mexican constitution becomes effective tomorrow. The insurgents have served notice that they are ready to bring reprisals the instance the Diaz government enforces the penalties threatened and which mean virtually martial law. It is believed that bloodshed and riot in Northern Mexico will follow, and that foreign interests may be endangered.

It is reported here today that General Carter is preparing to move the entire division for points along the Rio Grande during the week. The map department at Washington, it is said, here is busily engaged in preparing military maps of Northern Mexico. It is believed that the war department is preparing to rush road maps of Northern Mexico to General Carter.

The 17th Infantry took the field this afternoon in the first Regimental drill of the "military maneuvers" here.

Makes Final Proof.

David C. Avery of Gold Hill appeared before United States land commission Canon Wednesday and made final proof on his homestead near Gold Hill.

WILL NAME CITY ENGINEER TODAY

Council Will Meet This Afternoon to Discuss New Appointment—No Information Given as to Identity of New Man.

The city council will meet in special session this afternoon for the purpose of confirming the appointment of a city engineer to succeed Harry E. Foster, resigned. The mayor will submit one of two names for an informal discussion in order to determine which is most desirable to the councilmen.

Other routine matters will be considered by the council and in all probability there will be a salary for Assistant City Treasurer Samuels will be granted. Treasurer Jacobs has recommended that Mr. Samuels be paid \$100 a month instead of \$75 as at present.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Asserting that they intended to go to Seattle "to see a friend sail for the orient," 16 Japanese employed by the Monarch Lumber company today quit work and demanded their wages. It is reported that Japanese employed in eastern Oregon are quitting their positions unostentatiously and leaving for cities near the Canadian border. They ascribe no reasons for their sudden leave taking, but deny that the recent press reports concerning alleged Japanese activity in Mexico has anything to do with their actions.

LOS ANGELES TIMES BUILDING BLOWN UP SAYS CORONER'S JURY

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—After nearly six months' deliberation, the coroner's jury investigating the explosion that wrecked the Times printing plant has concluded its labors. More than 50 witnesses were examined. The following verdict was returned: "The Times building was destroyed and a large number of the employees killed by an explosion followed by fire, said explosion being caused by high explosives other than illuminating gas, placed there by a party or parties unknown to this jury."

COL. ROOSEVELT SEES EL PASO

Spends Three Hours Whirling About Border Town—Is Escorted to Albuquerque by Delegation of Former Rough Riders.

EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—Leaving behind him all questions of insurrection, justice, mobilization and army maneuvers, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt left for Albuquerque today after a busy three hours whirl "seeing El Paso."

"Roosevelt arrived at 7:40 o'clock this morning and attended a breakfast at the St. Regis hotel, at which the individual plate was \$5. He then automobilized through the city and spoke at Cleveland square at 1 o'clock.

A delegation of former rough riders escorted the colonel to Albuquerque, attended by 400 of the ex-troopers. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel are at Albuquerque and will join the colonel who will leave for Arizona late tonight.

Speaking at the breakfast tendered him at the Hotel St. Regis, Colonel Roosevelt referred briefly to the Mexican situation, but made no reference to the mobilization of troops on the Texas border. He said that United States wanted to see Mexico a peaceful and prosperous nation, based on foundations of justice and independence. During breakfast Mexican consul Romella delivered to the former president a congratulatory message from President Diaz.

RAILROADS FINED FOR REBATING

Illegal Practices Costs New York Central Thirty-five Thousand and Pennsylvania Twenty Thousand—Standard Oil Benefited.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 15.—The New York Central Railroad company was fined \$35,000 today and the Pennsylvania railroad \$20,000 in the United States district court here, after the roads had pleaded guilty to charges of rebating. The case involved the Standard Oil company in connection with a shipment of oil four years ago from Olean, N. Y., to Bellows Falls, Vermont. The Standard already has been fined \$20,000 for having accepted the rebate.

BOTTOM FALLS OUT OF POLICE COURT BUSINESS

The bottom has fallen out of business in the police court. During the past month there has been nothing whatever stirring in police court circles and Mayor Cannon is wondering where the trouble lies.

So peaceful has been the city that only \$25 was collected via the police station in February and this month gives promise of still smaller receipts. The few cases that have come up have been state cases.

AMERICA IS JAP MENACE ON PACIFIC

German Strategist Declares Philippines Threaten Ambitions of Brown Men Who Are Preparing for an Aggressive War of Conquest.

SIXTY THOUSAND VETERANS IN SANDWICH ISLANDS

Guam, Samoa and Other American Possessions Scheduled for Seizure.

BERLIN, March 15.—Count Ernest von Reventlow, the most noted strategist and military writer in Germany, declared today that the "American naval base constructed in the Philippines is an intolerable menace to Japan. Supremacy in the waters of the far east is necessary to the life of Japan, and, realizing this, her statesmen are planning to strike soon."

Count von Reventlow furnished the United Press today with advance proofs of his carefully prepared essay on Japanese-American relations. The summing up of his argument is as follows:

Japs Plan for War. "It is not denied, even by the skeptical, that Japan is preparing for an aggressive war with the United States. The main object of the Russian war was not the annexation of territory, but to prevent the permanent occupation by Russia of Korea, Kwan Tung and Port Arthur.

"Leading Japanese statesmen are convinced that Japan as a great power cannot exist unless she is navally supreme in the Pacific. She must continue to command the Chinese market. America is her rival there and the Panama canal has for one of its main objects the conquest of Chinese markets and the creation of a shorter route of communication between the American Atlantic ports and the coast of China.

Seizure of Islands.

"The Japanese conquest plans provide for the seizure of the Philippines, Hawaii, the United States possessions in Samoa and the island of Guam. Thus Japan would create a permanent and unalterable advantage for herself. The most powerful American fleet conceivable would be helpless in such an immense area of operation as the Pacific ocean without advance bases so that capture of these bases by Japan would render that country undisputed mistress of the Pacific.

"There can be no doubt but that Japan is now in a position to seize these islands, because either they are unfortified or insufficiently fortified, and the sufficient protection of the American fleet is impossible. The sudden seizure of these islands is neither impossible for improbable. It must be remembered that the time is rapidly approaching when Japan will be compelled to defend her political and commercial condition under less favorable circumstances, and so that reason operates in favor of the earliest possible seizure of America's Pacific possessions. That American officials realize this is shown by their feverish haste to fortify the Panama Canal.

Seek Naval Base.

"A significant side light on Japan's attitude toward the use of the Philippines as a naval base is afforded by the fact that a large floating drydock, conveyed to Olongapo under difficulties developed a leak in a most inexplicable manner and sank. This and many circumstances kept quiet show that Japan is almost ready to deprive the United States of her naval base before the American fleet grows to such an extent that its superiority over the Japanese navy would be overwhelming."

Want Parcels Post.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 15.—The California State Retail Hardware association, which opened its tenth annual convention here today, is fighting the passage of the parcels post clause in the proposed new postal law. United States Senator Perkins was asked to fight the proposed law.