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EITHER WHITE MAN OR JAP MUST RULE NATION MUST PROTECT COAST OR IT MUST PROTECT ITSELF

CALIFORNIA SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Washington, Jan. 21.—"If Japan desired to do so she could descend upon our shores of the Pacific ocean and do great injury before we could retaliate," today declared former Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, who is here in the interest of legislation affecting the Pacific coast.

The prominent San Franciscan takes a pessimistic view of conditions so far as fortifications are concerned. He declares that San Francisco required the President last summer to keep the Atlantic fleet in the Pacific ocean, but that his reply was that the original program would be carried out.

"That left our coast unprotected," said Mr. Phelan. "You will remember that Japan struck Russia when the Russians least expected it, and attacked Port Arthur while Russia was fighting. Japan would do the same thing to the United States, if such a thing happened we would have thousands of enemies in our

midst. Hawaii is even worse off than California.

Speaking of President Roosevelt's interference to prevent the enactment of anti-Japanese legislation in the California legislature, the former mayor declared the President took the right course.

"The President probably knows more about the Japanese question than the public," he continued. "For the present, at least, California should entrust the question to the nation's chief executive. I am forced to say the time has come when California is compelled to act. I question whether California will continue to be a white man's country, or whether it will belong to Japan. The Japanese are driving the white man to the wall, and the latter has begun to fight.

Shall we maintain our standard, or shall we lower ourselves to the business level of the Japanese? We have faith in President Roosevelt. We believe when he says an am-

able agreement has been reached whereby immigration will be restricted he has grounds for making such a statement. I think the state legislature should allow ample time for the fulfillment of this policy."

Mr. Phelan added that he knows the Japanese are clever and dangerous, because they are clever. He says they are progressing beyond all bounds in California; that they are a grave menace; that there is no hope that they will ever become Americans at heart.

"They lower the standard of our life," he said. "They support neither church, school, theatre nor family, in an American sense."

Mr. Phelan concluded his interview by declaring that the Japanese would never blend with our people.

The President's Opinion.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Never before since the trouble between the people of San Francisco and the Japanese residents of that city arose over the school question, has the rupture point between America and the Japanese government been so near as it is at present.

That this is the view taken of the situation by President Roosevelt became known today in official circles. The President is actually gravely concerned over the matter. He no longer conceals his feelings. It is now known that he foresees in the event that the California legislature enacts anti-Japanese legislation, the gravest kind of consequences.

He expressed the hope today that the legislators would live up to their promise to take no action in the near future concerning measures against the Mikado's subjects.

President Roosevelt intimates that it might as well be known now for the benefit of those in the California legislature who are crying for anti-Japanese laws that all this war talk is not mere jingo talk. This expression is regarded here as an accurate representation of the administration's view of the situation.

What Hearst Says.
San Francisco, Jan. 21.—In an editorial appearing in the Hearst newspapers this morning, it is stated that an acute situation is developing with regard to Japan, which may eventually result in war. The editorial says in part:

"It should be intelligently noted by the President of the United States and the citizens of the United States that the condition which is thrashing Japan into frothing fits of warlike fury are some trivial performances by some citizens of California or merely contemplated acts by legislators of California, coupled with the absence of the American battleships from the Pacific coast."

Hearst further declares that Roosevelt is not a strategist, and that the best thing he can do now is to correct the obvious mistake, and return the battleship fleet to the Pacific coast, where it is badly needed.

Jap Talks Smoothly.
Tokio, Jan. 21.—At the opening of the diet today Premier Kabura in a speech in the upper house expressed deep appreciation of the recent exchange of notes with America, saying that it would remove a source of mutual misunderstanding with America, and would result in the settling of all Oriental questions.

FLOODS SIDE-TRACK PUGET SOUND CITIES

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.—No trains left the Union depot here today until noon, when one Great Northern train pulled out tentatively for St. Paul with the chance of getting as far as the east slope of the Cascades if good luck is encountered. Another will leave at 9 o'clock this evening if previous information does not render such action impossible.

The flood situation is more grave today as every road is at last forced to admit. The last Eastern train to leave the depot yesterday was No. 11, the through Kansas City train on the Northern Pacific. Between Seattle and Everett on the Great Northern there is a slide two miles in length. The Great Northern coastwise trains are using the Northern Pacific tracks via Snohomish. Between Everett and Bellingham both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern are crippled by washouts. No Eastern or Southern mails have been received since 10 o'clock last night.

Continued on account of diphtheria, the water has risen so high that the house in which they are secluded is kept from floating away with difficulty. The water is now up to the door knobs of the house and the sick occupants have been removed to the upper floor.

Colfax Marooned.
Colfax, Wash., Jan. 21.—This town is still marooned by the flood and dynamite is being sent in on horseback to blow up the ice jams, which are holding the water back. It is feared that if this is not done, the jams may break up and an immense amount of water would be released, which would do a great amount of damage.

Spokane Has It.
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 21.—All trains, except those on the Wallace branch of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation, have been blocked by serious washouts on the Rpari-Spokane division.

Situation in Idaho.
Lowiston, Ida., Jan. 21.—This city has been without electric lights and power for two nights on account of the refuse, caused by the high water clogging the inlet pipes to the power plant. The high water is filling the cellars in the lower part of town, and is doing a great deal of damage. The Spokane river is rising rapidly and is causing considerable damage in the eastern part of the city.

High water at Odessa, Wash., has washed out the Great Northern tracks and bed for nearly a half mile and all roadbeds in Eastern Washington are in bad shape. Trains are running far behind scheduled time. Train service west of this point is practically suspended. The Northern Pacific tracks have been washed out at Sprague, Wash., and all traffic from Spokane west has been blocked. Only a few trains from the East have arrived during the last few hours.

ALTERATION SALE

REMEMBER COST CUTS NO FIGURE

DURING THIS SALE THERE IS NO USE TRYING TO BEAT OUR PRICES. THE SHELVES HAVE TO BE CLEARED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE BRICKLAYERS, MASONS AND PLASTERERS. THIS IS A PROPOSITION OF HAVING TO DO IT, SO IF YOU WANT PRICES NOW IS YOUR TIME.

The Following Goods Must Be Sold Out Regardless of Cost

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, BLANKETS, COMFORTS, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, LADIES' COATS AND SUITS, MILLINERY AND FEATHERS, MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, BLACK AND COLORED SILK AND SATEEN PETTICOATS, GINGHAMS, CALICOES AND MUSLINS, WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR, UMBRELLAS, COTTON BATS, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, BELTS AND GLOVES, MEN'S FURNISHINGS AND CLOTHING, CORSETS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES AND RIBBON. NO RESERVE—EVERY ARTICLE IN THE STORE HAS TO GET A MOVE ON—OUT THEY GO.

CHICAGO STORE
PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

PORT BILL HITS AN OBSTRUCTION TO NAVIGATION

PORTLAND FEARED ASTORIA WOULD BE ADVANCED

The Bean bill, to allow each harbor to organize a general port commission, was held up by Campbell, when it came up on special order. If this bill passed the Sluslaw harbor people proposed to blow themselves for a cool \$100,000 toward as much

more by congress. Why delay it, asked Bean. Why not allow the people to assist in opening this harbor, and all the harbors? The house went into committee of the whole, and got the bill out of the hole. It was then considered by sections with Premier Campbell in the chair.

SHEPHERDER HAS FEARFUL EXPERIENCE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Boke, Idaho, Jan. 21.—Four days and nights alone in the desert, without food or water, with his leg shattered by the accidental discharge of his shotgun, was the terrible experience of Conrad Undace, a Spanish sheep herder, near Hagerman. He was found late yesterday by a search party, lying with his face downward in the sand and unconscious.

The man was hunting when the accident happened which rendered him helpless. His life was saved by his two dogs, who lay close to their master's body, and prevented him from freezing to death. The dogs did not leave him until they heard the cries of the searchers, and then they led the members of the party to the unfortunate man.

Asks Impertinent Questions.
[United Press Leased Wire.]
Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Culberson today introduced resolutions requesting Attorney-General Bonaparte to produce all correspondence relating to the alleged violation

of the act of July 2, 1890, by which the American Sugar Refining Company is reported to have made a loan to the Pennsylvania Refining Company.

It is alleged that the loan was made with the understanding that the Pennsylvania Refining Company would withdraw from business.

MAHONE STANDS BY MARRIAGE BILL

The house this morning voted in definite postponement of his pet bill to require better authority and more complete recording of marriages, and regulation of authority to solemnize. If they wanted to throw the books into him all right. But he would not take defeat without appeal.

He was opposed to Holy Rollers, Salvationists and Spiritualists, or church members who have no minister, where the elder, like turns at filling the pulpit, can marry people in Oregon. He wanted this ceremony legalized, and not performed indiscriminately by wildcat gospel mongers.

BILL TO CREATE NESMITH COUNTY IS INTRODUCED

HISTORICAL MEASURE CHAMPIONED BY SENATOR SELLING

The bill to create Nesmith county, over which there promises to be a red-hot fight, as it proposes to take away a slice of the sacred domain of Lane and Douglas, both historical territories big as the state of Maine, was introduced this morning in the senate by Hon. Ben Selling. This bill could not have had a more favorable percentage, as the big cloth-

ing man of Portland is a leader in just business propositions and the Solons of Lane and Douglas will have to hustle to keep this bill from getting a dangerous following. The creation of such a county would be a long deferred tribute to one of the greatest men produced in sectional days when the Oregon country was bigger than all Great Britain.

JONES BATTLES TO REIMBURSE INDIAN FIGHTERS

CLAIMS THE VETERANS DEFENDED THEIR LOG CABINS

The Hon. B. F. Jones, of the committee on military affairs, made a minority report on his bill to reimburse Indian War Veterans for loss of cabins and per diem.

Hatteburg made a majority report against the bill. The minority report is an eloquent argument that

the present generation pay what they owe the valiant pioneers who saved the country in their day quite as much as the Spanish war veterans or the Settlement Ours. Mr. Jones will be found at the bar next Monday, when it is made a special order at 2 p. m., when the oratory will flow.