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MISGUIDED AMERICAN DIPLOMACY SAYS JAPAN

Secretary of State Knox Manichurian Railway Policy Announced by Japan

MAY LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATION

Count Okuma Characterizes It As a "High-Handed Assumption of Dictatorial Power On the Part of the United States," While Others Hold It Up to Ridicule.

Tokio, Jan. 12.—Popular disapproval of the proposal of Secretary of State Knox of the United States to neutralize the Manchurian railways has reached a high pitch in Tokio, and much pressure is being brought to bear upon the government today for its rejection.

Japanese statesmen and diplomats here are a unit against the plan and characterize it as a "high-handed assumption of dictatorial power on the part of the United States." Count Okuma, leader of the progressive party, is loudest in his denunciations.

The action of England in endorsing Knox's proposal apparently has made little difference in the attitude of the Japanese officials. They unhesitatingly declare the secretary's move to be an "unreasonable

interference of the United States in Japanese diplomacy."

Many newspapers have professed not to be able to understand the real motive of the United States in authorizing it. Others conclude that the American government is retaliating for its refusal while endeavoring to secure a portion of the Antung-Manchurian railway loan.

In many quarters the plan is held to be a "high-handed assumption of dictatorial power on the part of the United States," and is being made the subject of serious attention.

"If the United States was so childish as to wish sincerely for the neutralization of all railways in America, and of all the countries of the world? She could do so in as good faith as America has made her proposal."

Everywhere in Japan the same feeling of resentment is evident today.

The action of the United States has brought up again the difficulties caused by the refusal of San Francisco to permit Japanese children to attend the public schools with the American children.

It is felt in many quarters that the resentment in Japan growing out of that incident merely has been slumbering, and that the misunderstanding between the two powers, caused by it, has grown to alarming proportions.

MAYOR RODGERS BUTTS UP AGAINST STUMBLING BLOCK

"Charter Makes No Provision for Election of Mayor," Says City Attorney Corby.

MAYOR MUST BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION

In Opinion of City Attorney Neither Council Can Elect or Call a Special Election to Elect a Successor to Mayor Rodgers Should He Formally Resign as Mayor of Salem.

"There seems to be no provision in the city charter for filling a vacancy in the office of city mayor except during temporary absence or illness, but the council has provided by ordinance for filling the vacancy when the same shall occur by resignation or otherwise," said City Attorney Grant Corby today when interviewed by a representative of the Capital Journal with relation to the legal course to be pursued in the election of a successor to Mayor Rodgers.

"But," he said, "and one of the peculiar characteristics of that word 'but' when it appears in an interview or a legal document is that it immediately proceeds to butt clear out of existence everything that has gone before, and this case is no exception. 'But,' he continued, "constructing this ordinance with section 6 of the charter it does not appear as far as I have been able to examine the subject at this time that the city council has any authority to either elect a mayor or call a special election by the voters to elect a mayor. I believe, however, that the city council has authority to appoint one of its members to act during the absence of the mayor, and it is to be hoped that the mayor will not formally resign, as his resignation might raise serious legal questions with regard to the subsequent proceedings of the council."

Must Await General Election.

That is in brief the opinion of the city attorney on the subject, and it is the opinion that he will render to the city council when it asks for guidance with relation to the matter. As expressed it is concise, clear and plain and needs but little comment or explanation. It simply means that should Mayor Rodgers formally resign the council is without authority to either elect a successor or to call upon the people to elect one by a special election, and that the successor in such an event must be elected by the people at the next general election.

The city attorney says, "I believe, however, that the city council has authority to appoint one of its members to act during the absence of the mayor," but that does not mean that it can elect a successor, should he formally resign, but merely some one to represent him while he is absent, and the mayor—Mayor Rodgers—in this case, would still remain the city's chief executive to all intents of the law.

May Yet Visit Holy Land.

While this opinion of the city attorney seems to dash to pieces the hopes of Mayor Rodgers to visit the Holy Land, and other parts of Europe, and also the hopes that have been expressed in the bosoms of a few to succeed him as the chief executive of the city, an ingenious construction placed on the charter by one of the lawyers of the city may solve the difficulty, and the mayor may yet be able to take his trip and some one of the candidates have the pleasure of discharging his work and duties while he is absent. The suggestion made is that the mayor avail himself of that clause of the charter which provides for the election of some one to act for him during his absence and that he take his trip and that some one of the candidates anxious to succeed him be elected to his place while he is sojourning among the Jews in Jerusalem and

the ruins of the once mighty and all powerful Egypt. But in that case he could not formally resign but would just be considered absent and while away across the seas in the Holy Land he would still be Salem's mayor and the man elected in his stead would be but an acting mayor—just representing him during his absence. It has been suggested, however, that even here a difficulty might be encountered as it is contended by some who claim to know that the charter provides that the mayor must not be absent from the city over 30 days, and in such an event, nothing short of an air ship could make the journey over and back within the required time. It is not certain, however, that there exists such a provision in the charter.

May Not Resign.

Ever since the mayor announced some time ago his intention of resigning his friends and admirers have been bringing pressure to bear upon him to reconsider his resolution, and in view of the fact that it has developed that his formal resignation would leave the city without a chief executive; and as City Attorney Corby says: "His resignation might raise serious legal questions with regard to the subsequent proceeding of the council"—a nice little loop hole for the mayor to crawl back to the mayor's chair through—this pressure is being redoubled, and it looks now very much as though he will reconsider his action and not resign.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE MAKES ELECTION BLUFF

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] London, Jan. 12.—Waldorf Astor, conservative parliamentary candidate from Plymouth, created a sensation here today when he offered to give \$2,500 to charity in the event of a conservative success in the coming election, if food prices increase during the first year following the adoption of the proposed protective tariff.

Charles Bayer, a wealthy manufacturer of Bath, followed Astor's lead with a similar offer to be paid if he does not hire an additional thousand employes within two years after the adoption of the tariff.

Astor's move was a new departure in the campaign methods of the conservatives in their efforts to convince the country that a protective tariff will benefit industrial England. The result of his unusual offer among the voters of his district is being watched with interest.

CITY WATER CONTAINS COLON INFECTION

Dr. O. B. Miles, secretary of the Salem health board, has received reports on the samples of water which he sent to Portland recently for analysis. The Portland experts pronounce the sample of water taken from the crib, which is sunk in the gravel bar in the Willamette river, absolutely pure and free of colon-bacilli, while the sample of water drawn from the pumps at the station immediately before it is found through the distribution pipes, contains colon infection.

Paul Wallace, an official of the local water company, said today: "We will not cease investigating favorable reports are submitted by those making a demonstration in Portland. The company is perfectly willing to follow any suggestion the city authorities may make

OLD MINER MURDERED IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

James McGuire Shot and Killed Angus Knapp Over a Disputed Claim.

BOTH OLD MEN OVER SIXTY YEARS OF AGE

Murderer Comes In and Gives Himself Up to the Sheriff—Has Been In Several Shooting Scrapes Before and Has a Reputation of Being a Bad Gun Man.

Grants Pass, Ore., Jan. 12.—Another murder has been added to Josephine county's long list. Yesterday afternoon, James McGuire shot and killed Angus Knapp over a disputed copper prospect on the Illinois river about forty miles from this city. The first news came from McGuire, who telephoned in to the sheriff as to what he had done and then came in this morning and gave himself up.

His story is that Knapp was attempting to jump his claim and was making threats against his life and that while he was going down to his mine yesterday he noticed Knapp skulking off in the brush near the trail.

Thinking his life in danger he immediately shot with his 25-35 and fired three shots and then came off and left the body.

Both parties were old men past sixty years of age.

McGuire has been in several shooting scrapes before and bears the reputation of being a bad gun man.

REFORMED SALOON MAN DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 12.—Word was received here today that Joseph Kelly, a wealthy liquor dealer who burned his stock after he was converted in a revival meeting conducted by Evangelist Yoakum of Los Angeles, is dead at a sanitarium at Belmont, Calif.

Heart disease was given as the cause of Kelly's death. His friends, however, declare that he has evidenced symptoms of mental strain since his spectacular conversion several weeks ago.

Kelly destroyed liquor worth \$2,500, and thousands of cigars, in the presence of 3,000 persons in the business section of Carson City.

MASKED HIGHWAYMAN SHOTS DEPUTY SHERIFF

Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 12.—Deputy Sheriff Andrew W. Lindquist was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by a masked highwayman who attempted to hold up the saloon of Albert Moore near the Contra Costa county line, north of this city early today.

Lindquist was wounded in the shoulder and another bullet penetrated the walls of his stomach.

PROGRAM OF CHERRY CITY IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

Following is the program for the first annual meeting of the Cherry City Improvement League at Eaton hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 12:

- Introductory Remarks,
- J. H. Ackerman, State Supt.
- Old Original Stairway Quartette.
- Fletcher Homan,
- President Willamette University.
- Hon. T. B. Kay,
- President Salem Board of Trade.
- Gideon Stolz,
- Chairman Park Committee.
- Mrs. P. H. Raymond,
- On Behalf of the Woman's Club.
- Old Original Stairway Quartette.
- J. M. Powers,
- City Superintendent of Schools.
- W. I. Staley,
- President Salem Y. M. C. A.
- Mayor Geo. F. Rodgers.
- Recess.
- Report of Nominating Committee.
- Election.
- Everybody invited. Free.

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