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JAPAN TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

SUGGESTED PLAN TO CONTROL EMIGRATION

Memorandum Seeking Friendly Method of Settlement Is Cabled to Washington.

Tokio, Jan. 1.—The Japanese government late yesterday evening handed to Ambassador O'Brien a memorandum containing a reply to the suggestions offered by the United States government some weeks ago, whereby the American government sought a friendly way to assist Japan in perfecting plans for the future restriction of emigration, thus effectually avoiding the possibility of friction over the question.

While the contents of the memorandum are carefully guarded, both at the Japanese foreign office and the American embassy, the Associated Press has reason to believe that the memorandum is couched in the most friendly terms, and that while it accepts some of American suggestions, it declines others as incompatible with the dignity of Japan and outlines plans for the further restriction of emigration to America.

The memorandum has been cabled to Washington, whence it is possible a counter suggestion will be forthcoming, but it is estimated that Japan thinks that the memorandum will form the basis whereon the system controlling labor emigration, which will be immediately enforced, would effectually avoid complaints which have arisen in consequence of the restrictions inaugurated last spring.

Officials of the Japanese foreign office, talking to the Associated Press, have said that the system controlling labor emigration, which will be immediately enforced, would effectually avoid complaints which have arisen in consequence of the restrictions inaugurated last spring.

While not desiring to shirk the responsibility for these mistakes, the officials of the foreign office point out that it would be foolish to charge the Japanese government with a wilful breach of faith.

The Japanese government having carefully investigated the details, has discovered the causes of the failure of previous plans and now proposes to demonstrate its ability to effectively prevent the emigration of laborers who are needed in the development of Japan.

The consensus of opinion of American residents in Japan shows confidence in the sincerity of the Japanese government and its competency to control emigration as well as its desire to maintain friendly relations with America.

It is pointed out that its concession to Canada, limiting emigration to that country, is a part of its entire scheme of control, because Vancouver afforded an opportunity for large numbers of Japanese crossing the border into America.

A prominent Japanese official said today to the Associated Press: "It matters not whether America controls immigration from Japan or Japan controls immigration to America."

Difficulties must arise in administration. Japan is now coping with a difficult situation resulting from mistakes of its own administration in the past.

"We have discovered the mistakes and we think that Americans should allow us to show that we are willing and able to rectify them."

SUCCESS OF ANTI-SUICIDE BUREAU

Over 2000 Have Sought Assistance of General Booth's World Wide Scheme.

London, Jan. 1.—The Anti-Suicide Bureau, which was organized in 1890, has issued a review of its work for the past year. Altogether 1,125 persons sought the assistance of the bureau to save them from self-destruction while at least 2,000 persons applied at the bureau in the past year.

It appears from the review that seekers for help belonged mainly to the middle classes. More than 1,000 were men, and 1,000 were women. The review also shows that the bureau has been successful in preventing 1,125 suicides and in helping to surmount their difficulties.

In Abyssinia the wife is master. If her husband offends her she can turn him out of the house and his belongings are hers.

JOSEPH ETHIER DEAD.

Geo. McCulla, Who Shot Him in Vancouver Saloon Brawl, Under Arrest.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 2.—Joseph Ethier, the rancher, of Vernon, who was shot on Monday night by George McCulla following a saloon brawl, died today.

Ethier and McCulla, who were both old residents of the province, had been drinking heavily and met in the Victoria hotel bar. Ethier was abusive and insulting. McCulla pulled his gun and fired one shot into the ceiling. Ethier ran for the door and McCulla shot him in the back. McCulla is under arrest.

CONVICTED DOUMA MEMBERS.

Russian Senate to Give Final Decision in Case.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The case of the members of the first Duma, who were convicted for signing the Viborg manifesto, and sentenced to three months imprisonment, will be carried before the senate, the highest tribunal in Russia. The defendants held a meeting yesterday and voted a warm appreciation of the brilliant services of the counsel for the defence.

BELL TELEPHONES IN MANITOBA

GOVERNMENT HAS PURCHASED SYSTEM

Amount to be Paid Company \$3,300,000—Negotiations in Alberta and Saskatchewan

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Premier Roblin, at the close of the cabinet meeting on Saturday, stated that the Manitoba government had purchased the business and plant of the Bell Telephone Company in Manitoba at a price of \$3,300,000, and had purchased supplies and equipment, in addition, to the amount of \$100,000.

Payment will be made in 44 years in 4 per cent. debentures at par. The Bell company will now proceed to negotiate the sale of its systems in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

ELKS ELECTED OFFICERS.

Canadian Benevolent and Protective Order, Met in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 2.—The supreme lodge of the Canadian Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has selected the following officers: Supreme exalted ruler, D. A. Young, Montreal; supreme esteemed lecturer, G. H. Parsons, Ottawa; esteemed loyal knight, B. S. Brown, Vancouver; supreme chaplain, J. F. Ravens; supreme leading knight, D. W. F. Nicholas, Winnipeg; supreme secretary, J. C. Mundle, Montreal; supreme treasurer, H. Oser Wade, Toronto; supreme squire, Berd Ingalls, Brantford; supreme tyler, A. T. Holliswell, Edmonton; trustees, A. T. Hunter Regina; G. W. Pirie, Calgary; A. E. Kirkpatrick, Toronto; committee on laws, Messrs. Taylor, Winnipeg; Pitkins, Petrol, Sheppard, Montreal; committee on grievances and appeals, Messrs. Pulford, Winnipeg; Crossin, Toronto; Lewis Ottawa.

GREAT HOTEL FIRE.

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 2.—The Colonial Arms, the largest summer hotel on the north shore, was burned last night, with nearly all its furnishings. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

HANDS AND FEET FROZEN.

Clareholm, Alb., Jan. 2.—D. McLean, a clerk in a lumber company mill, has been brought into the town with both feet and hands frozen. He wandered in the hills for six hours in the night before he got through where he was living.

NINE VICTIMS IN MINE EXPLOSION

Bernal Colliery in Mexico Scene of Disaster—American Boss Among Killed.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 31.—At least nine miners were killed and three fatally and two seriously injured in an explosion of gas and coal dust today in the Bernal mine at Sarthage, New Mexico.

Ol Wilcox, an American mine boss, is among the dead. The others were Mexicans and half Mexicans.

Had not the explosion occurred during the noon hour, the death list might have been larger.

MAYOR ELECTED IN TORONTO

JOSEPH OLIVER WON BY SWEEPING MAJORITY

Liberal Candidate Pooled More Than Twice as Many Votes as Dr. Beattie Nesbitt

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2.—Joseph Oliver, Liberal, was yesterday elected mayor, polling a vote of 14,022 against 7,172 for G. R. Geary, 6,504 for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, 3,701 for James Simpson, (Socialist), and 964 for Hiles Vokes.

The power-by-law was carried by a majority of 1,495. The board of control is composed of Messrs. Hooker, Spence, Ward and Harrison; Aldermen, Chisholm, Stewart, Sanderson, Church, Hales, Foster, McBride, Basmough, Beadling, Vaughan, McMurrich, Lyle, Graham, Whitlock, Keeler, McGhie, Graham and McCausland.

DUCE-PORTLAND CASE.

Chalmers Still Believes That Lead Filled Coffin Will Be Found.

London, Jan. 1.—The attorneys of George Hollamby Duce, the claimant for the vast estate of the Duke of Portland, and for the Duke's title, have given out a statement expressing dissatisfaction over the conduct of the exhumation of the body of Thomas Charles Duce, because the floor of the vault was not opened. They say that their representative at the exhumation was instructed to demand that this be done, because they had received letters from the duke's wife containing lead would be found here.

HARDEN-VON MOLTKE SUIT.

Editor Accused of Libelling Count Too Sick to Appear in Court.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, is now being tried a second time on the charge of having libelled Count Kuno von Moltke in his paper, is seriously ill and was unable to appear in court today when the hearing was resumed.

The court was adjourned while officials and physicians proceeded to his residence to ascertain whether he is capable of appearing before the court today to give his testimony.

DISCOVER LOST WORDS OF CHRIST

Saying Found in Egypt Is Given to World for First Time.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Daily News yesterday printed the following: "A new saying of Christ, lost to the world for 1300 years and found in Egypt, was given to the world for the first time today by Professor Henry A. Sanders, of the University of Michigan, addressing the members of the archaeological institute, now in session at the university of Chicago. The fragment is part of an old Bible, dating back to the Moslem conquest of Egypt, and on its face is so authentic as to disarm hostile criticism."

"The long lost fragment belongs to the 16th chapter of St. Mark, and follows the 14th verse. It relates to the story of Christ's appearance, following his death, by 11 of his apostles in Jerusalem.

"With the new verse the Bible reads thus: "Mark 16:14—'And they answered, saying that this sign of unrighteousness and unbelief is under the power of Satan, who does not permit the things which made are made impure by the evil spirits to comprehend the truth of God and His power. For this reason, 'Reveal thy righteousness now,' they said to Christ, and Christ said to them: 'The sign of the years of the power of Satan has been fulfilled, but other terrible things are at hand, and I was delivered unto death on behalf of those who sinned in order that they may return to the truth and sin, to the end that they may inherit the spiritual, indestructible glory of righteousness which is in heaven.'

"Professor Sanders declared that the new found manuscript also contains what is known as the liturgical end of the Lord's prayer. The text was found, he said, by Charles L. Freer, of Detroit, who was searching in Egypt for additions to his collection."

A disappearing paper has now been devised for lovers' correspondence. It is steeped in sulphuric acid, and after a certain time it crumbles into dust.

BUGS IN FOODSTUFFS.

Analysis of Pennsylvania Comestibles Discloses Forbidding Features.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—According to the report of an analytical examination of 83 breakfast foods sold in Pennsylvania made under the direction of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner Fouts, numerous worms and bugs were found in the samples.

The examinations were made by Professor William C. G. Stovall, a college, who arrived here last night to take up with Commissioner Fouts the matter of the prosecution of the firms who sold misbranded and unfit foods.

COMMISSION IN LIFE GUARDS.

Jacob Astor Is Second Lieutenant in England's Frontier Regiment.

London, Jan. 2.—Jacob Astor, a son of William Waldorf Astor, who in 1906 was appointed to a probationary rank of second lieutenant in the "First Life Guards, has passed the necessary qualifying examinations, and obtained his commission as a second lieutenant in the Life Guards.

REDUCTION IN BANK OF ENGLAND RATE

Weekly Statement of Great Financial Institution Is of Improved Character

London, Jan. 2.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from 7 to 6 per cent. today.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, increased \$1,780,000; circulation, increased \$6,000; bullion, increased \$1,777,831; other securities increased, \$1,773,000; other deposits increased, \$1,351,000; public deposits, increased \$1,333,000; notes received, increased \$1,844,000; government securities, increased \$1,000,000; the proportion of the bank's authorized liabilities this week is 48.92 per cent., compared with 48.59 per cent. last week.

DOUKHOBORS IN NATURE'S GARB

Six Men and Six Women in Nude Condition Amaze Inhabitants of Fort William

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 2.—Twelve Doukhobors marched from house to house yesterday where they live in the city, and walked absolutely nude through the city streets.

The party, six men and six women, were finally herded into a blind alley on Simpson street and then placed in cabs and escorted back to their house by Chief Dodds and a guard placed over them.

The parade caused great excitement. They have been very quiet and orderly up to the present and have been working around the city. Seventy-nine are now here. The authorities are communicating with Ottawa.

GERMAN CASTLE PREY OF FLAMES

Fire Started in Bedroom of Prince Eitel Frederick, Son of Emperor William.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—A fire broke out this morning in the bedroom of Prince Eitel Frederick, third son of the Emperor William in the chateau of Bellevue, located in the Tiergarten, where the Prince at present is residing.

Considerable damage to the contents of the castle was done before the fire was extinguished. The chateau was built in 1885.

REFINERY FOR OTTAWA MINT

Addition to New Institution to be Erected at Cost of \$15,000.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—There will be a refinery constructed in connection with the Ottawa mint. The gold and silver which comes from the smelter cannot be refined upon as being of the proper degree of purity, or the proper consistency or fibre for coinage.

JAPS ATTACKED VANCOUVERITES

FIREMEN SLASHED WITH HEAVY KNIVES

Yellow Men Fought Like Demons Until Struggle Was Ended by Police

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 2.—Three city firemen, Frost, Anderson and McDonald, were set upon by a small mob of knife-armed Japanese yesterday at the corner of Powell street and Gore avenue, two blocks from the police station.

The men were clothed in distinctive uniforms, with brass buttons, and the attack of the Japanese is all the more serious for that reason.

By accident Frost fell against the window of a Japanese store and smashed the plate glass. In an instant the Japanese proprietor rushed out. Many of his countrymen immediately came to join in the fight, for it was in the centre of the Japanese district that the incident occurred.

Frost is probably mortally hurt, for his neck was cut and slashed and laid open for four inches, and two inches deep, alongside the jugular vein. The men were frightfully mangled, but McDonald and Anderson were still fighting over the body of Frost when a squad of police arrived.

Four Japanese were arrested and the three firemen were taken to the hospital.

The Japanese fought like demons, and some of the knives they carried were of the keenest.

ILLNESS OF CZARINA.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—It is learned that the present condition of the Empress Alexandra, who has been ill for some time from the grip, and in a weakened condition as the result of a severe regimen to reduce her weight, is complicated by expectations of childbirth.

SKATING AT FORT WILLIAM.

Fort William, Jan. 2.—The Kam river and Thunder Bay were frozen over yesterday for the first time this season and many enjoyed a skate to Welcome island, a distance of seven miles.

FLAMES THREATEN ENTIRE TOWN

Coal Centre in Pennsylvania Seat of Raging Fire—Damage to Mine \$100,000

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—Fire is raging in Coal Centre, about 50 miles south of here. It is feared that most of the town will be destroyed. The fire started in the tipple of the Vesta mine, owned by the Jones & Laughlin Co., of Pittsburg, which was completely destroyed. The loss on the tipple, it is said, will exceed \$100,000.

Early this morning the flames had swept an area equal to a city block, and were still spreading. Most of the buildings so far destroyed are small and inexpensive.

THE BERRING PARSON.

Deserted Wife to Say if Rev. Knobe Cooke Be Recalled From San Francisco.

New York, Jan. 1.—"I will immediately ask for the extradition of Rev. Jere Knobe Cooke, who eloped with Flora Whaley, of Hempstead, Long Island, just as soon as I receive word from Mrs. Cooke that he is to be made defendant in abandonment proceedings," said District Attorney Franklin A. Coles, of Nassau county yesterday.

"Under present circumstances I do not see any other way open to me," he added. "I shall be glad to have him brought back and tried for whatever crime a Nassau county grand jury indicted him, but I do not feel like sending three thousand miles for him unless his wife takes the initiative. I am waiting to hear from her."

DIED TO SAVE CHILDREN.

New York Mother Shut Girls Out of Room While She Burned to Death.

New York, Jan. 2.—From a shabby little flat on Second avenue on Tuesday was held the funeral of a woman who gave her life to save her two little children. None of the neighbors knew much about Mrs. Mary Nautsch except that her husband never appeared, and she worked fifteen hours a day in a laundry to care for her two little children, aged six and nine years. The other night after returning from her work she sat down by the fire and dropped asleep while waiting for the two little girls to return from a Sunday school Christmas tree.

When they entered she jumped up suddenly and her skirt caught fire. The children rushed to her, but she resolutely pushed them out into the hall and locked the door that their clothes might not catch fire.

By this time Mrs. Nautsch's thin clothes were a mass of flames, and neighbors who rushed in and extinguished the flames found her unconscious. She died at a hospital.

Neighbors are caring for the little girls, who will probably have to be turned over to an institution.

TWO VICTIMS OF BURNING PIT

TERRIBLE DEATH IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE

Explosion Caused by Molten Steel Coming in Contact With Damp Sheathing.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—Two men were killed and thirteen injured by an explosion in converter No. 3 of the Edgar Thomas plant of the U. S. Steel Corporation at North Braddock, seven miles east of here, yesterday.

The two men killed were foreigners. Six of the men injured were Americans, and the other a Slav. All were removed to an hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement of the cause of the explosion has been issued, but old converter mill men say the cause could hardly be other than that some of the molten metal sifted through the soapstone lining of the converter and came in contact with the steel sheathing, which perhaps was damp.

When the explosion occurred the bottom of the converter dropped out, throwing 150 tons of molten metal in the pit where fifteen men were working at the ladles. There was no explosion when the hot mass of steel struck the bottom of the pit, but instead flames of burning gas were sent up which burned the men in the pit.

The two men who were killed had been working under the converter, and their bodies were terribly mangled. The force of the explosion blew the sheet iron roof off of the converter mill and caused two of the walls to collapse, besides breaking all the windows in the vicinity.

PETTIBONE VERY ILL.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 2.—George A. Pettibone has been in the hospital since the adjournment of the court on Tuesday and his condition is very serious. He says, however, that he will be able to be in court today when he predicts the end of his trial.

INLAND REVENUE BILL.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—At today's cabinet council the legislative measures to be introduced this session were discussed, and the inland revenue bill was under discussion.

FRENCH SUCCESSSES IN MOROCCO

Rebel Chiefs Surrender to General Lianty—Mountain Fastnesses Pierced, Indemnities Paid

Lalla Maghnia, Algeria, Jan. 2.—General Lianty, commanding the French troops here, considers that the operations against the frontier territory are ended, and that they have met with complete success, his men having penetrated the mountain fastnesses, and Marabout, Boutchich, the prime instigator of hostilities toward the French and the few remaining chiefs having surrendered yesterday.

A BLOCKADE ON ISLAND LINE

CARS REPORTED ARE TO BE SIDE TRACKED

Officials of E. & N. Tell of Congestion Owing to Lack of Terminal Facilities

(From Thursday's Daily).

There is a steadily growing business on the E. & N. railway. The transportation facilities have had to keep pace with the expansion of business which has occurred in Victoria as a distributing centre, as reflected in the bank clearings, greater during the past year than ever before in the history of the place.

Owing to inadequate terminal facilities, this increase in traffic has produced great inconvenience to the business men of the city and to the railway system itself. It has resulted more than once in retarding the transportation service, making it difficult for merchants to get delivery of the goods they were expecting.

An inquiry at railway headquarters this morning elicited the information that the road is paralyzed by the greatest blockade which it has ever known. No less than 125 cars of freight are crowded onto the sidings between Victoria and Ladysmith awaiting delivery in the city. About 50 of these cars are lying in the Victoria yard. The balance of them are located here and there over the line.

When will the merchandise get delivery of their goods? That is a question which even Superintendent Goodfellow was troubled to answer. In fact he said it was a question which he could not answer.

Needless to say Mr. Goodfellow is hoping for an early settlement of the questions which are hindering the preparation of the company's new terminals on Store street.

COAL GAS VICTIM.

Caron, Sask., Jan. 2.—Harry Baker, young English home-steward of Lake Valley, 16 miles northwest of here, died this morning as the result of an explosion of coal gas from his stove on Sunday night.

CANNOT IDENTIFY WOMEN IN RED

Police Baffled in Gruesome New Jersey Murder Mystery—Blood-hounds to be Used.

New York, Jan. 2.—The mystery surrounding the murder of the woman in red is as impossible as ever, today as when her nude body was discovered in Christmas day, partially concealed in the water and slime of a forbidden pond near Harrison, N. J.

Baffled at every turn the detectives have failed to find a single clue to lead to the identity of the woman or her slayer. The identification of the dead woman by Mrs. Hull and Detective Drabell, of Orange, N. J., have completely collapsed, and left the case more puzzling than ever.

Word was received from Philadelphia yesterday that Agnes O'Keefe, who detective Drabell believed the murdered woman to be, had been found in that city. Mrs. Hull's identification is not credited by the police.

Acting Mayor Daly of Harrison, N. J., announced yesterday that the city council would offer a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of the woman. In the hope of finding a clue in the way of effects, the pond is to be dragged.

The famous police hounds which Police Commissioner Egan imported recently for trailing malfactors on the outskirts of the city, will be used to trail the murderer. Chief of Police Rogers, of Harrison, N. J., has telephoned Inspector McGaffery, of the detective bureau, for the use of the dogs.

DEATH OF EDITOR.

Wichita, Kans., Jan. 2.—Marshall M. Murdock, editor and proprietor of the Wichita Eagle, and father of Congressman Victoria Murdock, died early today aged 72 years.