

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES

RELATIONS DECLARED TO BE STRAINED

While Situation is Serious, Nothing Has Occurred to Preclude Pacific Settlement.

London, Eng., July 10.—The correspondence of the Daily Telegraph at The Hague sends a column dispatch which purports to reflect the views there on the Japanese-American situation, which he declares to be more absorbing than the conference itself.

The correspondent says that as a result of his inquiries he learns that the situation is really strained, although both governments are trying to conceal the fact. He asserts that since June 20th the question has entered upon an acute phase. Japan has been sending the United States extremely categorical notes, stating without bitterness, but in the clearest terms, that unless Washington is able to control California, Japan will consider herself free to act directly against it. Nothing, however, has been exchanged precluding a pacific settlement, but many of the Japanese at The Hague are of the opinion that the Japanese government ought to act without delay and not give America time to utilize her vast resources and economic possibilities, a hundredfold greater than Japan's, to perfect warlike preparations.

In an editorial article the Telegraph says it does not identify itself with the statements of its correspondent at The Hague, believing that to be charged with undue despondency. At the same time, the paper continues, they are made upon a notable authority, and they cannot be read without profound uneasiness. The Telegraph is convinced, however, that the statements of both countries will be strong enough and sane enough to hold mad chauvinism in leash.

"Nevertheless," the paper declares, "it is impossible to deny the danger of the situation. The present peace conference from its opening has been a disagreement and friction tending to destroy instead of improving the relations of the powers. The last assembly at The Hague was followed by great conflicts. We can only pray that the present one may not be succeeded by more terrible calamities."

In conclusion, after a full discussion of the points of difference, the Telegraph declares it is not a color question, but fundamentally an economic question. It says further: "We trust our allies will not only realize that the point of national honor has been accidentally caught up with the problem, but is not permanently involved in it. Any attempt to settle the question by arms, whatever the immediate issue, would mean sooner or later a hundred years' conflict."

Metcalf's Statement.

Oakland, Cal., July 9.—Secretary of Navy Metcalf, who has been given the order for a cruise of the great battleship squadron from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, the secretary said last night that the proposed movement was that of a practice cruise, and that the fleet would not be kept in the Pacific. He declared that the length of time that the fleet would remain on the western side of the continent has not yet been decided.

PREMIER MCBRIDE ON WAY TO COAST

Wants to Be of All Service He Can to Conservative Party of Canada.

Toronto, July 9.—Premier McBride, of British Columbia, reached Toronto this morning en route to the West and after a short stay here, will leave for home. He was a much sought man today, and was interviewed by a number of prominent Conservatives and local members.

Interviewed regarding the story that he was to oppose Hon. Mr. Templeman, Premier McBride said: "I have denied that, of course, with this modification, that I am not to be bound for future. I don't know what time may bring forth. When the elections come round I may oppose Hon. Mr. Templeman. I want to be of all the service I can to the Conservative party of the Dominion. I want to reciprocate the sympathy and assistance of the Conservatives at Ottawa given me in my election in the province of British Columbia. I do not think the people of British Columbia have been fairly treated at Ottawa. There has been altogether too much interference with provincial rights by the government of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is head, and speaking for British Columbia, I will fight that kind of thing from breakfast to bedtime."

MYSTERIOUS ASSAULT.

Man's Throat Cut While He Was Asleep.

Bellingham, July 9.—A mysterious stabbing affray came to light last night when the news became known that Joe Carlson, a roomer at the Great Northern hotel, at Dock and Chestnut streets, had been stabbed in his sleep yesterday morning. The cut in his throat was deep but not dangerous, and was sewed up without Carlson being moved to the hospital.

Carlson was found yesterday morning by the landlord of the hotel lying unconscious in a blood-soaked bed. When he regained consciousness, Carlson could give no clear account of the deadly assault.

RIDING MASTER KILLED.

Thrown From Horse and Sustained Injuries Which Caused Almost Instant Death.

New York, July 10.—Vincent Dimarco, a riding master with the central park academy, who taught the equestrian art to many of the society women of the younger set in New York, was almost instantly killed on the bridge path in park last night. He was thrown from a skittish horse and landing on his head sustained injuries which he survived but a few moments.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Ottawa, July 10.—A report from Trade Agent Larke, Australia, says New Zealand's population is 908,726, an increase from 714,182 in 1906. Canadian exports to Australia were \$303,751, an increase of \$72,770 over 1906. Imports to Canada from Australia amounted to \$72,858, an increase of \$29,400.

SCHMITZ WAS REFUSED BAIL

NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT HIS ATTORNEYS

Other Cases Laid Over for a Week—Supervisors Select Acting Mayor.

San Francisco, July 9.—Judge Dunne this morning refused to admit Schmitz to bail and denied him the privilege of visiting his attorneys. When Schmitz appeared in court he was self-possessed, as defiant and apparently as confident as he was yesterday. He came for the double purpose of asking for bail and answering the indictments charging him with accepting bribes from the gas company and the United Railroads. In the first he failed.

Attorney Drew offered his motions to set aside the indictments and to stay the proceedings. They are identical in terms with those filed in the other cases. Then he offered a stipulation that all the proceedings taken before Judge Lawlor in the gas, trolley and telephone cases should be considered as if made on behalf of Schmitz. This Attorney Johnson readily agreed to, but instead of filing a written compact he thought that the same could be accomplished by an oral stipulation which could be incorporated in the record. Attorney Drew consented.

Johnson then moved that all the motions be limited to a continuance of a week for the purpose of enabling him to look over the record. Then came Schmitz' application for release on bail.

"If your honor please," said Drew, "I have an application for release on bail."

"The defence served formal notice at my office yesterday afternoon," replied District Attorney Langdon, "of their application and affidavit. I was absent and did not receive the notice until ten minutes before 10 o'clock this morning. I have not had time therefore to make the counter showing I desire. Will your honor give us until tomorrow morning to do so?"

"The application may go over until that time," replied the court.

"But, remember, your honor," retorted Fairall, "we gave notice in open court yesterday."

Judge Dunne made no reply.

"Will your honor permit the defendant to come to our offices to-day?" asked Drew.

"No," replied the court.

"You refuse, then, to let him come to our office," persisted Drew.

"The application is denied," replied the court.

"But your honor, the business is very important. We have about twenty-five other indictments for which to prepare," declared Drew.

"It is not necessary for him to be present in the preparation of legal papers," was the court's comment.

Schmitz left the court room with his attorneys on his return journey to the county jail, where he will have to wait until the papers for his appeal are prepared. They are now in the hands of a printer and will be ready Saturday.

Acting Mayor.

San Francisco, July 9.—The board of supervisors, in special session to-day, elected Charles Boxton, a member of the board to succeed Supervisor James J. Gallagher as acting mayor of the city. It is understood that the selection of Boxton is only temporary.

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SURVEYING TO SPROAT LAKE

ROUTE WHICH PARTY IS NOW COVERING

News From Alberni—Activity Evident at Centre on West Coast of Island.

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MAY PLEAD INSANITY.

Likely to Be Defence in Case of Teller Charged with Stealing \$96,000.

New York, July 10.—That a plea of insanity may be the defence of Chester B. Runyan, the paying teller of the Windsor Trust Company, charged with stealing \$96,000 of the trust company's funds, was indicated by his counsel when Runyan was arraigned. His counsel entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of grand larceny and asked for an adjournment until Monday. He said he had been informed the prisoner's maternal grandmother died in an insane asylum and Mrs. Runyan believed her husband's mind affected. Runyan said he entered a plea of not guilty, with the privilege of withdrawing it and demurring to the indictment, with the view of asking for the appointment of a commission.

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SEARCHING FOR SKEENA VICTIMS

WRECKAGE IS MENACE TO NAVIGATION

Steamer Northwest Crashed Into Ring Bolt Island Shortly Before Mount Royal Catastrophe.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A dispatch was received yesterday by the local marine and fisheries department to the effect that the wreckage of the steamer Mount Royal in Kitsuas canyon constituted a menace to navigation. The dispatch, which came from Capt. Johnson, the master of the Mount Royal, asked if he should have the wreck blown up by dynamite. This will be done when it has been ascertained that none of the bodies of the victims are entangled in the wreckage which marks the scene of the disaster.

Although three search parties have been engaged during the past few days going up and down the banks of Kitsuas canyon, and also further down the stream, their efforts towards locating the five bodies of the victims have proved fruitless. All down the banks the stream is marked with wrecks and crannies, and the task is therefore a very difficult one. The search will continue without intermission, and it is fully expected that the bodies of the unfortunate men will come to light before many days have passed.

On the morning of the 3rd of July, a week ago, as the steamer Northwest was approaching this dangerous spot at 8.30 in the morning, she crashed into the rocks at almost the identical point where the Mount Royal was wrecked. The bow of the Northwest was protected by artificial work, and this crumpled up and was carried away by the force of the collision. The wreckage saved the Northwest from shipwreck, and she swung off the rocks and proceeded on her course.

The following special dispatch was received yesterday from Aberdeen, at the mouth of the Skeena river: First Officer Lewis and Fireman Frayne were killed by the explosion of the boiler of the Mount Royal. The explosion occurred when the vessel turned turtle and the members of the crew were carried under.

Joseph Offutt, deckhand of the Mount Royal, told the Province correspondent here to-day that when he was floating through the canyon on the wreckage he saw Pursur O'Keefe swimming bravely towards him, but the young man was carried under in a whirlpool, and disappeared. Offutt was on the upper deck handling lines when the vessel turned completely over, carrying him under. When he came to the surface he found himself near some wreckage, and with other persons he climbed on the upturned bottom of the boat.

A small boat with two lady passengers, Mrs. Phillips and Miss Tomlinson, arrived at Hazelton early this morning, having travelled nearly all night. They were brought down by Indians and two of the deckhands.

A larger canoe, with part of the crew and several other passengers, arrived at Hazelton this morning. The remains were turned over to Mr. W. A. Wadhams, who will have the body placed in a sealed coffin for forwarding to relatives of the young man at Hazelton. The body will be sent by the Princess Beatrice, which passed here this morning on her way north.

The survivors who arrived at Hazelton declared that it was simply miraculous that every one aboard was not drowned. All speak in glowing terms of the bravery and presence of mind of the crew during the disaster.

It is believed that the engines of the vessel can be recovered from the after part of the hull, which is stranded on a bar at the foot of the canyon. The steamer Northwest, which has for several days been undergoing repairs here for injuries to her bow from striking on the same rock which brought the end of the Mount Royal, will leave to-morrow for Hazelton. The Hudson's Bay steamer Hazelton, on the Skeena, is coming down this afternoon to take the Skeena run for the remainder of the season.

FRENCH PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

Next Year He Will Visit England, Norway, Denmark and Sweden and Probably Russia.

Paris, July 9.—The plan for President Fallieres' trip abroad next year will be much more extensive than the one which was abandoned owing to the interior situation in France. He will first visit King Haakon of Norway, King Frederick of Denmark and King Oscar of Sweden, and may continue his journey to St. Petersburg and visit the Emperor Nicholas, but this has not yet been definitely decided upon.

The Saturday afternoon is the oldest British holiday. It originated in the eleventh century, when an edict of King Canute enacted that every Sunday be kept from Saturday noon to Monday dawn.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Moscow, July 9.—Mme. Froimkina, who in March last attempted to assassinate General Rheibolt, the ex-perfect of police, and on May 13th made an attempt to murder an inspector of political prisons, was sentenced to death.

Electric furnaces at Notodden, Norway, are capable of producing about 1,000 tons of Chile saltpetre annually.

ENTERTAINED BY PUNCH.

Mark Twain Guest of Staff of London Comic Weekly.

London, July 10.—The staff of Punch entertained Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) at dinner last night. The guests sat down at the famous dining table which is carved all over with the initials of generations of the most famous of British writers. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Clemens by little girls of the framed original of a cartoon which recently appeared in Punch in which Punch is portrayed offering a toast to Mr. Clemens.

DESTROYED BY TORNADO.

Bloomfield, Neb., July 10.—A tornado swept the country near Alda, in South-east Nebraska, Sunday night, injuring four, one fatally, and destroying several buildings. The Lutheran church in Columbia was wrecked and a score of small buildings blown down.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

CONVENTION OPENS IN SEATTLE TO-DAY

Number of Local Delegates Will Attend—Many Meetings to Be Held.

Quite a number of people left on the Indianapolis and Princess May on Tuesday to attend the Christian Endeavor convention in Seattle. Among those who left were Rev. S. J. Thompson, Rev. A. E. Roberts, Rev. Mr. Francis, of Salt Spring, and Misses Scottcroft. Anyone, whether delegate or not, can attend the convention by registering on arrival and paying registration fee of \$1.

Persons not being members of any Christian Endeavor society will be registered as "unaffiliated members of the convention," and have equal rights with official delegates. Mark all baggage "Victoria, B. C., Canada," to save confusion on arrival.

The general secretary will attend the departure of each boat to in any way assist delegates, and any necessary information can be obtained from her by applying at 229 Pandora avenue, or addressing Drawer 704, P. O.

Special badges for British Columbia delegates can be obtained on the wharf. Delegates will be prepared to give reports at large Christian Endeavor rally on their return.

Many Meetings Arranged.

Seattle, July 10.—It is expected that by noon to-day 20,000 visitors will be in the city to attend the convention of the Christian Endeavor Society. Yesterday witnessed the arrival of delegations from Massachusetts, Texas, Nebraska, Michigan, Colorado, Indiana, New York, West Virginia, North and South Dakota, Ohio and other states, as well as from the various provinces of Canada.

To accommodate the vast multitude, the capacity of every hotel in the city will be taxed to its utmost, while every boarding house in the city has been called upon to requisition.

Every church in the city has been decorated in honor of the occasion, and business houses have vied with each other to show that they appreciate the visit of the Christian Endeavorers to the city. All public buildings and streets will be illuminated during the convention, which will last five days.

The sessions of the convention will be held in a large tent erected especially for the purpose, while non-evangelistic services and auxiliary services will be held in the Seattle theatre and various halls and churches. A large number of praise and song meetings will also be held at the various churches. Conferences and celebrations will also be held by different denominations during the life of the convention. These meetings will include addresses on Christian Endeavor subjects by a number of noted speakers.

The annual business meetings will be held this afternoon in the Hotel Lincoln. At this meeting the officers and trustees of the United Society for the ensuing year will be elected and the annual reports of the officers and business agents will be presented. This will be followed by a meeting of the trustees of the United Society.

The regular opening business of the convention will take place this evening, with Rev. Dr. F. E. Clark, president of the United Society, presiding. Addresses of welcome to the delegates will be made by Gov. Albert E. Mead, representing the State of Washington; the representative of the city of Seattle, and Chairman F. Edgar Barth, on behalf of the convention. The President Clark will respond to these salutations and deliver his annual address, and General Secretary Shaw and Treasurer Lathrop also will be heard. Vice-President Fairbanks will address the convention on Friday evening.

SHOT HIS WIFE.

Attempted Murder by Syrian—Woman Is in a Critical Condition.

St. John, N. B., July 9.—Tom David, a Syrian, shot his wife twice in the abdomen while they were walking through a crowded street in McAdam, on the C. P. R., yesterday. Mrs. David, who until recently lived with her husband at Lower Mass., ran away and joined the Syrian colony at Woodstock, N. B. She is very beautiful and has two children. David came here to get her to return, but the couple quarrelled on the way back, and when they were near the station, he shot her. He was preparing to shoot a third time when Jack Powers, of St. John, once heavyweight champion of America, sprang forward and struck David on the jaw, knocking him down. David was arrested and is now in jail. His wife is lying in the Woodstock hospital in a dying condition.

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ALD. HALL ON WATER QUESTION

ADVICE IN CASE OF ADVERSE DECISION

He Would Favor Looking Into Sooke Lake's Possibilities as Source of Supply.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Ald. Hall, who has all along taken such a deep interest in the water question, was asked this morning what his decision would be the outcome if the decision in the city's appeal before the Privy Council now anxiously awaited, went against the municipality and in favor of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company. Ald. Hall was somewhat loath to express an opinion until the judgment was handed down, but in view of the fact that the city had to be prepared for an adverse decision as well as in its favor, he finally expressed his view of the situation.

He advocates a full examination into the situation at Sooke Lake if the Privy Council gives a decision against the city. Ald. Hall points out that he has always held the opinion that Sooke Lake as a source of supply for the city should be fully looked into. It was for that reason that he suggested when the expert Adams was here that he should look into its possibilities. The suggestion then made by him was acted upon and a report obtained from Adams on that as a source of supply.

The expert reported that the expenditure involved would, in his opinion, be too great to warrant the city undertaking the scheme of deriving water from there.

Ald. Hall, however, thinks that should the judgment of the Privy Council be against the city the Sooke Lake proposition ought to be carefully gone into. It is possible that a careful examination might reveal the fact that there is a place where, by tunnelling, the water main might be brought into the city by a much less circuitous route, and therefore at less expense than the generally accepted way.

In any event, the cost might be reduced to a figure which would make it more feasible than the present plan. He is expected to have to pay for the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's possessions if the judgment is to the effect that the company has the sole right to the Goldstream supply.

Ald. Hall thinks that the Esquimalt company would probably want about one million and a third for their rights. The decision is in the city's favor. The cost of the conduct of the water to the city added to this would bring the total expense to Victoria to over \$20,000. He says that he is not at all sure that an investigation of the situation at Sooke Lake might result in it being found that the water might be brought from there to the city at little less cost than the acquisition and conveyance of the Goldstream supply.

At the same time Ald. Hall is not in favor of the city relinquishing any rights to the Highland district. That might be found the most advisable source of supply, and in any event it might be of great importance as a place for power supply in case the city would be precluded from using the water of Sooke Lake for that purpose.

Speaking of Sooke Lake as a source for Victoria, Ald. Hall points out that as it is