

# GREAT FALLS 'BLOC' SITS ON NORRIS BILL

## JAPANESE NOTE CLEARS WAY FOR CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

### Diplomats See No Obstacles to Halt Parey

Reply Asks That "Problems Such as Are of Concern Only to Certain Powers" Be Avoided.

Washington, July 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan's definite acceptance of a place in the disarmament conference, which reached the state department Wednesday, gives consent to a discussion of far eastern questions in connection with the conference but suggests that problems which concern only particular powers or which can be regarded as closed incidents be omitted from the scope of the meeting.

There was every evidence of satisfaction over the reply in official circles here and it was indicated that the way now was regarded as entirely clear for the preliminary negotiations which will fix the time and place of meeting and details of procedure.

A comprehensive consideration of the conference program before the delegates actually assembled, also was suggested in the Japanese note and now is regarded as assured. The attitude of officials here has been that such a discussion would be entirely in place once all the invited powers had definitely accepted invitations. A portion of the Japanese reply which attracted particular attention here was a paragraph declaring that the sense of the Japanese government that during the conference "problems such as are of sole concern to certain particular powers or such matters that may be regarded as closed incidents should be scrupulously avoided."

**Forecast of Attitude.**  
It was made plain, however, that officials were regarding this statement not as a condition of acceptance by Japan but as a forecast of the attitude she will take when the negotiations over the conference program begin. It is pointed out here that Japan at the outset of her note agrees to a discussion of such subjects as may be regarded as bearing directly on disarmament in specific terms that she is willing to talk about Pacific and far eastern questions.

**Refers to Yap Question.**  
Although officials withheld comment it was recalled here in connection with the Japanese reference to "such matters as may be regarded as closed incidents" that the Japanese ambassador at London recently indicated that his government would not care to discuss questions like Shantung and Yap because it regards them as having been settled by the treaty of Versailles. In other quarters, however, it has been pointed out that the Versailles treaty is not recognized by China so far as Shantung is concerned, and that the United States has not consented to the treaty's terms, leading to Yap and other mandate territories, so that in each case an open question is raised which would seem to make further negotiations necessary.

**The Japan Note.**  
The text of the Japanese reply follows: "The Japanese government has taken note of the contents of the American memorandum of July 25, received through the American charge d'affaires in reply to the Japanese memorandum of July 13 on the subject of a conference in the limitation of armaments to be held in Washington."

"It has been brought to the knowledge of the Japanese government that the government of the United States is willing to proceed with exchanges of opinion regarding the agenda prior to the meeting of the conference and that it considers it advisable to adjust in that agenda the nature and scope of the Pacific and far eastern questions to be discussed at the conference."

**The Common Understanding.**  
"The Japanese government has been made aware through the communications and published statements of the American government and the conference and Baron Shidehara that the proposition of the American government to discuss the Pacific and Far Eastern problems is based on the close bearing they have on the general principles and policies in the Pacific and Far East. Desiring, as they do, to contribute to the establishment of an enduring peace and to the advancement of the Japanese people, the Japanese government has been glad to accept an invitation for a conference which shall embrace the discussion of the Pacific and far eastern questions."

Read the article by **Roger W. Babson** on the financial page of this morning's Tribune. Subject: **The "I Can't" Obstacles**

### SPY FUND FINES KEEP RANKIN'S SUE HIS LEAN

Not More Than Nine Counties Make Returns for Booze Work.

Law Was Passed Providing Attorney General Snooping Means.

Helena, July 27.—Although Chapter 9, of the session laws of 1921, provide that 50 per cent of the moneys collected in the courts in fines, penalties, confiscations and forfeitures in relation to violations of the liquor laws shall be turned over to the state treasurer for the law enforcement fund, very few of the 54 counties of the state have so far contributed anything.

The law provides that before a division of the moneys shall be made, all of the costs shall be first deducted. The balance is to be split 50-50 between the state and the county in which it is collected, the county's portion going to the common school fund of the county.

It was hoped by this method to provide funds sufficient to maintain a department of the state under the direction of the attorney general, for the detection and prosecution of bootleggers and whisky runners.

**Receipts Prove Light.**  
However, the receipts from the system have been rather light and the work of the attorney general's office in that particular has been handicapped. So far, it has been a matter of watching the receipts and thereby ascertaining just how far the department can go in the matter of expenses.

**Counties and Returns.**  
Only three counties reported for April, two for May and nine for June. Their returns were as follows: For April, Custer county, \$174.40; Musselshell county, \$822.90; Rosebud county, \$678.30.

For May, Cascade county, \$297.50; Lewis and Clark county, \$40.30. For June, Blaine county, \$25; Cascade, \$485; Custer, \$174.87; Daniels, \$50; Deer Lodge, \$32.02; Granite, \$65.67; Lewis and Clark, \$122.80; Mineral, \$86.45; Musselshell, \$143.62.

**But \$715.95 in Fund Now.**  
The expenditures of the law enforcement department of the attorney general's office contracted for in April and paid in May were \$390; for May, \$1,225.40; and in June, \$1,130.39, a total of \$2,755.88, leaving but \$715.95 in the fund at the present time, with which to pay expenses of the present month. However, the state's share of the July fines will be paid in before August 10, which will be available for cashing warrants which may be drawn against the fund before that time.

So far 10 counties of the state have turned money into the state treasury, indicating that in the remaining 44 counties, either bootlegging is not carried on or else the fines imposed are so small that they are completely absorbed by the costs in the cases.

**Medicine Hat Pays Rainmaker \$8,000 to Produce Rainfall**  
Medicine Hat, Alta., July 27.—"Rainmaker" Charles M. Hatfield, who entered into a contract with the Medicine Hat United Agricultural Association to precipitate rainfall, will be paid \$8,000 by the association for rain which has fallen in the district during the past three months.

**THRESHING MACHINE EXPLODES**  
Vandilla, Mo., July 27.—Three men were killed and three injured at Middle-ton, 10 miles east of here Wednesday when a threshing machine they were operating exploded.

### What's \$40 to Crop? so Farmer Pays Fine; Hires Hand at Jail

Fort Benton, July 27.—The jest of a friend after Frank High had spent an entire morning hunting a harvest hand and proved the solution of High's difficulty, enabling him to obtain a man at jail after paying \$40 fine.

There are several men in the county jail, was the jest. That tip was enough. High forthwith sought the sheriff, scanned the list of those who were doing time for non-payment of fines, and found a man who still had \$40 worth of time to serve.

What's \$40 when a crop is to be saved? After a preliminary consultation with "Kit" Wilson, sheriff, the man was on his way to the harvest field, with his fine paid. Being of an industrious turn of mind, he preferred real work to serving it out in the county jail.

### CALL OUT TO WOOL GROWERS TO RALLY FOR RATE BATTLE

State Railroad Commission Argues Against Seattle Alone Being Favored.

Helena, July 27.—The Montana railroad commission is mailing out a letter to all wool growers in Montana, urging attendance upon the hearings to be held in Helena on August 19 by the interstate commerce commission to inquire into the matter of the application of the carriers to put into force a reduced rate of \$1.35 per cwt. on wool in the grease from North Pacific coast terminals to eastern markets.

The Montana commission asks all growers to submit with the data they may have in their possession on the matter of rates.

The carriers base their application for the proposed reduction upon the competition with steamer lines operating through the Panama canal. According to the letter of the Montana commission, the carriers at the same time aver "that the present rates at intermediate points are not higher than reasonable rates."

The board says in its letter that it is in favor of the proposition that there is no ground for argument in favor of lower rates on the same commodity for the entire haul from Seattle to Boston than from Helena to Boston, even though the Seattle rate is predicated upon water competition.

### PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN CALLED BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

American Valuation Provisions of Fordney Tariff Bill Argued Pro and Con.

Washington, July 27.—Views of business men on the American valuation provisions in the Fordney tariff bill were given the senate finance committee Wednesday and support and condemnation of the provisions alternately were expressed by the present month. However, the state's share of the July fines will be paid in before August 10, which will be available for cashing warrants which may be drawn against the fund before that time.

### MYSTERY VEILS MOVEMENTS OF GOV. LEN SMALL

Spends Day in Chicago Consulting With Attorneys and Advisers.

Sheriff Mester Waiting Plans on "Unconditional Surrender."

Springfield, Ill., July 27.—Governor Small's attitude toward "unconditional surrender" to Sangamon county authorities waiting to arrest him on charges of embezzlement and conspiracy while state treasurer, to loot the state treasury, had not been made known to Sheriff Henry Mester late Wednesday.

At the governor's office, it was said the state executive was "presumably still in Chicago." Friends of Governor Small said they believed he had not given up his intention to "peacefully resist arrest," adding that he would probably exhaust all privileges he could obtain from the courts before making his surrender.

The carriers marked the movements and plans of Governor Len Small following a day of conferences with his attorneys and advisers in Chicago.

Eluding a score of newspapermen, the governor went from his hotel to the house of Albert Fink, his chief counsel, and from there to a downtown office for an afternoon conference.

Newspapermen who watched Mr. Fink's office, where the attorney said Tuesday night in a telegram to Sheriff Henry Mester of Sangamon county, the governor would be Wednesday, prepared to surrender, failed to catch a glimpse of either Mr. Small or his lawyers.

Refusal of the Sangamon county authorities to come to Chicago and arrest the governor, and his expressed willingness to await his return to Springfield, upset the plans laid last night for a hearing on habeas corpus proceedings before a Cook county court.

### Medical Beer Rules Will Be Announced Within Short Time

Washington, July 27.—Announcement by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair of his policy on the question of medicinal beer regulations will be made in the next few days.

The commissioner is also working out the final form of the beer regulations which will be in general for prescriptions of one case at a time, but without limit as to the number of prescriptions.

### Warrant Charging Violation Mann Act Issued for Larson

Fargo, N. D., July 27.—The office of United States Attorney M. A. Hillerich Wednesday issued a federal warrant for Roy Larson, charging that he brought Miss Esther Folden from Moorhead, Minn., to Fargo in violation of the Mann act. Miss Folden, who was found in a state of coma, tied to a bed in a local hotel, yesterday, had confessed that she had tied the knots which held her and had thrown herself into the trance or coma in which she was found, according to William Green, states attorney.

## Norris Characterizes Substitute to His Bill, "Illegitimate Child"

Senator Flays Bi-Partisan Movement Which Defeated His Pet Measure and Refers to Kellogg as "A Horny Fisted Son of the Soil;" White House Official and Vice President Also Assailed by Nebraskan.

### Savant Meets Death Aiding Wife Out of Deep Crevice

Banff, Alta., July 27.—(By Canadian Press.)—Rescued after six days of exposure on a rock ledge at the base of Mount Eonan, Mrs. W. E. Stone, wife of the president of Purdue university, LaFayette, Ind., is being carried on a stretcher to a camp at Marble Creek, 9 miles away.

The body of Dr. Stone, who was plunged to his death when he slipped on the rock ledge to which Mrs. Stone previously had fallen, has not been recovered. The body lies jammed between two ragged rocks and indications were that he had been killed instantly.

Mrs. Stone will be kept at Marble Creek, under the care of a party of game guardians until she can be brought down the Spray river to Banff. Information Wednesday night was that Mrs. Stone was gaining in strength. When searching parties found her Monday, she was near death from exposure and starvation.

Only fragmentary information had been received here, but from it an outline of the tragedy has been obtained. Dr. and Mrs. Stone, both considered competent mountaineers, left Banff on July 15 to attempt the ascent of Mount Eonan. The following day, at the foot of the mountain, which is near here, they discarded their heavy clothing and camp equipment and started the climb.

They had proceeded only a little way when Mrs. Stone slipped into a crevice and fell on a ledge 17 feet below the top. Her husband was unable to raise her to the surface with a rope, and lowered himself to the ledge, where she had first jugged and, unable to get away, was found there by a rescue party eight days later.

### SOUTH DAKOTA GIRL TELLS SENSATIONAL STORY OF ABDUCTION

Nellie Haynes Says She Was Abducted by Two Men While Attending Carnival.

Minneapolis, July 27.—Nellie Haynes, a 19-year-old girl from Brandon, S. D., Wednesday night told Minneapolis police a sensational story of how she had been abducted by two men when she had been attending a carnival in Brookings, S. D., two weeks ago, and had been held a prisoner in a Minneapolis hotel for a week under close guard.

The girl appealed to police for aid from the Central Y. W. C. A., saying she had fled there after escaping from her room in a local hotel about 9 p. m. As soon as they had heard her story, two detectives hurried to the hotel room whose number she gave, and half an hour later arrested two men when they returned to the room. They gave the names of Kenneth McCoy and Jay Gossett, admitted knowing the girl, but declined to comment on her story.

### State Game Warden Saved From Drowning by Idaho Governor

Boise, Ida., July 27.—How Governor Davis of Idaho, stripped to his undergarments, and J. N. Applegate, deputy game warden, of Stanley basin, saved Otto M. Jones, Idaho state game warden, from drowning in Red Fish lake, is graphically described in a mail story to the Statesman Wednesday from Stanley, a mountain village 200 miles from Boise.

### FOURTEEN YEAR OLD YOUTH BEING HELD FOR WRECKING TRAIN

John Arre Tells Court He Merely Wanted to Flatten Some Railroad Spikes.

Scranton, Pa., July 27.—Fourteen-year-old John Arre, son of a huckster residing at Glenburn, was arrested Wednesday charged with having caused the wreck of the Lackawanna limited near his home last Friday. He was held without bail on a charge of murder. Two persons were killed and 27 injured in the wreck.

Arrested before Magistrate W. H. Thomas, the boy, whose police say, was caught in the act of planting bolts and nuts on the railroad tracks near his home today, admitted that he had placed the five-eighths inch nut, which caused last week's wreck, on the rails. He placed them on the rails to be flattened out, he said, and did not realize that anyone would be injured and was sorry that the engineer and fireman lost their lives.

### Price of Gasoline in Montana Taken up by Trade Commission

Special to The Tribune. Helena, July 27.—Alleged excessive or discriminatory prices of gasoline in Montana will be investigated at once by the Federal Trade commission, as the result of requests made by the Montana railroad commission and the Montana Automobile Owners' association.

Telegrams were received here Wednesday by C. R. Brazier, secretary of the automobile association, from Senators T. J. Walsh and H. L. Myers, in answer to the request for an investigation.

### Germans Fired Upon by Russian Forts When Sweeping Mines

Berlin, July 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German mine sweeping fleet which has been operating in the Kola Bight on the northern Russia coast, is reported, in a special dispatch from Varde, Norway, to have been fired on by Russian land forts. The German fleet, which left Wilhelmshaven a week ago to clear the White sea of mines under the provisions of the Versailles treaty has retired to Varde to await further instructions.

### Woman, Driving Auto, Aids Chicago Bandits in Daylight Robbery

Chicago, July 27.—Four armed automobile bandits, with a woman at the wheel of the car waiting to aid them in their getaway, Wednesday attacked and robbed Ignatz Presekewski, a saloon-keeper of \$3,400, as he was returning from a bank.

### Washing, July 27.—A bi-partisan movement in the senate Wednesday got behind the administration plan for agricultural credits as a substitute for the Norris bill caused a split in the unofficial agricultural "bloc" of senators, and roused to vigorous protest Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, in charge of the measure bearing his name.

Charges of "political machine" tactics against his bill were made by Senator Norris, whose verbal blast included the administration broadly, the White House, Vice President Coolidge, the cabinet and other government officials and individual senators.

The attack of Senator Norris, which followed an agreement Wednesday between Republican and Democratic senators to support the administration plan to have the War Finance corporation placed in charge of agricultural credits, was directed at the substitute bill of Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minnesota. This measure was drafted by Secretary Hoover, and Director Meyer, of the war finance corporation and was introduced Tuesday just prior to the reading of a message from President Harding suggesting such a measure.

Call Hoover "Wet Nurse." Senator Norris characterized the Kellogg bill as "an illegitimate child," Secretary Hoover and Director Meyer as its "foster-father" and Senator Kellogg as its "illegitimate mother."

Suggestions of collusion between Vice President Coolidge and Senator Curtis of Kansas, Republican whip, in connection with Senator Kellogg's introduction of the substitute, were made by Senator Norris. He said Senator Curtis, presiding over the senate while Mr. Coolidge was attending the Tuesday cabinet meeting, had given the floor to Senator Kellogg without the latter requesting recognition.

Claims Bill Changed. The Kellogg bill, he said, was changed by elimination of original provisions authorizing the war finance corporation to take over railroad debt funding.

"But the president forgot to change his address," he said, "and I was drawn by Senator Norris, saying that the bill had to be changed 'to bring some senators into line.'"

Senator Norris, referring to Senator Kellogg as "a horny fisted son of the soil," declared the Minnesota senator was selected to sponsor the Kellogg measure because he came from an agricultural state. Secretary Mellon opposed the Norris bill, the Nebraska senator said, and "could not help it because, said, it was drawn through the same glasses, seeing banks, bankers, trusts, and millions."

Support Within Bloc. Support was given the Kellogg substitute, however, by Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, who in an extended address, said it was drawn by persons in sympathy with objects of the legislation.

Other support came from within the agricultural "bloc" and the agricultural committee itself. The committee, of which Senator Norris is chairman, at its meeting Wednesday empowered a sub-committee to draft a new substitute bill. The sub-committee acted immediately, and members said, agreed to create a bill "substantially similar" to the Kellogg bill, turning over the agricultural credit matters to the war finance corporation. The sub-committee's report is to be made Thursday to the full agricultural committee and will be reported to the senate by persons in behalf of the legislation.

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**ERUPTION IS EXPECTED.**  
San Antonio, Tex., July 27.—For the first time in 75 years, the volcano of San Miguel threatens an eruption, according to a newspaper dispatched from Mexico City received here. Vapor smoke and boiling water have spouted from the crater recently. The last eruption of San Miguel occurred in 1846 when two small towns were destroyed.