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## WOULD CLOSE THE THEATERS

### Commercial Club Recommends a More Vigorous Policy Regarding Local Playhouses.

### Public Affairs Body Receives a Report from Its Special Investigating Committee.

### The Club Evidently Believes that the Mayor Hasn't Gone Far Enough.

The public affairs committee of the Commercial club, at its meeting this afternoon, adopted the vigorous report of the committee which has been investigating places of public entertainment. The closing of two theaters is advised. The committee was continued.

The report says that none of the twelve theaters and halls visited was fireproof. It recommended that the management do, if possible, first, to lessen danger of fire; second, to put out at once any fire that might occur and third, to provide the best possible means of egress from all parts of the house.

The report contained the following recommendations: First—We urge the action of the mayor in causing an inspection by a competent commission of the theaters and public halls of the city, and we urge the mayor to have other large buildings of the city inspected by the same commission.

Second—We heartily approve the recommendations made by this commission and submitted by the mayor to the council.

Third—We urge the council to take speedy action and to pass an ordinance as soon as possible embodying the recommendations submitted to it by the mayor.

Fourth—We urge the proprietors of the theaters and public halls to make the necessary changes to comply with these recommendations without waiting for action by the council.

Fifth—We believe that the conditions are such in two of our theaters as to justify their being closed, if it can be legally done, until important changes in them have been made.

## WILL KEEP DOORS LOCKED

### M. W. Savage Says He Has Had Enough of the Auditorium Business.

### Says It Has Cost Him \$6,000 to Remodel the Building for the Concerts.

### Firewalls Now Suggested Would Be Too Expensive—He Thinks Hall Safe.

The \$6,000 it cost to remodel the International Auditorium has taken into itself wings, owing to my being influenced by others, who held out to me an inducement in the good of the city, shall now take my own advice and quit, and the Auditorium can remain locked. I would like the public to know that human life was considered, and that many changes were made for general safety. I hope the Commercial club will take hold of the matter and see that Minneapolis has a fine, large, new auditorium on the West Side before the close of next year. They ought to be able to raise quickly \$200,000 to \$300,000 for this purpose, and it will be a great thing for the city.

This is the epitome of a statement made today by M. W. Savage, owner of the International Auditorium, formerly the Minneapolis Exposition. Mr. Savage's declaration places the Philharmonic society in a most embarrassing position. The society has arranged for a series of concerts to be given in the International Auditorium thru the winter, and may be difficult in arranging for another suitable auditorium.

The officers of the society were not prepared this afternoon to say what they might do.

Mr. Savage describes in detail the Continued on Second Page.

## A DELEGATE FOR ALASKA

### Senatorial Committee Would Have the Northern Territory Represented in Congress.

### Declares the Greatest Present Need of Alaska Is Improved Transportation Facilities.

### Relief Is Recommended for the Natives Hampered by Passage of Game Laws.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senator Dillingham from the committee on territories, introduced in the senate today the report of a subcommittee, consisting of Senators Dillingham, Burnham, Nelson and Patterson, which visited Alaska last summer and made a thorough investigation of existing conditions, resources and legis-

## CITIES MUST NOT POLLUTE RIVERS

### State Board of Health Prohibits Direct Drainage Into Minnesota Streams.

### Minneapolis and Other Cities Must Construct Septic Tanks for Sewage.

The state board of health took action this morning which will require tremendous expenditures by Minnesota cities. A resolution was passed requiring all municipalities which drain their sewage artificially into rivers, streams or lakes, to install septic tanks or filter beds to purify the sewage and prevent it from contaminating sources of water supply. This action is taken to lessen the spread of typhoid fever and kindred diseases.

## HEARST BOOM HAS THE FLOOR

### The Archbishop of Yellow Journalism and His Checkbook Much in Evidence.

### Democratic National Committee Meets and Goes Into Executive Session Immediately.

### John Lind Has Proxy—Chicago, New York and St. Louis Want Convention.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Hearst boom, with its check book, stalks ominously thru the hotel corridors of Washington to-day. Chicago seems certain to be selected as the convention city, yet a good many thinking democrats are not as enthusiastic in its

## JAPANESE REPLY SUBMITTED TO-DAY

### Its Text Kept Secret, an Ominous Sign, as Any Action Assuring Peace Would Be Announced at Once.

### Tomorrow, in All Probability, Will Declare Either for Peace or War, with the Chances Favoring the Latter Program—The Whole Russian Fleet at Port Arthur Is Now in Fighting Trim and Steps Are Taken to Guard the Manchurian Railroad—Russia Assures State Department that Treaty Obligations Incurred by China Will Not Be Violated.

Tokio, Jan. 12.—The final conference before the throne to decide upon the response to Russia began at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was attended by all the members of the cabinet, five of the older statesmen, Admirals Ito and Ijima, and General Kodono.

Before the conference Admiral Yamamoto, representing Premier Katsura, who is indisposed, had a private audience with the emperor. Foreign Minister Komura and Marquis Ito also conferred privately.

The formal conference before the throne was of long duration. Its result is unknown. It is said, however, that the response which was drafted yesterday was approved and that it will soon be delivered to Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister.

This answer of Japan is regarded as the final step in the negotiations. Public interest in the outcome is at fever heat and developments are anxiously awaited.

## THE RUSSIAN FLEET IN FIGHTING TRIM

### Czar's Warships, Assembled at Port Arthur, Are Keeping a Vigilant Watch for the Enemy—Railroad Is Guarded by Troops.

Port Arthur, Jan. 12.—Owing to the apprehensions of a daring dash on the part of the Japanese upon Port Arthur, the authorities here have taken extraordinary precautions in and about the town and along the whole line of the Manchurian railroad.

Rumors were circulated some time ago that the Japanese intended to take advantage of the festivities incident to the Russian Christmas and surprise the warships here. Consequently a vigilant watch was kept night and day.

The whole Russian fleet is now in fighting trim.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT TREATY

### Minister Conger Urges Ratification by Cable Thru Minister.

Peking, Jan. 12.—The United States and Japan are strenuously endeavoring to establish their rights in Manchuria under the new commercial treaties before war breaks out. The ratifications of the treaty were to have been exchanged at Washington, but were delayed by the delay involved in mailing the Chinese copy to Washington, Minister Conger is urging the government to send a telegram to the United States to claim the right of sending consuls to Mukden and Antung.

Ratifications Exchanged. The ratifications of the treaty between Japan and China were exchanged at the foreign office here yesterday. A special agent brought the Japanese copy from Tokio. The Chinese officials asked for the delay of a day to arrange some details, but the Japanese minister refused to agree to any delay. This haste is considered significant.

According to reports, China proposes to limit the number of Japanese consuls in Manchuria to that involved in the formal confirmation of her treaty rights.

## CHINESE NEUTRALITY

### Baron Hayashi Explains Reasons for Japan's Desiring It.

London, Jan. 12.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain said to-day that he had communicated to the British foreign office the action of Japan in urging Chinese neutrality.

"What we have done," said the minister, "is to urge neutrality upon China in the event of war so as to minimize the disturbance of trade, avoid internal disorders in China, and avoid unnecessary complications of China's finances and for the purpose of limiting so far as possible the theater of war, should war result."

Baron Hayashi's view of the Russian circular referring to treaty rights in Manchuria is that it is contradictory.

## THE FRENCH VIEW

### Thinks Powers Should Be Satisfied With Latest Russian Program.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Foreign office advice is that the statement that the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamour, has given assurances of Russia's intention to recognize and respect the treaties between China and foreign powers relative to Manchuria.

The official view here is that Russia has thereby given Japan and all the foreign powers a strong guarantee for the protection of commerce under their respective treaties. It is maintained that these treaty guarantees are all the European powers could possibly desire in Manchuria as the powers have not the slightest political aspirations there.

## MAKE FACTS PUBLIC

### German Correspondent Credits the Czar with a Desire for Publicity.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger says the czar has determined to make public the status of Russia's negotiations with Japan, and adds that a communication embracing five points will be published, in brief, as follows:

First—Japan will get various concessions in Korea.

Second—In South Korea the Japanese can act not only in their economic interests, but they can adopt strategic measures corresponding with these interests.

Third—Russia allows Japan full commercial freedom of action in North Korea, but Japan must not permanently occupy fortified towns either to the north or south, and neither on the coast nor in the interior.

Fourth—A neutral zone fifty kilometers broad is to be created between Korea and Manchuria along the Yalu and Tumen rivers, in which neither Russia nor Japan can establish fortified positions, also the entire war zone shall be held neutral, thus giving free ingress and egress to Russian vessels.

Fifth—In reference to Manchuria, Russia accepts no conditions, but declares

## THEY ADVOCATE ARBITRATION

### Meeting Held in Washington to Form Basis of Treaty with Great Britain.

### Samuel D. Thayer of Minneapolis Named Upon the Committee on Resolutions.

Washington, Jan. 12.—A conference to frame a basis for an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain and for the extension of arbitration to other countries, was held in this city to-day. A notable array of speakers was present representing most of the large cities and messages of endorsement were received from many others, including the governor of California, the mayors of New York, Boston and Baltimore and John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers.

The meeting was attended by Andrew Carnegie, ex-Senator Cray of Delaware, now circuit court judge, Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, President David Starr Jordan of Stanford university, ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, Jr., of Chicago, A. C. Harris, Indianapolis, ex-minister to Austria; Horace Davis, San Francisco; Oscar S. Straus, New York, ex-minister to Turkey; William C. Gilmer, Detroit, ex-minister to Belgium; John Cadwallader, Philadelphia; Francis L. Stetson, New York; Thomas B. Ransom, Edward Rosewater, Omaha, and Samuel D. Thayer, Minneapolis, ex-minister to the Netherlands.

Addresses in advocacy of international arbitration were made by President Jordan, Frederick W. Seward, New York; Stuyvesant Fish, New York; Thomas Barclay of London, and President Gompers.

## ADDICKS IS SUED

### Receiver of Bay State Gas Company Alleges Fraud.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—J. Edward Addicks, former president of the Bay State Gas company, has been sued for about \$4,000,000 by Receiver George Wharton Pepper. Thomas W. Lawson of Boston and others are also sued for the return of various sums.

The receiver alleges fraud. Addicks is said to have taken \$900,000 as profit on the sale to the Bay State company of bonds of the People's Gas Light and Coke company of Buffalo at prices grossly in excess of their value.

Lawson, Weldenfeld & Co., financial agents of the gas company, are charged with having received large sums of money to cover alleged illegal services and disbursements which they were not entitled to.

## ONE LESS CANDIDATE

### Struble Seems Stronger by Reason of Hutchinson's Withdrawal.

Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 12.—Judge William Hutchinson of Sioux county, who is holding court here, to-day withdrew from the congressional race. This follows so closely upon the formal announcement of former Congressman Isaac Struble's candidacy as to make the politicians wonder if Struble is not a very formidable candidate.

State Senator Hubbard of Sioux City, who has been out for Congressman Thomas' seat for some months, has been taking small interest in congressional affairs of late. The rumor is circulating that he will soon follow Judge Hutchinson's example and withdraw, altho Hubbard's friends deny this.

## MURDERER OF SEVEN PERSONS

### Little Plume Sentenced to Forty Years for His Crimes on the Blackfoot.

### Maddened with Drink and Lusting for Blood He Sought to Kill All in Sight.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 12.—James Little Plume, who yesterday pleaded guilty to seven counts charging the killing of an equal number of men, women and children of the Blackfoot Indian tribe, was to-day sentenced by United States Judge Knowles to forty years in the penitentiary.

Went Forth to Slaughter. Little Plume's crime was one of the most atrocious in modern Indian history, and has not all the evidence gone to show that he was crazed with liquor at the time it is probable he would have been dealt with in a much sterner manner by the law.

On Oct. 13 three Indians, together with Little Plume, had an orgy and consumed all the whiskey they had. When his guests had gone, Little Plume, who had had trouble with Wakes-Up-Last, went to the latter's home. Wakes-Up-Last was asleep, and Little Plume shot him thru the head, killing him instantly. The shot frightened the wife of Wakes-Up-Last, and, seizing her youngest child, the woman fled from the house. Little Plume followed her and fired, killing her instantly. The infant was next murdered, being shot thru the head.

Two daughters of Wakes-Up-Last were next shot, dying later from the effects of their wounds. Little Plume then returned to his home and saw his neighbor's house he saw Susie and Agnes Big Road, young women. Little Plume again opened fire, killing Susie and seriously wounding Agnes.

Cut His Wife's Throat. Little Plume then went to his own house and started a quarrel with his wife. The cartridges became jammed in the barrel of his rifle and Little Plume threw down his gun, and, seizing a knife, started in pursuit of his wife. He overtook her 100 yards from the house and cut her throat. She died instantly.

Little Plume then attempted to take his own life, cutting his left arm and sawing at his throat, but was unsuccessful. Shortly afterwards he was captured by the Indian police, and the next day brought to Helena.

## "DEATH TRUST"

### Combine of Anti-Toxin Manufacturers Denounced by the Chicago Health Department.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—What is denounced by Secretary Pritchard of the city health department as a trust to traffic in human lives was made public to-day when City Purchasing Agent Brandecker notified the department that all the firms in America manufacturing antitoxin have combined and have raised the price of the product. There are three firms in the so-called "death trust."

The advance in the price of antitoxin is said to be 100 per cent.

## BENJ. HARRISON MEMORIAL

### Senate Adopts Joint Resolution Authorizing a Statue in Indianapolis.

Washington, Jan. 12.—At the beginning of to-day's session the senate adopted a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Fairbanks authorizing the erection of a statue to the late President Benjamin Harrison, south of the new postoffice building in Indianapolis.

