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WAY THROUGH CHINA OPEN TO RUSSIA

"Back-Road Route" Offers Czar Chance to Regain Port on Pacific.

SHORT LINE FROM PIR TO PEKING POSSIBLE

It Would Give Russia a Line Thru the Very Heart of China.

Special to The Journal. Chicago, March 24.—Walter Wellman, in a Washington special to the Record-Herald, says:

Russia will soon make peace with Japan and will immediately proceed to outfit the victor commercially by tapping the back door of China...

This prediction was made today by a man who is thoroughly familiar with the situation in the far east...

Peace Prospects Bright.

In the opinion of well-informed diplomats here the prospect of bringing the war to an end was never so bright as now. All realize that there are difficulties in the way...

Peace Terms Not Far Apart.

Actually the two schemes of settlement, the one outlined by Japan to the kaiser and to President Roosevelt...

At this juncture comes the suggestion that Russia, instead of wrecking the empire in a vain endeavor to hold Manchuria, turn her energies to another means of accomplishing her principal object in the far east.

Back-Door Route.

"But such is not the case," says my informant. "I have reason to believe the Russian government, under the leadership of Prince Hilkoff, a man well known to me personally, and a most brilliant and capable administrator...

"From Lake Pir the new line would run south, west of the Khingan mountains across the plain to Mongolia, perhaps following the great caravan route, and, crossing the Alaskan mountains into China proper not far from the great wall, would arrive at Peking. It would be about 800 miles shorter than the Harbin route. So far as the location of the railway is concerned the flanking movement would be almost ideal. It would carry the Russian railway system to the back door of China and thence to the very heart of the country."

VLADIVOSTOK IN FOR SIEGE

Kuroki Believed to Be Moving Against Russian Port.

Gun-Shen Pass, Manchuria, March 24.—Women and children are reported to be leaving Harbin, and the business houses are closing. The stationary hospitals are being moved back...

The conviction exists that General Kuroki is now moving toward the northeast for the investment of Vladivostok, changing his base for that purpose to Genan.

While the Manchurian railway is employed to supply the main army in its advance on Harbin, the Japanese seem still partial to the plan of keeping close to their sea bases, and some of the military experts believe that the Japanese, instead of following the Russians, may relieve the pressure upon General Linvitch and thus induce him to concentrate in the region between Sauranpu and Tie pass for another battle. But through the campaign all the prognostications of experts regarding the plans of the Japanese have failed.

The rank and file of the Russian army show peculiar adaptability to the new conditions.

JAPS GET \$150,000,000

Loan Is Secured in England and America.

London, March 24.—The final details of the Japanese loan were closed here today. The amount is \$150,000,000, with interest at 5 per cent. The price of issue is 90 and the security will be the net receipts of the tobacco monopoly of Japan, amounting to \$16,000,000, according to the budget for the next fiscal year. The loan will be issued simultaneously in New York and London, each of these cities taking \$75,000,000. The issuing banks in America are Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and

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NOTED FRENCH NOVELIST IS CLAIMED BY DEATH



JULES VERNE. Noted French Novelist, Who Died Today.

Jules Verne, Writer of Many Widely Read Stories of Adventure, Dies at His Home in Amiens, France, at the Age of 77.

Amiens, France, March 24.—Jules Verne died at 3:10 p.m. His family was at his bedside.

Jules Verne was born at Nantes, France, Feb. 8, 1828. He studied law, but early turned his attention to literary work, at first writing short stories for the stage. In 1863 he published "Five Weeks in a Balloon." He was the first of a new school of fiction, basing his stories of thrilling adventure on the inventions of the day, but greatly exaggerating their application. His stories depended on the main interest of the incident, not upon character or plot.

FIGHT FOR RICHES OF QUININE QUEEN

Mrs. Weightman-Walker Must Defend Weightman Millions in the Will Contest.

New York Sun Special Service.

Philadelphia, March 24.—Until today it was hoped that the will contest, involving the disposition of \$30,000,000, with Mrs. Jones Wister as legal guardian for her youngest daughter, Martha W. Weightman, contestant, and Mrs. Anne M. Weightman Walker, sole heir to the enormous Weightman fortune, defendant, might be averted. Now all hope of an amicable agreement seems to have passed.

The forces have been lining up for this struggle, and if it should ever come to the open court, as seems inevitable, it will involve a picture of the rich old chemist in his declining years which will be an acute surprise to those who imagined the nonagenarian to be the clear, level-headed business man he was usually regarded.

There was talk of a codicil to the remarkably condensed will of William Weightman, written on a single sheet of paper, in which codicil, Mrs. Walker is reported to have made certain appointments to the various grandchildren and to several charities. The codicil, it was said, had been lost and a part of the contest would be to prove that it had been in existence. This is denied. The most startling piece of evidence which Mrs. Wister will produce in support of her statement that William Weightman was mentally incompetent at the time he drew up, or copied, the terse document in which he repudiated his obligations to all his heirs, except Mrs. Walker, is an autograph letter signed by the multi-millionaire, agreeing to give to her children by William Weightman, Jr., of whom five are now living, \$1,000,000 in case she remarries.

It is said that when Mrs. Walker heard of the million-dollar letter, she induced her father to draw up another document in which he said that he was subject to "fits of mental aberration of mind," and that it was while in one of these fits he had agreed to set aside \$1,000,000 for William Weightman, Jr.'s children. In the second document, which is said to have been acknowledged before a notary, Mr. Weightman cancels his previous agreement.

How Mrs. Walker will be able to get this document into evidence without proving Mrs. Wister's case is a question. If she admits that her father was subject to temporary mental aberration she admits the contention of Mrs. Wister that he was predisposed to undue influence, and consequently not capable of making a will. If she denies it, the million-dollar letter is still in full force. No ultimatum has come from Mrs. Walker as yet. There appears to be not the slightest disposition on her part to yield up any of the millions or any fraction of millions.

ROSSER AS ROOSEVELT PREFERENCE IN SOUTH

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington.

Washington, March 24.—President Roosevelt recently appointed General Rosser of Virginia, the youngest brigadier general in the confederate army, postmaster at Charlottesville, Va. It is now said to be his intention to name him United States marshal for the western district of Virginia, upon the expiration of the term of the incumbent.

General Rosser is well known in Minneapolis, thru the Winston family, whom he has frequently visited. The president is inclining to such men as Rosser for southern federal appointments, in his desire to free himself and the republican party from the grip of the typical southern republican officeholder, who is neither a credit to the party nor to the state from which he seeks appointment.

The Rosser appointment is meeting with much favor among Virginians.

PUGILIST KILLED IN PRIZE-RING BOUT

Philadelphia, March 24.—John Hill, a negro pugilist, is dead at St. Agnes hospital from injuries received in a bout last night with "Kid" Dorsey, also colored. In the sixth round Hill was knocked unconscious. It was assumed that he had been knocked out, but the usual remedies failed and he was hurried to the hospital. The proprietor of the club and the seconds of both men were arrested.

KIDNAPPED AT MICHIGAN "U."

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 24.—Edward Croul, toastmaster of the University of Michigan freshman banquet, was kidnapped at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by twenty-five sophomores. He was carried into the country in a carriage to be held a prisoner until after the freshman class "prom" tonight.

DEATH CONFRONTS MEXICAN ENVOY

Senor Aspiroz, Diaz' Ambassador to the United States, Is Critically Ill.



SENOR DON MANUEL DE ASPIROZ, Mexican Ambassador to Washington, Who Is Critically Ill.

Washington, March 24.—The condition of Senor Aspiroz, the Mexican ambassador, continues grave. He is said to be losing ground steadily. Senor Aspiroz is a victim of inauguration day exposure. For some weeks he had suffered from an attack of the grip, but felt he had recovered sufficiently to witness the ceremonies. He fainted during the ceremony he nearly died, and later pneumonia set in, followed by complications which cause his friends to despair of his recovery.

REBELLION THREATENS GUATEMALA AGAIN

Mexico City, March 24.—A Mexican coasting vessel recently arrived at Muege, Lower California, carrying several empty Mauser rifle cases. The captain declared that he passed more than 100 cases floating on the water.

It is believed that the rifles were furnished the forces that are now said to be planning an invasion of Guatemala. Guatemalan rebels in the guise of laborers are congregating at various places along the Guatemalan frontiers and the government of Salvador is reported in readiness to aid the rebels as soon as a revolution is launched.

INTERNATIONAL SALON PLANNED FOR GOTHAM

New York Sun Special Service. New York, March 24.—In art circles it is reported that a movement is under way to erect in this city, at a cost of about \$2,000,000, a building in which will be annually held an "international salon."

Two men are said already to have pledged themselves to subscribe the greater part of the \$2,000,000 after certain conditions shall have been fulfilled. It is proposed the building shall be large enough for a comprehensive exhibition of American and foreign art, and to provide a home for the art societies of New York. The works of art shown at the international exhibition for a month on Canadian-built ships to protect the industry against British competition.

CANADIANS ASK SHIP BOUNTY

Ottawa, Ont., March 24.—Canadian ship-builders have asked the government for a bounty of \$5 per ton for ten years on Canadian-built ships to protect the industry against British competition.

MISS SCHALLER CHOOSES SISTER GREEK FOR MAID

Miss Lillian McMillan Chosen as Maid of Honor to Serve With Miss Constance Day at the Launching of the Minnesota.



MISS LILLIAN McMILLAN. Who Will Be One of Miss Schaller's Maids of Honor.

Miss Lillian McMillan of Minneapolis, daughter of F. G. McMillan, former state senator and member of the board of education, will be the second maid of honor for Miss Rose Marie Schaller of Hastings at the christening of the Minnesota, April 8. Miss McMillan is a freshman at the state university and a member of the Alpha Phi sorority, to which Miss Schaller belongs. She was graduated last year from the East Side high school.

NEBRASKA GAME LATE IN SEASON

Cornhuskers Will Play Gophers on Northrop Field on Nov. 18.

Special to The Journal.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—Nebraska university will play three big nine teams next fall, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois; and there is still a possibility that Iowa may be included in the schedule. The official announcement has not been made out of respect to the wishes of several of the conference teams, which have not yet made out their schedules, but it has leaked out that Michigan will be met at Ann Arbor about Oct. 21, Minnesota at Minneapolis on Thanksgiving day. This is the best schedule Nebraska has ever played, on account of the arrangement of the games, which will give an opportunity for the men to recover from one hard contest before going into another. The Haskell Indians, who defeated the cornhuskers last year, have been dropped from the list.

In connection with these games for next year, discussion has started over the probable strength of the team. This has brought up the question of the adoption by Nebraska of the "half-year freshman" rule, passed by the conference committee last fall. As there are but two of the last year's team, beside Captain Borg, who are expected to return to school, agitation against the adoption of the rule by Nebraska is rife and it is done about as even as to what will be done.

ROBBERS UNDER LASH AT WINNIPEG

First Blows of Cat o' Nine Tails Bring Screams and Ories for Mercy.

Special to The Journal.

Winnipeg, Man., March 24.—Sandercock and MacDonald, highwaymen, were sentenced by Judge Richards to fifteen and ten years respectively, with seventy-five lashes, for robbery with violence from Winnipeg merchants today received the first installment of twenty-five lashes.

MacDonald went firmly to the triangle, but Sandercock approached the spot with much fear. MacDonald was strapped, and made a great uproar, and from the first stroke of the dreaded cat-o'-nine tails, screamed horribly, and had to be carried to his cell.

The first few lashes seemed to have no appreciable effect on Sandercock, but he soon began to groan in a manner which made his tormentors seem more than that administered to MacDonald. However, he stood the ordeal more like a man.

WITCH DOCTORS' RITES NEAR CUBAN CAPITAL

New York Sun Special Service. Havana, March 24.—Zolla Sanchez, a child of Francisco and Anna Peres de Sanchez, 29 months old, disappeared Nov. 10, 1904, from its home on the outskirts of Guira de Melena, a town thirty-five miles from Havana. On Nov. 26 the body of Zolla was found in a thicket near the Zaniga farm.

It is known that several negro witch doctors were practicing their rites in the community. Investigation resulted in the arrest of twelve persons of both sexes and the detention of 125 witnesses.

Domingo Boucourt, an old African negro of powerful physique, is the chief witch doctor, and he is accused of having planned the murder. The death penalty is asked for Boucourt, Juana and Pablo Tabares, Adela Luis, Molina, Ponce and Amro, and seventeen years imprisonment for Jorge Cardenas, Damazo Amaro, Laureano Diaz, Martinez, Pila, Hernandez and Jacobo Arenal, as accessories before and after the deed.

DIAMOND BELT IN CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., March 24.—Dr. Ami of the geological survey, is of the opinion that diamond wealth is hidden in that part of Canada between the great lakes and Hudson bay.

STANDARD OIL AS KANSAS' FRIEND

Agent of the Trust Tries to Convince Hoch Concern Is Sweet and Pure.

New York Sun Special Service.

Topeka, Kan., March 24.—A. D. Eddy of Chicago, general counsel of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, was here today to confer with Governor Hoch about the Kansas situation. He told the governor that the Standard had no intention of punishing Kansas on account of adverse legislation. He said that some mistakes had been made by the officials of the company, which doubtless was responsible for the creation of a hostile public sentiment.

"We want time to show that the sentiment is unjust," Mr. Eddy said. "The Standard is the friend of Kansas, not the enemy."

Mr. Eddy submitted to the governor a voluminous document stating that during the last thirteen months the Standard had reduced the price of refined oil in Kansas 31 per cent. His data also showed that the company had reduced the price of crude oil because the supply exceeded the demand.

Mr. Eddy especially urged that no action be started to place the Prairie Oil & Gas company, the Standard's Kansas company, in the hands of a receiver until the outer suit commenced by the attorney general. According to Mr. Eddy, the trial of the outer suit will show that the Standard is a much about corporation.

Governor Hoch made no promise. "The administration," he said, "will do that which is best for the state and the producers."

The Standard has not yet answered the outer case. Mr. Eddy said the Standard's local attorneys would file an answer in a few days. Eddy's visit leads the state officials to believe that the Standard is not pleased with the result of the fight to date, and is taking steps to effect a compromise.

NETHERLANDS AFTER CASTRO

Release of Five Dutch Sailors Illegally Imprisoned Is Demanded.

The Hague, March 24.—The government of the Netherlands intends, either alone or in conjunction with other powers having differences with Venezuela, to take vigorous measures to secure the release of the five Dutch sailors illegally imprisoned for several months in that country. It is thought probable that in some event of there being no material change in the situation in the far east, some of the Netherlands warships maintaining neutrality in the Dutch East Indies can be transferred to Venezuelan waters in May.

ROCKEFELLERS LIKELY TO CONTEST ELECTION

New York Sun Special Service. New York, March 24.—It is reported that the Rockefellers intend to contest the election of the citizens' ticket, on which John Wirth, the young butcher, was elected president of the village of North Tarrytown on Tuesday. It is claimed that persons under age voted, and also that a number of the employees of a factory who were not entitled to vote cast their ballots. The trustees on the Rockefeller ticket were only a few votes behind their opponents.

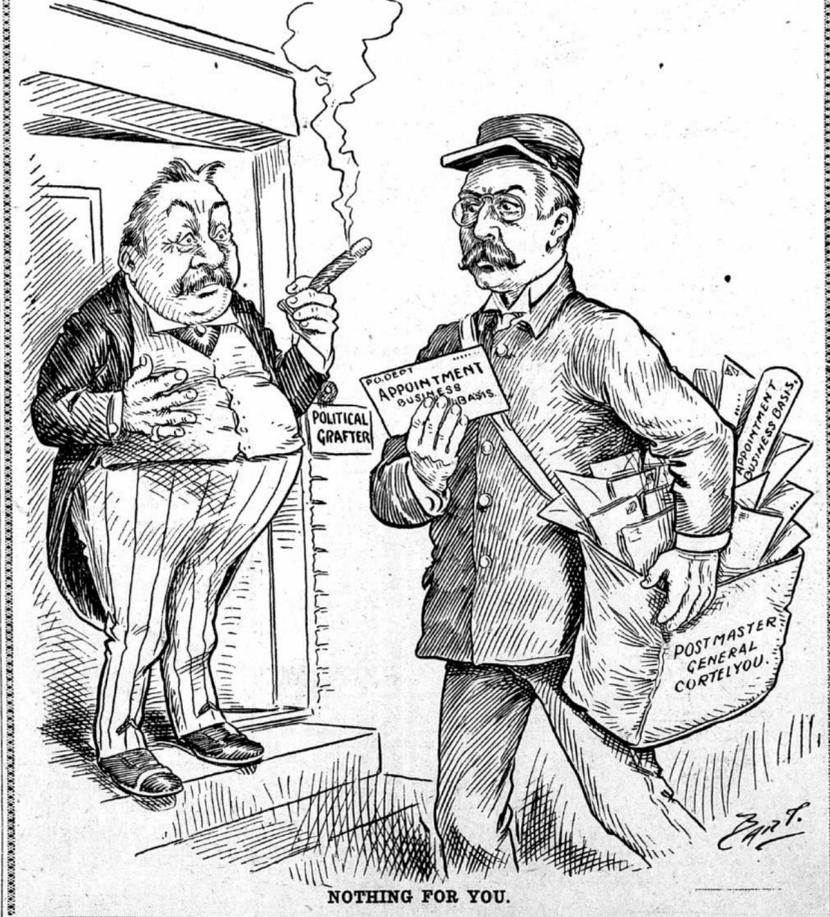
It is hoped by the Rockefeller party that the election will be thrown to elect these men and give the Rockefeller control of the board. Young Wirth is receiving telegrams and letters of congratulation from all parts of the country.

INDUSTRIAL STUDIES FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Chicago, March 24.—A committee appointed by the National Educational association met here today to prepare a report on how extensively industrial educational work should be introduced in rural schools. The report will be presented at the next annual meeting of the association. Members of the committee present today were I. V. Harvey, Menomonee, Wis.; W. M. Hays, assistant secretary of the department of agriculture at Washington; State Superintendent W. T. Carrington of Jefferson City, Mo.; and State Superintendent Alfred Bayliss of Springfield, Ill.

FIELDS ARE GREEN

Wheat Sown in February's Warm Spell Is Up. Special to The Journal. Fargo, N. D., March 24.—The wheat seeded the latter part of February and early in March is coming up in some spots. The crusts are inches high. The weather continues favorable and those who seeded early have a start on their neighbors. Many farmers were afraid to attempt to seed at that time. Some would not even dream of seeding. They feared the weeds would get too great a start.



THE STRANGE MYSTERY OF "THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE" WILL BE SOLVED IN TOMORROW'S JOURNAL BY SHERLOCK HOLMES