DENY JAP CONTROL FOR SOVIET LANDS

Purported Communication Between France and Japan are Branded False.

By Associated Press:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—Copies of what were declared to be communications between the Japanese and French government's agents covering the proposal that the two governments act in concert at the Washington conference with respect to the establishment of a Japanese protectorate over Siberia, were given out Sunday night by the special delegation of the far eastern republic which has asked for a hearing when the Siberian question is taken up by the conference.

The communications were characterized by a member of the French delegation Sunday night as "forferies, stupidly contrived" and by a spokesman of the Japanese delegation as "malicious lies."

"The French government has had no communication whatever with the Japanese government respecting a protectorate over easern Siberia," said M. Kammerer, director of the Russian and far eastern department of the French foreign office.

Reference to the Washington conference occurred first in communication headed "from the foreign office in Paris." Transmitted by telegraph to Tokio on the second of September to be delivered to the minister of foreign affairs.

"The aims of the Washington conference are not quite clear to the French government," this note read, "we are therefore unable to express our frang opinion with regard to the conference."

NEW ADMINISTRATION PLEDGES ECONOMIES

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Pressed further on the question he added that but one member's term of office expired yearly and that the secretary of this board was appointed by the board.

Mr. Seebirt declared that the problem of garbage disposal wag a matter which would have to be decided by the new administration. "A feasable plan must be worked out before April 1," the chief executive continued, "whereby adequate provision for garbage disposal can be made at a substantial saving in expense over the present system.

To Study Water Needs.

Concerning the matter of water works, Mr. Seebirt declared that it was his opinion that too much expense could not be eundertaken in studying the water necessities and then ect the most operative plan of completing the system which would adequately care for future needs when the population has grown far above the present mark.

In discussing the aims and plans of the administration Mr. Seebirt touched on the matters of public improvements.

"It is good business to make public improvements at times of great business depression, then much idle labor can be consumed in this work. It is my idea that public improvements should be avoided, consistent with policy of course, when labor is employed, and prices are high.

"In this connection it is wise to build up a fund for the purpose of making public improvements at just such a time when there is a general business depression. But most cities are not inclined to build up this fund. Therefore they are just as powerless as any one person or corporation to extend itself in times of depression and assist in coping with the unemployment situation.

South Bend will have no funds available this year to go ahead with its public improvements and thus aid greatly in caring for idle labor as but $25,000 was appropriated for such use for 1922 as against $90,000 for the past year."

Issues Statement..

Mr. Seebirt, in a statement to The News-Times, asks for the United support of the citizenship. The statement follows:

Although the new administration of city affairs enters upon its duties at a time and under circumstances which are most trying and difficult due to the depression in business and because of unemployment, yet I believe before the end of the year there will be a very noticeable change in these conditions, and during the next four years I am confident that we will witness a period of growth and prosperity in South Bend. Many businesses have been delaying the starting of much needed extensions and building until the time when costs have reached the bottom. That point seems to have been reached, and there is a growing confidence that this is the time to proceed with construction, and before long there should be an amount of work in the building trades that should consume most of the idle labor. General conditions are mending, and our industries should soon begin to reflect this change, and absorb some of the idle factory workers.

Our citizens can look forward to the future of our city with the greatest confidence, and if they will only recognize her possibilities and all pull together for their highest attainment, and for a greater and better South Bend, there will be a great unfolding of opportunity to all our people.

Seeks Full Cooperation.

As to city affairs, I fully appreciate the heavy responsibility of being the directing head of a city of 80,000 people, and I ask and appeal for the support and cooperation of all. My hope is that this administration will be one of great service to the people. I have tried to organize the different departments with the one thought in mind of giving the city four years of honest, efficient and progressive administration of its business affairs, and a clean, sane and practical handling of its moral problems.

These objectives can be reached only with the support of citizens who believe in such a program, and I hope to enlist all classes of citizens behind it. But while we seek this support and promise to serve individual citizens to the best of our ability, yet it must be understood that good city government demands decision. The controversies which city officers and boards are required to determine are those between citizens and the public. The public interest is the first consideration, and as a general rule the individual rights of citizens must give way where they conflict with the public welfare.

I believe that those I have selected will have the courage to meet these situations, and I fully understand that this means the stirring up of hostility and enmity. But if government is conducted on this principle I believe that the people will in the long run recognize the justice of the same.

Courts Investigation.

I hope to have the city conducted so that citizens will at all times possess full knowledge of how their business is being conducted, for public confidence can exist only under a system where the public has opportunity to know that its affairs are administered absolutely above suspicion. I solicit public discussion of public questions, and I hope that the citizens will in every way feel that this is their government, and that they will be free to suggest methods and changes that will operate for the good of the city.

I do not care to enter into a discussion of any particular policy at the present time, but I merely want to send out this word asking for the cooperation of the citizenship.

CITY WILL WAGE DRIVE ON VICE

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this he declined to comment except to say that it was the opinion of the board that younger applicants should be given the preference and particularly ex-service men, in the event that vacancies occur.

In all probability a captain of detectives will be appointed at the meeting today. Horace Hamilton is said to have the inside track for this position.

The new board of safety, in company with the retiring board, planned to spend a greater share of the forenoon visiting the various fire stations; inspecting equipment and apparatus, and becoming acquainted with the work at the police headquarters.

It is understood that Chief Peter Kline, who has been an applicant for the position of probation officer which Lane quits when he takes over the chief's reigns will not be retained in this capacity.

CAPITAL MOURNS LOSS OF PENROSE, GENII OF TARIFF

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most men to a condition of invalidism.

"I never saw anything more plucky than the way he went on with his work despite his suffering."

McCumber New Chairman.

The chairmanship mantle falls upon Sen. McCumber, who was the sponsor of the last soldiers' bonus bill, by virtue of the senate majority rule, unbroken for many years. Mr. McCumber is the ranking republican and party leaders today said that he undoubtedly would be chosen. He is chairman of the republican "steering committee" and comes up for re-election next November. Sen. Penrose also was a prominent member of the immigration, naval and banking committees, all of which will have vacancies.

Sen. Penrose's death deprived him by a few months of that distinction of statesmanship of having his name attached to a general tariff revision bill. He had worked for months on the pending tariff measure, which is scheduled for enactment during the present session. His constant devotion to it and the recent tax revision law was said by his friends to have taxed his waning strength greatly.

He also personally handled the present emergency tariff act, together with committee direction of the allied debt funding bill. He was a powerful factor in the framing of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act and leader of the opposition to the Underwood law of the last democratic administration.

WHAT YOU WOULD DO, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

"If someone died and left me a million dollars I'd buy the biggest automobile I could get and start out on a trip across the country. Then I'd—"

How many times have you thought what you'd do with that million? You have plenty of plans all right, but not the cash. Money doesn't come to most people in a lump sum. It comes slowly, and by virtue of great effort.

One of the ways YOU can "pick up" a dollar here and ten dollars there is by reading the classified ads in The News-Times.

In those columns are listed every day the reduced prices in effect at some of the South Bend stores or the bargain offers of persons who want to sell in a hurry.

You may never be left a million dollars, but you CAN be left "out in the cold" by others who read the classified ads and get there before you do.

OLIVER ICE RINK IN SPLENDID CONDITION

The condition of the rink at the J. D. Oliver playfield promises a riot of fun from the time the gates open this morning at 10 o'clock until the lights are turned out at 10 o'clock tonight.

The municipal recreation committee announces that on account of the holiday the age limit for the afternoon will be waived, but the rink will be reserved for adults in the evening.

The schedule for the week will be rearranged so as to permit boys and girls of school age to use the rink up to 6 o'clock in the evening, but only persons over 16 years of age will be permitted on the ice in the evening. A second rule is being made which will provide for space enough for races and games.

UNITED STATES AID FOR BANK.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the London Times from Rome dated Saturday, says that in some quarters of the Italian capital it is stated that financial assistance for the Banca Italiana di Sconto is coming from the banks allies in America.

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Large Crowd at Oliver Declares "The Bat" a Hit

For over three hours a record crowd of theater goers remained thrilled, dazzled and shrouded in mystery while Wagenthals and Kemper presented for the first time in South Bend that stupendous and suspenseful drama, "The Bat" in three big acts.

A bare arm creeping towards a window latch, a muffled groan, an enthralling garrett scene, and a complete surprise in the solution of the plot all helped to hold the attention of the audience from the first to the last minute. With Lizzie, the housemaid, furnishing just enough comedy to keep the onlookers from becoming tired and the antics of an unknown man, Earnest E. Pollock, along with the egotistic detective who attempts to solve the great mystery, all contribute to the remarkable success that the play has gained in New York, Chicago and South Bend.

Fanchon Campbell as Miss Cornelia Van Gorder was one of the most interesting characters of the plot. Her steadfast refusal to leave the home which was believed to be haunted and her craving for excitement although the age when most women demand solitude is one of the unusual parts of the performance. She rapidly envolves schemes and plans that show the friends of the family in their true light and her brave deeds make her an instant favorite with all.

"The Bat" is to be shown here all week. T. N. T.

NEED FOR PRUDENCE STRESSED IN TALK BY DR. ELMER COLE

Former Huntington Pastor Delivers First Sermon at the First Christian Church.

Choosing as his subject "The Soul's Voyage on the Sea of 1922," and taking as his text "Be Sober, Be Vigilant," Rev. Elmer Ward Cole, formerly of Huntington, Ind., delivered his first sermon as pastor of the First Christian Church of South Bend yesterday morning.

"Today," he said, "we are like a fleet of ships in the harbor, setting sail upon a new voyage. Some know the great water paths and others have no experience, but all are seeking happiness.

"Happiness is the eternal goal of every human being, and those who have tried for it and failed are as eager as, perhaps more eager than, those who set sail for the first time.

"Our friends have bade us goodbye. 'Happy New Year!' they cry. Now they encourage us by the admonition 'Live well, fight well, steer straight, keep a sharp lookout, defend the right, succor the disabled ships, and find the islands of the blest who see God."

Resolutions Common.

Speaking of the qualifications of each person who starts out on his journeys for the new year, Dr. Cole continued:

"Whom have we on board who may help and guard us in the dangers of the year? A set of New Year's resolutions is the common freight of the average ship of the soul. These have their value. It is better to fail seventy times seven than to never have started. A ship without ballast is a dangerous thing. The stormy waves crush it. It rides high for a few days and then plunges into the deep."

In our text is the advice sufficient to make resolutions for the whole year. "Be sober, be vigilant." To be sober in Peter's language meant to be prudent. The prudence which he counselled was the fortification of the soul against known dangers, and the building of character against unknown. "Know Thyself" is one thing essential. We will meet all kinds of temptations and troubles. Our great dangers are the things we like the best. Against drifting into these we often make no provision. We do not wish to avoid them. Gather then yourselves together, strengthen then your hearts, remember then your high vocation, pray to the Lord for moral strength, forsee what is coming, and be able to master your ship when the fatal current begins to drift you away.

Many Disabled.

"I am wondering as we start how many of us will return? Some started with us last year whose bark became disabled and soon sank beneath thhe waves. Our greatest comfort will be found in the fact that beneath these waves they found the Happy Isle. Some may sink in mid-ocean. Others the storms shall smite and they will return with shattered bulwark and riven sail to refit for the year to come. Others will bring back a noble cargo, or the news of some great discovery. Others will lose their way and drift aimlessly from one tract to another of forgotten seas and we shall not meet again; and some will reach in peace, worn out with long sailing, the shores of heaven, the haven where they would be.

"Peter presents for your consideration this morning these two great companions for your journey --sober provision, prudence; and then keen-eyed vigilence, watchfulness. One to use while you are starting on your voyage, another to be your daily matew hile you sail. They, unlike too many comrades on this earth, unlike too many denizens of the soul, will not betray you. You will not regret that you have loved them for they have the faithfulness of God. Take them and keep them and love them. Use them in the love of the Father and in the grace of Jesus Christ."

POINSETT GARRISON TO INSTALL OFFICERS

At the meeting of Poinsett Garrison, No. 93, Army and Navy union, Jan. 3 in Slick's hall, the following officers will be installed: commander, Luther Lane; adjutant, Homer Asire; quartermaster, John Starksweather; senior vice commander, Charles Stacker; junior vice commander, Charles Noonan.

Plans for the launching of a membership drive are also to be discussed at the meeting.

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BORAH HITS TREATY AS ALLIANCE PERIL

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form an alliance against those nations which have not been guilty of such things.

"If the nations which are to be members of this alliance would hand back to the nations and peoples the territory, the rights and the liberties which they have taken from them, the war clouds in the Far East would disappear. * * * You would not need an alliance in the Far East if it were not necessary to protect the territory which has been unjustly obtained by members of the alliance."

Militaristic Features.

Mr. Borah declared it would be a crime—a crime not only against our own people, but a crime against millions in the Far East—for the United States to join in an alliance if "aggressions" are to continue in the ten years of the agreement's life, "as they have taken place in the past." He argued that it was wrong to ask the American people to guarantee protection against disturbances and war which "may be brought about or inspired by members of the alliance itself."

The senator discussed also provisions of the treaty concerning the homeland of Japan. These, however, he did not regard as more important than other features which he said would lead the United States into war "just as truly as if any island were attacked as though the Japanese mainland were the object of aggression."

These "militaristic" features of the treaty should be stripped off, the senator added, saying that if such were not done, it should be regarded as proof that "the members of the alliance are unwilling to restore the territory, the franchises, the privileges which other peoples claim have been taken from them unjustly and which are now the causes of trouble in the Far East."

WORLD "WAR" ON MARS NEARS LAST ROUND IN PARLEY

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delegates, who denounced the documentary evidence presented by the far eastern commission as constituting a "forgery" and "malicious falsehoods."

Whether the accusation will come formally before the arms conference is uncertain, since the far eastern representatives not only are not members of the conference but are speaking for an unrecognized government. The Siberian situation, however, is on the agenda for the far eastern discussions and when it is taken up for consideration the Chinese or some other delegation may inject the far eastern charges into the formal negotiations.

Reservation Is Likely

If a plenary session is held this week, it is not impossible that its program may include ratification of some clarifying instrument to define the scope of the four power pact treaty with reference to the principal Japanese islands. Negotiations for such a clarification are proceeding, the Americans having given assurances that they will not oppose a Japanese plan to declare that the treaty does not cover the Japanese "homeland". The present discussions are said to be tending toward accomplishment of that end through a reservation signed by all the four powers.

Popularity of City Market Demonstrated

Demonstrating the popularity of the city market are the figures compiled for the year by the city inspector of weights and measures, Byron R. Miller, who shows in his report covering the department a total of 10,122 truck-filled vehicles on the Colfax av. bridge during the past 12 months.

Fees collected by the department amounted to $383 for the year, which included the weighing of 3,380 loads with collections at $342.50 and testing of 81 gas meters with total fees amounting to $40.50.

There were a total of 2,554 inspections made during the year, including among which were 96 articles condemned for repairs. Of this number condemned 77, or nearly 80 percent of the total, were computing scales.

POLICE HALT FIGHT OF MAN AND WIFE

Charged by his wife with starting a tirade against her which resulted in a free use of his fists against the face of his spouse, Charles Budny, 417 Huey st., was arrested late last night. He will be arraigned before Judge Clifford E. DuComb Tuesday.

Budny's ride in the police patrol was followed by an explanation of his conduct to the police. According to his story, he had been sleeping during the day and rising, had found his trousers mislaid. This had occurred at different times, he said, and words followed which ended in a fight between the pair.

NIMROD GETS HUNTING LICENSE FOR WEDDING

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Just as Judge H. Pomeroy Sterling in marriage court, was about to tie the knot, William Taylor, 42 a nimrod, produced the license.

"Why, this is a hunting license!" exclaimed the judge.

Virginia Ross, the bride-to-be, stalked out of court, big tears trickling down her cheeks.

Finally, after apologetic explanation, Taylor got her to return.

"It was this way," said Taylor to the judge. "When I went into the clerk's office I saw two signs. One said 'marriage licenses' and the other 'hunting licenses.' I thought to myself, I've been hunting this woman for three years before she'd marry me—a hunting license is what I need."

MISS SCANLON ENTERTAINS.

Miss Martha Scanlon, 423 N. Main st., entertained a number of friends at a New Year's party Saturday evening. Music and dancing were features of the entertainment and luncheon was served.

The guests were Harriett Florkowski, Julia Giomi, Bernice Giomi, Margaret Freshley, Pauline Freshley, Fanny Lapides, Mona Keown, Frank Murray, Oscar Lavery, Harold Oesan, Walter Heneghan, James Burns, James Kelly, John Corcoran and Frank McKenna.

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FARMERS' MEETING AT LAKEVILLE IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Hundreds Brave Weather to Attend Mass Meeting to Discuss Organization.

If the same sort of support is given the campaign to increase the membership of the St. Joseph County Farm bureau at other points throughout the county as developed at the mass meeting at Lakeville Saturday night the success of the movement is assured.

Unfavorable weather conditions did not deter more than 300 farmers, their wives, daughters and youngsters. They came from all sections of Union township and various parts of the extreme southern end of the county. The large auditorium of the new high school was literally packed to the doors and it was necessary to care for the overflow crowd in other rooms.

Lem Schafer, chairman of the Union township unit, was in charge of the meeting. A splendid program of diversified interests was given, including a stirring talk by Jerry Hildebrand, one of the most progressive and oldest farmers in northern Indiana. The Fluckey orchestra contributed to the success of the gathering by the rendition of old-time melodies and popular musical selections. Just to show that the youngsters are being trained to recognize the benefits of community development, 12 school girls went through a handkerchief drill which they executed with grace. Miss Georgianna Lineback won the enthusiastic approval of the audience with two vocal selections. The Rev. C. Polan, pastor of the Methodist church, Lakeville, took a prominent part. He led in the community singing and made a forcible talk in which he pointed out the merits of organization when carried forward along conservative and practical lines. He voiced strong approval of the farm bureau and expressed the hope that it would continue to increase in service and numerical strength.

Hildebrand Hits Nail.

Mr. Hildebrand, emphasizing the vital interest agriculture had at stake, did not employ pretty phrases, but struck direct from the shoulder. He said if farmers expect to realize through organization merely a small individual gain they would be disappointed, for the reason, the big movement under way is far more important and far reaching in that it stood for the general prosperity of the country. The big program of legislation which had been obtained by the American Farm Bureau federation was cited, and the national organization was praised for its untiring fidelity to the general advancement of the agricultural classes.

Farmers were reminded that no part of past achievement would have been possible without their active support and this must be increased now with an enlarged scope of activities to be accomplished.

"There is no accurate way in which the actual personal and collective benefits of membership in the farm bureau can be estimated," he said. "But I want to tell you that the movement is the most stupendous stride ever made in the interest of stabilizing prices through national and state legislation which I firmly believe is near at hand. Pres't Harding has called a conference to discuss a program which must be carried out for the benefit of farm products. I interpret this action to be a definite step to bring the farmer into proper recognition and that he will at no distant date be given a better deal in the matter of prices and distribution for his products. The agricultural "bloc" composed of 21 United States senators is on the job to see that recommendations which are expected to be discussed in this conference are written into the statutes.

Must Consider Future.

"This is no time to consider small selfish interests, and the farmer who hesitates to go along in this great movement is not very badly needed," he concluded.

County Agricultural Agent Eugene C. Bird announced that township and community meetings would be held at various points throughout the entire county during the period of the membership campaign, which is expected to cover the next two weeks. The dates and places, together with programs for each meeting, will be given out from day to day, he said.

Deaths

DAVID ROSE

David Rose, retired farmer of Warren township, died Sunday of organic heart trouble.

He was born Dec. 12, 1844, in Dolphin county, Pa., and was 77 years old. He had lived in Warren township for 49 years, having come here from Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Abram and Edgar, both of South Bend, and one sister, Mary, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

INFANT ZIGLER.

Jeannie Norris Zigler, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Zigler, 800 E. Jefferson blvd., died Sunday.

The child was born Oct. 14, 1921, and was two months and 17 days old.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

MRS. CAROLINE SCAMEHEORN.

Mrs. Caroline Scameheorn, Granger, Ind., died at the residence of her son, David E. Scameheorn, Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock, after an illness of one week.

She was born in Homer county, O., Aug. 23, 1833, and was 88 years of age. She had lived here for 50 years, having come here from Ohio. She married William Scameheorn April 4, 1858. Four children, David E. and Franklin, of Granger, Mrs. Ellen Sanders of South Bend, and Mrs. Jane Kline of Wakerusa, and two sisters, Mrs. Rachael Lyons of Laporte, and Mrs. Sarah Gonn of North Liberty, survive.

The funeral will be held from the residence of the son, David Scameheorn, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Harley H. Helman officiating. Burial will be in Harris Prairie cemetery.

W. L. TARBELL DIES AT DANVILLE, ILL.

Word has been received here of the death of W. L. Tarbell, Civil war veteran and former resident of Mishawaka, who died at the National Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill., Sunday morning. He was 81 years of age.

Joseph W. Tarbell, a son, 1012 Lincoln way E., Mishawaka, has gone to Danville to accompany the body to Mishawaka, where private funeral services will be held at his residence. A daughter, Mrs. Alfred Richards of Buchanan, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. J. B. Birdsell, 511 W. Colfax av., also survive.

ROSELAND FORMS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Organization of the Community church of Roseland was completed Sunday morning. One hundred and twelve persons were enrolled as members, 24 of these being baptised at the services.

Funds were raised sufficient to clear away the amount of indebtedness on the purchases of the grounds and building.

The choir of the First Church of the Brethren gave a cantata at the church in the evening. Rev. W. H. Freshley was in charge of both services.

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