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## JAPANESE NOTE ON YAP MADE PUBLIC

Communication Received Feb. 26 Given Out By State Department.

Washington.—To maintain its position regarding the island of Yap, the American government would have "to prove not merely the fact," that President Wilson made reservations concerning it, but also that the supreme council "decided in favor of those views," the Japanese government says in a note under date of last February 26, made public Monday by the state department, with other correspondence between the two governments regarding Yap.

"It must also be remembered," Japan says, "that if a decision in favor of the exclusion of the island of Yap—a question of grave concern to Japan and one on which the Japanese delegation invariably maintained a firm attitude—had really been made, as it is implied by the argument of the United States government, at the meeting of (the supreme council) May 7 (1919), at which Japan was not represented, it could not but have been regarded as an act of entirely bad faith."

It was to this note that Secretary Hughes replied April 5, at the same time sending similar notes to the governments of Great Britain, France and Italy. He declared that the United States was unable to agree with Japan's contention that in order to maintain its position it would have "to prove" not only that President Wilson made reservations regarding Yap, but also that the supreme council adopted those views.

"As no treaty has ever been concluded with the United States relating to the island of Yap," Mr. Hughes added, "and as no one has ever been authorized to cede or surrender the right or interest of the United States in the island, this government must insist that it has not lost its right or interest as it existed prior to any action of the supreme council or of the League of Nations, and cannot recognize the validity of the mandate to Japan."

Japan has not as yet replied to this communication, so that to date the correspondence consists of the two notes quoted above.

## RESOLUTION UP TO DISARM

Would Ask Britain, France, Italy and Japan to Conference.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution urging President Harding to invite Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to a disarmament conference here was introduced by Representative Rogers of Massachusetts, ranking republican member of the house foreign affairs committee. It also would declare that "until a program for the reduction of armaments is agreed to by the principal nations of the world, including the United States, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the congress that the United States should have a navy second to none."

Prohibition against the shipment of arms and munitions to any country where they might be used for revolutionary purposes has been asked of congress by the state department.

## Ex-Empress Buried in Potsdam.

Potsdam.—Amid the tolling of bells, funeral services for Augusta Victoria, former German empress, were held here. Over the simple coffin in the mausoleum or antique temple in the Potsdam palace grounds had been raised the familiar yellow standard of the ex-empress and at its foot stood the four sons of the former royal couple who were free to attend the services. Lacking was the presence of the former emperor, and of former Crown Prince Frederick William, exiles in Holland.

Officer Ordered Killing, Says Pothier. Tacoma, Wash.—Roland P. Pothier, charged with slaying Major Alexander Cronkrite at Camp Lewis in October, 1918, confessed to federal authorities that he was ordered by his superior officer, Captain Robert Rosenbluth, to bring out a loaded gun and "get" Cronkrite, was announced by Prosecutor Seldon, who disclosed five alleged confessions made by Pothier.

## Gen. Wood University Chief.

Philadelphia.—Major-General Leonard Wood was elected head of the University of Pennsylvania, by the board of trustees.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES

A woman's auxiliary of the American Legion has been organized at Creswell. Albany is already making preparations for a two days' celebration of the Fourth of July.

Burglars visited Banks recently and looted the Banks Mercantile store and Schroll's garage.

Work will begin before June 1 on a new public school building to be erected in Albany.

Methodists of Corvallis are preparing to build a \$100,000 church, to be completed within a year.

A total of 524 coyotes were trapped and killed by government trappers in Oregon during the month of March.

The Wheeler county fair board is making preparations for the annual exhibition at Fossil, September 29 and 30.

One Pacific coast, one tri-state and seven state conventions are already booked for Astoria for the summer of 1921.

Coos county's paved highway between Marshfield and Coquille has been completed and thrown open to traffic.

The Southern Pacific plans to spend \$100,000 at Roseburg in extending the railroad yards and increasing the trackage.

The wool growers of Coos county met in Myrtle Point Monday for the purpose of forming a pool to handle their wool.

Oregon City complains of a scarcity of houses. People are leaving the city because they can find no place in which to live.

The Linn County Oil, Gas & Development company expects to have an oil drill in operation near Albany by the middle of May.

Former residents of Iowa will meet at Salem, June 17, for the annual reunion and picnic of the Iowa State association of Oregon.

Lester Hall, 20, is dead at a Corvallis hospital as a result of electrocution and fell from the top of a Southern Pacific electric car.

A total of \$18,000 was expended during the month of March in construction, maintenance and repair of permanent roads in Gilliam county.

W. I. Reynolds, former city school superintendent of Polk county, is dead at Dallas. Mr. Reynolds had taught school in Oregon for 37 years.

The Dalles city council has ordered the issuance of \$80,000 in bonds for street improvements, a septic tank and the construction of new water mains.

Governor Olcott has announced the reappointment of William S. Gilbert of Astoria as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon.

Warrants drawn by the Linn county court total \$262,715.44 in excess of the potential resources of the county. In 1920 the overdrafts amounted to \$88,115.15.

Troops No. 1 and No. 2, Boy Scouts of America, of Astoria, each will adopt an Armenian orphan boy and appropriate \$5 a month for the support of their respective wards.

After traveling more than 6000 miles by sea and land, 50 pure-bred Guernsey cattle, among them a number of half-grown calves, arrived at the Pacific International stock-show building at North Portland last week. The animals came direct from the Isle of Guernsey, off the coast of England.

They will comprise the entries of an important auction sale of Guernsey breeding stock that will be held at the stock-show building Tuesday, April 26.

Mute evidence of a long-forgotten tragedy, enacted probably in days of early settlement of The Dalles, was brought to light when workmen engaged in the construction of the Columbia highway near the Deschutes river, unearthed six skeletons, each with the top of the skull crushed in. With the skeletons were found an old-fashioned gold watch chain, a rotted McClellan army saddle, such as used by cavalymen stationed at old Fort Dalles, and a small copper campaign kettle, used by soldiers for cooking while in the field.

The number of farms in Oregon and the total acreage in agricultural and horticultural products combined in the year 1920 showed a decrease when compared with similar statistics for the year 1919, according to the latest agricultural survey completed recently by the state tax commissioner. In the year 1919 there were 2,335,692.05 acres in agricultural and horticultural products in Oregon, while in the year 1920 this had dwindled to 2,161,335.39 acres. Farms reported in 1919 numbered 35,882, while in 1920 the number of ranches aggregated 29,513. A gain in total acres in farms from 6,670,617.14 in the year 1919 to 6,773,977.45 was shown in the report for 1920.

## The World's Most Beautiful Volcano! Nevertheless It is a Reservoir of Titanic Destructive Powers.



Mayon Volcano, now quiet, but which in the recent past has taken many lives and destroyed much property. The Philippine Islands are one of the most interesting lands in the world for the American tourist to visit.

Mount Mayon, in the province of Albay, Philippine Islands, is declared to be one of the most beautiful volcanoes in the world. No matter from which side the mountain is viewed, the cone is almost perfectly symmetrical. The setting of the volcano has much to do with its exquisite beauty, as it rises to a height of 7,043 feet from an almost level plain. The peak is visible for more than 60 miles, its regular, bare slopes near the top giving rare reflections from the illumination of the sun, while at its base is one of the most productive and picturesque landscapes to be seen anywhere in the world. A magnificent road, 120 miles in length, circles the mountain at its base, passing through the most varying scenery. Mayon has a history as an active volcano. It has destroyed whole towns. The most destructive eruption was in 1814, when 1,200 persons were killed. It last came to life in 1900, sending a river of lava into the sea at a distance of 8 miles from the crater. Since then it has been quiet.

## FROM "OVER THE HILL"

With nearly all preparations completed for the May Day fete of Athena high school and the holding of the track meet on next Friday, April 29, all will be in readiness for the realization of one of the greatest events in the history of the local school's activities.

The clean-up day at Athena cemetery last Wednesday was a gratifying success. A large number of citizens turned out and the work done by them made a marked improvement in the grounds and surroundings.

Mrs. W. S. Ferguson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Belknap, at Nampa, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sheard were visitors Sunday at the Will McCorkle home on Reed and Hawley Mountain.

A. Walker has purchased the Wm. Schrimpf cottage in the north part of the city. Consideration, \$1000.

Mrs. William Rice is visiting in Spokane this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith of Weston, were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Booher and daughter of Weston, are visiting relatives in Athena this week.

Miss Areta Littlejohn and Vern Dudley are Athena students at U. of O. receiving special notice for good scholarship.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McArthur are here from Portland, visiting relatives. They but recently returned from a winter's sojourn in California.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Clore April 20, 1921, a son. The youngster arrived at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Achilles are in the city from Caldwell, Idaho, visiting relatives. They were called here to attend the funeral of Mr. Achilles' father.

Postmaster C. O. Henry 's at his home in this city from the hospital at Walla Walla. He is by no means a well man yet, but is gaining in health daily.

Lefty Kretzer has been absent from school for several days on account of illness. It is hoped that he will sufficiently recover to play baseball Friday against Helix.

Charles Dickens classic, "A Tale of Two Cities," being reviewed by the third English class in Athena High school, will be presented at the Stand and Theatre, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood have been enjoying a visit from their granddaughter, Mrs. Clarence Burden, and their two great grandchildren from their home at North Powder.

Members of Mignonette Rebekah Lodge will go to Weston tonight to assist Hiawatha Lodge in receiving the visiting grand officer, Mrs. Nellie Whetstone of Pendleton, vice-president of the order. Team work will be put on jointly by the two lodges.

News of the death of Elliott (Doc) Booher, at Clarkston, Wash., was re-

ceived by wire Wednesday, and his brothers, Hamp, William, Al and Charles Booher left Athena yesterday morning to attend his funeral. He died after a long illness with heart trouble. He leaves a wife and six grown children. The funeral will be held at Clarkston.

Professor Fitzpatrick of Weston called at school Tuesday. A game of baseball was scheduled with the Weston boys for Wednesday evening, April 27.

G. W. Dickson recently purchased the cottage on West High street, belonging to Mrs. Ross Catron and now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnes.

## Infant Son Buried.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Hansell returned Monday to their home near Lewiston, Idaho, after the burial of their infant son in the Athena cemetery. The case was a peculiarly sad one, as the little one was found to have passed away very suddenly while sleeping, without any apparent prior illness. The physician pronounced a case of heart disease, as there were no signs or chance of accidental smothering. The young parents have the sympathy of their Athena friends.

## Charter Amendment and Bonds.

A total of 30 votes was polled in the special city election held Tuesday on amendment to the city charter and funding bond issue. Both measures carried, but three opposing ballots being cast.

## Athena Is Out of It.

The supporters of the Athena ball team have decided to withdraw from the Blue Mountain league. The decision was made after the return of Omar Stephens, vice president of the league, from a meeting held at Pendleton, Tuesday, where Athena's signing of Catcher Beaver of Walla Walla was protested. Rather than enter the league without an experienced catcher, Athena fans prefer to play independent ball, and will schedule games on that basis.

## Rex Payne Married.

Rex Payne, formerly of Athena, and Miss Adrain Hayman of Portland, were married at Vancouver, Wash., April 4th. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Mallory and Mr. and Mrs. Spangle. Since going to Portland Rex has been in the grocery business in partnership with his brother, Floyd.

## HOMER L. WATTS MARRIED TO BOYHOOD SCHOOLMATE

The marriage of Homer L. Watts, well known Athena attorney and farmer, to Mrs. Persophone Pickett of Portland, was an event of Wednesday evening, the marriage ceremony being performed in the county court house at Pendleton. The couple were accompanied by Mrs. M. L. Watts of this city, and Attorney Will M. Pet-

## OREGON NEWS NOTES

The postoffice department has declined to reopen the case of Frank Stott Myers, former Portland postmaster, who was removed from office more than a year ago.

The largest and only completely motorized shingle mill on the Columbia will be opened by the Kelly Lumber company at Warrenton in a few days. The plant will have a capacity of 100,000 shingles a day.

A force of men are employed in improving the roadbed of the Jacksonville railway and putting in new ties preparatory to resuming service. The railroad suspended service as a result of the big snow storm in 1919.

All state, county and municipal-owned motor vehicles are subject to license, the same as private machines, according to a letter prepared by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, for transmission to officials having jurisdiction over these classes of cars and trucks.

Ray Stratton, a 12-year-old boy of Corvallis, shot and killed Dick Logsdon, after Logsdon had attacked the lad's father and had beaten the elder Stratton. A coroner's jury brought in a verdict to the effect that young Stratton was justified in killing Logsdon.

To fight tuberculosis in Columbia county the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce sponsored a free tuberculosis clinic which was held in the court house Wednesday. Free examinations for the tuberculous, or for all who have reason to believe they have been exposed to the infection, was the object of the clinic.

Oregon's national guard jumped to third place in the entire United States in strength and efficiency as shown in the monthly report received at the adjutant general's office from the secretary of war. Oregon continues far ahead of all Pacific coast and western states and in the entire United States is led slightly in relative strength by Rhode Island and Minnesota.

The state livestock sanitary board recently outlined plans to combat anthrax should it appear in the livestock districts of the state during this summer. Last year the disease was prevalent in Malheur county, with considerable financial loss to livestock raisers. As a rule anthrax makes its appearance in August, when the ground has cracked from hot weather.

While the opening of the spring fishing season on the Columbia river, will be at noon, May 1, less preparation is being made for the opening day than at the corresponding time of any previous year in the history of the industry. This is due to the unsettled condition of the salmon market and the uncertainty of the prices which will prevail both for the raw material and the cured product.

First of the large oil companies operating in this state to report its sales and distribution of motor vehicles fuel, upon which the additional 1 cent tax was imposed by the recent session of the state legislature, was the Associated Oil company, which remitted to Secretary of State Koser \$14,232.98, which represented the total tax paid for the month of March under the laws enacted in 1919 and 1921.

There were five fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon in the week ending April 14, according to the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Clyde Hatton, steamboat worker, Portland; Jack Hamilton, watchman, Oregon City; Nicholas Holzappel, miller, Portland; Frank Mongrain, grain handler, Portland, and Lester W. Hall, chauffeur, Corvallis. A total of 405 accidents were reported for the week.

erson of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Watts will make their home in Athena.

The bride is a charming young woman who has made her home in Portland during the past two years, having formerly lived at Waitsburg, at which place her first husband, who was an attorney, died from the effects of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts were school mates at Monmouth Normal School, and friends look upon their marriage as the happy culmination of a ripened boyhood and girlhood friendship.

## Childs Welfare Clinic.

Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn and Mrs. R. A. Thompson were out yesterday listing names of little folks between six months and six years of age, for examination at the Childs Welfare Clinic to be held at Weston on May 3 and 4, under supervision of Dr. Boyden of Pendleton, Dr. Smith of Athena, Dr. McKinney of Weston, Miss Lane, expert from O. A. C., Mrs. C. H. Smith and other graduate nurses will be in charge. Mothers are invited to bring babies to the clinic.

## U. S. WILL NOT TOLERATE WAR

Panama and Costa Rica Notified They Must Settle Differences Amicably.

Washington, D. C. — War between Panama and Costa Rica growing out of the boundary dispute will not be tolerated by the United States, it was learned authoritatively.

Both governments were understood to have been informed that the obduracy of Panama over acceptance of the White award insisted on by the American government, must not be made the basis for the renewal of hostilities.

Official reports recently have indicated that the peace of the isthmus was about to be disturbed. Panama was mobilizing her army while Costa Rica was assuming a bellicose attitude and had been assured of support by Salvadore, Honduras and Guatemala.

The American position was understood to be that the United States is bound by treaty obligations to safeguard the integrity of Panama and that any move by Costa Rica would justify drastic action.

There is a considerable force of American troops in the garrison in the Panama canal zone. This is supplemented by the special service squadron in Central American waters and the Atlantic fleet is in Cuban waters.

## TARIFF MEASURE PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington.—By an overwhelming majority the house passed the emergency tariff bill, including the anti-dumping and foreign exchange sections. The vote was 269 for to 112 against. Fifteen democrats voted for and nine republicans against the bill.

The bill, which now goes to the senate, where republican leaders have promised to give it a top place on the calendar, imposes duties on approximately 25 important farm products for a period of six months, unless repealed within that period by the general tariff bill on which the house ways and means committee is now at work.

The anti-dumping section of the bill provides that in the case of foreign-made goods, being brought into the American markets and offered for sale at prices below the cost of production, there shall be levied in addition to all other duties a duty that will bring their laid down cost up to the level of the cost of production plus transportation costs.

## VETERANS GET DIVIDENDS

Government Life Insurance Pays \$1 on Each Thousand.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Mellon announced a dividend on government life insurance of not less than \$1 a thousand of insurance.

The dividend, it was explained, will be paid in cash on the \$706,391,000 of permanent converted insurance for which earnings totaling \$1,030,016 have been apportioned. In addition to the permanent insurance, the secretary added out of the \$40,000,000,000 written by the government on the lives of soldiers, sailors and marines during the war, there was in effect December 31, \$3,352,360,500 of wartime insurance.

Policies that have been in force two years, he said, on the anniversary date in 1921, will receive the amount of two yearly dividends and policies in force one year will receive one yearly dividend.

## Demand For Gold Made By Allies.

Berlin.—The reparations commission has verbally notified the president of the German war burdens commission that the gold reserves of the Reichsbank and other German issuing banks must be deposited before May 1, either in Cologne or Coblenz as security for reparations, it was semi-officially announced here.

## Senate Confirms Esch Appointment.

Washington, D. C.—The nomination of former Representative Esch of Wisconsin to be a member of the interstate commerce commission was confirmed by the senate. Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, opposed confirmation.