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SAYS JAPAN IS PLOTTING WAR

Secret Agent Claimed to Have Made That Report to American Government.

STORY CONSIDERED OFFICIAL

Statement Creates General Surprise in View of Persistent Denials of Diplomats.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Washington, D. C., July 9—Announcement considered to be official was made today that a secret agent in Japan has informed the American government that Japan is secretly preparing for war in spite of the persistent denials of the fact.

The statement comes like a thunder-clap in view of recent developments and the representations of Japanese diplomacy that the differences of the two countries are regarded as trivial by the Japanese government.

Dewey Talks About Navy

Utica, N. Y., July 9—Admiral Dewey says the preparations now being made to strengthen the navy are not for war purposes but simply to demonstrate the superiority of the United States over other nations in military prowess.

Brownson Visits Roosevelt

Oyster Bay, July 9—Rear Admiral Brownson visited President Roosevelt today. It is understood that the subject of discussion was the possibility of war with Japan.

Yamamoto For Peace

New York, July 10—Admiral Yamamoto, Japanese minister of marine during the Russo-Japanese war, arrived here from Europe today. To reporters who sought interviews he said that he and his government want peace with
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SOLDIER KILLED BY EXPLOSION

One Dead and Two Injured by Premature Discharge at Fort Worden.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Fort Worden, Wash., July 12—One man was killed and two were injured by the premature explosion of a five-pound charge in a rapid fire gun yesterday afternoon. A salute was being fired in honor of Gov. Mead.

BUILDS INGENIOUS BOATS TO RUN ON YUKON RIVER

Two novel boats are to be launched in Dawson soon. William J. Chance is building them. One is a mammoth poling boat, which will be used in carrying supplies up the Fortymile river to Chicken creek, and the other is a steam catamaran.

The poling boat is a trim round bottomed craft, with sturgeon nose and canoe stern. It will have a carrying capacity of ten and one-half tons, and can be handled by three men. Possibly twin screws and power will be put in the craft later. For thirty miles along the Fortymile a tow can be taken from the shore.

The catamaran which Mr. Chance is building is a novelty and perhaps will mean a revolution in certain lines of steamboating. The catamaran is a craft with two hulls. The hulls are set parallel, with a space of several feet between them. The shaft carrying the wheel will work between the hulls. Mr. Chance claims that this will be an advantage in several ways, one of which will be impossibility to overturn the craft, and another of navigating with light craft when carrying a comparatively heavy load. A twenty-horse power engine is coming for the catamaran. The initial catamaran will be sixty feet long, and will carry ten tons of freight on a one-foot draft. Mr. Chance says the catamaran should be able to ascend very low streams. — Dawson News.

The Nome News booms a strike at Solomon which embraces 84 pans.

FINDS COPPER EAST OF BAY

William Redmond Makes Discovery of What Appears to be High Grade Ledge.

Fragments of copper ore picked up by William Redmond across the bay this week indicate the existence of a vein of copper of indefinite value and probable of high grade. Mr. Redmond brings over specimens of two kinds, one of which he calls copper bromide, as it is often known among miners, and as azurite in the glossaries; the other a copper oxide, which would pass for silver oxide but for its green copper stains. So closely does it resemble silver oxide that Redmond thought it contained a large percentage of silver but an assay showed very little. Both kinds of ore carry a little gold.

The blue carbonate ore is green until exposed to the air, when it turns blue. It is very similar to malachite, or green carbonate, which retains its color. It is a very high grade ore. Mr. Redmond is a quartz miner of wide experience and familiar with all kinds of mineral. It is his belief that he has probably struck something rich, although he conservatively says it is only a prospect.

No well defined vein was found but the ore specimens were found over a width of loose rock averaging fifteen to twenty feet, which was easily traced for 1500 feet. It lies above the property of Burchey and Simon in the canyon straight east of the Seward dock and on the slope where the numerous specimens of copper float have been found that have kept prospectors busy for several years trying to find a ledge. The Redmond discovery has started a squad of prospectors across the bay. Redmond himself returned to Seward last night from a second trip, after locating five claims.

ITALIAN KILLS CONTRACTOR

Employe Shoots Railroad Man At Katalla Because of Money Troubles.

An Italian railroad contractor running a gang at Katalla, was shot by one of his men July 3 and died in two hours. The name of the murderer was not learned by the steamer passengers who bring the story. He ran away from the camp and tried to hide but was captured in five hours.

It is reported that the victim was unpopular with his men as they believed he was "holding out" on them and getting money for overcharging them for supplies purchased. He had several disputes with the men. The shooting was done with a rifle. The fellow employes of the slayer would undoubtedly have helped him to get away if they could.

MUMMY BAY COPPER KEEPS LOOKING BETTER

E. R. Gray says development work is active around Mummy bay, Knight island and work on all the properties is producing good results. He says there will be several copper mines there before the end of the year.

The Prince William Sound Development Company, in which Mr. Gray is interested, is driving a tunnel not far from the water. On this claim a face has been stripped forty feet wide and twenty feet high and no walls have been found. It seems to be simply a huge bed of ore, and while walls must certainly exist somewhere the ore body is believed to be of enormous width and depth.

In this ore body, Mr. Gray says, about three-fourths is ore, waste and gangue matter constituting the remainder. All the ore is being saved and will be shipped, its value having been shown by repeated assays to be above the average of Prince William sound copper ore. Mr. Gray brought over additional specimens which have been placed in the display window of the Seward Commercial Company.

Steamer Elsie returned from Horse-shoe bay this forenoon and will sail this evening for the same port with a general cargo.

WILL NOT TAKE GOLD BY MAIL

Steamship Companies Refuse to Receive \$2,000,000 Registered From Fairbanks.

TURN IT DOWN AT SKAGWAY

Say They Will Give Up Contracts Rather Than Transport Dust Except by Express.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Skagway, July 8—Two million dollars in gold dust received by mail from Fairbanks today consigned to Seattle was refused by the steamship companies here. The companies declare that they would rather forfeit their mail contracts than carry mail containing gold dust for less than express rates.

The gold consignments were made by mail because first-class postage on the metal is lower than the express rate of the steamship companies. The gold is sent in small registered packages. The determination to send gold in that way was made after an effort to secure a lower express rate had failed.

Must Carry Gold

Washington, D. C., July 9—Postmaster-General Meyer ruled today that the steamship companies having Alaska mail contracts must carry gold when sent through the mails.

ELECT BOXTON ACTING MAYOR

Surprise Caused by Choice of Man Not Considered in San Francisco.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

San Francisco, July 10—Supervisor Charles Boxtan was elected acting mayor last night to succeed Gallagher. This action creates general surprise as Boxtan had not been considered a possibility.

This afternoon Judge Dunne refused the renewed application of Mayor Schmitz for release on bail, directing that he be confined in jail until his appeal to the supreme court is perfected. The trial of Louis Glass upon the charge of bribing supervisors began this morning, the jury having completed last night.

Admits Receiving \$5,000 Bribe

San Francisco, July 12—Supervisor Boxtan, who has been elected acting mayor of the city, testified today in the Glass trial that he received a \$5,000 bribe from Glass to vote for a franchise.

Lebreton in Place of Schmitz

San Francisco, July 8—W. J. Lebreton, a prominent banker and philanthropist, has been selected to succeed Mayor Schmitz as soon as the mayor is sentenced.

SARATOGA AND BERTHA SAIL FOR SEATTLE

The Bertha and Saratoga were in port together Sunday morning. The Bertha came in about 10 o'clock and the Saratoga about an hour later. She tied up beside the Bertha and went out first.

The Saratoga brought twenty-one passengers and the Bertha eighteen. The freight cargoes were of general merchandise.

The Saratoga and Bertha came back from Seldovia nearly together, the former at 10 o'clock Monday night, sailing at 1 a. m. Tuesday and the latter arriving at 2 and sailing at 4 a. m. Tuesday.

End of Track on Mile 51

The Alaska Central now has full fifty miles of track laid and the track terminus is a few rods past the fiftieth milepost, at the beginning of the first trestle on the loop. This will soon be completed and the track carried to the second tunnel, at the end of mile 52, where two Howe trusses are to be built, one at each end of the tunnel.

GET \$100 A DAY TO EACH SHOVEL

Seven Miners Sluice 100 Ounces Every Second Shift on Poor Man's Creek.

BEST PRODUCER OF DISTRICT

Claim the Richest so Far Found in Kahiltna Region But Likely to Be Worked Out Soon.

Seven men working on Poor Man's creek are cleaning up 100 ounces every two days. This is the latest report from the little bonanza "pup" of the upper Kahiltna. Several men came to Seward yesterday direct from the region and state that the claim the lucky miners are working shows constantly better. It is a small creek, however, and miners who have seen it predict that the pay streak on the rich claim will be worked out this season. Miners on some other creeks are getting good pay but nothing else so far this year has showed up anything like Poor Man's, except Nugget, perhaps, where most of the money came from last year in that district. No exact returns have come from Nugget, although it is said that Herndon and Jacobs are doing well there.

BIG RECEPTION FOR FAIRBANKS

Seattle Spreads Itself to Entertain Visiting Vice President Of Nation.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Seattle, July 12—Vice President Fairbanks arrived here this morning and will be given a big reception this afternoon. He will address the Christian Endeavor convention this evening. His political friends are making the most of his visit to stimulate his presidential strength in the northwest. St. Paul was chosen today as the location of the convention of 1909.

Whoop It Up For Fairbanks

Seattle, July 13—At the Christian Endeavor convention last night, which was addressed by Vice President Fairbanks, the favorable mention of his name as a presidential candidate by other speakers was loudly cheered several times.

Reception for Fairbanks

Seattle, July 11—A big reception will be given to Vice President Fairbanks Saturday night. Secretary Garfield and his party will remain to take part in it. The Indiana colony here who are trying to capture the Washington delegation for Fairbanks in the next national convention are working to make it a notable affair.

Filled With Delegates

Seattle, July 10—The Christian Endeavor national convention will open tonight with 12,000 delegates in attendance. The city is elaborately decorated in honor of the event. Secretary Garfield of the interior department is in attendance and Vice President Fairbanks will arrive tomorrow. Among Alaska representatives are Edward Marsden and his wife, full-blooded Indians from Saxman.

THIRTY TRAIN LOADS OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

Seattle, July 8—Before this evening thirty special trains will arrive carrying 8000 delegates to the Christian Endeavor national convention, which will open here Wednesday.

Clark Re-elected by C. E. Society

Seattle, July 11—Francis E. Clark was re-elected president of the national society of Christian Endeavor. Nearly all the other officers were also re-elected.

Bishop Innocent of Sitka and two Russian priests went on the Bertha to visit the Russian churches of Southwestern Alaska.

RAILROAD MEN FIGHT BATTLE

Bruner Crowd at Katalla Loses Disputed Point After Pick Handle Scrap.

A battle with pick handles and other big and little sticks was fought at Katalla July 2 between the opposing railroad forces at the place where the Copper River & Northwestern proposes to cross the track of the Alaska Pacific Terminal, or Bruner company, over the objection of the latter. The former company won the battle and demolished a bunkhouse which stood in its way. Several men were badly beaten, the worst sufferer being Black Sullivan, well known in Seward, who was badly mauled with a pick handle wielded by a brother Hibernian, Mike Sullivan. The two Sullivans led the opposing armies.

Different accounts of the battle are given, some minimizing the scrap while others say that the slugging was something fierce. The Bruner crowd had 150 men while the attacking force was twice as numerous. It was to keep out the other road that the Bruner company recently applied for an injunction, but the application was denied on the hearing by Judge Wick-ersham at Juneau.

DEFENSE RESTS IN BOISE CASE

Closes With Haywood and State Begins Introduction of Rebuttal Testimony.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Boise, July 13—The defense in the Haywood case rested last night and the prosecution began its rebuttal testimony this morning. Haywood was the last witness for the defense and made a complete denial of every part of Orchard's story affecting himself.

Haywood and Moyer Testify

Boise, July 8—Moyer and Haywood will be on the stand in the Haywood trial this afternoon and tomorrow. Depositions for the defense were read this morning in which the defense place great reliance. An effort will be made to take Steve Adams back to Telluride, Colorado to be tried on the charge of murdering Mine Superintendent Martin there.

Haywood Loses Some Evidence

Boise, Idaho, July 9—Many portions of the San Francisco depositions in behalf of the Haywood defense were ruled out today by Judge Wood. This was a great disappointment to the defense, as it thereby lost much testimony intended to contradict Orchard's story.

Moyer Denies Orchard Story

Boise, July 10—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners and one of the men accused of the murder of Steunenberg, was a witness in the Haywood trial for the defense today. He denied Orchard's story in toto so far as it charged the federation officials with complicity in the crimes which Orchard confessed. He denied that he ever counseled violence or wrongdoing of any kind in the contests with mine owners in any state or at any time or for any purpose whatever.

The defense has undertaken the task of trying to impeach James McParland the Pinkerton detective, who secured Orchard's confession and has directed the gathering of evidence for the prosecution. An effort was made yesterday to show that McParland has manufactured testimony in the case.
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TELLS SEATTLE PEOPLE TO TRY TO BE HONEST

Seattle, July 9—Congressman Humphrey addressed the Commercial Club last night, discussing investigations into Alaska affairs which came under his observation during his recent trip to the southern coast of the territory. He told his hearers that if Seattle would retain Alaska trade it must not try to grab everything and must treat Alaskans fairly, giving full value in all sales of merchandise.

BIG STRIKE IN NOME DISTRICT

Pay Streak Fifty—seven Feet Wide Uncovered on Daniels Creek Near Bluff.

GRAVEL RUNS 60 CENTS TO PAN

Ground Said to be Richest Ever Found on Seward Peninsula and Lies In New Region.

By Cable to The Daily Gateway.

Nome, July, 13—The richest strike ever made on Seward peninsula was uncovered this week on Daniels creek, near Bluff City. The pay streak is fifty-seven feet wide and runs 60 cents to the pan so far as tested. Bedrock is sixty-one feet deep. The ground is owned by the Northern Mining & Trading Company. The discovery opens a new and large district to placer mining.

LOSES LIFE IN CHULITNA RIVER

Neil Sample Carried Away by Current When Boat Capsizes With Seven Men.

Neil Sample was lost from a capsized boat in the Chulitna river about June 24 and undoubtedly drowned, as he was not afterward seen by his companions, who had hard work saving themselves. Sample was crippled and not strong, his feet having frozen badly last winter. The other six men managed to get ashore and after walking some distance they reached a box canyon where they camped until three other men came along in a boat and picked them up.

The boat from which Sample was lost was the second which capsized with the party on their way down. The mishap occurred a short distance above the mouth of the Tokositna. The stream is very swift there and boulders and eddies are numerous. The boatman was unskilled and unable to control the craft in bad places.

Names of Men

The six men with Sample were Richard Oederkirk, Arthur Baer, Jim McDonald, Al Wolf, W. H. Ladd, and a man whose first name is Walter. Baer is the young man who was stranded on a rock for several days in the Susitna river last year as the result of a boat capsizing and was compelled to kill and eat part of his dog, which had climbed on the rock with him, before he was rescued.

Oederkirk and the three men who rescued the stranded party—C. J. Shank, Jack Lavalle and O. B. Helmer—came in Sunday over the trail from Sunrise. The remainder of the party were left up on the inlet. They were practically without food for several days. Oederkirk was on an island for five hours before he made his way to the mainland.

Bring Out Gold Dust

Shank, Lavalle and Helmer are from Cache creek and bring out some dust. Their claims are spotted however, and while they made good wages some days on others they took out very little.

Oederkirk is the man who made a remarkable quartz gold discovery on the Chulitna last year. A sample of ore he brought out then assayed \$84 in gold by C. E. Bogardus of Seattle. He says the country is very rich in quartz. Samples which were brought out by him this time look remarkably good to mining men and Harry Ellsworth is making assays. L. V. Ray of Seward, George Palmer and Judge Goodell of Knik, and State Senator Costello of New York are interested in the property with Mr. Oederkirk, having helped to finance his second expedition.

FORM HARVESTER TRUST WITH \$50,000,000 CAPITAL

Chicago, July 10—Federal investigation of the proposed harvester trust shows that John D. Rockefeller is behind the project and that \$50,000,000 capital is pledged to finance it.