

JAPAN DEFIES PEACE CONFERENCE WILL HOLD ISLANDS, IS ULTIMATUM

VIRTUAL WAR UPON CHINA IS THREATENED BY JAPAN

Peking Told It Must Yield Shantung; That Tokio Has Million Idle Soldiers; U. S. Considered Too Busy in Europe to Object or Oppose Grab of Islands.

Japan has met President Wilson's proposal for a league of nations guardianship over the captured German colonies with a slap in the face.

At Paris, her delegates to the peace conference have made public a formal reiteration of her intention to hold the Marshall and Caroline Islands in the Pacific, which she took from the Germans at the bidding of the entente during the war.

They have also declared insistence upon the execution of the agreement reached last September with China regarding Shantung.

At Washington this latter situation is regarded as a virtual threat of war upon China.

The allies regard the situation created as a very grave state of affairs.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(By The Associated Press).—Japan's attitude toward China in the peace conference is causing grave apprehension among the representatives of the other associated powers.

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE FRANCE FEBRUARY 16; GOES BACK MARCH 15

London, Feb. 11.—President Wilson will sail from Brest for New York, February 16, according to Reuter's Paris correspondent.

Evidence of President Wilson's intention not to abandon the peace conference upon the ratification of the society of nations' plan is found in the disclosure today that he plans to return from Washington by March 15.

ELEVATOR BILL GOING IN TODAY

Brown Will Oppose Proposal With Measure to Obstruct It.

By WARREN W. MOSES.

Helena, Feb. 11.—At a meeting of the joint senate and house committee on the state terminal elevator at Great Falls, held this afternoon, it was decided, by a vote of eight to two, to introduce in the senate tomorrow the bill upon which the committee has been working for several weeks and to recommend its passage.

Brown of Cascade and Jones of Richland, the two members of the committee opposing the bill, expect at the same time to present to the house their counter measure, which would delay construction of the elevator for two years, if not for all time, calling for the creation of a commission to study the question and make a report to the legislature in 1921.

Strikers at Belfast to Take Referendum; City Resumes Activity

Belfast, Feb. 11.—The strikers of Belfast have agreed to take a ballot on the question of a settlement of the strike. Pending the balloting the city resumed its normal activities today.

Lloyd George Warns England Industrial Unrest Will Have Grave Trade Consequences

London, Feb. 11.—Progress on the formation of the society of nations was very satisfactory, Premier Lloyd George said today, in the house of commons, in discussing the work of the peace conference. It would be a misfortune, he added, if the deliberations were discussed in any parliament before they were concluded.

If industrial unrest continues the consequences will be grave to trade and industry, the premier declared. The government, he said, would agree to any kind of an investigation into the causes of the unrest.

RESCUE WILSON NAVAL PROGRAM IN HOUSE REVOLT

Washington, Feb. 11.—Administration leaders in the house tonight won their fight for a declaration by congress of a policy of naval expansion unless limitation of world armament is agreed upon at the peace conference.

Republican Leader Mann started the fight yesterday by having the naval program stricken from the appropriations bill on a point of order as not germane to the bill, which was sustained by Representative Garrett, democrat, who was in the chair. This virtually eliminated the naval program insisted upon by President Wilson in a special cable to Chairman Pughett.

Mr. Mann said he would support the proposal if there had been any facts presented to congress which would justify it, and added that the cable from President Wilson urging a greater navy should be disregarded entirely, if for no other reason than to show the president that the time had passed for congress to follow him blindly.

DOES JAPAN HOPE TO ISOLATE THE PHILIPPINES?



Figures indicate Germany's former island possessions in the Pacific ocean, the disposition of which will affect the U. S. territorial interests.

The disposal of Germany's former island possessions in the Pacific affects American territorial interests more directly than any other issue before the peace congress.

for the most important of the former colonies of Germany in the East Indies. 2. New Zealand claims the Samoan islands held by Germany before the war.

in 1916 in a secret treaty between Tokio and London. 3. The Carolines and Marshalls are directly in the course of the sea routes between Honolulu and the Philippines.

NO OPPOSITION TO LESLIE GOING TO HIGH COURT

House in Committee of Whole Approves Bill to Promote Judge.

By WARREN W. MOSES.

Helena, Feb. 11.—Without any show of opposition the house, this afternoon, in committee of the whole, signified its approval of substitute for house bill 4, by McCormick, providing for an increase to five in the membership of the supreme court, a bill, which, if enacted, would place Judge J. B. Leslie, of Great Falls, upon the supreme bench.

This bill, which was prepared by the judiciary committee as a substitute for the original bill by McCormick, the substitute giving to the assembly the duty of naming the two additional members of the court instead of leaving it with the governor as had been specified by the original names for the major term of four years, Judge A. P. Stark, a republican, of Park county, and, for the minor term of two years, Judge J. B. Leslie, a democrat, of Cascade county.

An attempt was made in the committee to have the terms of the two appointees conclude at the same time, but it failed, and the bill was reported out for passage without an amendment.

In view of the fact that a number of bills provide for the submission to the voters of questions of amendments to the constitution, it was decided, upon the report by Higgins, to consider all measures containing constitutional amendments.

A resolution presented by Franklin was adopted, to the effect that, whereas, there was not an exhibition in the house a flag of the nation, the sergeant-at-arms be instructed to procure an American flag of sufficient size to make it conspicuous and to hang or drape it in the hall.

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED IN ARCHANGEL ATTACKS

London, Feb. 11.—The bolsheviks launched an infantry attack on Saturday against the allied positions near Sredmakrenka, southeast of Archangel, and were repulsed, according to an official statement on activities in northern Russia, issued by the war office tonight.

MACHINE GUNS ON WAY; A. F. L. O. K. ON BUTTE STRIKE

Concentrator at Anaconda Closed, Throwing 700 to 800 Men Out of Work; All Discharged Soldiers Must Doff Uniform.

By WARREN W. MOSES.

Butte, Feb. 11.—Indorsement by the Silver Bow Trades and Labor assembly of the strike of Metal Mine Workers' union (independent) and Metal Mine Workers' union, No. 800, of the Industrial Workers of the World, has added much to the complications of the labor situation in Butte.

This development and the prospect for an early closing of the smelters at Anaconda and Great Falls, which Anaconda Copper Mining company officials intimate is inevitable within a day or two, unless ore production is resumed immediately, broadens the field of labor controversy in this district.

To date no American Federation of Labor union has voted to strike in sympathy with the miners, despite the action of the central labor body.

10-DAY TRUCES NOW PROPOSED

Armistice Phases Grow So Complex, Committee Is Put on Them.

Paris, Feb. 11.—A proposal to change the allied armistice policy and greatly shorten the armistice periods is understood to be before the supreme war council. This proposal calls for the limiting of the armistice periods to about ten days, at the end of which time new terms would be imposed on Germany.

In view of the complexity and diversity of the problems raised by the armistice, says a Havre report, the supreme war council has appointed a committee of eight members to which will be entrusted the task of studying these questions.

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Aliens Suspect Spy Is Among Them; Leaders Severely Beaten.

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New York, Feb. 11.—Following a riot among them, 54 aliens, including 24 Industrial Workers of the World, nine anarchists and other undesirable who were brought here today from Seattle and other western cities by order of the secretary of labor, were locked up tonight in the detention penitentiary at Ellis island, where they will be confined awaiting their deportation to European countries.

The riot occurred on the Ellis island barge at the Lackawanna railroad pier in Hoboken this morning, when the radicals began fighting among themselves. The suspicion that one of their number was a disguised government agent led to the trouble, police officials said.

Thomas Rimmer, an Englishman from Seattle, formerly of Butte, one of the ringleaders in the fight, was bearded about the head and body and one of his little fingers was broken when he was hit over the hand with the butt end of an automatic pistol.

MINES TO CLOSE IF MEN STAY OUT

United Verde Companies Will Throw 3000 Out of Arizona Jobs.

Jerome, Ariz., Feb. 11.—The managers of the United Verde mine and the United Verde Extension, two of the largest employers in the district, with more than 3,000 men on their payrolls, issued a joint ultimatum to the workers today, threatening to shut down both properties indefinitely unless by Thursday sufficient employees return to work to keep the smelters supplied with ore.

Viscount Grey Now Totally Blind

London, Feb. 11.—The eye trouble with which Viscount Grey, former British secretary of state for foreign affairs, has been afflicted for years, now has culminated in total blindness, says the Daily Mail today.

EBERT CHOSEN PRESIDENT, CONSTITUTION ADOPTED, CREATING NEW GERMANY

Formation of Another Great Army by Conscription Now Proposed, Polish Incursion on East Being Excuse; Secrecy Fought.

Basel, Feb. 11.—The German national assembly, today, elected Friedrich Ebert president of the German state by a vote of 277 out of 379 votes. Herr Ebert accepted the election. Count von Posadowsky-Wehner received 49 votes.

London, Feb. 11.—(Havas).—The allied governments have ordered the Poles and the Germans to cease hostilities, according to newspaper reports received here today from Berlin, by way of Copenhagen.

Weimar, Feb. 11.—(By The Associated Press).—The national assembly unanimously adopted a provisional constitution at 8 o'clock Monday evening after a two-hour wrangle between the independent socialists on one hand and all the rest of the house on the other over one single point—the question of secret agreements.

Altho the independents lost in their contention that Germany should pave the way for the entire world in going definitely on record in favor of open diplomacy agreements, they rose belatedly to make the acceptance of the constitution as a whole unanimous, despite the inclusion of the clause they had opposed.

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PLOT CHARGED ON WILSON'S AND M'ADOO'S LIVES

Ex-Convict Is Arrested; I. W. W. Conspiracy Is Alleged.

Kansas City, Feb. 11.—Pietro Pierre, alleged I. W. W. leader, was arrested today by federal officers in Cleveland, according to messages from them. He is charged with an alleged conspiracy against the life of President Wilson, according to local government agents, and is held on \$10,000 bonds.

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Oscar E. Olson, a Swede of Seattle, also was badly beaten in the fight. His face was cut up and he had other marks about his body. Some of the other aliens received minor injuries.

Boilermakers to Hold Strike Conference at Portland February 17

Seattle, Feb. 11.—The Pacific district council of boilermakers will convene in Portland, February 17, to consider the advisability of calling a coast-wide strike of affiliated unions, according to officials of the union here.

Whether the alleged plot reached a stage where the president's life really was endangered probably will not be known until the secret service investigation is complete, it is said.

Pierre was released from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 14 last, after serving a year and a day for opposition to the selective draft. Shortly before his discharge from prison, Pierre is alleged to have told fellow prisoners he had been chosen to attack the president, and to have added that he would go to Chicago for final instructions at I. W. W. headquarters there.

The alleged plot also included the murder of William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, according to the secret service men. R. Bobba, a Chicago I. W. W., is said to have told Pierre he had been chosen to do the work.

President Sisson Disagrees With University Chancellor on Suspension of Dr. Levine

Missoula, Feb. 11.—President E. O. Sisson of the State University of Montana today issued a statement, following a meeting of protest held by the students yesterday, in which he declared his disagreement with Chancellor Elliott in the suspension of Dr. Louis Levine. In part, Dr. Sisson said: "I shall say for the present but little of the drastic steps he has taken to protect the university, for whose welfare and advancement he is fighting at Helena. From where I stand I do not agree with the step and I have not from the first, as he knows. But he is bent upon serving the institution quite as much as anyone is. Two years ago under his administration the university got a

new building for the first time in years and increased appropriations for maintenance. "The chances are that attacks upon him are exactly what is desired by those who are most unfavorable to the university. It is entirely possible that the publishing of Professor Levine's monograph may be the apparent occasion of the slashing of the university's appropriation. Then how will students and alumni feel toward anyone who didn't oppose its issuance? The only cure for the present situation is the truth. Surely we cannot endure indefinitely a state of affairs in which the publication of clear and scientific facts and principles can disrupt the state's highest institution of learning."