

JAPS KNEEL IN STREET TO PRAY FOR EMPEROR

Mikado's Temperature Higher and Condition Serious—Populace in Terror—Developments in Dispute Over Land Law not Made Public.

State Department Think Illness Will not Interfere with Diplomatic Negotiations—Chinda is Busy.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Members of the state department here do not believe today that the Mikado's illness will interfere with the diplomatic negotiations as a result of the California land law. Ambassador Chinda is preparing the Japanese rejoinder under cabled instructions from the Tokio foreign office. It probably will be presented to Secretary Bryan early next week.

TOKIO, May 23.—Although official bulletins issued at the palace today reiterate that there is little cause for alarm, the populace of Tokio is in terror lest Emperor Yoshihito should succumb to pneumonia, and scores of residents today openly knelt in the streets to pray for the life of their Mikado.

The official bulletins today contained little detail of the emperor's condition, but it is said that his temperature has risen to 103.46, his pulse to 90 and his respiration to 30. During the past twenty-four hours it is reported his temperature ranged from 99 1/2 to 103 1/2.

One of the first visitors at the Imperial Palace was Arthur Blanehard secretary and chargé d'affaires of the United States embassy. He enquired as to the emperor's condition, and assured the Japanese government that the gravest concern was felt in the United States for the health of the stricken ruler.

No developments in the Japanese-American exchanges over the California anti-alien land law have become public here, and it is expected that the foreign office will not publish the text of the American reply to Japan's protest while the life of the emperor is in danger.

THREE MONARCHS EXCHANGE VIEWS

BERLIN, May 23.—Although Kaiser Wilhelm, King George of England and Czar Nicholas of Russia are freely fraternizing here, nothing resembling a formal conference of the rulers on national policies has yet been held. It is generally believed, however, that the three monarchs are freely exchanging their views on European politics and it is felt that the marriage of the Princess Victoria Louise and Prince Ernest of Cumberland may yet go down in history as the event which marked an era of better relations between Germany, England and Russia.

While the monarchs are hobnobbing, preparations for the nuptial event are constantly being pushed. The capital is gay as ever in its history, the hotels are jammed with visitors and every plaza in the city is alive with sightseeing notables from all over Europe.

NEW LOW RECORD CALIFORNIA PETROLEUM

NEW YORK, May 23.—A new low record for California Petroleum was established in the stock market today when it fell to 35 1/2. St. Louis and San Francisco first preferred lost three. Western Maryland advanced two, but the general list was heavy. Later St. Louis and San Francisco first preferred increased its loss to five points. Pennsylvania reached a new low level at 109 3/4. Bonds were irregular. The market closed fairly steady.

GREEKS FIGHT BULGARS OVER SPOILS OF WAR

King Constantine Leaves Athens for Salonika to Assume Personal Command—Wild Enthusiasm Among Populace—Support Protest.

Land in Question Won by Greeks and Attempt Made by Bulgars to Occupy—Peace Negotiations Progress.

SOFIA, May 23.—An official statement issued here today declares the Greeks were the aggressives in the clash now in progress between Bulgarian and Greek troops near Salonika.

ATHENS, May 23.—King Constantine of Greece and his staff departed from Athens today for Salonika, where the king will take personal command of the Greek troops which are in conflict near there with Bulgarians.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the city when the king departed this afternoon and the temper of the populace showed that they would heartily support the government the limit in protesting from Bulgarian aggression the territory won from Turkey by Greek blood and treasure. It is believed here, however, that the outbreaks between the Greeks and Bulgarians near Salonika will be composed before they lead to an open and general rupture between Greece and Bulgaria.

UNDERPAID LAUNDRY GIRLS PROSTRATED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 23.—A pitiful story of how underpaid girls are overcome by heat in laundries during the summer months was told to the state senate wage probe committee here today by a bundle of paper. The witness, a 16-year-old girl, received \$5.95 a week.

Last summer, she testified, she saw six girls overcome by heat and carried out. She admitted that a physician was kept near during the hot months, but said no emergency hospital arrangements were provided.

Another girl testified that she began working in the same laundry when she was 14 years old.

ODD FELLOWS LEAVE CITY AFTER CONVENTION

The exodus of the convention visitors began Thursday evening at 7 o'clock when the special train for the north pulled out. Many of the delegates stayed over until morning, the Elks entertaining those who were members of that order. The Klamath Falls delegation, the first to arrive, is also the last to leave, as many of them are still in the city.

During the parade Wednesday a horse ran away and was so badly injured that it had to be killed. A collection taken up at the grand lodge session paid the owner, a home-steader, for his loss.

PRISON TERM FOR ASKING THAW BRIBE

NEW YORK, May 23.—Convicted of seeking, by bribery, to free Harry K. Thaw from Mattewan asylum, attorney John Anbut was sentenced here today to serve from two to four years in Sing Sing prison. Anbut was declared by Dr. John Russell, former superintendent of Mattewan, to have approached him with a \$20,000 bribe. Thaw, on the witness stand here, corroborated Russell's story sufficiently to secure Anbut's conviction.

FORCIBLY FEEDING A MILITANT SUFFRAGETTE IN AN ENGLISH PRISON WHICH IS NOW ABANDONED BECAUSE OF PUBLIC OUTCRY



Forcible feeding has practically been abandoned in Great Britain since its failure several weeks ago in the case of Mrs. Pankhurst. She was sent to prison for a long term when the campaign of bombs and burning began, but when she refused to eat and grew weak the British Home Secretary, Reginald McKenna, decided on a new course. She was freed, and since has been quietest. Heretofore, the British government would not permit photographers to get pictures of this operation, and the one shown here is the first to come to the United States. In this picture it will be seen that the physician in charge is pouring liquid food down the mouth of the recalcitrant votes for women advocate.

LA FOLLETTE HITS DEMOCRATIC WAY OF TARIFF MAKING

MADISON, Wis., May 23.—Under the caption of "tariff making in the dark," Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, in the current issue of La Follette's Weekly, discusses the defeat of his proposal to instruct the senate finance committee to examine tariff legislation under democratic control is to proceed exactly as under republican control, the editorial says in part. "The subject is not to be treated as an economic problem. It is to be the stake in a partisan boxing game and the American people are to suffer the consequences."

The Payne tariff bill raised rates regardless of the burdens inflicted on the consumer. The course of democratic senators indicates the Underwood-Simmons bill will fix rates regardless of the price of production and the wrongs it will inflict on wage earners and legitimate industry.

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SUN WORSHIPPER KILLED BY TRAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23.—An examination of his personal effects today revealed the fact that A. Loberg, killed by an electric train was none other than Alexander Loberg, an Austrian professor who caused a sensation in a number of coast cities by his advocacy of sun worshiping.

On account of his peculiar teaching he was arrested once in Tacoma and once in Portland on a charge of insanity, but an examination showed that his mind was more than ordinarily acute and advanced.

THREE WOMEN GRADUATE FROM LAW DEPARTMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23.—Among the fifty-two students who have today received their degrees from the law department of the University of Oregon are three young women, Miss Neita A. Garland, Miss Lydia Alice May and Miss Genevieve Thompson, and two Japanese, S. Zoriguchi and Senichi Tomihoro. At the graduating exercises, Judge Guy C. H. Corliss, ex-chief justice of the North Dakota supreme court delivered the principal address.

PEOPLE INCAPABLE OF MAKING LAWS DECLARES RIPPEY

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 23.—That the people are no more capable of making their own laws than their own shoes, and that California's state government is the worst of all is the declaration today of President E. P. Ripley, of the Santa Fe railroad, who started today for Chicago. The one redeeming feature of California's government, he said, is its public utilities act.

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NO PROTESTS FILED AGAINST PAGE

WASHINGTON, May 23.—No acknowledgment of labor protests against the appointment of Walter H. Page as ambassador to the court of St. James will be made by the American Federation of Labor until its executive offices convene next month. Secretary Frank Morrison said today that the federation as yet has received no formal complaint, although it is reported that the typographical union of London and the Central Federated union of New York are bitterly opposed to the former editor of the World's Work representing the United States in London, and have requested that steps be taken to secure his withdrawal.

Federation headquarters here lists Page as a formidable opponent of unionism.

THREE CORNERED FIGHT FOR MEAT TRADE OF WORLD

CHICAGO, May 23.—A three-cornered fight by rival packers for the world's meat trade is in progress here today, according to the declarations of Chicago stock yard officials. Limitless wealth is said to be behind the three factions and millions of dollars undoubtedly will be sacrificed before supremacy is established.

The principals in the war are business men of Los Angeles, who are said to have raised \$5,000,000 to erect a union stock yards there; the packers of Australia and Argentina, and the beef barons of Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha. The packers of the Los Angeles movement are reported to have secured contracts with big cattle ranch owners of Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, who for years have been dealing with eastern stock yards, to send their cattle to Los Angeles, thus saving enormous sums in transportation. Australia and Argentina expect to send their meats to every state in the country as a result of the success their packers have met with frozen meat in California, where it is being sold for four and five cents a pound less than the American product. The Chicago packers intend to retaliate by invading the London market and underselling the Australian and Argentine packers.

Ripley flayed the present trend toward radical legislation, declaring that such procedure is adverse to stability of government.

AUSTRALIAN MEAT CUTS LIVING COST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 23.—"Fit for a king" was the verdict today of 300 men and women who attended a banquet here to test the quality and food value of the Australian meat with which independent meat dealers are lowering the price of food in San Francisco. The banquet was given last night by the housewives' league, and the guests were loud in their praises of the imported beef, lamb and mutton from the South seas.

T. A. Fricke of Victoria and Patrick Edward Quinn of New South Wales, Australian commissioners, explained the meat invasion. "It is not a menace," they said, "but a boon to the American household."

Fricke maintained that Australia could furnish the world with its meat supply.

FARMERS FACE RUIN BY ALIENS STATES SISSON

Unrestricted Admission of Orientals Spells Disaster for American Growers—Government Exceeds Rights in Making "Equal Nation" Treaty.

Prostitution of Authority to use Coercion against a state seeking to Protect Itself.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Declaring that unrestricted admission of aliens would ruin the American farmer by throwing the nation's land into the hands of a great corporation which would people it with cheap imported labor, Representative Sisson of Mississippi continued in the house today his defense of the California alien land legislation. The Mississippian explained at the outset that he did not intend to make a "war speech."

Sisson's address was confined principally to the government's treaty making power. He asserted that the government had exceeded its authority in making an "equal nation" treaty with Japan.

Negotiate Publicly. Sisson demanded that hereafter all treaties be negotiated publicly. He said in part:

"It is not a declaration of war for the United States to decline to override the rights of the sovereign state at the dictation of a foreign power. If the American government, with its army and navy and brute force, which it has superior to any of the states, should take away from any state the right to control domestic concerns and deliver that state over to the mercy of a flood of aliens, then I maintain that the federal government would prostitute its authority."

Bring Farmers' Ruin. "What would become of the American farmer of a corporation bought all the best lands in the country and cultivated them with Chinese, Japanese, Hindu and other cheap labor? The great land corporation would establish its own commissary and compel its horde of aliens to purchase everything from the commissary. It could make enormous profits and drive the independent farmer out of existence."

"In California individuals and corporations owning great tracts are cultivating them with Hindu, Chinese, Mexican and Japanese labor. These are the men who desire to lease their lands for high prices to this class of labor."

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO ON WARSHIP. SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 23.—R. C. Smith, engineer and H. F. Boek, chief machinist's mate, were killed, and Alma Miller, oiler, was fatally injured here today when a cylinder head blew out of the port engine aboard the United States torpedo boat destroyer Stewart, twenty miles off San Diego.

The Stewart was cruising around outside the harbor, making one of the regular speed tests, when the explosion occurred. The warship immediately made for port. The two bodies were sent to the morgue, and Miller was taken to the Agnew Sanitarium.

MEDFORD'S JOY RIDE MADE HIT WITH ADMEN

"The entertainment provided the Admen by Medford made a great hit with them," declares John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company who visited Medford Friday on his return from the Sacramento convention. "Medford won golden opinions and the Rogue River valley made a decided hit. Contrasts with the Sacramento valley were decidedly in favor of the Rogue. Most of the Admen return next Monday."

PEAR CROP TO EQUAL APPLE IN MEDFORD REGION

Probably a Couple Hundred More Cars of Pears Set Than First Estimated—Drop Light in Most Orchards—Good Prices Indicated.

Reports From Eastern Regions Shows Small Crop and Heavy Loss From Frost and Freezes.

After an exhaustive study of orchard conditions following an extended inspection tour, Professor O'Gara states that the probabilities are that the pear crop in the Medford district will equal the apple crop as there will be probably 200 cars of pears more than first estimated. The drop in most orchards has been very light and some orchards, like Ben Creek, have record crops. The prospects are that 650 or 700 cars of pears will be harvested by the valley.

Indications point to the best prices for several years on account of an almost universal crop shortage in the fruit districts. The Facker thus summarizes conditions:

Atlantic Section Frosted. Another and by far the most ruinous frost that has visited the Atlantic coast states this very frosty spring.

Overspread Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York states last Saturday and Sunday nights. Reports coming from all of these states indicate that enormous damage was done the growing crops. Virginia was again hit hard and the early fruits and vegetables in that state were badly damaged, and in some places entirely wiped out. This time the eastern shore of Virginia was hurt worse than at any previous time this season. There is no telling to just what extent the general crop damage is at this writing. All reports, however, are of a discouraging nature.

Peach Crop Knocked Out. Reports from Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland, many of which were received prior to the frost of last Monday, indicate that the peach crop in many sections of these states has been killed by cold weather. No, alone has the frost been the cause of serious loss to orchardists, but truck growers complain of drought, and a general shortening of the crops.

Losses in Michigan. Dowagiac, Mich.—There was a frost two or three times last week; froze ice. Temperature as low as 24 degrees. Fruit is killed. Reports to the Packer received this week from various Michigan fruit growing points told of more or less recent frost damage. At Lacota the temperature dropped to 22 degrees and it put a finish to early strawberries, cherries, plums, peaches and pears. Damage to peaches is 50 per cent and apples, pears, cherries and plums will not show up more than a quarter to a third of a crop.

QUARREL OVER BLOOD MONEY. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 23.—Whether the heirs of Charles Lathrop and Louis Blair, who were killed by outlaw John Turnow in the same battle in which Turnow was shot by Sheriff Giles Quimby are entitled to a portion of the reward offered by the state is a question that has been put squarely up to Governor Lister, who in turn has asked the attorney general for his opinion.

It has now developed that Charles Lathrop left a son living at the home of his uncle in Vermont. This son has put in a formal claim for one-third of the reward. No claim has come in from the Blair estate and none is looked for. Giles Quimby, the man who shot Turnow, has made formal demand through Sheriff Matthews of Chehalis county for the entire reward. Pending the rendering of an opinion by the attorney general no money will be paid out.