

"CALDWELL KNEW OF CITY'S OFFER TO PAY \$15,000,000 FOR CAR LINE"—MEIER

Weather
Tonight, probably showers;
Friday, fair; moderate
westerly winds.
Temperature Last 24 Hours
Maximum, 60. Minimum, 46.
Today noon, 53.

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

What Do Opponents of Jap Penetration Want? Here Is One Thing They Do Not Want!



THE Rev. Dr. Matthews recently in one of his justly famous Sabbath evening chats defended the onrush of the Japanese to this coast and gave his critics a poser, to the reverend way of thinking, when he demanded, "What do these opponents of the Japanese want?"

To which it might be countered: What does the Rev. Dr. Matthews want for the Pacific Northwest? Another Korea?

Whether those opposed to the unrestricted surge of the Japs know exactly what they want is not so important as the fact that they know precisely what they DO NOT want.

The mothers of Seattle will study the photos accompanying this article and get the point. This is a common sight along our highways. Take the road to Tacoma, thru the fertile lowlands beyond Georgetown. Notice the small, huddled figures of women slowly crawling thru the mud, and plucking the lowly weed from the truck rows. Notice the babies asleep in the ditch, or left in a box by the roadside while mother delivers. Notice the unpainted, ragged shacks huddled in bleak despair in the center of the cheap barns and outhouses. Visualize the "home" environment of the families, literally alongside pig pens. Understand that they choose this sort of environment because that is the way they wish to live—not because they are poverty-stricken.

Look ahead twenty years and see the food production of the entire West in the hands of these aliens, who send their women to the fields, who rear their children in a wayside ditch, and nurture them in a shack that a white mother would not condemn a sick puppy to. Figure out the standard of living that will be fixed for the American farmer and laborer by such a system, and decide whether you know what you want or not when it comes to Japanese monopoly of food production on the Pacific coast.

If the mothers of Seattle would dump their babies into a ditch and work sixteen hours a day in the mud at the dictate of their lord and master; if the women of Seattle would be personally content with the home shack of the average Jap family, with its hours of labor, its means of education, recreation, and its ideals of feminine emancipation, then we need not worry about the Jap invasion, because there will be plenty of white lady field hands to weed and garner our crops.

But if this sort of thing that the Japanese mothers do is beneath white women—and there is not much doubt about that—then be sure that the sort of thing Japanese men do is beyond the white farmers and business men, and that they will be put out of business in Washington, just as they have in vast areas of California.

FINALLY, this is a question for the women of the West, and for the babies and the girls and the boys of the West. We can do one thing or the other—bar the Jap from competition with us on our own soil, or be mastered by him, and feed out of his hand. We can never compete with him and remain civilized.

And we might humbly suggest to Brother Matthews that while there is no immediate likelihood of there being Japanese competition for his pulpit, still, a Japanese population would not greatly redound to the prosperity of his congregation, and that the day that sees the banishment from the land of the white farmer, and the enslavement of the city laborer, and the bankruptcy of the small business man, will not be a day of rejoicing for our big city churches or their pastors.

Take another look at those pictures. Notice the pleasant fields of the humble Jap gardener the next time you drive past them, then decide what you are going to do with your vote and your influence.

AS IT SEEMS TO ME
DANA SLEETH

Dana Sleeth

THOUSAND MEN BATTLE FIRE

Coos Bay Lumber Company Plant Is Wiped Out

RAY POINT, Cal., May 27.—The lumber yard and building of the Coos Bay Lumber company were wiped out today by fire. The loss of this company is estimated at \$200,000. Although huge piles of lumber crashed to the ground and high tension wires were burned from their supports, no one was injured.

A thousand men attracted from West and Bay Point, helped employees of the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding company to fight the flames, but fire fighting apparatus was lacking.

Three million feet of shingles and lumber were destroyed. Twenty-five lumber cars were burned. The fire ate up 500 feet of tramway.

The fire was discovered by John Larson, night watchman. The theory is that sparks from the exhaust of an automobile had smoldered in a pile of sawdust since late yesterday afternoon and finally burst into flames.

Drinks Poison in Friend's Apartment

With the sudden announcement that she was going to end her troubles, Mrs. Ethel Carlson, 44, of 5613 22nd ave. N. W., Ballard, drank the contents of a bottle of lysol in the apartment of a friend she was visiting in Arion Court, 1814 Minor ave., about 5 a. m. today.

Mrs. E. Carter, the friend, phoned the police and Mrs. Carlson was taken to the city hospital, where, it is believed, her life was saved. Mrs. Carter said Mrs. Carlson's husband, Sam, is in Alaska.

Anthracite Miners Defeat Wage Plan

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 27.—The anthracite miners in convention here today unanimously defeated the proposition submitted by Secretary of Labor Wilson for settlement of wage differences with mine operators.

The convention agreed to adopt the proposal made by President Wilson for appointment of a commission to adjust the dispute.

Sutherland Leading in West Virginia
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 27.—Returns from 1,611 precincts out of a total of 1,860 in the state give Senator Howard Sutherland a lead over Major Gen. Leonard Wood in Tuesday's republican presidential primary of 5,024. The totals were: Sutherland 29,116, Wood 24,992.

HIGHLANDERS ON WAY TO IRELAND

Four More Battalions Held in Readiness

LONDON, May 27.—A battalion of Cameron Highlanders has left Aldershot under orders to proceed to Ireland. Each man, it was learned today, was supplied with 50 rounds of ball cartridges, and the organization equipped with Lewis machine guns supplied with 500 rounds of ammunition each.

Four more battalions at the Aldershot barracks have been ordered in readiness to move to Ireland.

Dublin Dock Men Are Out on Strike

DUBLIN, May 27.—Embargoes were placed on all freight and express shipments today by the London and Northwestern railroad, as a result of the strike of dock workers and railway men at Northwall, where the unionists have refused to handle munitions.

Two Arrested in Police Dope Raid

In an early morning dope raid on a room at 703 Olive st., Motorcycle Policemen N. P. Anderson and R. F. Baerman arrested James Ford, 44, and George Lee, 25, alleged addicts, and relieved Lee of six "bindles" of morphine. Both prisoners are held in the city jail on "open" charges.

Generals Wait While Mother Talks to Mayor

An ex-major in the U. S. army today turned his back on two generals to converse with a little gray-haired woman, who wanted to get her son out of jail.

The generals were Major General George Barnett and Brigadier General Charles L. McCawley, famous marine officers. They are on tour of inspection of all the marine posts of the country.

The major was Mayor Hugh M. Caldwell, who welcomed them to the appeal of the distracted mother in his outer office.

Curbstone Brokers Target of Lawsuit

Whether or not a property owner can prevent an auto company from displaying autos for sale by the curbstone in front of his house, will be settled when the suit started by Howard H. Hamlin, 75, of 1412 12th ave., against Hainsworth Motor Co., in superior court Thursday, is concluded. Hamlin asks an injunction, claiming that the autos for sale block entrance to his driveway and spoil his view of the street.

Johnson's Lead in Oregon Is 1,932
PORTLAND, Or., May 27.—Practically complete returns today show Hiram Johnson to have a lead of 1,932 over Gen. Wood for the republican presidential endorsement in Oregon.

PLACE HERRERO UNDER ARREST

Will Face Trial on Charge of Slaying Carranza

MEXICO CITY, May 27.—Rodolfo Herrero has surrendered to General Lazaro Cardenas and today was being brought to Mexico City to answer charges of murdering former President Venustiano Carranza, according to telegraphic advices received by General Alvaro Obregon from General Cardenas. Herrero gave himself up at Coyula, Vera Cruz.

In a joint message to the senate, Generals Obregon and Gonzales today requested that body to designate a chief magistrate of the lower courts to sit at the investigation of Carranza's assassination.

A bulletin issued from the headquarters of General Obregon quotes Carranza as having said: "The commander of the American fleet, which has been anchored there for the protection of American interests if the need arose, has asked Washington to have the ships returned to their bases."

Developments of the past week indicate that one of the first military moves of the new revolutionist government will be against Wilson.

Ascon, the new foreign minister, has written American Charge d'Affaires Sumnerlin, informing him that he has directed "appropriate" measures be taken against Villa.

Lawyer Objects to Kids' Ball Game

F. E. Knowles, Epier building attorney, appeared at central police station all "hot up." "The kids out near my home play ball in front of the house," spake the exasperated attorney, "and they're ruining my shrubbery." The police promised to investigate.

Missing Woman May Be in City

Relatives of Mrs. Mary Damm, 21, of Poulsbo, Wash., have asked Seattle police to aid in locating her. She left her home in Poulsbo May 22, and is believed to be here.

PROFITEERING AT MARKETS?

After it had been reported early today that Western ave. commission merchants were to place complaints in the hands of United States Attorney Saunders, charging profiteering in the public market, the matter apparently was dropped.

At noon none of the complainants was to be found, and no charges, in so far as could be learned, had been filed with Attorney Saunders.

The fair price committee or the department of justice.

The complaint, according to the first rumor, was to charge that keepers of public market stalls are making 300 to 500 per cent profit on certain vegetables.

NIGHTIE AND GEMS STOLEN ON TRAIN; WOMAN SUES U. S.

In an effort to make the railroad administration pay for theft of a grip, containing a \$1,025 diamond necklace, a nightie and other valuables, valued at \$79, Laura T. Anderson started suit in superior court Thursday.

She alleged that some one entered her Pullman compartment, when she left it for 10 minutes at Missoula, Mont., while en route from here to Chicago.

PEACE BILL IS VETOED BY WILSON

Says Resolution Passed by Congress Would Mean Surrender of U. S. Rights

WASHINGTON, May 27.—President Wilson today vetoed the Knox peace resolution declaring an end to the war between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The resolution, Wilson declared, "is in effect a complete surrender of the rights of the United States, so far as the German government is concerned."

By the rejection of the treaty of Versailles, Wilson said, "by its methods we have in effect declared that we wish to draw apart and pursue objects and interests of our own, unhampered by any connections of invention or purpose with other governments and peoples."

Wilson bitterly condemned the resolution, declaring it said nothing about the purpose for which we entered the war. He listed among these freedom of the seas, reduction of armaments, vindication of the rights of Belgium, the righting of wrongs to France, release of Christians under Turkish rule, and Polish outbursts.

"Such a peace with Germany—a peace in which none of the essential interests which we had at heart when we entered the war, is safeguarded—is, or ought to be, inconceivable; is inconsistent with the dignity of the United States, with the rights and liberties of our citizens and with the very fundamental conditions of civilization."

DEERY AND ANGER ASK FOR DIVORCE; TOO DEEP FOR US

We'll leave it to the reader. What's in a name? Francis E. Deery sued Anna Louise Deery for divorce Thursday, alleging a "forced marriage."

Palma B. Anger vs. Ernest R. Anger appeared next on the list. Nonsupport is alleged.

Girl Tricked Into Wedding, She Declares

Persuaded into marrying Warren Truitt while she was under the influence of liquor imbibed in the Silver Grill, Spokane, Helen La Reusch, 23, who says she was unused to the ways of the world when she met Truitt, due to her previous close supervision while being a ward in a Los Angeles almshouse, asked annulment of the marriage in superior court Thursday.

With the intention of becoming a nurse, in 1915, she went to Medical Lake hospital, where she says she became acquainted with Truitt, engineer at the hospital.

"Our relations were merely casual," she says.

Truitt invited her to dinner and then prevailed on her to take a drink, she asserts.

"I was under the influence of liquor, I soon had no clear conception of what I was doing," she declared. "He prevailed on me to go to the court house with him, and sign an affidavit that I was 20, tho I had not reached that age."

He secured a marriage license and Justice Stacker married us."

The marriage state quickly sobered her, and when she discovered what had happened, she says she left him. She alleges he promised to divorce her, but has not done so. She asks that he be forced to pay \$250 attorney's fee for her prosecution of the annulment.

Hint New Revolt Against Germany
BERLIN, May 26 (Delayed).—Rumors current here today were that Col. Bauer and Commander Eberhardt of the marine brigade were in Budapest attempting to organize a new movement against the German government.

MAYOR DENIES HE HAD PART IN TRACTION DEAL

Corporation Counsel Points Out Caldwell Was City's Legal Adviser When Purchase Offer Was Made

Put It to a Vote!

"Why not a vote on street car fares?" The Star asked Tuesday. To date, there appears no good reason against the plan. A school election is to be held June 15. The carfare vote can be held at the same time.

It is distinctly up to the council to see that this vote is obtained; that this question is put on the ballot.

The people are entitled to say whether we shall increase our taxes or increase our fares in order to maintain our street car system properly. It is a fundamental question—to be decided as a matter of city policy once and for all.

Let's vote!

Mayor Hugh M. Caldwell was corporation counsel of Seattle when the city made the offer to purchase the street railway system for \$15,000,000, according to a statement made public today by the present corporation counsel, Walter Meier.

This is the latest "surprise" in the traction deal sensation started by the mayor himself a week ago.

Caldwell last week requested Meier to investigate the purchase of the lines from the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company to determine if there were legal grounds for an action to recover part of the purchase price or to rescind the contract. The mayor declared that the city had been "buncoed" out of several millions of dollars in the deal.

Mayor Caldwell, in reply to Meier, Thursday wanted it understood that he "had no part in the offer of \$15,000,000 for the lines."

He said the offer was made on the day he resigned as corporation counsel, September 6, 1918.

"In view of the statement that I was adviser at the time the traction deal was made," Caldwell declared, "I want to mention that I resigned on September 6, effective on the 15th, and that I left Seattle on September 9."

"The offer for the lines was made on September 6, the day on which I resigned. On the afternoon of that day, the city council elected Meier to be corporation counsel, to take effect on the 15th of September."

SAYS OPINION FAILS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Caldwell declared that he was not present at any meeting on September 6, at which time the city offered \$15,000,000 for the street cars.

Caldwell declared that Meier's opinion failed to answer the question of whether there was probable cause of action against the Stone-Webster corporation.

"I shall have to try some other attack," the mayor declared. "I asked Meier to investigate all the facts that were at hand. He replied by telling me that the city could recover from the company if fraudulent misrepresentation was proved. Everyone knew that."

Caldwell declared that he was undecided as to the next steps to be taken in his investigation of the traction deal.

"I may call a meeting of the advisory committee," he said, "or I may again request Meier to make an investigation with the facilities at hand, or I may ask the city council to authorize additional expenditures for the proper probe of the deal in which the city paid \$15,000,000 for the lines."

Caldwell declared that the records of the sale could not be located.

"The official file of Ole Hanson, former mayor, contains little on the sale," Caldwell pointed out. "I can find no record either in Hanson's official file or in the files of the council of the city, making any offer for the lines."

The mayor quoted a statement drawn up by Hanson, in which the

former chief declared that the lines would bring in a net profit of \$1,342,000 annually.

"I was never asked for any opinion on the purchase of the lines, or to draw up any papers to see that the city got value received," Caldwell said.

"After Murphree was appointed, Hanson did not seem to need any corporation counsel," he added.

HANSON TO ISSUE STATEMENT SOON

Former Mayor Hanson arrived in the city Wednesday, but when interviewed on the traction question declared that he was not conversant with the present situation.

"I will make a statement later," he announced.

Mayor Caldwell declared that he had no intention of criticizing Meier in his communication requesting information as to the advisability of suing the Puget Sound company.

"The propriety of the purchase was for the mayor and council to decide," he said.

Mr. Meier's opinion in full follows:

"In your favor of May 18, 1918, you refer to the purchase of the street railway system of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company in the city of Seattle, and ask whether there is any manner in which this sale can be legally voided, or the city can obtain relief therefrom. You have submitted no evidence or statement of facts for me to pass upon other than your belief that the city paid a price in excess of the market value of the property acquired. Your expressions of opinion, however, suggest two legal questions:

(1) "Can the city maintain an action against the company and recover damages because of the payment of a price in excess of the actual value of the property at the date the sale price was agreed upon?"

(2) "Has the city of Seattle a cause of action against the company because of failure to turn over to the city all of the property which the city was supposed to get?"

ALL HINGES ON "FRAUD" ANGLE

"I shall answer these questions in the order stated.

"The answer to the first question depends wholly upon whether you now have or can obtain evidence of fraud, as defined by law, to sustain an action. The rule of law governing such action, and which must be sustained, requires that the evidence support the following state of facts: (1) The company must have made, before the price was agreed upon, a false representation in regard to a material fact touching the value of the property; (2) the representation must not have been actually believed by the company, on reasonable grounds, to be true; (3) it must have been made with intent that it should be acted upon by the city; and (4) the city must have acted upon such representation to its damage, in ignorance of the falsity thereof, and must reasonably believe said representation to be true, if it had no actual knowledge of the falsity thereof, and acted in respect to it in a reasonably prudent manner, if such false representation was made.

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