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JAPAN OFFICIALLY DERIDES REPORTS FROM AMERICA.

SAYS PEACE IS IN NO DANGER

Reposes Implicit Confidence in President Roosevelt and in the American People Generally—Cordiality Toward United States Unshaken.

Tokio, Feb. 6.—The press is still silent about the war cry in some American papers. Not the slightest excitement was apparent after this talk was transmitted here, and it was generally ignored. It is believed that the anti-Japanese agitation by a portion of the American press will afford proof of the futility of an effort to shake the profound confidence which Japan reposes in President Roosevelt and in the American people generally.

The view taken here of the American-Japanese situation, arising from the San Francisco school incident, is illustrated by the following official statement:

"Since the talk of war was first transmitted from America we have carefully watched the development of feeling here. There has not been the slightest excitement anywhere in the country. The talk of war is completely ignored here and implicit confidence is reposed in President Roosevelt and his government. The ebullitions of the anti-Japanese press of America are powerless to shake Japan's cordiality toward the United States."

REBALLING IN GERMANY

Further Heavy Losses Reported in Socialist Seats.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The rebalancing in the reichstag elections, which occurred throughout the empire, emphasized the government victory of Jan. 25. There were further heavy losses in socialist seats, while the clericals more than held their own.

The socialists now return to the reichstag shorn of nearly half their strength. They have lost old strongholds like Dresden, Elberfeld and Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and they suffered defeat in Stettin, Darmstadt, Pluen, Grimma, Annaberg and Munich. On the other hand they have captured Strasburg, Wiesbaden, Offenbach and Muehleim-on-the-Rhine.

A tabulation prepared by the Lokai Anzeiger, with three districts still to be heard from, gives the socialists forty-three seats in the new reichstag against seventy-nine in the old body. The socialists have returned only eight members from Saxony, as against twenty-three members in 1903. All political parties have profited from the socialist losses.

IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Reading of River and Harbor Bill Begun Under Five-Minute Rule.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The senate spent the entire day in considering the Indian appropriation bill, but without concluding the discussion of amendments. The army appropriation bill was reported to the senate and will be taken up as soon as the Indian bill has been disposed of. The bill carries \$81,500,000.

Senator Heyburn introduced a resolution instructing the secretary of the interior to issue patents on all lands and mining applications where the proof submitted shows full compliance with the law and where no protest has been filed.

General debate on the river and harbor appropriation bill, which has been before the house since last Wednesday, was terminated when the reading of the bill was begun under the five-minute rule.

SMITH SUCCEEDS ALGER.

Michigan Congressman Elected to Fill Out Unexpired Term.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 6.—Congressman William Alden Smith was elected by the legislature to fill out the unexpired term of Senator R. A. Alger, who died suddenly at his home at Washington ten days ago. Congressman Smith had already been elected as his successor at the expiration of his term, March 4.

Merchant Tailors in Session.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Principally routine proceedings marked the session of the fourth annual convention of Merchant Tailors' association here.

The following committee on resolutions were appointed: Berkeley R. Nerwin of New York, chairman; Harry A. Wilkie of Chicago, J. S. Jennings of Detroit, Louis Nathan of Denver and Howard T. Kohler of St. Louis.

Briggs Succeeds Dryden.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 6.—The Republican caucus nominated Frank O. Briggs for United States senator to succeed John F. Dryden, by a vote of 22 to 18. The vote was subsequently made unanimous.

North Dakota Business Houses Burn.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 6.—One side of an entire block of the business portion of Coal Harbor was destroyed by fire, which originated in the village hotel. Loss, 80,000.

Canadian Banker Acquitted.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—G. R. R. Cockburn, former president of the wrecked Ontario bank, was acquitted in police court of making false returns to the government.

SU MITS PECULIAR REPORT

Finds Stock Yards Charges Exorbitant, but Favos Continuance.

Topeka, Feb. 6.—The committee from the Kansas legislature, which, acting jointly with a committee from the Missouri legislature, recently made an investigation of the Kansas City Stock Yards company, submitted its report to the legislature. The report is peculiar in that while it states that the charges on certain classes of live stock are unfair and exorbitant, it recommends that such charges be maintained and legalized. The report says that discrimination exists between sheep and hogs and between hogs and calves and that no reason was advanced by the company for the discrepancy in charges. Calves and sheep, it appears, are charged double the price for weighing, yet are worth only about two-thirds as much as a car of hogs. The committee discovered that a complaint of commission men that inadequate service is afforded is based upon fact and that stock yards patrons lose as much as \$6,000 a day by reason of this lack of facilities.

ELOPES; WEDS SOLDIER LOVER

Iowa Girl Becomes Wife of Lieutenant Robert Blaine.

Des Moines, Feb. 6.—Successfully eluding her objecting parents, Miss Lesta Newman of Bussey, Ia., came to Des Moines and was married to Lieutenant Robert Blaine, a cousin of James G. Blaine. They will leave in a few days for the Philippines.

Miss Newman and Lieutenant Blaine have been lovers for three years. Her parents objected to the match, as they did not want her to become an officer's wife.

Lieutenant Blaine was given leave by his colonel at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and came to Des Moines on Friday, met Miss Newman, and the wedding followed.

SLAIN BY REJECTED SUITOR

Frank Frink Shoots Bessie Newton and Self at Ponca, Neb.

Ponca, Neb., Feb. 6.—Frank Frink, a farmer, aged thirty, shot and killed Miss Bessie Newton, daughter of a prominent citizen, at her home here, and then sent a bullet into his own body. He has not regained consciousness and is not expected to recover. Miss Newton was to have been married tonight to Edward O'Donnell of this city. Frink was a rejected suitor. He called on Miss Newton in the absence of other members of the family and the tragedy soon followed.

Dawes Commission Completes Roll.

South McAlester, I. T., Feb. 6.—The Dawes commission completed passing on the enrollment of the five civilized tribes of Indians, a work that was commenced ten years ago. The names of the several thousand claimants included in the roll will be sent to the secretary of the interior, by whom they must be passed upon by March 4, after which no applications of persons rejected will be considered.

Tennessee Kills Horseracing.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 6.—The action of the lower house of the general assembly sounded the death knell of horseracing in Tennessee, that body passing the anti-race track gambling bill. The measure had already passed the senate. The governor will sign the bill, which takes immediate effect.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; steady; common to best steers, \$4.00@6.85; cows, \$3.25@5.00; heifers, \$2.60@5.25; bulls, \$3.00@4.50; calves, \$2.75@7.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.25@4.80. Hogs—Receipts, 27,000; 10c lower; choice heavy shipping, \$7.00@7.05; prime light, \$6.95@6.97½; assorted butchers, \$6.97½@7.00; packing, \$6.90@6.97½; assorted light, \$6.90@6.95; bulk, \$6.90@7.00. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; steady to strong; sheep, \$4.75@6.00; yearlings, \$5.75@6.65; lambs, \$6.00@7.65.

THAW ALIENIST ON GRILL

JEROME PLIES DR. WILEY WITH VOLLEY OF QUESTIONS.

EXPERT ON THE WITNESS STAND

Pittsburg Physician Declares Defendant Was Insane When He Fired the Shot That Killed Stanford White. Plea of Insanity Strikes Snag.

New York, Feb. 6.—The task of proving to a jury that Harry Thaw was insane through heredity and mental stress when he shot and killed Stanford White was taken up by the defense in this famous case, but when adjournment was announced it was the general opinion in the court room that but little progress had been made. Thaw's attorneys endeavored in vain to place before the jury evidence tending, it was said, to prove a strain of insanity in the collateral branches of the defendant's family, but they were blocked at every point by District Attorney Jerome, whose objections were upheld by the rulings of Justice Fitzgerald.

The defense did, however, get before the twelve men in the box the testimony of an expert, that in his opinion Harry Thaw was "suffering from insanity" the night of the tragedy. Mr. Jerome attempted to break down the evidence of the alienist, Dr. C. C. Wiley of Pittsburg, and for three hours put him through a cross-examination as severe as was ever heard in a New York court. The prosecutor was relentless in his attack and before he had finished Dr. Wiley protestingly declared: "I did not come here as an expert. I came as a witness to a fact, and I have been converted into an expert without being prepared for it."

The district attorney astonished every one by his intimate knowledge of medicine and its technical phraseology, demonstrating the care with which he had prepared himself to meet the very defense which Thaw's counsel have entered in his behalf. Mr. Jerome searchingly inquired into Dr. Wiley's record as a physician and as an expert on insanity. He hurled volleys of technical questions at the witness, who at times was mute and at other times declared he could not answer, or gave evasive replies. Often he brought upon himself sharp warning from the district attorney to make a reply and not an argument. Dr. Wiley said he predated his opinion as to Thaw's insanity upon his actions the night of the tragedy as described to him in a hypothetical question propounded by the defense and upon the incident which he witnessed on a Pittsburg street car during the summer of 1905. Thaw, said the doctor, acted irrationally on the car, coming in suddenly and jerking up one of the window blinds, slamming it down and then lifting it again, the while engaging in a wordy war with the conductor.

The district attorney then drew from the alienist the opinion that Thaw's acts on the Madison Square roof garden, when he killed Stanford White, were not acts of insanity when taken singly, but constituted evidence of insanity when considered collectively. At times Dr. Wiley seemed entirely baffled by the questions. He hesitated at each, and before he had answered Mr. Jerome had framed another query replete with impressive sounding, technical terms and apparently offering a problem no less difficult than its predecessor. The witness admitted that many of the tests to which the district attorney referred, such as the Romberg test and the Argyll Robertson pupil test, were unknown to him, and when he was asked to quote from any accepted work on insanity, declared he could not give the exact language from any book.

Mr. Jerome's well of knowledge, however, seemed never to run dry. He carried his cross-examination through practically the entire morning session and for an hour and twenty minutes after luncheon continued to ply the witness with all manner of questions.

DR. SIMPSON ON STAND

Denies That He Intentionally Shot His Father-in-Law.

Riverhead, L. I., Feb. 6.—Dr. James W. Simpson, the dentist, on trial charged with the murder of his father-in-law, Bartley T. Horner, was the first witness in his own defense. Dr. Simpson denied positively that he intentionally shot Horner. He was cleaning the gun in the kitchen, he said, and was explaining to the Polish chore boy how to "break" it, when it was accidentally exploded. He did not know Horner had been shot until he heard him cry out, "My God, doctor, what have you done?"

Dr. Simpson declared in spite of all that has happened he still loves his wife and mother-in-law, both of whom have appeared against him.

"Scip" Dundy Is Dead.

New York, Feb. 6.—Blmer S. Dundy

of the firm of Thompson & Dundy died suddenly from the effects of a cold. Mr. Dundy was born in Omaha, Neb., in 1862. His father was Judge Elmer S. Dundy, who was the first United States judge appointed in Nebraska.

Ryan Knocks Out Barry.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 6.—Tommy Ryan knocked out Dave Barry in the fifth round of a scheduled twenty-round fight before the Whittington Athletic club. Barry was outclassed at all stages.

TRAIN ON BURNING BRIDGE.

Burlington Engine and Five Freight Cars Go Down to Destruction.

Omaha, Feb. 5.—As Burlington freight train No. 45, westbound, was approaching Edgemont, S. D., the engine and five cars went through a burning bridge. The cars were totally destroyed with their contents and the engine badly damaged. None of the train crew was injured. The engineer could not stop the heavy train in time to avoid running onto the bridge after he discovered it was on fire, but he and the fireman were able to jump in time to avoid injury.

SALARY BILL ON FILE

Lee's Proposed Constitutional Amendment Gets in Line for Life.

Lincoln, Feb. 1.—The house spent the morning discussing Lee's proposed constitutional amendment increasing the salary of legislators to \$10 a day. A majority of the committee reported it for indefinite postponement, but it was finally placed on general le.

Senator Wise of Frontier took exceptions to newspaper criticism of the railroad committee, which is getting up the railroad measures, and said such criticisms were unfair and unjust. He wants to assure the people of the state the members of the committee are in line with the platform and will report measures accordingly.

BULK SALES BILL FAVORED.

House Committee of Whole Recommends Act for Passage.

Lincoln, Feb. 2.—The bulk sales bill, providing that stocks of goods cannot be sold until creditors of the merchant have been notified, was recommended for passage in committee of the whole of the house.

The bill providing that county judges in counties of more than 15,000 shall be lawyers was indefinitely postponed.

The senate killed the anti-Christian Science bill. The bill made it necessary for Christian Science practitioners to secure a physician's license. A similar measure is pending in the house.

TWO-CENT FARE BILL DRAWN

Sub Committee Ready to Report Measure for Lower Passenger Rates.

Lincoln, Feb. 5.—The sub-committee appointed to draft a bill relating to passenger rates has completed its work, and the bill is as follows:

Section 1. That sections 10,058 and 10,059 of Cobby's Annotated Statutes for 1903 be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows: Section 10,058. It shall be unlawful for any railroad corporation operating, or which shall hereafter operate, a railroad in this state to charge, collect, demand or receive for the transportation of any passenger over twelve years of age, with baggage not exceeding 200 pounds in weight, on any train over its line of road in the state of Nebraska, a sum exceeding 2 cents per mile.

Section 10,059. Said railroad corporation shall not charge, collect, demand or receive, within the limit above specified, for the transportation of any child under twelve years old in the care or control of any passenger, on any train, a sum exceeding one-half of the rates prescribed in section 10,058.

RANCHER KILLS CARPENTER

John Bower Shoots W. D. Stratton in Quarrel Over Work Near Dix.

Sidney, Neb., Feb. 2.—John Bower, a ranchman, living about three miles south of Dix, shot and mortally wounded W. D. Stratton of Kimball, a carpenter. Stratton had been building a ranch house upon Bower's homestead and the latter claimed it was not good work, discharging Stratton.

According to Stratton's statement, Bower had failed to pay him for work done. Stratton, who is known to be of a quarrelsome nature, armed with a Winchester rifle and liquid refreshments, drove to Bower's ranch and demanded an immediate settlement. Bower brought out an old double-barreled shotgun filled with buckshot and proceeded to turn its contents loose in Stratton's abdomen. It was a fearful wound and through the efforts of Bower and neighbors the wounded man was carried to the section house at Dix. Dr. Mockett of Kimball was telephoned for and was by the wounded man's side until he died. Bower claims that the shooting was done in self-defense. Both the dead man and his assailant are married men and have children.

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