

### United States and Japan Agree to Abrogate Treaty

#### Agreement Reached for Withdrawal of Pact Signed by Secretary Lansing and Baron Ishii in 1917.

By Universal Service.  
Washington, March 30.—Japan and the United States have agreed to abrogate the Lansing-Ishii agreement between the two countries, which was signed by Secretary of State Lansing and Baron Ishii, Japan's special plenipotentiary in 1917, at the time the United States was endeavoring to induce Japan to enter vigorously into the European war.

The special value of this agreement was to secure to Japan an understanding on the part of Mr. Lansing that Japan was to be the arbiter of affairs in the east just as the United States was to be the arbiter of affairs on the western continent. Mr. Lansing, in the agreement, subscribed to the doctrine that Japan was to be paramount in the territories adjacent to the Japanese empire.

When the agreement was made public China protested on the ground that the agreement virtually made Japan a suzerain over China and whatever lands or countries Japan should consider "adjacent."

It is said here that Japan has found no difficulty in abrogating or canceling the Lansing-Ishii agreement because the nine-power treaty, while not disposing of any claim of Japan, really binds seven of the nine nations signing that pact to sustain the power of Japan in the Pacific. It was pointed out that on the same principle Japan was quite willing to denounce the Anglo-Japanese treaty for the reason that the four-power pact made it still an ally of Great Britain, with the United States and France thrown in for good measure.

#### Gage County Fair Planned by Farmers and Merchants

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Beatrice, Neb., March 30.—A Gage county fair owned by farmers and stock raisers, with Beatrice business and professional men interested in it, is the goal set in developing a real livestock and agricultural fair in the county.

#### Painter Falls from Second Story Window of Building

Toppling from a ledge on which he was standing to wash a second story window of a building at 122 1/2 North Fifteenth street, J. D. Cavanaugh, painter, struck his head on the cement sidewalk, 20 feet below.

#### Michigan Towns Short of Fuel as Result of Snow

Petoskey, Mich., March 30.—Many northern Michigan towns and hamlets were reported short of food and fuel today as a result of the snow storm which began Monday and has shrouded the upper peninsula. Train service is hampered generally. Twenty foot snow drifts were reported from various sections of the northern peninsula.

#### Ex-Fruit Head Guilty.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 30.—William F. McShane, former president of the Sutherland Fruit company, was convicted by a jury in the United States district court here late last night on six of the 36 counts in a federal jury indictment charging him with "peddling and uttering" fraudulent bills of lading in connection with shipments of oranges to the east.

#### Road Conditions

(Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club.)  
Lincoln Highway, East—Roads still in poor shape, but passable.  
Lincoln Highway, West—Roads fair to good all the way through to Denver.  
O. L. D.—Roads fair to good to Hastings.  
Meridian Highway—Roads fair to good south, still in poor condition north of Columbus.  
Coushaker Highway—Roads fair to good.  
Highland Cutoff—Roads fair.  
Black Hills Trail—Roads just fair, still muddy in stretches.  
Washington Highway—Roads still in poor shape, but passable.  
Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads fair to good to Topeka.  
Omaha-Topeka Highway—Roads just fair.  
King of Trails, North—Roads still in poor shape, but passable.  
King of Trails, South—Roads rough and rutty to Plattsmouth, fair to good south to Kansas City.  
River to River Road—Roads still in poor shape, but cars are going through.  
White-Way "T" Highway—Roads still in bad shape. It is necessary to use chains in places.  
O. A. Shortline—Roads still in poor shape, fair in stretches.  
Blue Grass Trail—Roads fair.

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#### Two Inmates Die as Fire Sweeps County Infirmary

Alpena, Mich., March 30.—Two men inmates were burned to death yesterday and 27 others, four of them women, were carried to safety by firemen when the Alpena county infirmary was destroyed by fire. Damage was estimated at \$50,000. The rescued were carried half a mile in a raging snowstorm to a farmhouse. Firemen were handicapped by zero weather. A near panic ensued.

#### Four Arrested at 'Hog Ranch' Fined

#### Another Taken in Raid Jailed on Liquor Charge—Girls Released.

Eddie Humpal and his wife, Lena, South Omaha; Mike Dwyer, 512 South

Twentieth street, and Robert Hendrix, 514 South Nineteenth street, were fined \$250 each Friday by Federal Judge Woodrugh on charges of possession and sale of liquor in the "Hog Ranch," East Omaha resort. They pleaded guilty to the charge. Frank Polito, Carlton hotel, was sentenced to jail for 30 days on his plea of guilty to the same charges. The four persons fined were given 10 days in which to pay the money into federal court. These five and two girls were ar-

#### France Open to Ruhr Parley.

Paris, March 30.—Premier Poincare sent message to the chamber of deputies today stating that France will examine any offer made by Germany through the allies for settlement of the Ruhr problem providing it is "precise, serious and direct."

#### Lenine Dying, Moscow Report

#### Confidential Message to Soviet Legation in Finland Tells Condition.

By International News Service. Helsinki, Finland, March 30.—The

soviet legation was confidentially advised by Moscow today that Nicolai Lenine is on the verge of death and that a military dictatorship, headed by War Minister Leon Trozky, probably will be proclaimed when he dies. Lenine's paralysis was said to be spreading from his right side.

#### Bunco Probe on.

Denver, Colo., March 30.—Investigation of alleged attempts to influence the jury which last Wednesday convicted 20 alleged members of a nationally known confidence band on charges of conspiracy, was resumed by the county grand jury today. Several members of the jury were summoned before the grand jury yesterday in connection with the probe.

# WE WILL KEEP OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK SATURDAY

In order to render the greatest measure of service to our patrons—and that everyone may have ample time to secure their Easter outfit—we shall keep our store open until 9 o'clock Saturday evening.

# FIRE-SALE

**100 EXTRA SALES-PEOPLE** Await to Serve You Promptly Saturday.  
**No APPROVALS EXCHANGES REFUNDS** Every sale must be considered final.

## Your Credit Is Good During This Great Fire-Sale!

We want you to feel just as free in taking advantage of our liberal credit policy during this sale as under normal conditions. Offer fit the entire family Saturday.

## The Most Astonishing Slaughter of Apparel Prices the Middle-West Has Ever Known

And we predict that it will be many a season before the equal of such value giving again presents itself.

## Forced to Serve the Crowds in Relays!

The three great floors of our store have been packed so completely since the opening hour of this sale that we have been forced to serve our customers in relays.

### UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE OF OMAHA'S ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY THE GREAT RESPONSE TO THIS SALE



Hundreds have stood waiting at our doors continually for the past three days for an opportunity to share in this sale.

# Men and Women from every walk of life are taking advantage of this great slaughter of our \$200,000 Stock of New Spring Apparel for Men - Women - Children at Far Less Than Manufacturers' Cost

Women's and Misses' Capes, Wraps, Coats, Dresses, Fur Coats, Suits, Skirts, Millinery, Sweaters, Footwear, Men's Suits, Overcoats, Topcoats, Gabardines, Trousers, Underwear, Caps, Hats, Shoes, Shirts, Boys' Suits.

## Insurance Adjusters Are Relentless in Their Orders to Sell Every Garment

They insist upon the immediate disposal of every article upon which an adjustment has been effected. WE MUST SELL—there is no choice in the matter—all thoughts of the huge losses have been cast to the four winds.

We are hourly bringing up merchandise from our big basement stock rooms and receiving rooms which were in their original shipping cases at the time of the fire. This merchandise is not even touched by the odor of smoke—and yet it comes within the orders of the Insurance Adjusters' demand to sell.

## Not An Hour Is To Be Lost!

Selling must be quick, time is passing, action is demanded. Our job is to unload more than \$200,000 worth of new spring merchandise and we'll sell it at prices that you never would believe possible.

## Contractors Have Converted Former Annex Sales Rooms Into Temporary Selling Space for Remainder of Sale

On the Ground Floor Annex we are selling Shoes, Hats, Caps, Sweaters, Underwear, Collars, Trousers.

## Millinery Shop Now in Second Floor Annex

More than 500 Women's Hats held in our basement stockroom brought to the selling floors for disposal Saturday. Select your new Easter Hat now. The values are simply amazing.

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