

JAPANESE DEMILITARIZED "VEILED THREAT"

Eight Killed in Collapse of Building

Partners in Sporting Goods Business Arrested in Connection With Blaze in Their Rooms.

Explosion Feeds Flames

Chicago, April 19.—While relatives, friends and volunteers feverishly searched the ruins, state and city officials today joined hands in a penetrating inquiry into suspicious circumstances surrounding a fire which, destroying Curran hall, a landmark

Patrolman Thomas Kelly, Jr., one of the police reserves, picked up a litter upon which lay one of the victim's face and he staggered. It was his father.

On the west side, resulted in the death of eight city firemen and one civilian and the injury of a score of other firemen.

The civilian who was killed was identified by his wife as William Bohr, who had left his home "to see what was doing" and had been caught by the falling wall.

From tenants and neighbors the officials were trying to elicit information which would dove-tail into a coherent whole, stories which have been related of a tiny blaze suddenly turning into a conflagration accompanied by explosions of quantities of benzine carried into the building only a few days ago, of insurance increased for no plausible reason a month past, of anger because two floors had been leased to a negro church.

Arrest Partners. Len Unell and Samuel Moore, partners in the Leather Sporting Goods company, located on the second floor of the four-story building, were taken into custody and held without bond for questioning while police sought others whose actions they wish to investigate.

The building 50 years ago was the social center of a district known as "The Valley." It was there that the big "shindies" of 50 years ago were held. A watchman who turned in the first alarm said there was a small blaze coming from the roof. The first firemen to arrive found the first floor blazing fiercely. Almost at once it spread to the second floor.

Forty-five minutes later came the explosion which is being made the center of the investigation, followed the collapse of a wall which carried with it into the basement the flames from the upper floors and burying under the debris other firemen, who were standing in the street below.

Fire truck 12, in the heart of the fight, lost in dead, injured or missing every man, but one of its personnel.

Although the property loss was only \$250,000, the tragedy stunned the fire department, which had not been hit so severely since December, 1910, when 21 firemen lost their lives. Inability to control the flames was blamed on the fact that many of the employees were divided, part of their men having been sent to fight a stubborn fire in the union stockyards, which did more than \$500,000 damage.

GARAGE HOSE SPRAYED BEER

WHERE TO FIND THE SUNDAY BEE

PART ONE. Japanese ambassador in serious illness was "veiled threat" to United States.

Eight killed in collapse of burning building at Chicago. Easter spirit soured in Omaha. Stuntship Levathan damaged by flames at Southampton.

British premier advocates putting reparations experts report into operation at once. McArata slayers given 10-year terms in prison.

Four reasons why Omaha post signs of his home as big boys. Boys of Omaha ready for their big week.

Cleanup drive to open Monday. Vaudeville show to be given by Omaha War veterans here on stretcher; no one at station to greet him.

New record confirmation class at Kountze Memorial church. Mark Sullivan predicts national democratic convention will be one of most interesting political events of generation.

H. O. Wells writes about political conditions in "What I Know About Art." O. McIntyre. Aie Martin, "On 'The Star'."

Challenge issue of senate. Shriners plan big ceremonial for next Friday. Spring buyers of homes busy during week.

Baseball. Races and other sports. Scenic route at Port Crook to get marching orders May 12. Italy prospering under Fascist, enjoy declares.

Grain, livestock, financial and other markets. Music memory contest. Seed corn tests alone can stay failure of crop.

Put Experts' Plan in Effect at Once, Macdonald Says

British Premier Also Advocates Admitting Germany Into League of Nations.

By Associated Press. York, England, April 19.—Take the reparations experts' report as a whole and put it into operation all at once, with everybody back of it, was the course advocated by Prime Minister Macdonald in addressing a crowded labor meeting in the Theater Royal here today.

He urged that the allies accept Germany's word and advocated its admission to the league of nations as another step for bringing peace to the continent.

In urging unity among the allies in applying the plan outlined by the report, Mr. Macdonald said it was clear from that document that if they went on for another two years and carried out the policy that had been practiced for two or three years past, there would be no hope of relief, no hope of reparations and none for security or peace.

To take the chance that now was offered and put the plan into operation as a whole and then "go on and finish the job and bring peace and security to the continent," was what he cared about and what he was going to work for.

Peace of Europe. By letting Germany join the league of nations they could complete the organization upon which he would like to found the future peace of Europe.

The premier said the chairman of the meeting had frequently used the word "socialist."

"He is a very rash man," commented the premier. "Does he not know that one of the few remaining hobgoblins of our youth is the word 'socialist'?"

He regarded the rise of an extreme nationalism in Germany as a very great menace—dangerous to Europe and deplorable for Germany as well. The policy of the allies, he said, was largely responsible for this rise of the German nationalist movement.

At the same time he made mistakes and he is going to make mistakes. "But," he went on, "it is a government that considers first and foremost how it can help undistinguished, orderly, hoping, striving men, women and children with human souls and with an appreciation of human duty and human rights."

Easter Spirit in Omaha Exemplified by Lilies, Rabbits, Eggs, Youngsters



Easter tide in Omaha is marked by many rites besides those in the churches. Here are some of them:

In the top picture are 1,800 lilies in the Prospect Hill greenhouse, with Alice Janousek, 7, daughter of one of the proprietors, blossoming in the midst of them. The lilies grew up in this greenhouse but are now scattered through hundreds of churches and homes for the Easter festivities.

The rabbit on the upper right is in the arms of Albin Huster, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Huster, 915 South Thirty-seventh street.

In the center are Phyllis Hopkins and Isabel McMillan making the eggs "hard-boiled" for Easter.

And down below are Phyllis Hopkins, Virginia Pratt, Isabel and Cynthia McMillan, daughters of E. E. McMillan, dean of boys at Central High school, coloring the eggs for the annual egg hunt at the McMillan home.

Omaha Will Don New Easter Togs and Observe Day

Special Church Services and Special Music; Fraternal Orders Will Attend in Bodies.

Easter Sunday, a day of rejoicing among Christians throughout the world, will find Omaha prepared to observe with fitting religious services.

Services throughout the week in most churches, not to mention the downtown noonday service, have aided in creating a spirit of religious zeal which is always most marked on the anniversary of the resurrection of Christ.

This rejuvenation of religious spirit will not only find expression in crowded churches, however. For material things, such as new hats, gowns, shoes and what not, are really an outward token of spiritual rejuvenation, so to speak.

And so there will be the usual Easter parade. The weather forecaster has predicted partly fair weather, and if the proprietors of Omaha shops and stores may be relied upon, there will be no small array of new hats and other wearing apparel. Men as well as women are expected to display new clothing.

Every church in the city has planned elaborate and beautiful services. Special music, special floral decorations and special sermons are on the program.

A number of organizations will attend church in a body.

Hanihara's Note Just "Protest"

Explanation Given in Exchange of Correspondence With Secretary of State Hughes.

America's Reply Soothes

Washington, April 19.—Formal denial that he intended to "threaten" the United States when he told Secretary of State Hughes that "grave consequences" would follow the passage of the Japanese exclusion act has been made by Masumaro Hanihara, Japanese ambassador to the United States.

This was disclosed tonight when the State department made public an exchange of letters between the ambassador and Secretary Hughes in which Japan's representative said his use of the phrase had been misconstrued at the senate and Mr. Hughes assured him, in reply, that the State department understood his meaning even if the senate did not.

Hanihara's letter of explanation, or apology, was written on Thursday, the day after the senate had unanimously voted the Japanese exclusion provision into the immigration bill.

Hanihara Criticized. This action by the senate followed some hours of debate in which the Japanese ambassador was roundly criticized by republicans and democrats alike for what was termed his "insulting letter." Senator Lodge said Hanihara's letter at best was "a veiled threat," and Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, corrected him to say there was nothing veiled about it—that it was "a very direct threat" that the ambassador made in his use of the words "grave consequences."

Secretary Hughes' reply was dated yesterday, after the senate had reaffirmed its determination to bar Japan's nationals by a record vote of 71 to 4.

In his letter, Ambassador Hanihara said he was "unable to understand" how the senate could have construed his use of "grave consequences" as a threat. He assured Mr. Hughes that neither he nor his government had any idea of threatening the United States and declared he had only sought to impress upon the American government that exclusion of Japanese nationals "would create, or at least tend to create, an unhappy atmosphere of ill feeling and mistrust over the relations between the two countries."

No Thought of "Threat." As a matter of fact, Hanihara said, he believed this condition of affairs—the turmoil and ill-feeling—to be "grave consequences."

"But in using these words," his letter said, "I had no thought of being in any way disagreeable or discourteous and still less of conveying a 'veiled threat.'"

BUILDINGS FALL IN EARTHQUAKE

Manila, April 19.—An earthquake which occurred on April 15 in Davao province, southeast Mindanao, caused the collapse of several buildings and injury to two persons, according to advices received here by constabulary headquarters.

Saturday night \$748, the committee reported last night.

\$748 for Taggers. The tag day conducted by the Jewish Workers' Relief committee for the benefit of war orphans of Europe Saturday night \$748, the committee reported last night.

Married in Council Bluffs. The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Table listing names and addresses of couples who obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs.

Yanks Lead in World Air Race

The British, who are racing the American airships around the world, are only about 800 miles behind. They are going east, while the Americans are going west. The Americans have made 3,180 miles; the British, 2,306.

The British are in Cairo, having flown there from Athens at one hop. The Americans have been ordered to fly to Dutch harbor and there await the plane which was forced down east of Chicago.

The dotted line on the map is the British route, the solid line, the American. The lighter parts have been flown.



Seattle, Wash., April 19.—Three planes of the United States army world flight expedition which reached Chignik, Alaska, Tuesday, have been ordered to proceed to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, according to dispatches received here today from Washington, D. C.

At Dutch Harbor they will await the machine of Major Martin, commander of the expedition, which was forced to alight on the flight from Seaward to Chignik and has been taken to Kanatak, Alaska, by the destroyer Hull.

Cairo, April 19.—The British round the world flyers arrived here Thursday. The plane piloted by Maj. Stuart MacLaren winged its way into the harbor after a successful flight from Athens, leaving the Greek capital at 11:30 a. m. With arrival here the British flyers have covered a total of 2,306 miles.

FEDERAL TROOPS REPULSE REBELS

Mexico City, April 19.—The rebel general, Marcel Cavazos, heading about 500 men, attacked the important mining city of Pachuca, state of Hidalgo, less than 50 miles from Mexico City, this morning but was repulsed by the federal garrison under General Juan Rios Zertuche after considerable street fighting.

JOHNSTON IS NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT

George W. Johnston was elected president of the Omaha Rotary club for the coming year at a meeting of the board of directors Saturday noon.

Toilet Goods and Beauty Show at Brandeis Store

Six-Day Exposition Planned; Popularity Contest for Omaha Women With Valuable Prizes.

Omaha is to be treated to a wonderful display of all the things that go to enhance beauty at the Brandeis store-Omaha Bee Toilet Goods exposition, which opens for six days Monday, April 22, on the eighth floor of the Brandeis store.

Perfumes, imported and domestic, face powder and talcs, soaps and cleansers and shampoos, manicuring accessories, rouges of many kinds, shaving needs for men, ivory goods and necessities for millady's dressing table and a host of other articles will be on display.

Popularity Contest. Beginning Monday, April 22, there will be staged a contest of votes for the most popular woman in Omaha, with a vacation trip to the winner. Votes are given with each purchase throughout the store and sales checks from any department may be redeemed at the drug department for voting coupons to vote for your choice for the most popular girl. The contest will close with the closing date of the exposition on May 3.

Generous supplies of samples of the many articles to be shown at the exhibition are being forwarded by the manufacturers and distributors who will participate. Nothing will be sold on the floor. Everything is free.

No admission is to be charged and all are welcome.

Entertainment. Elaborate plans for entertaining visitors include something of interest every hour. There will be music and entertaining sketches by vaudeville actors.

Beauty authorities will speak on various days and things of interest, especially to women, will be discussed. Demonstrations will be made not only on the lecture platform but by the exhibitors at the exposition.

Valuable prizes of goods will be presented to winners of second, third and lower places in the popularity contest. Many of them will be on display at the Brandeis store during the coming two weeks.

The Weather

Table providing weather forecast details including temperature, wind, and precipitation for the next 24 hours.