

Japanese Plan to Recoup Losses Trotsky Claims

Action in Far East May Be Hastened by American Exclusion of Orientals, He Says.

By ISAAC DON LEVINE, *International Service Staff Correspondent.*
Moscow, April 30.—Leon Trotsky, addressing the Moscow soviet, sound a warning that a Russo-Japanese war is being hatched by militaristic Japanese circles planning to recoup in the far east the losses suffered through the American ban on Japanese immigration.

Trotsky denounced as fools those who deem "red militarism," declaring that military expenditures of the MacDonald government have not decreased as compared with the last year of conservative control in England.

Quoting an official French statement about the necessity of preparation for future wars, Trotsky sarcastically recalled being present in 1915 at a Notre Dame service when the archbishop solemnly proclaimed a call for a war to end war, declaring: "The American president is now playing with the disarmament idea. We declare we are always ready to participate, knowing that certain newspapers will attack our readiness as bolshevik perfidity, but is it questionable good faith to agree to disarmament?"

Trotsky attacked Poincare for demanding that the soviets pay the czar's debts while the French government is refusing to pay its own debts, declaring:

"If the Russian government in 1924 had said to France that Russia undertakes to bleed to death, to sacrifice a million and a half soldiers, to ruin the country and repudiate its claim on Constantinople to enable France to dominate Europe, loot the Ruhr and squeeze Germany dry in return, let's say, for \$10,000,000,000 would not the cynical Poincare have agreed?"

"Have we not done all this?" Trotsky welcomed indications of Franco-soviet negotiations, but not on terms making Russia a vassal. He ridiculed rumors that the soviets are planning aggressions, saying: "It is foolhardy to think we would launch adventures simply to correct boundaries."

Man Taken to Asylum After Suicide Attempt
Albion, Neb., April 30.—Luther Wood, 26, was found lying in an alley with his throat cut one day last week, but who will recover, was taken before the board of insanity and declared to be demented. The sheriff took him to the Hastings asylum. He admitted having attempted suicide.

Greeters Meet at Fremont.
Fremont, Neb., April 30.—Forty-two members of the Nebraska-Iowa Greeters' association attended the monthly meeting and banquet at Hotel Terry, Hotel men of Omaha and nearby cities were in attendance including Henry Payne, I. A. Medlar, I. L. Wallace and E. C. Eppley.

"Lucky Kid" Captured.
Fremont, Neb., April 30.—Frank Ross, alias the "Lucky Kid," said to be one of a gang that robbed Larson Bros., general merchandise store at Lebling, Neb., recently, has been arrested at Milwaukee, according to word received by Sheriff Condit.

BILLIARD MEN HERE ORGANIZE

The billiard room keepers of Omaha have organized an association which will be known as the Greater Omaha Billiard Association.

First meeting of the new organization was held Wednesday at the Paxton hotel with the following temporary officers elected:
Nick Wranitz, president.
J. H. Lammons, vice president.
F. R. Barnes, secretary.
A. Swanson, treasurer.

The purpose of the new organization is to impress the public with the reliability of the legitimate billiard parlor and to bring about the elimination of the room keeper who uses the billiard table as a "blind."

The new officers have called a meeting to be held in Parlor B, Paxton hotel, at 130 Friday afternoon for the purpose of drawing up by-laws and rules, and invitations to attend have been issued to all of the 120 room keepers in the city.

Laf Editor Asks "Oodles" of Jokes

Professionals Do Not Know All Wit; Now Is Time to Enter.

Where to see Local Laf today:
No. 10 theater, Omaha.
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Favorite theater, Schuyler, Neb.

During the merry month of May is the time to begin to send in your original jokes for the Local Laf contest, if you have not already been enjoying the thrill of getting some of the weekly cash prizes and seeing your jokes and name on the screens of movie theaters.

All of the good jokes do not come from the humorists who make a business of being funny. You never can tell what you can do until you try. Begin at once and keep on trying. The Local Laf editor wants "oodles" of jokes to examine. The more the merrier.

Some of your friends have been getting in on the money and honors. Visit the movie theaters mentioned at the head of this column each day and see for yourself, and also hear the audience laugh at the wit of the Local Laf contest contributors. Then you may get an inspiration.

It is understood, of course, that some of the jokes do not win the cash prizes offered each week. Out of this class the Local Laf editor selects three each day for this column. Today's are:

"James, have you whispered today without permission?"
"Only wunst."
"Herod, should James have said 'wunst'?"
"Edwin Black, Cole, is."

"Mary sat playing so long on the floor that her feet went to sleep. When she stood, she called to her mother: 'I have flies in my shoes.'"
"Harry Brown, 2606 Brown street."

Bus Upset in Ditch.
Fremont, Neb., April 30.—Five passengers bound for Fremont on the Boulevard bus, were forced to complete their trip by the aid of passing motorists, when the huge vehicle careened into the ditch about six miles west of Valley. Although no one was injured, the one woman passenger became hysterical and despite protests of fellow passengers, insisted on walking to Fremont through a violent electric and hail storm.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

When Jerry the mouse sat on the Laughing Brook and on smiling Pond. The Green Meadows had disappeared. There was simply water, water everywhere.

In other springs Jerry had seen the water creep over the banks and a little way out on the Green Meadows. But never had he seen anything like this. Never had the water reached the snug bedroom of his castle in the bank. But it was rapidly filling that bedroom now. Jerry was homeless. Yes, sir, Jerry was homeless. He who had had two homes now had none at all.

"It is a good thing I can swim," muttered Jerry. "Yes, sir, it is a good thing I can swim. But where shall I swim to? I haven't any home now and I must go somewhere. But where shall I go? Oh, dear, where shall I go?"

He looked all around this way, that way and every way. Jerry was such a little fellow that to him the only dry land he could see seemed a terrible distance away. Where the Green Meadows had been there was now only water, with trees and bushes seeming to grow out of it. Floating about were logs and pieces of board and rails. Jerry headed for the nearest log. He climbed out on it. There he sat for the longest time. You see he didn't know what else to do.

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The next story: "Forlorn, Lonesome and Afraid."

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When he was sure that he really was awake and not dreaming he guessed that there must have been a great rain and that the water had worked down through the grass roots into his house. You know that bedroom of his was just under the roots of the grass. He started at once to go down his tunnel that led out to the bottom of the bank of the Smiling Pool. Jerry's eyes opened very wide. That tunnel was full of water! In fact, the water was running into his bedroom from that tunnel. He turned to his secret back door that opened out on the Green Meadows. Water was running in there also. Jerry hurried out that back door. Once outside he blinked and blinked and

TOURISTS DRIVEN OFF RESERVATION

Yuma, Ariz., April 30.—Eight hundred Indians in the Yuma Indian reservation across the Colorado river from here today drove 71 tourists from the reservation.

100 Coyotes Captured in Vicinity of Fairbury
Fairbury, April 30.—During April 100 coyotes, mostly young ones, have been captured in this vicinity and the raptors have collected a bounty of \$2 for each scalp. Bounty on coyotes began in 1905 at \$1.25 a scalp. The bounty has been increased to \$2 and yet the trile seems to be increasing.

Boy Accidentally Shot.
Wymore, Neb., April 30.—John Horskay, 14, Barnston High school student, was accidentally shot through the left foot Tuesday with a revolver in the hands of a companion. He received treatment from Dr. Thomas of Barnston, and later was brought to Wymore, where Dr. F. Elias made an X-ray examination and found the bone to be splintered.

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