

China Formally Replies to Bid to Disarmament Meet

Acceptance Makes Known Appreciation of Absence of Limitation of Subjects Which May Be Discussed.

Peking, Aug. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—China has formally replied with a cordial acceptance to the invitation to attend the Washington disarmament and Far Eastern conference, it was announced today.

President Harding's sincerity in calling the conference, manifested in the absence of limitation of the subjects which may be discussed, says the reply is appreciated and the hope is voiced that the mutual exchange of views will enable a clearer international understanding to be had regarding problems of the Pacific which has been the focus of world attention since the conclusion of the world war.

Will Have Many Experts. Discussing China's preparations for the conference Dr. Yen, the foreign minister, said today that not knowing what trend the discussions might take the government had organized a special department, comprising representatives of several of the ministries which has been charged with the task of preparing data upon any possible questions in which Chinese interests might be involved.

The question of the personnel of the delegation has not been determined, said Dr. Yen, and its actual makeup might be announced only after its arrival in Washington.

Know No Division. In answering the contention of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, head of the Canton, or south China, government, that the Peking government was not representative of the whole of China, the foreign minister said that as for him he knew no north and no south—only China and its best good.

There has been a revival in the press of discussion of possible acceptance by China of Japan's proposal to negotiate for the restitution of Shantung before the conference is held. As to this, Dr. Yen reiterated his former declarations to the effect that China believes there is no occasion for such negotiations.

Anti-Beer Measure Attacked in Senate

(Continued From Page One.) rience on the Baltimore-Washington pike, which has been the scene of many a "dry" hold up. Senator Ashurst insisted he had had no such experience.

"But if I had been stopped," he added, "a prohibition officer had poked his face into my machine. I would have asked him to display his warrant. If he had not been able to produce a warrant I would have used something more than words and that's what every good American ought to do. If a prohibition agent comes to your door and tries to get into your home without a warrant, you aren't a very good American if you don't knock him down."

Senator Reed read newspaper dispatches stating that Wayne B. Wheeler had been present during the sessions of the conference committee. He called upon Senator Sterling to state whether this was true. Senator Sterling at first declined to answer, charging that the inquiry was "impertinent" and "not material."

Later, he admitted that Mr. Wheeler had come into the conference room towards the close of the session. Senator Reed declared that he interpreted Senator Sterling's admission as a confession of the truth of the newspaper statement.

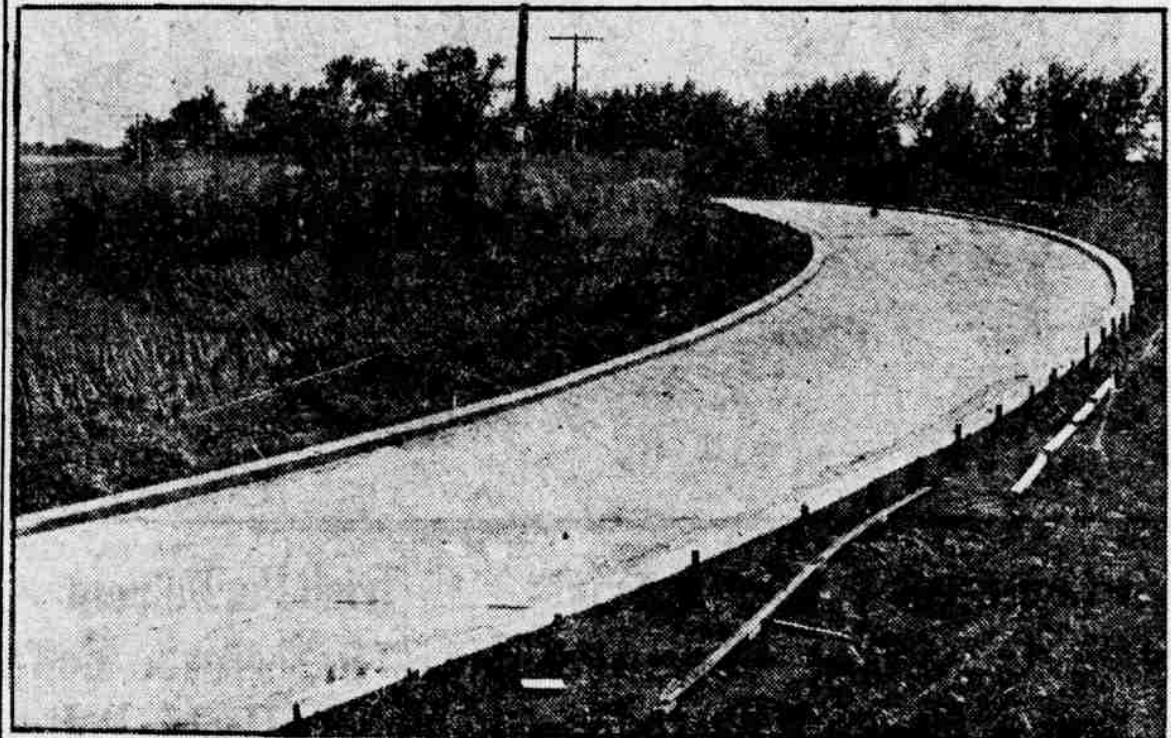
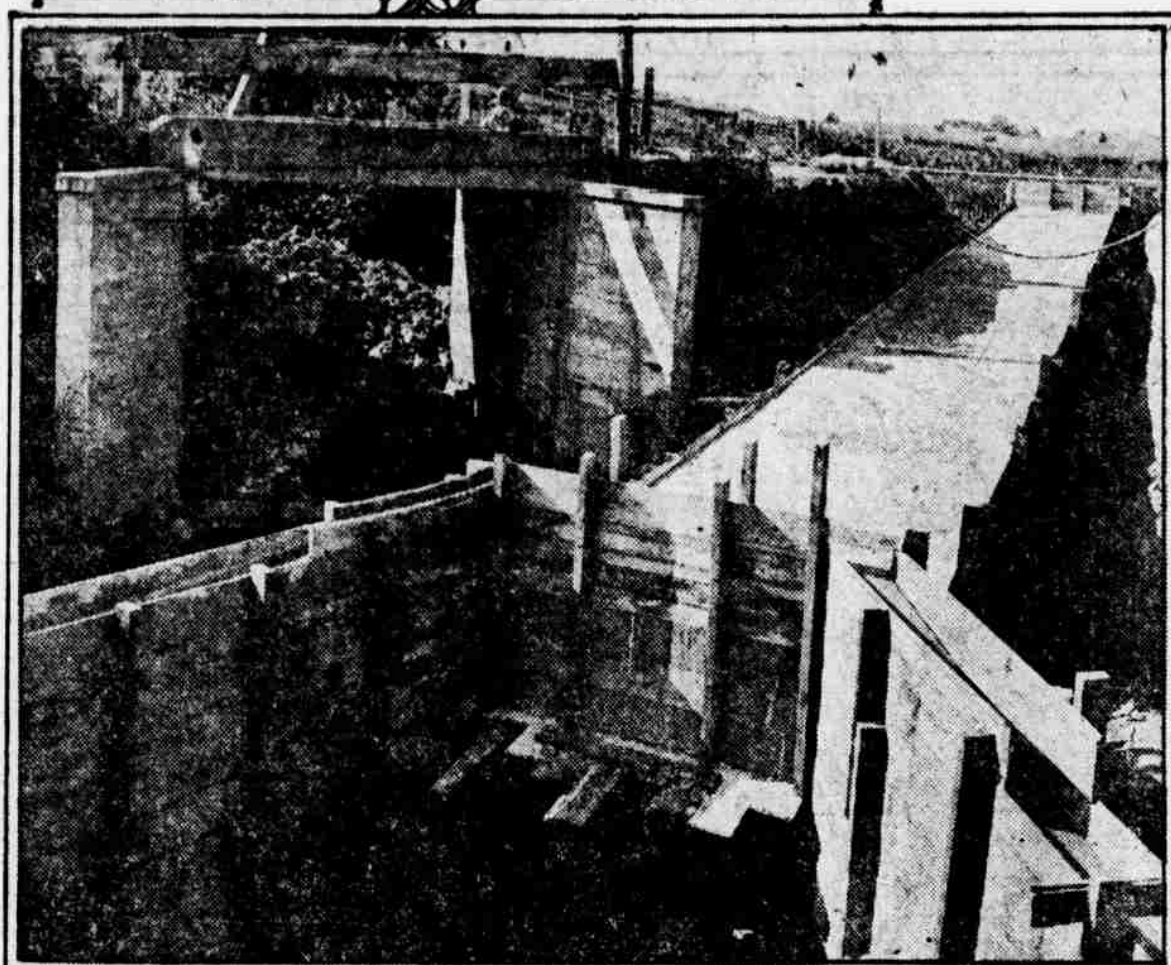
"The admission of a paid lobbyist to interfere in the deliberations of a conference committee is an innovation, a solecism and a piece of unparliamentary and unmitigated insolence," said Senator Reed. "It is destructive and unfair. If Wayne Wheeler, representative of the Anti-Saloon league, may be admitted, why not admit the representative of the Saloon league. The activities of lobbyists has become a stench in the cool nostrils and now we have an instance where one of them has the cool impudence to carry his propaganda into the secret, if not sacred, sessions of the conferences."

Takes Shot at Volstead. Mr. Wheeler sat in the gallery and listened to Senator Reed's speech. When the senator had reached this point, the dry spokesman dashed away to prepare a statement in reply to Reed's charges. Meanwhile, the Missouri senator devoted a few minutes to paying his respects to Representative Volstead.

"I never had the pleasure of seeing, until the other day, the distinguished author of the Volstead act," Senator Reed continued. "I do not know whether he was born in the United States or not, but I am informed he speaks a very broken English. I do not know what his ancestry may be, but I know I have seen the picture of some of the conspirators of the past, the countenances of those who have led in fanatical revolts, the burners of witches, the executioners who applied the torch and I saw them all again when I looked at the author of this bill."

No Agreement Reached. Senator Sterling protested vigorously against Senator Reed's language, declaring it violated constitutional etiquette.

New Paving on D. L. D. Road



Scenes near Millard on the D. L. D. road, which is being paved by J. J. Parks of Omaha. Above is an example of the work which often must be done in laying the concrete base on a county road to prevent rain water from washing away the concrete soon after it is laid. Below is a new "death curve" near Millard.

Carrier Pigeon Carries Plea of Man Lost and Starving in Yellowstone Over 2,000 Miles to New York Friend

New York, Aug. 18.—A cry for help from a man lost and starving in the wilds of Yellowstone park, over 2,000 miles away, was brought to Broadway today by a carrier pigeon.

The pigeon, bound for the Hotel Belleclaire, dropped to the wet pavement of Columbus circle shortly after 10, exhausted when its long journey was almost completed. Picked up by a policeman, the following message was found under the bird's wing.

"Notity Ben Singer, Belleclaire hotel, New York. Am lost on Hoodoo mountain, Yellowstone. Send help, provisions and pack horses. Heller."

The police telephoned the message to the Belleclaire and left word for Singer when he came home to visit a police station. In half an hour Singer arrived. The message was given him and before he said anything he sent the following message to Ned Frost, a noted guide, at the Waipet ranch, Cody, Wyo.

"Edmund Heller lost southeast of Yellowstone park, in Big Hoodoo mountain. Start at once. Spare no expense. Take food and provisions and find Heller."

Singer explained to the police that Heller, a noted naturalist, author and friend of the late Colonel Roosevelt, left the Belleclaire hotel 10 days ago to photograph wild game in the Yellowstone. Singer said Heller took a number of carrier pigeons, which he had trained on the roof of the Belleclaire with him.

Record of court-martial and testimony has been made part of our record. No injustice will be done you and your position will be made clear. Unnecessary for you to come on. (Signed) "JOHN A. PETERS."

Bergdoll Prosecution Rebuked by Probers

(Continued From Page One.) Justice of Earl B. Wood, in charge of correspondence in the Bergdoll case, for failure to transmit to the War department warning from a special agent that the prisoner was planning to escape was recommended by the majority.

Adjutant General Scored. Maj. Gen. Peter C. Harris, adjutant general of the army, who authorized the hunt to send Bergdoll, under guard, to the Maryland mountains to search for the gold was charged by the minority with "primary responsibility for the situation which made possible the escape." Asserting that General Harris did not attempt to evade responsibility, the minority held there was "no question of improper motive on his part," adding it was "apparent his mind was readily overcome by the strong statement of Ansell that he would stand responsible for the safe return of the prisoner."

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Violates Liquor Law. Broken Bow, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Ed Penn was found guilty by County Judge Holcomb of a second violation of the liquor law. He was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

Slayer Freed on Technicality To Fight Removal

Harry Thompson Opposes Return to Iowa Prison for Violation of His Parole.

Lincoln, Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Released from the Nebraska state penitentiary on one technicality, Harry Thompson, through his attorneys, is endeavoring to escape serving in the Iowa state penitentiary on another technicality.

Thompson, who was released Wednesday after serving one year of a 10-year sentence for manslaughter at Stanton, Neb., was arrested a few hours later by N. B. Harmon, parole officer, on receipt of a telegram from T. P. Hollowell, warden of the Iowa state reformatory, saying Thompson was wanted there for breaking his parole.

A few hours after his release two attorneys, John A. Ehrhardt and George A. Eberly of Stanton, appeared in Lincoln and filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the Lancaster county district court. They alleged that Thompson is not a fugitive from justice in Iowa and was taken to Nebraska to stand trial for the murder of Dayton Chambers at Stanton in September, 1919.

Thompson was released when the county attorney at Stanton failed to file a motion for a new trial within 40 days after the supreme court reversed his conviction on July 7, without remanding the case for retrial.

The technical reason why the case was reversed by the supreme court was because the trial court submitted to the jury the question of Thompson's guilt in several degrees, while the complaint specifically charged him with first degree murder.

Under the law when a case is reversed without remanding it for retrial the person accused is automatically released at the end of 40 days. Thompson's prison record began with a term in the state reformatory at Anamosa, Ia. He was paroled from that institution and came to Nebraska. He is alleged to have committed the murder at Stanton, but escaped and went to Iowa. There he was arrested on a charge of larceny and was committed to Fort Madison, Ia. While serving his sentence there, Nebraska authorities asked to take Thompson back to Stanton county to face the murder charge and the request was granted.

Hightower Not Named By Coroner's Jury In Inquest Over Priest

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—The verdict of the coroner's jury which investigated the death of Rev. Patrick E. Heslin, Colma priest, made no mention of William A. Hightower, held on a charge of murder. The verdict read: "We find that Father Patrick E. Heslin came to his death either by blows on the head which fractured his skull, or by two gunshot wounds, either one of which was sufficient to cause death."

Duncan Matheson, San Francisco captain of detectives, said the police had dismissed the idea that "Dolly Mason," who Hightower said furnished the clue to the location of the priest's grave, is a living personality. They now advance the theory that "Dolly Mason" was the creation of Hightower's mind and was given many of the attributes of "Doris Shirley," his former companion.

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Appointment of Detective Agency Head to Succeed W. J. Flynn Announced By Attorney General.



William J. Burns Becomes Head of Secret Service

Washington, Aug. 18.—Appointment of William J. Burns as director of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice was announced today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Burns succeeds W. J. Flynn. "I have known Mr. Burns personally for 30 years and have watched him develop in his specialty," Mr. Daugherty said. "He is familiar with all of the departments of the government, is an intelligent and courageous man and at this time is especially considered to be as high class a man as could be secured to assume the important duties assigned him. The bureau will be re-organized as expeditiously as possible and brought to the highest point of efficiency."

"Mr. Burns has secured his connection with the Burns Detective Agency and will come to Washington and devote his entire time to the service. It is the policy of this department, well understood by Mr. Burns and highly recommended by him, that the department of justice establish the most cordial relations with police officials and law enforcement officers throughout the entire country, and in fact throughout the entire world, to the end that there may be co-operation and that life, property and the rights of the people may be preserved and protected.

"The president and I have known Mr. Burns for many years and know his dependability and efficiency."

Fremont Police Get 50 Gallons of Wine

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Police raided the home of Ollie Chrissman and found about 50 gallons of "hooch" in a barrel, parked in a bedroom. Neighbors stated that they saw Chrissman manufacture the concoction from grapes and that visitors were seen to approach the house and walk away with packages beneath their arms.

Mrs. Chrissman was alone at the time of the invasion of the officials. She insisted that the liquid was only vinegar. Sheriff Conlit failed to heed her warning that a drink would kill him and sipped a sample from a tin cup. As he smacked his lips in affirmation that the stuff was real wine he assured the rest of the officers that the stuff sure contained a "silent alarm."

Chrissman returned while the cops were still searching the premises. He was arrested and the barrel of wine was taken to the city vaults for safe-keeping.

McCook Electric Company Improves Power Plant

McCook, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The McCook Electric company began its operation for its newly installed 200-horse power oil burning engine with generator directly connected to the engine shaft, which will add 40 per cent to the company's station capacity.

Merrick County Red Cross Will Stage Relief Drive

Central City, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The Merrick county chapter of Red Cross will conduct a drive for the collection of old garments for European relief in this city, August 26 and 27.

Furnishing Store Sold

Central City, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Schmitt Bros of Concordia, Kan., have purchased the men's furnishing store of Herrod Bros. of this city.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln Highway, East—Roads good to Denison. Lincoln Highway, West—Detour Elk Horn to Valley; roads good to Grand Island and west. U. S. D. Highway—Roads rough at Ashland; detour Greenwood to Waverly; west of Lincoln roads are fine. Highway Cutoff—Roads rough. S. Y. A. Road—Good; detour one and one-half miles from Seward to Tama. Grover—Washington Highway—Take High road to Blair; road to Sioux City. Black Hills Trail—Road work, Omaha to Fremont; Fremont to Norfolk road good. King of Trails, North—Roads fine. King of Trails, South—Roads in excellent condition to River Road—Fair to Des Moines. White Pole Road—Excellent to Des Moines. Blue Grass Road—Rough, Glenwood to Malvern; roads east are good.

Dawson County Odd Fellows Hold Picnic at Gothenburg Gothenburg, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Five hundred Odd Fellows from Sumner, Overton, Lexington, Cozad, Gothenburg and Farnam attended the Odd Fellows' picnic at Lafayette park here. It was the largest affair of the kind that Dawson county has seen for several years.

Two Wives Charge Cruelty In Beatrice Divorce Court Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Two divorce suits were filed in district court here, cruelty being alleged in both.

Iona Rogers would be separated from Bruce Rogers, and Ruth Wellensick from William Wellensick. The Rogers family resides in Beatrice and the Wellensick family in Johnson county.

Thompson, Belben & Co.

Friday Sales in the Store for Blouses

A number of attractive offerings will be featured for Friday. The lowest prices of the Season.

- Tub Blouses, \$1.95, \$3.50, \$5.
- Hand Made Blouses—all reduced one-third in price.
- Sport and Silk Blouses \$10.
- Coat Sweaters for \$6.95. In black, navy and brown.
- Slip-on Sweaters, \$2.95.
- Silk Jersey Petticoats, \$5.

Specials for Friday Only

New Fans

Hand painted palm leaf are very attractive for 50c.

Japanese fans 25c, 50c, and 75c.

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Third Floor

Girls' Fall Underwear

Complete selections of all styles, weights and qualities ready to meet with every requirement of girls preparing to go away to school.

Second Floor

Infants' Hose of Cashmere Silk and Wool

On Sale Friday

A small lot of slightly soiled white cashmere hose for infants, 35c a pr. Silk and wool infants' hose, 65c a pair.

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