

### Japan Will Fight Withdrawal of Manchuria Force

Spokesman Says Empire Is Ready to Take Troops From All Other Provinces Of China.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Washington, Dec. 1.—That Japan has no intention of withdrawing from Manchuria was disclosed yesterday at the session of the conference committee on far eastern questions.

In response to China's proposal that all foreign troops be withdrawn from China, Mr. Hanjira of the Japanese delegation stated that Japan is ready to agree upon conditions for withdrawal of forces from those parts of China, exclusive of Manchuria, in which they are now stationed.

In Manchuria, however, Japan insists upon the retention of Japanese soldiers and police and Mr. Hanjira defended the attitude of his government in this particular at length. That Japan will refuse to yield and will retain control in Manchuria, while compromising on other Chinese questions, is now regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Hanjira said that the maintenance of Japanese troops along the South Manchurian railway is recognized by China under the treaty of Peking of 1905 and continued:

"It is a measure of absolute necessity under the existing state of affairs in Manchuria—a region which has been made notorious by the activity of mounted bandits. Even in the presence of Japanese troops, these bandits have made repeated attempts to raid the railway zone. In a large number of cases they have cut telegraph lines and committed other acts of ravage."

The Japanese delegation stated that these Japanese troops would be withdrawn from Shantung when China is able to protect the railway, from Hankow when China restores order there.

### Unions Call Strike Of Packer Workmen

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workmen," he said. "In that event, fully 60,000 workmen may be affected."

The strike order issued today brings to a climax a controversy between the packers and union workmen extending over three months.

During the war packing plants operated under the Alschuler agreement, all disputes being referred to Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler for arbitration. This agreement was extended for a year after the war and expired September 15.

At that time four of the "big five" packers—Armour & Co., Wilson & Co., Swift & Co. and the Cudahy Packing company—inaugurated a system of plant conference and stated their intention of dealing directly with their employes through conferences.

Vote Taken in October. In October the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America took a strike vote because it was asserted that the packers did not recognize the union. A canvass of this vote, according to union officials, disclosed that more than 30,000 workmen had voted to strike and 3,000 had voted in opposition.

Last month the four packing companies began holding assemblies in the various plants, following which it was announced that representatives of the workmen had agreed to a cut in wages and had either fixed the amount of the decrease or allowed the companies to do so. These reductions, averaging about 10 per cent, became effective Monday in the four plants affected and Morris & Co. also announced similar reductions.

The unions asserted the plant assemblies did not represent the workmen and expressed opposition to the action. The last general strike in the packing industry was in 1904.

Pawnee City Bargain Day Attended by Record Crowd. Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Pawnee City closed its seventh "community sales day." All of the "bargain days" have been successful. The seventh day was attended by the biggest crowd of visitors and one of the largest crowds ever seen in this city.

Jury Finds Farmer Guilty Of Lesser Shooting Charge. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the case of Henry Brown, farmer, charged with shooting Harold Reimund, 17, with intent to wound, found Brown guilty of assault and battery. The jurors deliberated for more than 48 hours. The shooting occurred last June, near the Brown home, immediately after a son of Brown and Young Reimund had engaged in a fight on the highway. The defendant, who has a wife and 10 children, contended that he shot up in the air to frighten Reimund, who received only a slight flesh wound in the side.

Adams County Farm Bureau Endorses Irrigation Meet. Hastings, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The Adams County Farm bureau has endorsed the proposal of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce for a South Platte supplemental irrigation conference here. The call will be issued for a meeting in January. The project is to construct a system of canals from the Platte for emergency irrigation in periods of drought.

### Frank Pierce Here Surrounded by "the Law"



When Frank Pierce reached County Attorney Shotwell's office yesterday he found himself quite popular. The photograph shows those representatives of law and order who insisted on sticking it to him. Seated is County Attorney Shotwell. Standing, left to right, are: O. D. Hedge, deputy state sheriff; Frank Pierce; Fritz Franks, city detective; Gus Hyers, state sheriff; Raymond Coffey, deputy county attorney.

### Two Men Accused of Fogg Murder by Pierce

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was the night of the murder or the night before that I saw Stevens looking in the store window," said Mrs. Russell. "I would swear to the identity of Stevens. When I saw him in the county jail I almost faintly, I am not so sure about Damato."

Mrs. Russell picked the two men

from a group of 10 prisoners at the county jail yesterday. Mrs. Fogg, widow of the murdered man, and her daughter, Adelaide, were present when Mrs. Russell identified them.

Found Fogg Dead. Mrs. Russell said that she was in the Fogg store at 9 o'clock the night of the murder and talked with Fogg. At 11:55 she called the store because she needed some fuel alcohol. She asked Fogg how long he would keep the store open and he answered: "I am just leaving, but I'll wait till you get here." Just as she was about to hang up the re-

ceiver she heard him say: "Hello." The greeting, she said, was probably for the men who proved to be his murderers. A few minutes later, when she reached the store she found him dead, she says. She had been a friend of long standing with the Fogg family, she declared.

Pierce was taken back to Lincoln by Gus Hyers last night. Two city detectives guarded Pierce, Hyers, and Hyers' automobile during the entire day. They intimated they feared a desperate attempt for revenge by members of an underworld ring. Even the place where Pierce was given his luncheon was

kept a secret. Pierce will be brought back here Saturday, according to Mr. Shotwell.

Under U. S. Indictment. "Finger" Stevens is under a federal indictment for possession of narcotics. He said last night, in county jail that he had not entered the Fogg pharmacy since it was moved from the third ward to its present location. He also denied having seen Pierce since 1918.

County Attorney Shotwell said he would conduct the prosecution of the Fogg murder case personally. Stevens has been in jail for five weeks and Damato for three weeks.

## What Japan Wants

Japan "stands alone as the great obstacle in the way of amicable settlement of the Pacific and Far Eastern questions," declares a recent press dispatch from Washington. Nor was the skeptical attitude of this correspondent toward Japanese intentions at the Arms Conference unique. Many other journalistic observers, noting how much Japan has at stake in any readjustments in the Orient, waited apprehensively for some move from Japan that would doom the Conference to failure. But instead, we find Japan falling in line with the other Conference Powers behind the principles submitted by the United States Government for the reduction of naval armament and for the solution of Far Eastern problems. True, Japan has suggested certain modifications in the navy-reducing program—but so have other Powers. Even H. G. Wells, whose comment on the Conference has not been exuberantly optimistic, says that "we already seem further from war in the Pacific and nearer security there than at any time in the last two years." Among other assurances given by Japan, Admiral Kato informed the Washington correspondents, in answer to a direct question, that "Japan considers Manchuria as being a part of China." But such assurances, correspondents tell us, leave the Chinese cold. "We may have faith in pledges made by other Powers," writes the associate editor of the Shanghai Shun Pao, "but we still entertain grave doubts in those made by Japan."

Nowhere else can you get a more comprehensive sweep of public opinion on all the ins and outs of the Arms Conference at Washington than by reading THE LITERARY DIGEST each week. The leading article in this week's number, December 3, 1921, treats of the attitude of Japan in the parley and the impressions that this attitude makes upon the various nations interested.

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### County Attorney Is Scored by Judge in Manslaughter Case

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter Holcomb, on trial here for manslaughter for killing Thomas Olsen, a Chambers real estate man, at the Holcomb ranch August 7, was acquitted by a jury on his plea that the killing was done in self-defense. District Judge Robert R. Dickson scored County Attorney Lewis Chapman, declaring that a manslaughter charge never should have been filed. He declared the county attorney derelict in not conducting or having conducted a proper inquest at the time of the shooting and said that such an in-

quest either would have cleared Holcomb then or have brought him to trial on a second degree murder charge. The county attorney took no active part in the court trial, which was conducted solely by a young deputy serving without pay.

### Knights of Pythias Name Officers at David City

David City, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Damon lodge 45, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers: Paul J. Albright, chancellor; Roy Welte, vice chancellor; Everett T. Winter, prelate; John Becak, master of work; H. A. Hansen, master at arms; Lyman Brown, master of finance; Garth Osterhout, master of exchange; Donald F. Davis, keeper of record; M. J. Bouse, W. H. McGaffin, T. J. Hinds, trustees.

### Farmers in Gage County Are Moving Their Crops

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Farmers in Gage county have begun to move their wheat and oats. One grain buyer reports the purchase of 4,000 bushels of wheat and corn at Odell and one carload of wheat at Rockford. Grain buyers are paying 28 cents for corn and 94 cents a bushel for wheat.

### McKelvie Economic Probe Will Be Reopened Today

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The McKelvie economic probe will open in Lincoln again Friday, Leo Stuhr, chairman of the investigation committee, announced. Stuhr declined to make public what line of necessities will undergo scrutiny when the hearing, which adjourned last week, reopens.

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