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JAPAN HAS FURTHER MODIFIED DEMANDS

Nevertheless Japan Is Making Extensive Preparations for the Possible Rupture—Fleets Concentrated.

Peking, May 7.—There is good reason to believe that China is prepared to concede every demand made by Japan, realizing that the situation is hopeless. The possibility of this outcome of the present tense situation is not generally comprehended in Peking, consequently a number of foreign residents, as well as some Chinese, are packing their belongings and otherwise preparing for eventualities.

Further Concessions. Tokio, May 7.—Baron Kato, Japanese foreign minister, is understood to have informed the ambassadors of other powers that the ultimatum sent by Japan to China, which expires at 5 p. m. Sunday, was accompanied by additional modifications of the Japanese demands, notably in the questions relating to munitions and to Japanese advisors for China, which interested the United States.

The general opinion in diplomatic circles is that China will submit. Meanwhile Japan is making extensive preparations for a possible rupture. Warships and transports are in readiness for instant action.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS BRITISH STEAMER

London, May 7.—The British steamer Candidate was torpedoed yesterday by a German submarine off Waterford, Ireland. The members of the crew were saved.

NOME SALOON MEN WIN IN ELECTION

Nome, Alaska, May 6.—Saloon operators are jubilant today over the result of yesterday's special election which authorized the United States court to license saloons for another year. The vote was 551 for saloons.

PANHANDLE SECTION OF TEXAS HAS HEAVY SNOW

Dalhart, Tex., May 6.—Fruit trees, heavy with unripe fruit, are white with snow here. The snow was so heavy that it covered the ground of the Panhandle section here, and fell after an all-night rain.

German Schools in Rome Closed; Teachers Depart

German and Austrian Ecclesiastics Advised by Vatican to Leave Italian Capital—Australian Ambassador Hands Italy Final Proposals as to Austrian Concessions

Rome, May 7.—(Via Paris)—On receipt of dispatches from Berlin, German schools here suddenly closed. Teachers, a number of German newspaper correspondents and several German families have left hurriedly for Germany.

U. S. WILL HOLD CHINESE RIGHTS

America Has no Thought of Surrendering Any Treaty Right With China, Mr. Bryan States.

REITERATES ADHERENCE TO OPEN DOOR POLICY

No Abatement of Interest in Welfare and Progress of China—Hopes for a Peaceful Outcome.

Washington, May 6.—The silence consistently maintained by the United States with reference to the Japanese-Chinese negotiations since they began nearly four months ago was broken last night by the issuance of a statement by Secretary Bryan explaining the American government's position. The state was prepared earlier in the afternoon after consultation with President Wilson.

The American government in its pronouncement in effect, reiterates its adherence to the open door policy and the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China, and points out that there has been "no abatement of its interest in the welfare and progress of China."

The statement was interpreted in some quarters as meaning that while no tender of good offices would be made by the Washington government, the services of the United States were at the disposal of both countries should they desire the assistance of any third power to bring about a diplomatic settlement of the questions at issue.

Viscount China, the Japanese ambassador, and Kai Fu Shih, the Chinese minister, sought separate interviews with Mr. Bryan last yesterday, but declined to discuss the object of their visits. It is believed they were shown copies of the statement of the American position.

The text of the statement follows: "In order that there may be no misunderstanding of the position of the United States in reference to the negotiations pending between Japan and China the following announcement is made:

"At the beginning of negotiations the Japanese government confidentially informed this government of the matters which were under discussion and accompanied the information by the assurance that Japan had no intention of interfering with either the political independence or territorial integrity of China and that nothing she proposed would discriminate against other powers having treaties with China, or interfere with the 'open door' policy to which all the leading nations are committed.

"This government not only has no thought of surrendering any of its treaty rights with China, but it has never been asked by either Japan or China to make any surrender of these rights. There is no abatement of its interest in the welfare and progress of China and its sole interest in the present negotiations is that they may be concluded in a manner satisfactory to both nations, and that the terms of the agreement will not only contribute to the prosperity of both, but maintain that cordial relationship so essential to the future of both and to the peace of the world."

No remarks accompanied the statement nor was there any further explanation of its purpose indicated at this time.

STORM RESULTS IN 21 DEATHS

Southwestern Louisiana and Part of Mississippi Devastated—Many People Suffer Injuries.

VICTIMS ARE NEGROES; ONLY ONE WHITE DEAD

Louisiana Damage Estimated at \$500,000—Southern Pacific Stops Trains to Care for Injured.

New Orleans, May 7.—The number of known dead in the storm which devastated the Acadia parish in southwestern Louisiana and in Coahoma county, Miss., still stands at 21 early today, according to available reports. Adam Thibodeaux of Mermen-taux, La., was the only white person killed. The remainder were negroes. Fifteen persons were killed at Egan on Mormentau, La. Six were killed at Clarkdale and Jonestown, Miss. Forty-five people were injured at Egan and Mermentaux.

All the trains on the Southern Pacific have been ordered to stop and bring the injured here. Early estimates of the property loss in Louisiana is placed as high as \$500,000. An unconfirmed report says that two persons were killed in St. Landry parish, which indicates that the storm was spread over a wider area than was at first believed.

Direct communication with St. Landry parish, which is to the north of Acadia, is interrupted and it may be some time before definite reports are received from that place.

PIERCE ARRAIGNS PENNSYLVANIA R'Y

Union Organizer Says Company Does Not Want Men Strongly Organized.

Washington, May 7.—W. H. Pierce, organizer for the Federated Railway Employees, told the Federal industrial relations commission yesterday that he had made an effort to organize the Pennsylvania shopenmen at Harrisburg and Altoona. He insisted that the Pennsylvania discharged men by wholesale when they joined the new union.

"I do not say that the Pennsylvania railroad objects to five or ten per cent of its men being organized," Mr. Pierce stated, "but when the organization shows great strength, the company sets machinery in motion to wipe out the union. Our organization still exists, but the company almost fought me out of my clothes."

"The Pennsylvania opposes the wide-spread organization of its shopenmen for two reasons: The first is because it would have to pay them more; and the second is because it couldn't then against the transportation men when they ask for more pay."

BAILEY IS ONE OF BIG FEUD

Collector Must Beat Doughton, Rouse, Everett and Other Strong Ones for Attorney Generalship.

JUDGE CARTER HASN'T ANNOUNCED PURPOSE

No Man Has Committed Himself Definitely But Declarations May Be Made at an Early Date.

(By W. T. Bost). Raleigh, May 7.—Collector J. W. Bailey must beat former Lieutenant Governor Rufus A. Doughton, N. J. Rouse of Kinston, R. O. Everett of Durham and yet other strong ones, according to the belief of western North Carolina lawyers who have been here this week attending court. Mr. Doughton's name crept into this correspondence two weeks ago as a possibility. This week the western lawyers have brought added fear to Raleigh supporters of Collector Bailey that the Alleghany man will contest the office with Bailey. Doughton's strength in the west is not discounted. It appears to be quite true that Bailey's friends have worked while Doughton's talked and that Bailey had a long lead on the man from the west in many counties in that territory.

Judge Frank Carter has not announced his purpose, though Asheville's offering a few days ago appeared to have the sanction of the near-authentic and Carter and Doughton splitting the west would work against Doughton. In the east is Nathan J. Rouse, the big figure of the Carter-Abernathy case which Mr. Doughton helped to settle last week. Then with Everett and Bailey in the center it looks like the pawing up process would be complete.

Only Everett and Carter would be worried as to the senatorial side. Doughton and Rouse were as good Simmons men as Bailey, and all would enter the fight without handicap. Since Bailey cares nothing for machines and all for causes, he would not be added above his opponents whose own cause is as dear to them as his to him. Everett and Carter are put down with the anti-Simmons men and neither has taken the time to deny it.

In all this political excitement it is notable that no man has definitely committed himself. Announcements have been expected from Everett for weeks since it became known that General Carr was not going to allow anybody to dissipate his fortune in a party primary. The desire to run General Carr prevented a much earlier announcement from the Durham man.

It is likewise probable that definite declaration will be forthcoming the latter part of this week. Somebody must speak out. Even Mr. Doughton would hardly counsel sitting steady in the boat under these conditions that threaten overloading and actually rocking it.

It is believed here that Judge Carter's friends have been partly moved to offer him to the state because of Mr. Doughton's and Mr. Rouse's probable entrance into the race. It would be a capital way to get even with Rouse for prosecuting and with Doughton for reprimanding his honor, Frank Carter, the judge.

SOME TURKISH FORTS SILENCED

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MANY CONVENTIONS ON PROGRAM HERE

Large Number of Gatherings Already Scheduled for This Year.

That the advantages of Asheville as a desirable place in which to hold conventions are recognized generally in the United States, is abundantly illustrated by the list of the gatherings already scheduled for this year in the chief city of the play ground region of North Carolina.

Already this year several large conventions have met here, notable among them being the Scottish Rite reunion recently held and the Southern Ice Exchange which met at this city about three months ago. The following list is taken from the May issue of "Board of Trade News—Asheville Energy," which has just come from the press. The list does not include all the gatherings that will meet here during 1915, but only those that are on the program up to date.

The list is as follows: The List. Southeastern Sanitary association, May 25-26. Southern Railway Surgeons and Physicians latter part of May or early part of June. Grand Masonic Bodies of North Carolina, May 11, 12 and 13. North Carolina Mayors' association, May. Society of Cincinnati. North Carolina Merchants' association, June 15, 16 and 17. North Carolina Stationers' association, June 14. Southern Newspaper Publishers' association, June 13, 14, 15. Summer Bible Conference, June 18-23. Building and Loan league of North Carolina, June. Southern Textile association, June 25-26. Tri-State Water and Light association, June 16, 17, 18, and 19. Carolina Municipal association, June 17-18. Southeastern Division National Electric Light association, September 23, 24, and 25. North Carolina Builders' association. The Two Hundred Thousand Dollar club, New York Life insurance company, May 7 and 8.

BENNY KAUFF WILL BE REINSTATED SOON

New York, May 7.—In a penitent letter to President Gilmore of the Federal league, Benny Kauff, the Brooklyn Federal outfielder who signed a New York National league contract, asked to be reinstated. It is generally understood that he will be reinstated today or Saturday.

DESPERATE BATTLE RAGES IN GALICIA

Victorious Austrian Advance Continues Against Stubborn Russian Resistance, Says Austrian Reports Which Claim Capture of 50,000 Russian Prisoners.

Vienna, (via London) May 7.—The victorious Austrian advance continues along the entire West Galician front, according to an announcement by the Austria war office. Russian prisoners to the number of 50,000 have been taken.

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FIRST ATTACK MADE ON CONSTANTINOPLE

Allied Reports Still Refuse to Concede Teutons Gained Great Victory Over Russians in Galicia.

Paris, May 7.—The first attack of the war on Constantinople is reported in an unofficial dispatch from Athens, which says that three Russian aviators flew over the Turkish capital and dropped several bombs which are believed to have caused extensive damage.

The dispatch also says that the Russian Black sea fleet bombarded the Turkish forts on the left bank of the Bosphorus Wednesday. Several Russian shells fell within about ten miles of Constantinople.

London, May 7.—Certain forts at Chanak and Kild Bahr in the Dardanelles have been silenced, while some of the forts on both sides of the waterway up to Nagara also have been put out of action, says a dispatch to the Chronicle from Mitylene.

London, May 7.—The battle to decide the mastery of Hill No. 60 in the desolate country around Ypres, Belgium, has not yet been finally staged, nor have the Russians shown any signs of accepting the German claims of a crushing defeat inflicted on them in Western Galicia. That the Russians were pushed back many miles, first across the Dunajec river and now across the Wistoka river, which roughly parallels the Dunajec, 15 miles to the eastward, all the German and Austrian sources insist, but the English papers still refuse to concede a great victory for the Teutons, although they admit that a great tentative success was achieved. Great faith is had in England in the recuperative powers of the Russian arms and the disposition here now seems to be to suspend judgment on the question of whether the Russians if driven from Dukla pass, may be forced to abandon their advance against Hungary, and indeed all their positions in Western Galicia.

CHILD MURDERER WILL KILL OTHERS

Writes Mother of Victim He Is Waiting for the Execution to End.

New York, May 6.—The child murderer who killed five years old Eleanor Cohn and four years old Charlie Murray, has written the little Murray boy's mother a letter telling her that he would commit another murder when the excitement caused by the two mentioned had subsided. The letter was received at the time that the little victim's body was about to be buried.

Mrs. Murray read one paragraph of the letter and then collapsed. The police were taken to police headquarters to be examined for fingerprints.

BRISTOL MAN CONFESSES HE MURDERED WOMAN

Court Passed Death Sentence on Confessed Murderer—Brother on Trial.

Knoxville, May 7.—Twelve days after having assaulted and murdered Mrs. James Rufus Wilson at her home near Bristol, Va., Luther Carter yesterday confessed to murder and was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Richmond. Carter offered no resistance in court.

James Carter, brother of Luther, on alleged accomplice, who denies guilt, is now on trial. Armed guards were stationed in the court room as a precautionary measure. Judge N. T. Oglebay, who defended the Allen at Hillsville, Va., was counsel for Carter.

TORNADO IN OKLA. BLOWS DOWN FORTY BUILDINGS

Ardenmore, Okla., May 6.—Three persons were injured and much property damage was done here today by a heavy wind storm. It is reported that Wilson, Okla. near this place, was struck by a small tornado. Forty buildings were blown down. No one was seriously injured.