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SENATE OPPOSES RENEWAL OF PACTS

UNEXPECTED STRENGTH OF OPPOSITION SHOWN TO COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

23 NATIONS ARE AFFECTED

Unless There Is Change of Sentiment Renewal of Peace Conventions May Be Impossible.

Washington.—The principle of compulsory arbitration written into the code that has bound the United States with twenty-four nations of the world for the last five years, is in serious danger and unless there is a decided change in sentiment in the senate the renewal of twenty-three of the treaties which gave concrete evidence of this nation's belief in such a policy may be impossible. In executive session the senate again failed to ratify the agreement with Great Britain, Italy and Spain, which recently expired. These conventions provide that questions relating to the interpretation of treaties, excepting those that cannot be settled through diplomatic channels or those of vital interest, national honor or independence, shall be submitted to The Hague. A similar treaty with France has already been renewed. The main argument arose over the contention that if the treaty with Great Britain is ratified the Panama canal tolls question would have to be submitted to The Hague, but during the discussion the Japanese question and the general attitude of the nation toward compulsory arbitration was brought up and led to the expression of views utterly at variance with entrance into such binding agreements in the future.

A motion to re-refer the three treaties to the foreign relations committee with instructions that the one with Great Britain be modified so as to exempt specifically the Panama canal tolls question was abandoned, but prolonged debate was predicted for future sessions and friends of the principle of arbitration were alarmed at the strength displayed by the opposition. One senator went so far as to declare:

"There are many people in the United States and in the senate who ought to live in England."

AMERICANS ASK PROTECTION

Declares They Will Take the Situation Up Unless Aid Is Sent.

Tampico, Mexico.—Three hundred Americans located in southern Tampico, representing sixty-eight families, have demanded in a long message to President Wilson sent through Consul Miller here, to know, "once for all" whether they can expect protection from their home government since they "do not desire to take measures for our own safety which would embarrass our government." The message of the Americans was transmitted by wireless through Consul Miller to W. W. Canada, the American consul at Vera Cruz, to be forwarded to Washington. It says, in part:

"Having been left without any protection whatever on the part of both sides in the pending controversy, therefore we can look for protection only from our own country. We must know once for all if we can expect same. Having been subjected to slights and a great variety of indignities and gross abuse, the situation calls for most serious preparations for our personal safety and the defense of our families and our interests. Therefore we have assembled for the purpose of considering the best way. We consider protection necessary now since that after death it will be of no utility."

Three Battleships Asked For.

Washington.—Representative Graham of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill to immediately appropriate \$15,000,000 to increase the navy by authorizing the construction of three first class battleships to be as heavily armed, as powerfully armored and as speedy as any battleship afloat. They would have the greatest practicable radius of action and cost not exceeding \$6,000,000 each.

Page Given Welcome.

London.—Walter Hines Page, the new American ambassador to the court of St. James, received his baptism of fire as an after-dinner speaker in London at a welcoming banquet given in his honor by the Pilgrims Society. Field Marshal Earl Roberts presided, and had as supporters at the head of the table Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, the Earl of Halsbury, former lord chancellor; the Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and Augustine Birrell, chief secretary of Ireland.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS ON VALUATION.



This is the board of engineers on valuation recently selected by the interstate commerce commission to assist in formulating the plans under which the valuation work on the property of common carriers will be done. From left to right: Prof. Wm. D. Ponce of the University of Wisconsin, Howard M. Jones of Nashville, Tenn., J. S. Worley, Edwin F. Wendt of Pittsburgh, Pa., and R. A. Thompson of California.

MEAT AND FLOUR ON FREE LIST

SENATE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REVERSES ITS FORMER ACTION.

Committee Working to Modify Iniquitous Clause to Remove Features Objectionable to Foreign Powers.

Washington.—Reversing its former action in voting to place wheat, flour, oatmeal and fresh meats on the dutiable list, the senate finance subcommittee in charge of the agricultural schedule, voted to place live stock, wheat and meats on the free list. This action, it was authoritatively stated, was taken to meet the views of President Wilson, Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, and other administration leaders who disapproved the decision announced to tax meats 10 per cent, compensatory to a duty on cattle in the Underwood bill, and to assess a compensatory duty on both flour and oatmeal. In this enlargement of the free list, President Wilson is known to have taken a leading part, as he did in the matter of raw wool and sugar. As he still is standing uncompromisingly for the wool and sugar schedules, so, it is claimed, he will stand firmly for free cattle, sheep and hogs and free wheat and oats, now that this has been determined upon as the party policy.

WANT ONLY PROGRESSIVES

Secretary Daniels Tells War College No Stand-Patters Are Wanted.

Newport, R. I.—The summer conference of the naval war college was opened with an address by Secretary Daniels, of the navy department. "The chief lack in the navy today," the secretary told the officer-students, "is a systematic and proper instruction of the young men who respond to our calls to enlist and who man our ships." Referring to the alluring advertisements of the recruiting stations, promising young men opportunities for learning all kinds of trades and vocations, Mr. Daniels said, "As a matter of fact, we have neglected training them, and outside of the practical duties aboard ship they do not obtain the drilling and education which should be given them in order to keep the promise made as well as benefit the navy." He added that when men enlist they should be assigned to a regular course, being allowed to elect whether they study engineering or electricity, machinery, carpentry or other trades, and classes should be organized to teach them all. An addition he said there should be courses in primary instruction conducted by the younger officers.

Metcalf Governor of Panama.

Washington.—Richard L. Metcalf of Lincoln, Neb., editor of The Commoner, was selected by President Wilson to be civil governor of the Panama canal zone. This was announced by Secretary Garrison after he and Secretary Bryan and Daniels had conferred with the president.

Train Falls Through Blazing Trestle.

Macon, Ga.—Oscar D. Touchstone, engineer of Macon, is dying, a negro brakeman is dead, and a negro fireman is probably dying as the result of a Central of Georgia freight plunging headlong into the dry bed of Beavers creek through a burned trestle. Beavers creek is 10 miles from Fort Valley, and a wrecker from Macon and a relief train from Fort Valley were dispatched and to the scene. Conductor Jenkins reached Everett's station, 2 miles from the scene of the wreck, and telephoned the dispatcher.

JAPAN REPLIES TO THE UNITED STATES

THE REJOINDER OF JAPAN IS DELIVERED TO SECRETARY BRYAN.

NO DETAILS MADE PUBLIC

It Invites Further Discussion of Controverted Points in the Webb Anti-Alien Law.

Washington.—Japan's rejoinder to the United States reply to her protest against the California anti-alien land law, delivered personally by Ambassador Chinda to Secretary Bryan, sets out why the Tokio government continues to regard the Webb law as discriminatory against Japanese in derogation of the qualities of treatment prescribed by international law, and a violation of the treaty of 1911. Nothing in the nature of an ultimatum is contained in the note, its general tone is to invite further discussion of the controverted points, and it contains nothing tending to make up a final issue. Secretary Bryan and the ambassador agreed that no details should be made public. The Japanese note was very long and of its nature entirely argumentative. Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Chinda were in accord that no good purpose could be served at this time by a public discussion of the delicate question and therefore both officials gave notice that any attempt to publish what might purport to be even the substance of the three communications which now have passed between the two governments must be based entirely upon speculation. It is known, however, that the whole tone of the rejoinder is that of a dignified and orderly presentation of Japan's view on the case concluding with an invitation to further negotiations.

MEXICANS IN BLOODY BATTLE

FIERCE FIGHT FOR THE POSSESSION OF MATAMORAS IN MEXICO.

Many of Huerta's Troops Are Reported Killed and a Large Number Wounded.

Brownsville, Texas.—While a handful of men were still offering dogged resistance to the rebel troops of Gen. Lucie Blanco, "constitutionalist" commander-in-chief of the state of Tamaulipas Matamoras, Mexico, is practically in the hands of the revolutionists after a battle waged without interruption all day. Colonel Eschazeta with 100 volunteers made the last stand from the roof of the cathedral and theater in Hidalgo plaza. Flames from burning buildings in several sections of the battle-scarred city lighted the sky for miles around and for a time it was feared that the town was doomed, however, the fire zones decreased.

SUFFRAGETTE IS TRAMPLED

Suffragette Grasps Reins of King George's Race Horse.

Epsom.—The most dramatic derby ever run on the historic course at Epsom Downs was accompanied by a series of startling events. Just before the finish a suffragette attempted to seize the bride of the king's entry, Anmer, while he was running at top speed. The woman was fatally injured when the horse fell and the jockey was badly hurt. The woman's name is given as E. Davison and she is thought to be Miss Emily Wilding Davison, a member of the Women's Social and Political Union, who since 1909 has been sentenced eight different times to imprisonment for participation in suffragette outrages. Emily Davison was the woman who assaulted a Baptist minister at Aberdeen station, mistaking him for David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer. Whenever she has been imprisoned she has staged a "hunger strike" and has generally been cleared. She has been found hidden in the house of commons three times and ejected.

FORTY CANNIBALS HANGED

Great Britain Executes Members of Secret Society.

London.—Convicted of the practice of cannibalism and human sacrifices, forty members of the "Leopard Society," a secret organization, have been hanged in Sierra Leone, a British colony on the west coast of Africa. Sir William Brandford Griffith, chief justice of the gold coast, who presided at the trials, arrived at Plymouth. He declined to discuss the case, but fellow travelers said that one hundred members of the dread society had been arrested, and that forty of them had been hanged, while many were sentenced to deportation. The "Leopard society" has existed among the Mendi tribe, and has long caused trouble to the government. All natives failing to conform to its rites of submission to its demands are subject to death or slavery.

Altitude Record Broken.

Bue, France.—The world's altitude record for an aeroplane carrying a pilot and a passenger was broken by Edmund Perreyon, who rose 16,368 feet. Perreyon also holds the world's altitude record for an aeroplane carrying only a pilot, having risen a height of 19,650 feet at Bue, on March 13, this year.

Luther McCarty Estate.

Springfield, Mo.—Application to be appointed administrator of the estate of Luther McCarty, heavy-weight fighter, killed in a bout with Arthur Peckey, was filed in the probate court here by Otta Lippman, representing the widow. Lippman managed bouts here in which McCarty first attracted attention. The McCarty estate consists of \$3,200 on deposit in a Los Angeles bank, four lots on a beach near Boston, and other possessions, totalling \$11,000. McCarty left no will. His widow and daughter are his heirs.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Condensed For People of the State.

Salisbury.—Coroner Summersett's jury found that Charlie Moore, an aged negro inmate of the county home had died from natural causes. His body was found in the woods near the home and foul play was suspected.

Weldon.—Henry Gurkin and R. W. Cobb, two young men of splendid family connections, were recently placed on trial in Halifax county superior court, charged with the murder of Thomas Shaw on Saturday night, May 3rd.

Newbern.—The examination of applicants for license to practice pharmacy in North Carolina, which is now in session here, will come to a close soon. The papers will be graded and the successful applicants will be announced. The examination is being conducted by F. W. Hancock of Oxford.

Asheville.—Not to be outdone by the street car men and the delivery boys employed at the city market, the Asheville bootblacks are striking. They are still out, but Asheville people are having no trouble in getting their shoes shined, the places of the strikers having been filled with but little delay.

Washington.—Nine North Carolina postmasters were confirmed by the senate. They are: C. W. Whitehurst, Beaufort; G. H. Currie, Clarkton; E. T. Lee, Dunn; Andrew Lewis Peedle, Elizabeth City; R. J. Lewelly, Blain; L. M. Micheaux, Goldsboro; John Petteway, Jacksonville; D. D. French, Lumberton; W. T. Chambers, Madison.

Caroleen.—Great rains with bit of damage to crops through wind or water have brought high hopes to the section. Crop prospects in this part of Rutherford county have not been brighter for years. Old farmers say that they have never known corn to be more promising than just now, and this is one of the finest corn belts of western North Carolina.

Lumberton.—During a severe electrical disturbance and rainstorm which visited this section one house was struck and badly damaged, having a large hole torn in the end. The inmates were stunned, one lady fainting. A clock on a mantel was knocked into the center of the room and torn to pieces. The town was in total darkness for a short time and several lights were burned out.

North Carolina.—At a meeting of the joint board of health, Dr. L. B. McBrayer was re-elected health officer and city physician; L. M. McCormick was again chosen city bacteriologist; T. E. Patton was re-elected market house keeper, with S. W. Ray as assistant; E. M. Israel was re-elected city plumbing inspector and W. H. Baird was again chosen sanitary inspector.

Durham.—The people of East and West Durham are raising a howl over the new rule of the board of health which will prevent them from raising hogs in these two towns. They claim that they have helped in the solution of the problem of the high cost of living by having their own hogs and raising enough meat for the year, and that the new law will be an injustice on them.

Canton.—At a meeting of the chamber of commerce preparations were made for the entertainment of hundreds of visitors to the Southern Methodist Assembly, the first session of which opens at Lake Junaluska, 100 miles from here, June 25. Between 5,000 and 10,000 people will attend the gathering, from all indications at present, according to Mr. John R. Pepper, president of the assembly corporation.

Waynesville.—The electric car line from Waynesville to Canton by way of Clyde seems now assured. An amount sufficient to guarantee the construction of the line has already been subscribed and active work in its building will soon begin. The line will pass the White Sulphur Springs Hotel, Hazelwood, through Waynesville and the Methodist Assembly grounds at Lake Junaluska and on by Clyde to Canton. It is expected also to extend it finally to Asheville.

Raleigh.—The state board of education was in session for a couple of hours considering a number of state swamp land matters the details of which were not made public. The meeting was in the executive office of Governor Craig, the governor presiding.

Asheville.—H. R. Buckley, assistant exhibit agent of the Southern railway company, arrived in the city recently and will spend some time in western North Carolina collecting various agricultural specimens for use in the Southern's exhibits in Northern fairs during the coming fall.

MARBLE FROM N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA COMES INTO HER OWN AS A MARBLE PRODUCING STATE

COMMANDS A HIGH PRICE

The Regal Blue, a High Grade Stone, Will Be Quarried Near Murphy and Will Be Sold as a Product of North Carolina.

Asheville.—The marble industry in North Carolina is about to come into its own as a marble producing state. For 10 years or more, marble has been quarried without interruption from the Regal Blue quarries, three miles north of this city, but the entire output has been contracted to a Georgia wholesaler who manufactured it and put it on the market with Georgia marble and Georgia instead of North Carolina on the certificate.

The Regal Blue marble has extended over the entire South and West, but the marble industry in North Carolina has not gone with it. This condition will now be remedied for a large concern, the Regal Marble Company, with a paid in capital of \$65,000 has just purchased the Regal Blue properties and have begun the construction of factories for the finishing and polishing of their product on the ground. The Regal Blue is the same as the North Carolina marble produced nowhere else in this country, while it has been used from New York to the state of Washington.

Before investing in the properties the new owners employed Dr. T. P. Maynard, one of the leading geologists of the country, to look into the situation and satisfied themselves not only that there was unlimited quantities of Regal Blue under their 1,500 acres of land, but that they have a complete monopoly of this most valuable stone.

Since it was first put on the market 10 years ago, Regal Blue marble has commanded a high premium over Georgia and Alabama and Tennessee marbles. In fact in competition with them it brings from 25 to 35 per cent higher prices and is worth more because of its richness.

Special Orders to National Guard. Raleigh.—Not only will the infantry and medical officers of the North Carolina guards have advantage of special training in schools, but all the arms of North Carolina companies will have the opportunity of obtaining special instruction in schools this year, according to a statement made by Adjutant General L. W. Young. Special orders have been issued detailing certain officers of several companies to attend the Cavalry School of Instruction at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in session June 9 to 10. Then, too, all the officers and twenty-one enlisted men of the coast artillery reserves have been designated to attend a school of instruction for coast artillery officers at Fort Moultrie, S. C., and (Blue Hill, S. C.).

Ask Pardon For Prout. Raleigh.—Former Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Newland of Caldwell county, and Marshall T. Prout of Catawba county, appeared before Governor Craig asking that the governor extend the pardoning power in behalf of Frank Prout of Alexander county, who was convicted of second degree murder three years ago. Prout is serving a seven-years' sentence, along with a man by the name of Bowen, on the charge of conspiracy leading up to the killing of one Howell.

Governor Issues Commissions. Raleigh.—Governor Craig issued commissions to Alexander Webb of Raleigh and George W. Newcastle of Lexington as members of the state board of internal improvements and these gentlemen will qualify and take up their duties at once. The recent legislature made material enlargement of the powers of the board so that it will have close oversight of all the departments of state that have the receiving and disbursement of monies.

Drainage of Lake Mattamuskeet. Raleigh.—Col. J. P. Kerr, private secretary to Governor Craig, is just back from a two weeks' absence during which he succeeded in selling the \$500,000 bonds for the drainage of Lake Mattamuskeet, Hyde county, so that the completion of this project, which involves the reclamation of 10,000 acres of the swampy land in the world was carried through. The drainage is to be completed within about two years. The drainage commissioners are J. S. Mann, chairman, C. E. Mann and J. P. Kerr.

Open Town Candidate Wins. Los Angeles.—Enthusiastic crowds thronged the streets to cheer the overthrow in the election of the good government organization, which has been in the ascendant in city politics, since the recall of Mayor Haper five years ago. The announcement of the election to the mayoralty of Police Judge H. H. Rose, an independent candidate, who ran without the support of the good government organization, caused the demonstrations. On a complete returns Rose was conceded a majority of 7,000 over John W. Shenk.

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