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JAPAN PLEDGE OF 'OPEN DOOR' IS GIVEN U. S.

Tokio Says Conditions May Cause 'Modification' of Nine-Power Pact.

NOTE IS CONCILIATORY

Soviet Makes Proposal to Nipponese for Treaty of Nonaggression.

BY MILES VAUGHN

United Press Staff Correspondent
TOKIO, Jan. 16.—Japan pledged maintenance of the "open door" in Manchuria and China today in response to Secretary of States Stimson's note, but noted that existing conditions in China might "modify materially" the application of the nine-power treaty.

The Japanese communication, handed by Foreign Minister Kenkichi Yoshizawa to American Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes, was conciliatory. It said replacements in the administration of Manchuria were necessary for the good of the local population and that Japan had no territorial aims in Manchuria.

Rights Not Impaired

Japan called Washington's attention to the fact that legality of matters are not recognized which might impair rights of Americans under the Kellogg pact, and said:

"It might be the subject of academic doubt whether in a given case the impropriety of means necessarily voids the ends secured, but as Japan has no intention of adopting improper means, the question does not arise practically."

The communication was prepared for transmission to Washington at the embassy.

Soviet Asks Pact

A Soviet proposal for a Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact was confirmed today by the Japanese government.

The proposal was made by Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet commissar for foreign affairs, to Japanese foreign minister, Kenkichi Yoshizawa, when the latter was in Moscow en route from Paris to Tokio.

Simultaneously, Russian Ambassador Alexander Troianopolski visited Premier Inaiki here and asked the official Japanese view on such a pact.

Bombing Is Charged

BY UNITED PRESS

GENEVA, Jan. 16.—China charged in a note to the League of Nations council today that Japanese airplanes had bombed Finchow, Manchuria, killing one man and one woman and wounding several persons.

"As the bombardment was without the slightest provocation, it is abundantly obvious that the Japanese are aiming to oust from Manchuria all lawful Chinese authority, which constitutes a flagrant violation of international instruments to which Japan is a signatory and also the resolutions adopted by the league council," the Chinese note said.

Boycott to Be Asked

BY UNITED PRESS

NANKING, Jan. 16.—China will ask for an economic and financial boycott against Japan at the meeting of the League of Nations council at Geneva Jan. 25.

China also decided to request convocation of signatories to the nine-power treaty to consider the Manchurian situation.

The official announcement of China's decision was made today by Fu Ping Chang, vice-minister of foreign affairs, on behalf of Foreign Minister Eugene Chen and the legislative Yuan of the government.

CITY GETS \$113,935 FROM BUTLER WILL

Fund to Be Used for Benefit of Poor Health Care.

Upon receipt by the city of \$113,935 today from estates of Mrs. Susan W. Butler and Margaret Butler Snow, her daughter, the health board prepared to invest the money until provisions of the wills can be fulfilled.

The money is held as a joint trust fund, income to be used by the health board for maintenance of a dispensary for the sick poor, and the principal later to be used to build a home for such a dispensary.

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan qualified as trustee for the city in probate court. The gifts were made several years ago. Mrs. Butler died in 1899, and her daughter in 1929.

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If you are, the quickest and surest way to find the desired living quarters is to look through The Times Want Ads. In them you will find a complete list of the most desirable Rentals in the city.

READ THE WANT ADS

FAMED SONGBIRD IN 'FOUR-A-DAY'

Tetrazzini Makes Her Debut in N. Y. Talkie House

By United Press

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Luisa Tetrazzini, whose debut as "Lucia in Hamlet's" Manhattan opera house dazzled a nation, whose farewell operatic appearance with Caruso, Louise Homer and Renand moved admirers to tears, made her debut here Friday night as an "added attraction" in a "four-a-day" talkie house.

The songbird of Florence, who once wrote that her voice had earned her \$500,000 as a contemporary of Melba and Sembrich, took her turn with the acrobats, wisecrackers and "ho-de-ho" singers playing for the applause of the galleries that once sent grapefruit whirling through the air at Rudy Vallee, the songbird of Westbrook, Me.

Madame Tetrazzini, now 60, short, fat, jolly, and lovable as ever, stood in the wings as the management arranged it took "pride and pleasure in announcing the engagement extraordinary."

THE "Grand orchestra" played Garibaldi's rousing hymn, swung into the rousing march from Aida, and started the opening strains of "Caro Nome" coloratura favorite from Rigoletto.

The black curtains parted. The spotlight framed the figure of the singer on a little white raised step beside an inconspicuous piano.

Tetrazzini's girl-like soprano that once could take altissimo F,

the F above high C, thrilled with the first strains of the old favorite she had sung hundreds of times.

Last night she, whose memory had been her pride, kept her eyes downcast as she stared at a trembling bit of paper on which every word of the familiar song was written.

There was abundant applause as she finished the first song.

The orchestra played the "Last Rose of Summer" and Tetrazzini's voice gave proof of her returning confidence. She sang the words: "All her lovely companions have faded and gone."

Her hearers noted the catch in the famous star's voice. And some there who revived with her the memories of her quarter century on the stage.



Luisa Tetrazzini

Still a Hero



Bryan Untiedt, 13, who saved the lives of several schoolmates marooned in a bus in a Colorado blizzard last March, is still a hero.

He is shown here with his father, H. A. Untiedt, waiting to a crowd that cheered the boy on a recent visit to Los Angeles. Bryan has signed a contract for a lecture tour.

BILLIONS FOR CREDIT

House Passes Hoover Bill for Refinancing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—By passage of the reconstruction corporation bill, congress has supplied \$2,000,000,000 credit as a starter for President Hoover's financial relief program, which as a whole embraces basic credit of several billions.

The house approved the bill, 335 to 55, Friday night.

Many billions more of potential credit lies in this bill and other pending measures of the President's program, together with the additional refreshing stream furnished by the federal reserve board in its new "easy money" policy, for credit of this sort expands as it circulates outward in various channels.

HELD ON CHECK CHARGE

Oil Salesman Admits Frauds in Seven States, Police Say.

Charged with passing two worthless checks on hotels here, Joseph C. Wilson, Charleston, Ill., an oil salesman, confessed today to spurious check operations in seven states over a period of six months.

Wilson was arrested Friday and was to be tried today.

Wilson admitted, according to detectives, that the checks all were small, and that he wrote them in numerous Indiana cities, as well as in Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Kentucky.

WINS IN HERESY SUIT

South African Professor Reinstated by Supreme Court.

By United Press
CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan. 16.—Memories of the famous Dayton (Tenn.) "monkey trial" were revived here when the Cape supreme court reinstated Professor Duplessis of Stellenbosch university, dismissed for alleged heretical teachings.

The professor had denied the inspiration of the Bible and had expressed doubt of the absolute divinity of Christ. He was dismissed from the Dutch reformed ministry and the seminary teaching staff.

At his trial, he said he believed the story of Adams and Eve was an "inspired allegory."

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 36 9 a. m. 37
7 a. m. 36 10 a. m. 38
8 a. m. 36

'SECRET' TAX SESSION STIRS IRE OF BUSH

Senators Intend Only to Obstruct Program, He Declares.

"Obstructionists" was the epithet hurled today by Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush at the twelve members of the state senate who issued a call for a meeting here this afternoon to decide upon a tax program for presentation in event of a special session of the general assembly.

Calling the roll of the twelve senators who signed the call, and urged that "no publicity" be given the caucus at the Washington hotel here, Bush said that it was started to hamper the work to be attempted by the citizens' tax program committee.

"Why don't these senators wait and see what progress is made by the business men and leaders of industry and labor who are members of this committee," asked Bush. "They were the best available, and were selected after much study by William H. Settle (president of the Farm Bureau) and John Kingham (Indianapolis meat packer)."

Bush took umbrage at the statement contained in the call that "we are opposed to the attempt of outside influences to attempt to formulate bills for us to rubber stamp."

"To tell the truth, the majority of those invited to be present are opposed to an income tax, and in my opinion this move is made to sidetrack any attempt for real equalization of the tax burden," stated Bush.

HOGS GAIN 10 TO 15 CENTS AT CITY YARDS

All Cattle Classes at Lower Level for Week; Sheep Steady.

Hogs continued the advance in evidence Friday at the city yards this morning, rising 10 to 15 cents on most classes. The bulk, 100 to 350 pounds, sold for \$4 to \$4.40; early top holding at \$4.40. Receipts were estimated at 1,500; holdovers were 146.

The cattle market was a nominal affair with all classes lower for the week. Receipts were 100. Vealers were unchanged at \$8.50 down; calf receipts were 200.

No test was made of prices in the sheep market. "Receipts numbered 200.

A few early sales and bids on hogs in Chicago held mostly steady with Friday's average. This morning, while bulk of 170 to 210 pounds were bid from \$2.20 to \$2.40, receipts were estimated at 10,000, including 9,000 direct. Holdovers were 2,000. Cattle receipts, 200; calves, 100; market steady. Sheep receipts were quoted at 6,000; market unchanged from Friday's prices.

DIES IN 12-STORY FALL

Wife of Christian Science Monitor Writer Killed at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Edith M. Strout, wife of Richard L. Strout, Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, was killed when she fell from a window in the Monitor's twelfth floor office in the National Press building. Strout was in an adjoining office at the time. Mrs. Strout had been in ill health recently. She had three children.

Former Official Dies

SHELVILLE, Ind., Jan. 16.—Martin A. Lemmons, former member of the city council, is dead of heart disease.

She Gets Off

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—When the mail carrier had a vacation, he went for a walk. When Conrad Herget, street car conductor, took a day off, he rode the street car.

That was Mrs. Herget's testimony in applying for a divorce. She said her husband had one day a week off. And on that day he insisted that she and the rest of the family go riding on the street car.

Mrs. Herget said. This in spite of the fact two of their children own automobiles.

Judge Daniel P. Trude granted the woman temporary alimony pending further hearings.

Son to Tell How Jackson Was Killed

BY TIMES SPECIAL

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 16.—Closing evidence in support of the charge that Charles Vernon Witt is one of the slayers of Lafayette A. Jackson of Indianapolis will be presented a Boon county jury Monday by state's attorneys.

Final testimony for the prosecution will be given by Chester Jackson, son of the elderly chain stores operator, who was in the central Standard Grocery Company store, 419 East Washington street, May 27, 1931, when his father was slain by bandits.

State's attorneys said they may attempt to introduce on Monday the purported confessions of Witt and Louis E. Hamilton, waiting trial on a murder charge. If this is done, defense attorneys said they are prepared to show Witt and Hamilton were forced to sign the alleged statements after being beaten by police and detectives.

A blow was struck at Witt's defense of being in Iola, Kan., the day of the shooting, when the state Friday succeeded in getting testimony of Milo Stockberger, 730 Dorman street, before the jury.

Stockberger said Witt formerly roomed at his house in the 1000 block, Ashland avenue, Indianapolis, and admitted to him that he and Hamilton had shot Jackson.

Mrs. Naomi Witt, wife of the defendant, formerly was Stockberger's wife, the rooming house operator told the jury.

MOB BATTLES TO SEE HANGING

Crowd Beats Down Door to Reach Gallows.

BARRIE, Ontario, Jan. 16.—An infuriated mob broke into a coal shed of the county jail here today, and watched the legal hanging of Thomas Wesley Campbell, 35, convicted of murdering his aged father. Among the crowd was Campbell's only son.

The crowd milled around the jail yard for hours before the hanging, set for shortly after midnight. Refusal of authorities to permit Campbell's former neighbors to view the execution angered the crowd. The neighbors stormed the jail, breaking down a door.

A score of men and women had entered the execution room, where Campbell just had been dropped on an improvised scaffold, before police, armed, stopped the rush for the shed door.

Begins Tour

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Almost Doubles Donation to Capital Community Chest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Secretary of Treasury Mellon has given \$50,000 to the Washington community chest. This is \$20,000 more than his contribution last year.

Spy-te Work

By United Press

ALBION, Ill., Jan. 16.—Still in Edwards county are worth \$1 a gallon. Sheriff Oscar Harper has offered that reward for each slot machine and a similar amount for information leading to the arrest of chicken thieves.

Recovers in Suicide Effort

Mrs. Susie Thompson, 58, of 723 North Alabama street, is recovering at the Methodist hospital today from effects of a suicide attempt Friday. Mrs. Thompson was rescued from her gas-filled room by neighbors.

LEVEE BREAKS; THOUSANDS IN FLOOD PERIL

Families Flee to Hills as Torrents Pour Over Shattered Barrier.

BOATMEN RESCUE MANY

Collapse at Other Points Expected, as Heavy Rains Continue.

BY UNITED PRESS

CHARLESTON, Miss., Jan. 16.—A fresh break in the Tallahatchie river levee sent a wall of flood water roaring into the Tippecanoe basin, threatening the lives of more than a thousand inhabitants. Cut off by other flood waters, families were forced to seek safety in nearby hills.

Boats plied back and forth all night, bringing out those trapped by the unexpected rise. No lives were reported lost here, but there was fear that some might be reported after a complete check.

Many homes in the basin were surrounded by water before the new rise, but the occupants had not abandoned them. George Merriweather, editor of a weekly newspaper here, said today he believed there were ample boats to remove all in peril.

Many Are Trapped

He declared it was unlikely that there would be any great loss of life, as the break had been feared for several days.

J. W. Harris, a physician of Swan Lake, Miss., told of being on the outskirts of the basin shortly after the rise began. He estimated there might be as many as 5,000 persons living in it, but said rescue would have to be effected from the other side of the lowlands, as Swan Lake was shut off from the basin by flood waters.

Torrents from the Tallahatchie have been lapping at the levees protecting the Tippecanoe for some weeks, but the break did not come until Friday night. It was reported the levee crumbled in three places as the river, swelled by continued rains, burst its bounds.

Town Is Threatened

Glendora, situated farther down the river, was a scene of activity today. Surrounded by greater flood threats, the little town was carrying on in its work to save off the levee. More were threatened each hour as the river continued to rise.

Charleston housed many homeless families today, and as more from the basin left their homes it was expected that shelter facilities would be taxed to the utmost before nightfall.

How the Market Opened

BY UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Week-end profit taking brought irregularity into the Stock Exchange today. Gains and losses were about evenly distributed.

Steel common slipped back to 45 1/2 off - 1/2, and small declines were noted in American Can, Westinghouse Electric, Dupont, Standard Brands, Electric Power and Light, Auburn Auto and National Power and Light.

American Telephone held at the previous close of 122 1/2 and a steady tone was noted in several of the railroad shares, coppers and motors.

Western Union rose nearly a point to 44 1/2, while smaller gains were noted in Standard of New Jersey, Packard, Brooklyn Manhattan Transit, Consolidated Gas, Lorillard, International Nickel and Vanadium.

Tickers barely moved and both buyers and sellers were reticent about making new commitments.

Overnight market news was of little importance.

The reconstruction finance corporation may be held up for another week while the house and senate iron out differences. The railroad wage discussions were to be resumed today, but thus far while no definite decision has been reached, traders have discounted to a large extent a reduction of 10 per cent in wages.

During the early trading there was a slight tendency toward lower prices. Steel common drifted to 44 1/2, off 1/2 from the opening. Auburn, Case, American Can and other leaders eased off. Volume was small.

FORECAST IS DISMAL

Rain, Sleet or Snow Due for Week-End.

A dismal week-end of unsettled weather was predicted today for the weather bureau. The forecast called for rain, sleet or snow with temperatures near freezing.

After dropping to 32 Friday night the mercury climbed early today to 36, accompanied by rain and some sleet. The mercury slid twenty-four degrees here Friday in a temperature drop that was general throughout the state.

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Murder!

Hawaiian Tragedy First Blow at Happiness of Grace Fortescue.

BY HELEN WORDEN

Written for NEA Service

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—For the first time in forty years of particularly happy living all over the world, life has ceased to be a gay adventure to Grace Bell Fortescue.

But while she is held in Honolulu, along with her son-in-law and two sailors in connection with the murder of a Hawaiian, from the four corners of the globe her relatives are rushing to her defense with all the force and spirit of a warring tribe.

Her brother, Robert Bell, of New York, and Washington, has chartered an airplane for the coast to catch the first fast boat for Honolulu.

Her two daughters, Helene and Kenyon Fortescue, are already in Honolulu. Her third daughter, Rion (short for Marion), who is at Oxford working for a degree, has phoned from London that she leaves on the next boat for America. Her stepmother, Mrs. Charles Bell, who is wintering in Rome, has cabled her intention of coming immediately.

Her sister Helen, Mrs. Julian Ashton Ripley, of New York, who also was in Europe, is enroute home to help. Her husband, Col. Granville Fortescue, who was gassed in the World war, is seriously ill here and unable to go to her aid. Dozens of friends both here and in Washington, signify their willingness to aid her.

Both Mrs. Fortescue's family and her friends carry the weight of ill-edged society with them. She herself was born with a golden spoon in her mouth!

NIECE of the famous Alexander Graham Bell and granddaughter of Gardner Hubbard, wealthy Bostonian who financed Bell when he first put the telephone on the market, Grace Bell Fortescue's childhood was one of glamour. She and her brother, Bobbie and sister, Helen, spent their winters in the great Bell home in Connecticut, and the debutante Granville Fortescue, cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, and one of the famous troop

of Rough Riders.

From Washington, Granville Fortescue and his bride went to Central America, on official business. From Central America the Fortescues went to Europe and from then to the present time has been spent in the Orient, in Europe and other foreign parts of the world.

JUST before the war, their last child was born in Ostend. Getting her family of four little girls out of Belgium was a task to test the braveness of any woman, for Fortescue who was a war correspondent, was ordered on. At this time, Robert Bell, her brother, came to her rescue just as she and her brood took the boat from Calais to Dover. He could never speak highly enough of his sister's courage at that time.

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