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JAPAN BARED PREPARING FOR RUSSIAN WAR

Defense Is Strengthened for 'Any Emergency,' Says Minister.

STUNS HOUSE OF PEERS

Military Force Equal to Soviet's Goal, Official Tells Diet.

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TOKIO, Jan. 26.—Japan's national defense has been strengthened to meet "any emergency," War Minister Sadao Araki admitted during an interpellation in the house of peers today.

The disclosure of extensive military preparations came on the heels of the war minister's statement that Japan is striving to build a military force equal to that of Soviet Russia.

Sadao emphasized the recent statement by Josef Stalin that fulfillment of Soviet Russia's five-year plan had been hampered by the necessity of preparing for war.

Stalin's declaration, the war minister warned, means that "Russia either expects Japan to attack or that Russia intends to attack Japan."

Air Defense 'Insufficient'

It was the first time Araki had mentioned Russia openly during his appearance before the diet.

His remarks caused excited comment and recalled the fiery military leader's request at the close of the Russo-Japanese war in 1904 that Japan seize Siberia as a part of the imperial domain.

Without mentioning the prevalent fear in Japanese military circles of aerial attacks from Vladivostok on the Osaka industrial area, where the leading Japanese munitions factories are located, Araki said he considered Japan's present aerial defenses "insufficient."

He recommended establishment of an air ministry. This suggestion was opposed by Navy Minister Mino Osumi, who cited rejection of a similar idea in the United States.

Japan's dispute with China over Jehol province "must be settled sooner or later," Araki replied to questions relating to the Japanese occupation of Manchuria.

May Mean 'New Policy'

It is impossible to foretell the time or method this matter will be settled," he added. "If China dispatches troops to Jehol we will be obliged to take decisive action."

"China's plans can not be forecast. In the case of the Shan-hai-kwan incident, we warned China and endeavored to prevent an aggravation of the situation, all without avail."

Future developments in the Jehol-Manchurian dispute, he said, may force Japan to "pursue a new policy." He did not explain what the new policy might be.

The national defense has been strengthened to meet "any emergency" and future improvements are planned for this year, Araki said.

Maneuvers Are Halted

PEIPING, Jan. 26.—Japanese military maneuvers in the central district of Peiping were abandoned tonight after strong representations had been made by Chinese and foreign authorities.

The troops were recalled and the field telephones which had been strung in the street were wound up. The Japanese commander, Colonel Aeyabara, indicated, however, that the maneuvers, which had been as provocative, would be resumed after the Chinese New Year holiday.

The public had become extremely apprehensive when the commander of the Japanese legion guard notified Chinese authorities that 300 Japanese troops, operating from the diplomatic quarter, would hold night maneuvers, beginning at 9:30 tonight and continuing until dawn, in the downtown business section, which is Chinese territory and contains many theaters, hotels and homes.

Merrymaking ceased in an extensive area when the Japanese appeared in full equipment and strung their field telephones.

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Swapped Baby Buggy for Electric Sweeper

SWAP—Read baby buggy for electric sweeper, 135 Spencer Ave. 1B-1769.

6-Months-Old Baby Boy 'Signs' His Mark in Adoption by City Couple



ADOPTIONS
NAME OF CHILD
William Richard
NAME OF ADOPTING PARENTS
Mr. William Richard Saunders
Mrs. Ada Saunders
ADDRESS
1243 Standard Avenue
CITY
Indianapolis
COUNTY
Marion
STATE
Indiana
DATE OF ADOPTION
Jan. 24, 1933
FILED
Sub. 44,811
ORDER OF
ADOPTION
CHILD TO TAKE NAME OF William Richard Saunders
MADE BY JUDGE
JAMES H. HARRIS

Upper—Little William Richard Saunders making his mark on the court record with his new mother, Mrs. Ada Saunders holds him.

Lower—A section of the court record, with William's mark in the lower right corner.

Goldfish Didn't Get to Market; Sues for \$50,000

Ambitious Chaperon Meets All Sorts of Trouble; He Blames It All on Truck He Purchased.

The goldfish just must get to market. And because they've got to be in New York within forty hours in order to nibble food flakes in aquariums of fish stores and gaze hopefully for owners—

And because they arrived there, some of them, from fifteen to thirty hours late—

Fred Goss, Martinsville, filed suit for \$50,000 damages today in superior court five against the Mack International Motor Trucks Corporation.

Goss declares he obtained a contract from the Grassy Forks Fisheries, Martinsville, to carry goldfish to Broadway's front door within forty hours.

He was told that goldfish, even the Samsons of the finny tribe, only could stand forty hours of pavements without dying.

So Goss alleges that in an effort to chaperon the fish properly he purchased one of the company's trucks on Jan. 25, 1932, and was told he could put 25,000 pounds of goldfish, boxes and all, aboard his truck and reach New York within the specified time.

He alleges that he filled that truck up with 25,000 pounds of goldfish. But he declares the Indiana state law forbade so many to be on the highway at the same time.

He found his goldfish load became 11,600 pounds too heavy to pass state policemen, and he was ruled off the road.

He further alleged that it took him between fifty-five and seventy-two hours to make the New York jaunt, and that by the time he got there he had a lot of dead aunts, uncles and grandpas of the goldfish family.

The truck, he charged, loaded, could travel but thirty-five miles an hour instead of the sales declaration of "fifty-five miles an hour."

And because of it, all he averted, he lost \$10,000 in profits which he could have made by becoming a goldfish gondolier.

NEGRO GUNMAN SOUGHT

Charged With Firing Shotgun at Fox; Coal Quarrel Blamed.

A Negro of unknown identity is sought by police after he is alleged to have fired two shotgun blasts at John Hall, 40, living near Twenty-fourth and Yandes streets, inflicting slight wounds. The shooting, which occurred near Hall's home, followed an alleged recent fight between the two men over possession of coal.

NEWPORT, was born Alva Smith, daughter of a cotton broker in Mobile, Ala.

After her debut in Mobile, she was married to William K. Vanderbilt, a leader of American and European society for years, died early today.

Mrs. Belmont's daughter, Mme. Jacques Balsan, the former Consuelo Vanderbilt, was at her mother's bedside.

Dr. Edmund Gros of the American hospital, who attended Mrs. Belmont during an illness of several months, gave the cause of death as heart paralysis, complicated by bronchitis.

"The grandest lady of France and America died with a suffragist smile," Dr. Gros said.

Mrs. Belmont, one of the most colorful personalities who ever graced the social scene in New York

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Cross on Court Register Concludes Proceedings for Infant.

The plea several months ago of an expectant mother and a cross of a pen, held by a six-months-old baby boy, today brought new happiness into an Indianapolis home.

For William Richard has become the legally adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders, 1243 Standard avenue.

Mrs. Saunders has had the boy since birth, but not until today, when William Richard became old enough to make a mark with a pen on a county court record, was the adoption closed.

Mrs. Saunders saw the written plea in a local newspaper of the expectant mother for some one, who had a suitable home and could love her child, to take the baby when he was born.

On July 14, 1932, the child was born.

Several days later court machinery began to move to change William Richard's parentage and bring happiness to the boy's mother and his future foster parents.

And now, William Richard has made his mark that will determine his future.

STATE PAY FOR SCHOOLS ASKED

\$21,000,000 for Salaries of Teachers Is Provided in Bill.

Bills providing for state payment of all minimum teacher costs in public grade and high schools were introduced concurrently in house and senate today as administration measures.

Passage will mean raising of revenues of more than \$22,000,000 by the state to meet these wage payments. This factor is expected to be used by administration leaders in the attempt to force the sales tax through the session.

Governor Paul V. McNutt admitted that this is part of his plan to get action on the unpopular sales tax, but declared that nothing short (Turn to Page Two)

EVANS FAILS TO WRITE
A BILL; HOUSE STUNNED

Grave Situation Has Developed; Given Warnings 'Semblymen.'

Speaking in tones of pseudo solemnity, Representative Fabius Gwinn (Dem., Shoals) today warned the house of representatives that "a grave situation has developed."

"Never before in my experience has this happened," said Gwinn, a veteran of several house terms. "Gentlemen, I refer to the fact that the gentleman from Henry county (Representative H. H. Evans, minority floor leader), has failed to introduce a bill. He has been 'battling a thousand' by introducing at least one bill each day except today and now his average has fallen off to 990."

"I make up for it Friday," promised Evans, as the house members joined in laughter at his expense. "I spent three hours last night reading a bill somebody else drew up," he added.

UTILITY HEARINGS SET

Public Session to Be Held by House Committee on Bills.

Public hearing on the two administration utility bills will be held at 7 tonight in the house of representatives before Judiciary Committee J. Black (Dem., Anderson), is chairman.

One of the bills provides for reorganization of the public service commission and the other would facilitate acquisition of utility plants by cities.

HELD IN WIFE'S MURDER

South Bend Man Charged With Shooting Mate in Quarrel.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 25.—Charles Suterland, 37, a laborer, was arrested early today shortly after he was said to have shot and killed his wife on the porch of their home. Police blamed a family quarrel for the shooting.

SENATE VOTE NEAR ON LOAN RATE SLASH

Bill Cuts Interest From 42 to 24 Per Cent Annually.

BITTER FIGHT IS WAGED

Vincennes Speaker Lashes Present System as 'Legalized Usury.'

Surviving a bitter battle in the senate Wednesday afternoon, the bill cutting the interest rate on petty loans from 42 to 24 per cent a year, is expected to be up for final passage Friday.

Effort to kill the bill, or increase the interest rate to 2½ per cent a month, failed. As originally introduced, the measure would reduce the rate from 3½ per cent, now legal, to 1½ per cent monthly. This was increased to 2 per cent by amendment on second reading.

It was at this point that the fight took place.

Senator William P. Dennigan (Dem., Vincennes), sponsor of the bill, led the charge against opposing forces. In the most lengthy speech of the session, thus far, he outlined the history of the small loan business and termed the 3½ per cent monthly interest charge "legalized usury."

Moves to Kill

Move to kill the bill came from Senator Fred A. Egan (Dem., Gary). He declared that the small loan business will be taken care of through the administration banking bill, now pending in the house.

This contention was assailed by Senator Jesse E. Wade (Dem., Mt. Vernon).

"I have read the entire 182 pages of the administration banking bill and there isn't a thing in it that touches this matter of the big interest rates on petty loans," Wade asserted.

"It is time for the sensible man to put his foot down on these leeches and bloodsuckers. Our job here is to prevent them from bleeding the workingman and farmer, who now must go to them when in dire distress."

Hits at Pressure

"Nothing that this session will do is more significant than the action taken on this bill. A similar measure passed the senate two years ago, but was defeated in the house. I personally know something of the pressure from financial institutions which brought about that defeat."

Egan's move to postpone the bill indefinitely was tabled, whereupon Senator Walter E. Chambers (Dem., Newcastle) sought to increase the rate to 2½ per cent. He was seconded by Senator Jacob Weiss (Dem., Indianapolis).

"There are some fair and reasonable men in the petty loan business and they declare 2½ per cent is the minimum upon which they can function," Chambers declared.

"No regular bank loans are being made now and the petty loan has proved advantageous to many persons."

Kept At 2 Per Cent

Senators opposing the increase cited the Frazier bill in congress, setting rates on loans to farmers at 1½ per cent. The rate was kept at 2 per cent as amended by Senator I. Floyd Garrett (Rep., Battle Ground).

County and township consolidation bills sponsored by Senator L. L. Shull (Rep., Sharpshooters), will be subjected to scrutiny today by Senators Leo X. Smith and Brian Wright Webb, Indianapolis Democrats.

Senators were not opposed to consolidation of political units, but are not satisfied with the Shull measure.

"We fear there is more to the Shull bill than meets the eye of the casual viewer," a Smiling said. "His provisions are arranged awkwardly and too many existing laws are repealed without making proper substitutions. Marion county senators will have important amendments to offer today when the bill comes up."

Another attempt to modify the teacher tenure repeal bill is expected today, when Chambers presents a compromise amendment exempting larger cities, or else making retention of tenure optional.

Senator Henry P. Schrickler (Dem., Knox), author of the repeal bill, said today he would oppose all attempts to exempt any city, town, or township, but that an amendment to make tenure optional might be a common sense solution.

"I reserve the right to express myself concerning Chambers' amendments after these amendments are offered," Schrickler said. "But in general, an optional amendment might be acceptable."

MERCHANTS JOIN FOR SMASH ON SALES TAX

An Editorial
No Blood-Letting, Please

More wage cutting. More men and women off the pay rolls. More vacant buildings. More bankruptcies and liquidations.

These are the inevitable results of the passage of a sales tax law, as seen by merchants of the state. They are in earnest. The prospect, as they see it, is stark disaster and ruin. Even if they exaggerate their fears, the very fact that they are convinced that such will be the result should cause the legislature to stop, look, and listen before passing any such burden to the consumer.

Their very fears will make the picture come true, and that situation would defeat the very purpose of such measure, which is to raise money.

Governor McNutt announced in his first address that the tax is wrong in principle. Anything wrong in principle is definitely dangerous in an emergency. In distress days, wrong laws only add to the distress. They can not relieve distress.

The sales tax hits hardest at the consumer. It means that there will be less money to buy things from the farmer, whose organizations are mistakenly supporting such a measure, in the belief that it will relieve him from taxes. In the end, it means ruin for the farmer.

The sales tax hits at the consumer and makes it more difficult for wage earners to live. It threatens jobs.

The state and the nation are starving for more business. To reduce business means disaster. The sales tax will do that.

The remedy is not new. Such taxes have been the cause of many revolts, including the Boston Tea Party.

In benighted times, doctors knew but one remedy for any sickness. It was bleeding the patient. That is the sales tax way of treating an economic anemia. No blood-letting, please. The patient can't stand it.

Parents Sued for \$100,000 for Opposing Marriage

Woman Who Weds Ex-Mate Claims She Was Locked in Psychopathic Ward to Prevent Rites.

Reunion of an Indianapolis woman and her three children with her estranged husband was climaxed today when the woman sued her parents for \$100,000 damages in superior court.

She is Mrs. Loretta O'Connor, 40, of 1123 North New Jersey street, who Tuesday remarried her former husband, Hubert M. O'Connor, 46, a salesman, after three years of separation.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Brosnan, of 1475 North Delaware street, are alleged to have objected to the remarriage, and caused arrest Jan. 20 of the daughter on a vagrancy charge, according to the complaint.

Desire to restore relations with her children and former husband prompted the Mrs. O'Connor again to marry her former mate. The children are two sons, 18 and 17, and a daughter, 13.

In her suit, Mrs. O'Connor charged police with forcibly taking her from her home Saturday night and placing her in a psychopathic ward at city hospital, where was confined to a cell with mentally deranged persons.

Affidavit resulting in the arrest, alleged to have been sworn to by the parents, was dismissed Wednesday by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer and Mrs. O'Connor formally was released.

This action was taken after examining physicians stated Mrs. O'Connor is mentally normal, according to Howard Bates, attorney filing the suit.

MRS. SHERWOOD AGAIN
HEADS CHURCH WOMEN

Re-Elected President of Indianapolis Diocese at Annual Session.

Appropriations totaling \$785 for religious purposes were voted today at the closing session of the annual meeting of the House of Church Women of the Diocese of Indianapolis, at Christ church.

Mrs. R. Bartley Sherwood of Indianapolis was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Mrs. E. R. Cummings of Bloomington, vice-president; Mrs. Charles E. Judson of Indianapolis, secretary; Mrs. William F. Mullen, treasurer; Miss Harriet Law of Terre Haute, custodian of the united thank offering, and Mrs. Frank McNutt of Crawfordsville, supply secretary.

Delegates elected to the provincial meeting in South Bend, in October, are Mesdames J. F. Morrison, R. Hartley Sherwood of Indianapolis, and H. H. Wise of Anderson, O. H. Socksteder of Muncie and H. G. Venemann of Lafayette.

Garber Will Be Filed

Former Court Reporter Leaves Estate Valued at \$50,000.

The will of William S. Garber, former court reporter, who died Jan. 20, was filed for probate today and the widow, Mrs. Agnes S. Garber, and son, Thomas S. Garber, were named executor and executrix.

The personal property was estimated at \$10,000 and real estate at \$40,000. The will provided that all income of the estate should go to the widow during her lifetime, but divided the estate equally between the widow and the son.

The Garbers live at 620 East Forty-second street.

Report Watson Wants Morgan Ousted to Keep G. O. P. Reins Stirs Bitter Row

Prospects that the plan to replace Ivan Morgan as state chairman of the Republican party with Don Irwin of Frankfort would not be put over without a bitter fight grew today, with word that many of the district committeemen have come to believe that they are being used by Senator James E. Watson to keep control of the state organization.

The meeting was called in response to a round robin signed by members of the committee. That,

300 Retailers Meet Here to Voice Opposition to Levy.

M'NUTT TO HEAR VIEWS

Ruin of Business Forecast by Conferees If Bill Is Approved.

First steps toward an aggressive battle against enactment of a sales tax by the Indiana legislature were taken today by a group of 300 retail merchants, representing nearly every section of the state, meeting at the Lincoln.

They acted to form a permanent state organization of retail merchants and named a committee to call on Governor Paul V. McNutt and present their views on the proposed tax.

The proposed law was assailed by speakers as "just another tax which will not relieve any other form of taxes" and which will have to be borne largely by the merchants, hundreds of whom already have been forced out of business. They charged it would increase unemployment.

Would Cut Buying Power

It was alleged that such a law would reduce purchasing power, create more political jobs, and result in greatly increased mail order business, which, being interstate, is not taxable by states.

Merchants living in cities within driving distance of the state line particularly were strenuous in objections to the proposed measure, which, they said, would result in loss of business from across the state line, and would cause many shoppers to drive to other states to buy.

The sales tax is an economic not a political issue, and should be kept out of politics, said J. Irving Latz, Ft. Wayne merchant, who gave the principal address.

Economy Is Demanded

Latz said certain strong groups in the state are fighting for a sales tax, strongest of which is the teachers' association, which favors it "so the schools will not have to cut expenses, but can go forward with an expansion program in times like these."

"No merchant wants to evade his proper taxes," Latz said, "and we're not lobbying now, but, as business men, we must insist that the government cut expenses through economy, and add no new taxes."

"We're not asking the government to do anything we haven't had to do in business."

"One-third of every dollar of income now goes to state or national government, and history will show that no nation can tax income more than 25 per cent and remain in existence."

Joker Is Cited

Latz declared the "joker" in the sales tax is that it must be borne by the merchant, as it can not be passed on to the customer in lower-priced articles, adding that it greatly will add to the ranks of merchants already forced into bankruptcy.

A federal sales tax, he explained, is not as harmful as a state sales tax, because it affects the whole country, not just one state.

"Such a tax, he asserted, would mean an additional hardship on retailers, because they would be forced to go to the expense of setting up and maintaining additional book-keeping records."

More than 50 per cent of the average store's sales are below \$1 and it is almost impossible to add the tax to such sales," he said.

Committee Is Selected

Committee named to call on McNutt were: Fred Lieberman, South Bend, chairman; W. C. McBride, Auburn; J. Irving Latz, Ft. Wayne; Ike Silverstein, Terre Haute; Ernest H. Adkins, Columbus; Martin Steinwell, Seymour; E. E. Temperly and Louis Wolf, both of Indianapolis; Alex. Beach, Bloomington; W. W. Welsh, Peru; Sidney Ort, Angola; Ray DePrez, Shelbyville; J. E. Watts, Muncie; King Leeson, Elwood; William Hubbard, Scottsburg; Art Seibold, Ft. Wayne; and Irving Bertermann, Indianapolis.

The merchants were urged by speakers personally to call on their country's legislators while here and express their views on the sales tax, and to obtain co-operation of their local newspapers in editorial campaigns.

Latz cited figures to show that the additional expenses have trebled since 1912, adding that taxpayers' income probably is not greater today than in 1912.

Mississippi Case Presented

He presented letters from merchants' organizations in Mississippi, stating that the sales tax was merely an additional tax, and that since its passage many other taxes had been increased and none reduced.

The letters added that the sales tax had proven detrimental to business.

Merchants from several Indiana cities forecast "ruin of the retailer" if the sales tax becomes a law.

The meeting was opened by William E. Balch, Indianapolis Merchants' Association manager, who presided until Sidney Ort, Tristate Retail Dry Goods Association president, was elected chairman.

Sustains City's Attorneys

Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox today sustained motion of defense attorneys representing city and county officials to require "more specific" information in several paragraphs of the suit filed recently to compel strict adherence to the \$1.50 tax levy limit law.