

FRANCE TENDERS HER GOOD OFFICES

To Keep Friendship Between America and Japan.

THE FRANCO-JAPANESE TREATY.

Designed, It Is Said, to Embody Idea of Stability and Dependence in Adjusting All Questions in Far East Through Diplomacy—Announcement of Text of Treaty Awaited With Interest.

Paris (By Cable).—One of the immediate results of the Franco-Japanese entente which is on the point of being signed has been the tender by France of her good offices to the United States in case she can be of service in promoting a complete understanding between the United States and Japan, covering their respective interests in the Far East.

France believes that the United States should become a party to the series of ententes, recently arrived at between the powers, guaranteeing the status quo in the Far East and the best means of avoiding possible future complications and misunderstandings, and has formally communicated to the United States government her readiness, now or in the future, to further negotiations in that direction.

The Washington government, while not availing itself of France's services, expressed in its reply its deep sensibility and appreciation of the friendly offer.

According to the Figaro the text of the Franco-Japanese entente is very short, consisting of a declaration followed by a statement. The declaration is said to be as follows:

"France and Japan being mutually desirous of reaching an understanding and strengthening their friendly relations and having examined their interests in the Far East, namely the sovereignty of France over Indo-China and the occupation of Kwang Chauin, leased from China in 1898 by France, and the occupation of Port Arthur by Japan and the protection over Korea by Japan, agree that the recognition of the independence and integrity of China is the best guarantee of their interests and proclaim this principle in order to strengthen the interior peace and security of China, so necessary to all European interests.

"In consequence France and Japan mutually guarantee the continental status quo."

Although the entente does not include a commercial treaty for Indo-China, pending the conclusion of such a treaty it guarantees the most favored nation treatment for Japanese in Indo-China and French subjects of Indo-China in Japan.

KILLED IN WABASH WRECK.

Fast Passenger Crashes Into a Coal Train.

Washington, Pa. (Special).—Two were killed and 11 injured in a wreck on the Wabash Road one mile east of Hickory, near here, when the Toledo express, westbound, crashed into a coal train on a siding, telescoping the smoker and a Pullman car. The flagman of the coal train, who is said to be responsible for letting the passenger train in on the siding occupied by the coal train, disappeared immediately after the crash.

The dead are Frank Blanco and Anthony Schme, miners, of Avela, who were in the smoker. A relief train was made up and the injured taken to hospitals in Pittsburg.

The fireman and engineer of the passenger train jumped just before the crash.

COTTON LEAK DIFFICULT.

Chief Statistician Says It Is Impossible to Prepare It Honestly.

Washington (Special).—Chief Statistician Victor H. Olmsted, of the Department of Agriculture, testified in the trial of Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., former assistant statistician of that department, on the charge of prematurely divulging information of the department concerning the cotton crop of the country, that a leak in the crop report would be impossible if its preparation was honestly conducted.

Stephen D. Ferrenden, who was at one time an assistant statistician of the department, testified that it would be impossible for anyone even with all the information before him to accurately forecast the crop report an hour before its issuance, because of the fact that the final figure is always the result of the exercise of the judgment of the chief statistician.

18-Year-Old Boy Suicide.

York, Pa. (Special).—Tired of life and grieving because of the death of his mother, Samuel Reichard, 18 years old, shot and killed himself in the lower part of York County. Both of Reichard's parents died about a year ago. Thrown upon his own resources and feeling, because of his poor health, that he was unable to fight the battles of life, he concluded to die by his own hand.

57 Hurt in Wreck.

Nashville, Tenn. (Special).—Going at a speed of between twenty and thirty miles an hour, Southern passenger train No. 2, leaving Nashville at 10:30 A. M., plunged off a 15-foot embankment at Black Branch, near Lebanon, Tenn., thirty-three miles east of Nashville, shortly after 11 o'clock A. M., injuring fifty-seven persons out of a total of sixty on board.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic.

An automobile containing Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson and Mrs. Frank Blackson, of Philadelphia, collided with a railroad train in Camden, N. J.

Both women may die of their injuries. Miss Gertrude Beeks, secretary of the welfare department of the National Civic Federation, sailed for Panama to inquire into living conditions among the laborers.

The wife of Governor Peabody, of Colorado; Judge Gabbert and Mine Manager Bradley confirm the stories of Henry Orchard's attempts on their lives.

A gold and gem-studded vanity box, worth \$15,000 and belonging to Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, lost last fall, was received from a waiter at Sherry's.

The Standard Oil Company's bill of exception to suit by the federal government in Minnesota was overruled, and the case will proceed.

Michael McBent, head stockman on the estate of Howard Gould, was gored to death by a bull.

The Iron, Steel and Tin and Bar Iron Associations have failed to agree on a wage scale.

The State Railroad Commission of Georgia has made reductions in railroad fares.

The case of Mrs. Howard Gould, who has instituted suit for a separation from her husband, Howard Gould, was given its first public airing in court. The occasion was the hearing of arguments on motion of counsel for Mr. Gould to strike out certain allegations in Mrs. Gould's complaint.

Governor Hughes, of New York, signed the public utilities bill, which puts nearly all the corporations in the state under the control of two commissioners.

The Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania endorsed Senator Knox as Pennsylvania's candidate for the Republican nomination for president.

Harry Smith, bookkeeper of the Hocking Valley Bank, of Lancaster, Ohio, was sent to the penitentiary for seven years for embezzlement.

Helen M. Gougar, the temperance lecturer, dropped dead in Lafayette, Ind.

Judge Chamberlain denied the motion of the three trustees recently appointed to take charge of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy's property for leave to be substituted as plaintiffs in place of the "next friends," who began the litigation to secure an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's property.

An earthquake shock lasting about 10 seconds was felt in San Francisco. The oscillations were from north to south. No damage has been reported.

Two indictments were returned against Policeman Hess, who kidnapped little Elizabeth Grady from New York.

Ryder Henry, formerly of Cambridge, Md., was married in New York to Miss Frelinghuysen Jackson.

The sentence of the Savannah Federal Court in the Green and Gaynor case, involving over half a million dollars' fraud in the Savannah harbor, was affirmed in an opinion handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

Green and Gaynor are under sentence to four years' imprisonment each and to pay a fine aggregating \$575,000. They may appeal to the Supreme Court at Washington.

Foreign.

When Emperor Francis Joseph arrived at Budapest for the celebration of the jubilee of his coronation as King of Hungary the Socialists greeted him with a noisy demonstration for universal suffrage.

Foreign Minister Pichon announced that the attitude of France at The Hague Peace Conference would be one of moderation and conciliation, similar to that which was adopted in 1899.

Otto Elterich, of Freeport, L. I., and Mrs. Emily Mary McLean, a widow, an American woman, were drowned while boating on the Thames, near Cliveden.

The two labor leaders charged with the May Day agitation in Paris were sentenced to imprisonment for two years.

Alexander McKenzie, a well-known Canadian racing man, died of appendicitis.

King Peter of Serbia was injured by being thrown from his horse in Belgrade.

Emperor William's instructions to the German delegates to The Hague conference are not to take any part in the discussion of the disarmament question, but to note developments. Germany hears that England will drop the question of disarmament.

For the last few days there has been another reign of terror in Lodz, Russian Poland. Eleven persons have been killed and 37 wounded, two of the killed being mill-owners.

While the Japanese are irritated at the tardiness in effecting solution of the San Francisco difficulty there has been no advocacy of hostile demonstration.

Florencio Morales and Bernardo Mora were found guilty at the City of Mexico of murdering General Manuel Barillas, former president of Guatemala.

The migration of Russians to Siberia has assumed enormous proportions. From January 1 to May 15 there were 283,665 persons crossed into Siberia.

King Oscar and his Queen celebrated their golden wedding and received congratulations from all the crowned heads of Europe.

Rumors of the impending dissolution of the Douma continue to circulate in influential quarters in St. Petersburg.

United States gunboat Helena has been ordered to Amoy, nearest port to scene of armed uprising against Chinese officials. In a battle between the Chinese provincial troops and a body of rebels the latter lost over 100 men.

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE IN TRAINING.



—Cartoon by Berryman, in the Washington Star.

BLEW UP RAILROAD TRAINS, MINES OR MEN

Orchard Says Plots Were Hatched By Labor Leaders.

HE GOT PAY FOR ASSASSINATION.

Man Accused of Killing Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, at Instigation of Western Federation of Miners, Tells of Wrecking Two Trains, Blowing Up Two Mines, Murder of Detective, Attempt to Kill Governor Peabody, of Colorado; Slaughter of About 15 Men, Poisoning Milk of Deputy Sheriff.

ORCHARD'S CONFESSION.

Used explosives to wreck two railroad trains containing non-union miners, killing 14 men.

Blew up two mines with powder, killing two officials.

Watched Governor Peabody for three weeks for chance to assassinate him.

Shot and killed a Denver detective who had made himself objectionable at the mines.

Placed poison in milk jars and blew out front of house of men disliked by miners' organization.

That Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, took part in all the plots and paid him for his work.

Boise, Idaho (Special).

Harry Orchard, alias Hogan, Green and Dempsey, who admits that he planted the bomb that killed ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, a year ago last November, and who says that Wm. D. Haywood, Charles H. Moyer and George A. Pettibone, respectively secretary, president and executive board member of the Western Federation of Miners, planned the murder and hired him to do it, began Wednesday morning what is probably the most extraordinary recital of crime ever made in a courtroom. Orchard occupied the stand three hours and a half, and before his story had been in the course of telling for an hour it was clear that if it can be corroborated in its essential features the state will be able to establish beyond a doubt the charges of conspiracy to do wholesale murder upon the chief opponents of the methods of the Western Federation.

If any such tale was ever told in a courtroom before it was a long, long time ago, and nobody in these parts remembers it. And it has just begun. It was told—that unparalleled story of cold-blooded and organized assassination—in a level, even voice that never quavered, never rose and never fell. The method of the witness was the acme of commonplace. There was nothing about Orchard of the air of the fanatic or the zealot. There was never a single pose nor a solitary attempt at effect.

Set Deathtrap in Mine.

Orchard confessed that as a member of the mob that wrecked the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine, in the Coeur d'Alenes, he lighted one of the fuses that carried fire to the giant powder explosion; confessed that he set the death trap in the Vindicator mine, at Cripple Creek, that blew out the lives of Superintendent McCormick and Foreman Beck; confessed that because he had not been paid for his first attempt at violence in the Vindicator mine he had been treacherous to his associates by

Meat Prices Still Rising.

Chicago (Special).—Meats of all kinds, with the exception of the poorest cuts of beef, have been rising steadily in Chicago for three weeks, and dealers say that the advance will continue. In some of the poorer sections of the city retail dealers have not handled a piece of meat, except beef, for the last three weeks. Lamb, pork and other meats are beyond the reach of their customers. Lamb has advanced 3 cents a pound in the last three weeks.

IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

Better weather and better crop news helped stock prices. Since the longshoremen's strike began the port of New York has lost over \$10,000,000 of exports. Gold to the amount of \$2,000,000 was engaged for export, making \$2,750,000 this week. Paris is getting it. One big Wall Street trader bought 20,000 Union Pacific, which other traders said was to cover a short sale.

PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE.

Orchard Sought Lives Of Judges And Governors.

Boise, Idaho (Special).

Harry Orchard crowned his admission of grave crimes Thursday when, continuing his case against William D. Haywood, he made a detailed confession of the murder of Frank Steunenberg by an infernal machine that directly opens the way for his own conviction and execution for the mortal offense.

He swore that the assassinations of Steunenberg was first suggested by Haywood, was plotted by Haywood, Moyer, Pettibone and himself, was financed by Haywood, and was executed by himself after the failure of an attempt in which Jack Simpkins had participated.

Orchard lifted the total of his own murdered victims to 18, detailed the circumstances under which he tried to murder former Governor Peabody, Judge Goddard, Judge Gabbert, General Sherman Bell, Dave Moffatt and Frank Herne. Incidentally he confessed to a plan to kidnap the child of one of his former associates.

Raced To Deathtrap.

Then under cross-examination by the defense Orchard confessed guilt of the sordid social crimes of deserting his young child and wife in Ontario, fleeing to British Columbia with Hattie Simpson, the wife of another man, and committing bigamy by marrying a third woman at Cripple Creek.

Through the shocking details of murder plots, stories of secret bomb-making and tales of man hunts with sawed-off shotguns and infernal machines as weapons, the witness went on in the same quiet, offhand manner that marked his demeanor Wednesday. His voice dropped to lower keys as the pitiful story of the long hunt for Steunenberg narrowed down to the last day, and he told of the race from the hotel to the home to beat his victim with the death trap, and the meeting in the evening gloom as the victim walked unconsciously to his doom. Through it all he winced but once, and that was when the defense made him name his six sisters and his one brother and give their residences in Ontario and New York.

Piece of Bomb in Court.

The defense fought the story with a multiplicity of objections, and succeeded in heading off an attempt to tell the story of the murder of Arthur Collins, at Telluride, and temporarily shut out the contents of a telegram received and a telegram sent by Orchard after his arrest. Except for this the state managed to get in its story intact.

The state began its corroboration of Orchard's bloody story by producing the lead casing of the Governor Peabody bomb. Orchard identified it, swore that he brought it from Canyon City to Denver, and then on to Wallace, where he gave it to a man named Cunningham. It was thrown into the river and the state promises later to prove its recovery.

DEALS A DEATH BLOW TO LOTTERY

Prominent Men Pay Fines Aggregating \$259,200.

CONFISCATE THE PRINTING PLANT.

Honduras Lottery Company, Successor to the Louisiana Lottery Company, Agrees to Surrender to Government for Destruction All Books, Plates, Etc.

Mobile, Ala. (Special).—Judge Toulin Tuesday imposed fines in the cases of defendants who in the court for the Southern district of Alabama entered pleas of guilty to an indictment charging conspiracy to cause the interstate carriage of lottery advertisements. In addition to the pleas of guilty, the defendants agreed to surrender to the government for destruction all lottery books, plates and other paraphernalia and also immediately to dispose of the printing establishment of the Honduras National Lottery Company, Sixth and Orange Streets, Wilmington, Del., operated under the name of John M. Rogers Press, where the lottery tickets have been printed for years. The fines aggregate \$259,200.

Following are the defendants: William P. Parkhouse, James Rea, C. W. Bredow, William P. Johnston, Louis C. Graham, Edward J. Pinach, David Hennen Morris, Alfred Hennen Morris, Frank L. Howard, Albert Baldwin, Sr., Chapman Hyams, Paul Conrad, John Demarest, Edward J. Demarest, all of New Orleans. John Morris Rogers, Jesse K. Baylis, Lester K. Baylis, Wilmington, Del. James S. Moire, Chicago, Ill. Harry W. Henderson, W. C. Henderson, Brooklyn, N. Y. Gen. W. L. Abell, Dallas, Tex. Robert K. Thompson, Mobile. Joseph L. Shaw, Tom William, Henry L. Plum, Washington, D. C. Herman Brunner, St. Louis. Oscar Hauger, Hoboken, N. J. Frank E. Johnson, Hartford. A. B. Kaufman, Detroit, Mich. Harry J. Schott, Baltimore. Wallace Masterton, Savannah, Ga. Plant in Wilmington, Del.

The charges against Walter J. Demarest, Stasius Meade and Hammer and Walker were nolle prossed. The cases against John Hoag and Francis X. Fitzpatrick were continued, although fines were named. All others indicted were fined.

With the pleas of guilty and the surrender of all lottery material, the Honduras National Lottery Company, which is the successor of the old Louisiana State Lottery Company, passed out of existence, ending a long struggle of the federal authorities.

The government first attempted to break up the lottery business on the passage of the act of 1877 forbidding the transmission of lottery matter by mail. In 1895 this was supplemented by the act forbidding the interstate carriage of lottery tickets or advertisements of lottery matter. In 1903 the Supreme Court, by a vote of 5 to 4, upheld the constitutionality of the latter enactment.

Since the decision the lottery tickets were printed at the lottery companies' plant in Wilmington, Del., and taken as personal baggage by messengers from Wilmington to New York where they were stored in warehouses. From time to time the tickets were taken also as personal baggage by messenger to Washington, where the packages were checked to various cities. The officers and agents of the company operated under assumed names and a complete code was also used. The drawings were held monthly at Puerto Cortez, Honduras, and lists of the winning numbers were printed in Mobile, Ala., and from there sent to state agents throughout the country.

The printing establishment at Wilmington was raided in the spring of 1906 and plates from which the tickets were printed, together with considerable matter relating to the lottery business seized. The government was not at that time able to establish a conspiracy case, but in January, 1907, the printing establishment at Mobile was raided and certain packages which had been shipped from that city were seized at Atlanta, Ga., after they had crossed the state line.

With the evidence thus obtained the government secured indictments against those who entered a plea of guilty, together with a few others.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

A delegation representing the National Association of Postmasters of Offices of the First Class called upon Postmaster General Meyer.

Because of the advance in the price of jute twine Postoffice employees have been cautioned to be economical in its use.

Medical Director Robert A. Marmion was stricken with paralysis. He will recover.

There are now 37,314 free rural delivery routes in operation, with 37,566 carriers.

Dr. Wilco has begun an investigation into violations of the pure food law.

August Franke, of Dubuque, Ia., called at the White House to get a million dollars from the President.

The government is said to be ready to file a bill in equity against anthracite coal roads for violating the Sherman antitrust law.

Mrs. Isabel M. Case, who has been dogging the President's footsteps for the past year, was formally pronounced insane by a jury.

Terrence V. Powderly, former commissioner general of immigration, will be appointed chief clerk of the newly created bureau of information of that department.

The President may have the Meat Trust investigated because of recent raises in prices of dressed meats.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

Near Lock Haven a large bank barn belonging to John Snyder burned, entailing a loss of \$3500. Six horses, other live stock and all last season's crops were consumed.

George Barklow, of Unityville, who was injured in a friendly scuffle at the election polls, died as a result of his injuries. He was 43 years of age and is survived by a wife and nine children.

Albert Rutherford, a hotel proprietor of Altoona, was taken suddenly ill while driving and plunged headlong to the street, alighting on his head, and was perhaps fatally injured.

Peter McCall, of Wilmington, Del., was found dead in the rear of Wright's Hotel, Chester. McCall was on a visit to Chester.

The Darby school board has made the following elections: B. N. Newcomb, president; A. E. Williams, secretary; A. H. Yocum, treasurer.

Altoona City property is to be investigated by a committee of five appointed by Council. It is charged that the city assessors discriminated in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The Bedford Republican County Committee has re-elected Simon H. Sell chairman and treasurer, and John Minnich vice chairman.

Seven-year-old Freeman Stott, of Reading, died suddenly after being seized with an earache.

School Superintendent Rapp, of Berks County, reports a large increase in the number of applicants for appointment as teachers owing to the increases in salaries made throughout the county.

Edward C. Kern, who was in the wreck of the Shriners' train at Honda, Cal., returned to Reading. Only one Reading man remains in the hospital at San Luis Obispo.

Crazed by overstudy, 20-year-old Florence Buckingham has been committed to the Harrisburg Asylum by the Berks Court.

Prof. W. H. Krill, who was principal of the Parryville schools for the last eight years, has been elected supervising principal of the Weatherly School.

A barn recently erected on the property of Harry Horne, an Essington farmer, was struck by lightning during a storm and burned to the ground. The loss will amount to about \$2500. Recently a fire company was organized in Essington, but as yet they have not purchased an apparatus. Members of the company, however, in company with residents of the village, succeeded in rescuing several valuable horses from the stable as well as farm implements and harness from the barn.

While William H. Haldeman was attempting to cross a train of freight cars in the Northampton yards, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, he was thrown to the tracks by the starting of the train and fatally hurt.

While riding up Mahanoy plane on his way home to Frackville, from work, Allen Beckersley, 16 years old, was jolted under the wheels of the cars and crushed to death.

Oliver C. Francis was found dead in his room at the United States Hotel, Reading, shortly after presenting the wife of the landlord with a bouquet.

George H. Wentzel, E. George and H. R. Wannamacker, of Reading, were fined \$25 and costs by Alderman Miller, on the charge of illegal fishing with a throw net, but appealed to court on the ground that the fish they caught, red fins and suckers, are not protected by the law.

Jeremiah Rothmel, a well-known citizen of Walnutton, Berks County, fell dead in a road.

John J. Miller, of Selinsgrove, presented to Trinity Lutheran Church a handsome gold embossed pulpit Bible as a memorial to his deceased wife, Mrs. Mary C. Miller.

Judge Marr, in Schuylkill County Court, non-suited William Matz, a Wayne Township farmer, who asked for \$5,000 damages against the Pottsville Union Traction Company. Matz drove in front of the car and was badly injured, but testified that he signaled the motorman to stop.

Miss Harriet Hastings, of Bellefonte, niece of former Governor Hastings, and Miss Isabel Lyday, of Chambersburg, composed the first class of trained nurses graduated from the Altoona Hospital.

The order to reduce the number of crews on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been rescinded because of the increase in the volume of freight, which is said to be heavier than usual at this time of the year.

Rev. Robert C. Williamson has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Kneass Square, to take effect the middle of June. His health is the cause and he will probably return to his native State—Missouri.

Several months ago Walter Biddison bought the hotel at Oxford for \$65,000 and he has now sold it to Ira McLaughlin, of Newark, Del., for \$75,000.

In the past twenty years, from 1887 to 1907, there were 344 divorces granted in Clinton County. During the same period 4,819 marriages were issued.

Truman Clair Sheets, a 12-year-old son of C. W. Sheets, of Lock Haven, died in the hospital of tetanus as the result of stepping on a nail a week ago.

Rev. William Horn, son of Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, of Reading, will probably be elected pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Advent, one of the most important churches in New York City, succeeding the late Rev. Dr. Krotel, whose assistant he was.

Mutiny at Czar's Palace.

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—A mutiny broke out among a squadron of Hussars of the guard stationed at Jarosko-Selo, where the imperial family had just returned. The mutineers were promptly surrounded and disarmed and order was restored without any bloodshed.