

Tokio Residents Want Racial Clause In Peace Treaty

By Associated Press. Tokio, March 29.—At a mass meeting of prominent residents of Tokio last night a resolution was adopted opposing any League of Nations covenant which does not contain a clause abolishing racial discrimination. The resolution also urged opposition to the abolition of conscription, the acquisition by Japan of the German rights on the Shantung peninsula and opposition to the international labor agreement which, it was declared, is not adopted to the constitution of Japan and to Japan's internal condition.

The Wonderful Stories of OZ by L. Frank Baum

A Highly Magnified History

"It is but honest that I should acknowledge at the beginning of my recital that I was born an ordinary Woggle-Bug," began the creature, in a frank and friendly tone. "Knowing no better, I used my arms as well as my legs for walking, and crawling under the edges of stones or hid among the roots of grasses with no thought beyond finding a few insects smaller than myself to feed upon."

"The chill nights rendered me stiff and motionless, for I wore no clothing, but each morning the warm rays of the sun gave me new life and restored me to activity. A horrible existence this, but you must remember it is the regularly ordained existence of Woggle-Bugs, as well as of many other tiny creatures that inhabit the earth. "But Destiny had singled me out, humble though I was, for a grander fate! One day I crawled near to a country school house, and my curiosity being excited by the monotonous hum of the students within, I made bold to enter and creep along a crack between two boards until I reached the far end, where, in front of a hearth of glowing embers, sat the master at his desk. "No one noticed so small a creature as a Woggle-Bug, and when I found that the hearth was even warmer and more comfortable than the sunshine, I resolved to establish my future home beside it. So I found a charming nest between two bricks and hid myself therein for many, many months. "Professor Nowitall is, doubtless, the most famous scholar in the land of Oz, and after a few days I began to listen to the lectures and discourses he gave to his pupils. Not one of them was more attentive than the humble, unnoticed Woggle-Bug, and I acquired in this way a fund of knowledge that I will myself confess is simply marvelous. That is why I place 'T. E.'—Thoroughly Educated—upon my cards; for my greatest pride lies in the fact that the world cannot produce another Woggle-Bug with a tenth part of my own culture and erudition. "Do not blame me," said the Scarecrow, "Education is a thing to be proud of, I'm educated myself. The mess of brains given me by the Great Wizard is considered by my friends to be unexcelled. "Nevertheless," interrupted the Tin Woodman, "a good heart is, I believe, much more desirable than education or brains. "To me," said the Saw-Horse, "a good leg is more desirable than either. "Could seeds be considered in the

puzzled expression, "that insects wore clothes in their natural state," returned the stranger. "But in the course of my wanderings I had the good fortune to save the ninth life of a tailor—tailors having like cats, nine lives, as you probably know. The fellow was exceedingly grateful, for he had lost that ninth life it would have been the end of him; so he begged permission to furnish me with the stylish costume I now wear. It fits very nicely, does it not?" and the Woggle-Bug stood up and turned himself around slowly, that all might examine his person. "He must have been a good tailor," said the Scarecrow, somewhat enviously. "He was a good-hearted tailor, at any rate," observed Nick Chopper. "But where were you going, when

so that he could not possibly fall off. And then, following the lead of the Scarecrow, they all advanced in the direction of the Emerald City. Next Week—"Old Mombi Indulges in Witchcraft," in which Old Mombi, the witch, again tries to keep the little band from reaching the gates of the Emerald City. Does she succeed? Or do the travelers get to the gates in spite of her witchcraft? Read next week's thrilling chapter.

Only Breathing Spell, Says Vauclain of Business Lull

Philadelphia, March 29.—"Business is satisfactory; people have simply declared a breathing spell after strenuous months," was the statement made by Samuel M. Vauclain, senior vice-president of the Baldwin locomotive works, yesterday following the organization meeting of the board of directors of the com-

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pany. Alba B. Johnson, president and all the other officers were re-elected. "There is a slight halt, but it is nothing but a halt," said Mr. Vauclain. "When things start there will be plenty of activity."

50,000 OHIO TUBERCULOSIS CASES

Columbus, Ohio, March 29.—Ohio is believed to have 50,000 cases of tuberculosis, most of which are entirely unrestricted as they scatter the deadly germs among the population, according to the state department of health.

Fifteen Men Injured at Aberdeen, Md., Proving Grounds

Washington, March 29.—Fifteen men, including a number of enlisted men of the army, were injured by an explosion yesterday at the ordnance proving grounds at Aberdeen, Md. Reports to the War Department said the original explosion was started by a fire of undetermined origin in a shed in which 240 millimeter bombs were being loaded and the concussion was transmitted to other shells with resulting property loss estimated at \$50,000.

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"The Students Stood Up On Their Stools."

light of brains?" inquired the Pumpkinhead, abruptly. "Keep quiet!" commanded Tip, sternly. "Very well, dear Father," answered the obedient Jack. The Woggle-Bug listened patiently—even respectfully—to these remarks, and then resumed his story. "I must have lived fully three years in that secluded schoolhouse hearth," said he, "drinking thirstily of the ever-flowing fount of limpid knowledge before me. "Quite poetical," commented the Scarecrow, nodding his head approvingly. "But one day," continued the Bug, "a marvelous circumstance occurred that altered my very existence and brought me to my present pinnacle of greatness. The Professor discovered me in the act of crawling across the hearth, and before I could escape he had caught me between his thumb and forefinger. "My dear children," said he, "I have captured a Woggle-Bug, a very rare and interesting specimen. Do any of you know what a Woggle-Bug is? "No!" yelled the scholars, in chorus. "Then," said the Professor, "I will get out my famous magnifying glass and throw the insect upon a screen in a highly-magnified condition, that you may all study carefully its peculiar construction and become acquainted with its habits and manner of life. "He then brought from a cupboard a most curious instrument, and before I could realize what had happened I found myself thrown upon a screen in a highly-magnified state, as you may now behold me. "The students stood up on their stools and craned their heads forward and to get a better view of me, and two little girls jumped upon the sill of an open window where they could see more plainly. "Behold!" cried the Professor, in a loud voice, "this highly magnified Woggle-Bug; one of the most curious insects in existence! "Being Thoroughly Educated, and knowing what is required of a cultured gentleman, at this juncture I stood upright and in a dignified manner upon my bosom, made a very polite bow. My action, being unexpected, must have startled them, for one of the little girls perched upon the window-sill got a scream and fell backward out of the window, drawing her companion with her as she disappeared. "The Professor uttered a cry of horror and rushed away through the door to see if the poor children were injured by the fall. The scholars followed after him in a wild mob, and I was left alone in the schoolroom, still in a Highly-Magnified state and free to do as I pleased. "It immediately occurred to me that this was a good opportunity to escape. I was proud of my great size, and realized that now I could safely travel anywhere in the world, while my superior culture would make me a fit associate for the most learned person I might chance to meet. "So, while the Professor picked the little girls—who were more frightened than hurt—off the ground, and the pupils clustered around him, closely grouped, I calmly walked out of the schoolhouse, turned a corner, and escaped unnoticed to a grove of trees that stood near. "Wonderful!" exclaimed the Pumpkinhead, admiringly. "It was, indeed," agreed the Woggle-Bug, "I have never ceased to congratulate myself for escaping while I was Highly Magnified; for even my excessive knowledge would have proved of little use to me had I remained a tiny, insignificant insect. "I didn't know before," said Tip, looking at the Woggle-Bug with a

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