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ISLAND OF YAP BONE OF CONTENTION

America and Japan Take Firm Stands

AMERICA OPPOSES JAP MANDATE

United States Not Bound by Decree of Supreme Council, Says Secretary Hughes in Note to Japanese Government. Question will be Considered at Next Council.

Washington, April 18.—The American and Japanese governments have adopted equally firm attitudes with respect to the status of the Pacific Island of Yap. The diplomatic exchanges between them on the subject is continuing but those to date were made public today both in Washington and Tokio. They consist of two memoranda and three formal notes.

Japan, in its last communication received here in the closing days of the Wilson administration, insisted that it had been awarded a mandate for the island by the supreme council at Paris, May 7, 1919, and that it could not agree with the American contention that irrespective of any award of mandate other nations should have free access to the island for the landing and operation of cables.

In replying to this note, April 5, Secretary Hughes stated emphatically that the United States would not be bound by any action either of the supreme council or of the league of nations, and that as no one ever had been "authorized to surrender or cede" the right of the United States in the island the American government could not "recognize the allocation of the island or the validity of the mandate to Japan."

The Japanese government now has this communication under consideration. The governments of Great Britain, France and Italy also have before them similar communications on the subject dispatched by Mr. Hughes at the same time, that the note to Japan went forward. Exchanges between the four allied governments are understood to be under way with a view to reaching a common accord before replying. Meantime, however, France has sent preliminary reply in which she states that the matter is one for the supreme council to consider at its next meeting in May and that when it comes up she will approach it with a view to finding a solution which will give every satisfaction to the United States.

The viewpoint of the Harding administration, as explained today in official quarters, is that the question of whether the supreme council did actually award the island to Japan May 7, as contended by that country, and disputed by President Wilson and the state department, is of secondary importance.

The important point at issue, it was emphasized, is the recognition by the allied government of the principle laid down by Mr. Hughes—that the United States as one of the principal allied and associated powers has an equal right with the others in the former overseas possessions of Germany and that the right can not be disposed of without the consent of the American government.

Administration officers believe that the soundness of this position will be conceded by its former associates in the war. With this principle recognized, it is believed, the details as to the American rights can be worked out without great difficulty.

Thus far there has been received in Washington no official information indicating what position Japan will take in its reply to Mr. Hughes' note. Press dispatches from Tokio today, however, said the newspapers there seemed to think that Japan would adopt a passive attitude in dealing with the mandate issue.

Japan, it was pointed out here, adopted a very positive attitude with respect to Yap in her last note, which was couched in plain language. The imperial government said that for the United States to maintain successfully its position that the mandate for the island was not awarded to Japan by the supreme council it would have to prove not merely that reservations with respect to it were made by President Wilson, but also that his views were accepted by the council.

MOTHER AND SON DIE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Wife and Son of Former Laurens County Resident Killed Near Williston, Fla.

Williston, Fla., April 7. (Special to The Advertiser).—Mrs. J. E. Paslay and her two sons, Elhanan and Charles, were returning home from Gainesville yesterday afternoon when in some way their car, a Hudson coupe, got out of control and plunged into a deep pit at the side of the road. They were immediately rushed to a hospital in Gainesville where Elhanan soon died. Mrs. Paslay was seriously injured about her head and face and was operated on but died early the next morning.

Charles, the younger son, had his thigh broken and his face badly cut. He was examined by skillful physicians who feel decidedly hopeful of his recovery.

BIG CAPTURE NEAR CLINTON

Rural Policemen Capture Forty Gallons of High Grade Corn.

Rural Policemen Owings, Boyd and Abrams made a successful raid on the premises of Tom Woodruff, living near Musgrove Mill, Monday afternoon and as a result 40 gallons of high grade corn whiskey was captured and other containers destroyed. No still was discovered nor arrests made, but it is understood that the officers will make an arrest in connection with the raid at an early date. Besides the whiskey captured, two 30-gallon and one 10-gallon containers were found on the place having every appearance of being freshly emptied. The 40 gallons of fluid was brought to the sheriff's office at Laurens and poured into the sewer yesterday morning amid much sniffing and mournful exclamations on the part of thirsty spectators.

Rural Policeman Andy Boyd reports another capture a few days ago when he ran into a small still on the Old Lime Kiln branch near Poplar Springs church. Policeman Boyd says that the operators evidently made a hasty getaway as the still, which was a small affair, was in actual operation, the molasses fluid of a second run was still dripping from the coil. Only about half a gallon of whiskey was captured, but the lack of quantity was made up in quality. About 200 gallons of malt, however, was captured and destroyed.

R. BEN COLEY DEAD

Confederate Veteran of Union Church Vicinity, Passed Away Monday.

Mr. R. Ben Coley, a well known citizen of the Union church vicinity, passed away at his home Monday morning after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held at Union church today at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Coley was 74 years of age and is survived by his widow and several grown children. He was a gallant soldier in the Confederate army and bore a high reputation among all those who knew him. He will be greatly missed in his community.

Little Girl Dies

Ruth McKelvey, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McKelvey, died at the home of its parents in the Merna section Saturday after an illness of several days. The burial took place Sunday afternoon, being largely attended by sympathizing friends and relatives. The death was a peculiarly sad one as the fond parents lost their youngest child, Morris, just a week before, and the second child, Frances, is reported to be in a critical condition also. The children appear to be victims of an epidemic of dysentery which is prevalent in the community.

Negro Boy Shot

Furman Finley, a son of John N. Finley, a well known colored man of the Maddens section, was shot and probably fatally wounded Sunday afternoon near Rocky Springs church by Eulasee Byrd, a companion, while the two were talking to several other negroes. The bullet, from a 38 calibre revolver, entered the chest just below the neck and ranged toward the left shoulder lodging in his body. Byrd was caught by some of the other negroes and held until the arrival of the sheriff who took him in charge and brought him to the county jail. The wounded man is said to be in a dangerous condition. Both men were said to have been under the influence of whiskey.

HOLD EXERCISES FOR LATE JUDGES

Services Saturday Before Supreme Court. Number Pay Tribute.

Memorial exercises for the late Associate Justices Hydrick and Gage of the supreme court were held in the court room Saturday, in Columbia, beginning at 10 o'clock and ending shortly before 1 o'clock.

Several prominent attorneys and close friends of the two families paid eloquent tributes to the departed jurists, who were so well loved by the people of the state. Chief Justice Gary called the court to order and announced the purpose for which the exercises were to be held.

Attorney General Wolfe paid the first tribute of the morning, speaking on the worth of both of the late justices. Mr. Wolfe told of the high esteem in which both Associate Justice Gage and Associate Justice Hydrick had been held by the people of South Carolina, especially by the bar of the state. "The judiciary of South Carolina has ever occupied an eminent place in the annals of American jurisprudence. It is a matter of pride that among the long list of those who will most adorn it, will be found the names of Justice Hydrick and Justice Gage," Mr. Wolfe said.

No set order had been arranged and after the address of Mr. Wolfe, speakers in behalf of Justice Hydrick were heard.

C. E. Daniel, of Spartanburg was the first speaker and his tribute was followed in order by H. B. Carlisle of Spartanburg, Thomas P. McDow of York, George H. Edwards of Darlington and Thomas I. Rogers of Bennettsville. All these speakers made appropriate addresses regarding the late associate justice and that of Mr. Rogers was especially touching, he having been a roommate with Justice Hydrick in college for several years. All told of his excellent worth.

Col. D. S. Henderson of Aiken made the first address on Justice Gage and his tribute was couched in language that touched those attending the services. John C. Sheppard of Edgemoor, former governor, was the second speaker to pay tribute to Justice Gage and he was followed by Solicitor J. K. Henry, of Chester. Both Mr. Sheppard and Solicitor Henry were intimate friends of the late justice and they paid deep tributes to his character and work as a judge and citizen.

Associate Justice Cothran was the first speaker in behalf of both Justice Gage and Justice Hydrick from the bench. He was followed by Associate Justices Fraser and Watts. Chief Justice Gary concluded the exercises with his tribute. All the fellow justices were high in their praise for the two departed jurists.

A telegram was read by Chief Justice Gary from Ira B. Jones, former chief justice, in which Mr. Jones expressed his keen regret at being unable to attend the services.

Justice Hydrick died January 15, 1921, and Justice Gage died February 13, 1921. In the death of these two jurists the state lost two of its most noble and faithful men and this fact was testified to by all the speakers at the exercises yesterday. Members of both families and friends were present, the court room being full.

TO ASSIST EX-SOLDIERS

Home Service Secretaries Appointed for Clinton and Laurens.

Judge John N. Wright, of this city, and Mr. Henry Hearn, of Clinton, have been appointed home service secretaries of the Laurens County Chapter, American Red Cross, to serve in their respective communities, according to an announcement made by Mr. M. L. Smith, county chairman, several days ago. These men will assist soldiers and ex-service men in the work undertaken by the Red Cross.

Both of these men, states Mr. Smith, volunteered their services without charge and their willingness to serve is greatly appreciated by the chapter.

Junior Leader of B. Y. P. U.

Miss Wynona Chaney, who is doing mission work for the First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N. C., has been chosen Junior Leader for the Baptist Young People's Union in the Mecklenburg-Caborn Association.

Miss Chaney is doing a great work in North Carolina and she has wonderful opportunities in the town she is located.

WILLIAM H. ROSE TAKES OWN LIFE

Columbia Business Man, Formerly of Greenville, Dies by Own Hand.

Columbia, April 18.—William A. Rose, Sr., prominent business man of Columbia, took his own life early this morning by cutting his throat with a razor at his residence. No one was with him at the time of the tragedy, his body being found shortly after 7 o'clock by a member of the family. Mr. Rose was in poor health and business depression is supposed to have intensified his condition. The remains will be taken to Charleston for interment.

Mr. Rose was for a long time actively engaged in cotton manufacturing, having been one of the organizers of the Whaley Mills which later was absorbed by the Parker Mill interests.

He lived in Greenville several years where he was an official of the Parker Mills Co., following the death of Lewis W. Parker and the dissolution of the Parker interests, he returned to Columbia. At the time of his death he was a member of the firm of the Rose-Sims Waste Co. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Combahee Company of Wilmington, Delaware.

Besides a son and daughter he is survived by one brother Alexander Rose, Greenville, and another brother here.

ON VETERAN'S HOME BOARD

Mr. J. P. Caldwell of This City, Named by Governor Cooper as Member of New Board.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell, well known Confederate veteran of this city, has been named by Gov. Cooper as a member of the new commission to have charge of the Confederate home in Columbia. Mr. Caldwell was appointed under the new act which provides for a commission of seven members, four of whom must be veterans and three members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The new board, as carried in The State of several days ago, is composed as follows: W. A. Clark, Columbia; S. E. Welsh, Charleston; D. R. Flenniken, Columbia; J. P. Caldwell, Laurens; W. D. Starling, Columbia; Mrs. Robert D. Wright, Newberry; Miss Alice M. Earle, Columbia and Mrs. St. John A. Lawton, Charleston.

Chautauqua Hours

The opening hours of the Chautauqua, which begins today, will be 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m., according to a decision reached yesterday. The sale of season tickets has been better than the guarantors had hoped for several days ago, but the full quota has not yet been reached. Persons who have not yet purchased season tickets may still obtain them from the local association so that they will apply on the guarantee but the advanced rate has already gone into effect.

W. O. W. Unveiling

Fairview Camp, W. O. W., will hold unveiling ceremonies at the grave of the late Sovereign John A. Martin at the Watts Mills cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Watts Mills Concert Band will furnish music and a prominent speaker will be present to make the address. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Base Ball Saturday

Watts Mills and Clinton Mills base ball teams will play on the Watts Mills grounds Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Both teams have strong batteries and a good game is promised.

Attended Mountville Lyceum

Quite a number of people from this city attended the Lyceum attraction at Mountville Monday night, being highly entertained by a group of young ladies with instrumental and vocal music. The Mountville guarantors contracted for a very high class series of entertainments this year and are giving their people such entertainment as is only to be had in the larger cities. Their entertainments are well worth patronizing.

RED CROSS FUND

Mr. Tamar Smith, Chairman of the Red Cross fund in this county, has received the following membership, through Mrs. C. L. Waldrep at Landford Station:

Mrs. W. D. Patterson . . . \$1.00
Mrs. John Talmage Patterson . . 1.00
Miss Belle Patterson 1.00
Mrs. Samuel Drummond 1.00
Mrs. C. L. Waldrep 1.00

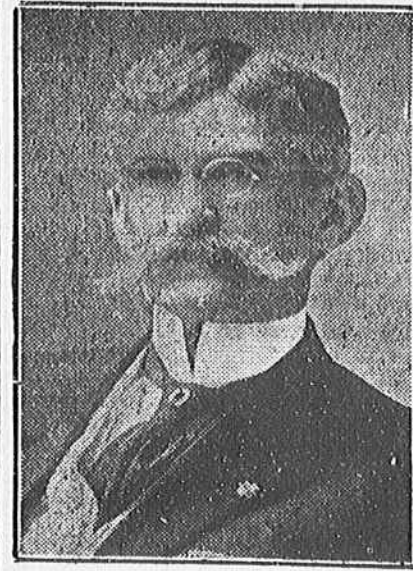
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"SAM" SMALL LECTURES AT CHAUTAUQUA TENT

To Appear at Chautauqua Tent Sunday Afternoon Under Auspices of Local Churches.

"Sam" Small, the famous Southern evangelist, editor and lecturer, will deliver a patriotic address on "The Salvation of Uncle Sam" in the Chautauqua tent next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His visit has the endorsement of all the pastors in Laurens.

Sam Small has been before the public for over thirty years, particularly



"Sam" Small

combatting the licensed liquor traffic. He is consequently entitled to a place among the leaders in the successful campaign for national prohibition. He has also been active in public life for many years, having served on the American Commission to Paris in 1878, in the United States Army in Cuba, as a supervisor of public instruction and editor of many Southern newspapers.

Mr. Small, however, is chiefly known because of his power on the platform. Vice-President Fairbanks said of him, "During my tour of the South, I learned of many orators of high distinction but none is more popular and more deservedly so than Sam Small, as his own people affectionately call him"; and President McKinley said, "I heard Dr. Small last evening and as often before, got both instruction and fine amusement from his versatile genius."

The meeting here is a part of a national campaign being conducted by the oldest reform body in America, in behalf of law enforcement and of national righteousness and justice.

The public is not only invited, but urged to attend this service. The lecture is not a part of the Chautauqua program.

JOINT SCHOOL CLOSING

Eden and Hickory Tavern to Hold Joint Picnic at Rabun Church.

Eden, April 19.—The Eden school and the Hickory Tavern school close May 6th. The teachers, trustees and patrons of both schools have decided to meet at Rabun church and hold a joint picnic and educational rally. Prominent speakers have been invited and plans are being made for a big day. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

The teachers and pupils of Eden school carried the Negro Minstrel to Fork Shoals on Wednesday night, April 13. This was the same minstrel that was given at Eden a few weeks ago. Each player took his part well and the minstrel was quite a success at both places.

Miss Virginia Gray, who is teaching in the Fork Shoals graded school, spent the week-end with homefolks. Miss Gray had as her guest Miss Crisp, who is also a teacher in the same school. Little Miss Maude Baldwin, of the Hickory Tavern section, spent the week-end with Misses Mary Armstrong, Harriet Holder and Miriam Woods. On Friday night the little folks enjoyed a "Tacky Party" at Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holder's.

Messrs. H. W. and L. M. Gray, R. D. Armstrong and S. E. Holder made a business trip to Greenville Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mahaffey and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mahaffey were the guests of Mr. M. W. Gray and family Wednesday.

Mrs. Belton Owens and Mrs. Houston Babb and children, Mary and T. H. Jr., visited Mrs. Charlotte Hipp and Miss Sudie Gray Saturday.

TO VOTE BONDS FOR CITY IMPROVEMENT

Council to Order Election at Early Date

ESTIMATE MADE FOR FILTER

City to Order Election on \$125,000 Bond Issue for Water and Light Extension and for Street Improvement. Filter Plant to be Built.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of City Council held Monday night steps were taken to order an election at an early date on the question of issuing bonds in the amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of water and light extension and street improvement. The matter has been under consideration for some time and the Council has been awaiting estimates on the cost of the proposed work before taking definite steps in the matter. The exact date of the election was not fixed but is to be announced soon.

As is already known the City Council has had under consideration for some time the erection of a modern filtration plant to supplement the present water system in order to provide a purer supply of water than that now being obtained. Engineers were employed some time ago to make a survey of the premises around the power house and a report was filed recently showing that the cost of the plant would be in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The remainder of the \$125,000 is to be used in extending the water, light and sewerage system to the Laurens Mill village and to other sections of the city besides improving streets now badly in need of repair.

A committee with Mayor Franks as chairman was appointed to inspect the roads and gravel pits in the vicinity of Augusta with a view of obtaining gravel there instead of in Virginia for use on the cemetery hill leading to Watts Mills. Surfacing this hill is expected to be a knotty problem and the Council wishes to make a thorough investigation of various types of gravel before making a decision on the kind to be used.

HARDING RECALLS "OLE SWIMMIN' HOLE"

Answers Letter Asking That He Attend Benefit for Swimming Pool.

Washington, April 16.—Boyhood days of President Harding, when he used to slip off to the old swimming hole in the creek near Caledonia, O., were recalled by him today in reply to a letter in lead pencil from twelve-year-old John D. Wackerman of this city. The president's letter was in answer to an appeal from John that he attend a ball given by the ladies of the Community House for the benefit of a swimming pool for boys. In explaining that he had been asked by his playmates to write the President, John said:

"Mr. President, we want a swimming pool just like you would if you were a boy so please come. I told the boys that I did not believe any President would not let the boys go without a swimming pool, when he could let us have it by paying 50 to 75 cents for a ticket for a ball. If you come, everybody will come, and we can have our swimming pool, so please come."

In a postscript, John added: "Please write me a letter and let us know. The fellows are so discouraged to think we can't have a pool."

The Reply

In his reply, the President wrote: "My Dear John:

"I received your letter this morning, saying that the boys were very much disappointed because they had heard I could not attend the ball in the interest of your swimming pool fund. I am exceedingly glad you wrote me about this John, because I do not want the boys to think I am not interested in their getting a swimming pool. I have used swimming pools myself in my time, and there are one or two swimming pools in the creek out near Caledonia, O., that I would like to get into again right now, if it were possible. 'You tell the boys that I hope the ball will raise all the money that is needed to provide the pool and that if some of you will come to the White House with some tickets, I will buy some, whether I can attend or not. 'Yours for the swimming pool, 'Warren C. Harding.'"