

## ARBITRATION TREATIES IN SENATE

If They Are Emancipated President Roosevelt Will Withdraw Them.

### SOME SENATORS OPPOSE THEM

Do Not Wish Their States Involved by Bonds Held Abroad, and Which Have Been Repudiated.

Washington, Jan. 11.—If the arbitration treaties now pending before the United States senate are emancipated, the president will withdraw them from consideration. President Roosevelt let this be clearly understood today.

At the conference Sunday between him and prominent members of the senate and house he informed the senators that he desired the arbitration treaties to be ratified. In his opinion such action is of the highest importance.

The treaties now pending were negotiated by Secy. Hay, with the reports of the powers, and all of them were signed in Washington.

The conventions entered into were with France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Switzerland, Spain and Austria-Hungary.

The president and Secy. Hay felt in negotiating the treaties that a long step toward universal arbitration, and consequently universal peace, had been taken. Both have expressed the opinion that an attitude inimical to the conventions should have been assured by some of the senators.

The president has expressed upon members of Congress, particularly of the senate, that he regards the arbitration treaties as a formidable navy as the best assurance of peace the United States possibly could have.

The senate's attitude toward the foreign relations today continued consideration of the arbitration treaties.

The treaties are opposed in their present form by southern senators, who do not wish to have their states involved by reason of bonds held abroad, and which have been repudiated by the states.

The treaties will be taken up at the next meeting. The president has addressed the following letter to Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations:

"My Dear Senator Cullom—I notice in connection with the general arbitration treaties now before the senate that suggestions have been made that under the effect of them it might be possible to consider as matters for arbitration claims against certain states of the Union in reference to certain state debts. I write to say what, of course, you personally know, that under no conceivable circumstances could any such construction of the treaty be for a moment entertained by any president.

"The holders of state debt stake them with full knowledge of the constitutional limitations upon their recovery through the action of the national government, and must rely solely on state credit. Such a claim against a state could under no conditions be submitted by the general government as a matter for arbitration, more than such a claim against a county or municipality could be thus submitted for arbitration.

"The objection to the proposed amendment on the subject is that it is the matter of surplusage, and that it is very undesirable, when the form of these treaties has already been agreed to by the senate, to propose amendments, needlessly to add certain definitions which affect our internal policy only, which deal with a matter of the relation of the federal government to the states, which it is of course out of the question to ever submit to the arbitration of any outside tribunal, and which it is certainly absurd and probably mischievous to treat as possible to be recommended by the president or any foreign power.

"No one would ever think of such a matter as being one for arbitration or one for any diplomatic negotiation whatever. Moreover, these treaties run only for a term of five years. Until the end of that period they will certainly be interpreted in accordance with the view above expressed."

### Flood in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 11.—Light rain has continued to fall at intervals today, adding to the already flooded condition of the country. Last night an area of five miles square, northwest of Phoenix, was under water from six inches to two feet, and in places it still stands. The overflow was mainly caused by a freshet from Cave Creek, which comes from the mountain and sinks into the desert above Glendale. Considerable damage has been done to farm crops and irrigation ditches through broken banks.

### Rojestvensky Not Recalled.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 11.—The admiral has not given the slightest official confirmation of the report of the recall of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. On the contrary, they point out to the preparations made to reinforce the squadron with a division of the Third Pacific squadron as sufficient evidence that Rojestvensky will not return to European waters. The Russian fleetbreaker Ermac at Libau has been ordered to keep the channel clear for the ships which are being made ready for sea.

### Russian Officer Praises Japs.

London, Jan. 12.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokyo gives a report of a remarkable speech made by the Russian colonel, Haljakoff, at Inasina. The colonel declared that such a welcome as he and his fellow prisoners of war had received from the enemy was entirely unexpected. He felt as if he had returned to his own country. He said he trusted hostilities would soon cease and he followed by the former amicable relations. In that case, he said, their present fate would be more useful to Russia's best interests than continued resistance at Port Arthur.

### SECOND PACIFIC SQUADRON. Admiral Voelkersam Expected a Japanese Attack.

London, Jan. 12.—According to the Daily Mail's Port London correspondent, Rear Admiral Voelkersam, commanding the second division of the Russian Second Pacific squadron has stated that he expected to be attacked by the Japanese in the Indian ocean. He thought that the Baltic squadron would call at Maho, in the Seychelles group. The Russian tug boat Russ, according to the same correspondent, on Jan. 4, made an enormous purchase of provisions at Tamatave. It is reported that the Russ has a double crew of Russians and Germans. According to necessity the vessel is sometimes Russian.

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### NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Gov. Glenn Favors it at Expense Of Congressmen.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—Gov. R. B. Glenn, in his inaugural address, declared for disfranchising suffrage amendments, even at the loss of congressmen. As to education of the negro, he said, it should be given as benefits his condition. The governor opposed a pro-rata division of school taxes or giving each race its own taxes, saying the money should be divided as needed by each race. He urged strict legislation against lynching.

### GEN. MACARTHUR.

Japanese Will Be Glad to Have Him Accompany Army.

Tokyo, Jan. 12 (noon).—The Japanese war office has notified American Minister Grieson that it will be pleased to permit Gen. MacArthur and one aide de camp to accompany the army of Japan in Manchuria. At present, the troops and satisfaction is expressed at America's action in also sending an officer of such high rank.

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### HOMER AT THE HEAD.

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## TESTIMONY IN THE SMOOT HEARINGS

[The following testimony in the case against Senator Smoot came too late for our last issue so is continued today that our readers may have it entire.]

In defense of the "Mormons" Mr. McConnell said he considered the man who took a plural wife and cared for her and her children far better than one who sustained illicit relations with a woman and abandoned her and her children to the scorn of the world.

Mr. Taylor questioned the witness closely in regard to the political distinction he drew, but he declared that polygamists were not allowed to hold office.

"Do you know William Budge?" Mr. Taylor asked.

"Yes, sir."

"Is he a polygamist?" The witness said he was satisfied that Budge was a polygamist, and added that he had held office, and as governor of Idaho, Mr. McConnell said, he had appointed Budge a regent of the state university.

At the request of Senator Dubois, the witness read the "Mormon" plank in the Idaho Democratic platform. He was asked if that plank had not been responsible for the loss of every "Mormon" vote; but the witness asserted the influence of this plank had not been as potent as the statement of Senator Dubois that "all Mormons" were criminals.

When questioned further on this subject, he admitted he had heard the "threat of Mormons" that if the plank were adopted there would not be a "Mormon" vote cast for the Democratic ticket.

At the afternoon session Mr. McConnell again was called to the stand, and Mr. Worthington asked concerning a challenge that had been made by Mr. Borah, an attorney of Boise City, Idaho, to Senator Dubois. The witness had obtained this challenge by telegram today in order to get it in its correct form. He read the challenge, which was that if Senator Dubois would point out a single "Mormon" who had taken a plural wife since the manifesto he (Mr. Borah) would prosecute such a case. Mr. Borah said he was still waiting to hear from Senator Dubois.

The witness said that when Idaho was admitted as a state it was "tacitly understood" that polygamists would be permitted to continue to live

with plural wives and increase their families. He said it was not the understanding that the political rights of polygamists should be abridged, but that he did not know of any polygamists holding office. At the time he appointed Mr. Budge a regent of the university he had seen the list and knew most of the men, and was surprised at the list of names.

Mr. McConnell had no knowledge of the arrest of Mr. Budge, Representative Burton Dubois, and Mr. McConnell said he had seen the list and knew most of the men, and was surprised at the list of names.

He denied that the "Mormon" Church used undue influence in Idaho political affairs, and said the issue never was raised in Idaho until 1904.

"Then," said the witness, "I believe it was raised because the Democrats knew that Idaho believed in the administration of Roosevelt and the state could not be carried on national issues."

The witness declared that many Democrats and nearly all of the Democratic newspapers of Idaho refused to support the state ticket in 1904 because of the plank in the platform against Church interference in politics.

"Mormon" Republican elected to office. He was the attorney-general, who had served during the last two years and was not re-nominated.

Polygamy was said by the witness to be decreasing. He asserted that Gov. Gooding was a Gentle, and said no one in the state had charged seriously that the governor was a "Mormon."

Mr. Taylor called Mr. French's attention to the case of William Budge, one of whose sons is a judge and another a district attorney, and asked if Gentiles did not refrain from prosecuting him for fear of being ostracized. The witness thought that prosecutions would not remove the evil, and that it must die out with those who are now living in polygamy.

Mr. French said that in his political canvass of the state he had not taken account of the "Mormon" Church as a church.

Asked what would be the effect on his political fortunes if he should be the instrument in the prosecution of polygamists, witness replied:

"It is my belief that the 'Mormons' would resent it."

"Then it is rather necessary in politics to keep clear of 'Mormon' prosecutions," observed the chairman.

Witness admitted that Gentiles in Idaho had resented the injection of "Mormon" prosecution into the Democratic platform.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

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