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NATAL EXCLUSION ACT BRINGS SUIT

DETAINED JAPANESE WILL DEMAND DAMAGES.

Every Reason to Believe That the Natal Act Recently Passed With Japanese Exclusion Intentions Will Cause Many Suits for Damages—If Disallowed by the Dominion Government, Then Japs Will Sue—That Would Mean Suit Against the Province.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 18.—A special from Victoria, B. C., states that there is every probability that if the British Columbia natal act, recently passed with the intention of excluding Japanese, is disallowed by the Dominion government, that the detained Japanese will immediately institute claims for damages against the Dominion. Their detention is justifiable under the natal act, but absolutely unjustifiable under the treaty. It is not improbable that after allowing these claims that the Dominion government will start a suit against the province to recover its money.

Vatican Protests Against Prince's Visit

Rome, Feb. 18.—Elaborate arrangements are being made by King Victor Emmanuel for the reception and entertainment of the Prince of Monaco, who is expected to arrive in Rome tomorrow. Both persuasion and threats have been used by the Vatican in an attempt to cause the prince to abandon his visit, but apparently without avail. The Catholic rulers are prescribed from visiting the Quirinal during any visit they may pay to Rome, and the prince's avowed intention to ignore this prohibition may lead to international complications.

The case of the Prince of Monaco is considered all the graver by the church authorities because of the fact that he has a diplomatic representative accredited to the Holy See and has been regarded as having such close relations with the Vatican that it was some time ago asserted if the pope should decide to leave Rome for the benefit of his health, the prince would send his yacht to transport the pontiff to Monaco.

According to present plans, the prince will pay a formal visit to the king and queen and the queen mother on Thursday. The second day of his stay will be spent at a hunt with the king, and on February 22 the prince will deliver a lecture on oceanography, covering the results of his more recent explorations in the north. On the evening of the 22d the prince will

attend the state banquet at the Quirinal, and, it is announced, will take his departure the following day without asking an audience of the pope. In this event it is likely the Vatican will issue a note of protest to all the powers, as was done on the occasion of President Loubet's visit to Rome.

To Sell Monitors at Auction.
Washington, Feb. 18.—Two navy department "relics"—one the civil war monitor Canonicus, now at the Norfolk navy yard, and the other the Pinta, at Mare Island—are to be sold at public auction. The Canonicus was restored at a cost of \$10,000 for exhibition at Jamestown, where it attracted great attention. The Pinta, which belonged to the "wooden navy" is appraised at \$1400. Bids for the sale of these vessels are to be opened tomorrow.

OREGON FLOUR TO VLADIVOSTOK

FIFTY THOUSAND BARRELS ORDERED FOR RUSSIA.
Flour Market Brisk and Advancing in Portland Today as Result of an Order Filed Yesterday by a Vladivostok Commission House—Believed to Have Bearing on Turko-Russian Troubles—First Order Since the Japanese War Commenced.

Portland, Feb. 18.—The flour market took a sudden upward trend today, due to an order for 50,000 barrels of the foodstuff filed yesterday by a big Russian commission house at Vladivostok. The house is supposed to be acting for the Russian government.

At the same time a big German steamer, the Numentia, was chartered for a trip to the Siberian port to carry flour.

This is the first big order from Russia since the Japanese war and is considered a result of the Turko-Russian trouble on the Caucasus frontier.

Suffragettes Don War Paint.

New York, Feb. 18.—New York suffragettes are today donning their war paint, preparatory to descending in force upon the state capitol at Albany, where those women who want the ballot and those who don't will be given a hearing tomorrow. It is expected that not less than 100 fair exponents of equal rights will appear at Albany and attempt to swamp the legislative committee by the flood of their eloquence. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Platch will probably be one of the leaders of the delegation.

TAILENDERS TO TAFT MENTIONED

TWO GOVERNORS ARE MUCH SPOKEN OF.

"Who Will Be Second Man to Taft Should He Be Nominated at Chicago?" is the Absorbing Topic in Eastern Taft Circles—Governors Guild of Massachusetts and Fort of New Jersey, Especially the Latter, Seem Likely Material at Present.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Governor Fort of New Jersey, is being prominently mentioned for the tail end of the Taft ticket. "Taft and Fort" may be the republican slogan after the Chicago convention.

Governor Guild of Massachusetts is another state executive who has many supporters for the position. The recent fight for state reform in New Jersey has, for the time being at least, turned republican party organization from the hands of the old machine men to those in the Fort group. This has made Fort loom large in Taft circles.

In 1896 Fort made the nominating speech for Vice-President Hobart. He is 56 years old and a lawyer.

RICH PAWNBROKER SUICIDES.

Embarrassed Financier Jumps in Front of Subway Train to Instant Death.

New York, Feb. 18.—Before the eyes of hundreds of passengers, Harris Rosenberg, a wealthy pawnbroker, jumped before a subway train at 50th street and was terribly mangled. Rosenberg became involved in the recent suspension of the Merchants' and Traders' bank and it is supposed had gone crazy from worry.

Missouri G. O. P. Conventions.

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—Republican conventions were held today in the Seventh and Ninth Missouri districts, at Sedalia and St. Charles, respectively, for the selection of delegates to the republican national convention. Secretary Taft is a favorite in both districts.

FAT SUM FOR FRUITDALE LAND

TWENTY THOUSAND FOR FARM OF 160 ACRES.

For Neat Sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred, an Idaho Farmer Buys Fruitdale Tract and Residence From Local Real Estate Firm—Purchaser is a Mr. Graham, Formerly of Bennington, Idaho—The Land is Valuable and Highly Priced.

One of the largest real estate transactions in this vicinity is now being consummated through the La Grande Real Estate, Loan & Commission company, wherein William B. Graham of Bennington, Idaho, becomes the possessor of the James McCoy 160-acre farm in Fruitdale, and his residence in South La Grande. The consideration is \$23,500, segregated on a basis of \$20,000 for the farm and \$3500 for the city property. This is considered one of the best pieces of land in the valley and with it is a water right. With the exception of a small orchard, there are no improvements which means \$125 per acre. Mr. Johnston is expected to return within the next few days and take possession. Mr. McCoy is undecided as to just what he will do. It is possible that he and the family may spend the winter in Spokane, where he has a sister.

Hearing on Race Tracks.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Arrangements have been completed by the codes and judiciary committees of the state senate and assembly to hold a joint hearing tomorrow on the bills abolishing race track gambling.

INCREASE SPEED OF THE FLEET

WARSHIPS RUN AT ELEVEN KNOTS HEREAFTER.

In Order That Magdalena Bay Can Be Reached on Schedule Time, the Pacific Fleet Will Adopt Faster Sailing Time—Length of Target Practice at Next Long Stop is Not Known—Ten-Day Shore Leave Will Be Allowed as Promised.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Rear Admiral Bob Evans, commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic fleet, now en tour to the Pacific coast, will increase the speed of battleships to more than 11 knots, after the fleet leaves Callao, in order to reach Magdalena Bay by March 11. The 10-day shore leave will not be reduced if possible, to avert it. Department officials believe that the fleet can easily increase its speed and still have plenty of coal to spare when they reach Magdalena Bay.

Special inspectors will be with the fleet at Magdalena Bay to report on target practice, which is to be held there. The time which the fleet will spend there, has not been definitely settled.

300 Miles From Callao.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 18.—A wireless message from Rear-Admiral Evans' fleet at 9 o'clock says that the squadron is 300 miles from Callao.

MUSICIAN TURNS INSANE.

Tacoma Violinist in Santa Barbara Causes Sensation on Streets.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 18.—Schumann Johnston, an accomplished violinist, with a class of students here, but whose home is in Tacoma, Wash., went suddenly insane today while on a visit to Santa Ynez. He ran down the road discarding his clothing and was not captured until lassoed by a couple of mounted men. He was then shut up in a rickety calaboose that he soon kicked down and escaped to the hills, where he was again captured by mounted men and brought to this city for medical care.

AIM DEATH-BLOW AT STUDENT BEER

STANFORD ATTEMPTS TO ERADICATE THE HABIT.

University Under Leadership of David Starr Jordan Will Henceforth Absolutely Prohibit Indulgence in Beer and Wines by Students—Action Precipitates Friction as Many of the Faculty Are Not in Sympathy With Reformatory Plan.

Stanford University, Feb. 18.—Determined to put an absolute stop to all drinking among the students, David Starr Jordan, president of the university, today appointed Arthur B. Clark, head of the art department and former prohibition mayor of Mayfield, Cal., as chairman and a special advisory committee of faculty men, who will make it their special interest to assist in putting an end to student indulgence in beer and California wine.

When President Jordan announced his intention to attempt so radical a step the former "student affairs" committee resigned in a body as many members of the faculty are not in sympathy with the president's attitude. They assert there is but very little drunkenness at Stanford and the action of Jordan was uncalled for, and will tend to create friction and excitement on the campus.

Historical Methodist Meeting.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 18.—Distinguished churchmen of the Methodist denomination are flocking here today for a joint missionary convention to be held in Convention hall during the next three days, under the au-

spices of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. This is the first joint meeting of its kind ever held in America, and it is likely to become historical, as marking a great step toward the reconciliation of the two great divisions of the denomination, separated since the civil war. Oklahoma Methodists have been the leaders in this movement for the wiping out of sectional lines, Methodist of both the north and south joining in the establishment here of Epworth university. The two churches have in the new state a joint membership of 8,000.

Gov. Gillette on Vacation.

Sacramento, Feb. 18.—Governor Gillette and wife left today for Washington for a trip of two months. Lieutenant Governor Porter will be in charge of the executive office in Gillette's absence.

DEEP SNOW AT AURELIA MINES

FIVE FEET NOW AND MORE KEEPS FALLING.

Superintendent A. M. Paul Reaches La Grande From Aurelia Mine Country Today and Brings Some Valuable Ore—Samples Taken From Surface of Tunnel and Runs in Paying Quantities—Several Months of Winter Before the Miners Yet.

Bringing with him samples of silver ore taken from the Aurelia group of mines up the river, Supt. A. M. Paul reached La Grande today noon. The ore lies on the face of the tunnel in a stratum of three feet thickness. It contains about 2500 ounces of silver to the ton.

Mr. Paul reports that five feet of snow covers the ground at the region of the mines and that it is still snowing. There is little hope of a thaw at that altitude for several months yet.

Mr. Paul will remain in La Grande a few days before returning to the mines with provisions.

Jap Marries Paleface.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 18.—Kintaro Tanaka, a subject of the mikado of Japan, and Anna Eggman, an 18-year-old girl, who states that her home is in San Jose, California, were granted a marriage license here today by the county clerk. There are no legal obstacles in Washington to prevent such a marriage.

Three Men Reported Killed.

Kenol, N. J., Feb. 18.—Three men are reported to have been blown up in an explosion in one of the plants of the General Explosive company near here today. The shock was felt for miles.

Ohio Convention for Taft.

Sidney, O., Feb. 18.—Secretary Taft is the presidential choice of the republicans of the Fourth Ohio district, who hold their convention for the selection of delegates in Sidney today.

RAISE PRICE OF SUGAR BEETS

WILL CANVASS THE VALLEY FOR GROWERS.

Amalgamated Sugar Company Wants More Independent Growers the Coming Year and Will Institute Careful Solicitation in Effort to Increase Annual Crop—Will Have About 2500 Acres of Their Own—Want 4000 in All—Prices Advanced.

The price per ton of sugar beets paid by the Amalgamated Sugar company to independent growers, has been raised 50 cents on the ton, according to announcement made by the company officials today. The coming season the company will pay \$5 per ton for beets delivered at the sheds, and \$4.50 f. o. b. the cars at all shipping points. This is an even half dollar increase in price.

Campaign for More Acreage.

Tomorrow morning the first step toward increasing the total acreage of beets in Union county to 4000 acres this season, will be made. With 2400 or 2500 acres of their own, the company officials believe they can swell the acreage to 4000 by consistent canvass of the county. Every farmer will be approached and asked to contribute with a portion of his farm land to beet raising. With the attractive prices that are to be paid for beets this year, the solicitors should have little difficulty in subscribing at least 1000 acres of independent land. The equipment of the factory is such that the product of 1500 acres can be handled with ease, aside from the crop of the company's fields, which this year will total close to the 2500-acre mark.

Field Manager Sebbelov starts the solicitors tomorrow morning and the canvass will carry them to all farmers who can profitably raise sugar beets.

Last year the beet crop was raised principally by the company's leased land, and the total tonnage was 19,556 tons, a percentage of growth which is higher than any previous year. With one exception, it is also the largest crop ever produced by the valley. If the plans formulated by the company materialize, the crop this year, other conditions being favorable, will be much greater, for the company looks to independent growers to contribute a large tonnage.

Illinois Miners Convene.

Beoria, Ill., Feb. 18.—Several hundred delegates, representing all the locals of the Illinois district of the United Mineworkers of America, were present when the district convention was called to order here today. The miners will meet in joint conference with the operators of the district, for the purpose of establishing a wage scale and the length of the contract, which usually runs for two years. It is expected that the convention and conference will occupy about two weeks.

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