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JAPAN IS NOT READY TO REPLY

JAPAN'S NAVAL PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED AS YET. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS NOT READY TO REPLY TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

NEWSPAPER DECLARES U.S. IS MAKING UNDUE FUSS

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TOKIO, Jan. 18.—Only when the American-British agreement for a naval holiday is reached, can Japan be in a position to consider this proposition, said Marquis Okuma, foreign premier, in an interview today. The Japanese government is giving undue importance to the incident arising from the death of Lieutenant Langdon. "If, as believed," the newspaper continues, "America goes as far as to bring Japan's basic policy in Siberia, including the question of evacuating that country by Japanese troops, it is likely that it will be a fresh cause for the discussion that has arisen between the two governments."

Attack Unprovoked.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Secretary of State Lansing, in a statement today, said that the attack on the Japanese navy at Vladivostok, January 8, was the action of an unprovoked and dishonorable party in the Japanese government and to the navy department today.

Notes Rejected.
TOKIO, Jan. 18.—Governmental officials have not yet made public the text of the American note protesting against shooting of Naval Lieutenant W. M. Langdon by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok. Public officials, however, express the belief that Washington has not only asked a reparations with guarantee, removing a probability of similar incidents in the future, but also has been pointed out to Japan the wisdom of reducing if not withdrawing altogether her troops from the country where she possesses no sovereign right but the attitude of which is dominated by her military power.

This would open the old thorny question which Japan herself has been finding difficulty in settling. A division of opinion exists in government circles as to the Siberian problem. It is reported that leaders of the military party insist Japanese troops should remain in Siberia, while the peace party is seeking ways and means to abandon an adventure which, it is said, is ruinously expensive and without hope of compensation.

The correspondent of the Associated Press who has just returned to Tokyo from a visit to many of the larger cities of the Far East, found some uneasiness everywhere regarding relations between Japan and the United States. In well-informed circles the uneasiness appeared to be based more upon what is described as "Japan's resentment to any American action."

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STATE TROOPS IN STRIKE REGION

UNITED MINE WORKERS HAVE REFUSED TO RETURN TO WORK. FEDERAL MARSHALS REQUEST THAT STATE TROOPS BE SENT TO SIOUX.

SIOUX FALLS, Jan. 18.—The United Mine Workers charge that the state troops are at the coal fields near Joplin, Missouri, for no other purpose than to break the strike.

GYM CLASSES ARE ORGANIZED

WASH. SCHOOL Y. M. C. A. CLASS TO HAVE SQUAD LEADERS.

Organization is completed at Wash. school and, therefore, competition games will be featured.

An organization has just come into effect of the Intermediate Gymnasium class or what has been known as the High School Y. M. C. A. Gym Class.

To start things off well for the balance of the season, the boys got together at a team feed last Friday evening and organized at this time. This organization takes the form of dividing up the classes into squads with a leader and an assistant in charge of each squad. These leaders will compose a leaders' corps and will meet weekly for special study and work. The following compose the leaders' corps: Edgar Oliver, leader and Francis Houghton, assistant; Kenneth Koeny, leader, and Clyde Ford, assistant; James Coker, leader, and Murray Kiersey, assistant; Max Gullen, leader, and Herman Ransom, assistant. These squads will have a number of competitive games and stunts throughout the season. The first will be a basketball league between the four squads, the first of which will take place Wednesday evening.

This Basketball League will be followed by a number of other competitive events and each squad is out to win the honors by piling up the greatest number of points. The squad winning the greatest number of points will be known as the champion squad.

G. E. SOCIETY PLANS SOCIAL

Next Friday evening there will be a program and social given in the Christian Church under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society. A funny little play, under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Coker, entitled "Friday Afternoon in the Five Points," will be staged with a cast of people living in the city.

Large Poultry Plant Plans Told Ad Club

Y. M. Jensen was chairman of the weekly luncheon of the Ad club this noon at the Foley hotel and had as his subject, "Poultry."

J. M. Jensen, of Mant, Wash. told the commercial side of that city provided the poultry business which had proven to be a financial success to all concerned. Mr. Jensen also stated that it promised a great sale for the production of the poultry, besides establishing a great many people in the industry. He is now installing machinery in the Jensen Poultry plant of La Grande.

J. M. Jensen, chairman, who is installing a large poultry plant at Fruitland, stated that each plant in full operation would require 100,000 eggs a year, or about 100,000 eggs in each season, and 100,000 eggs in each season of 30 days each, said to fill the machines or to be sold in the market. Every automatic case which would require 1-1/2 to 2 hours within 100 feet of the average farm to hold. These figures are based on the fact that the average farm would be taken up and could raise about 100,000 eggs.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S FUND PROPOSED

SENATOR BRUCE DENNIS IN SENATE TODAY.

OVER \$300,000,000 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR LOANS

Classification of the World War and the Spanish-American War World War Veterans Act.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—Approximately \$300,000,000 immediately and more as the state property valuation increases, would be available as a loan fund for ex-service men and widows of the Civil and Spanish-American wars by a referendum measure introduced by Senator Bruce Dennis, of Union County. The act would authorize the issuing of bonds of the state to the amount of three per cent of the assessed property valuation of the state, which is now about one billion. Beneficiaries would be allowed to borrow, not to exceed \$5,000 at any time, secured by a first mortgage on real estate.

GALWAY COUNTY SEES BIG FIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Four civilians were killed and seven black and tan auxiliary policemen were wounded in a fight in the county of Galway, Ireland, according to reports here today. The fight ensued when the black and tan patrol was ambushed near the city of Galway.

LEAGUE GAMES THIS EVENING

The second series of the Basketball League games will be held at the Y. M. C. A. this evening between the American Legion and the Clarks, the Purty Squad and the Bankers.

The first game will commence at 8:30 sharp when the American Legion will begin up against the Clarks team. Both teams are in the same condition and a good game is expected. The second game will begin at 9:00 o'clock when the Bankers and the Purty Squad will meet. This ought to be fast and furious as there are many first-class players on both sides and both teams are out to win.

A small admission of 10c will be charged to all.

VIOLATORS GIVEN FINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Fines of \$10,000 have been imposed on four sand and gravel corporations, and officers and directors who pilaged guilty of the violation of the anti-trust law.

HARRIS STORE IS INVOICING

THE OLD HARRIS STORE IS INVOICING THE NEW OWNERS.

The old Harris Art Store is in a hubbub today. The old owners, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, are just as busy as the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Richardson, are busy thinking and doing but one thing and that is invoicing.

New manager, Harvey Richardson, said today that he would be ready to meet his business friends by Wednesday morning and that he did not care how big the crowd was, he thought that he would be in a position to handle them.

The Harris Art Store is an old business in La Grande and it is with regret that the Harises are moving out of the one artistic spot in La Grande. They intend to make their home in La Grande. Up to date Mr. Richardson has been a druggist in town and then the boys of the beautiful and artistic street and he will meet his old friends over the counter of the old store.

INFORMATION IS GIVEN FOR THE CLUB OPENING

Also members of the board of directors of the Country Club at the Summer Hotel this noon, the following plans were made in regard to the opening of the Country Club on Friday evening, and for the information of the club members:

Party opens at 9 o'clock, Friday evening.

Besides members, only out-of-town house guests are invited.

All members are expected to attend.

The road between city and Country Club will be repaired.

A man will be on hand to instruct where to park cars.

The walk from the cars to the Club house will be lighted with electric lights.

This is an INFORMAL party and business suits will be appropriate.

It is not possible to see everyone who wants to join before the opening Friday evening. Ladies or men desiring to join make application to any member of the board of directors immediately.

BAKER HAS LARGE FIRE

BAKER, Jan. 18.—The roundhouse of the Sumpter Valley railroad here was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at over \$20,000.

MERCHANTS CAUGHT

Had Check Flood Put Two Men In The Dallas Jail.

THE DALLAS, Jan. 18.—Flooding the city with checks Saturday night after the banks were closed, J. H. Adams, 22 years old, and Roy Bricker, alias Steve Shannon, 21 years old, it is alleged, procured nearly \$1000 in cash and several hundred dollars worth of merchandise before they were captured by the police and deputy sheriffs early Sunday morning.

Fifteen unsecured checks have been recovered by the police thus far, but one exception, as the principal business houses in the city were victimized. Other checks are still in the possession of merchants who have not yet discovered their fraudulent nature, the police say.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday, occasional rains.

MAY MAKE INQUIRY ON PAPER COST

INVESTIGATION OF THE PAPER MILLS OF OREGON BY A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

EVERY USER OF PAPER PRODUCTS IS SUFFERING

Price of the paper is apparently suffering from a shortage of paper.

UNION COUNTY RAISES \$580

SEAL SALE QUOTA NOT REACHED, BUT 1915 EXCELLED.

Neighborhood Ladies Set the Christmas Seal Sale for the Tuberculosis People in Oregon.

The report of the Christmas seal sale which has been hanging over since the holiday season, was today given in. The total amount of money spent for the Tuberculosis stamps in Union County was just \$580. This exceeds the amount targeted in by the ladies last year, but the quota was 5 cents for each person in Union County, is not reached.

A great deal of credit is due to the ladies of the Neighborhood club who have sacrificed a great deal in order that the seal sale this year might be a success.

Mrs. George Cochran, acted as chairman of the affair, and today said she was greatly pleased with the results and that people had responded exceptionally well considering that times are said to be tighter than they were last year.

PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—All of the local markets remained steady today, the prices the same as yesterday.

FIVE BANDITS STAGE HOLD-UP

YOUTH ESCAPED IN AUTOMOBILE WITH MAIL.

Twelve Sacks Of Mail, Ten Containing Registered Mail, Taken From Mail Truck.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Five youthful bandits held up a United States mail truck at the Union Station here today, escaping in an automobile with twelve sacks of mail, ten containing registered mail. The police said that the pouches contained part of the federal reserve bank money shipment which was being sent to St. Paul.

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Creation of (Office of) Commissioner of the State of Oregon.

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LEGISLATIVE SIDELIGHTS

STATE HOUSE, Jan. 17. (Special correspondence).—The hour of eleven had arrived—not an hour of eleven—but the hour of eleven o'clock, which meant that every senator should be in his proper place ready to bow the head when prayer was offered. Such was the case. Not a member of the august body of thirty senators had a "hang-over," that he could not be present to greet the morbid, rainy Salem morning.

Mirth and good fellowship marked the hour of prayer. There was a smile all around. Be careful about translating the word "smile," for in this case it pertains to the facial expression.

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