

JAPANESE GIVE ANSWER TO LIE

Official Denial of Franco-Japanese Pact by Tokio Yesterday.

(By Associated Press)
 TOKIO, Jan. 10.—"Perplexing beyond comprehension" in the face of the alleged strict neutrality of Japan in Siberia, is the characterization given by the foreign office in a statement Sunday in reply to the charges made by the representatives of the Far Eastern republic in Washington on Japan's activities in Siberia.

The statement says the documents on a Franco-Japanese agreement are nothing more or less than malicious falsehoods, the government never having engaged in negotiations of the nature alleged. It declares that in November when a portion of the documents was published by an agency of the soviet government, the Japanese government strongly protested through its delegates at the Darien conference and that the publishing of the notes again constitutes "a malignant national crime."

"What has been done at Vladivostok," says the statement, "has been in compliance with the request of the local consular body."

"The minimum of men under arms necessary for the maintenance of order and a fixed number of private police have been furnished. It is absolutely untrue that troops have ever been supplied to the White army."

In refutation of the charge that the Japanese at Darien made demands calculated to give control of the Far East to Russia, the statement says, Japan has no other desire than to obtain assurance of the security of life and property of the Japanese and the elimination of danger to communication and the menace to Japan.

"Japan has no other desire," says the statement, "except that the Russians cease their internal strife and that peace and order shall be established in the Far East of Russia as soon as possible in order that Japan may withdraw her troops with a sense of relief."

JUMPS TO DEATH.

(By Associated Press)
 PARIS, Jan. 10.—A young woman Sunday jumped to her death from the top of the Arc de Triomphe. Her body fell among a crowd of mourners who were carrying flowers to decorate the grave of the "unknown soldier." The woman had removed from her clothing all identification marks.

CHURCH BURNED.

(By Associated Press)
 WALLA WALLA, Jan. 10.—The Congregational church here was practically totally destroyed here Sunday by fire which broke out during the evening services. Dr. O. H. Holmes, the pastor, was speaking on the arms conference and the house was well filled. The alarm was quietly given, however, and the entire congregation escaped without disorder or casualties. The fire started in the furnace room in the basement. The building was valued at from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and was partially covered by insurance.

Speculation in Life's Necessities Under Ban

(By Associated Press)
 BERLIN, Jan. 10.—A united move by federal and state governments to wipe out speculation in necessities of life has begun. Police and government secret agents have gone into every city, town, village and virtually every farm house in a search for evidence against usurers.

Stringent measures have been adopted against a continuance of plundering and rioting, which, it has been ascertained, was instigated in some cases by "red" agitators for political purposes. Numerous arrests have been made, both of profiteers and looters.

An effort to induce workmen to strike and join in a crusade against "capitalism" promptly failed, even radical newspapers and labor leaders taking the position that "Germany would not tolerate introduction of Bolshevik methods at this time."

Recent investigations have disclosed that the boosting of prices on the great "selling out" campaign which came on the heels of the depreciation of the mark early in the winter was not entirely due to the hordes of foreigners who invaded the country to make extensive purchases. The German profiteers bought out whole stores and removed the merchandise from the market, to await the increase in prices which was certain to follow. Some merchants hung out the sign "sold out," closed their stores and also waited.

Workmen, unemployed, and the poorer people were so angered by these methods that sporadic outbreaks occurred in many parts of Germany, shops were broken into and plundered, and a few proprietors were beaten or whipped.

ARMY REDUCED

(By Associated Press)
 COLOGNE, Jan. 10.—The British army of occupation on the Rhine has been reduced to 2,800, according to recent announcement here. This force, it is understood, is to remain in Germany indefinitely. By the Treaty of Versailles, occupation of the Cologne bridgehead has two more years to continue.

Suzanne Tries Hand at Golf



It may or may not be true that Suzanne Lenglen, European tennis champion, has cut the short game, as reported, but it is true that she is a golfer. Here she is learning to drive a club.

MEETING TO BE AT IMBLER

The Union County Farm Bureau will hold an all-day meeting at Imbler January 11. All farmers and their families of the vicinity are invited to attend and co-operate with the farm bureau in their plans.

The program starts at 11:00 a. m. with a talk on poultry management by the county agent. This talk will take up every phase of the poultry raising industry, especially applicable to the farmers' side of the business. At noon a splendid dinner will be served for the low cost of 15 cents. Everybody is promised all they can eat at this price, which is made possible by the fact that the dinner is served at the actual cost of production. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, apple pie and various other appetizing dishes. At one o'clock the general topic, "The Farming Situation," will be taken up and discussed by the county agent, DeWitt Barnes, representing the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Committee and the farmers at large. Plans for a better year's program are being formulated and the meeting will do much in getting the farmers working on a co-operative basis.

Custom of Argentine Men Starts Argument

(By Associated Press)
 BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10.—The ever-recurring question whether women of Anglo-Saxon blood sojourning in Argentina should take offense at the remarks freely addressed to them in the streets by Argentine men has flared up again this time in a lively controversy of letter writers to the Buenos Aires Herald.

"Dear Little Bean!" and "Oh, my pretty potato," are some of the exclamations to which objection is taken when addressed to women by strangers in the streets.

The Spanish words for "bean" and "potato" are used in Argentina much the same as are "peach" and "chicken" in America, and the attractive young woman who ventures into the streets of Buenos Aires unscorched seldom fails to hear herself addressed in these terms by passing men.

The majority of the Herald's correspondents, many of whom are women, protest against this custom, declaring that it shows lack of respect for women, and that, furthermore, the remarks are not always as innocuous as the ones quoted. Others, however, maintain that the men do not intend to be disrespectful, but merely complimentary. Argentine women accept such remarks as compliments, they point out, although ignoring the men who make them.

Indeed, the story is told that the daughters of an Argentine family, noted for their beauty, complained on returning from a visit to New York that American men were all rude, not one had remarked on their good looks on the streets.

NEW POST PLANNED.

(By Associated Press)
 PFAIRIE CITY, Jan. 10.—A movement is now on foot to organize a Legion Post in Prairie. At present there are between 35 and 40 ex-soldiers in this part of the county, and the majority of this number are at present members of Ellis Tracy Post of the American Legion with headquarters at John Day.



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TAX RETURNS MUST BE FILED

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—"In determining whether or not they should file income tax returns, taxpayers should not confuse the exemptions allowed under the law with the necessity of filing returns. If the net income of a married person is \$2,000 or the head of a family (not married) is \$1,000," announces Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue.

"In other words, a single person claiming exemption as the head of a family must file a return if his net income is \$1,000 or more, notwithstanding the fact that as head of a family he is entitled to an exemption of \$2,500, as well as \$400 for each dependent minor. Likewise every married person, living with husband or wife, in order to claim exemption of \$2,500 and \$400 for each dependent minor must make a return although his actual net income for 1921 may have been only \$2,000. In both cases cited, the taxpayer must make a return to claim the exemptions to which he is entitled under the law, although the application of those deductions may exempt him from the payment of an income tax.

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NO RACE SUICIDE THERE

(By Associated Press)
 YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 10.—Mayor George L. Oles, Friday offered a job at \$100 a month with rent free and garden space to the Youngstown man who has the largest family of children. The place is that of guard at the city's reservoir.

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