

NINE MILLION TO BALLOT IN JAPAN

Nipponese Facing Greatest Election Ever Held in the Empire

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Political parties in Japan are building their forces in preparation for the greatest election ever held in the empire—an election wherein more than 9,000,000 new voters will have the privilege of casting their ballots for the first time under the manhood suffrage law passed by the Diet in 1924.

If the election takes place—and it apparently is a forgone conclusion that Premier Wakatsuki will dissolve the coming Diet for that purpose—it is expected to be preceded by an old-fashioned spell-bound campaign similar to those which have characterized many American presidential contests. Japanese party leaders are emulating in numerous ways the American political tactics.

No Other Course Seen

Premier Wakatsuki, who succeeded the late Premier Kato last spring as head of the government, is the leader of the Kensei party, the minority party in the Diet. The Kensei government was able to survive the last session because of a semi-coalition with the Seiyuhon party. The Seiyuhon, presided over by General Baron Tanihara, was the actual majority party in the lower house, but was effectively defeated through the Kensei-Seiyuhon combination.

The coalition is declared to have ended, the Seiyuhon demanding what was considered to be a political price for its adherence to the Kensei standards. Consequently, there apparently is nothing for Wakatsuki to do but dissolve a dissolution which would restore the country. At the same time, a general election is the last thing desired by any party. The cost is expected to be tremendous and the attitude of the millions of new voters towards parties and politicians is a mystery.

Economy An Issue

For several months various combinations have attempted to cause the fall of the Wakatsuki cabinet, hoping that a new cabinet would be appointed which would restore the next Diet and, consequently, avoid a national election. The premier has been accused in the newspapers of all sorts of things ranging from less majestic to perjury, with the expectation that he would resign. But the premier has stood his ground and refused to pay any attention to his accusers. Some politicians expect the Seiyuhon to introduce a bill of impeachment in the Diet hereupon it will be the premier's cue to announce dissolution.

The Kensei government before the emperor on a platform of rigid governmental economy, reduction of taxes, further international disarmament, encouragement of industrial enterprises and the reclamation and improvement of lands in Hokkaido, Formosa and Korea where some portion of the excess Japanese population can be taken care of.

The Seiyuhon is expected to seek election on the ground that the Kensei has not done anything toward the improvement of economic conditions but, on the contrary, recently approved a national budget for 1927 many millions in advance of the one this year. It also would accuse the government of harboring and instigating several scandals during its administration.

Attempts have been made recently to organize a Farmer-Labor or Agrarian party, but they have not progressed far.

Al Karasick Beats Engel, Iowa Matman

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—Al Karasick, Los Angeles light heavyweight wrestler, took two out of three falls from Heinie Engel, Dubuque, Iowa, here last night.

The way to learn all about women is to get married and have your wife tell you about some of them.

Exhibitors have placed orders for motorboats to take the place of their own skin boats called hayaks.

Airmail Bidder



Harris M. Hanshue, Los Angeles aviation magnate, said to have the backing of Ford interests, is among bidders for the contract to operate the Chicago-San Francisco air mail line. Hanshue is head of the Western Air Express, which now carries the air mail from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. The Chicago-San Francisco line will be turned over to a private concern if the government early in the new year.

AMERICAN PLANES OFF ON SOUTH AMERICAN JAUNT



With "ships" christened and farewells made, the Pan-American planes are off from San Antonio, Texas, on their epochal 29,000-mile South American tour. Upper left, Mrs. A. S. McDaniel watches Mrs. Charles McK. Robinson christen the plane "San Antonio," flown by Mrs. McK. Robinson's son, Capt. A. B. McDaniel, upper right, Maj. Dargue bids goodbye to his wife; below, one of the planes with a score of men trying to drag it out of muck into a dry spot for starting.

Wallowa 41 Years Old January 1; H. W. Oliver Tells of Its Founding

By H. W. OLIVER (In The Wallowa Star)

As the town of Wallowa was 41 years old upon Jan. 1, 1927, and as there are now very few in this community who were present upon the occasion of its birth, some incidents relating thereto may be of interest to readers of The Star. In order to write of these matters understandingly, your correspondent must of necessity take somewhat of a running start.

A Lusting merchant, Matt Johnson by name, believing that the site of this village was a good place to start a town, in the summer of 1885, purchased a half acre of land from L. J. Cole, upon whose homestead stood the ~~Wallowa Star~~. Upon this plot, which is just west of the Wallowa Hotel Mills, he had erected a two-story building, sheathed up below, and with a hall above for public gatherings.

Having just completed a term of school in Lower Valley, in which Ernest F. Johnson, W. T. Dougherty, L. T. Powers, W. H. Boyd, Mrs. Heatsie Hamilton, Mrs. Kate McElroy, Mrs. Sarah Knott and about 50 others were pupils, Johnson employed me to take charge of the store, soon to be opened. Upon the afternoon of Dec. 31, 1885, some freight trains drew up to the building and left the first consignment of goods.

Treats For All

I had arranged to board with the Cole family whose log residence was nearby, so, bright and



A sample of the force of trembles to Mexico, where most of the damage was suffered. This corner is typical of many other corners in the Mexican town.



Pedestrians were imperiled by the falling bricks from walls like this, and there were many narrow escapes. Photo shows a damaged mercantile establishment in Mexico.

Longview Measure Compromise Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Steps looking to a compromise on the bill authorizing construction of a bridge over the Columbia river at Longview, Wash., have been initiated by Representative Crumpacker, republican, Oregon, outspoken opponent of the measure.

He has informed Representative Johnson, republican, Washington, author of the bill that he would withdraw his objection if it were amended to assure municipalities in Oregon and Washington that the structure would not interfere with navigation on the river.

Falls Five Stories To Instant Death

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 12 (AP)—Robert F. Wolfe, publisher of the Columbus Dispatch and the Ohio State Journal, was killed today when he fell from the roof of the Dispatch building.

Wolfe, who, in addition to being a publisher was a banker and shoe manufacturer, apparently became dizzy and slipped over to the street five stories below.

Drumheller Heads Washington Grotto

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 12 (AP)—Tom J. Drumheller, of Yakima, Wash., was selected for the twelfth consecutive time as president of the Washington Wool Growers association yesterday.

Equable distribution of taxes among counties in which sheep are grazed, the truth in future bill, and wide advertising of wool products were endorsed by the convention.

GO TO PALM BEACH

NEW YORK—Mrs. Berlin and Mary Ellis are joining Irving Berlin shortly at Palm Beach, where he has leased the home of Nelson S. Odman, of Philadelphia, for the season.

The bathrooms in the newer New York hotels are being equipped with bottle openers. People have taken a great fancy to mineral waters.

One nice thing about Laughlin, Mo., with all the people chortling so, the newspaper humorists can close their desks and take a vacation.

Governor Baker, of Missouri, says his state is first in egg production. The state ought to have enough money to retire after this winter.



Earth Tremors Strike Brawley

BRAWLEY, Cal., Jan. 13 (AP)—Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt here this morning at 2 o'clock. No damage was reported.

In the general movement in India to abandon the centuries-old custom of boarding gold an Arab recently converted his savings into \$25,000 worth of government securities.

Ski riding at ninety miles an hour, the skiers being driven by motorcycles, is popular at some Canadian resorts.

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Count Salm's Separation Suit Is Settled Out of Court Report Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Count Ludwig Salm's separation suit against his wife, the former Millicent Rogers, Standard Oil heiress, has been settled out of court, the New York American says today in a copyrighted story.

The count will receive \$225,000 from his wife's father, Colonel Henry H. Rogers, the American says, and will be given partial custody of his small son, Peter. A divorce suit in Paris is declared by The American to be a possibility.

The American says it obtained information of the settlement from two reliable sources. Yesterday it says, the count and countess again adjourned hearing on the suit set for Jan. 17 when the case was abruptly adjourned on Dec. 9. The new hearing was set for March 21.

Judge Informed. In arranging for the adjournment the American says opposing counsel told Justice Levy that the suit had been settled, and that

reconciliation was not the basis of settlement. The \$225,000 Count Salm is to receive is to be paid in installments, the newspaper understands, and the count will abandon projected suits against Colonel Rogers and Mrs. Rogers for alleged alienation of his wife's affections.

The separation suit was adjourned on Dec. 9 after several letters written by the Countess Salm to her mother-in-law after the separation from her husband, were read in court. One letter, at least, remained unread, says the American, and that letter Colonel Rogers did not want read.

In this letter, the American says, Countess Salm expressed her love for her husband and wrote him that she was coming to New York to get all the money from her father that she could, and then begged him to join her again in Paris.

Dentes Knowledge Herman G. Goodstein, counsel

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Count Salm, refused to discuss the report concerning the read letter, and said: "I have never heard of such a letter. I think he introduced all the letters he had."

Count Salm married Miss Rogers, heiress to \$40,000,000, at the municipal building on Jan. 1924, against the wishes of her parents. They sailed for a honeymoon to Europe on Jan. 26, after efforts to affect a reconciliation with the bride's family failed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—The separation suit of Count Ludwig Salm Hoogstraaten from his wife, the former Millicent Rogers, has virtually been settled out of court, Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Levy said today in announcing continuance of the trial from Jan. 17 to March 21.

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