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JAPANESE NOT TO MENACE AMERICA

Assurance in Event of War Is Given.

Removal of Cause of Friction Asked Meanwhile.

TRADE ALSO IS DESIRED

Apprehension That Nippon Would Seize Opportunity for Attack Is Set at Rest-Conditions

Are Not Improving.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22 .- (Special.)-Japan will not be a menace to the United States in the event of war between this country and Germany. The authorities here are assured of a friendly attitude on the part of the Tokio government, not only by official declarations made by Japanese statesmen but by various developments which have come to their attention.

If Germany should commit the overt act which Mr. Wilson has said will precipitate the issue, Japan will welcome our addition to the allied cause and will work in harmony with us to attain the end desired-the defeat of the central powers.

Settlement of Issues Desired.

Preliminary to full co-operation Japan desires to iron out the questions which have existed between the two nations. She is loyally enforcing the regulations preventing Japanese emigration to the United States. She is relying on the National Administration to stop the enactment of anti- from Dublin. Japanese state laws.

When President Wilson appealed to to secure compliance. The result was that the Chinese government dismissed the German Minister and his staff and is preparing to do what it can to suppress German operations within its own territory.

Policy Toward China Changed.

Japan also has changed the policy hitherto pursued with reference to China. While protecting her own spe- 3 NEGROES HOLD UP TRAIN terday afternoon, but in the meantime cial interests, she recognizes that it is her duty to respect the interests of the Highwaymen Get No Loot and Evade United States and other nations,

Finally, Japan has approached the United States with a view to improving the commercial relations between the two countries. All these facts are impressing the authorities here. Moreover, it is realized that Great Britain known as the Cuban Special, at East New York City Wednesday night. and Russia are exerting their influ- Junction, several miles south of this ence with Japan to bring about the city, shortly after midnight. harmonious situation with the United States which their interests require.

Apprehension Set at Rest.

Throughout the country constant apthe United States were to engage in believed had escaped. war with Germany, Japan would join the latter and make our position exasserted, will be the case. Japan, instead of adding to our complications, will endeavor to smooth over any questions that may develop.

The presence of the United States at the world peace conference, in case we The Chinese government strongly deaffirmation of the principles of the integrity of China and the open door.

Japan, under her preceding ministry, was opposed to anything of the kind. China then expected to depend upon the United States to protect her interests, but the United States would not be an insider if it did not take part in the war. If the President should deem It necessary to take part in the struggle, then this Government will be able to raise its voice in support of China's

President Is Encouraged.

Moreover, it will be able to discusthe question of the disposition of the German islands in the Pacific which are occupied by Japan and which lie on the routes connecting the United contractor, died last night at a hos-States and the Philippines.

The President is considerably encourplace in the Far Eastern situation. He termed, is free from attack and that he he died some hours later. can concentrate his attention upon the front door. He has permitted it to be Americans held as prisoners of war on the captured ship Yarrowdale have been January Marked by Passage of 176 released by the Germans have not modified the critical aspects of German-

Conditions Not Improved.

prisoners involving restriction by the German authorities of the rights of through the waterway. American citizens, mean nothing,

President Wilson's understood determination to go before Congress to present the situation is evidence of the threatening danger. It is the expecta-tion here today that the President will address the Senate and the House as mbled in joint session on Saturday

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SUBMISSION RESOLUTION WILL BE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

Indiana Bill Giving Ballot for President and Some State Officers Ready for Executive.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 22 .- Woman suffrage advocates in this state today wor a fight of nearly 40 years for submission of the suffrage question to popular vote. The Senate, acting in concurrence with the House, adopted unanmously a resolution providing for a special election September 10 to ac amendment granting suffrage to women. Governor Milliken announced he

ould sign the measure tomorrow. Maine is the second state in New England to adopt a referendum on the uestion, Massachusetts defeated the

proposal in 1915. Officials of the Maine Equal Suffrage eague and the Suffrage Referendum League of Maine said a vigorous campaign would be carried on to obtain the approval of the voters. Opposition to the adoption of the resolution will be led by the Maine Anti-Suffrage Association.

The first positive move for equal suffrage was made in the Legislature in 1881 and the question has been up at nearly every session since that time Iwo years ago the resolution was adopted in the Senate and came within eight votes of winning in the House.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22 .- The womn suffrage bill passed in the lower branch of the Indiana Legislature to-day. It previously had been passed by the Senate and now goes to Governor Goodrich. The bill gives the women the right to vote for Presidential electors and practically all state officers except Governor and Secretary of State.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS HELD Several Leaders in Recent Uprising Arrested in Dublin.

of several leaders of the Irish Volunteers and other persons who figured

China, among other neutral nations, to O'Kelley, editor of the Catholic Bullebreak off relations with Germany, Japanese influence was exerted in Pekin writer, and Captain Liam Mellowes.

DUBLIN, Feb. 22. - Several Sinn Feiners, who had recently returned from internment in England, were arrested today in Limerick, Galway and Skibbereen, as well as in Dublin. The arrests were made under the defense of the realm act.

Posse in Underbrush.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 22.-Three negro highwaymen held up a south-

It is not believed they obtained any loot. A telephone message from East Junction shortly before 2 o'clock stated that the two men, who were driven into the underbrush near the railroad prehension has been expressed that if tracks, had evaded the posse and it was

ceedingly dangerous. The reverse, it is NAVY GETS 1413 RECRUITS Work Is Speeded Up, but 16,000 More Can Be Taken.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- A net gain go to war, will be important for China, of 1413 recruits has been made in the Navy in the last 20 days, compared with sires to participate in the peace pro- a total net gain for the whole of Januceedings. It desires to secure a world ary of approximately the same num-

The full enlisted strength has now reached a total of 58,300. Appropriations are available for a strength of 74,500, but the increase so far made has been possible only by a vigorous recruiting campaign.

EMPLOYER DIES IN VAIN

Dash Into Burning Barn to Warn 2 Laborers Made, but Men Are Gone.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 .- As the result of an effort to save two of his employes whom he believed trapped in a burning barn, Patrick Generty, a mason

Generty insisted in rushing into the aged by the change which has taken burning structure for the two men who slept therein, to find they had escaped feels that the back door of the United by jumping from a window. The con-States, if the Pacific Slope can be so tractor was so severely burned that

come known that reports that the CANAL HAS RECORD MONTH

Vessels Through Waterway.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22,-The Pan-Conditions are not improving and ama Canal did its biggest month's the adjustment of comparatively minor business in January, according to fig-incidents like that of the Yarrowdale ures available today, 176 vessels with a tonnage of 557,839 having passed

The previous record was in July, 1915, when 170 ships of 547,370 tonnage passed through.

Sunday Closing Beaten in Montana. HELENA, Mont., Feb. 22 .- The Monlana Senate, by a vote of 20 to 19, deor Monday.

The Administration is aware that Congress has a large pacifist element that may have to be reckoned with in the event the President recommends measfeated the bill providing for theclosing of saloons on Sunday. Montana will go vember.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE \$250,000 LEGACY AWAITS TROOPER TWO CUT OFF BY FLAMES IN

Stable Job Secured to, Pay 65 Cent-Debt,

MILLIONAIRE RELATIVE DIES

on the adoption of a constitutional Emil Langendorfer, 22, Lucky Portland Guardsman.

Father, Who Has Big Ranch Holdings in Clarke County, Is One of Principal Beneficiaries of New York Merchant's Will.

Emil Langendorfer, member of Troop Cavalry, Oregon National Guard, made arrangements Wednesday night to care for the horses of the troop at Vancouver Barracks for \$2 a day, after mustering out of Federal service, for he owed the camp cauteen 65 cents. Scarcely had he reached the stables with a broom yesterday morning when he was told he was worth \$250,000 through the death the night before, of a millionaire grandfather in New York

Emil in Debt at Muster-Out.

Emil was the only trooper who faced estering-out day with less than nothhave carfare to Portland and he owed the troop canteen. When the troop banquet was given in Portland a week ago, it was Emil who remained behind LONDON, Feb. 22 .- The arrest today in charge of camp quarters to earn \$2. A friend who had taken a stable job wanted to see his folks in La Grande in the Irish uprising of last year is before settling down to work, and, on reported in a Central News dispatch the day before the other troopers lef for their homes, Emil offered to sub-Among those arrested, the dispatch stitute, that he might pay up that 65 says, are Councillor S. T. Kelley, J. J. cents and have something left over.

Talk Waits on Stable Duties. But he didn't have much time to talk about the startling news brought him by his brother, Arthur Langendorfer, of Portland, for the Stables were yet to be swept and horses were waiting to be curried.

As soon as he can receive his release, Emil will speed eastward, following the trail of his father, Charles Henry Langendorfer, of Clarke County, who swung aboard an overland train yes prietor of the Meadowbrook Poultry

equally with his brother in the huge estate of Jacob Henry Langendorfer,

Farm at East Forty-sixth street and

LEGISLATOR DIES IN \$200,000 FIRE

Owner Snatches Wife From Fire and Leaps Across Roofs to Safety. Temperature 20 Below.

DAWSON, Y. T., Feb. 22.-Two lives were lost here last night in a fire which destroyed property in the bustness section of the estimated value of \$200,000.

Those who perished were Charles W C. Tabor, dean of the Dawson bar and one of the most prominent men in the Yakon Territory, and William Mc-Adams, veteran White Pass stage driver on the White Horse and Dawson over-land route,

The fire started in the Yukonia Ho tel, when the thermometer was 20 de-grees below zero. It swept northward taking out a third of the block facing The old Northern Hotel building and

the old Monte Carlo saloon building, both empty, were wrecked. Insurance on the destroyed buildings oes not exceed \$10,000.

Tabor and McAdam, who had gone to bed in the Yukonia Hotel, were cut off by flames and smoke. The fire started on the second floor and spread like a flash in all directions on the paper lining of the rooms. The bodies

Mr. Tabor was a former member of the Yukon Legislature and had been selected to run again next month. He lected to run sgain next month. He to a head tonight with an announce-came from Frederickton, N. B. He ment by Mrs. James H. Boggs, presileaves a wife, who is in San Francisco. Ment by Mrs. James II. Dogge, and leaves a wife, who is in San Francisco. dent of the Women's Wilson Union and McAdam came from Ontario, His wife

is at White Horse.
John Laumister, of Tacoma; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Segbers, Harry Bridges, Harry Pinkiert, James Purden and Harry Barber had narrow escapes from Segbers rushed through the flames, took his wife from a room where she was sleeping and jumped to an adjoining roof into the deep snow, where both lay dazed until discovered nearly frozen.

POINDEXTER PLAN LOST

Conferees Refuse to Put All Postmasters Under Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- Conferees service. After the amendment had been announcement. submitted in the Senate. President Wilson urged its adoption and it was agreed to.

In conference, however, the Senate conferees were forced to recede and it has been eliminated from the bill.

FLIGHT TROUBLES CONVICT

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22 .- (Special.) boulevard, is said to share Jack Welch, who says he is a parole violator from San Quentin and declares that his conscience has been cound Illinois Central passenger train, millionaire clothing man, who died in bothering him for that reason since early last November, walked into po-The father of the young men, who lice headquarters here today and gave

Women's Wilson Union Is Withdrawn.

FLOATS GAUSE OF DISPUTE

All Agree Suffrage Question Saturday. Is Not in Issue.

CONTROVERSY IS

Chairman Denies Woman's Authority to Declare Non-Participation in Evercises, and Says Women Marchers Are Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- A controversy over what part women shall take in the inauguration ceremonies came that because of a ruling barring from the inaugural parade a section of state floats being organized under her direction she had declared "the with drawal of all women from the parade."

Authority to Withdraw Denied. Robert N. Harper, chalman of the ommittee, replied that Mrs. Boggs had no authority to declare such a withor them could not be completed. Although she would not add to her statement tonight, Mrs. Boggs indicated clearly that it only feebly expressed her indignation over the incident and that the women of the union

later. Mr. Harper declared there never on the legislative appropriation bill to-day threw out the Poindexter amend-women's division of the inaugural comment, which would cover all first and mittee and intimated that he would second-class postmasters into the civil take no further notice of Mrs. Boggs Suffrage Not in Issue. "No one except Major-General Scott,

who is grand marshal, and myself has authority to say who shall or shall not take part in the parade," he said. "We want women to participate provided only they conform to the same requirements that are laid down for the Parole Violator of San Quentin Sur-renders at Salem.

The women and Chairman Harper agreed, only on the point that the dis-pute was in no sense an outgrowth of

the controversy over representation of woman suffragists in the parade. That element, it was declared on both sides, had not entered any way into the situntion.

Premier Borden Reaches England. LONDON, Feb. 22 .- Sir Robert L. Borden, the Canadian Premier, who arrived in London today, told his interhas large ranch holdings in Clarke himself up.

County, is said to be one of the chief Chief of Police Cooper has notified cept for the taking of necessary precautions. viewers his voyage was uneventful ex-

HELD NOT PROVED

COMMITTEE CLEARS HIGH OF-FICIALS OF BLAME.

'Leak" Declared to Have Been Combination of Deductions and Facts Obtained in Conversation,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- Vindication of all public officials mentioned in the investigation of charges that there was a leak to Wall street on President Wilson's peace note was voted unanimously today by the House rules committee The report, now virtually complete probably will be put in final shape

It is understood that the committee finds that Thomas M. Lawson's sensational charges were not substantiated; that R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of the President, had nothing to do with a "leak," and that advance information concerning the note was furnished to brokers by J. Fred Essary and W. W. Price, local newspaper men, who con nected deductions with facts obtained in conversation with other reporters, who had been told in confidence by Secretary Lansing that a note was com-

No recommendations are made, but the practice of selling short on th New York Stock Exchange is said to be criticised. F. A. Connolly, a Washington broker, is censured for his testimony before the committee, and E. F. Hutton & Co. for falling to produce | COMPARATIVE PRICES, WHOLEcopies of all messages concerning the note which reached its office.

FIFTH GENERATION STARTS

Portland Woman's Great-Great-Grandson Born at Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 22 .- (Special.) -With the birth of a son here yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ross there are five living generations of the ng to his financial credit. He didn't by rescue parties, who found them drawal. He said women were wanted in mother's family. The boy has been the parade and that the state floats named Stephens and has a grandmother, had been barred only because the plans great-grandmother and great-greatgrandmother.

The grandmother is Mrs. Mary Bishop, of Hoquiam. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Annie Greave, of Portland, and great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Lockwood, of Portland. The latter is might have something more to say 87 years old, 70 years older than the baby's mother.

HOG SELLS FOR \$1000

Record Price Set by Autocratic Berkshire in Indiana.

LA FAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 22 .- A 4nonths-old Berkshire boar, sired by Epochal, an English hog, sold for case of many commodities. Meats are \$1990 today at the annual sale in consteadily on the upgrade, and pork, at versity.

The price paid, it is said, establishes | Beef has advanced 2% cents wholea record for hogs under 6 months old.

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ARE GOING HIGHER

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Food Hardly Within Average Man's Reach.

MEATS ARE RISING STEADILY

Eggs and Oranges Are Among Few Articles Not Affected.

LOAF IS MUCH SMALLER

Onion Breath Soon to Be Regarded as Mark of Wealth, as Cost Is Advancing Rapidly-Women Are at Their Wit's End.

				Peb.,
Sugar .	******		\$ 8.05	\$ 6.73
Eggs		******	82	.40
Butter .	******		44	.34
Oranges	*****		. 2.75	3.50
Lemons			4.25	4.00
Small wh	ite bear		. 12,50	7.50
Canned n	ille		4.15	3,43
Flour			. 8.20	5.60
Hams			25	.25
Bacon .			58	.23
Cabbage	(ton)		.100.00	20.00
Potatoes	****		. 8.84	2.50
Onlons .	*****		10	.04
Beef				.10
Pork				.10
Bread-F	live-cer	it loaf 1	nag abru	nk 2%

Like the youth of mountain-climbing roclivities sung about in Longfellow's famous poem, the steadfast motto of verything edible, with extremely few

xceptions, is "Excelsior!" Higher and higher go the foodstuffs. There is seemingly no limit to their soaring abilities and there is no sign of any relief in sight, Indeed, the market-wise intimate the worst is yet

Unheard-of prices prevail here in the case of many commodities. Meats are section with the American Berkshire 17 cents wholesale for top stock, is Congress in convention at Purdue Uni- the highest in the experience of local market men.

> sale during the past twelvementh and the previous year showed a slight advance of one-half cent over the year before. Farmers Declared to Benefit.

> "The farmer is getting the money in this market," say retailers and wholesale men allke. "It is not either of us who is profiting. We are able only to keep going. Watch how the farmer is putting money into his Merchants who handle foodstuffs

ness in all lines-the higher cost of metals, paper, twine, dyes, printing, wages; in short, everything that goes with the conduct of a business. They say increased consumption Entente allies will retain German colonies throughout the country, due to prevailing prosperity, the inflation in everything caused by the flood of gold the war has brought to the United

warring nations, and also speculation

in provisions, all are responsible for one who fares forth to market, Eggs Are Cheaper Now. Food riots in the Eastern cities call attention to the pinch felt by the housewife in supplying her family. No food riots are anticipated in Portland, but just the same the acts of the revolu-

There are one or two faint gleams of hope in the list of food products and Legislator dies in \$200,000 Alaska fire. hope in the list of feed products and their prices. Fresh eggs are cheaper tilroad car situation worst in country's history. Page 2. conditions prevalent last year at this near-blizzard of the first two months

Oranges Also Cost Less. Strange as it may seem, there is another article of food that is below last year's quotations. This is oranges. Last February they were quoted at \$3.50 a

crate. Now they are \$2.75, a substan-

that the man who makes the prices lost his last year's quotations, otherwise he would have chalked up oranges at anywhere from 25 to 200 per cent advance over last year's value, just for the sake of harmony.

Two bakers of Portland averred yesterday that bread has not risen in price. They meant that a loaf of bread is still sold for 5 cents and they spoke like Theater audiences will be asked to stand for "The Star-Spangled Banner." Page 12.
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The weight of the loaf in circulation the weight of the loaf in circulation. the weight of the loaf in circulation one year ago.

Ordinary Articles Rise,

But everything is up, that is, substantially everything, and the advance in the common everyday articles of subsistence, such as potatoes, onlons, cabbage, etc., is the most surprising of (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)

THE EASY MARK.

ONE BULLSEYE TEN POTATOES U.S. TARGETS STOMACH SHOTS COUNT AS BULLSEYES