

JAPANESE SHIPPER REACHES PORTLAND

I. Suzuki of Kobe Arrives Here on World Tour.

U. S. FRIENDSHIP WANTED

More Amicable Feeling Is Noted Since Arms Conference, Is Statement.

A more friendly feeling in Japan toward Americans since the recent limitation of armaments conference was reported by I. Suzuki of Kobe, one of the leading shipbuilding men and financiers of the Japanese empire, and Japanese members of his party who arrived in Portland Sunday night in the course of a world tour.

"We as a company have always been warm toward America and the Americans," declared the senior member of Suzuki & Co. "This is evidenced by our extensive business with this country and by the manner in which we have been successful in this field."

Steamship Business Good. Mr. Suzuki, who has visited Germany, England and France on his trip, declared that, considering the economic condition of the world as a result of the recent world war, he found the steamship business in good shape and the various headquarters of his company confident of better days to come.

Economic conditions in the orient, said Mr. Suzuki, are much better, with growing improvement in commerce and industry generally.

Mr. Suzuki said that he did not contemplate any immediate change in the service of the New York office and Portland, although if the demand should materialize, additional ships would be put on the run to this port which is the distinguished coast headquarters of the concern.

Financier's Daughter Weds. The real reason for the Japanese financier's trip around the world was the wedding in Paris of his daughter Chiyo to S. Takahara, representative of the Suzuki company in Europe. A magnificent wedding party was held there with company officials and prominent European attending.

In Mr. Suzuki's party are T. Nishikawa, his private secretary, and A. K. Kashiwa, head of the New York office and general manager for the United States of Suzuki & Co.

Local managers for the company met the distinguished Japanese party at the train Sunday night upon their arrival and escorted them to the Benson hotel, which will be their headquarters while here. Mr. Suzuki will be the guest of honor at a banquet served at the Benson hotel tonight. J. Nakazawa, local manager for Suzuki & Co., has invited local shipping men, port officials and financiers to meet Mr. Suzuki at that time.

Mr. Suzuki and his party will leave for Vancouver, B. C., after a brief visit here, and plan on sailing from that port on Thursday.

Mr. Kashiwa of New York, who has accompanied Mr. Suzuki on his trip across the world, was formerly stationed here, having established the Portland office of his company here about eight years ago.

PASTOR SAVES CHURCH

OLD FELT HAT IS USED TO POUND OUT SPARKS.

Rev. E. A. Gottberg Ascends to Roof While Flames Lick Walls of Building on Two Sides.

As flames licked greedily at the buildings on two sides and other blazing structures in the vicinity crumpled under dynamite blasts, set off by Astoria firemen to stem the red tide rapidly devouring the city's business section, a lone figure scrambled about on the roof of the First Baptist church of Astoria, slapping this way and that way with a battered felt hat as sparks fell about him. The heroic firefighter was the Rev. E. A. Gottberg, 35 years old, pastor of the church, and as a result of his bravery his church stands on the edge of the fire zone, almost undamaged.

The story of Rev. Mr. Gottberg's heroism was brought to Portland Sunday by Rev. O. C. Wright, 640 East Twentieth street. Rev. Mr. Wright learned the details from Rev. Mr. Gottberg, friends of the Astoria pastor supplying the essentials of the story.

The church is located about two blocks north of the Y. M. C. A. All buildings north of the church for three blocks were burned and buildings on the east were dynamited. At 5 o'clock in the morning tongues of flame shot out from the blazing structures nearby, but sides of the church were kept soaked with water. The pressure was too light to throw water on the roof, however, and hope of saving the building was almost abandoned when

Rev. Mr. Gottberg clambered to the top and, snatching his felt hat from his head, extinguished sparks as fast as they fell, braving danger of death or serious injury again and again as he jumped from place to place.

For more than four hours he remained on the roof, through the worst of the blistering heat from the blazing inferno which only a few hours before was the city's business section. The church rocked under the force of the dynamite explosions, windows were shattered and plaster fell from the walls, but Rev. Mr. Gottberg stayed until the church was pronounced out of danger.

Not only the church but the entire block was saved from destruction by the heroic pastor, firemen said, for had the church caught on fire it would have been impossible to prevent spread of the flames to adjacent buildings.

STORE ROBBER IS CAUGHT

YOUTH WRITES THAT HE IS DEAF AND DUMB.

Prowler Discovered When Owner Visits Store While on Theater Home From Theater.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special).—A young man was captured in the act of looting the O. J. Scheel clothing store here today. The prisoner refused to talk and in writing said he was deaf and dumb. The man had registered at a hotel as Henry Beth of Portland.

The robbery was discovered when Mr. Scheel, his wife and little daughter entered the store while on their way home from a moving-picture theater. As Mr. Scheel neared the cash register he noticed that the drawers had been opened and that \$10 which he had left there when the store was closed last night had been removed.

As Mr. Scheel stepped away from the cash register his little daughter called to her father that a man was lying on the floor behind some tables. She then ran to the door and heard the child's voice, as he jumped quickly to his feet and started for the rear of the store.

Although not armed, Mr. Scheel followed the robber and caught him by the arm as he was about to leap through the rear door. The prisoner at first showed fight, and reached his hand into his hip pocket as if to draw a gun. Mr. Scheel then tightened his grip on the man and John Davidson, a guard at the penitentiary, who chanced to be in front of the store when Mr. Scheel entered, rushed to his aid, offering assistance and covered the prowler with a revolver. He later was turned over to the police and taken to the Benson hotel for arraignment.

The officers believe that the prisoner is the same man who entered the C. P. Bishop store Saturday night and the Cooley & Gould store and Bakerie bakery Friday night.

Willard R. Bassett in Collier's Weekly. Once upon a time it was taken for granted that sharp practices and trading had to go together. This period known as the middle ages concerned itself mightily with the question of business even though its business was far from complex. It centered its attention on the maintenance of a "just" price. For instance, in the year of the Norman conquest, one selling was the price of a fat cow and fourpence was the price of a sheep. Other products varied in price, but the single test applied to every price was: "is it just?"

Perhaps we might learn something from the rules which then governed prices. In a manner of speaking, much in use at the time, are contained the rules under the heading "Sin for Worldly Gain."

To sell a thing dear, to buy cheap. To lie, swear and forswear to get a higher price. To have varying weights and measures.

To buy on the greater and to sell on the less. To "top" a measure of ale with froth.

To make a thing seem heavier than it is. To sell cloth in a dim light. To sell subject to receiving a higher price at a later date.

Usury was defined as: To lend money and get more than its value back in goods. Employing an agent to do this. To inherit wealth so acquired. Borrowing at a low rate of interest and lending at a higher rate.

Selling at a high price because the buyer has great need or cannot wait. Buying in time of plenty when wishing for a time of scarcity. To lend on condition that profits are shared but not lost.

Lending a poor man a penny but taking in return three pennyworth of work.

JAPAN HAS SHAKESPEARE

Bicentenary of Great Oriental Poet Is Celebrated.

OSAKA, Japan.—Osaka celebrated the bi-centenary of Chikamatsu Monzaemon, poet and playwright, called the Shakespeare of Japan, his life and works being closely identified with this town. One of his best works, entitled "Tenno Anzima," was staged at the Nakamura theater by Nakamura Gankiro, the best exponent of Chikamatsu's drama.

Chikamatsu Monzaemon was born in the 17th century, in Chosubu province, southern Japan, of a samurai family. After having served as a public servant he retired from official life and spent the rest of his days in Osaka and Kyoto, devoting himself to literary work. His plays number more than 100, many of which depict the life of the merchant class of Osaka. Nearly all of his dramas have been staged.

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JUDGES TO MEET HERE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Three-Day Convention to Be Held With Well-Balanced Programme Arranged.

County judges and commissioners from all counties in Oregon will gather in Portland for the annual convention of the Oregon Association of County Judges and Commissioners, to be held in room 520 at the courthouse Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. An exceptionally well-balanced programme has been prepared, a feature of which is a visit to Oregon City Wednesday.

The complete programme follows: Tuesday. 9 A. M.—Registration, distribution of badges and payment of annual dues. 10 A. M.—Convention called to order. Ralph W. Hoyt, president. Address of welcome, Mayor Baker. Officers of the association are: President, H. L. Hasbrouck; Vice-president, H. L. Hasbrouck; Secretary, Ralph W. Hoyt; Multnomah county commissioner, president; Harvey E. Cross, Clackamas county judge, vice-president; H. L. Hasbrouck, Hood River county judge, secretary-treasurer.

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9:30 A. M.—"Waste." Harvey E. Cross, county judge, Clackamas county. "County Indebtedness and Its Retirement." Willis K. Clark, manager bond Department, Ladd & Tilson bank. Discussion, "Public Works and Developments of Port of Portland and Its Relation to the State of Oregon." J. H. Falkman, general manager and chief engineer Port of Portland.

"Harmonizing City and County Budgets." Robert G. Dooker, consultant, engineer taxation and conservation committee Multnomah county. Discussion, "Proper Use of County Poor Funds." Dr. P. A. Parson, professor of applied sociology, University of Oregon and director Portland school of social work.

9 P. M.—Orpheum theater. 10:15 P. M.—Shrine circus, Auditorium. Wednesday. 9:30 A. M.—"Contract and Force Account Work and Value of Uniform Accounting." J. M. McArthur, bridge engineer Lane county. "Administrative Co-operation Between County Court and County Clerk." Floyd D. Moore, county clerk Polk county. "Co-operation Between County and County Officers and Its Relation to the Success of Public Affairs." Samuel A. Rozar, secretary of state.

"Section 828B, Oregon Law." O. G. Hagness, executive secretary, Portland branch, Associated General Contractors of America. 11:30 A. M.—Guests of Oregon City Live Wires. Automobiles leave courthouse, Fourth street entrance, Luncheon at Oregon City. Visit to paper mills. Inspection of new Willamette river bridge, built by Oregon state highway commission.

3 P. M.—Return to Portland to visit new Multnomah county jail. 8 P. M.—Shrine circus, Auditorium. Thursday. 9:30 A. M.—"The Work of the State Highway Commission for the Past Year." With the Future Outlook and Reply to Recent Charges Made Against the Commission and Its Employees." A. Booth, chairman Oregon state highway commission. "Development of Black Base Pavement." C. W. Stewart, asphalt division State highway department. "Concrete Roads." H. Mumm Jr., district engineer Portland Cement association.

Reports of officers. Reports of committees. Unfinished business. "Our Responsibility to the Children of Oregon." William D. Wheelwright, chairman child welfare committee. "The Problems of a County Judge." Judge C. W. Adams, Coos county. "The Functions of a Juvenile Court." Judge Jacob Kanzer, court of domestic relations.

Discussion, "The Case Before the Hearing." Mrs. Kate McGilvray. "Boarding the Children in Temporary Homes." Mrs. Mary S. Aaby. "Mental and Physical Tests." Dr. S. C. Kiehl. "The Crippled Child." Dr. Richard Dillworth.

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