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## JAPAN MAY BREAK DIPLOMATIC BOND

### Possible Effect of Hostile Laws.

## SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS

### President Thanks Gillett for Aid in Averting War.

## NO DEMAND FROM JAPAN

### Relies on America to Show Good Faith—Pacific Fleet to Be Reinforced—Influx of Brown Men From Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Opinions differ about the gravity of the Japanese situation. Those best informed, as a rule, look on it as serious. Senator Perkins, of California, does not agree with the chief executive that actions by California's Legislature will contravene the treaty rights of the Japanese. Senator Flint, of California, however, feels greatly disturbed, as does the President, that California may at this time pass legislation which will violate Japan's treaty rights and be considered an unfriendly act.

### May Break Off Relations.

The President is said to have fears that things may go so far that Japan will break off diplomatic relations with this country, and he has sent telegrams warmly thanking Governor Gillett and Speaker Stanton for their patriotic efforts in behalf of the Nation. He feels that at this time California has no right to commit any act which might plunge this Nation into war.

### Strengthen Pacific Fleet.

It has been published that part of the battleship fleet will be detached immediately on its arrival at Hampton Roads and sent to the Pacific. There is no truth whatever in this rumor. It is understood that all of the vessels in the fleet will require some repairs and an overhauling when they get back home. However, it has been intended all along that some of the battleships should be sent back to the Pacific as soon as this overhauling has been completed. This was promised to Mr. Flit some months ago. Just how many ships or what ones will go, or on what date they will leave, cannot now be stated. The Pacific fleet, however, will be augmented.

### Thousands Come From Mexico.

Congressman Hayes is about to make another speech. He is not fully satisfied that the carefully compiled statements of Secretary Straus are correct, as they do not take into account many Japanese who came into the country without passing the usual immigration inspection. Mr. Hayes has just received from a man on the Mexican border near one of the lines of railroad, a letter in which the writer tells of thousands of Japanese who have come into the country over that railroad during the past year. He admits that the tide of illegal immigration has been checked, but he says that it is not stopped entirely, even now.

## MUST RECOGNIZE EQUALITY

### London Papers Lecture Americans on How to Settle Problem.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—British judgment upon what a London writer calls the "latest mouthings of Japano-phobia on the Pacific Slope" has been disturbed somewhat by the outbreak in

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## CHAOS IN PERSIA CALLS FOR ACTION

### BRITAIN AND RUSSIA MAY INTERVENE FOR PEACE.

### White Civil War Ravages Cities, Brigands Make Country Land of Terror.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Events in Persia are marching toward a crisis that will necessitate Anglo-Russian intervention on the largest scale unless the Progressives and the Reactionaries reach a compromise as to constitutional government in the immediate future and check the anarchy overwhelming the Shah's domains. As European interest shifted from North Africa to the Near East, so now it is shifting from the Near East to the Middle East. Mustafá Hafid gave way to Abdul Hamid and the "Red Sultan" gives way to Ali Mirza.

In overthrusting the Governor of Isfahan and notifying the legations that all loans and concessions will be repudiated unless approved by Parliament, the Persian Liberals have a new factor into international relationships.

Pronounce in given to an article in the Kavkaz, of Tiflis, by an American traveler who has crossed Persia recently.

"By degrees chaos is spreading everywhere," he says. "The turbulent conditions are involving every populous center and organized brigandage is making the whole land a land of terror."

## DIVIDE TIME TO MARRY

### Hotelkeeper and Bartender Help One Another at Crisis.

YREKA, Cal., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—A peculiar prank of fate in this city has just come to light after vain efforts to keep it secret. Monday evening William Tamisla, who resides at night over the Chumbe Hotel bar, came to the proprietor, Edward Auterlieth, and asked him to take his shift, as he had an engagement. Mr. Auterlieth told him it would be impossible, as he also had a very important engagement.

Mr. Tamisla persisted and finally whispered that he was elated to be married that evening. Mr. Auterlieth stated his engagement was of the same kind; that he was to be married the same evening. The matter was finally arranged by the men dividing the evening into two shifts and taking their allotted turns at the altar.

## PRETTY MAIDEN BURGLAR

### Minneapolis Woman Caught With Marked Bill at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Miss Pearl Mooney, a pretty young woman, fashionably dressed, was arrested today on a charge of burglary.

Miss Mooney came to Los Angeles from Minneapolis four weeks ago and took apartments. Shortly after that time E. J. Kinney, a guest in the same house, began to miss money from his room. In all \$100 was taken. The woman was suspected and the officers laid a trap for her. Two marked \$5 bills were placed on Kinney's dresser. They disappeared today. The officers say the marked money was found in her possession when she was arrested.

## SUNDAY BASEBALL LEGAL

### Kansas Supreme Court Declares National Game Is Moral.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 6.—The Supreme Court today decided that baseball may be played on Sunday in Kansas. Ernest Prather was convicted of playing baseball on Sunday. He appealed and Justice Porter ordered Prather's release on the ground that baseball is a National sport and has no immoral tendencies.

## EXPECT DEATH ANY MINUTE

### "Lucky" Baldwin in Critical Condition After Relapse.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—The condition of E. J. Baldwin is alarming tonight. He has suffered a relapse and a report from his physician at 11 o'clock to the effect that there was slight chance of his survival until morning.

## AMERICAN FLEET STARTS FOR HOME

### Battleships Sail From Gibraltar.

## GUNS ROAR AS SHIPS DEPART

### Few Repairs to Be Made on Vessels After Cruise.

## WILL ARRIVE FEBRUARY 22

### Battleships to Be Met Thousand Miles Off Shore by North Atlantic Fleet and Escorted Into Final Port.

## NEED BUT SLIGHT REPAIRS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—From a lengthy report sent to the Navy Department by Admiral Sperry, who is in command of the American fleet now completing its cruise around the world, it is learned that the vessels will need much less in the way of repairs after their long trip than had been expected. After the review at Hampton Roads they will be dispatched to their home Navy-yards for whatever repairs are necessary. It is expected that all this work will be completed by May 17. The entire fleet will then remain for the regular Summer maneuvers on the Atlantic Coast.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 6.—While heavy guns boomed a parting salute and drowned the cheers of spectators and the playing of "Home, Sweet Home" by the sixteen bands of the American battleship fleet, the great white ships got under way at 11 o'clock this morning and slowly and majestically left their anchorages in the war basin here, and started on the last lap of their record-breaking cruise around the world.

For the greater part of the last section of their 45,000-mile cruise the 16 ships will proceed alone, in double column formation; but about 1000 miles off their home coast they will be met by the North Atlantic fleet, in command of Rear-Admiral Arnold, and escorted by his ships to their final anchorage at Hampton Roads, from which port they started their world-cruise December 16, 1907. The big fleet is expected to arrive at the Roads again on Washington's birthday, which make the time of its voyage around the world exactly one year and 68 days.

On this long cruise no serious accident has marred the logs of the big white ships, though the vessels have seen ample excitement. They have been through a strenuous target practice in the Philippines, have visited Japanese waters when the relations between the two countries were in an unsettled condition; and more lately, in the latter part of their voyage, have traced through the Mediterranean to give succor and aid to earthquake-stricken Sicily and Italy.

### Departure Well Ordered.

Gibraltar was the last European port at which the American vessels called, and after spending several days there in which festivities and entertainments were arranged for the benefit of the officers and crews, the order was given this morning for departure for home.

The weather conditions at the time of departure were glorious. The sky was without a cloud and there was just enough breeze to curl the crests of the sun-flooded waves. Nothing could have surpassed the beauty of the marine picture as the American armada weighed anchor this morning under the shadows of the towering rock of Gibraltar and moved out into the strait.

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## BRYAN IS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

### LEG ALMOST BROKEN WHEN CAR THROWS HIM OUT.

### Crushed Against Rail of Bridge in Florida and Badly Hurt. May Cancel Dates.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 6.—While returning from Sutherland College, where he delivered his lecture, "The Prince of Peace" this evening, W. J. Bryan came near losing his life. A big automobile in which he was riding threw a tire on a bridge, near Tarpon Springs, and plunged into the trestlework, throwing the occupants out.

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YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 45.9 degrees; minimum, 34.1 degrees. TODAY'S—Occasional rain; southerly winds. Foreign. German steers still rising and choked with ice. Section 1, Page 2.

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Polities. Hopkins will ask Roosevelt to help in Senatorial fight. Section 1, Page 5. La Follette scores point by charges against Stephenson. Section 1, Page 5. Domestic. Elopement in California causes \$50,000 fire and criminal charge. Section 1, Page 1. American woman who married Japanese man and was divorced, wedded coachman. Section 1, Page 2. Hotelkeeper and his bartender divide night work that both may marry. Section 1, Page 1. Calvin and Bancroft return, ignorant of changes on Harriman lines. Section 1, Page 2. Steamer Olympic has many mishaps in storm on Pacific. Section 1, Page 2. Southern storm causes 12 deaths. Section 1, Page 2. Miners' convention imposes penalty on smelters. Section 1, Page 2. Beautiful choir-singer at Ottumwa, Ia., murdered by rejected lover. Section 1, Page 1. Sport. Australians defeat California at Rugby football. Section 2, Page 2. Two world records broken at Irish-American Athletic meet. Section 2, Page 2. Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club to hold annual meeting Tuesday night. Section 4, Page 1. Baseball magnates tell anecdotes of other sports. Section 4, Page 7. Automobiles plan race from Los Angeles to Portland. Section 4, Page 6. Corbett declares he is ready to meet Johnson. Section 4, Page 7. Northwest League schedule completed after all-day session. Section 2, Page 2.

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## BEAUTIFUL WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH

### Iowa Shudders at Murder of Singer.

## REJECTED SUITOR SUSPECTED

### Marks in Sand at Ottumwa Tell of Struggle.

## TWO MEN UNDER ARREST

### Choir Soloist Waylaid and Skull Crushed With Stone—Sought All Night by Whole City—Large Reward Is Offered.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 6.—Clara Rosen, a soloist at the Lutheran Church at Ottumwa, was murdered in an unusually atrocious manner last night. Her badly-mutilated body was found today and widespread search was made for her slayer.

Miss Rosen, who was a beautiful woman, 28 years old, was to have been married next month to Sanford Carlson, of Ironton, Wyo., a mineowner. The police say this love affair was the cause of her death. They say a disappointed suitor murdered her.

### Fights for Life to Last.

Miss Rosen was waylaid as she was returning home from her practice. Her assailant dragged her to a lonely spot and crushed her skull with a sharp stone. Her death screams failed to summon aid, but the story of her frenzied attempts to wrest herself from her slayer's grasp is written in the sand near the place where her body was found. The singer fought the man from the time he grasped her in the street until she sank unconscious beneath his blows.

## JURY PRAYS FOR GUIDANCE

### Then Weeping Convicts Man of Murdering Witness.

SUFFOLK, Va., Feb. 6.—Prayer for divine guidance was asked on behalf of the jury which today brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against Samuel Hardy. Hardy was charged with the murder of T. G. Jones at Holland, Va., last October.

## HEPBURN STILL FIGHTING

### Denies He Has Abandoned Contest for Seat in House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—"It's a lie and therefore I don't care to say anything about it," replied Representative Hephurn, of Iowa, when the report that he had abandoned his contest with W. D. Jamison, a Democrat, for the seat in Congress from the Eighth Iowa District was brought to his attention.

## SEMBRICH LEAVES OPERA

### Singer to Retire After 25 Years in Her Profession.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Mme. Marcella Sembrich, the prima donna, bade farewell to the operatic stage tonight before an audience at the Metropolitan Opera House.

## MIDNIGHT WEDDING SETS TOWN AFIRE

### THRILLING ELOPEMENT HAS MANY SEQUELS.

### Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Marries Man Thrice Her Age and Prosecutions Will Follow.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Just because pretty Paula Skodak, 15 years old, married 45-year-old William Grimm in a hurry last night, the hamlet of Ridge Farm, near here, is in ashes today, \$50,000 worth of property is destroyed, one man is facing a term of imprisonment, and several county officers are expecting serious trouble and possibly dismissal. All this followed a midnight elopement, a long night chase by an enraged brother, and a frenzied hunt for a Justice of the Peace.

Shortly before midnight last night the 15-year-old child slipped from the window of her home at Newport, Ind., and joined her lover of thrice her years. The two climbed into a buggy and started for "his city, closely pursued by the girl's brother. The eloping couple had the fastest horse, and succeeded in reaching Danville first, where after considerable difficulty a marriage license was procured. Owing to the youth of the bride, however, nobody here would marry the couple; and the pair again got into their carriage and drove to Ridge Farm, where there is a Justice of the Peace who has the reputation of being the refuge for elopers.

After their marriage, the bride complained of being hungry, and her attentive groom aroused the proprietor of the Esmer restaurant and ordered breakfast for two. In his hurry to oblige, the sleepy chef set the restaurant on fire; the flames soon spreading over the entire town and reducing the place to ruins. In the meantime the girl's brother had made complaint against the county officers who had granted the license to the pair, and also threatened the arrest of Grimm for abduction.

## PENSION EX - PRESIDENTS

### Volstead Proposes to Pay Them \$12,000 Yearly for Life.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—African hunts and magazine writing will not be necessary as the occupations of ex-Presidents of the United States, if a bill introduced by Representative Volstead, of Minnesota, be enacted. This measure provides a pension of \$12,000 annually for every President after he leaves the White House. No duties will be required of the retired chief executive, but, if he should be again elected President, his pension would cease during his term of office.

## ARMY LACKS 50,000 MEN.

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## ROYAL TRIP FAILS TO HUSH WAR TALK

### British King Ready to Visit Kaiser.

## BRITAIN ASKS BIGGER ARMY

### War Party Says German Peril Is Now Imminent.

## NEWSPAPERS ARE HOSTILE

### General Feeling That Germany Is Possible Enemy Against Which Nation Must Prepare Grows Fast.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Keen interest is being shown here in the forthcoming visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Berlin. They will start Monday morning, and Tuesday will find them in Berlin, where no British King has been for the last 136 years.

A large and distinguished suite which will accompany the King emphasizes the importance attached to the visit, but those behind the scenes hardly expect that the present effort to ease the relations between Great Britain and Germany will be attended by much more striking success than that following the Emperor's visit to the British court last year.

A remarkable wave of newspaper militarism has suddenly swept over England during the last week, which delights the friends of the "bigger army," and alarms the supporters of the Liberal party, who see in this only unnecessary public expenditure and sentiment for war with Germany.

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## HARRY MURPHY DISCOVERS SEVERAL THINGS IN THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK WORTHY OF NOTICE FROM HIS HUMOROUS PEN

