

REPORT OF TREATY IS DECLARED FALSE

Japanese Immigration Row Is Said to Be Unsettled.

OFFICIAL SOURCE QUOTED

California Says Nipponese Gave Out Story to Alleviate Effect of Alien Land Law.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 25.—Recently published reports that the state department at Washington had come to an understanding with Japan regarding Japanese immigration into the United States, which appeared in Tokyo, in Japanese language newspapers along the Pacific coast and afterward were given general publication throughout the United States, were erroneous, according to V. S. McClatchy, Sacramento publisher, who told today of his conference at the national capital as the official representative of the Japanese Exclusion League and of the Los Angeles County Anti-Asiatic association.

Mr. McClatchy, during his Washington visit, had conferences with Acting Secretary of State Mr. Ambassador Morris, who is temporarily in this country from his post in Tokyo, and with the California delegation in congress. He also conferred with members of the senate and house committees concerned with the subject of immigration and foreign relations.

Investigation to Be Made. According to Mr. McClatchy, Ambassador Morris has been commissioned by the state department to act for it on a careful examination of all the facts having to do with immigration, and to make a report which may serve as a basis for negotiations to be had with the representatives of Japan looking to abrogation or modification of the present "gentlemen's agreement," and the outlining of terms for a new treaty covering immigration. In this connection, Mr. McClatchy said, Mr. Morris has had with Japanese Ambassador Shidehara at Washington an unofficial interchange of views creating no obligation on either side, and held for the purpose of clearing, so far as that can be done, the ground for the official negotiations to follow.

Statement Declared True. The statement was circulated in Japan evidently for the purpose of making a better public feeling there prior to the California election, Mr. McClatchy declared. "It was generally conceded that the California alien land law was passed by a large majority, and the Japanese public was

induced to accept that result philosophically on the theory that the Japanese ambassador had already arranged with our state department the terms of a treaty under which the effect of the California law would be nullified. That would seem to be the incentive for the statement as published in Japan.

It is probable that the Johnson exclusion bill, which would exclude all immigration for a period of one year, and which has passed the house and is now in senate committee, will be the only immigration measure before the present session of congress, Mr. McClatchy said.

NULLIFICATION IS HOPED FOR

Japan Looking Forward to New Treaty With United States.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—Addressing preliminary meetings of the diet here today, Viscount Uchida, the foreign minister, expressed the opinion that a new Japanese-American treaty will be concluded leading to nullification of the California land law. He said he expected such action to result from the negotiations which have been in progress at Washington between Ambassador Shidehara and Roland S. Morris, United States ambassador to Japan.

The ambassadors he said, were making efforts to obtain an understanding with the senate to secure passage of the treaty. He announced that in view of the sincerity with which they are endeavoring to solve the problem, Japan has refrained from protesting against the California law, and that if the negotiations fail a formal protest would be lodged.

Answering interpellations, Viscount Uchida said that the negotiations were proceeding on an understanding that such a treaty would override the state laws.

MASSACRES INQUIRED INTO

Foreign Minister Withholds Reply Until Formal Session of Diet.

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—When questioned today at a preliminary meeting of the diet regarding discrepancies between the reports of missionaries and those of the military as to whether massacres had occurred at Chien-Tao, Manchuria, Viscount Uchida, the foreign minister, announced that he would withhold his reply until the formal session of the chamber.

Premier Hara announced at the meeting legislation which he is introducing in order to establish the jury system.

GAS KILLS BRIDAL PAIR

Soldier Hero and Wife of Few Hours Blow Out Gas on Retiring.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 25.—A small, dark-eyed girl, who arrived here yesterday from Naples, Italy, and her soldier hero, Rosco Brullo, whose bride she became a few hours later, were found dead from asphyxiation today in their snug Academy avenue apartment. A month ago in Italy, Carmalia received money for steamship fare and with it a note: "Come to me, my sweetheart, and we will be married at Christmas time."

After the simple wedding at Ellis Island yesterday, relatives of Brullo feasted the veteran and his bride. The celebration lasted into the early hours of this morning. When the couple retired, it was believed, Carmalia, who at home was wearing oil lamps, blew out the gas.

NEEDY ARE REMEMBERED

CHRISTMAS MADE MERRY ONE FOR MANY FAMILIES.

Between 300 and 400 Families in Portland Provided For—Scouts and Others Assist.

Between 300 and 400 families in Portland owed their joyous Christmas to the efforts of workers in the public welfare bureau. Friday was a busy day at headquarters in the courthouse, where boy scouts and a motor squad from the Knights of Pythias lodge directed distribution of donations of food, clothing and toys at homes of the needy.

With the exception of 15 families all were taken care of at dinner yesterday by private individuals and churches. The few left over received baskets from the welfare bureau. Probably \$5000 was spent yesterday through outside sources for entertainment and dinners given in private homes. The bureau itself spent little from its own fund, which has been devoted mainly to the relief of children and purchase of needed clothing between December 1 and Christmas day. A. R. Gephart, head of the organization, said he believed every one under his observation had been amply clothed.

Money was still coming in yesterday and Mr. Gephart found \$152.50 in his mail in the morning.

BRITON DECLINES HONOR

Admiral Kelley Will Not Accept Decoration From Constantine.

ATHENS, Dec. 25.—All of the newspapers devote one or more columns to comment on the recent incident when Admiral Kelley, head of the British naval mission here, declined the decoration of the Grand Order of the Royal Order of the Savior tendered him by Constantine.

The Athine remarks that it is comic to observe the grave ministers in the local foreign colony, "playing like little girls at a dance." Khronos says solemnly that the Greek people are perfectly calm and dignified and ignore the insult which it says was intended by the British.

MRS. MACSWINEY IS GUEST

Widow of Late Lord Mayor Entertained by Walsh Family.

CLINTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, his sister, Miss Mary MacSwiney, were Christmas guests at the home of David L. Walsh, United States senator.

They arrived last night, accompanied by Harry Boland, secretary to Eamonn De Valera, and were entertained by the senator's brother, Major Thomas L. Walsh and his sister, Miss Mary Walsh.

COBLENZ DESERTER HELD

Ex-Lieutenant Also Accused of Stealing \$48,000 Funds.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—John C. Gottenkiene, alias David L. Gordon, ex-

second lieutenant in the 5th field artillery division, charged with deserting his command at Coblenz, Germany, in June, 1919, taking with him about \$48,000 of his company's funds, was arrested last night and turned over to department of justice agents. The government agents said that the prisoner would be taken to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., tomorrow for trial.

LEWIS MILLS SUSPEND

Plants Not Already Closed Down Are Idle During Holidays.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Lewis county sawmills, not already closed down as a result of market conditions, have suspended operations for the holidays. The Carlisle-Pennell mill at Onalaska closed Thursday night. The camp will resume Monday and the mill on January 3. The Guerrier mill, near Forest, closed Wednesday. A Christmas entertainment was held Wednesday night by the Guerrier employees.

Unlike most mills in this vicinity, the tie plant near Onalaska, operated by H. C. Jorgenson, has been working three shifts in order to fill a contract for ties that has a time clause attached to it.

PATIENTS HEAR MUSIC

Members of the Community Service, led by Walter Jenkins, sang yesterday morning for patients of the Portland sanitarium. Twelve persons comprised the chorus. Warren's Vesper orchestra gave a concert before the patients of the Pierce sanitarium. The Christmas decorations of both institutions were conceived by Mrs. Jacob Kamm.

FIRE DESTROYS AUTOMOBILE

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—While driving to his home in Winlock, from Napavine, the automobile of Roy Wall caught fire from a short circuit and was destroyed. Wall and Herman Rhodes, who was in the car with him, tried to extinguish the blaze with mud but abandoned their efforts when it appeared that the gasoline tank would explode.

236 CLAIM LOST \$5 BILL

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 25.—A five-dollar bill was advertised as found by the Berkeley police department yesterday. In two days 236 persons have claimed ownership, according to Sergeant Charles Becker. None was able to identify the bill to his satisfaction. He still holds it.

NEW GULF LINE TO OPEN

HAMBURG, Dec. 25.—The gulf line is open to a new steamship service from Hamburg to all ports on the west coast of South America, by way of the Strait of Magellan.

MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 25.—George Alfred Flehn, the new German minister to Brazil, presented his credentials to President Pessoa Friday.

All Mail Orders Carefully Filled Same Day as Received.

Agents for the Butterick Patterns and Designer. All new styles now showing.

"The Store That Undersells Because It Sells for Cash"

Parcels Post Packages Prepaid on Five Dollar Purchases.

The new Delta Chart with the new Butterick Patterns is meeting with universal favor.

The Year's Greatest Values in This End of the Month Sale

Our annual event that thousands of prudent women from past experiences have learned to look forward to as the great value-giving period of the entire year—a time when all odds and ends, small lots, surplus stocks and merchandise more or less soiled or mused during the holiday period are all especially displayed and marked at

Prices That Run Up to One-half Former Selling Figures

Just glance at this list—then come to the store and see for yourself what remarkable savings are possible here:

Drastic Price Reductions in Knit Underwear, Hosiery



Through this timely sale we announce a low price adjustment immediately on present stocks of Women's Knit Underwear and Hosiery that will prove of great importance to those who can arrange to attend. Below we list a few of the special offerings—just see for yourself what splendid savings now accrue to you.

- Wool-Mixed Vests and Pants at 98¢ Pair
Heavy Fleeced Vests and Pants at 69¢ Gar.
Fleeced Union Suits at 79¢
Sport Wool Hose, \$1.39 Pr.
Silk Hose at 79¢ Pr.
Cashmere Hose at 69¢ Pr.
Women's Stylish Stout Dresses
Women's Flannelette Wear \$1.79 1/2 Price \$1.79

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Just 40 dozen high-grade Amoskeag, Daisy Cloth and Scotch Flannel Gowns to be closed out at just one-half price. Regardless of loss or former selling prices, we will dispose of the cream of our new outing wear at this ridiculous quotation. Remember all high-grade, standard materials, all full cut and full seamed, all reputable makes of unquestioned merit. We have over 20 styles of these well-trimmed and tailored gowns, all to go at \$1.79 each.

Blankets at 1/2 Regular Prices
About 250 Pairs in This Sale Formerly Selling From \$3.25 Up to \$20.00, to Close at \$1.63 to \$10.00 Pair
All-Wool, Wool-Mixed and Cotton Blankets
You have choice from white, gray, tan and plaid styles—samples—odd lots—and slightly soiled blankets that have been on display—but we tell you that if you wish to participate in this great saving sale—COME EARLY. The lot will not last throughout the day. YOU HAVE UNRESTRICTED CHOICE AT EXACTLY 1/2 REGULAR SELLING PRICES.

Wonderful Offerings at 1/2 Prices in Fancy Goods Section
Novelty Ribbons Half Price!
Women's Neckwear Half Price
A great after Xmas cleanup of women's up-to-the-minute Neckwear, Collars, Sets and Vestees in all desirable materials; some slightly soiled; others fresh and clean. All on sale at HALF PRICE.
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All Remnants to Close at Half Price
INCLUDED ARE GEORGETTES, CHIFFONS, SILK AND COTTON NETS, LACES, EMBROIDERIES AND RIBBONS. A wonderful assortment from which many prudent women will find satisfactory selection and save one-half on their purchases.
Boudoir Caps at Half Price!
Beautiful Boudoir Caps in silk and lace combinations, in all colors. All that remain after the Xmas rush to close at HALF PRICE.
Laces at Half!
Odds and Ends—Short bolts and broken sets in all sorts of desirable narrow laces to close this sale at HALF PRICE.
Turkish Towels at 25¢ Ea.
Honeycomb Towels 3 for \$1.00
White Honeycomb Towels, hemmed and with blue border, 20x40 inches. Just about one-half former price.
Big Heavy Bath Towels at 98¢ Each
Full bleached and 24x48 inches—a wonderful value in an exceptionally fine Towel.
Hundreds of Wash Cloths at 10¢ Each
All of good size and quality. They come with pink, blue, helio and yellow border.
Handkerchiefs at Half Price!
Women's Handkerchiefs, slightly soiled or mused during the Xmas rush. Linen, Lawn, Swiss, Silk, embroidered, etc. All to go at HALF PRICE.
Box Handkerchiefs at Half!
All novelty boxed Handkerchiefs for women and children, initialed or embroidered, to close this sale at HALF PRICE.

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The Most in Value—The Best in Quality

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