



JAPANESE SATISFIED

Message Pleases the Little Brown Man.

JAPS NATURALIZATION

Considered the Only Solution of the Japanese Problem in America.

BOND WILL BE STRENGTHENED

Over Ten Thousand Japanese in San Francisco Jubilant; Three Hundred Thousand Whites Are Opposed to Naturalization.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—In an interview published in the Call today, bearing on the recommendations made in his message by President Roosevelt on Japanese naturalization and on the segregation of their children in schools, General K. Uyene, the consul for Japan here, says:

"Sentiment is practically universal among the ten thousand Japanese in San Francisco that the recommendations made by the President contain the most rational solution of the Japanese-American problem yet suggested. The Japanese are not only pleased over the message, but they regard it as one of the most noteworthy documents on international questions that have been issued from the White House.

"There is no question but that the bonds between Japan and the United States would be considerably strengthened by conferring the privilege of franchise on the Japanese in California. There are some fifty odd thousand Japanese in the states, and while I am not in a position to say how many of these would take advantage of naturalization privileges, I do think the number would be comparatively large. I think this would be especially so in the case of the Japanese in San Francisco.

"Many Japanese have family and property in this city and they would naturally regard San Francisco as their permanent home once they believed that they had the same privileges as other aliens.

"Concerning the school segregation question, a lot is being written and talked about that is due to misconception of the facts in the case.

"I think that the entire matter will be solved satisfactorily and that there is no occasion for believing otherwise. The Japanese are not striving for anything unreasonable and are quite willing to let the facts in the dispute guide whatever decision is to be ultimately decided."

EXORBITANT INTEREST.

Rates for Call Loans on Stock Exchange Discussed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—President Pomeroy of the stock exchange, in commenting on Jacob Schiff's address at the meeting of the chamber of commerce yesterday, in which he asked for an inquiry into exorbitant interest rates on call loans, said that he had heard that a number of banks and trust companies were said to be guilty of manipulating call money loan rates in the manner described by Mr. Schiff, but that he did not know whether the charges were true. The stock exchange authorities, he said, would gladly co-operate with the clearing house in any possible way

with the object of stopping the practice.

"There is said to be enough money to go around," he added, "for the brokers always manage to get accommodations at some rate or other and apparently the money is there, whether it is loaned at five per cent at one time of the day or 25 per cent at another, and we would only be too glad to assist in any movement to establish less violent fluctuations. Thus far we have been unable to devise any plan for so doing."

BICYCLE RIDERS.

Interesting Race Will Commence Sunday Night in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Sixteen teams of bicycle riders gathered from every quarter of the globe will start on Sunday night on the long journey of annual international six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden. The release yesterday from Ellis Island of the championship French team Georget Brothers, who recently won the first six days race ever held in Europe, complete the list of entries which was held open until the last moment, awaiting a decision in their case. The champions of Europe, Asia and Africa, as well as the very best riders in America will go to the post. Eddie Root of Sheephead Bay, who won the last two races, is again favorite with Joe Fogler of Brooklyn, his partner last year, but Bobby Walker and Hugh McLean are a close second choice.

LOCAL OPTION CARRIES.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 7.—William Howard, a negro, upon a wager here today, drank two dozen glasses of whiskey and one dozen glasses of gin and died.

OVERCROWD TRAINS

Relief in Sight for Elevated Roads in Chicago.

NEW TRAIN SCHEME DEVISED

Railroad Companies Centering in Chicago Agree Upon Needed Improvements for the Protection of Passengers in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Relief from the dangerous overcrowding of elevated trains is believed to be in sight as the result of plans made yesterday at a conference between Mayor Dunne and the presidents of the roads. The plans took the shape of a compromise between the city and the traction men on several disputed matters of policy.

In brief the tentative agreement reached was:

"The loop junctions in Fifth avenue and Lake Van Buren streets to be double decked so that trains bound in one direction pass overhead those bound the opposite way.

"Through routing ultimately to be established.

"Platforms of loop stations to be lengthened.

"Universal transfers are to be exchanged between the lines.

"The Northwestern to build a stub end terminal in Dearborn street."

The conference was the result of the activity to which the city administration was stirred by the death recently of a young woman in an accident to an overcrowded car.

WILL REVIEW LAW.

Immigration Bureau to Consider Hawaiian Immigration.

HONOLULU, Dec. 6th.—U. S. Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, who is here from Washington to investigate the subject, says that the Hawaiian Immigration Law has been compiled with in the importance of Portuguese, but that the department of justice will review the law.

CORNELL IN FLAMES

Chi Psi Fraternity House Destroyed by Fire.

INMATES ARE INJURED

Students Made Heroic Efforts to Save Members of the College.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$200,000

Oldest and Most Exclusive Fraternity at the University Wiped Out, Fire Originating in the Executive Mansion.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 7.—In the burning of the Chi Psi fraternity house of the Cornell University today, seven lives were lost, three being volunteer firemen and four students, besides seven were injured. One of these may die. The bodies of all but two students have been recovered and the building is being dynamited to facilitate the search for the missing bodies. Volunteer firemen were buried under a falling wall. Following is a list of the dead:

S. W. Crelle student, New Jersey.

W. H. Nichols, student, Chicago, Illinois.

O. L. Schmack, student, Pennsylvania.

A. S. Robinson, attorney, Ithaca.

John Ramsey, Ithaca.

Esty Landrum, clerk, Ithaca.

James McCutcheon, Jr., student, Pittsburg, Pa.

O. L. Schmuck, a student from Hanover, Pa., escaped from the burning building, but re-entered it in an endeavor to save a room-mate, W. H. Nichols. His efforts were futile, and he died later of his injuries.

James McCutcheon of Pittsburg, a noted football player, also died trying to save his comrades, and J. C. Pope, a freshman, received injuries while performing rescue work that later resulted in his death. The bodies of Nichols and F. W. Grelle, students, have not been recovered. The property loss is estimated at \$200,000.

McCutcheon was fullback on the varsity team. With Coke he attempted to run the gauntlet of fire in the hall, and unconscious the two were rescued, but the firemen could not reach Nichols and Schmuck, who perished in the flames. Crelle's body was taken from the ruins burned almost beyond recognition.

The Chi Psi is one of the richest and most exclusive Greek letter fraternities established at Cornell university. Fire broke out early this morning in the magnificent mansion occupied by the fraternity, presumably from crossed electric wires. The building is situated some distance from the city.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., to Marry a Prominent Actress.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 7.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is engaged to be married to Elsie Janis, a 17-year-old actress, according to a report circulated around the Harvard campus.

Roosevelt emphatically deny they are to be married. They even say the story was started as a practical joke on young Roosevelt. There are Harvard students, however, who stoutly maintain the engagement exists and that they will be married when Teddy Jr. leaves college, two years from next June.

STEAMER LOST.

Russian Volunteer Steamer Strikes a Floating Mine.

VICTORIA, Dec. 7.—The loss of the Russian volunteer steamer Varyagin, which struck a floating mine with two hundred persons, is reported from Vladivostok. The date of the disaster is not given, but the mine was struck four miles off Cape Manchuria, the vessel sinking in one minute and a half. The vessel carried 250 passengers, of whom 47 were saved. She carried a crew of 23, of whom 14 escaped. Chinese junks performed notable service in rescuing the half frozen people.

PANAMA CANAL.

Opening of Bids for Construction Continued Until January 12.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Isthmian Canal commission announced that the opening of bids for the construction of the Panama canal had been postponed from December 12 to January 12. Invitations for bids fix the working hours of American labor on the construction work at eight hours, and foreign labor at ten hours, and require at least two shifts during 24 hours. The contractors' bonds have been reduced from \$3,000,000 to \$2,000,000, and they are required to have \$5,000,000 capital.

WOMEN SUCCESSFUL

New York Eastsiders Boycott of Butchers Virtually Won.

5000 SHOPS WILL BE CLOSED

Price of Meats Reduced to Fourteen Cents a Pound in New York Causes the Women Aggressors to Rejoice.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The women of the East Side are winning their fight against the butchers who recently raised the price of meat. The packers, it is stated, have capitulated to the retailers upon the threat of the latter to close 5,000 shops that cater to the tenements of the congested districts.

The price of meat was formerly 14 cents a pound. A week or two ago it was raised to 16 cents because, as the shopkeepers said, the wholesalers had increased the price to them. It is the extra two cents that has caused the so-called "strike" of the women of the tenements.

The news that the wholesale meat dealers had lowered the price one cent a pound to the retailers came late yesterday and caused rejoicing among the women.

When the butchers heard that they would get their meat a cent cheaper, many who have felt the effects of the boycott, decided to accede to the demands of the women. They hung out signs that 14 cents would be the price hereafter. Trade with them at once commenced to pick up. As the tidings spread, crowds congregated around the shops until the police had to disperse them.

LEVEE BROKEN.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 7.—A report is current that the Colorado river has broken through the levee four thousand feet below Rock Dam in the Imperial canal. The information was brought by Southern Pacific officials,

CONGRESS IN SESSION

Several Bills Passed in the House Yesterday.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

Book Trust Scheme Will Probably Be Knocked in the Head.

STATES LEGISLATE THEMSELVES

Employment of Convict Labor Made the Subject of a Bill Providing Matter Be Left to Several States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The house today passed several bills and received from the committee on appropriations the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which carries an appropriation of over \$31,000,000 and contains a provision barring "Simplified Spelling" in all documents authorized by law or ordered by congress.

It is stated, by those who claim to know, that the new spelling reform is the production of the fertile brains of book manufacturers, who expect to make millions of dollars out of the publication of school and text books, if they can work their scheme through congress. The sentiment in both houses is strongly against any interference with the old established methods of spelling.

During today's session the house passed a bill which has the enthusiastic indorsement of organized labor, as well as manufactures generally, repealing that portion of the Wilson inter-commerce bill relating to convict made goods and permitting the several states to legislate for themselves as to their competition with free labor made goods. A bill was also passed creating a game preserve in the Olympia mountains in the state of Washington.

The Democrats in the house today opposed the consideration of the bill conferring United States citizenship on the inhabitants of Porto Rico.

BERT ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Pacific Coast Base Ball League Elect Officers.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—At today's meeting of the Pacific Coast Base Ball League President Eugene F. Bert was unanimously re-elected president. Nothing came of the charges preferred against Bert by James F. Moorley, former manager of the Los Angeles team. The following were elected directors: E. B. Evans, Fresno; Russ Hall, Seattle; C. W. Pendleton, Los Angeles; J. C. Ewing, San Francisco; E. N. Walter, Oakland; W. W. McCredie, Portland.

FUEL FAMINE.

Idaho People Go to Bed to Keep Warm.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 7.—While there has been no real suffering from the fuel shortage in eastern Oregon, reports come from Boise and different points in Idaho that in a number of instances families were obliged to remain in bed to keep warm. In many homes the occupants sat about with heavy wraps on and a few families were compelled to break up their furniture to keep fire. Women were seen begging for a few chunks of coal "for

baby's sake." At Boise it was necessary for some families to go to the hotels.

In eastern Oregon there would be dire suffering if it were necessary to depend entirely on the coal. Wood can be secured in small quantities from mountain points, though the prices are very high.

MAKING PEDAGOGUES.

Forest Grove University Will Adopt New Course.

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 7.—The faculty of Pacific university has decided to offer a course in pedagogy, beginning with the winter term, after the holidays, and running through the year. It is designed for such students as wish to prepare themselves for teaching, and will be open to all students of the colleges and those of the fourth year of Tualatin academy. Professor Coons of the academy will have charge of the work.

ANTIQUATED WILL.

Old Will of Former Citizen of United States Found.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A piece of rich paper faded and yellow, from age, with lines faintly traced will be handed to Surrogate Thomas today. It is the last will and testament of Dr. Divas Devun McCarre, citizen of the United States, doctor and interpreter with the expedition that Commodore Perry led to Japan over fifty years ago. The will was drawn in Tokio in 1894.

The will disposes of all possessions in money and real estate to the widow and the library on Chinese and Japanese literature together with medals, decorations swords and testimonials are willed to the University of Pennsylvania.

SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS

Surgery Can Transform Incurable Youths Into Angels.

IMPROVING MORAL CHARACTER

New Disease Discovered by New York Specialists Which Usually Attacks School Boys of Tender Years, Is Curable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—According to Dr. William H. Maxwell, city superintendent of schools, and Dr. John J. Cronin, assistant chief medical inspector of the board of health, it has been demonstrated that surgery can transform a bad boy into a good one. This achievement among other equally beneficial, was the result of an operation performed recently upon a pupil from a school in the lower East Side, whose name is withheld. Primarily the operation was resorted to, not with the notion of improving the lad's moral character, but for the removal of a physical defect.

For a long time the boy, who is about 14 years old, and the son of poor parents, had been incorrigible in and out of school. After the operation, which was for the removal of adenoids, there was a surprising change in the boy. He became more cheerful, lost his surly manner, and without threats or coercion, but merely in response to a kindly suggestion, he stopped smoking cigarettes, a habit to which he had been addicted. He also developed a quickness of apprehension and a readiness to study and is now considered a model pupil.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 7.—Six miners were entombed today by the caving in of a shaft leading to a big steel pipe conduit in the Edison Power Company's plant eighteen miles from this city. It will be two weeks before the bodies of the dead men can be reached.