

JAPANESE READY TO WELCOME FLEET

Entertainment Will Be on a Scale Not Elsewhere Surpassed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Tokyo, Oct. 15.—Wireless messages received here today from the Japanese warships state that the American fleet is off the southeastern coast of Japan and is proceeding slowly up the coast. Stormy weather interfered with the progress of the American fleet but the vessels are reported to be in fine condition.

Vice-Admiral Minoru Saito and Baron Saito, minister of the Japanese navy, have sent a welcoming message by wireless to Admiral Sperry, extending to him the congratulations of the nation and a warm welcome from Japan. A message by wireless from Admiral Sperry says he is proceeding slowly on account of the rough weather and may not arrive at Yokohama until October 18.

Yokohama, Oct. 15.—Sixteen Japanese battleships, stern and forbidding as at a fleet of steamers, yachts and other craft, awaiting the sighting of the American fleet of battleships under the command of Admiral Sperry, coming to Japan in response to an invitation extended by the Japanese government. The visit of the American fleet promises to be a great event of historical significance and the Japanese, in preparing for the visitors, have duly recognized the importance of the event. For weeks there has been great excitement in official and social circles over the prospect of the visit and the most elaborate preparations have been made for the reception and entertainment of the nation's guests. The Japanese are noted for their etiquette and hospitality to a fault. It was to be expected that they would not let this opportunity pass without making every effort to do honor to the Americans, whom they have always considered their friends, notwithstanding the local anti-Japanese agitation in San Francisco and elsewhere in the west.

Thoroughness is one of the most striking characteristics of the Japanese and never have they given a better illustration of that fact than in the weeks just passed, when they made and completed the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the American fleet. Every minute detail has been properly arranged and it may be expected that the program prepared for the occasion will be carried out with the same attention to details which characterized the work of the Japanese army during the late war in Manchuria.

Will Go Out Ship for Ship.
The sighting of the American fleet will be the signal for the beginning of the ceremonial program. The Japanese battleships will weigh anchor and steam soon to meet the American fleet as soon as they are sighted. Every one of the battleships has been assigned to escort to the harbor one of the visiting American warships. After having exchanged salutes with the visitors, an enormous fleet of steamers and other craft, loaded with Japanese officials and mere sightseers will meet the battleships and give them an enthusiastic welcome.

The program for the week of the American fleet's visit is so extensive and elaborate that the entire week will be devoted to the occasion. The American officers and men from the moment of their arrival in Yokohama to their departure a week or so hence, will be treated as if they were the guests of honor. Every effort will be made to divide the honor of entertaining the visitors. The American fleet will be met in the harbor by the Japanese fleet of battleships and other vessels. The program of the week of the American fleet's visit is so extensive and elaborate that the entire week will be devoted to the occasion.

Every home in this city will exhibit during the visit of the Americans, by day as well as by night, lanterns bearing the American flag. The Japanese are famous for their skill in artistic decorating and on this occasion they have surpassed themselves in their efforts to do honor to the guests of the nation. The program of reception and entertainment provides both for the officers and the men of the American fleet. The officers will be entertained on the day of their arrival at a dinner given in their honor by the Japanese and the men will be entertained at a reception by the mayor of Yokohama and at a reception given by the municipality of this city. The following day they will be guests at a dinner arranged by the mayor of Yokohama and at a reception given by the municipality of this city.

SCRIBER HELD
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here at once and yesterday it was decided by the government representatives that Scriber should be arrested at once. United States Deputy Marshal G. J. Bryan arrived from Portland early today and shortly afterward arrested the cashier at his home where he has been most of the time since the reports of failure began to be circulated.

Covered Up Shortage.
It is understood here that Scriber's financial difficulties began to appear even before the Farmers & Traders became a national bank. It is the general supposition that when action was taken to make the institution a national bank it was done so by Scriber with the hope that the change would tide him over and that his discrepancies would never be discovered.

One report is to the effect that Scriber has not heavily in several speculations, one of them being the Heppner land fraud case. It is said that Scriber was interested in such a way that when

the investigation of the alleged funds began he was compelled to spend a great deal of money in endeavoring to prevent the secret from getting out. Although the charges against the cashier are that of embezzlement, it is understood that Scriber has been guilty of forgery in many instances. It is believed that by means of forgery he was enabled to tide the bank over from time to time even in spite of the examination by the national bank examiner.

A representative of the Dexter Horton bank of Seattle is in La Grande, and it is said that he holds forged papers amounting to something like \$15,000. The name of former cashier, Treasurer, Wm. F. Fendleton is signed, so it is said, to the N. K. West note. Sheriff F. P. Childers' name is also said to have been forged to some of the papers.

It is rumored on the streets that the bank is practically a wreck. One explanation of how the affairs of the Farmers & Traders National bank were allowed to run as long as they did before the irregularities in the accounts of the cashier were made known, is attributed to the fact that National Examiner Gatch has known Scriber since boyhood and knew him implicitly. In fact, in 1891, when Mr. Gatch was in the employ of the Ladd & Bush bank in Salem, he was offered the position of cashier of the Farmers & Traders bank. Mr. Gatch declined and recommended Scriber, who at that time was in the Capital National bank at Salem.

Warrant in Portland.
Owing to this fact it is believed that Mr. Gatch might have taken the word of Scriber in many instances and not made an careful examination of the existing affairs as he would otherwise. Before advising the arrest of Scriber, however, Mr. Gatch conferred with the government representatives in Portland, with the result that a warrant for his arrest was issued Thursday in Portland.

Scriber is about 45 years old. He has a wife, grown son and several daughters. His father was Charles W. Scriber who lived in Salem many years and was well known throughout the state. His mother died a sister still lives in Salem. He has a brother, Charles Scriber, who is connected with a bank in Portland. He was a candidate for state senator on the Republican ticket. He was defeated.

Roy Miller, a nephew of Scriber, was connected with the bank at Sumner which failed some years ago. Scriber was also interested in the business. Miller, it will be remembered, was arrested at the time of the bank's failure. Scriber is reported to have derived their idea of having received deposits when the bank was insolvent. The decision, however, was later reversed by the supreme court.

County Deposits.
The Farmers & Traders National bank was incorporated at \$50,000. The last official statement of Cashier Scriber made September 30, 1908, shows assets of \$151,000. Other resources, \$65,000. Cash on hand, \$27,000.

Among the heavy depositors are Union county, \$20,000; the sheriff's office, \$5,000; the city and school trustees, \$15,000; Alexander Sugar company, \$10,000. In addition there are numerous other depositors having accounts ranging from \$100 to \$5,000.

The actual amount of cash in the vaults at the time of the bank's failure has not been made known. While the report of a forged paper to open its doors Monday was a surprise to a great many persons in this vicinity, it was known by some that the affairs of Scriber were not in the best of circumstances. While he always held a stiff upper lip and pretended that his speculations and investments were turning out good, it became known by some of the other deals that he was endeavoring to start that the conditions of the bank were somewhat strained.

HEARST SERVED
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The sensational scene on the train was equal to the thrilling events which led to the resignation of Governor Haskell as treasurer of the national Democratic committee, the biggest sensation of the present presidential campaign.

Calls Haskell a Scoundrel.
Hearst today declared that Governor Haskell was a scoundrel, and said: "I welcome the suit against me and will fight in court that my statements were true. The manner serving papers was outrageous. I would have accepted service by mail with pleasure." The charge is that on September 19, because of hatred, malice and ill-will against the plaintiff, the defendant maliciously and wantonly delivered a speech attacking him, at Memphis, Tenn.

It also charged that on September 20 Hearst printed in his newspapers a "false, defamatory and libelous article concerning the plaintiff." Haskell has no right to break down a door to serve papers in a civil suit, and to start that the conditions of the bank were somewhat strained.

Man in Pain Shoots Himself in Breast—Remarkable Vitality.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Santa Cruz, Cal., Oct. 14.—While his wife was absent from the room, John C. Wood, a wealthy resident of this city, early today procured a shotgun, placed it against his body and blew away the greater part of his thorax, including the lungs. Despite his terrible injuries, Wood survived two hours.

He returned last night from the St. Helena military hospital, where he had been operated on for appendicitis. He appeared to be suffering great pain during the night. He had been ill for several years. Wood came from Milbank, D., where he owned property. He was owner of the Santa Cruz Mill & Lumber company. He leaves a wife and children.

STIR UP ST. JOHNS AND SELLWOOD TOO
Colonel Robert A. Miller and John Manning will address the people of Sellwood tonight at Strahlman's hall on the issues of the present presidential campaign. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Sellwood Republican Club and it is expected that there will be a large attendance, as much excitement has been worked up by the members of the organization.

ITALIAN ACCUSES A COMPATRIOT

Natale Puccio, Shot by Unseen Foe, Says F. Bianchini Did It.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Santa Rosa, Cal., Oct. 15.—Sheriff J. K. Smith and deputies are seeking F. Bianchini, an Italian, accused by Natale Puccio of having shot him Wednesday evening at Gila Ellen, several miles from here. Puccio is in the county hospital and the doctors hold out little hope for his recovery.

Puccio was shot twice. One bullet entered the left forearm and another his cheek on the right side of the nose and indicated what will probably be a fatal wound.

The shooting occurred in the dark. Puccio had stepped outside his house when he was shot twice. He could not see his assailant but charges Bianchini with the crime. There had been bad blood between the two men for some time and Bianchini is alleged to have thrown a bottle at Puccio.

ACTING FAULTY, BUT NOT PLAY
"The Clansman," Rev. Thomas Dixon's play, portraying the reconstruction period in the south, may be a good play as modern dramas go, but the members of the company that put it on at the Hellig last night have a worrisome misconception of the negro character. They seemed to have derived their idea of the plantation negro from the work of the burnt cork artists on the minstrel stage, and anybody who knows anything of the real southern plantation darkey knows that the genus is grotesquely caricatured in the modern minstrel show.

The one faint gleam of the genuine negro, in last night's performance, was seen in "Nelse," the old-fashioned slave, and "Eve," his wife, in spite of the menacing threats of the other members of the race, the impossible promise of social equality and the carpet-bagger's assurance of 40 acres and a mule, clung to their old master and served him faithfully, but even that picture was far from true to life.

Just why the negro of today objects to this play and denounces the author as a traducer of his race is difficult to understand. The play is a fairly true representation of the actual condition that existed in half a dozen southern states for the first few years after the Civil war. It is the actors in the play that give offense to the negro race.

The play itself is all right. In the role of the "Carpetbagger," Earl Lee does good work. Charles J. Wilson, as Silas Lynch, the newly elected lieutenant-governor of South Carolina, has a faulty conception of the negro politician of the reconstruction era. He makes of the character a gentlemanly, educated negro, and there were none such among the ex-slaves of the far south at that time. Gus Inalls, in the role of William Pitt Shrimp, the carpetbagger governor, is a type readily recognized by southern whites familiar with the history of the south in the late "sixties."

Upon the whole, "The Clansman" deals entertainingly with a phase of American history that has been almost entirely neglected by playwrights.

TO TAKE TEST RIDE FROM ATASCADERO
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Camp Atascadero, Cal., Oct. 15.—Sixteen field officers of the United States army, under the direction of Colonel Marion P. Maus, the department commander, started today on the annual 90-mile test ride prescribed by the war department. The party rode from Atascadero at 8:30 a. m. for San Luis Obispo, where they will camp for the night. Tomorrow they will ride 15 miles beyond that place and return there to camp Sunday. They will complete the last lap of the 90 miles and arrive at Atascadero about noon. Each officer has been examined by the surgeons and pronounced fit for the test.

The official test of the new Hotchkiss automatic rifle will begin tomorrow and will be continued during next week.

To Preserve Old Schurz Home.
(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Watertown, Wis., Oct. 15.—The old homestead of Carl Schurz in this city is to be put up for sale at public auction tomorrow to satisfy a small judgment. A movement has been started with good prospects of success for the purchase of the homestead by the city and its preservation as a permanent memorial to the great German-American. The place was the first permanent home of Schurz after he came to America. He built the house shortly after his arrival in the United States in 1854 and lived there for eight years, during which time he became a national figure.

Police Discredit Curwood Story
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 15.—The mounted police doubt the report that James Oliver Curwood, the novelist, was murdered in the Lac La Ronge district by Indians. They have been unable to trace definitely the report that Curwood was slain.

The trader who brought the report says he received it through Indian rumors which stated that Curwood was killed after he had accidentally shot an Indian. The trader said he was slain by members of the tribe who sought vengeance.

The authorities are investigating the story.



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