

JAPANESE AND YANKS SAID TO HAVE CLASHED

Obscure and Confusing Telegram Reports There Has Been Misunderstanding Among Troops.

Two Americans Said to Have Been Killed While Three Are Injured in Capture of Armored Train.

London, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—A dispatch from Harbin today made obscure reference to a reported clash between Japanese and American troops in Siberia. The dispatch says American soldiers had captured an armored train from General Semenov, the new anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia.

Two Americans were killed and three wounded in the encounter, the dispatch continues. It did not give any reason for the fighting, which occurred along the Verkhneudinsk railway in the Lake Baikal region. Fighting was reported under way between Czech-Slovak troops and the forces of Semenov.

Bolshevik wireless communiques from Moscow referring to the situation in Siberia said a movement has been organized by the social revolutionaries, in conjunction with the Czechs.

The movement, according to the Bolshevik communiques, is to send an American fleet which left the Philippine Islands for Vladivostok to prevent the Japanese from landing fresh troops to assist General Semenov.

(The Bolshevik statement apparently refers to a reported effort to establish an independent Siberian republic between Obi and Vladivostok.)

Another Bolshevik communique referred to recent "Red victories" in the Trans-Caspian region as of great importance, pointing out that they strengthened the soviet influence in Turkestan.

Capture of the important town of Krasnovodsk, the starting point of the Trans-Caspian railway on the shores of the Caspian sea, insured the rule of "British imperialism" in Central Asia, the Bolsheviks claimed.

CHINESE FRONTIERS CLOSED

One immediate effect of the revolutionary movement in Persia and Bolshevik victories in Siberia and Turkestan has been the closing of Chinese frontiers against the Reds, the communists said.

Chinese revolutionary detachments, however, are cooperating with the soviet armies, it claimed, adding that a majority of the Cosacks in the Amur region and the Chinese in the border of the trans-Baikal country had revolted against Semenov, killing his representatives.

General Semenov recently was reported to have assumed command of anti-Bolshevik troops in Siberia following the defeat of Admiral Kolchak. Semenov has been accused of wanton cruelty in butchering the native population.

RETAILERS TURN ON WHOLESALE

Little Men Say Effort Being Made to Force Sale of Higher Priced Sugar.

Charges of alleged sharp practice in sugar selling were switched to wholesalers from retailers today. The retailers having acquiesced to the United States attorney's demand that beet sugar be sold for not more than 13 cents a pound, it is now declared that some wholesalers will not sell a sack of beet sugar until the retailer agrees to purchase in addition two sacks of the higher priced cane sugar.

W. K. Newell, food director, and United States Attorney Humphreys were to meet this afternoon to thresh out the situation.

Humphreys says he can see no reason why beet sugar should be sold only with a double quantity of cane sugar. He believes it only a device to "work off" the higher priced stuff now arriving.

"There is beet sugar enough to supply all of Oregon until February 1," Humphreys declared. "It is priced, retail, at 17 cents a pound. The cane sugar which is arriving sells for 18 cents. Purchasers can save money by insisting on beet sugar."

Undated Streetcar Transfers Are Put In Use by Company

New street car transfers, similar in composition but somewhat more conspicuous than those formerly used, made their appearance on all local street car lines this morning. The chief new feature of the transfers is the complete absence of a date. By means of a combination of letters as a symbol the work of the date is done.

The idea of the new system, as explained by officials of the company, is to avoid the necessity of carrying a great stock of transfers for each day in the month. On circus days, or other occasions of much travel, the transfer supply is not sufficient, while over great stocks of dated slips are left over.

ANTI-BOLSHEVİK CHIEF IN SIBERIA

GENERAL SEMENOFF, successor to Admiral Kolchak, recently announced he would force Bolshevism out of Siberia. He is reported as having the backing of Japan in his campaign.



Did Twin Demons of Speed and Liquor Snuff Out Two Lives?

Viola Cummings was a pretty golden-haired child of seven years. After a frolic with her chum on the afternoon of November 17, she was bound for the bright fireside at home. With her playmate she was crossing Division street, and had reached a spot within four feet of the curb when an automobile driven by Joe Mielke struck her down, crushed her frail body under the wheels, and dragged her 40 feet. Releasing her, the machine careened to the left side of the street and back to the right before stopping about 122 feet from the place where the child was struck and killed.

Mielke was arrested and lodged in jail. Next morning Police Officers Kelly and Scott were sent to bring the machine to the police station. After driving to East Eighth and Belmont with a steering gear which had a play of six inches and brakes that they say would not stop the machine inside of 75 feet at eight miles an hour, the officers telephoned to the station to have the machine towed. Mielke car through the congested district. They were afraid to drive it through town.

Mielke was charged with reckless driving and convicted in the municipal court on the same day with N. P. Sorenson. Each was given the maximum sentence by Judge Rossmann, \$500 fine and six months' imprisonment. Both appealed.

The coroner's jury investigated the Mielke case, and after the evidence was in, held him to the grand jury. The grand jury took it up, heard the evidence, and charged Mielke with involuntary manslaughter.

PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED

Before his case again came into court, a precedent in reckless driving had been set. Sorenson, the wealthy timberman, was made to trial on appeal. After pleading guilty to the charge of reckless driving, preferred because of four accidents within one hour, the circuit court, sitting en banc, taking some-

Oregon's Final O. K. Of Woman Suffrage Amendment Given

State House, Salem, Jan. 15.—Oregon's ratification of the Woman's Suffrage amendment to the national constitution was formally completed at exactly 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when President W. T. Vinton of the senate affixed his official signature to house joint resolution No. 1, sponsored by Representative Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

The measure passed the house Monday morning shortly after the special session was convened. Action by the senate was delayed until 3:45 Tuesday afternoon when the rivalry for the honor of sponsoring the measure was being smoothed out between Mrs. Thompson and Senator Farrell who had introduced a similar resolution in the senate.

The signature of Speaker Seymour Jones of the house was affixed to the resolution Wednesday morning. The measure will now go to the secretary of state's office for filing.

House Water Power Bill Passes, 52-18

Washington, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—The senate today passed the house water power bill by a vote of 52 to 18, with a number of amendments attached.

ORTON FRAMES LICENSE LAW FOR AUTOISTS

Bill Is Introduced in Senate to Further Protect General Public Against Reckless Driving.

Measure Would Prevent All Persons Not Having Permits to Operate on Highways of State.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—Senator Orton's bill providing for the licensing of automobile drivers was reported out favorably by the committee on roads and highways this morning and will take its regular place on the calendar. It will probably come up for consideration this afternoon.

State House, Salem, Jan. 15.—Licensing of the operator of an automobile, in an effort to further safeguard the general public against reckless and incompetent drivers, is provided in a bill introduced in the Senate Wednesday afternoon by Senator Orton.

Under the provisions of Orton's bill, no person, other than a chauffeur whose registration is already provided for under the law, would be permitted to operate a motor vehicle on any highway in the state until he had obtained an operator's license, which would be issued upon application to the secretary of state and the payment of a 25 cent license fee. Five days' experience in driving automobiles would be required before the license would be issued and no license would be issued to any person under 16 years of age. Special permits for persons who have suffered the loss of a hand or foot on whose eye-

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FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR STATE NEEDS

Joint Committee Makes Distribution With View of \$500,000 Which Is Available.

State House, Salem, Jan. 15.—The joint ways and means committee of the house and senate set aside \$100,026.35 at the meeting last night to take care of various demands that had been made upon it for additional appropriation.

The public service commission was given \$500 for an auditor, traffic expert and a court reporter. The Child-Caring league was given \$40,500, and the state veterinarian was given \$32,225 to reimburse various farmers for cattle destroyed by the state after having adopted them to be tubercular.

STATE FAIR AIDED

The state fair board was given \$10,000 to rebuild the stock barns broken down during the recent snow. The Interstate fair at Prineville was given \$500, while the Redmond potato show was given \$500. The sum of \$600 was set aside for the purchase of a painting of the late Governor Withycombe.

The state treasurer was given \$5500 to buy a new safe and for the additional purpose of bonding certain of his employees. The Dallas armory was given \$4000 for repairs.

The sum of \$15,000 was set aside for a special election on May 21 to which the measures and amendments so designated by the special session shall be submitted. The committee also set aside \$10,000 for the payment of district irrigation bonds under the terms of the Gallagher amendment.

REQUEST IS DISAPPROVED

One requested appropriation was disapproved, that being the item of \$100,000 for the road in the third ward in the house committee on roads and highways.

The ways and means committee has approximately \$500,000 with which to meet demands for appropriations. It faces authorized expenditures of some \$350,000 voted by the emergency board. The sum of \$300,000 of this amount was advanced for the administration of soldiers and sailors educational bill, \$10,000 for grain standardization work of the public service commission, \$10,000 for the governor's special fund for law enforcement work and \$30,000 for the agricultural college.

TO HELP SERVICE MEN

The request for an appropriation of \$400,000 for the soldiers and sailors' bill will probably not be granted, but the committee will take care of the \$300,000 already authorized by the emergency board.

All of the appropriations recommended by the committee last night are tentative and may be altered as the remaining demands are taken up, as the committee are bound by the \$500,000 available under the 6 per cent tax limitation.

SAFE'S CRACKED; \$18,500 IS TAKEN

Lewiston Milling Company, at East Second and Stark, Is Victim of Yeggmen.

Ten thousand dollars in trade acceptance checks, \$8000 in bank checks, \$150 cash and other personal papers were taken from the safe of the Lewiston Milling company, East Second and Stark streets, either last night or this morning, when burglars broke into the office and blew the safe almost to pieces. About \$20 worth of stamps were not taken.

AMATEURS, SAY COPS

That the job is the work of amateurs is the belief of Inspectors Phillips and Tackaberry, who investigated. The yeggs poured nitro-glycerine in the cracks of the safe and held it in place with soap. The first blast blew the outer compartment of the safe to pieces, sending the safe door through the stove and over against the wall at the other side of the room. The second blast was used in order to break open the inner compartment of the safe. Bertillon Expert James Hunter was unable to get any finger prints, as the yeggs used gloves while at work.

CHECKS ARE CANCELLED

They broke a small hole in an office window and unlocked the latch to gain entrance. Few of the checks taken will do the burglars any good, as all have been cancelled at the bank. Three of the checks were for \$1000 each.

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Husband Gagged; Bride of Three Days Kidnaped; Shows Up Later

Marriage of Keith Blackney and Frances E. Tunney Begins and Ends in Mystery.

Suppose you were a happy husband for three days. Suppose intruders entered your home, bound you, kidnaped your bride and disappeared. Wouldn't it jar you?

It did 22 year old Keith Blackney, who Sunday married Miss Frances Elizabeth Tunney, pretty cashier in Pantages theatre.

He called police at 9:30 p. m. Wednesday and reported the abduction of Mrs. Blackney by two armed intruders. He said his wife and he were sitting in the kitchen of their home at 604 East Stark street, when the two armed men rushed in, bound and gagged him, and carried the girl to a waiting motor car. He freed himself in time to see the car disappear down East Eighteenth street.

WIFE RETURNS

But at midnight Mrs. Blackney returned. She declared she did not know where she had been taken, but that after a long ride the men left her standing in front of a house in a strange district. She took a street car home.

But where are Mr. and Mrs. Blackney today? Nobody seems to know. Her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Roos, of 632 Sixth street, searched everywhere this morning for their daughter, but found no clew.

At noon Roos took a motor car and went to Oswego, where he believes Blackney's mother lives. The young couple, as he thought, may have gone there for the night after their abduction experience.

BOTH WORKED AT STORE

Blackney's courtship of Miss Tunney is declared to have been of long standing. Until a year ago both worked at a department store. Blackney is a clerk there now, but for a year Mrs. Blackney had been day cashier at the Pantages theatre.

It was to Mrs. Dorothy J. Noble, 1023 Tillamook street, that Miss Tunney last Friday night gave first indication of her marriage to Blackney.

"Will you do me a favor?" Miss Tunney asked Mrs. Noble, who is the theatre's night cashier. Mrs. Noble assented and accompanied the couple to the court-house last Saturday noon, where they got a marriage license.

WHERE IS THE JOKE?

Mrs. Noble worked for Miss Tunney Saturday morning, but she did not know this morning that the couple had been married. Neither did the girl's stepfather. Nor did a sister of the bride who works at the same store, she professed.

Blackney was not at work today. In the meanwhile, the stepfather is searching for his daughter, believing that the wedding affair is a big joke.

"She telephoned us about 20 minutes after she returned home last night and said she was all right and that the kidnaping was a joke," Roos said. "I think it was."

Petitions for Use In Anti-Cigarette Campaign in City

Initiative petitions in the anti-cigarette crusade launched by D. E. Frost, Oregon constable of Clackamas county, were brought to Portland today by Frost and will be placed in the hands of ministers and others throughout the city.

Frost explains that his proposed measure will provide not only against the sale or use of cigarettes or cigarette making materials, but will prevent the possession of materials or the advertising of cigarettes for sale.

Silver Prices Drop From Dizzy Heights

New York, Jan. 15.—The price of silver, which has been soaring to new records almost every day, received a sharp setback to the leading markets today. In New York the price was off 4 1/4 cents at \$1.30 1/4, while at London a drop of 2 1/4, or almost 5 cents an ounce, put the price there at 79d.

Today's Session Of Legislature

Senate

Lachmund bill to prohibit payment of royalties on patented payments defeated.

Orton bill licensing automobile drivers favorably reported by committee and is scheduled for hearing this afternoon.

House

Burdick resolution for appointment of commission to investigate Bend-Klamath Falls road project, adopted.

Bill concurrent resolution providing investigation of problem of equitable salaries for all state and county officers, adopted.

Stewart resolution for 4 per cent road bonding amendment to constitution, adopted.

Beard-Smith bill requiring majority of registered voters for amendment to the state constitution, referred back with instructions to amend to require two-thirds of voters cast at polls.

Introduced by roads and highways—Bill authorizing state highway commission to repair damaged roads by force or otherwise.

Introduced by joint action—Bill appropriating \$600 for portrait of late Governor Withycombe.

Introduced by Kubi—Bill providing annual one and six one hundredths millage tax for support and maintenance of University of Oregon, O. A. C. and state normal school.

SENATE GUNS PRIMED FOR FIGHT TODAY

Battle Lines Drawn for Clash of Opposing Forces With Fish and Game Interests as the Stakes.

Skids Said to Be Greased and Ready for Norblad-Handley-Bean Bill Which Passed House.

State House, Salem, Jan. 15.—With a total of 41 bills on the calendar, 16 of which were introduced Wednesday, the program of fire-works in the senate is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock this afternoon when the house resolution providing for a legislative investigation of the state fish and game commission and the Norblad-Handley-Bean bill creating a new fish and game commission of nine members will be up for consideration on a special order of business.

WORDY SESSION HELD

The investigation resolution was the center of a wordy controversy in the senate Wednesday morning which was only terminated by tabling the measure for future consideration. Two attempts to resurrect the measure during the afternoon for immediate action were squelched by the senators, who insisted upon resuming the Roberts report on the commission, filed with Governor Olcott, Saturday, before giving consideration to any further investigations of the commission.

There is also considerable sentiment in the upper house against the move, which is characterized as an attempt to whitewash the commissioners preliminary to their reinstatement as members of the proposed new commission.

SKIDS ARE GREASED

The Norblad-Handley-Bean bill, which passed in the house yesterday by a safe margin, is said to be scheduled for similar action in the senate, where the skids have been well greased for speedy action.

However, the going will not be all smooth, by any means, as Senator Thomas has a pocketful of counter proposals with which to meet the onslaught of the commission's friends. He is expected to bring them out today, and abetted by those members of the sporting fraternity who do not exactly agree with the enemies of the present commission.

TAX LIMITATION ISSUE

An addition to the afternoon's display is promised in consideration of Senator Hurley's attempt to repeal the 6 per cent tax limitation. An attempt to expose the issue this morning, when the resolution was reported out of committee, without recommendations, brought forth a sample of oratory that can be expected when the resolution comes up for action. It is sufficient to say that the attempt to postpone action until he could "load up" for a speech against the measure was opposed by Senator Moser, who insisted upon immediate action in order that the house might be given a chance at the bill before adjourning time Saturday noon.

ZONING BILL LOOMS UP

The attempt to repeal the Portland city zoning system through a bill introduced by Representative Hosford, and which has made its way successfully through the lower house, will also be material for a conflagration when it bobs up in the senate this afternoon or tonight, if sufficient progress is made to give the measure a hearing today.

With the galleries well filled with members of Portland, headed by Mayor Baker, here to defeat the Hosford bill and save the zoning system, the stage is set for an oratorical display that can well be expected to rank alongside the fish controversy and the "paving trust" squabble.

BRYAN TO STEER TREATY CAMPAIGN

Nebraskan Is in Washington to Accomplish Ratification on Reservation Basis.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—W. J. Bryan arrived at the capitol today to take personal charge of his campaign for treaty ratification on any possible reservation basis.

Bryan at once went into conference with Senator McKellar of Tennessee, one of the authors of the McKellar-Kendrick Democratic reservations.

McNary Does Some 'Steering' to Help Western Irrigation

Washington, Jan. 15.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Senator McNary has arranged a meeting of the western irrigation association with the Republican steering committee of the senate, of which Senator McCumber is active head and Senator Lodge is an ex-officio member, for Saturday morning to discuss the possibility of making a place on the majority program for the measure in aid of irrigation. Upon McNary's request, the department of agriculture is sending E. D. Fisher, frost expert, now at Yakima, to take a survey of damage to fruit in Oregon, particularly Hood River and Willamette valleys.

TRAIN PASSES OVER HIM; HE WALKS AWAY

ROSEBURG, Jan. 15.—Richard W. Galvin, for many years an S. F. conductor, narrowly escaped being killed at Junction City Tuesday evening when he fell between the box cars of a moving freight train and three cars passed over his body. Facing a bright engine head-light, he was blinded and misjudged his distance as he jumped from one car to another, while walking (a top of the train. He fell to the track and lay flattened to the ground, lengthwise of the rails, so that the cars cleared his body. He was rescued by a brakeman, who saw him fall, and, when dragged from beneath the train, he stood up and was able to walk. He was taken to this city for treatment, being considerably bruised and scratched.

SUPPORT CONTINUES STRONG FOR TREATY

Vote for Ratification on Terms Submitted by President Now Totals 11,729.

1—For compromise and immediate ratification, 667.

2—For Lodge reservations, 116.

3—For ratification of the treaty substantially as submitted by the president, 11,729.

4—Against any ratification, 239.

The treaty poll will end Saturday with a report of the count to be published Sunday. The last of the coupons to be printed on the editorial page appear today. Cut them out, whatever your view of the treaty, express your choice and hurry your ballot in to the Journal office. Here are some opinions:

WOULD PUT LODGE ON SHELVE

H. S. Cram, Prineville, Or.: "Let the good work go on, and the treaty will be ratified. The senate should not be abolished. But the people should make themselves understood, and men like Lodge will be put on the shelf in due time."

O. E. Shipley, Lyle, Wash.: "The senate should be abolished. Why not start the ball rolling now?"

O. F. Norwood, Albany, Or.: "It is a disgrace to patriotic citizens the way partisan politics is allowed to block ratification of the grandest accomplishment for humanity in all history. I am an independent voter."

J. H. Lee, Newberg, Or.: "Isn't it a shame that a few roughnecks can do so much to hold back and harm the greatest country in the world? Yours for the peace treaty and League of Nations."

PEACE OR WAR, WHICH?

A. D. Davidson, Vancouver, Wash.: "One of two things is certain: We must either have the League of Nations, or become a military nation. Which shall it be? No man has put the issue more pointedly."

Dr. E. P. Borden, Portland: "What a pity that the senate so misrepresents the American people on this great issue."

M. F. Mason, Cantelrock, Wash.: "The hold up of this treaty has been a disgrace to this nation in its relations with other countries and destructive to all peace-loving people. The settled advancement of our own people."

Congress' Aid for Sinnott's Klamath Land Bill Is Asked

State House, Salem, Jan. 15.—Opposition to the leasing of the lands around upper Klamath lake, as proposed by the federal department of the interior, is voiced in a memorial introduced into the senate Wednesday afternoon by Senator Patterson, calling upon congress to take favorable action on the Sinnott bill, which would throw the 10,000 acres involved open to homestead entry and giving preference to Oregon ex-service men.

Aged Woman Honor Guest at Party Dies

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 15.—While attending a party in her home at Hoquiam and laughing over a joke of one of the number, Mrs. Melvina Dole Lobb suddenly threw up her hands and expired. She was 90 years old last August. Two of her children are L. E. Dole of Lane county and A. W. Dole of Provoost, Or. Her home was in Centralia.

Chicago's Oldest Settler Dies, 84

Chicago, Jan. 15.—(I. N. S.)—George Sinclair, Chicago's oldest settler, died here today, aged 84. He was brought to Chicago when 15 months old on the Brig Illinois from Buffalo in 1835.

BALLOT ON PEACE TREATY

Vote one choice. Indicate preference by X mark in square.

1 ☐ I favor compromise on reservations and immediate ratification of peace treaty and League of Nations covenant.

Or, 2 ☐ I favor ratification with Lodge reservations.

Or, 3 ☐ I favor ratification of the peace treaty and League of Nations covenant substantially as presented to the senate by President Wilson.

Or, 4 ☐ I am opposed to ratification in any form.

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WILL HAYS IS SPHINX-LIKE ABOUT HOOVER

Republican National Chairman Refuses Comment on Presidential Boom Launched in N. Y.

Declares He Has to Remain Neutral and That His Chief Business Is to Elect, Not Select.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, who arrived here today for a conference with Nevada party leaders, refused to comment on the launching of the Hoover-for-president boom in New York last night.

"I've got to remain neutral," he said, "militantly when asked by the United Press representative of a statement concerning the prospective candidacy of Herbert C. Hoover on the Republican ticket. "All that I can say is what I've said before. My business is to elect, not to select candidates."

Asked his opinion of the possible effect on the Republican platform of Hoover's demand for "progressive ideas," Hays countered enigmatically. "That's so, is it?"

A luncheon will be given at the Riverside hotel here today with the national chairman as the honor guest. He will return to San Francisco tonight en route to Southern California.

JULIUS H. BARNES LAUNCHES BOOM FOR HERBERT HOOVER

New York, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—A double-barreled boom for Herbert Hoover as president was fired by Julius H. Barnes, resident of the United States Grain corporation, in a speech before the National Wholesale Drygoods association last night.

Barnes suggested Hoover as the Republican nominee, but declared that he himself would become the Democratic candidate.

"Herbert Hoover is instinctively a liberal and a progressive," said Barnes. "His political affiliations have been with the progressive Republicans. But his participation extends only to the insistence on the maintenance of equality of opportunity in this country and to

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ZONING MEASURE IS STORM CENTER

Portland Friends of Law Mass Attack; Battle Royal Due for Today.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—Friends of the 1919 city zoning law swooped down on the senate judiciary committee last night to protest against the enactment of the Hosford repealing act which would wipe the prior statute from the books.

Led by Mayor Baker, and flanked by J. P. Nesdell, president of the city planning commission, and City Attorney LaRoche, the friends of the zoning law and, by that token, the enemies of the Hosford bill, told the committee all they knew about the accomplishments of the system, both in Portland, where it is in its inception, and in other cities where it has been tried and found not wanting. Seemingly the delegation almost if not quite persuaded the committee that the zoning law was a good one, but no action was taken pending the arrival today of a delegation from Portland which desires to repeal the law. The zoning law of the Hosford bill and persuade the committee that the zoning plan should be swept aside.

Last night's meeting was a very interesting one, with Mayor Baker and City Attorney LaRoche pitting their oratorical powers against those of Representative Gordon, who was the lone spokesman against the zoning plan and in favor of the Hosford repeal. It is expected that the meeting of today, when Gordon will have fresh reinforcements behind him, will be still more interesting, as both sides of the controversy are more than earnest in their respective contentions.

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