

COMMUNITY WORK MAKING CITIZENS

Community Service is doing a fine piece of Americanization work among the young people of the North Portland district, using the Davis school as the community center. About 50 per cent of the population in this district is foreign born, Slavonians, Russians and Germans predominating. Last August a call was sent out by Community Service for a meeting of the young people of the district to organize gymnasium and recreation classes and the effort has met with fine success, more than 150 boys and girls of both American and foreign born parentage now being regular attendants at the classes.

On Monday evenings the young boys have a class, Tuesday is girls' night, and on Thursday evening the older boys gather. Basketball, indoor baseball, apparatus work and recreational games of all sorts are indulged in under supervision. J. C. Henderson, executive secretary of Community Service, and Mr. Goldsmith are in charge of the boys' classes, and the girls are in charge of playground workers provided by Miss Carolin Degormark.

"The percentage of delinquency has decreased materially in the district covered by the classes, since their organization," said Henderson. "We have secured the interest of the young people until now the most serious punishment that can be inflicted for some misdemeanor is to prohibit attendance at the next meeting of the class. Through the children we expect to get to the homes and to try to get to the parents their responsibility in seeing that their children observe the laws of the city, state and nation. Community organizations such as this in all parts of the city is one of our aims and I think our next classes will be organized in the Arleta district."

SENATE MAY PRY INTO RUMORED PLOT

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disciplined and equipped armies are now stationed in Hungary and Jugoslavia who are ready to invade the country (Russia) at any moment to restore order and give their assistance to the old monarchic regime.

"The French government hopes that at this moment when the fate of new Russia is being decided, Japan will not put any obstacles in the way, and the French government will readily defend the interests of Japan in every respect."

Earlier in the communication it was stated:

"The Americans . . . are pushing the Eastern question so as to gain supremacy in the West. We must resist such efforts by all means and the French government hopes to have the help of the Japanese government in that."

The Far Easterners stoutly stuck by their guns today and insisted that the documents are real, and that copies are in their possession.

HEATED DENIAL MADE

On the other hand, the French and Japanese reiterated with some heat their denials that the documents are authentic or that the sentiments they express represent the sentiments of their respective governments.

"At the proper time and place," it was stated, "these denials will be made an official matter of record." It is understood that both delegations will take advantage of the first opportunity to communicate to other members of the Washington conference their repudiation of the alleged agreements.

There were clear intimations today, however, that the matter may not be allowed to end with the mere denials. The publication of the alleged agreements—the purport of which is to in-

validate anything the Washington conference may do with regard to guaranteeing the non-absorption of Russian territory—created a sensation in senatorial circles, and it would occasion no surprise if the matter was taken up on the floor.

FRESH AMMUNITION

In any event the development will afford fresh ammunition for the irreconcilables at the capitol to attack the works of the conference.

The whole purport of the alleged agreement is that France and Japan will play a partnership game in Washington against Russia—the American policy toward Russia—that the powers agree to a "moral trusteeship" for Russia until she is able to look after her own interests—would go by the boards entirely under any such arrangement.

Women Victims of Burglar Clan; Two Report Money Lost

Thieves who turned the whole house topsy turvy at the home of Mrs. O. Sulman, 211 Penoyer street, Saturday night made away with \$30 in money, a woman's watch, several small diamonds, and a number of valuable old coins. Mrs. Sulman discovered her loss when she returned late in the evening.

Sneak thieves who entered the room of Goldie Lettrel, Ansonia hotel, while she left her door unlocked for a few moments, stole and escaped without being apprehended. An occupant of a neighboring room said two young men had opened her door, but on seeing her excuse themselves and said they were looking for a friend. She believes they were the robbers.

Stork Times Visits To Honor New Year In Portland Homes

The stork must have been waiting in the outskirts of the city during the last few minutes of old 1921, waiting for the sound of midnight when he would dash over the housetops with four new citizens as a New Year's present in Portland homes.

At any rate, he was prompt in his deliveries during the first hour of 1922. At 12:15 Sunday morning he left an 8½-pound son with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Miller, 523 Ladd avenue. An instant later he presented Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts, 421 East Fifty-second street, with a daughter. At 12:30 Captain and Mrs. George Sandy, 49½ Mill street, received a daughter. Fifteen minutes later a daughter came to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dodge at St. Vincent's hospital.

Three Women Hurt When Cars Collide On East Broadway

Mrs. W. E. Dawson, 217 Russell street, suffered a fractured arm when an automobile in which she was riding moments ago, collided with a machine driven by W. T. Wright, prominent banker of Oregon City.

Mrs. C. F. Shaylor, 217 Russell street, driver of the struck automobile, and Mrs. C. S. Woodruff, East Fourteenth and Davis streets, another occupant, were badly cut and bruised.

Wright was driving east on Broadway, while Mrs. Shaylor was directing her machine south on Williams.

DR. C. T. BACON PASSES

La Grande, Jan. 2.—Dr. C. T. Bacon, 65, died here Saturday. He had practiced his profession in this city 30 years until several months before his death when he was stricken with paralysis. In 1883 he came to Oregon, settling at Arlington, and in 1891 he moved to La Grande. He is survived by his wife, a son, Archie Bacon of La Grande, and a daughter, Miss Runa Bacon, teaching school in Illinois.

MISTAKES OF GREAT BRITAIN RECALLED

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in a bargaining spirit which it was hitherto unable to shake off. It is true also that some omissions or irregularity of method on the part of the other delegations induced a feeling among the French that they had been slighted. But I have been unable to discover any sign in the French delegates of heroic ambition, or wish to wreck the conference from the mere love of notoriety. Yet they and their government are running the risk of ruining it for the sake of ships France does not mean to build.

The shrewdest judges of the present French attitude believe it to be compounded of a desire to drive a bargain and desire to prove that France is as important a power in the world situation as the United States, the British empire or Japan. Otherwise there could be no sense in an attitude, which, if maintained, might work incalculable harm to Europe and to France herself.

Deplorable though the bearing of France is, it is necessary to remember that neither anger nor menaces, political or financial, are likely to change it.

ALL WOULD SUFFER

The fierce wrath of the American people would feel at the conference, and comparisons highly favorable to British statesmanship might draw between the French and British conduct, should not blind our statesmen to the truth that ultimately our interests and our standing will also suffer should the position at Washington not prove susceptible of adjustment.

The American press, with splendid impartiality, has given the fullest hearing to all sides. If blame should unfortunately have to be apportioned, the shortcomings and mistakes of the British policy in regard to France during recent years and months would infallibly be remembered against us to our hurt.

Americans still have a strong regard for France. Rightly considered, that regard is an asset for Europe and the world, and, therefore, for the British empire. Nothing could more enhance British statesmanship in American eyes than proof at this juncture, or at the latest when the Cannes conference meets, that England is able to build a firm and high bridge over the obstacles to Anglo-French concord and cooperation. Such proof would earn American admiration, both as a great political achievement and as a solid contribution to the enduring success of the Washington conference.

FRENCH FEARS REAL

France is in difficult mood. Her fears for her security are not less real for seeming exaggeration. Any large minded

British initiative that would vouchsafe her security and reasonable reparation, either through guaranteed neutralization of the Rhine provinces or otherwise, will be warmly welcomed on this side of the Atlantic.

If France has not yet quite recovered from the shock of war, England, who felt the shock somewhat less severely, might gain notably, could British statesmanship, with sympathetic insight and superior practical intelligence, give the lead to the world by helping to extricate France from the British empire and the Washington conference from the present dangerous pass.

Two recently patented fountain pens carry blotting pads and rouge pencils in their caps.

the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen was put into operation at Syracuse, N. Y. Cheap nitrates are to our soil fertility and food supply. The first helium filled balloon flew in 1921, and proved its greater steadiness in the air and general reliability. Of all countries the United States alone has sufficient helium for balloon purposes.

"The separation of non-combustible from the burnable matter in low grade coal by the flotation process reached the commercial stage in 1921. The first unit is said to be more than paying its way."

BIOLOGY

Dr. Vernon Kellogg, permanent secretary of the national research council:

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"In the understanding of plant diseases and plant disease control, the most significant advances of the year have come in the understanding of mosaic diseases, including

some of the most destructive diseases of various field crops, orchards, fruits and garden plants. It is now being learned that there is a wide difference in the varieties and single plants in their resistance to a particular disease. Advantage of this is being taken to secure disease-resistant strains."

RETURNED ON FELONY CHARGE

Nampa, Idaho, Jan. 2.—Ike Jensen, who was arrested in Caldwell by Deputy Sheriff Bigger for Buras (Or.) authorities, was taken back to Buras by Sheriff Goodman of Buras, Thursday. Jensen is wanted on a felony charge and for jumping his bond.

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seem likely that there is some energy liberated in this act."

INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING CHEMISTRY

Harrison E. Howe, national research council, editor of the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry:

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