

## DEBATOR RELATES HIS EXPERIENCES

Finds Japanese Very Courteous; Immigration Laws Discussed On Board

The following letter was received from Avery W. Thompson who was abroad the S. S. Korea Maru in company with Benoit McCroskey and W. E. Hempstead. This party is making a world tour



These three young men, members of the debating team of the University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., are circling the globe on a debate tour for their school. They are Benoit McCroskey, top photo, leader; W. E. Hempstead, below, left, and Avery W. Thompson, right. In addition to the teams of European and Asian universities, 25 U. S. colleges are included on the schedule.

and representing the University of Oregon in various debates. To the Editor:

We are in the sea of flying fish on a Japanese ship. Tomorrow we land in Hawaii to discuss the Chinese question at the University there. Already, though, we have learned many lessons.

The amity and the good feeling that exists on this boat between the Americans and the Orientals makes me wonder that there ever could be ill feeling or strife between them. Nowhere have I seen more friendly people than these Japanese. And what is still better they are anxious to show us their country.

We had the good fortune to discuss the question of Japanese exclusion to the United States as indicated in a Tokyo newspaper man. He recognized that America must protect her high standard of living. But "the standard of living in Japan," he said, "is as high as that of Italy."

Yet we do not specifically discriminate against the Italian. This made me consider the matter in a different light than I had thought of before. I tried to think of the Japanese in the Lashby district back home and it occurred to me for the first time that for all the years I had lived in Salem I had never investigated the Oriental section within five miles of my home. The Japanese, to me were merely truck farmers and

were not quite human like myself. They are decidedly human, however, with a keen feeling of offense at our exclusion. The newspaper man has been studying America for his employer in Tokyo. This was interesting to me when I knew that in America we think there is nothing to learn from a foreign land.

"Is it because of color that we stay out of America?" he asked me. Then I told him I thought we favored the northern European in our immigration policy because we had more in common with his civilization.

"Still you demand an open door in China," he said, "and yet you say only so many Chinese can come to America."

Being an American, of course I defended the American policy, though the friendliness manifested on board this ship with an Oriental atmosphere made me wonder if possibly even an American policy could be in error. The newspaper man recognized the justification of immigration laws all right, but he protested against our policy of discrimination against his people. And he did it in a very gentlemanly and considerate way.

There are many school boys on board, college students like ourselves who are going back to Japan after finishing their education in America. One chap just finished a course in metallurgy at Harvard, and is returning home to accomplish a service for his country.

Another fellow whose home is in California, is going back to see his old home and friends. I hope he does not fail to recognize him with his nicely pressed suit from the shop of an American tailor.

I am sure by the time we leave Kobe next month we shall have a different opinion of the Japanese people than we have ever had before.

## MADRID FRATERNITY AIDS HONEST POOR

Organization Possesses Refuge In Which Many Are Housed Each Night

MADRID (AP)—Madrid has a quaint institution in the Brotherhood of Refuge and Piety, founded in 1815 to provide immediate necessities to the "agrand poor."

Funds were first collected by monks who went through the streets of the city calling on the pious public to furnish them with an egg and a piece of bread for the poor. When without shelter, the vagrants found a resting place in the monasteries.

Today the brotherhood possesses a refuge in which normally about fifty homeless people are lodged every night and are provided with a bowl of soup, an egg, a loaf and a glass of wine. The brothers also visit the homes of the honest poor, carrying them ailments and medical comforts when they are sick. Expectant mothers are looked after, orphans are found homes, and a provision of milk is sent daily to growing children whom their mothers are unable to feed. Convalescent homes are free to workers, both men and women, who otherwise would have to return to their labor before they have recovered from an illness.

The brotherhood is no longer fundamentally a religious institution. In its ranks are to be found the king and queen, several of the princes of the royal family, and many members of the leading aristocratic families. No appeal is made for funds to carry on the charitable work, which costs the brotherhood an average of \$40,000 annually provided from the pockets of the members.

## British Moustaches Not The Thing Say Barbers

LONDON (AP)—Moustaches must go. All of them, from the heavy walrus effect to the stubby toothbrush, are under the ban of British barbers and they have started a campaign to relegate them to the past.

The Hairdressers' Annual Exhibition at Holland Park, participated in by British barbers masquerading under all sorts of fancy names, developed a general move against hair on men's faces in any sort of design. Propagandists of all sort advocated the smooth-shaven face.

"Moustaches are a relic of barbarism," one pamphlet declared. "It isn't necessary for men to wear beards and moustaches and goatees and sideburns to indicate that they are real he-men."

Visitors To Passau May Listen To Great Organ

BERLIN (AP)—Tourists visiting the Bavarian city of Passau or late have had an opportunity on Sundays to hear one of the world's largest pipe organs which is in the city's cathedral. The organ has 16,000 pipes and 208 stops. The 1600th anniversary of the consecration of the cathedral will be celebrated this month, when a local holiday will be declared and the vast collection of the cathedral's historical treasures will be placed on exhibition.

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## RAILWAY ENGINEERS ESTIMATE DAMAGES

Report Shows That Comparatively Small Loss of Life Due To Promptness

WASHINGTON (AP)—Property damage sustained by railroads in the Mississippi river flood was placed at approximately \$19,000,000 in a report today by a special committee of the American Railway Engineering association.

"The comparatively small loss of human life," it added, "was due in no small part to the prompt rescue work of the railroads."

Prepared by chief engineers of flood zones, the report described the 1927 disaster as establishing "another record in the long line of unprecedented floods on the historic stream, as gages show stages higher than ever before recorded, while breaks in the levees have inundated approximately 18,000 square miles, directly affecting three-quarters of a million people; making approximately 600,000 homeless and destitute and causing property damage estimated to exceed \$300,000,000."

"Operation was suspended from ten to 120 days on 3000 miles of railroads (the longer period applying principally to branch lines)," it said. "Not only do these disastrous floods seriously interfere with transportation, but telegraph and telephone lines are also destroyed and communication often entirely cut off."

It was apparent early in April, 1927, that railroads located adjacent to the Mississippi and its tributaries were faced with the probability of severe flood conditions and every possible precaution was taken to protect the property. Where there was a probability that the territory would be overflowed, all material possible was removed from the overflow area and stored on high ground. Track gangs were recruited by the railroads to full strength and additional gangs were held in readiness to move to the inundated areas.

"Cinders, gravel and other ballast and filling materials were assembled in readiness for use. Large quantities of sand bags were purchased and in addition to those used for protecting the ends of bridges and railroad embankments filled bags were stored in convenient locations."

"The people who live in territory subject to inundation have learned to look to the railroads that serve them, not only for assistance in protecting the land from floods, but for means of escape after the levee has broken. In the work of rescuing and providing living quarters for refugees the Illinois Central system alone, the report said, operated 311 rescue trains, transported 48,381 refugees, furnished 1674 cars for living quarters, moved 392 cars of live stock, virtually all without charge, and transported free 1294 cars of food, clothing and supplies together with hundreds of carloads of boats, airplanes and other material."

The Missouri Pacific lines furnished transportation practically without charge for refugees, household goods and live stock and provided 1800 box cars for living quarters, 450 of which it obtained from other roads at a total per diem service cost of \$13,500. Similar contributions to the relief work were made by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, The St. Louis-San Francisco, The Southern Pacific and other lines.

## Baldwin's Indian Name Made Labor Party Target

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## Lawrence Johnson



President Young Men's Division Y. M. C. A.

Lawrence Johnson, recently a graduate of O. A. C., an engineer employed with the Public Service Commission of Oregon, was elected President of the Young Men's Division of the local Y. M. C. A. and will be installed in office at a dinner meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday night, November 1. Other officers to be installed are Fred Duncan, vice president; Connel Ward, secretary; and Hugh Ward, treasurer. Roy R. Hewitt, Dean of the Willamette Law school will be the speaker at the occasion.

## Metallic Lame Gowns Cause Electric Shock

PARIS (AP)—Silver and gold lame gowns have proved dangerous as well as beautiful. Shocks—not always caused by the scariness of the shimmering apparel—have been caused the wearers. There is one death on record. Metallic thread, silver and gold in the most expensive materials, is woven in the cloth and this metal is naturally a conductor of electricity.

An actress, Cosette Gallard, died recently, several days after an electric shock. Walking by the spotlights in the wings, her skirt of silver lame, brushed against a live wire and sent a deadly current through her.

Many women are beginning to realize that uncovered bones, scrawny necks, flat chests, and fleshless hands are not lovely, writes Eileen Bourne in an article in Liberty. "Urged by medical warnings against the danger of overthinness, and by masculine protests against charmless attenuation," Miss Bourne continues, "thin women are setting to work in earnest. And curves are coming back."

## FUTURE OF INDIAN STUDENTS QUESTION

Always An Opportunity Provided Student Ambitious Says Young Indian

FARMINGTON, N. M. (AP)—Saving the returned student from squandering his education is a problem before the officials of the Navajo reservation schools here, now that they have been reopened for the winter.

The children of the Indian agency are taken through the primary grades of school at Shiprock, which can accommodate 500, but must attend extra-agency schools for the higher grades. When their education in the reservation schools is ended most of the children return to their homes where opportunities for learning are meager. As a result the returned student becomes discouraged and finally goes back to the "blanket" Indian life.

Hugh Sousea, an educated Indian employee at Shiprock, for a number of years has tried to encourage the returned students to stay until they find employment.

Cato Sells exemplifies the success of Sousea's efforts to help the returned students. Sells was born on the reservation in 1906. At the age of 10 he entered school at Shiprock. In 1920, when Lieut. D. Ray Campbell came to the Shiprock school to organize a band, young Sells had developed into a well-trained musician. Two years later when the band leader was transferred to Sherman Institute at Riverside, Cal., Sells went with him. After finishing at Sherman he went to the Riverside Polytechnic high school, from which he was graduated in June.

In the meantime, Sells, during vacation time, did not return to the "blanket" life of the reservation. Instead he donned overalls and obtained several manual jobs. In commenting on his education, Sells recently declared:

"Too often young men and girls of the agency wait around expecting to get a job from the Indian agent. Soon their ambition becomes stagnant and they go back to teepee or Hogan, and say 'there is no chance for me.'"

"There is always a chance if the returned student is ambitious, stays away from the agency and goes to work. That will solve the returned student problem and the Indian problem at the same time."

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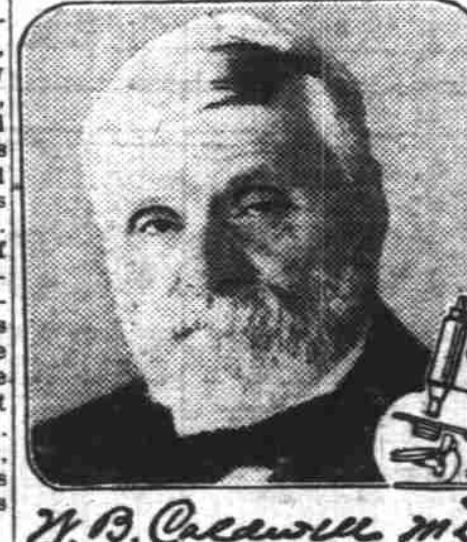
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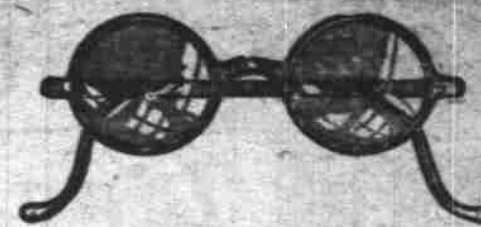
## French Cities Object To Paying 'War Debts'

PARIS (AP)—France has some war debts of her own, due from 130 towns, and is getting from them the same argument the French people made against payment to America.

About a hundred million francs were advanced to a hundred and thirty towns in the devastated regions after the armistice to re-establish local government there. The government has presented a bill for these advances and wants the money. The towns have contested the claims and offered resolutions instead.

All the towns have protested against the demand for payment and some have formally and definitely refused to pay. The towns have organized resistance and are trying to get parliamentary action to cancel the debts.

The human heart rests between debts, according to an answered question in Liberty. It is explained that the actual contraction of the heart muscles takes about a tenth of a second. The heart rests until the next contraction, about eight-tenths of a second later.



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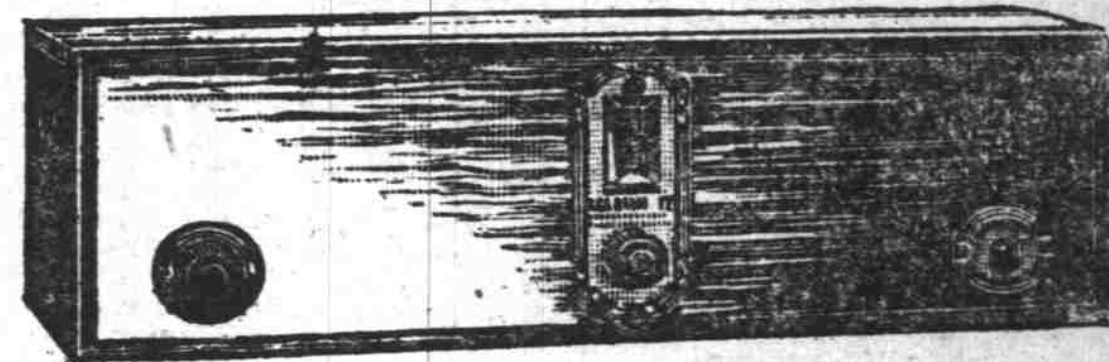
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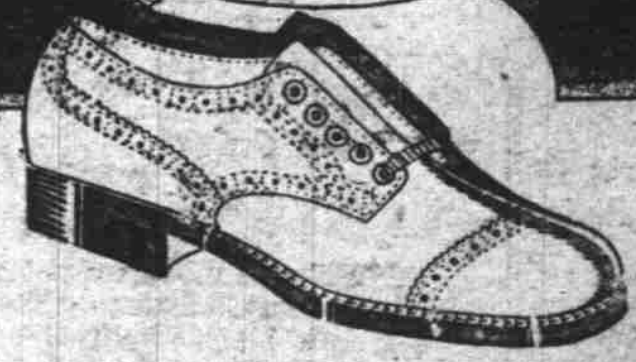
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