

SEC Inquires Into Bond Sales By Japanese

Honolulu, Dec. 21 (AP)—The securities and exchange commission pressed an investigation today of reports unregistered Japanese emergency bonds totaling one million yen (about \$280,000) were being offered for sale in this area of heavy Japanese population.

Roger Kent, SEC attorney of San Francisco, revealed the investigation after two days' intensive work during which witnesses were subpoenaed and questioned.

"The SEC received information to the effect one million yen of unregistered Japanese emergency bonds were being publicly offered in the territory," Kent said in disclosing his mission here. "When the commission receives information of this nature it conducts an investigation to determine whether the law is being, or has been violated. I am here to make that investigation."

Hawaii's total population of 396,715 includes 181,141 Japanese, of whom 113,289 are American citizens and 37,852 are aliens. About 25,000, although born in American Hawaii, remain technically subject to the mikado as well as citizens of the United States, because their births were recorded at the Japanese consulate.

Kent explained that by unregistered bonds were meant bonds not registered with the SEC in Washington, and therefore illegal for public offering in United States. He said he had no statement to make at present on whether the law had been violated.

Federal officials said offering of unregistered bonds could be prevented by injunction proceedings instituted in federal courts. They said criminal charges, if filed, would be handled through the United States prosecutor's office.

School Enrollment Reports Lagging

Albany—While it will be impossible to give the total of Linn county's annual school enrollment probably until after the first of the year, County School Superintendent J. M. Bennett said Tuesday that all school districts have now made their census report, subject to revision by his office. With few exceptions, increases have been reported throughout the districts, Mr. Bennett said.

The superintendent is now checking the list against duplications and errors. Names include all young people between the ages of 4 and 21 inclusive, upon which will be based the distribution of the county school fund.

Ward Olis Tharp Will be Freed

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 21 (AP)—Gov. Barzilla W. Clark disclosed Tuesday the Idaho pardon board had voted to free Ward Olis Tharp, 61, convicted slayer, who founded a grocery business in Phoenix, Ariz., after escaping from the penitentiary farm near here October 1, 1931.

Tharp was convicted of killing Mrs. Lois Bowen at Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1926. He got a life sentence. He fled from the prison farm, hitch-hiked to the Pacific northwest, thence south to California and finally settled in Phoenix, where he assumed the name Ward Groves.

He was identified as Tharp and returned to prison April 27, 1933. Officials said Mrs. Tharp and their son still operate the grocery store in Phoenix. Friends supported the man's flight against extradition to Idaho.

Governor Clark, commenting on the pardon, said it "locked to me as though it was a free-for-all scramble with Tharp pulling the trigger of his own gun while the Bowens were trying to take it away from him."

Mrs. Bowen was killed during a neighborhood altercation.

Loyal Women's Class Installs New Officers

Falls City—The Loyal Women's class held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Richard Paul. Devotional services were led by Mrs. Clay Guthridge. Games and fancywork were enjoyed and gifts exchanged. The new officers were installed and refreshments served by Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Goode and Mrs. Myrtle Jones.



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'CAT NAP' FOR KITTY LEAGUER? Other baseball players at the recent baseball leagues meeting in New Orleans agreed that it must be, since the sleeper is H. H. Buck of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kitty League. He's from Fulton, Ky.

Famous Editor of Dictionaries Passes

New York, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, 74, widely known lexicographer, died today of pneumonia. Officials of Funk and Wagnalls said Dr. Vizetelly died about midnight in the Fifth Avenue hospital, where he had been confined since December 2, suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia.

He had been associated with Funk and Wagnalls for 46 years as editor of the reference department. Survivors include his widow, Bertha, and a daughter, Mrs. Norma Cochrane.

When he went to work for Funk and Wagnalls when that organization was compiling its "Standard Dictionary." His part of the job embraced the training of definers in the art of drafting definitions of words.

As the work progressed he came to specialize more and more in definitions of wines, typography and critical reviewing.

In 1913 Dr. Vizetelly was named managing editor of the unabridged dictionary of the firm, succeeding the late Dr. Isaac K. Funk.

During his association with this book the number of vocabulary terms it contained was increased more than 50 per cent, and it was necessary for him to become one of the most widely read men in the country in order to keep abreast of new words and search out old and obsolete ones.

Vizetelly was a native of England and for a time was a special correspondent for French publications. His father was a master printer.

Vizetelly came to New York in 1891 after conducting a publishing house in England. His first job was with Funk and Wagnalls and it was with them he became internationally famous for his work on their dictionaries.

His interest in words—slang particularly—never languished, and he was forever checking newspapers and other publications seeking new and more expressive words and tracing their origin.

He was the author of more than a score of volumes on the English language and philological subjects.

Once, in an address before the phonetic society at Columbia university, Dr. Vizetelly urged a new English alphabet, arguing that the one now in use was inadequate to express the multiple sounds in the language.

A well-schooled physician, he said at another time, has a vocabulary exceeding that commonly attributed to Shakespeare. The Hard of



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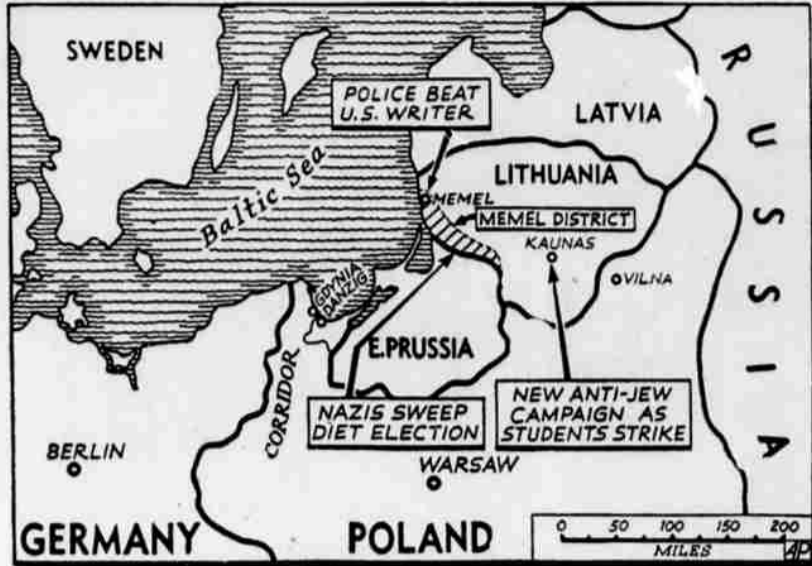
Dallas—Stop streets in the city were augmented Monday night when the city council passed an ordinance designating certain points throughout the city as stop streets. The step follows closely on the heels of the recent street improvement program which was completed this past summer when some eighteen blocks were paved.

The council played Santa Claus to the city marshal, Tony Neufeldt, and the street commissioner, Dave Warren, when the members approved an increase in pay for both officers. Other business transacted was of a routine nature.

Avon, it was his contention, used about 23,000 words while the medical man of today has 25,000 or more at his command.

An educated man, he remarked on another occasion, ought to know 50,000 words. One of the words, the origin of which attracted his attention when it hit Broadway and new popularity, was "whoopee."

That expression, the learned doctor concluded after research, was about five centuries old. His authority on words and his influence were manifest in his granddaughter, Jeanne Vizetelly Cochrane, who reached the age of six early in 1935 with the remarkable vocabulary of 10,000 words. Dr. Vizetelly was proud of that.



Memel Edges Closer To Germany After Election—A Nazi victory in the Memel election, enthusiastically celebrated by the predominantly Germanic population, brought the Lithuanian seaport closer to German annexation, in the eyes of many observers. Britain and France have expressed the "hope" to Germany that she would not annex Memel. Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons. Also shown on this map is Kaunas, Lithuania, where students staged anti-Semitic demonstrations after the Memel election, causing President Smetona to decree a "state of emergency."

Salem Heights—A petition is being signed at the Weddle garage to have the city mail service changed back to rural service, which is more convenient and desirable in several respects.

Musicians Acclaim Priest's Compositions

Mt. Angel—Several musical compositions which have won the acclaim of musicians both in America and Europe have recently been composed and published by the Rev. Alphonse M. Steder, O.S.B., former professor of Mt. Angel college, now stationed at Mt. Carmel Mission, Chillicothe.

Some of the eastern dioceses have adopted his truly ecclesiastical "Ave Maria" for exclusive use in their churches, and the Salesian Fathers in Europe have also requested additional copies of the work.

Besides the "Ave Maria," Father Alphonse was written other worthy compositions, including "A Christmas Song," "A Song to Our Lady of Mount Carmel," "A New Our Father," and "A New Hail Mary," which have just come off the press.

Father Alphonse taught German at Mt. Angel college and seminary until he left in the scholastic year of 1933-1934.

Young Forum Speaker

Dallas—F. H. Young of Portland, manager of Oregon Investors, Inc., will speak at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Friday noon and during his talk will discuss legislation pending for the 1939 state legislature. The talk will give the members a preview of possible coming events and a good attendance is requested.

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