

### JAPAN EXCITED OVER KNOX PLAN

Feeling Against America Waxing Strong in Tokio and Rejection of Railroad Neutralization Probable.

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 12.—Popular disapproval of the proposal of Secretary of State Knox of the United States to neutralize the Manchurian railways has reached a high pitch in Tokio, and much pressure is being brought to bear upon the government today for its rejection.

Japanese statesmen and diplomats apparently are a unit against the plan and characterize it as a "high-handed assumption of dictatorial power on the part of the United States."

The action of England in endorsing Knox's proposal apparently has made little difference in the attitude of the Japanese officials. They unhesitatingly declare the secretary's move to be an unreasonable interference in the affairs of the east and brand it as "misguided American diplomacy."

Many newspapers have professed not to be able to understand the real motive of the United States in authorizing it. Others conjecture that the American government is attempting retaliation for its rebuffs while endeavoring to secure a portion of the Antung-Mukden railway loan.

In many quarters the plan is held up to ridicule, and said to be underserving of serious attention.

"If the United States was so childish as to wish merely for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways," one official is quoted as stating, "why cannot Japan propose the neutralization of all railways in America and all the countries of the world? She could do so in as good faith as America has made her proposal."

Everywhere in Japan the same feeling of resentment is evident today.

The action of the United States has brought up again the differences caused by the refusal of San Francisco to permit Japanese children to attend the public schools with the American children.

It is felt in many quarters that the resentment in Japan growing out of that incident merely has been slumbering and that the misunderstanding between the two powers, caused by it, has grown to alarming proportions.

### ASHLAND PYTHIANS ARE INSPECTED BY OFFICERS

ASHLAND, Jan. 12.—Vice-Grand Chancellor G. O. Moran and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal L. R. Stinson paid their annual visit of inspection to the local Knights of Pythias lodge Monday night. The meeting was followed by a reception and an elaborate banquet. The large attendance reflected the energy and prosperity of the local lodge.

### AIRSHIPS.

(Continued from page 1.) Like a shot out of a gun the balloon "New York" piloted by Clifford Harmon, bounded into the sky shortly before noon from Huntington Park and was soon drifting through the haze at an estimated altitude of 1200 feet.

The balloon "Portia," piloted by Frank Kanne, struck the side of a drug store because its occupant could not unload ballast quickly enough. No one was hurt and the balloon continued her voyage.

The balloon "Dick Ferris" was the last to cut loose.

The new tri-planes will be put into the air late this afternoon if it is possible to lift them from the ground. Fowler of Arizona has a new peculiarly shaped tri-plane ready for an attempted flight, while Klassen also has a tri-plane which he built at the Chutes Park, Los Angeles. If either one flies it will be the first plane built in this section of the country to leave the ground.

Paulhan has his monoplane which was smashed Tuesday while being driven by Masson in working order and has his big four-passenger Farman bi-plane ready for flight. He will go up in this queer craft in the afternoon. Upon being questioned as to whether he will try for the height record, Paulhan refused to answer. One of his assistants said that he would not make the try.

The Ladies of St. Ann's society will give their regular dance at Angle's hall tonight. The ladies have spared no pains to make this occasion one of the most pleasurable of the many which have been held under the auspices of St. Ann's.

### CONFESSION MADE BY BOY BANDIT

Youth Censures State Officials for Methods in Dealing With Youthful Prisoners as the Cause of Much Crime.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 12.—Robert McCormick, the boy bandit, gave a remarkable statement today, which is engaging the attention of the professors at the state university and in which the lad arraigns the authorities for their methods of dealing with youthful prisoners.

Young McCormick, who has served terms in reformatories, was taken to the state prison today to begin a life sentence for killing Henry Miner of Ypsilanti, a student at the university. He declared the majority of boys sent to reformatories wanted to learn to be better but were handicapped from the start by learning that they were considered criminals.

Following are a few of his statements: "Why don't some of these Christians who go in their pockets to Christianize the heathen 'dig' for the release of young boys from state institutions?"

"Most of us go to the reform schools intending to turn over a new leaf.

"Most of us were born on the wrong side of the street."

The professors who have read the statement and have familiarized themselves with the boy's case say that he has offered a document full of food for study on the part of sociologists.

### MARY JANE'S PA COMING TO MEDFORD

Max Figman's Performance Declared by All Critics to Be an Artistic Revelation and Has Won Fame Abroad.

When modern Enoch Ardens come home they generally find a divorce court staring them in the face; but, while not so poetical as the creature of Tennyson's imagination, Hiram Perkins, the beloved vagabond in "Mary Jane's Pa," the play in which John Cort will present Max Figman at the Medford theater Saturday, January 15, is found among surroundings which, while modern and pastoral, are by no means prosaic or conventional.

And Hiram Perkins is not forced to go away and leave his wife to the arms of another man. In this play by Edith Ellis he redeems himself and wins again the love of his wife. The agency used by Miss Ellis to bring about this result is the love of his little daughters, for, as Hiram says in the last act, "What greater thing in life is there than the love of little children?"

Mr. Figman's performance of "Mary Jane's Pa" is declared by all the critics to be an artistic revelation and has won him greater distinction than any of the achievements of his notable career. The sale of seats for the engagement in this city is now on and curtain will be held until 9 o'clock.

### CONFEDERATE NOTE RATED AS ASSET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—In a French menage, even of the well-to-do class, 3000 francs is not to be sneezed at. So, when in the settlement of an estate a lawyer at Pau discovered among papers of a deceased client a coupon bond for \$500 and a banknote for \$100, of American origin, he naturally classed them among the assets. True; someone suggested that, having been issued a very long time ago, they might not now be good. But with supreme confidence in the integrity of the great American republic, the lawyer sent them to the treasury department recently for redemption. Acting secretary of the Treasury Norton replied with a letter which will cause great sorrow. Both the bond and the bank note were issued by the confederacy.

In his letter, Secretary Norton told the Pau lawyer that he was quite correct in assuming that the United States always met its obligations on maturity, but that these were not United States securities. There was also a brief historical reference to what became of the Confederate States. It was a very nice letter—but—sacre! likewise, non du chien!

Are you going to plant shade trees in front of your place? If not, why not?

### WANT DORRIS AS SISKIYOU CAPITAL

Dorris Booster Eloquent Over Advantages of Sagebrush Town for Headquarters for Proposed New State.

(Dorris Booster.)

Rise up, fair Dorris, like a blushing bride of Butte valley, and assert the possibility of your becoming the capital of the new State of Siskiyou. The new state may never materialize, but it is a pleasant thing to dream of, and as it does not partake of nightmare, let us dream and dream. With Dorris at the helm, Siskiyou would be a gem in the constellation of states. Prosperous cities would spring up on her crystal waters, wending their way from snow-capped mountains back to the bosom of mother ocean. Virgin cities, with moral propensities, and no Ruefs, Smiths, Gallaghers and Calhouns to defile them. The Dorris Booster would shine in the galaxy of journalism, with a Hoe press flitting off 20,000 copies per hour, we would herald the prosperity, peace and good will of its citizens. We would have no fear of a premature death by the gun route, representing a decent people; we would be decent. We would not levy blackmail or assail the virtue of the beloved mother, hence there would be no Kallouhs to assassinate us. That we will have railroad candidates for the United States senate is certain, but they will be carpet-bagging from California to Oregon, where Judge McGinn says that there was but one honest senatorial election in the history of the state, and back to California, where they do not claim one honest election. We will have a jackpot of at least \$350, but it will not be the sweat of graft nor fleeced from a charitable fund for people suffering from a great conflagration. The new state will have a coat of arms and a great seal, representing the Goddess of Liberty enthroned on Mt. Shasta, facing the Golden West and the Orient, with a garland of silvery clouds at her feet, like "Beelzebub above whom none sits higher." In her left hand will be poised, with even beam, the scales of justice, her right raised to swear the witness. She will be weighing the iniquity between California and Oregon, in the balance. On the south will be a swift-moving ship of state, with all the wicked people of San Francisco that the earthquake did not kill on board. She will be laden with greed, blackmail, assassination of character and libel, and the San Francisco Call at the helm. The north will represent old Oregon, a rotten hulk of a ship of state, keel upward, whose progress has been retarded by barnacles and moss. In the background will be Harvey Scott on the stool of repentance, as happy as a tombstone smiling at grief. To the Goddess' left breast will be pinned the ten commandments representing the constitution of the new state. O! Golden Siskiyou, 'tis of thee we dream."

### HERMANN TRIAL.

(Continued from page 1.) on its desirability. The defense contends that Hermann, while commissioner, kept after the secretary of the interior and congress to repeal or amend the land act, under the terms of which the frauds in school lands and reserve lands were being carried on, and that his insistence finally resulted in the repeal of the law.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 12.—The trial of Binger Hermann, accused of complicity in the Blue Mountain forest reserve conspiracy, started in earnest this morning. When court convened at 10 o'clock Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney made the opening statement to the jury. He was followed by Attorney A. S. Worthington for the defense.

It is expected that the opposing counsel will conclude their opening addresses before the noon adjournment and that the introduction of testimony by the prosecution will begin at the opening of the afternoon session.

Hermann entered the courtroom this morning with his face wreathed in smiles. He is pleased with the jury and makes no effort to conceal his satisfaction.

Before court convened Prosecutor Heney stated that it would not take him longer than 20 minutes to present the opening statement of the case for the prosecution.

Prosecutor Heney stated today that he did not think that more than two weeks would be required to try the case. Counsel for the defense do not take this view of it. They say that three weeks at least will be required in the taking of testimony and examination of witnesses.

### CURIOUS HABITS OF THE SENATORS

Purchases Made in Course of Year by Members of Millionaires' Club Reveal Queer Traits of Lawmakers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Purchases made in the course of a year for the use of the senators, directly and indirectly, make up a list almost indefinite in its variety.

They are set forth in detail in the annual report of the secretary of the senate and in strict accordance with the law that requires the publication of the record of every expenditure, he allows no item to escape. There are articles for business and for comfort, for the medicine chest and for the toilet.

Regard for many charms still endures in the senate, tempestuous questions of state to the contrary notwithstanding. In the secretary's report, just issued, it appears that four dozen bottles of popular grades of cologne and a gallon of another brand of cologne were a part of the stores laid in last year, a fragrant reminder of olden times when gallant beaux were wont to meander about in an invisible zone of incense-laden atmosphere. Thus romance lives on and on and anybody not liking cologne can lump it.

Another reminder of the good old days is the habit of taking snuff. It still lives, and a single invoice of two pounds of Copenhagen snuff indicates that even in the council house of the nation there exists a demand for this solace of old age. Falling hair, too, appears to be an issue. There is an item of one dozen bottles of a celebrated brand of hair tonic, \$27.75, and two bottles of another brand, \$1.50, not quite so celebrated. A little further along are other items reminding the reader again of the age of perfume. A dram of oil of rose at \$1, three ounces of rose extract, at \$1.26, and three ounces of heliotrope extract, also at \$1.26, have all been drawn upon to enhance the salubrious senatorial presence.

It is come to senators as to common mortals and natural enough it is that the chamber be fortified against the dread invasion of germs and bacilli. Stovaine has not been adopted, but the senate batteries bristle with three bottles of bromo seltzer, three bottles of bromo caffeine, three bottles of Abey's salts, one dozen bottles each of popain tablets, Jamaica ginger, vaseline, listerine, (large size) one dozen packages of laxative bromo-quinine, one pound of soda packages of court plaster, one dozen selditz powders, one pound of soda mint tablets, 200 rhinitis tablets, 500 lithia tablets, one pound of bicarbonate soda tablets, six ounces of aromatic spirits of ammonia, one case of Hunadi water, one quart of olive oil, two quarts of ammonia, and so on through a long list.

Two kips of chamomile skins at \$43.20, two ounces of quince seed and six ounces of bergamot were also among the things laid in stock. Soap? Yes, there was half a gross of imported French soap, perfumed, \$44.65. Four gross of another fancy soap costing \$121.40 and there was a lot of three other less expensive brands.

In the supplies of last year the senate bought one bottle each of mustard liniment, gargling oil and North Carolina tar. It took in large amounts of timothy hay, oats, meal and bran. The old joke about the senator's breakfast food is outlawed by the statute of limitations however. The cereals and such are not for the senators but for the senate stables. Other entries show the purchase of one gallon of Nest's foot oil, \$1; one quart of foot dressing, 75 cents, two mane brushes, 75 cents, and three pairs of iron hold-back hoops, \$1.

In the payrolls there appears many employes whose names are similar to those of senators. If this similarity indicates kinship it appears that at least one-third of the senators have provided for relatives on the payroll. One of the senators has three members of his family at the trough.

A year of the senate, county salaries and all expenses, cost the government \$1,828,452.88.

### O'BRIEN MEETS CITIZENS AND TALKS NEW DEPOT

J. P. O'Brien, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific, arrived in Medford in his special car this afternoon and held an informal reception, meeting citizens and listening to their ideas of a depot site. He will leave on train 16 for the north.

### REBELS VICTORS IN NICARAGUA

Complete Overthrow of Madriz Administration and Defeat of the Government Forces Hourly Expected.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Jan. 12.—(Wireless to Colon.)—The complete overthrow of the Madriz administration and the defeat of the government forces within 48 hours is expected by the revolutionary leaders.

General Chamorro of the insurgents yesterday defeated a small detachment of government troops at La Verdas. Other easy victories by Chamorro's advance guard indicate that his advance upon Managua will be practically unopposed.

### ASHLAND COUNCIL.

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Allen people will stand before cutting Ashland off the trolley line map entirely.

Committee Appointments Criticized.

The comedy features were introduced when Mayor Snell announced his committee appointments. Councilman Cunningham, who represents the ward most antagonistic to the administration, accused the mayor of discriminating against his beloved constituency by putting him on the "tail end of every committee." Snell pointed out that each member of the council was on three committees and each was chairman of one. The ensuing argument failed to prove anything in particular, and when interest lagged, Schell, the new councilman from the third ward, exploded in the midst of the group and in an instant councilmen, recorder and the more timid spectators were dodging verbal missiles.

Schell called for the expunging of the city's records. Moore seconded the motion and the battle was on. City Recorder Eggleston said that he invited the inspection of his books, but did not think it fair to him to go back to the days of village record-keeping methods that obtained when he took office, as it would mean that he would have to put an expert on the trail of the council's expert. He accused Moore of working up the sentiment in favor of having the work done, and for the purpose of casting reflections on his (Eggleston's) character. Moore denied the charge and said that the people were clamoring for more light on the city's affairs. They wanted to know how the money was spent. Cunningham interposed the remark that "they knew where some of it had gone," whereupon Mayor Snell said that they were "entitled to know where all of it had gone."

Barnard moved to amend the original motion to read that "the city's records be expunged for the past year," and when the question was finally put on the motion as amended, Schell voted with the insurgents, and victory perched on Eggleston's banner.

### Citizens Growing Disgusted.

To the spectators, the whole proceedings appeared farcical. No citizen not moved by personal animus entertains the thought that either Captain Eggleston or any member of the council have been grafting.

With one faction ready to oppose anything advanced by the other, the Ashland city council will soon get itself in a position where the people will be inclined to invoke the recall of the whole bunch.

Send in your name to the Commercial club for membership.

### THE LISTENER—AND WHAT HE HEARD

He Hears a Few Expressions of Opinion Not Strictly News, But Some of Them of Interest.

"I never felt the cold in the east when the thermometer was much lower than here, as I do in this valley," remarked a new arrival. "Do you know the reason?" replied his friend, who had evidently studied the situation. "If you don't, I'll tell you. It is simply because you dare not take the chances of the cold there as you do here. If you are going out, either the Dakotas, Minnesota or any of the states where it is really cold, you prepare for it. You consult the thermometer, the barometer and look up the weather predictions and then perhaps look over the almanac to see what the weather is likely to be. Then you bundle up a little more and start with fear and trembling. If the weather is a little more severe than you expected you hike for the nearest place of refuge and put on more clothes. In those countries a

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It is claimed that horses and mules know only what they are taught, but the following picked up by "The Listener" indicates that it doesn't take a great deal to teach them occasionally:

"Did you see them two mules that was stuck with a load of wood down the street the other day?" said one. "No? Well, it was like this. The feller had a load of wood on the wagon with no stay chains on his doubletree. The wagon wheels dropped into a rut and the mules, being young, were bewildered, when they commenced to see-saw back and forth and refused to pull. The man unloaded part, then all of his load, and still the mules refused to pull. Finally he unhitched the team and could hardly get them away from the wagon at that. You see, they thought they were fastened for good. Next morning he tried it again, but it was no good. The mules wouldn't even fight a tug, and he was compelled to ask for help. A big team of horses were brought, a pair that had never refused to pull, the mules taken off and the horses hitched on. Don't you know that it was two minutes before those horses could be induced to pull. They had seen the other team was afraid to pull and it scared them, too. Finally—remember, the wagon was empty—with a mighty surge the horses went forward and nearly fell on their noses, because the weight wasn't behind them that they expected. The wagon was pulled out and the mules hitched on again, driven around the block and brought back to reload the wood. The wagon then stood on solid ground, but, don't you know, those blamed mules wouldn't even start to pull from that spot. They were afraid of it, and I would be willing to bet that as long as they live those mules will undertake to balk at that particular place."