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JAPANESE WAR EMBROGLIO GOOD REASONS FOR VETOES ASK REBATE ON TAXES THAW TRIAL IS NOW ON OREGON R. R. LINES BLOCKED

WILL ASK COURT FOR A REBATE

Tax Payers Meeting Appoint Committee to Wait on Judge Scott

In response to a call to protest against extravagant expenditures on the county court house, about 150 taxpayers met last night in the city hall and passed resolutions asking that a committee be appointed to call on Judge Scott and the county commissioners and demand that the proposed improvements on the court house be postponed for one year and that the surplus thus left in the treasury be rebated pro rata to the taxpayers.

Dr. W. A. Cusick was the acting chairman and the committee appointed by him is Senator Kay, Frank J. Darbin, Dan J. Fry, George Burns, David Wagner.

The meeting will reconvene at the

call of the president to hear the result of the committee's consultation with the court.

A score of speeches were made and in each one of them with three or four exceptions the action of the court in proposing the improvements was assailed in harsh language. Fraud, willful misrepresentation, false statements and graft were some of the terms used. It was freely predicted that the court would not consider the question of granting a rebate on the taxes and nothing was said directly what would be done but veiled threats were made as to what would happen at the next election were indulged in.

At 8 o'clock Mr. Frizzell said the hour for meeting had come and gone and he suggested that Rev. P. S. Knight take the chair. He refused.

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Raise Race Question.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The cafes have raised the race question, and have united in posting notices that negroes are barred.

Royalty Makes Visit.

London, Feb. 2.—The king and queen left today for Paris, traveling incognito.

THAW TRIAL BEGINS

Prosecution Will Conclude Speeches By Monday Afternoon

New York, Feb. 2.—Thaw's attorneys are ready to begin the presentation of the case. The attorneys conferred with Thaw this morning, Peabody, Peabody and O'Reilly being present. It is not settled who will make the opening statement. On leaving Peabody said: "I found my client in good health and spirits." He said: "If the state closes Monday morning, as Jerome intimated, the defense will be ready to go on immediately after recess." He de-

PERKINS TALKED TOO MUCH

President Greatly Displeased at California Senator's Loquaciousness

Washington, Feb. 2.—"I'd like to war with Perkins and others from the coast, who are making a mountain out of a mole hill," said Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee, today, after a consultation at the White House. "We are not on the eve of a serious trouble with any nation," he continued, "and should attend to our own business, and quit talking war. This continual talk about trouble is what brings it. It is ridiculous to imagine two great nations will engage in war over such

cuss Pacific coast defenses. General McArthur refused to talk at all "under the present condition of affairs."

Will Go to Washington.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The board of education held a short meeting this morning and definitely decided to go to Washington in a body, accompanied by Attorney Schmitz. It is not announced whether or not he will go. Another meeting will be held this afternoon. All the members devoted considerable time this morning in gathering all available data on the Japanese segregation question and are confident to be able to make convincing argument in support of the orders of segregation.

Japs Not Mongolians.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The President and Secretary Bonaparte are preparing a case to present to the California school officials. They maintain the board of education of San Francisco did not act within the law of the state. In passing the resolution it appears the board acted under section 1662, civil code of California, which empowers the board to exclude "Mongolian" children. The executive claims that the Japanese are not Mongolians. It is declared they are members of the Malay race.

Roosevelt's Great Message.

Tokio, Feb. 2.—"As a sincere friend America could not help but regret that the San Francisco officials should have chosen innocent children for effecting political ends," said Baron Kaneko, a member of the Japanese house of peers, who recently visited the United States to study political and economic conditions. "No soul ever thought the San Francisco affair would endanger the friendship of both nations. Japan owes too much of progress to America; the question is a local one endorsed by the American people is a statement that is confirmed by the President's message, which is the greatest document since Washington's farewell."

Japan's Ultimatum.

Washington, Feb. 2.—It was learned that the representation that Japanese Ambassador Aoki made to Secretary Root is polite, but really in the nature of an ultimatum. This government is informed that the Tokyo government insists that its subjects be treated as those of the most favored nation. Acknowledgement of this principle is made the condition precedent to further negotiations. Japanese subjects in San Francisco must be accorded the same privileges as subjects of Great Britain or any other first-class power.

"War with Japan is inevitable. It will not come tomorrow or today, but sooner or later the test of strength will come on the question of which nation shall have control of the Pacific. This fact is realized by leading members of the President's administration. Consequently the policy is to shape matters to meet the crisis when it shall arrive."

This is the statement made by one of the California delegation who was called to the White House yesterday afternoon to discuss Japanese matters with the President. In the conference there was plain talking of the kind the President would not like to have come to the ears of outsiders, and therefore before the callers departed he bound them all to say nothing of what had taken place, beyond the prepared statement that was given out, announcing a harmonious discussion of the Japanese question.

The member of the California delegation said:

"As near as I can recollect, this is the substance of the language used that the people do not seem to realize the situation, but refused to dis-

THOUSAND LOADED CARS ARE

Blockaded on Harriman Lines in Oregon By Snow and Ice

Portland, Feb. 2.—An unusually heavy snow is falling throughout all the Northwest. All railroad traffic in Eastern Oregon and Washington is tied up for at least 48 hours by washouts and slides. The cold weather is causing the floods to subside to some extent.

A shortage of coal on the Harriman lines added to the blockades by snow and ice has caused a serious freight blockade that has completely stopped all repair work. Over 800 loaded cars are between Portland and Ashland, and cannot be moved. Similar conditions exist on the O. R. & N. lines between Portland and the Snake river. More than 1000 loaded cars in Oregon are tied up.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR LAW MILL

Only Room For Fifty-Seven New Bills On House Cal- endar--Means New Book

Unless it be decided to purchase a new calendar book for the keeping of the house proceedings the introduction of new bills during the balance of the session in the lower branch of the assembly must of necessity be restricted to not to exceed 57 new measures. This fact became evident yesterday afternoon, when, after booking all of the bills that were introduced up to the hour of taking recess, Calendar Clerk Barry checked up his books and found that there was room for only that number of new bills, and he has so notified the legislators, and some definite action may be taken this week.

These calendar books are made especially for the keeping of the records of the session, and cost the state \$236 each, or \$472 for the house and senate. At the rate bills have been introduced up to the present in the house, which number is far in excess of any previous session, 349 all told, the total will crowd the 500 mark close, and it becomes apparent that a halt will have to be called in a short time. The constitution, however, bars any restriction upon the introduction of bills, and just how it is to be brought about is a question.

Wisconsin Earthquake.

Oakshosh, Wis., Feb. 2.—Earth rumblings and slight tremors recurring intermittently since last night put everybody in this city into a state of apprehension and excitement. The theory is expressed that Lake Winnebago is the cause of the phenomenon, but fear of a disastrous earthquake pervades the community.

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nied the report that Thaw would take the stand in his own behalf. "We will not cross that bridge until we arrive," he said, "it is evident the defense thinks they were too lenient with Jerome in the matter of excusing jurors. Peabody says he thinks

AUDITORIUM RINK
MASQUERADE
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will remain. Garvin spent today in a final review of the case. He was closeted for hours with various witnesses for the state. Evelyn visited her husband for over two hours.

Has Found Forger.

Pittsburg, Feb. 2.—Former District Attorney Robb says he has found the forger of the Madine letters introduced at the Hartje divorce case, and thinks he is able to prefer charges of forgery, perjury and conspiracy before night falls. Letters supposed to have passed between Mrs. Hartje and Coachman Tom Nadine were unsuccessfully used in the trial to blacken Mrs. Hartje's character.

Italian Consul Protests.

Denver, Feb. 2.—Italian Consul Certi has protested to the governor and the Italian government against the alleged disregard of law by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, referring especially to the recent disaster in the Trinidad coal field. Many Italian miners were killed. He claims he was denied information, and says no coroner's inquest was held. He intimates that the state winks at law-breaking.

Plan to Kill Czar.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The orders to the police today to find the purchaser of the Cossack uniform is thought to indicate a plan to assassinate the Czar has been found. A Cossack uniform is an open sesame to all the Czar's palaces.

trivial matters as the San Francisco schools."

The administration is greatly displeased with Perkins' speech last night. It feels such discussions cause embarrassment in the negotiations.

Pleased With War.

Manila, Feb. 2.—The army and navy officers in the Philippines are pleased with the acute situation on account of the Japanese trouble at San Francisco, because their recommendations for better fortifications and stronger plans for defense may be adopted. They are certain that Japanese agents are working through the islands, but are uncertain as to the number. American officers are well informed as to their operations, have kept them posted. There is no likelihood that Japan will be able to repeat the work at Manchuria and Corea, which was planned and carried out unsuccessfully under the unseeing eyes of the Russians. It is believed that the mass of military information sent to Washington from here accounts for the activity at the capital.

Situation Looks Serious.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—That the tense relations now existing between this country and Japan is more serious than is generally thought is the opinion of army officers stationed at the military posts on the coast. There is unusual activity at the Presidio. From preparations now going on it is evident that the war department did not take a light view of the situation, although it is unwilling to admit it amounts to anything more than a local agitation. Colonel Winn, chief aid to General McArthur, is quoted as saying today that the people do not seem to realize the situation, but refused to dis-

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