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CALIFORNIA FIRM IN JAP DISPUTE

Banner of State's Rights to Be Standard in Battle to End.

SCENT DEEP PURPOSE IN SCHOOL SQUABBLE

San Franciscans Declare Japan's Peevishness Means Bitter War.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—California is rebellious, if not in a state of rebellion. Standing on its new problem, or rather on the new phase of an older problem, the golden state has raised the banner of state rights and has declared more strongly on the color question than ever the south declared since the recent unpleasantness.

Neither does California seek a war with Japan. In fact, Californians laugh at such an idea, but here on the strip of land which has been the brunt of the battering of ever Japan and the United States go to war there is no man who fears Japan.

"The school board of San Francisco never will change its attitude on the school question," declared the superintendent of schools, as he came from a board meeting which had been discussing the question.

"President Roosevelt's requests, or orders, will be ignored by us. The Japanese must stay in their own school. We are acting under a state law, passed in 1879, before there ever was any idea of this sort of thing."

"If California is to remain one of the United States," declared the commissioner of labor of California, "then it must stop this invasion and settle the question. If not, we cannot."

The feeling in San Francisco is high. The city and people of the state are openly, bitterly and resentfully opposed to the administration's stand in regard to the school question in San Francisco.

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Not only does California, especially San Francisco, resent the attitude of Japan, but even more it resents the apparent attitude of President Roosevelt's administration.

LAUGHS AT IDEA OF WAR

Japanese Ambassador Ridicules Fear—Has Confidence in President.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—William E. Curtis, Jr., Washington special to the Record-Herald, says:

"We have perfect confidence in the president and in Secretary Root; in their friendly disposition, in their sense of justice and in their wisdom," said the viscount in discussing the San Francisco affair.

JUDGE WHO TRIED DR. KOCH KILLS HIMSELF AT NEW ULM

Suicide by Hanging Was the Death Sought Today by Judge B. F. Webber.

Worry Over Financial Matters and Wife's Illness Prompted His Act.

He Was a Pioneer of New Ulm and Was Prominent.

New Ulm, Minn., Dec. 4.—Judge B. F. Webber is dead by his own hand. When the news was flashed about New Ulm today it could scarcely be believed.

Intimate friends of Judge Webber have known for some time that he was acting strangely and have noticed his mental and physical powers fail from day to day. Last night he left his home at 8 o'clock and remained away until midnight.

His Hanging Body Found.

Mr. Mullin jumped to the conclusion at once that it might be a case for the police and notified Chief Klauske that the judge was missing.

The chief found two ropes in the hayloft, each freshly cut and with a noose, indicating almost beyond a doubt that Judge Webber had long planned the stunt and perhaps even attempted suicide before.

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Koch Trial Strain Too Much.

Judge Webber presided at the first trial of Dr. George R. Koch, charged with the murder of L. A. Gehhardt, and the first of two long inquiries no doubt hastened the end that came today.

Lived a Long Life.

Judge Webber was 73 years of age on Oct. 6, and at that time appeared to be a well-preserved and vigorous man. He was a fine example when in his prime of the rugged New Englander.

Was the Last of Judge Webber to Preside over Several Trials in Addition to Dr. Koch's in which prisoners were charged with murder in the first degree.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—L. Lee Dilworth, 82 years old, a bachelor, a member of one of the most wealthy families of Pittsburg, has committed suicide by shooting. No cause can be assigned for the deed, and all avenues of information are closed.



JUDGE B. F. WEBBER, Who Killed Himself at New Ulm by Hanging Today.

FAMINE OF FUEL IMPENDS AT FARGO

New Phase of the Car Shortage Problem—Minnesota Towns in a Boat, Too.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 4.—The car shortage problem in Fargo is resolving itself into a fuel famine. The supplies of all the local dealers, both of wood and coal, have run down to a minimum.

The dealers are inclined to place the entire responsibility with the roads. They say they ordered early, and that many orders had to be canceled because of the failure of the big fuel companies to get cars.

ST. PETER BINS GETTING LOW

Special to the Journal. St. Peter, Minn., Dec. 4.—Coal dealers are feeling the effects of the car shortage and are experiencing great difficulty in securing enough fuel to fill orders.

The secretary of the interior has extended the time for completing the contract of William D. Lovell of Minneapolis on the Huntley irrigation project in Montana, to June 1, 1907.

GRAIN RECEIPTS STILL COMING UP

Railroads Seem to Be Working to Relieve the Big Blockade.

More Evidence that I. O. C. Will Consider Relations Between Dividends and Service.

Further evidence of the beginning of better railroad service in the congested area is shown in the table for today's grain receipts, in which wheat coming into Minneapolis exceeds the total of a week ago by 113 cars, but the quantity moved in by the roads traversing North Dakota's blocked territory shows an increase of 144 cars.

Table with columns: From Congested Area, WHEAT RECEIPTS, Today, Week Ago, Cars. Includes rows for Great Northern, Northern Pacific, etc.

Table with columns: Receipts of All Grains Today, MINNEAPOLIS, Today, Year Ago, Cars. Includes rows for Wheat, Oats, Rye, etc.

BIG QUESTIONS INVOLVED

Chicago Paper Says Relations of Dividends to Service Will Be Considered.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A Washington special to the Record-Herald says that when the interstate commerce commission takes up the matter of the inefficient railroad service that has aroused the people of the northwest, it will consider also the relation of rates to increased railroad dividends.

CRAPSEY IS DEPOSED

Episcopal Rector, Accused as Heretic, Is Formally Ousted.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Bishop Walker of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of western New York, today formally deposed Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrew's church, Rochester, N. Y., from the ministry of the Episcopal church.

RESTORE ANCIENT CHURCH

To Rebuild House in Which George Washington Worshipped.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Historic old Falls church in Virginia, from which the village of Falls church derived its name, and at which church President Washington worshipped for years, is to be restored by the American Scenic and Historical Preservation society.

BOLSTER WEAK LAWS AND PASS NEEDED NEW ONES, PRESIDENT'S PLEA TO CONGRESS IN HIS MESSAGE

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Law prohibiting political contributions from corporations. Law giving government right to appeal in criminal cases. Law limiting the setting aside of judgments. Law eliminating abuses in connection with injunction laws. Believes in capital punishment for rape and assaults with intent to commit rape. Laws reducing hours of labor; half holidays during summer for government employees. Stronger laws against child labor and regulation of labor of women.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS FROM THE MESSAGE

Let individuals contribute as they desire, but let us prohibit corporations in my judgment the crime of rape should always be punished with death; assault with intent to commit rape should be made a capital crime. Corruption is never so rife as in communities where the demagog and agitator bear full sway, because hysteria and sensationalism replace sound judgment and fair dealing.

RICH AND POOR EQUAL BEFORE THE LAWMAKERS

Labor and Capital Figure in Recommendations for Just Legislation.

Swollen Fortune Tax, Death for Rape and Naturalization for Japs.

(Full digest of the president's message will be found on pages 11 and 12.)

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt's annual message to congress occupied the attention of the senate as soon as the opening preliminaries were concluded today. These included the receipt of messages from the house reciting deaths of several of its members.

Several New Issues.

In his message the president recommends the strengthening of severance already on the statute books, notably those governing corporations. A federal license law is mentioned as one of the needed reforms of the problem and a fit foe for the government ownership doctrine.

Wants All Negroes Discharged.

Representative Slaydon of Texas today introduced a bill which provides that on or before the 30th day of June, 1907, all enlisted men of the army who are negroes shall be discharged from the service of the United States and thereafter no negro or person of negro descent shall be appointed in the army of the United States.

President Demands Haste.

President Roosevelt made it apparent to his senators callers today that he is anxious for speedy action on a congressional resolution calling for information regarding the discharge of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry for participating in the riot at Brownsville.

Cousins Heads Committee.

Speaker Cannon today announced the promotion of Robert G. Cousins of Iowa to the chairmanship of the house committee on foreign affairs, made vacant by the death of Representative Robert R. Hitt of Illinois.

PLATT WILL RESIGN? "NO!"

Aged New York Senator Says Nothing but Deal Can Unseat Him.

PARTY NAMES OFF BALLOT

No Political Designation Before Voters in Newport Election.

SHOOTS AT THE JUDGE

Denied Custody of Children, Divorced Man Clears Courtroom.

WOMAN SLAIN BY VICTIM

Rancher's Wife Shot Dead After She Slew Husband's Enemy.

Summary of First Session

Absence of Flowers and Work of Death Noticeable in House.

Washington, Dec. 4.—It took the senate fifteen minutes to arrange its preliminaries, and the house an hour. The senate received a copy of President Roosevelt's annual message for its confirmation, and in an executive session of nineteen minutes decided that as the nominations had been received before the body had been organized formally, to make no confirmation until the president's annual message had been received and the session fairly started.



THE PRESIDENT IS NOW "SPEAKING GENTLY."