

JAP ISSUE UNSOLVED

San Franciscans Resent Interference of Metcalf.

SECRETARY HOME; WON'T TALK

It is an Open Secret, However, that Task of Inducing California City to Treat Nipponese Without Prejudice Was Impossible of Accomplishment—May Lose Jap Trade.

Victor H. Metcalf, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, returned last evening from his special visit to San Francisco where he went at the request of President Roosevelt to investigate the discrimination in the San Francisco public schools against Japanese children.

The seriousness of the subject, the urgent and positive protests of the Japanese government, lent the subject such a weighty air that the President deemed it best to get a personal and unbiased report on the whole subject.

Secretary Metcalf drove at once to his house in N street, on arriving in the city, and once there, declined absolutely to talk to newspaper representatives about his mission.

"My report is to be made to the President," he said, "and you can see at once the impropriety of any utterance at this time."

Resent Federal Interference.

It is hardly a secret, however, that the task—that of bringing concord to the conflicting elements in San Francisco—was practically impossible of accomplishment. In effect, the attitude of the school authorities of San Francisco is decidedly that they are amply able to care for their own affairs and they resent anything that looks like an attempt at Federal interference.

The feeling against the Japanese on the Pacific Coast is not by any means a new thing, and the school authorities toward Japanese children is simply the culmination of a prejudice that has been growing for years.

It is understood that Secretary Metcalf's report to President Roosevelt will show that it is hopeless to think of changing the mind of the San Franciscans by argument, and that if it is deemed necessary, in order to retain the friendship of Japan, with whom hitherto our relations have been extremely cordial, to break down the discrimination against Japanese children, the relief will have to be sought through the machinery of the law.

May Lose Japanese Trade.

The return of Secretary Metcalf has reopened the whole subject for discussion, and last evening those best informed on the matter were inclined to take a rather gloomy view of the situation. It was pointed out by an army officer familiar with the Japanese character that if Secretary Metcalf's report to the President shows his mission to have failed, the Japanese will be likely to begin at once active measures of retaliation.

It is pointed out that at present there is a large volume of Japanese trade entering the United States, and that this can easily be diverted to a northern port on the Pacific coast.

It is even said that such is the Japanese ascendancy in trade over her big neighbor, China, that the merchants of Nippon could easily use their influence to divert much of this trade also.

There is much speculation as to what the President will do on his return to this country if Secretary Metcalf's report should prove unfavorable, as it is feared. It is known that he is in favor of the utmost fairness to the Japanese, and this, coming on top of the recent exposure of graft in the earthquake city, may cause him once more to use the "big stick."

HAD A BUSY TIME OF IT.

Vice President Fairbanks to Rest After Trip to Florida.

Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, who, some think, during the absence of President Roosevelt from the country, is, in fact, the acting President, is paying a brief visit to Washington. The condition of the Fairbanks mansion, at 1701 K street, shows that the visit is to be brief, for only part of the house is open—just enough to accommodate the Vice President and Lieut. and Mrs. Timmons, his son-in-law and his daughter.

The Vice President is in the best of health, as a result of his political campaigning in the Southwest, though during his trip he had to travel over some erratic and wonderful railroads, and lived, practically, in his traveling car all of the time. He was received with great enthusiasm everywhere, especially in Oklahoma, a country he had not visited before, and about the future possibilities of which he is highly optimistic. In Oklahoma City he found a town which, in spite of its mushroom-like growth, would compare well with many cities of ten times its age—a city of churches, of theaters, paved streets, electric lights, street cars, and handsome stone public buildings, standing on what only a few years ago was the prairie. In Oklahoma City over 15,000 people turned out to hear the Vice President, and at the small town of Aida, which he reached next morning at 6 o'clock, there was nearly as large a throng to greet him at the station.

It was a hard and tedious trip, and not the easiest part of it was that for the greater part of the time the President was separated from his family.

When the tour was practically over, Mr. Fairbanks spoke in a few towns and cities in his native State—Indiana. He spoke at the Soldiers' Home in Marion, and afterward in the town of Marion. While he was addressing the great crowd that had gathered at the rear of his train, and while he was bowing in response to the applause, he was surprised to find in the middle of the throng, Mrs. Fairbanks, who was visiting friends in the country near by, and who had driven in to hear her distinguished husband. It was a case of *ave atque vale*, for the train was already in motion, and that the Vice President could do was to bow his greeting to Mrs. Fairbanks and wave his hat in token of farewell.

Mrs. Fairbanks has been indisposed with a slight cold, and she did not accompany the Vice President to Washington. She is to join him to-morrow, when he starts South to Tampa, Fla., where they are to be the guests of the Southern Florida Fair Association. The Vice President will make the opening speech at the midwinter fair. He expects to return to Washington the latter part of this week, so as to prepare for the opening of Congress. The house on K street is now being made ready for permanent occupancy, and the Vice President expects to entertain largely during the coming winter.

Complains of High Cab Rates.

John H. Rankin, of Philadelphia, in a letter to the Commissioners, protests against the rate of cab service charged by the Washington hotels, and suggests that the police regulations be amended so as to regulate these charges. Mr. Rankin says: "Strangers in the city are to a great extent dependent upon the cab service of the hotels at which they are staying, and to be compelled to pay \$1.50 for a service which may not take over five minutes is a gross extortion. The matter has been referred to the corporation council."

OPEN SEASON FOR COMETS.

Naval Observatory at Georgetown Gets Views of Stranger.

With the last week the discovery of comets have developed into a popular pastime. The sport is not, by any means confined to astronomers, although it would seem that familiarity with heavenly things is conducive to success in the game.

On Sunday last Prof. Thiele, of the Copenhagen Observatory, opened the season on comets with the announcement that a new one had been located by him sailing round the moon. At 3 a. m. the next morning the Naval Observatory at Georgetown got a line on the stranger and twice since then it has repeated the trick.

Last night, at about 10 o'clock, a telegram from Canton, Mass., announced that the Rev. J. A. Metcalf of that town had brought down comet No. 2, while engaged in the task of taking a photograph of the heavens. It was stated that the Rev. Mr. Metcalf was not out for comets at that time, but just picked this one up in passing. If Mr. Metcalf should really make an effort along these lines the local astronomers fear to prophesy what he might get out of it. A member of the Washington professional body suggested that if the preachers and astronomers should get together on this thing nothing but a closed season on comets could possibly save the species from extinction.

DR. THOMPSON IS IMPROVED.

Washington Physician Sees Friends in London Hospital.

The many friends of Dr. J. Ford Thompson, of this city, who were operated on in London, November 5, for an abscess of the stomach, were cheered last night when word was received that his condition was much improved and visitors were now admitted to see him.

This information came as a welcome surprise to his son-in-law, Dr. Thomas McArdle, who had believed that Dr. Thompson's illness would prove fatal.

Dr. McArdle has treated his relative for the stomach abscess during the last year and a half, and when it was announced that an operation was necessary to relieve the sufferer all hope of his recovery was abandoned.

Dr. Thompson's two daughters sailed for England a week ago and were due to arrive there yesterday. Private dispatches telling of the patient's condition are expected at any time, but as yet only the press notices are to be had. Dr. Thompson announces himself as much gratified at the interest taken in his case by friends at home.

MISS ROOSEVELT AT PARTY

With Others Act as Hostess at Luncheon Given Teacher.

President's Daughter Has Charge of Menu and Entertains Guest with Piano Music.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of the President, and twenty other young ladies matriculated at the National Cathedral School, were hosts at a beautifully appointed luncheon given yesterday at the Tea Cup Inn, the recognized rendezvous for the boarding-school girls of Washington.

The luncheon was in honor of Mrs. Barber Walker, the new principal of the school, and celebrated the opening of the "Lounge" as a popular place for noonday entertaining. The decorations and the menu were under the supervision of Miss Roosevelt.

The central space of the room was occupied by an attractively laid table, oval in shape and decorated in white and gold. About the three large yellow shaded candleabra, enormous white and gold chrysanthemums were artistically massed, and the room was completed by the decoration to the edge of the snowy cloth. These flowers, known as the "Golden Wedding" and "Timothy Eaton" varieties, are the famous specimens produced this year at the White House conservatories.

One end of the apartment was converted into a reception room for the use of the guests before and after the luncheon. Mahogany furnishings, lamps, piano and rugs were quite overshadowed, however, by the wealth of golden bloom displayed everywhere in tall jars and vases. It was a veritable chrysanthemum show.

The very maidenly girls presented an attractive appearance in their pretty hats and gowns, and over the menu of grape fruit, tomato bouillon, lamb chops and peas, chicken salad and cheese balls, vanilla ice cream and lemon bonbons, and hot chocolate, a typical Saturday-holiday gaiety prevailed.

Miss Roosevelt wore an extremely becoming tailor gown of red broadcloth, trimmed with white ermine. After the final coffee course, the President's daughter dashed off several popular airs on the piano and distributed the talde flowers among the guests, some of whom were off to the matinee, and the remainder back to the cathedral school.

Miss Roosevelt was the only one of the luncheon party who departed on foot. She tripped off alone across Lafayette Park and in the direction of the White House, in complete disregard of the rain drops that began to fall about 2 o'clock.

WELLMAN STILL HAS HOPE.

Arctic Explorer Believes Airship Plan the Most Feasible.

New York, Nov. 17.—Walter Wellman, the Arctic explorer, who is planning a dash to the north pole in an airship, arrived from Harre to-day on the steamer La Savoie. Mr. Wellman said he would return to Paris in three weeks to forward the completion of his plans. He said: "We have our own plant and our own engineer now, and expect to accomplish more this time. The last time our work was let out at contract, and they finished the work too late in the season."

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SHAW APPROVES PLAN

In Sympathy with Move to Get Currency Reform.

REPORT WILL NOT COVER IT

The Secretary of the Treasury Declares It Is Not Within His Province to Tell Congress What to Do in the Case—Will Make No Recommendations to Legislative Branch.

In his annual report to Congress next month on the state of the finances, Secretary Shaw will not recommend any particular form of currency legislation, but the Secretary makes no secret of the fact that he is heartily in sympathy with the plan recommended last week by the committee of the American Bankers' Association.

In a statement given out yesterday, Mr. Shaw says in effect that it is not within his province to tell Congress what to do, but he adds that he will be pleased beyond measure if Congress will adopt the bankers' committee report in every detail.

He will not go so far as this in his official report, but will rather point some defects in the present currency system and suggest in an unobtrusive way certain remedies that might be applied should Congress see fit to apply them. The Secretary's statement is as follows: Shaw Makes Statement.

"In his previous reports the Secretary of the Treasury has recommended currency legislation, but has never recommended any particular plans to the exclusion of others. He has been much gratified at the attention given by bankers' associations, and by committees appointed by each. He has remained in the Cabinet largely in the hope of securing some legislation on the subject, but he has not, and will not, recommend details of legislation.

"He thinks Congress will have no difficulty in working out a plan satisfactory to all, though in detail meeting the wishes in every particular of no one man, whenever it comes to legislate on the subject.

Cites Other Laws.

"When Congress decided to pass a tariff law, the Dingley bill was promptly put on the statute books. When it decided to enact a gold standard measure, the act of March 14, 1900, was the quick result. When it decided to pass a rate bill, unnecessary delay ensued. If it shall undertake to add an elastic feature to our present currency system, the Secretary has no doubt of favorable results in short order. That such legislation is imperative, he thinks recent Treasury experiences make apparent.

"In his report he will strongly urge that something be done, and may suggest several methods for the consideration of Congress.

"The Secretary of the Treasury, being charged only with the responsibility of administering his department under the law as it exists, and of making report to Congress, will not assume the responsibility involved in the preparation of details of needed legislation. The subject matter and the end necessary to be attained he will fully discuss."

HAS NO CURB; SUES DISTRICT

Ingleside Property Owner Demands \$43,500 for Negligence of Repairs.

Alleges City Began Street Work, but Left It in Such Condition that Land Depreciated in Value.

The District of Columbia yesterday filed a suit for damages filed in the District Supreme Court by Eugene A. Atchison, who demands \$43,500 for injuries to his property in the Ingleside subdivision, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets northwest extended.

In his declaration Mr. Atchison explains that on April 4, 1905, he purchased lots 41 to 51, inclusive, for which he agreed to pay \$47,850. He contends that he erected twenty-nine three-story brick dwellings at a cost of \$128,942.90, bringing the total investment up to \$176,792.90. A street known as Ingleside terrace ran through the property when he bought it, according to the plat of the lots, and an alley extended along the rear.

Mr. Atchison says he requested the District Commissioners to pave the alley and put it in a useful and orderly condition, as well as to curb the sidewalk of the street and do other necessary work. He alleges that the city began the work, but did not complete it, leaving it in such condition that the water and refuse backed up on the rear lots and so damaged his property as to prevent its sale.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS.

Members Assemble in Cosmos Club to Hear Talks.

The Biological Society of Washington held its regular meeting last evening in the assembly hall of the Cosmos Club. Edward L. Greene gave a talk on the "Toxicodendron, or, as it is commonly called, poison ivy. Mr. Greene exhibited different specimens of this vine and discussed its history.

Barton W. Everman read a paper on fish culture and fish and game protection in the Cornell and Yale forest schools. Mr. Everman, by means of stereopticon views, gave an excellent idea of the work done by foresters in the protection and culture of game and fish. A short talk on the black rat of Virginia, by William Palmer closed the session.

Wants "Pigeons" Eliminated.

The Commissioners yesterday received a letter from W. T. Dismor, secretary of the Washington district of the National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, asking that the word "pigeons" be stricken from the proposed regulation regarding the keeping of live fowls in the city. Since the hearing on this subject before the Commissioners, November 4, the Commissioners have received a number of communications suggesting amendments to the proposed regulation.

To Visit the Battlegrounds.

Capt. Isaac B. Thatcher and Maj. H. C. McArthur, accompanied by their wives, left last night for several battlegrounds, where they will meet Gov. Cummins and staff, who will dedicate monuments to Iowa soldiers at Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain. From there the party will proceed to Shiloh and Corinth to perform a similar duty. Capt. Thatcher and Maj. McArthur had commands in Crocker's famous Iowa brigade.

Fall Down Shaft Proves Fatal.

Bristol, Va., Nov. 17.—Joseph M. Dooly, a Bristol business man, who was injured by falling down a elevator shaft here yesterday, died to-day. He was forty-five years of age.

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SHAW GOES TO PITTSBURG.

The Post-office Site for Smoky City Makes Much Trouble.

Secretary Shaw and Congressman Burke kept the wires hot yesterday with messages in re the purchase of a site for the proposed new post-office in Pittsburgh, since it was announced that the Secretary intended to bring condemnation proceedings, being convinced that too high a price was demanded for the site selected.

Representative Burke believes the Secretary is unreasonable, and asks that the business interests of Pittsburgh be given a "full and fair" hearing. The message also contained these words: "Congress gave the people of Pittsburgh \$1,000,000 for a post-office site, and as their representative I shall demand that they be given \$1,000,000 worth of property. As a matter of fact they were entitled to more, and certainly will take no less."

Secretary Shaw replied, asking Mr. Burke if he knew of any other site better than the one selected, which might be secured within the appropriation, and called attention to the fact that the people of Pittsburgh had been granted a hearing.

This in return brought another lengthy message from the Congressman, asking that Secretary Shaw make a personal investigation, in view of the personal examination and the three or four other complete hearings already given.

USE OF NAVY PHONES.

Mr. Gauss Instituted No System of Espionage on Conversation.

An erroneous statement appeared in yesterday's paper to the effect that Mr. Gauss, the private secretary of the Secretary of the Navy had instituted a system of espionage on the telephone conversations of officers of the navy and employees of the naval service.

The Herald regrets that such an impression should have been created. No note whatever is taken of the nature of the conversations, it is explained. It was found that there was some abuse of the telephone privileges by a few persons not in government employ, but privileged to use the telephone, who several times each day called up their homes or other places obviously not related to the naval work, and a quiet suggestion was made to discontinue such use of the telephones of the navy.

From this fact a misleading report was started that there was an attempt made to learn the private business of users of the telephone.

WILL NOT MARRY DIVORCEES.

Episcopal Clergymen of Nebraska Take Strong Stand in the Matter.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 17.—Episcopal divorcees will have a hard time to re-nurture in Nebraska. Only four Episcopal clergymen in the entire State will marry a divorced man or woman.

Bishop George Worthington, of the Nebraska diocese, Friday signed an agreement that he would never again perform the marriage ceremony of a divorcee. The coadjutor, Bishop Williams, signed the agreement.

Afterward, every Episcopal rector in the State, except four, attached his name to the agreement, which will be read in all the Episcopal churches.

Will Assist Building Inspector.

Upon the recommendation of Building Inspector Ashford, Harding & Upman and Lemuel Norris, architects, have been appointed to assist the inspector of buildings in the preparation of the plans of the McCormick and the manual training schools, respectively.

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CARUSO TOO ILL FOR TRIAL INDICTMENT AGAINST DYER SHOOTS HIS FLEEING WIFE Case Against Tenor Who Annoyed Woman Set for Wednesday. Subtreasury Teller Is Charged with Embezzling \$61,500. Frederick Wilkins, Farmer, Wounds Two with Shotgun.

Physician Says He Has Scatica and Is Nervous—Mrs. Hannah K. Graham Gives Pictitious Address. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17.—The Federal grand jury returned to-day an indictment against David P. Dyer, jr., the suspended receiving teller of the United States sub-treasury, charging him in two counts with embezzling \$61,500.

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