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QUITS JAP HUSBAND

Helen Emery Aoki Says Birth of Babe Changed Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 24.—Helen Emery Aoki, daughter of the Episcopal Archdeacon of San Francisco, who was married to a Japanese house servant last spring, will return to her parents' home, alleging cruelty on the part of her husband.

When Miss Emery wedded Gunjiro Aoki, her Japanese house boy, nine months ago, it created a nine days' sensation. The archdeacon bitterly opposed the marriage, but the mother sided with the girl. The couple went to Seattle, where they lived in a colony of Orientals who had married white women.

Recently a child was born, and this seemed to change Aoki, his wife says. He stopped regular work and began to spend his days among his own countrymen, according to the former Miss Emery, returning home only when his money was exhausted. When Mrs. Aoki refused to give him funds that her father sent her he abused and finally beat her, she says.

Then the girl sent a pitiful appeal to her father, and the old archdeacon left his home for Seattle to bring back his daughter and her child.

GOVERNOR GRANTS HOLIDAY PARDON

Grossman Released From Penitentiary and Florence Thomas From Jail.

MILITIA PAY IS APPROVED

Adjutant-General Favors Plan, Boys' Farm Work Is Indorsed.

Two conditional pardons were issued yesterday by Governor Swanson as Christmas presents to Richmond convicts. One was to M. Grossman, and the other to Florence Thomas, a negro girl.

Grossman was convicted in the summer of 1908 of arson. The specific charge was burning a store which he was conducting in Manchester. He has been in America only a few years, speaks very little English, and is densely ignorant of American laws and customs. He was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary, of which he has served about eighteen months. His wife and child have in the meantime been dependent upon the charity of the community for their means of subsistence. They live on Broad Street.

The Governor may not be thanked by the inmates of the Richmond Jail for the pardon of Florence Thomas, for she has been acting as cook for that institution. She will cook her own Christmas dinner to-day, and the jailbirds must look elsewhere to discover wherewithal they must be fed.

The Thomas woman was convicted of feloniously shooting another female of her race, and sentenced to twelve months in the City Jail. She has served more than half this time. Her petition for pardon was indorsed by Judge S. B. Witt and Commonwealth's Attorney Minetree Folkes.

Reasons for Pardon.

The Governor gave out the following statement anent the pardon for Grossman:

"This prisoner was convicted in the Hustings Court of the city of Manchester on the charge of arson, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Immediately upon his conviction and sentence a large petition was presented to me, and also a great many prominent citizens of this community called upon me at my office, urging a pardon for the prisoner. The grounds alleged were that he had recently come to this country, and was an ignorant foreigner, with no acquaintances or relations in this country. At the time he had a wife and two small children dependent upon him, one child not more than a few months old. The judge of the court, Hon. W. I. Clopton, concurred in this petition and earnestly urged the granting of a pardon.

"Although the pathetic circumstances of the case appealed to me most strongly, I did not think public interest would justify me at that time in listening to these appeals for mercy. I thought the prisoner should be sufficiently punished for the law to be vindicated, and to show the grievousness of his offense, not only to him, but to other wrongdoers of this character. Since the incarceration of the prisoner in the penitentiary his wife and children have been supported by the charity of kindly people of this community.

"Before acting in this case I requested the Insurance Commissioner, Hon. Joseph Button, who is especially active in the prosecution of all incendiary fires, to examine into the matter and report to me whether he thought the public interest would be injured if clemency should be extended in this case, which has so many elements calling for mercy. He examined the matter thoroughly, and earnestly urged that I extend clemency.

"As the prisoner has been in the penitentiary and jail nearly eighteen months, I have concluded that this is a case deserving of executive clemency, and have determined to extend the prisoner a pardon, conditioned upon his future good behavior."

KING OF SHOES.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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SHOE REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.

APPROVES MILITIA PAY

General Anderson Thinks Good Results Would Follow Plan.

Adjutant-General Anderson has decided, after consideration of the proposition for Federal pay for State militia, to approve the plan. As outlined yesterday in The Times-Dispatch, it is proposed to pay enlisted men 50 cents and commissioned officers $1 for each drill they attend.

General Anderson, in reply to a letter from Colonel Edward T. Miller, manager of the National Guard magazine, says that he feels that "the conditions in the uniformed militia service have been so radically changed by requiring men who, as a rule, are not possessed of financial means, to perform service which requires much of their time and at a great inconvenience to them, that we cannot in future get the best results unless they are compensated."

BOYS WORK IS POPULAR

Number of Counties Will Take Hold of Demonstration Scheme.

The plan of Superintendent Eggleston, of the Department of Public Instruction, for practical boys' demonstration work on the farms organized by the public schools has met with instant approval. Nottoway county has already organized and Fluvanna is ready to take hold with enthusiasm. Applications are coming in from division superintendents to have work done in their counties. However, for the present it will be necessary to confine the experiment to those counties where the boys will have the supervision of the demonstrators who work under the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture.

New Road in Augusta.

Commissioner Wilson, of the State Highway Department, yesterday awarday awarded a contract for building four and a half miles of road near Greenville, in Augusta county. This is a part of the main road leading from Staunton to Lexington.

No State aid will be extended in this work further than supervision by the department. Augusta has already a force of convicts at work at another place. The county has determined to do no road construction except under the supervision of the department, whether cash or convict aid is extended or not.

Debt Case to Be Resumed.

Attorney-General William A. Anderson will leave Monday morning for New York, where, on Tuesday morning, the hearing in the State debt case will be resumed before Special Master Charles E. Littlefield. The Attorney-General does not know whether or not John G. Carlisle will be well enough to speak, but the understanding is that the argument will proceed in any event. Randolph Harrison is to close the debate for Virginia.

Clerk Wilson a Witness.

Clerk R. T. Wilson, of the State Corporation Commission, has returned from Charlotte Courthouse, where he was a witness in the trial of Cashier Thornton, of the defunct Charlotte bank. Mr. Wilson gave evidence as to the statement made to the commission by the bank prior to its failure.

Christmas With Officials.

Judge William F. Rhea, of the State Corporation Commission, is spending Christmas with his daughter in Roanoke.

Chief Clerk J. G. Hankins, of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, is at his home in Halifax county for the holidays.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RELIEVES POVERTY

Richmond Elks Distribute 500 Well Filled Baskets to Needy Families.

SALVATIONISTS AID 450

Associated Charities Sends Out More Than 500 Dinners. Other Societies Active.

Two thousand families of Richmond poor, at the lowest estimate, will enjoy Christmas dinners to-day as a result of the activity of several of the charitable organizations, secret societies and religious bodies, aided by many big-hearted citizens who make it a point to gladden the hearts of their less fortunate fellow-creatures at the holiday season.

While there has not been any combined movement, the various bodies have co-operated to a certain extent, and every needy person known has been aided. Many whose real condition in life has been kept from their friends through pride also have reason to feel particularly happy to-day.

Elks Aid 500 Families.

Without publicity, but in a thorough manner, the Richmond Lodge of Elks yesterday distributed 500 baskets among the needy. Each member of the lodge was permitted to name one family which he desired to be aided. These names were turned over to a special committee, of which Julian Bossieux was chairman, and the same amount of necessities and of some luxuries was furnished to each of the favored ones.

In each basket were placed ten pounds of flour, five pounds of sugar, one pound of coffee, one pound of tea, one pound of cocoa, one chicken, and a quantity of assorted fruit.

Those who were able to make the trip to the Elks' Home were notified to be there at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, street car tickets being furnished. Others received baskets at their omes. The custom of Christmas-giving has been a long-established one with the Elks, and the members of the order apparently take as much pleasure in giving as is derived by the recipients of their bounty.

Salvationists Are Active.

Ending a campaign which has been on for two weeks, the Salvation Army will, at 9 o'clock to-day, distribute 300 baskets and 150 sacks of Christmas provisions, to as many needy persons. All yesterday afternoon and a greater part of last night members of the Army, aided by several women interested in the work, were busy at the old High School Buildings, preparing the offerings. The distribution will take place from that building, and will be done in systematic manner.

Captain Theo. Fowler said yesterday that while he was taking care of as many as possible with the funds at his disposal, he had received more calls for aid than he could respond to, and was forced to turn away at least 200 applicants.

"We find that the price of all provisions, excepting potatoes and oranges, is greatly in excess of last year," he said, "and partially for that reason and partly because, while our needs are greater the contributions by the public have not been any larger than last year, we have not been able to do as much as we desired."

Salvation Army baskets sent to families where there are sick persons contained a chicken, potatoes, a can of vegetables, apples, oranges, pie, cake, coffee and butter. In the others a choice roast was substituted for the chicken, as being really more valuable from a food standpoint. Each parcel contained supplies for a family of five persons. Where there was a larger number the allowance was increased.

At the Associated Charities.

While the work of the Associated Charities is not confined to any particular time of year, the holiday season brings a far greater demand upon the organization's resources than usual. This year Dr. James Buchanan interested several of the churches in over 200 families, and yesterday baskets were sent to these persons direct from the societies of these churches.

In addition more than 300 dinners will be distributed from the Associated Charities office to-day. Many individuals were also given sums of cash ranging from $3 to $25 with which to purchase clothes. One business man gave Dr. Buchanan a check for $200 to be applied in that manner, and various smaller sums were received from other citizens.

"We carry over 2,000 families on our list all the year round," said Dr. Buchanan. "While our needs at holiday time are always heavy, our greatest problem is in taking care of these people next week, after they have been living much better than they have been accustomed to."

Toys were also distributed to children from the office of the Associated Charities, and a large amount of clothing made by workers in the various churches found its way to deserving young girls in homes where they are the main support.

Many secret societies aided their needy members in a substantial manner. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans, through its Woman's Auxiliary, prepared choice dinners for a number of old soldiers.

Xmas Eating and Drinking

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WOULD WASH OUT CITY WATER MAINS

Chairman Mills Proposes Plan to Dispose of Mud of Years.

RESERVOIRS TO BE CLEANED

Confidence in Clear Water System Insures Fund to Complete It.

Chairman Morgan R. Mills, of the Council Committee on Water, is securing estimates on the cost of cleaning the accumulated mud of years from the mains of Richmond. According to the information already received, there are companies in the North which have special apparatus by which the large iron pipes may be washed out with the use of some chemical, which will loosen the deposit and cause it to drain off through the fire plugs. Taking the city section by section and following the lines of the great trunk mains from the two reservoirs, it is believed that the work could be accomplished in a few weeks.

Although uniformly clear water has been pumped into the New Reservoir without interruption since Wednesday afternoon, some sections of the city are still receiving water no clearer than that which was delivered during the long dry spell in the fall, when the river was exceptionally clear. The best conditions prevail in Lee District, where the stand pipe is being filled with clear water. Most of the mains in that section are comparatively new, and the water through Lee District is not so muddy even now as to cause complaint.

The worst conditions prevail on the low levels of the city, lower Main Street, Cary Street, the Dock section, Seventeenth Street and Fulton, which are served from the low pressure of the old Marshall Reservoir, which has not cleared as rapidly as the New Reservoir, and which is more in need of a general cleaning.

Pipes Heavily Clogged.

Chairman Mills argues that the older pipes and mains have naturally become incrusted with the rust of years, and that on this rough surface the mud of the James River water has coated, sometimes to the extent of greatly reducing the carrying capacity of the main. This, it is now believed, can all be cleaned out, while the constant process of relaying mains which show the effects of electrolysis, which is done at the expense of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, will tend to increase the number of new pipes not subject to the conditions of muddy river water which have prevailed in Richmond for three-quarters of a century.

About eleven years ago the New Reservoir, built in the early eighties, under the personal direction of Mr. Bolling, now City Engineer, and at that time Assistant to Colonel Cutshaw, the former City Engineer, was cleaned of its deposit of mud. Members of the Water Committee hold that now that clear water is a reality, there should be another house cleaning. Since the basin is in two sections, one can be used while the other is being scraped and cleaned. The old Marshall Reservoir has not been cleaned for many years, since there is but one section to the basin, and there has heretofore been the difficulty of providing water service for fire protection during the cleaning process. Now, however, connections have been laid between the two reservoirs, so that by changing valves, one may be used while the other is being put in proper condition.

Must Clean Out Feeder.

The Water Committee also proposes the rip-rapping of the new flume for its protection, and the cleaning out and facing of the feeder to the settling basin.

Following the failure of the old flume, and the consequent investigations and recriminations, in which there was involved a general doubt of the whole scheme for supplying clear water, which, with the new flume, has been proving its value since Wednesday by supplying to the pumps water clearer than Richmond has ever had, there was a general disposition both with the Water and Finance Committees not to appropriate money for any purposes other than such as were absolutely necessary to complete the new conduit and put the works in running order. That now has been done. If there is no mishap, and the engineers anticipate none, and the pumps continue to drive into the reservoirs millions of gallons of clear water daily, it is not believed that there will be any difficulty in securing from the Finance Committee provision in the annual budget prepared in February for the cleaning up of the plant and for such work as would add to its appearance and its permanent protection.

Clearing-House Statement.

NEW YORK, December 24.—The statement of clearing-house banks for the week (five days) shows that the banks held $10,145,275 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of $298,425 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The statement follows:

Loans, increase, $6,438,600.
Deposits, increase, $7,018,100.
Circulation, decrease, $144,400.
Legal tenders, decrease, $1,331,000.
Specie, increase, $2,787,100.
Reserve, increase, $1,456,100.
Reserve required, increase, $1,754,525.
Surplus, decrease, $298,425.
Ex-United States deposits, decrease, $290,275.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing-house banks to-day was 25.02.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing-house shows that those institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,242,766,300; total cash on hand, $142,090,400, and loans amounting to $1,202,728,000.

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