

JAPAN EXPRESSES HER REGRET FOR SHOOTING

Attitude of Her Government Goes Far Toward Adjustment of Incident

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Notification that the Japanese commanding officer at Vladivostok has given orders that hereafter sentries must not challenge American vessels and the formal expression of regret by the Japanese government went far towards an adjustment of the situation which has arisen over the fatal shooting by a Japanese soldier at the city of the cruiser Albany.

The action of the Vladivostok commander, General Oki, was reported to the navy department by Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the fleet, who was on his way to Vladivostok to conduct a personal investigation. The admiral added that the report had been sent to the Japanese government in view of developments he had abandoned his trip of inquiry.

Ambassador Shidehara of Japan, acting as Acting Secretary of State, today expressed his regret that such an incident should have occurred. He had received from the Japanese foreign office a version of the shooting which differed from an earlier and equally official version issued in Tokyo in that the ambassador's account agreed with Lieutenant Langdon's statement that the sentry was the first to fire.

The attitude of the Japanese government was also indicated to Admiral Gleaves when he said that high officials of the Japanese force had expressed their sorrow and regret. The sentry who shot the American ship was returning to his quarters when he was characterized in the communication forwarded to Admiral Gleaves, as "very ignorant" and one of the messages received by Ambassador Shidehara stated he already had been placed under arrest and would be tried by court martial.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who had called upon Admiral Gleaves for a report, conferred with Secretary Davis today in an effort to expedite as far as possible the gathering of the facts in the case. The latter instructed Counsel Macdowall, from whom the first official news of the incident had come, to supplement his report and declared that if the facts warranted an immediate and energetic protest would be made to Japan. Later developments, however, are understood to have inclined officials to believe that the situation is in prospect of final adjustment.

Query Provides Basis Of Missioner's Sermon

People Send Themselves to Hell, God Does Not, He Says

Answering a written query placed in the question-box, "How can Christian theology harmonize God's love with eternal punishment," Father Duffy, who is conducting a mission at St. Paul's Episcopal church, at Sixteenth and Market streets, replied that people send themselves to hell but that God does not. The large number of questions asked will be the result of the mission show the growing interest on the part of the community in the mission which comes to a close Sunday night.

Pursuing his customary procedure, the missioner gave an instruction before the sermon. Father Duffy stated that the greatest hindrance to faith is doubt, and then he instructed the congregation on the means to be used in getting rid of this impediment. Pronouncing the scriptural truth that all are sinners, the missioner distinguished between sin and temptation and showed how the one is necessary on account of the freedom of the will while the other is a yielding of the child of God to the suggestion of the evil one. Quoting from the Bible, he said that the devil is described to the devil in his trial of Christ, "cast thyself down."

Assuming his hearers that God forgives the penitent, and that medical science, accepting the results of modern psychology as expressed in the body, is more and more teaching the body to be a slave of the mind, the church has always maintained that the soul is the seat of the divine spark. The missioner urged that everyone confess their sins either directly to God, or to God in the presence of one of his ambassadors, as the Book of Common Prayer directs.

Warning the congregation that time never is wasted in the "give-and-take" policy, as a part of life and declared that the measure ye mete it will be measured to you again, finds the best exemplification in spirit of forgiveness.

The instruction tonight is entitled "The Environment of Faith." The holy communion will be celebrated at 7:30 p. m. Visitors are invited to all services.

GIRL WHO ELOPED WITH MINISTER BRINGS SUIT

Reverses His Testimony Before Recorder, Making Charges Against Others



Miss Trina Hannenberg, former choir singer of the New Netherlands Reformed church, of Passaic, N. J., who has instituted action charging Dr. Cornelius Densel, her former pastor, with fraud, in her claim to a large sum of money, and defamations of character. She asks \$25,000. The elopement of Miss Hannenberg and the Rev. Densel last November created a country-wide sensation. Both returned to their homes in Passaic a month later and asked forgiveness of the members of the church. Dr. Densel is married and has four grown children. The above photo of Miss Hannenberg was made recently at the office of her attorney.

BOOM IS LAUNCHED AT RALEIGH FOR VARSER

Lumberton Man Proposed as Democratic Choice for Lieutenant-Governor

By R. E. POWELL. RALEIGH, Jan. 13.—Politicians assembled in the capital today launched a formidable boom for Senator L. R. Varsor, of Lumberton, and after a caucus offered his name as Democratic choice for lieutenant-governor in 1924. The senate had previously launched the Gardner boom for governor in 1924, and today the Lumberton man's friends declared he must be next lieutenant-governor. No public man in a long time has so impressed the folks generally as has Mr. Varsor and his selection for the chairmanship of the finance committee of the senate without friction between either Gardner or Cooper has been the warmest compliments from public men.

Mr. Varsor is a law partner of A. W. McLean of Lumberton and has previously been strongly mentioned for congress in the "bloody sixth" district. His appearance here this session, however, has caused his friends to unite in a determined effort to nominate him four years from now. Further testimonials to the retiring lieutenant-governor came tonight when his friends in the legislature tendered him a dinner at the Yarrowborough and later Senator Sol Gallitt entertained several senators at a box party at a local theater in honor of Mr. Gardner, now a private citizen.

"BATURA," IS NAME OF SHERIFF'S BLOOD HOUND

The dog and pup recently received from the Rockwood Kennels, and which was officially named "Batura" by Sheriff George Jackson yesterday afternoon, following receipt by the sheriff of the animal's pedigree from the kennels. "Batura" will be the pup's name forever more, and she will soon be trailing the criminals, and evidence of such trails will be competent in court, the sheriff says, because the animal is thoroughbred. The sheriff advised that an ordinary dog trailing a criminal was not considered reliable evidence by the courts. It is possible the dog's nickname will be "Bat."

ADVERTISEMENTS IN "STAR" LOCATES STOLEN AUTO

The Ford roadster stolen from R. D. Benson several days ago was discovered by Eugene Bland, one mile this side of Harrell's Store, yesterday at noon, according to a telephone message to the store by R. D. Harrell, of Harrell Store.

Eugene Bland, also of Harrell's Store, telephone to Detective J. J. Moore at the local police station, informing him that he had read an advertisement of the theft of the automobile in the Star and that the car had been driven away by two young boys. Bland had told them some gasoline on credit, as the boys informed Mr. Bland that they were out of funds. The local police made an investigation and found that the machine belonged to R. D. Benson, of Dunn Bros., and Leslie E. Hummel, of Hummel and Perry, and J. B. Johnson, an insurance adjuster, went to Harrell's Store yesterday afternoon and returned to the city last night with the machine.

The two young boys were later apprehended at Wallace, according to a message from the chief of police, at that place to the local police department. They are in custody and were en route to the city this morning. The police announced last night that the Ford car belonging to W. P. Powell, stolen at the same time Mr. Benson's car was stolen, has not been located.

LUKE CANADY ALLEGES HE WAS STOOL PIGEON

Reverses His Testimony Before Recorder, Making Charges Against Others

Claiming that he acted as a stool-pigeon and that the testimony submitted by him in the recorder's court Wednesday was false, Luke Canady, a young white man who is held on the joint charge with Frank Fergus with transporting whiskey, told Recorder George Harris yesterday that he had falsified in his testimony Wednesday and that he had "tipped off" Leon George to the trip on which he and Fergus were arrested and two gallons of corn whiskey was found in the automobile in which they were riding. Canady told the story of the automobile tip after he had informed the recorder through Jailer John H. Davis that he wished to tell the truth about the affair. He claimed that Frank Fergus, also a defendant in the same case, told him to order the taxi.

He said that when the machine arrived, he and Fergus rode down to Front and Princess, where the car was stopped, and he says that at this juncture "I tipped Leon George off." Canady said that Officer Leon George approached him some time ago and promised me \$5 for every man I'd help him catch, and just before making the trip on which he and Fergus were apprehended, he says that Officer George "promised me I would not get into trouble in any manner, shape or form," because, he said "I had everything fixed with Leon George."

Canady, continuing his testimony, said "the automobile was stopped at Third and Princess streets, and Frank Fergus went into the office of Attorney J. C. King. He stayed there for some time, so I went to the office to get him to come on. Just as Frank was coming out of the office, I saw Mr. King give him a check, and on looking at the check in the hand of Frank as we were leaving, I noticed it was for \$50." J. C. King, a well-known local attorney, gave a statement to the Star last night, emphatically denying that he gave Fergus a check, saying "it is untrue about that check." Canady claims that this \$50 check was given to a white man out on a county road in payment for the two gallons of whiskey, claiming that Fergus negotiated and paid for the whiskey and that the man gave Fergus \$10 change.

Canady charges that Attorney King approached him in the ante-room of the court room Wednesday and "told me you play out like you were drunk on the trip and, if you do, I'll help you out, and Frank, too."

He testified that the reason he falsified in his testimony Wednesday, was because "Frank Fergus threatened me before George Rhodes week before last, saying 'Canady, if I were you I'd leave town.'"

Recorder Harris, after hearing the testimony in denial of what was testified by the defendant on the day before, asked the young man: Are you telling the truth today, or did you tell the truth yesterday? The recorder also stated that he was seriously considering issuing instructions to have Canady indicted for perjury. The Canady case will doubtless come up for trial today.

INFLECT GROSS WRONG ON NEGRO IN GEORGIA

Peonage Indictments Served on White Farmer and Situation Denounced

ATLANTA, Jan. 13.—Wrongs are being perpetrated against negroes in Georgia that "run all the gamut from the meanest of petty cheating to deliberate and plotted murder," United States District Attorney Hooper Alexander, declared in a statement here today in connection with announcing service of peonage indictments against three residents of Henry county. Mr. Alexander indicated that federal officers will begin a statewide investigation of the situation. "Comparatively little effort is being made by the proper officers to end these conditions," the district attorney said. In a large proportion of the cases judicial processes are issued by magistrates that are used in the most shameful manner in the aid of crimes, and the attendant circumstances are such as should call for indictment for malfeasance. Cases have occurred in which there is the gravest reason to fear that other officers of the law have been active participants in the gravest kind of wrongs. The things of which I speak run all the gamut from the meanest of petty cheating to deliberate and plotted murder. Ninety-nine per cent of our people would utterly deplore and condemn what is going on, but something more is demanded of a civilized people, and their government than mere sentiment. If the people of the state permit the continuance of conditions that now prevail, sooner or later, and in some way, we will suffer a dreadful retribution.

The peonage indictments were ordered served on Erwin Morris, well-to-do farmer, and two of his attendants, one a negro, all three of whom are in jail at Jonesboro, according to the district attorney's office, in connection with the killing of another negro.

NEWS OF PACIFIC FLEET ABOARD U. S. S. NEW MEXICO, AT SEA. (By Radio to Associated Press) Jan. 12.—The main body of the Pacific fleet is making 280 miles a day in its cruise to Panama bay to participate with the Atlantic fleet in winter maneuvers. Plotting and tactical exercises were held today and the New Mexico was inspected by Admiral Hugh Rodman and his staff. The commander-in-chief announced that she was the cleanest ship he ever had inspected. The fleet will pass the gulf of Tehuantepec tonight.

SPORT STUFF If you are interested in sports, you will not like to miss The Star on next Sunday. Walter Camp and Lawrence Perry will be among the contributors to that issue—and to succeeding Sunday issues of The Star for an indefinite period.

Plain Dark Emptiness

Aunt 'Liza's former mistress was talking to her one day when suddenly she discovered a little pickaninny standing shyly behind his mother's skirts. "Is that your little boy, Aunt 'Liza?" she asked. "Yes'm, dat's Prescription." "Mercy, what a queer name, auntie, how did you happen to call him that?" "Ah simply calls him dat becuz ah has such hahd work gettin' him filled."

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