

SAYS ANTI-JAP BILLS SHOULD PASS IN CALA.

Tav Tells "Why There is a Japanese Question on the Coast."

"JAPANESE ARE IMMORAL RACE"

"Would Fight for Mikado Against United States After Naturalization."

BY TAV.

(Special Correspondent to The Citizen) WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Why is there a Japanese question on the Pacific coast?

Uncle Sam has a wealth of statistics which answers this question, but no person is really in a position to understand the answer unless he or she has actually lived among the Japanese. While the residents of the Pacific coast are vehemently protesting against the command of President Roosevelt to pass no anti-Japanese measures, the average reader of the South and East is wondering why Californians are willing to take chances of embroiling the United States in a quarrel over a mere handful of polite little Japanese.

The Japanese question is to the Pacific coast what the negro question color problem is to the South. Yet this does not answer the question: Why is there a Japanese problem? What this short query and question mark almost constantly in mind, the writer recently spent several months studying the life and habits of the Japanese in Hawaii, British Columbia and on the Pacific coast. In order to get as close to the true life of the little brown man as possible, the writer in one instance lived for a time in a Japanese colony, getting the ideas of the Japanese and later talking to anti-Japanese agitators and to employers of the subjects of the Mikado.

All arguments as to why the yellow races should not be assimilated are debatable save two. They are:

1. The Japanese are hopelessly immoral.

2. No matter how long a Japanese might live under the flag of the Mikado against the United States.

Disrespect Women. There is no possible way for anti-exclusionists to get around these two angles of the question. The Japanese disrespect for womanhood and allegiance to the Mikado are the result of centuries of practice and worship, and it will require centuries to change these ideas. As in Japan, morality in the Japanese colonies on the Pacific coast is at the lowest ebb.

Sex A. E. Yoell, of the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League of San Francisco, states that reports from several small California cities showed the presence of 3,007 Japanese, of which 501, or about one-sixth were Japanese women of vicious character. The Japanese rate these women the same, and hold them in as high esteem—which means none at all—when they do decent women in either Japan or America. Women of bad character are visited by members of their families, including women and children, with no thought of moral contamination or disgrace.

This condition of immorality does not apply to the best class of Japanese, but to the coolie class, or the class to which the Pacific coast objects. The estimated Japanese population of California, Oregon and Washington is in excess of 100,000.

Japan has no vice-charts in the sense we know them. All her women are practically slave girls and slave women.

In Japan, or in the Japanese colonies on the Pacific coast, it is not a case of acquaintance ripening into friendship, friendship running to love, and love blossoming in marriage. The young Japanese in the majority of cases does not select his wife or have anything to do with it.

Hundreds of Japanese women have come to the United States in the last five years to marry countrymen they had never before laid eyes on. For instance, a Japanese working in the U. S. comes to the conclusion he should have a wife. He writes his father in Japan of his desire. The male parent casts about until he finds the type of a woman he thinks would mate well with his son, and starts her on her way to San Francisco or Seattle or Van Couver. The bride-to-be can not land at an American port.

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BOOKKEEPING OF OFFICERS IS CRITICIZED

Legislative Committee, Appointed to Investigate the State Offices, Reports.

INSURANCE DEPT IN WORST SHAPE

Nothing Indicates Dishonesty on Part of Commissioner, Says Report.

(Special to The Citizen.)

RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—The legislative committee of the 1907 general assembly to examine the offices state treasurer, auditor and commissioner of insurance transmitted its finance report to the general assembly today which includes a number of sharp criticisms, especially of the department of insurance as well as of the auditor's office for auditing claims not clearly grounded on the statutes cited as authority.

This last is possibly a criticism of the council of state rather than the auditor, in several respects, as the general condition and management of the auditor's department as well as that of the state treasurer are hardly commended.

After detailing insurance carried on state property by the department, the aggregate being \$2,181,000, the report recounts the necessity of an expert to check up accounts.

The report says, in brief, "We find that the books have not been properly kept and balanced. No cash book has been kept showing accurate receipts and disbursements. Neither could we find that any balance sheet had been rendered. However, we find that his bank pass books show a balance in bank December 1, 1906, of \$12,152.40 in which should have been \$2,248.40 belonging to the investigation of fire fund, according to the commissioner's record, leaving a balance of \$8,904.29 but owing to the condition and manner in which the books have been kept, are unable to determine where it belongs, except that the commissioner claims it has been his custom to always keep some \$5,000 or \$6,000 of his personal funds in his state depository bank to meet all balances that may be due to the state and not included in his remittances to the state treasurer.

The Remedy. In view of the manner in which the books have been kept and the absence of a proper cash book the best we can be able to do, was establish all charges and collections of state funds according to the records, found and allow credits for disbursements according to bank vouchers, which we have done, showing a balance in bank of \$4,985.09. The commissioner gave us all the assistance we could ask for in making the investigation and showed no disposition to conceal any of his records, and while our investigation did not disclose any evidence of dishonesty we think the system of bookkeeping is very unsatisfactory and does not properly represent all accounts and it was pertaining to the office of the commissioner of insurance as they should do and we recommend that there be immediately installed a double entry set of books to show at all times the accurate condition of all affairs pertaining to the office.

"We further find that under section 478 revival of North Carolina, the insurance commissioner is required to keep a careful record of the securities deposited by each company. We regret to say that this section of the law has not been followed at all. We find there on deposit in the office of the insurance commissioner securities aggregating \$1,000,000, which the law requires to be recorded, and the only record (if it can be termed a record) which the insurance commissioner has of them is a small book which he carries in his breast pocket, and upon which some of the securities appear, all of which are written in lead pencil. Your committee desires to call special attention to this and recommends to your honorable body that this law be fully complied with at once."

The committee condemns the practice of auditing claims against the state in many cases without statutory authority, citing a number of condemned vouchers in this connection notably the report was presented in the house but not read, being referred to the committee.

could be heard in the corridors of the city hall, although nothing that he said could be understood. He declined to make any statement beyond the fact that he was leaving for New York this evening. An interesting feature of hearing was the offering in evidence of the original warrant for the \$40,000,000 by which the government acquired title to the canal ownership. The document was framed and was brought to the grand jury room by S. R. Jacobs, a clerk in the office of the auditor for the state department. Other witnesses are to appear Monday.

Here's Hoping he Doesn't Find it



LEAVITT IS NOT TO OPPOSE SUIT

Notified of Divorce Proceedings to be Brought Against Him by Bryan's Daughter.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Jan. 23.—William Homer Leavitt, received yesterday from Thomas Allen, his wife's lawyer at Lincoln, Neb., notification that Mrs. Leavitt, who is a daughter of William J. Bryan had filed a petition for divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper, and non-support. He was questioned on the matter today but declined to discuss it, saying he did not desire to embarrass his wife in any way. Mr. Leavitt will not oppose the suit. With his mother, with whom he has been living in Paris, he will leave in a few days for America. His departure is in no way connected with the suit, but is part of his plan to exhibit his painting "The Last Supper" in the United States. Mr. Leavitt's friends in the Latin quarter, who esteem him highly as a serious and hard-working artist say his life has been exemplary. They are of the opinion that Mrs. Leavitt's decision to obtain a divorce is due entirely to her nervous temperament. She has suffered from neurasthenia for the last two years.

BANDITS KILL TWO, INJURE 21

After Exciting Chase One Hold-up Man Commits Suicide, Another Attempts.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Three persons were killed and 21 injured at Walthamstow, a suburb of London, as the result of a sensational attempt made today by two Russians at highway robbery. The men were run down and surrounded by posse, and one of them finally committed suicide. The other attempted suicide but did not succeed, although he is now lying in a critical condition at Tottenham hospital.

Two of their victims, a policeman and a boy of 10, lie dead, while five of the injured are in a hospital seriously wounded.

The bandits held up an automobile containing the employee's wages at the entrance to the rubber works, at Walthamstow and made off with the money. They were followed by a few employees and a gradually increasing crowd of police and civilians, few of whom were armed. The police jumped aboard a trolley car and the bandits finding themselves closely pursued, jumped aboard another car and forced the driver, with a revolver at his head, to send his car along at full speed. One of the men ran to the rear car and repeatedly emptied his revolver at the pursuers. Reinforcements of armed police on foot, bicycles and on horseback, joined in the chase and fusillades were exchanged for a distance of a mile. The car went thundering down the track with the mounted and bicycle police straining every effort to keep up with the pace-makers. Nearing the Tottenham marshes the bandits made the motor-man slow down and jumping off seized a milk cart and made for the country district. An automobile was pressed into service by the police and it was rapidly overhauling the assassins when they took to the marshes. The pursuit through this treacherous ground was a difficult one, but eventually the police succeeded in overtaking one of the men, who, finding his position hopeless, turned his weapon upon himself, inflicting a dangerous, though not a fatal, wound. The other man, failing to reach Epping forest, took refuge in a cottage, which the police, now reinforced by buck shooters who were in the vicinity, first assaulted and then stormed. They found the Russian dead, he having sent a bullet into his own head.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN FEB. 20 GETS SETBACK

When Up in the House, Mr. Henderson Had it Referred to Committee.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The seismographs of the continent and England recorded a severe earthquake at a few minutes before 4 o'clock this morning. In some instances the intensity indicated by the needles was nearly as great as that recorded last month at the time of the Messina disaster.

The estimates of distance vary from 2,000 to 3,000 miles to the eastward of the point of record. This would place the location of the disturbance in the Caspian region, or beyond, in Asiatic Russia, Afghanistan, northern India, and, swinging more to the south, the extreme of Arabia and central Africa. The disturbance also could have been in the Indian ocean.

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TWO WOMEN AND MAN MURDERED

Baby of Mrs. Everett Found Crawling Among Mutilated Bodies.

(By Associated Press.)

AMITE CITY, La., Jan. 23.—Sheriff Saak, returned to Amite City tonight with Avery Blount, as a prisoner, and brought the details of a shooting last night at Tickfaw, in which two women and a man were killed. The parish is being searched for another man, alleged to be implicated in the shooting.

A lynch is feared. Garfield Kinchen is the man hunted by the police tonight. It is alleged that last night an Benjamin Ireland, his wife and Mrs. Jos. Everett, the latter carrying an infant in her arms, were making their way homeward along one of the parish roads, Blount and Kinchen fired on them from the side of the road with shotguns. Mrs. Everett fell with her baby into the road, her head blown almost off by one of the volleys and Ireland fell at the first fire. Young people driving home from a party found the baby crawling among the bodies. Ireland was still living and was able to murmur the name of Kinchen before he died. Blount tonight said that Kinchen killed Ireland, but would not say who killed the women.

Mrs. Everett's husband was killed by Ben Kinchen, a brother of Garfield Kinchen, several years ago, and the widow was making her home with the Irelands.

HARRIMAN OR OATH OF OFFICE?

(By Associated Press.) SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 23.—The acceptance of an invitation of the mayor and aldermen of Savannah by Edward H. Harriman to come to Savannah has caused an unusual tangle. Mr. Harriman wred that he would be glad to come and would be in Savannah from 12 to 2 on Monday. At that time Mayor Tiedeman will be taking the oath of office preparatory to beginning his administration as mayor. This is the dilemma—shall he entertain Harriman or take the oath of office?

LIVES OF 761 IMPERILLED ON SINKING SHIP

Republic Rammied During Thick Fog by Unknown Vessel.

WIRELESS MESSAGES BRING ASSISTANCE

After Accident All Passengers are Transferred to Steamer Florida.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—The White Star Line steamer Republic, bound from New York to the Mediterranean, having on board 761 souls, of whom 250 were American passengers, was rammed during a thick fog at 6.20 a. m. today by an unknown vessel off Nantucket island, and only escaped immediate sinking by the prompt closing of her watertight compartments.

All of her passengers, including 111 in the steerage, were transferred three hours after the accident to the Italian steamer Florida, bound from Naples to New York, but the officers and crew of the Republic refused to leave the ship so long as there was a chance of keeping her afloat.

Wireless telegraph played an important part in the accident to the Republic, for it summoned help in a few hours. LaLorraine, of the French Line; the Baltic of the White Star Line; and the Cunarder Lucania, receiving her message.

It is apparent that the Florida must have been 30 or 40 off her course, as an eastbound and westbound steamer lanes here are that distant apart. As soon as the Republic had been struck and the extent of the damage had become known calls for assistance were sent broadcast over the Atlantic. All vessels within range were asked to hasten to the scene. The call for help was first recorded on land at the Charleston navy yard at 8 o'clock this morning. It said: "To Revenue Cutter Gresham: Boston Steamer Republic in distress, and sinking. Latitude 40.17, longitude 70. twenty-six miles southwest of Nantucket."

Catch Wireless. The Gresham was not at the navy yard, but intercepted the appeal in Provincetown harbor. She started immediately for Nantucket. Other wireless apparatus also caught the flying message and in a short time the cutter Aenshnet was on her way out from Wood's Hole; the Mohawk, another revenue cutter, had started from New Bedford; and the Seneca had been ordered out from New London, Conn.

The Mohawk soon ran aground, while the Aenshnet did not get outside of Vineyard Sound and later came back to assist another vessel in distress.

In the meantime the Baltic and LaLorraine, both of which had passed the Republic a few hours earlier and were speeding into New York, heeded the call for assistance and put about. The Lucania, which was to the eastward of Nantucket Lightship also pressed on to the assistance of the Republic.

The collision, being amidships, almost immediately flooded the engine room of the Republic and of course rendered her absolutely helpless. Fortunately her wireless equipment was well supplied with storage batteries and these were used for more than six hours, until they gradually became exhausted. After that recourse to signaling by means of submarine bells was adopted.

In the middle of the forenoon the transfer of passengers to the Florida was made although the fog was very dense, unusually calm weather for this season of the year in the north Atlantic enabled the transfer to be made without accident. Only human beings were taken in the life boats which made the passage between the two vessels, all baggage being left on board the Republic. By noon the Baltic and LaLorraine were close to the scene of the collision, but owing to the dense fog were unable to locate the Republic although the submarine bells could be heard frequently.

Fears of Friends. During the forenoon the fears of the thousands of friends of the passengers on board, many of whom had benighted the officers of the White Star Line were somewhat allayed by the receipt of a more assuring message from the captain which read as follows: "Friendship Republic, off Nantucket, when 26 miles south of Nantucket lightship this morning was run into."

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MR. TAFT IS FOR 2 DAYS GUEST OF CHARLESTON

President-elect Finds Real Southern Hospitality in City by the Sea.

NORTH CAROLINA LIES IN HARBOR

Big Cruiser Will Sail For Panama with Him Monday. Attends Banquet.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 23.—Without possum on the bill of fare, without official pomp or ceremony, Charleston is entertaining the president-elect in her own quiet and unique but full hearted brand of Southern hospitality. Her cup of pleasure is doubly filled, for not only is Mr. Taft her guest for two days, but the big cruiser North Carolina has demonstrated that there is "at least 30 feet of water over the bar" and is lying at anchor within a stones throw of the dock waiting for sailing orders Monday when the president-elect and his party embark for Panama. The Montana, a sister ship will arrive tomorrow and is expected also to enter the harbor.

While Mr. Taft is provided with entertainment without intermission, the chief feature of his visit was a banquet tonight, when his hosts were one hundred and seventy-five of his "friends in Charleston" and the program called for no speeches save by Mr. Taft, who was presented briefly by Editor J. C. Hemphill, of The News and Courier.

Mr. Taft reached the environs of Charleston shortly before one o'clock today, when the special train which brought him from Augusta, reached Blagnolia where he alighted for luncheon and a game of golf at the country club. It was dark when afternoon tea had been served and many of his friends had chatted with him at the club, he reached his quarters in the Charleston hotel.

At seven o'clock he was receiving his dinner hosts and the evening's entertainment was on. "Just take this vase of violets from me and don't forget to send me a postal card." With all of her "see-me-tight" Billie Josephine Bass, of Branchville, delivered this unflattering message to the president-elect today. She was held up to him over the heads of the crowd to which he had expressed his pleasure at greeting. Mr. Taft took to flowers and pledged the card. This was the only incident of the trip from Augusta.

A foursome on the links of the Country club occupied Mr. Taft for a couple of hours.

His Plans. Tomorrow he will advise with Messrs. Knox and Hitchcock who are expected in the morning. Mr. Taft is to attend service at the Unitarian church, and spend the balance of the day in the country, taking lunch as the guest of Mr. Edwin Parsons, and ten on the original tea plantation of the country, near Summerville, as the guest of Charles U. Shepherd.

Mrs. Taft is expected in the morning.

ON DRUNKEN SPREE, TERRORIZES FAMILY

(By Associated Press.) JACKSON, Ky., Jan. 23.—Beach Hargis, who is out of jail on bond of \$25,000 pending trial for the murder of his father, Judge Hargis, is in bed at the Hargis home here with a serious self-inflicted wound in the foot. Hargis, who is out of jail on bond of \$25,000 and late in the afternoon terrorized his relatives at Clear Fork, on Frozen Creek. There he entered the home of Harlan South, and after driving the family from the house amused himself for some time by shooting the dishes off the dining table. Neighbors who attempted to quiet Hargis were driven upstairs in the South home, but managed to get word to some men going by to send help from Jackson. Officers were sent and late last night returned here with Hargis, who was found with some of his friends.

PROHI BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR MONDAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 23.—The bill prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the state, which passed both houses of the general assembly, probably will go to the governor Monday. It is not believed he will sign the bill. The general impression is that it will be passed over his veto.

PROSPECTIVE JUROR IN COOPER TRIAL ARRESTED FOR PERJURY

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 23.—The second session in the trial of the Coopers and Ex-Sheriff John D. Sharp, for the slaying of former Senator E. W. Carmack, was sprung by the state this afternoon, when it accused the arrest, on a charge of perjury, of ex-Sheriff Thomas E. Cartwright. The warrant was issued on the affidavit of Attorney General Jeff McCann, before Justice of the Peace LeVine. Cartwright was one of the first men on the panel and on his examination he swore that he had no opinion and no prejudice for or against the defendants. The state charges that Cartwright had openly expressed the opinion that the defendants should be acquitted. Judge Hart, whose illness prevented a decision today as to the competency of Juror Leigh, charged with intoxication, was better tonight and will settle the charges on Monday when the trial will be renewed. He is suffering from indigestion. There was no session of court today. Judge Hart having decided that the case will proceed more rapidly with Saturday holidays.

ARBITRATOR OF PANAMA CANAL PURCHASE TAKES THE STAND

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Through William Nelson Cromwell, who negotiated the Panama canal purchase, the federal grand jury which is inquiring into the alleged libelous statements of The New York World, and The Indianapolis News, in connection with that transaction, today got to the bottom of the facts in an examination for over two hours. He brought with him a large number of papers. These were carefully gone over. So earnest was Mr. Cromwell in his statements that at times his voice

