

BUT CALIFORNIA HAS ITS PROBLEMS

Congressman Free Tells of Its Beauties, But Also of the Menace of Japanese Immigration.

"How many American children do you see there?"

Congressman A. M. Free of the eighth California Congressional District asked this question Thursday night at the Pasquotank County courthouse when there was flashed on the screen a picture showing a rural public school in California.

So far as the audience could see, there was not one. Every face appeared to be that of an oriental-eyed Jap. As a matter of fact, the Congressman said, 90 per cent of the children of this particular public school were Japanese.

"You think you have a race problem here," said Congressman Free. "It is a simple problem indeed compared to ours."

"Your negroes are lazy and improvident. They dislike to work, and when they have worked they spend their money too quickly to make much progress. They are no match for you in intelligence or wit. They accept with more or less complacency the position of an inferior race."

"The Japs are not so. They are a proud race, demanding equality as their right. They are thrifty. They work not from sun to sun but from dawn to dark, and sometimes do not stop at that. They live in shacks that a respectable negro would scorn, and in these shacks they give the best quarters to the horse and take what's left. They live on a little bit of rice, and the cost of their living is next to nothing. When they are laborers their wages are banked. When they are farmers their profits are banked. But none of their earnings go into the banks of California. They are banked in Japan."

Here the speaker had thrown on a screen a picture showing a number of Japanese girls. "Such pictures as these," he said, "are circulated in the Japanese pool rooms and other haunts of the young Japs in California. A young Jap points one out and says 'I'll take this one.' Then there is a ceremony in Japan under which he is married by proxy to the girl he has never known or seen. She is put on an immigrant ship and is met at San Francisco by her 'husband.' Then she is taken out to a farm to be put to work and to bear children. The Japs, I think, must be the most prolific people on earth."

"How would you like to have to compete with a race such as that? How would you like to send your children to school with their children? People from a distance do not understand the seriousness of the Japanese question. They look at the great area of California and say that Japanese ownership of land is not of serious enough proportion to be a menace. They forget how large a proportion of California's area is made up of mountains and deserts. The Japs own today one-sixth of the irrigated land in the state and in California irrigated land is the only cultivated land."

Congressman Free's frank statement of California's race problem came at the end of and marked a sudden turn in the speaker's lecture. Up to the last few minutes of his talk he had been speaking of the beauties, the advantages, the resources, and the achievements of California. But probably what was said in the last few minutes explains why Congressman Free is touring the country with his lectures, trying to give to the people of America some conception of the seriousness of the Japanese menace from the Californian standpoint.

Californians are not satisfied with the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the laws of Oregon and California against Japanese ownership of land. It seems to be questionable whether this decision will be as sweeping as Americans generally had supposed. It is not a question of the validity of the law; and it is not doubted that under the law many Japanese will be forced to part with their holdings. But very probably large numbers will find a practical way out, involving no great sacrifice to themselves and marking no progress toward getting California and Oregon land out of alien hands. There are many Japanese children, American born, in the states affected. These children could hardly be subject to the alien land owning prohibition. Their parents may find it a simple and practicable matter to transfer land to their children and continue operations as before. Other Japanese land owners may find white men willing, for sufficient consideration, to act as dummies and hold their land for them; just as Japanese seeking land in white communities usually find white men willing to sell to them, regardless to the wishes of the community.

Evidently Mr. Free and his constituents are hoping for more drastic Federal legislation in regard to alien ownership of land; and, believing that Southern members in Congress may probably be persuaded to work with Pacific Coast representatives to that end, Mr. Free is enlightening Southern sentiment on California's race problem.

Congressman Free Thursday night told his audience that California's

Big Night Tonight For Senior Class

And Lots Of Laughs For Those Who See "Clarence" At The High School

Tonight is the "big night" for the senior class of Elizabeth City high school, when they present the scintillating comedy-drama "Clarence" by Booth Tarkington.

The story, an amusing affair of family quarrels and tangled love affairs, which are eventually made straight by the solemn though humorous Clarence, the driver of mules, moves along quickly with plenty of thrills and laughs to the final curtain.

Each part is important and is handled in a capable manner. Dorothy Chappell in the part of Mrs. Martyn, the private secretary to Mr. Wheeler, is very much at home in the part, giving a realistic interpretation.

Jack Jennette as Mr. Wheeler, the worried business man who between his children and his wife is on the verge of distraction, is very good.

Margaret Hollowell takes the part of Mrs. Wheeler, the young stepmother, who feels very sorry for herself, and before very long makes one sorry for her too.

Thomas Riddick and Nell Jones, who take the parts of the refractory children, transport one to the heart of any American home, they are so completely natural.

Rachel Williams is the feminine star, playing opposite Clarence. Miss Williams handles the part with smoothness and skill.

Mary Dozier and James Hill, the two domestics of the Wheeler household, furnish a great deal of the comedy. The parts fell into very capable hands and for amateurs could scarcely be improved upon.

Walter Pearson in the part of Herbert Stem has the part of the sleek villain and does himself credit.

Irvin Midgett is the star in the part of Clarence and does some real acting. Poor Clarence has a hard time and deserves the sympathy of the entire audience, for the way of the peacemaker is always a hard lot and even mules are easier to drive than the Wheeler family.

The play is good, the acting is good, the only thing needed is a packed auditorium. The time is 8 o'clock sharp.

"ROSY CHEEKS" PLAY BY PRIMARY GRADES

At the November meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association, Tuesday, the 27th, Mrs. T. B. Cooke and Miss Margaret Sheep will present a good health play, entitled "Princess Rosy Cheeks."

The cast consists of the following children: Eleanor Aydlett, Margaret Cross Nurse, Margaret Kramer Sandman, Gleanna Grover Dream Fairies—Doris Wilkins, Kathleen Bray, Inez Puckett, Leslie Jennings.

Fresh Air Fairies—Edith Midgett, Margaret Seymour, Lillian Dozier, Elizabeth Singleton.

Soap and Water Fairies—Billie Lester, Howard Bright, Willard Sawyer, Richard Thompson.

Tooth Brush Brigade—John Peale, Francis Jennings, Billy Daniels, McCoy Meekins, Larry Davis, Campbell Connery.

Light Elf—Blades Foreman Good Food Fairies—Maxine Morrisette, Selma Meads, Elizabeth Munden, Edna Spruill.

Rest Fairies—Margery Davis, Louise Willey, Nannie Love, Margery Pritchard.

VERBAL ASSAULT ON FARMER GETS NEGRO IN TROUBLE

Russell Hill and Bill McMullan were fined \$5 and costs each for drunkenness in the recorder's court Friday morning. These, with two cases involving negro defendants, constituted the first ground out in Trial Justice Spence's court for the day.

George Griffin was one of the colored defendants and Trim Sykes was the other. Griffin got a fine of \$10 and costs for assault and Trim Sykes was fined in like amount for speeding.

Griffin's assault was on Charlie Jones, white farmer of Newland. It was verbal, not physical.

GOES TO JAIL FOR SELLING HIS TOBACCO

Oxford, Nov. 23.—Sandy Bradsher was sentenced to 30 days in jail for contempt of court yesterday when he sold his tobacco on the open market after the court had issued an order restraining him from selling except through the Tobacco Co-Operative Association of which he is a member.

Hubert Epps was fined \$50 on a similar charge.

greatness is due not to her natural resources, but to the indomitable spirit of Californians. He intimated that the fact that makes a living naturally is so easy in North Carolina explains why this State lags behind California in certain respects.

BOY SHOT WOMAN AT MOTHER'S COMMAND

Dauphin, Manitoba, Nov. 23.—After deliberating five hours today a jury acquitted Peter Sawicki, aged 12, and returned a verdict of manslaughter with strong recommendation for mercy against his mother.

They were tried jointly for slaying Mrs. Anna Sunka. Witnesses testified that Mrs. Sawicki ordered her son to shoot Mrs. Sunka after a fight between the two women. The woman was remanded for jail to await her sentence.

SEABOARD SEEKING ISSUE MORE BONDS

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Seaboard Air Line Railroad today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$1,693,000 in consolidated mortgage bonds, most of which will be deposited with the United States Treasury as collateral for loans already made.

Workers Insured Against Idleness

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Payment of benefits to clothing workers in Chicago, insured against unemployment in an agreement between the workers and large manufacturers here, will begin about January 1, according to Dr. Willard E. Hotchkiss, director of the National Industrial Federation of Clothing Manufacturers.

Approximately 35,000 clothing workers in Chicago are affected by the agreement, which has for its object the protection of the clothing workers who are out of employment because of circumstances over which they have no control. It will be in effect for two years, and is believed the first of its kind.

The benefits are to be paid from a trust fund established jointly, the workers contributing one and one-half percent of his wage and the employer a like amount.

ENGLAND PAYS MORE

London, Nov. 23.—Wholesale prices on food in England made noticeable advances in September, as compared with August. Cereals advanced 3.2 percent, meat and fish 5.2 percent and other foods 5.7 percent.

Tobacco Co-ops Are Chief Marketers

Washington, Nov. 23.—Tobacco cooperatives did a big business with last year's crop, eight producer-owned-and-controlled associations marketing nearly 600,000,000 pounds of tobacco or nearly one-half of the total crop produced, the Department of Agriculture reports. The eight associations have 259,840 members. The larger organizations are the Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association of Lexington, Ky., with 90,607 members, which marketed 197,000,000 pounds; the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association of Raleigh, N. C., comprising 90,226 members, which marketed 175,000,000 pounds. Other associations are at Madison, Wisconsin; Hartford, Conn.; Baltimore, Md.; Baldwinville, La., and Convent, La.

BLOCKS HARDING MEMORIAL STAMPS FOR FRAMING

Washington, Nov. 23.—Blocks of unperforated Harding memorial stamps, in any number up to 400 were placed on sale recently at the Government Philatelic Agency here.

Owing to the demand from collectors, members of Congress and others who desired the unperforated stamps for collection purposes, Postmaster General New gave orders for the preparation of the stamps without perforation. Many of the requests were based on a desire to obtain the stamps in that shape for the purpose of framing in memory of the late President.

REV. J. L. WALDREP AND FAMILY GO TO RICHMOND

Poplar Branch, November 23.—Rev. J. L. Waldrep and family have motored to Richmond after his serving as pastor for five years the Baptist churches of Currituck county. It is quite a loss to the people in the county to lose such an earnest worker as Mr. Waldrep has proved to be.

Little Robert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brock, died Friday, November 16 with whooping cough and pneumonia.

J. A. Melson and daughters, Misses Huyia and Sarah Melson were in Elizabeth City Saturday shopping.

Rev. J. L. Waldrep and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Sawyer Friday night.

Earl Griggs of Elizabeth City, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Griggs Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Ritchie, principal of Harbinger School, spent the week end at her home in Edenton.

G. C. Sawyer has quite a number of northern sportsmen at his Gunning Club this week. Game is plentiful in Currituck Sound this year.

Now She's Member



Mrs. Calvin Coolidge became a member of the Harding Memorial Association when she signed on the dotted line. Many prominent government officials and society leaders are members of the association pledged to erect a suitable memorial to the late president's memory.

Conference Hears Education Reports

Missions And Tithing Also Subjects Taken Up By Albemarle Conference

By F. M. W. Butler

On Thursday afternoon the Albemarle Conference, reassembled at 3 o'clock in Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Horton, of Virginia. The remaining part of the session was spent in receiving reports on tercentenary and education. Bishop Blackwell had the ministers generally to understand that those who failed to bring up a full report were considered failures. He emphasized the need of doing more for the cause of education. He also spoke of the excellent work done by Edenton N. & I. school.

Mrs. Ida Smith of Washington, D. C., treasurer of the missionary department of the connection, made a short talk on missionary work, giving a survey of the work as seen by her in her travel throughout Zion connections.

The night session was devoted to missionary. Mrs. Jennie H. Butler, district president, acted as mistress of ceremony. Women from the Windsor, Edenton and Elizabeth City districts presented the program which was very interesting. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. G. H. Spaulding of Franklin, Virginia. A collection of \$100 was taken up. Music was rendered by the junior choir of the church which was very good.

At Friday morning's session the conference was opened at 10 o'clock, Bishop Blackwell presiding. After reading the minutes Rev. J. T. Gaskill of Kinston was presented, who addressed the conference on a book entitled "Tithing," written by himself, after which regular routine of the conference was taken up. The lay delegates' reports showed that much work had been done by the ministers and that a most excellent spirit prevails throughout the entire conference.

SIGN POST BEARS WITNESS TO FAMOUS COURTSHIPS

Ringmer, England, Nov. 23.—This little old village gave to the world the wives of John Harvard and William Penn, and a sign-post to tell the passing motorists of this fact has been erected. It was dedicated recently by George Harvey, the American Ambassador.

John Harvard, founder of the University which bears his name, married the daughter of John Sadler, vicar of Ringmer. Penn married the daughter of Sir William Springett, whose name for a century preceding had been linked to this village, and whose blood has come down, in unbroken line, to the giver of the signpost, Lady Demetriadi.

WALTON INDICTED ON TWO CHARGES

(By The Associated Press.) Oklahoma City, Nov. 23.—J. C. Walton, removed Monday as governor, was today indicted by the Oklahoma grand jury on two counts charging diversion of public funds and interfering with the convening of the grand jury.

REJECT AMENDMENT TO KU KLUX BILL

(By The Associated Press.) Oklahoma City, Nov. 23.—The state senate in what is regarded as the first test of the strength of the Ku Klux Klan element and those opposing the organization today rejected an amendment to the Klan bill under consideration, which would have provided for filing with county officers semi-annually a list of officers and members of secret orders.

Enoch Ludford Jr., had a slight operation Friday. He is out again after a light case of chicken pox.

WILL CONFISCATE COMMUNISTS FUNDS

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin, Nov. 23.—General Von Seeckt, national commander of the Reichswehr, today ordered the dissolution of the German Communist party and the confiscation of its funds.

His decree also prohibited the holding of Communist meetings and the publication of Communist newspapers.

Justice Given To Forgotten People

League Of Nations Did Great Kindness To The Little Realm Of Ruanda

Geneva, Nov. 23.—The realm of Ruanda has come into its own again. The story reveals how the machinery of the League of Nations often turns to mete out justice to almost forgotten peoples. But Ruanda does not think it has passed out of the thought of the world, for it believes in its greatness and the bigness of its destiny as one of the states of East Africa.

When the "Big Four" sitting at Paris sliced up the map of Europe and fashioned new states out of big, old ones, they did a little ribbon work with African colonies. One result was to place the native community of Urundi and the "Kingdom of Ruanda" under the mandate of Belgium. Formerly they formed a part of German East Africa. But it was arranged that the northeastern part of Ruanda should pass under British mandate, because England wanted to construct a railroad connecting North and South Africa.

Later it transpired it would have been quite possible to build this line without cutting up Ruanda. Complaints began to be received by the permanent mandate commission of the league. With his kingdom cut in twain, the proud native ruler cried out that his prestige was crumbling. Families owning pasture lands on both sides of the new frontier complained they were unable freely to pass from one territory into the other. Cattle thieving became the vogue. Internal conflicts arose, and Ruanda threatened to be red with blood. French and Swiss missionaries warned the mandate people that conditions were dangerous.

The mandate commission brought the matter to the council of the league, and the whole affair was submitted to the British and Belgian governments. These governments were induced to open direct negotiations, and the result was an agreement rectifying the frontier and reconstituting in its entirety the kingdom of Ruanda is now rejoicing, and civil war has been avoided throughout the land.

German Profiteers Are Hit Hard Blow

Frankfort-On-The-Oder, Nov. 23.—The profiteering middlemen dealing in foodstuffs have been dealt a hard blow by the cooperative efforts of a committee representing city and labor officials and a committee of the Landbund, or farmers' organization. Under the new scheme certain quantities of potatoes and meats are delivered through municipal authorities.

The result has been that the city workers and farmers have eliminated the middlemen; retail prices of potatoes and meat to consumers have been reduced nearly 50 percent and the farmers are receiving better prices than before. Another advantage is that the supply of potatoes and meat is made certain.

Professor Gagel and other economists are urging extension of the plan to other municipalities.

Co-Eds Earn Way in Various Lines Work

Evanston, Ill., Nov. 23.—Six hundred men and women students at Northwestern University are working their way through school this year, according to figures prepared by university officials. Fifty per cent of the men on the campus are employed in part time jobs and 29 per cent of this group depend entirely on their own earnings to pay their way through school.

The range of work being done by the men students includes clerking and waiting on tables, house work, washing dishes, cleaning windows, serving as chauffeurs, night watchmen, motormen, tutors, hotel clerks, and switchboard operators.

The old fashioned college girl who regarded work outside the curriculum as "demeaning," is disappearing from the university and a new type is taking her place, said officials announcing that maid service in the homes of Evanston families is one of the more popular positions that many Northwestern girls have accepted. Taking care of little children during the afternoon hours is another job in which a number of girls are engaged. Secretarial work also has a strong bid for favor among the young women students and not a few are working in the capacity of clerks and stenographers in Evanston business offices.

Bush Leigh is out of the city for a few days.

STRESEMANN ASKS CONFIDENCE VOTE

Does Not Propose to Retain Office on Strength of Indirect Approval He Tells the Reichstag.

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin, Nov. 23.—An unequivocal vote of confidence was today demanded of the Reichstag by Chancellor Stresemann, who informed the legislature that he did not propose to retain his office on the strength of the indirect approval which would be accorded by the rejection of independent "no confidence" resolutions introduced by socialists and nationalists.

Neither of these, he pointed out, would be able in the present situation to command the majority necessary to unseat him.

LITTLE JOSHUA MUNDEN BREAKS HIS LEFT ARM

Joshua Munden, little six year old son of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Munden of 7 Seiden street, fell Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock while playing in a new unfinished house on Seiden street and broke his left arm. He was taken at once to the Community Hospital, an X-Ray taken of the arm and the bone set. The little fellow is getting along very nicely.

PARK FOR NORTH DURHAM

Durham, November 23.—A committee of city councilmen has been appointed to consider the advisability of acquiring land for the establishment of a park in North Durham. The will of the late Brodie L. Duke set aside a tract of land in North Durham for a public park, but the city has never taken over the property. The city council now is considering acquisition of the property.

CHRISTMAS SEALS SOLD

Washington, Nov. 23.—Christmas seals of the National Tuberculosis Association will be on sale during the Christmas holidays in all post-office lobbies throughout the country where space is available.

Postmaster General New, directing postmasters to permit reasonable use of their buildings for the sale of Christmas seals, said the department would co-operate to the fullest extent consistent with the performance of its own service.

NEW WAREHOUSE READY

Edenton, Nov. 23.—Minton Dixon stated Tuesday that his new warehouse, the Edenton Warehouse, for the storage of peanuts and cotton, is now complete and is already being utilized by the farmers for the storage of their produce.

This storage house is a very beneficial and valuable adjunct to the farmers of this community, which they are recognizing.

MAKES REPORT ON RECLAMATION PROJECTS

Washington, Nov. 23.—A practical moratorium will have to be granted by the Government on a number of reclamation projects to prevent their being disastrous failures to their present tenants, Chairman Campbell of the Department of the Interior special advisory committee said today in reviewing the investigation to date.

SPEAKER TONIGHT HAS MOST UNUSUAL TOPIC

"The Whiteness of the What" will be the subject of Samuel R. Buxton of Newport News, who is to be speaker of the evening at the "Ladies' Night" program of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club tonight. Rotarians and Rotarvannes are looking forward to the evening with keen pleasure.

REDUCE FREIGHT RATES SAYS GOODING

Washington, Nov. 23.—Reduction of freight rates on farm products was recommended today to President Coolidge by Senator Gooding, Republican, of Idaho, as the most effective means of extending agricultural relief.

MASKED MEN CLUB AGED MAN TO DEATH

Minneapolis, Nov. 23.—Authorities are today looking for masked intruders who strode into the home of Duane Chapel, aged 64, last night and clubbed the aged man to death before the eyes of his invalid wife.

Chapel was taking a nap on the couch when the men entered in silence, did their work silently, and departed without having uttered a word.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 23.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling 35.90, an advance of 30 points above the opening. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 35.58, Jan. 34.88, March 35.18, May 35.37, July 34.70, October 28.75.

New York, November 23.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 35.13; January 34.45; March 34.65; May 34.85; July 34.30; October 28.40.