

POWERFUL LABOR ORGANIZATION PLANNED BY SEATTLE JAPANESE

Revolutionary Move Designed to Eliminate Existing Racial Prejudice on Coast

SEATTLE ELKS WELCOME GRAND EXALTED RULER

Members of Local Lodge and Visitors Unite in Tendering Lively Reception to Nicholson and His Party.

GUESTS ENTERTAINED AT DINNER AT CLUB

Reception in Their Honor Follows—Form of Entertainment to Be Governed by Desires of Officials.

MEMBERS of Seattle Lodge No. 92, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of various lodges in the state and visiting lodges from every section of the country on their way home from the grand lodge meeting at Los Angeles, last night gave a typical Elks' greeting to Grand Exalted Ruler, James E. Nicholson of Boston, Grand Secretary Fred Robinson of Dubuque, Grand Chaplain John Dyrart of Dubuque, Grand Treasurer Charles A. White of Chicago, R. L. Lawler, chairman of the committee on credentials, Syracuse, N. Y.; Edward Leach, past grand exalted ruler, of New York, and E. R. Ingersoll of Seattle, grand lecturer.

Accompanying the grand lodge party are Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. White, Miss L. M. Zillig, private secretary to Grand Secretary Robinson; John D. Shea, past exalted ruler of Hartford, Conn.; Adam Zillig, past exalted ruler of Dubuque, Ia.; Frank Sullivan, past exalted ruler of New Orleans, and a brother of John Nicholson, the grand exalted ruler, and John J. Reilly of New Orleans.

The distinguished visitors were escorted directly from the train to the Elks' Club, where they were guests at dinner and entertainment in the lodge room, where the big and little Elks of the country mingled for several hours.

Program Reeds With Visitors. Grand Chaplain Dyrart, who is rector of St. John's Episcopal Church at Dubuque, Ia., and a member of the town, N. Y. lodge, will attend services at Trinity Church today and will be accompanied by Grand Exalted Ruler Nicholson. Ted Daken and his entertainment committee have made no last rule for the Elks' Club, but the entertainment to be given the grand lodge officials and their friends and aides, and the program of the evening will be entirely with the visitors themselves.

Ingersoll Warmly Praised. "Seattle stands near the top of the Elks' list numerically speaking," Nicholson remarked in a speech in which he declared that No. 92 should have representation in the grand lodge. "Bob" Ingersoll, chairman of the grand lodge, complimented Nicholson on his speech and on his work in the Los Angeles meeting, and advised that he would be glad to see Nicholson at the Elks' club on his return to Seattle.

MURIEL HAS CROW. WHY? WOMAN'S REASON—CAWS Seattle Maid Hies Forth to Wild, Obtains Perfect Good Bird and Teaches Him New Tricks. Muriel Window, Seattle maid, she of the butterfly veil and the Orpheum circuit, dropped to town last week, dropped out again and returned triumphant. The triumph consists of a perfectly alive and always hungry crow of the "caw, caw" persuasion, which she has managed to tame and train to eat cherries and other dainties from her own crimson lips. Not that the crow showed any supercilious aversion to such feasts, but simply that the sense to remain where the opportunity is continuous, the evidence of his having been well and modernly trained.

Novelist Reported To Have Decided to Become Englishman



HENRY JAMES. LONDON, Saturday, July 24.—It is said here that Henry James, the American novelist, has decided to renounce his American citizenship and take out naturalization papers as a British subject. The reason for the novelist's decision was not stated authoritatively, but it is thought that he is dissatisfied with the American policy toward Germany.

ALASKA SHIPS COPPER VALUED AT \$1,000,000

Three Consignments, Which Arrived at Tacoma From Cordova During Past Week, Made Up Substantial Total.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Saturday, July 24.—Three consignments of copper from Cordova to the Tacoma smelter made during the past week represented a total value of \$1,000,000. From the same field the copper shipments in the month of June amounted to 3,000,000 pounds.

It is estimated that the output of the Kennecott Mines Company, of which Stephen Birch of New York is president and general manager, for the month of July will amount to 3,000,000 pounds.

\$50,000 CACHE OF OPIUM DISCOVERED

Special Treasury Agent From Seattle Descends Upon Tailor Shop at Bellingham and Seizes Drug.

BELLINGHAM, Saturday, July 24.—Continuing what government officers pronounced to be the largest haul ever made at one time in the United States, approximately 300 pounds of opium valued at \$50,000, was seized in a tailor shop in the rear of the Sun Drug store here early yesterday afternoon. The cache is declared to be the principal source of supply of a gang of drug smugglers operating between Bellingham and Vancouver, B. C.

AHERN BEATS RODEL. NEW YORK, Saturday, July 24.—Young Ahearn, New York's premier middleweight, went out of his division tonight and whipped Bear Rodel, a heavyweight. Despite a thirty-pound weight advantage, Rodel could not stand the onslaught of Ahearn's punches and was knocked out in the first round.

EVERETT GOLFERS WIN. EVERETT, Saturday, July 24.—The Everett Golf Club team of sixteen players defeated the Earlington Club representatives in two series on local links this afternoon, the score being 26 to 18. Only a small gallery witnessed the contest which is the first of a series of three between Everett and Earlington clubs.

BIGGEST KIRMESS IN HISTORY ONLY THREE DAYS OFF

Society Show for Benefit of Orthopedic Hospital to Be Given at Moore Theatre This Week.

CAST WILL NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 650

Historical Pageant, Covering Events Since Time of Columbus, Will Be Feature of Entertainment.

THE Kirmess, always meeting the zenith of Seattle society theatricals, and this year undertaken on a more elaborate scale than ever before in the history of these ever-popular entertainments, is only three days away.

It will be given at the Moore Theatre next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. The cast will number approximately 650. The show, as heretofore, will end with the final voting contest Saturday night, when there promises to be a veritable shower of money for the benefit of the orthopedic hospital for which the Kirmess will be staged.

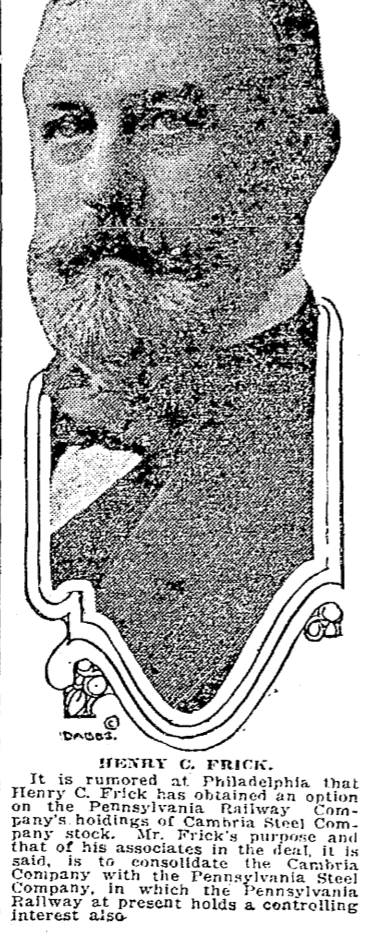
The voting contest, every one of the most spirited and interesting features of the entertainment, will follow the Oriental dance, the concluding number of each evening performance. The competition, as of yore, will be to determine the most popular dance, with three votes costing ten cents each.

No Flowers Wanted. The Kirmess committee has made the announcement that no floral tributes will be permitted to go over the footlights. An ultimatum that has brought grief to the hundreds of admiring admirers of the Kirmess, and of nearly all who will take part in the performance.

Rehearsals have been under way, both for the gorgeous pageant that will form the body of the show and the numerous dances which are expected to render it gay and festive, for many weeks. All hands are said to be willing to admit that the work of preparation has been strenuous, but that it has been decidedly worth while.

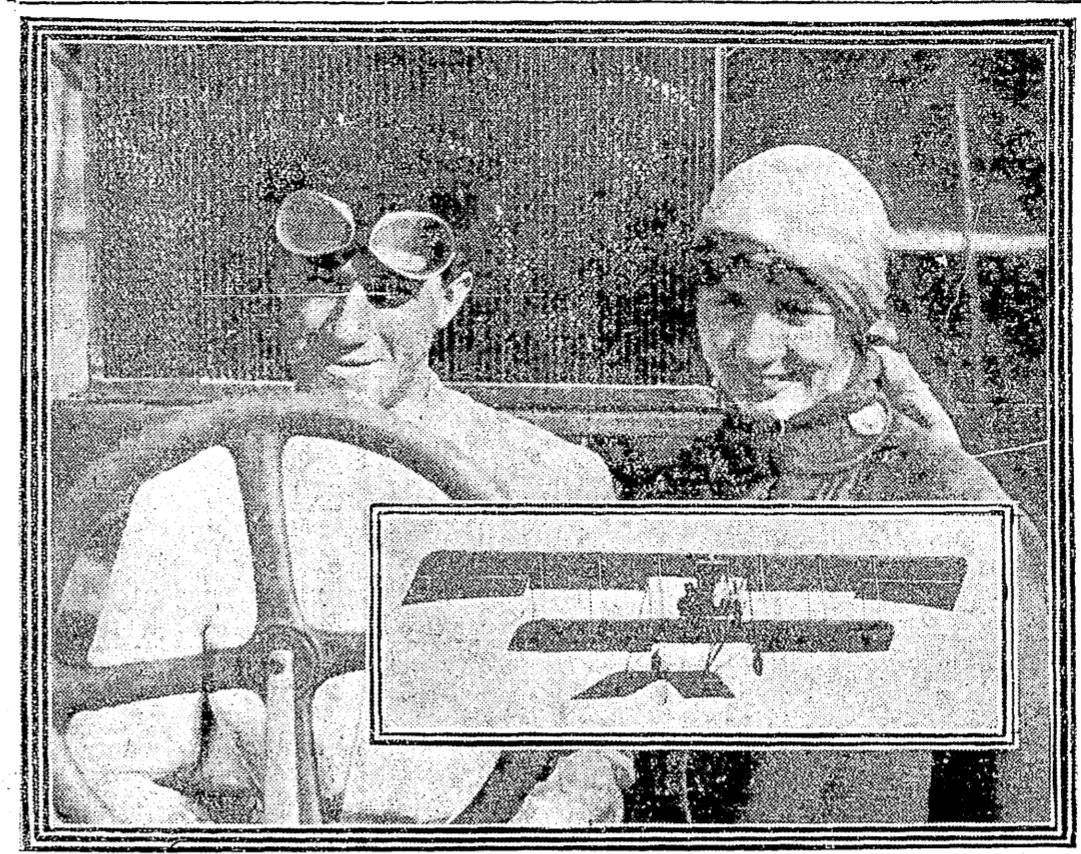
Business Houses Take Sides. Several of the large Seattle business houses have come to the support of the undertaking and have reserved sections of the house at different performances for their employees. The MacDougal & Southwick Company has reserved the entire gallery for the Wednesday night show.

Financier Obtains Option on Stock Of Steel Concern. The pageant, a historical affair covering the period from the start of Columbus on his voyage of discovery to the present time.



HENRY C. FRICK. It is rumored at Philadelphia that Henry C. Frick has obtained an option on the Pennsylvania Railway Company's holdings of Cambria Steel Company stock.

FORMER SEATTLE GIRL WILL LEARN TO FLY IN MUNTER'S BIG SEATTLE-MADE BIPLANE



AVIATOR AND PASSENGER BEFORE AND DURING FLIGHT.

Miss Hazel Sexton, for years a resident at the Hotel Perry, and now in Seattle on a vacation trip before returning to New York, last night went to the Harbor Island aviation field Friday afternoon to enjoy a twenty-mile trip 2,000 feet above the bay and downtown Seattle with Aviator Herbert Munter. During her residence in New York, Miss Sexton partly mastered the art of aviation, and will complete her course with Munter beginning tomorrow.

In the largest photograph she is shown standing with the aviator as he explains the difference between the dian and strut-borne aileron system, and in the smaller picture they are 300 feet up on the first circle of the field. Miss Sexton declares Munter is the equal of daredevil Aviator Rodman Law in his splendid manner of handling his big machine.

DEFENSE MOVE WINS APPROVAL IN WASHINGTON

Statement That Executive at Once Will Take Up Military Questions Interests Officials at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, July 24.—All official Washington puzzled and pleased over the statement, made in behalf of the President last night and today, that he would take up at once the question of the military preparedness of the United States.

There were opinions that the apparent failure of the President's plan in Mexico, at least up to date, demanded that the navy be put in first-class condition, and also opinions that the activity was due to some indefinite possibility of European complication.

Referring to the attitude of the President, Mr. Tamm, his secretary, gave out the following statement: "Of course, the President has been considering every phase of this matter and intends while away to give attention to the subject of the navy and war. The purpose of these conferences will be to procure information upon which he can base a fair, reasonable and practicable program of national defense."

More Submarines Wanted. The new program asks for two additional hospital ships, two new fast ships and such a number of submarines as will bring that up to about 100, most of which are to be fitted with three-inch guns, and the larger sea-going type, of the Schley class, with several guns of a larger caliber.

Such ships are swift and have big guns, and are of great tactical value. A big air fleet, however, he said, "is not the answer, because the number of battle cruisers, but for that reason it will increase the number of dreadnoughts. It is expected that the program to be submitted to the President will ask for six new battleships of the modern type."

CITY'S POPULATION PLACED AT 330,834

Census Bureau's July 1 Estimates Give Tacoma 108,094, Spokane 142,900, Portland 272,833.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, July 24.—Estimates of population on July 1 of large cities of the United States, made public by the census bureau today, show that Seattle now has 330,834 people, compared with 327,194 in 1910. Tacoma has 108,094, against 87,712 in 1910, and Spokane 142,900, against 104,402 five years ago.

COUNTY HIGHWAY WORK THIS YEAR COSTS \$1,219,122

Plans Already Approved at Olympia Call for 197.1 Miles in Addition to State Road Building Program.

OLYMPIA, Saturday, July 24.—Permanent highway work laid out by counties since January 1, plans for which have received the official approval of the state highway department, provide for the construction of 197.1 miles of surfaced roads this year, at a cost of \$1,219,122, this being in addition to the state road building program expenditures by counties from bond issues or regular road funds.

Contracts already have been awarded for most of the work approved by the highway department. The greatest permanent highway mileage under construction is in King County, 25.8 miles. Spokane County has 15.6 miles building under the permanent highway act.

Shoshone, 14.2 miles, Yakima, 13.7, Lincoln 12.5 and Whitman 11.3. Pierce County has provided for only 7.8 miles this far, but has more work in contemplation.

While most of the mileage is to be gravel construction, marked favor is being shown concrete. Of the 197.1 miles for which plans have been approved, 112.6 miles are to be gravel.

Charity Ball Lawn Fete Participants Dress as Chinese



MISS ANITA GROSVENOR. The decorations and the dress of all participants at a recent charity lawn fete at the Newport home of Mrs. William Grosvenor had some Chinese motif. An important feature was the help of which Miss Alice Grosvenor had charge.

FIRE LOSSES NOW EXPECTED TO BE SMALL

Unless Present Dry Spell Terminates Existing Record, Year's Damages Will Be Exceptionally Light.

UNLESS the present dry spell terminates during the past two months and a half, the forest fire loss in this state for the summer promises to be remarkably small as compared with other years, according to officials of the Washington Forest Fire Association, with offices in the Henry Building.

There were but few fires the past week, the association reports, and these were in slashings and resulted only in minor losses. None of the biggest got beyond the control of large crews, which worked to prevent spreading, and in no case was great timber reached.

The two largest fires of the week were reported from a tract between the head of Discovery Bay and Washington Harbor, in Clallam County, which burned slashings over between 200 and 300 acres, and another, covering about 100 acres of the same kind of timber, on Hood Canal, near the mouth of the Duckabush River. Both were brought under control by the forest fire forces on the scene.

A small fire started in the brush north of Ballard just beyond the city limits, early yesterday, but this was quickly extinguished with a nominal loss.

The virgin timber is still damp from the rains of week before last, a fact that has been responsible, forest fire officials declare, for the freedom from fire the past summer days.

Although the situation as a whole, is regarded as extremely encouraging, the forest fire forces yesterday issued a warning that the fire danger now being exercised in lumber slashings, which has been in effect until after the warm, dry weather is ended. The statement also urges camps and hunters to take the greatest precaution against starting fires, except with the most scrupulous care.

SEATTLE PARTY TO HEAR WELSH SING

Bound for the Elsteddoff, the Welsh music festival, about fifty Seattle residents left yesterday morning on the steamer for the Newport home of Mrs. Thomas. The Elsteddoff begins Tuesday, July 27, and is to continue four days. The party was headed by Joseph E. Thomas of the investment house E. Joseph E. Thomas, Inc., and Mrs. Thomas.

LITTLE BROWN MEN WILL COPY A. F. L. SYSTEM

Union Designed to Obtain for Orientals Wages That Whites Receive for Same Class of Work.

SEATTLE MINISTER LEADING MOVEMENT

Believed That Success Will Mean End to Bitter Controversies Such as Those Arising in California.

SEEKING the elimination of ill feeling between Japanese and white residents of the Pacific coast and taking the first step for the bettering of living conditions among the little brown men, Rev. Dr. Takahashi, pastor of Queen Anne Congregational church, and Charles H. Takahashi, of the Oriental Trading Company, are planning the formation of a Japanese labor union party, and are inviting to join those affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

A proposition is to be made to the Central Labor Council of Seattle in the immediate future looking toward the admission of Japanese into the ranks of organized labor, a Japanese labor union or association will be formed, for the purpose of demanding the same wages for Japanese as are paid whites, and that the higher wage scale will be rigidly adhered to.

Scope of Movement Broad. The effect of this movement is so remarkable as to be startling in its scope. If the movement succeeds, it means that the chief bone of contention between whites and Japanese in all coast cities, and particularly in California where indignation has arisen to the point of rioting, will be eliminated. It has been declared by Californians that the Japanese are slowly but surely pushing the California rancher and fruit grower by undermining white labor through providing Japanese at a far lower wage than whites can afford.

With a Japanese labor union, or a similar organization, the American Federation of Labor, or with such unions actually a portion of the organization, the same type of conflict as to wages and the only problem would be one of providing sufficient work for all.

That Takahashi and Dr. Strong are working night and day on the proposition is an assured fact, though neither is willing to do more than confirm the rumor.

Series of Conferences Held. It is known also that Dr. Strong and Takahashi conferred on the matter yesterday in the latter in the day. Dr. Strong and E. B. Auld, editor of the Union Record, had an extended conference concerning the same topic, and that further conferences have been arranged for.

It was declared by those thoroughly in touch with the situation that much of the pioneer work in the movement of the Japanese into the ranks of organized labor, a Japanese labor union or association will be formed, for the purpose of demanding the same wages for Japanese as are paid whites, and that the higher wage scale will be rigidly adhered to.

BAYONNE STRIKERS VOTE TO ARBITRATE

Men Will Return to Work Monday Pending Settlement of Differences With Three Oil Companies.

BAYONNE, N. J., Saturday, July 24.—Arbitration to arbitrate the strike in the Standard and Tidewater Oil Company plants here were made today this evening.

A meeting of strikers the men voted to return to work Monday pending settlement of differences with three oil companies. A suggestion that the demand of the strikers be modified to include only a 15 per cent increase in wages for an hour week and guarantees that all strikers would be rehired was adopted. The original strike ultimatum had called for time and a half overtime, better working conditions, and elimination of certain foremen disliked by the men.

The plants affected by the latest decision of the strikers are the Standard Oil Company, the Tidewater Oil Company and the vacuum Oil Company, with a combined payroll of \$87,000 per week.

WILLIS FOR PRESIDENT, SAYS SEATTLE VISITOR

Ohio Governor Admired by All "Buckeyes" State Commissioner to Exposition Asserts. Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio, as a possible candidate for the national presidency in 1916, is suggested by L. P. Bailey, Ohio commissioner to the San Francisco Exposition who passed through Seattle yesterday on a tour of the Northwest.