

# 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 R. Nicholson of Boston, Grand Secretary Fred Robinson of Dubuque, Grand Chaplain John Dysart 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 lecturing knight. Accompanying the grand lodge party are Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. White, Miss L. Zillig, private secretary, 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 Sullivan, past 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 at a reception in the lodge room, where the big and little Elks of the country mingled for several hours.

Program Rests With Visitors. Grand Chaplain Dysart, who is rector of St. John's Episcopal Church at Dubuque, Ia., and a member of Jamestown, 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, fast rule for the remainder of the entertainment to be given the grand lodge officials and their friends and aides, and the program for today will rest entirely with the visitors themselves. If they desire to see Seattle and its environs by the automobile route, they will be given the opportunity. If they desire some other form of entertainment or fancy another trip, Daken has promised that it will be furnished and in this promise he is certain of the assistance of the members of his committee and Seattle Elks generally. This is Grand Exalted Ruler Nicholson's second trip to Seattle, the first being in 1912, when the grand lodge session was held at Portland, and he was so impressed then and has heard so much of Seattle since that he expressed himself last night as feeling fairly well acquainted, proud of Seattle Lodge No. 92 and particularly pleased with the action of the grand lodge in recognizing Seattle by the election of E. R. Ingersoll as grand lecturing knight.

Ingersoll Warmly Praised. "Seattle stands near the top of the Elks' list numerically speaking," Nicholson said, "and we have long thought that No. 92 should have representation in the grand lodge." Bob Ingersoll seemed to fill the bill and we elected him. That's how it happened."

Nicholson will make his appointments about September 1, and knowing that he would be importuned from the day of his election to the day of his announcement of appointments, he provided himself with envelopes, stamped and addressed to himself, and every

Novelist Reported To Have Decided to Become Englishman



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 shipments of copper from Cordova to the Tacoma smelter made during the past week represent a total value of \$1,000,000. From the same field the copper shipments in the month of June amounted to 9,000,000 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.

It was in this property that J. P. Morgan & Co. recently invested \$10,000,000. Birch and Robert W. Baxter, vice-president of the Alaska Steamship Company and the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad Company, are now making an inspection of the Kennecott properties, which are being worked to the limit capacity, leaving Cordova by special train yesterday morning.

Thomas Riggs, Jr., of the Alaska engineering commission, reached Cordova yesterday from Fairbanks, making the trip overland in forty-two hours of travel, breaking all records for summer trail travel.

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### 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, but 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 nights. A special matinee will also be given Saturday afternoon. 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 at each evening performance. The competition, as of yore, will be to determine the most popular dance, with the votes costing ten cents each. The cash prizes will collect the votes and also the money and the results will be accurately recorded on a blackboard placed on the stage as the contest progresses. After the conclusion Saturday night, prizes will be awarded to the participants in the dance which has received the largest number of votes.

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 swains of the score upon score of pretty girls who will take part in the performance.

The huge cast, which comprises approximately 650 persons, practically all of whom are members of representative Seattle families, approaches the final rehearsals in a form that is believed to presage a series of memorable performances and Miss Lila Agnew Stewart, the director, reports everyone eager for the rise of the curtain.

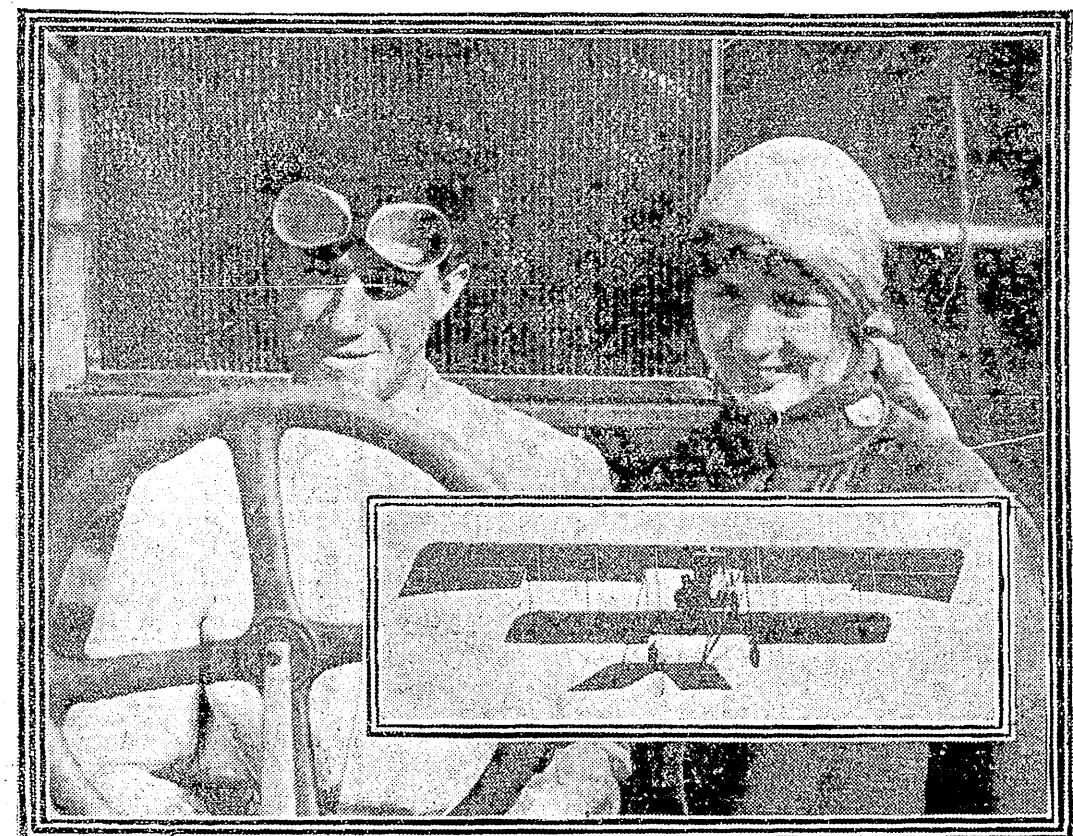
Rehearsals have been under way, both for the gorgeous pageant that will form the body of the show and the innumerable dances which are expected to render it gay and festive, for many weeks. All hands are said to be willing to admit that the work of preparation has been strenuous, but that it has been decidedly worth while, the more especially because it is the means to an end—and that is a Kirmess that, in point of beauty, picturesqueness and real, bone-to-the-bone fun, will surpass any like effort of the kind this city has ever enjoyed.

Present indications are that the public will respond to this eloquent appeal for charity wholeheartedly and in such numbers as will guarantee the hospital a large and much-needed sum. Interest in the show is being manifested on every side and this is being felt in the box-office receipts, although the sale of seats at the theatre did not open until last Thursday morning. The next three days promise to produce a rush for reservations.

Business Houses Take Seats.

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 MacDougall & Southwick Company has reserved the entire gallery for the Wednesday night show. The following night the balcony seats have been taken by Sears-Robuck & Co., while for Saturday night a large portion of

### 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, her new home, went to the Harbor Island aviation field Friday afternoon and enjoyed a twenty-minute 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 larger photograph she is shown standing with the aviator as he explains the difference between the flap 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 is 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.

Most of this took the view that the campaign for a navy commensurate with the greatness of the republic had been successful against all opposition and the means would be found also to put an army in the field to cope with any emergency.

Referring to the attitude of the President, Mr. Tumulty, his secretary, gave out the following statement:

### 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, Snohomish 14.3 miles, Yakima 13.7, Lincoln 12.5 and Whitman 11.3. Pierce County has provided for only 6.8 miles thus far, but has more work in contemplation.

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

### 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 the exceptional record established 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 blazes got beyond the control of large crews, which worked to prevent spreading, and in no case was green timber reached.

The two largest fires of the week were reported from a tract between the head of Discovery Bay and Washington Harbor, in Chillum 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

### 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. Sydney Strong, pastor of Queen Anne Congregational church, and Charles T. Takahashi of the Oriental Trading Company, are planning the formation of a Japanese labor union patterned in every detail after 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 discussion of the acceptance of Japanese labor on the rolls of the unions, with the distinct understanding that every effort will be made to bring into the fold every Japanese who works for wages in Seattle and eventually in the entire state.

It is further declared that, should the labor council be opposed to 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 spreads 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 fever heat, will be done away with.

It has been declared by Californians that the Japanese are slowly but surely crushing the California rancher and fruit grower by undermining white labor through providing Japanese at a far lower wage than whites can toil for.

With a Japanese labor union, or a series of them, approximating those of the American Federation of Labor, or with such unions actually a portion of the federation, there would be no conflict as to wages and the only problem would be one of providing sufficient work for all.

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 that such is their plan.

Series of Conferences Held.

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

It also is declared by those thoroughly in touch with the situation that much of the pioneer work in the movement has been done by the Seattle minister, aided by the work of Dr. Sidney Gulick, returned Japanese missionary, who has been in frequent conferences at the White House, while in Washington, D. C., concerning Japanese matters and American policies both here and in Japan.

"The matter is under discussion," said Dr. Strong last night when pressed for information, "but it is not for me to talk of at this time. I am interested in raising the standard of living of the Japanese and anything I can do toward this end will be done cheerfully, and with gratitude for the opportunity."