

READY FOR JAP SCHOOL SUIT

Administration Prefers to Make Statement Regarding Position of Government, With Reasons, From Washington.

Action to Be Instituted in San Francisco This Week—District Attorney Devlin Returns From National Capital.

By Associated Press, Special by Leased Wire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Jan. 16.—United States District Attorney Devlin, who was called East to consult with Attorney-General Bonaparte and President Roosevelt with reference to the San Francisco school matter, returned from Washington last night.

When in Washington he assisted the federal law department in the preparation of papers for the test case of the United States against the San Francisco board of education, involving the question of the alleged violation of the treaty with Japan in the segregation of Japanese pupils in the schools of this city.

"The suit will begin this week," said Devlin. "In talking over the matter with Attorney-General Bonaparte I was instructed that he desired, when the suit was filed, to give out the statement of the government's action and the reasons for it, from Washington. The reason for this is that the question has now become national and the administration prefers to speak upon it from Washington. I found the administration earnest in its determination

to push the question through the courts to a decision."

Devlin said that his preference was to begin action to test the segregation order in the state courts, carrying it thence to the federal courts.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY THANKS SEATTLE MEN

Expresses Appreciation of Efforts of Charles and Thomas W. Prosch in Writing Works on Early Days.

TACOMA, Wednesday, Jan. 16.—The Washington State Historical Society yesterday adopted resolutions expressing the appreciation of the society for contributions to historical literature made by Charles Prosch, of Seattle, in his "Reminiscences of Pioneer Days," by Thomas W. Prosch, of Seattle, in his "Life of Gen. McCarter," and also to others who have contributed works and assistance.

The following officers were elected: President, R. L. McCormick, Tacoma; vice-president, C. B. Bagley, Seattle; treasurer, William H. Dickson, Tacoma; secretary, W. H. Gilstrap, Tacoma; curators, Prof. W. G. Beach, Pullman; Prof. L. L. Benbow, Tacoma; W. G. Kowman, Puyallup; W. P. Bonney, Tacoma; James H. Degee, Tacoma; E. E. Dunlap, Seattle; Dudley Eshelman, Tacoma; Prof. J. E. Flett, Tacoma; Walter N. Gruninger, Zillah; Prof. W. D. Lyman, Walla Walla; William J. Shinn, Kent; Marshal K. Snel, Tacoma.

BOY IS KILLED WHILE EXAMINING PISTOL

Earle Robinson Shot With Revolver in Hands of Andrew Knutson and Death Follows in Half Hour.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wednesday, Jan. 16.—Earle Robinson, 17 years old, of Brinnon, this county, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed by Andrew Knutson yesterday in Port Townsend. The bullet entered the left breast immediately below the heart, death resulting a half hour later, before medical aid could be obtained.

Robinson and Knutson were examining the mechanism of a pistol, Knutson holding the weapon with his companion standing at his elbow. In a manner that has not been explained the trigger was pulled with fatal results.