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## DEFENDS MIKADO'S RIGHT TO APPOINT PREMIER OF CHOICE

Home Minister Suzuki Declares Emperor Can Select Premier From Any Party; Mikado Not Figurehead.

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Tokio.— With the Minseito, or opposition party holding an almost equal number of seats in the Diet as the government forces, something akin to a political agitation has arisen here of late in regard to the powers of the Emperor.

It is felt by the Minseito that the Emperor should appoint a Premier from the ranks of the party holding well nigh to a majority of the Diet seats. Home Minister Suzuki, however, charges the opposition party with trying to make the Emperor merely a figurehead, as the King of England, and declared that the Mikado had the constitutional privilege of appointing a Premier from any party he chose regardless of their number in the Diet.

### Press Scores Him

The press is almost unanimous in their opposition to him on this point and has scored him as trying to discredit the loyalty of the Minseito and the Laborites for the Emperor.

As a sidelight on the situation, the reactionaries have come out with the contention that there were certain elements working towards the bolshevization of Japan and that too many foreign ideas were sweeping into the country.

## REFUSES TO MAKE FREE STATE

President Declares Porto Rico Has all The Rights of American State.

Washington, D. C.— Porto Rico and her people are enjoying greater liberty and rights than at any time in her history, was the essence of President Coolidge's statement in refusing acquiescence to make it a free state. Under the present status of Porto Rico, the President declared, the people of the Island were given all the rights of American Citizens and that there was no call to change their political status now. The resolution asking to make Porto Rico a Free State, was sent by Governor Towner through Colonel Lindbergh on his last flight tour there.

## HYPNOTISM FOUND EFFECTIVE

Says, Dr. Brown at Yale Lectures.

The effectiveness of hypnotism was recently, the subject of discourse at the Yale University Terry lectures, when professor William Brown, well known Canadian psychologist, recounted many instances of hypnotic suggestions working out as an anaesthetic. Hundreds of persons, he said, hypnotized themselves before operations instead of taking anaesthetics and they have proven effective. Cases of shell shocked soldiers, who were being cured by hypnotism, were also cited. Dr. Brown also stated that people afflicted with alcoholism were not immune to hypnotism but proved rather fertile to it.

## TO BAN CHINESE

Manila.— An inquiry to stop the smuggling of Chinese into the Philippines has been instituted by Governor Stimson, his aide Colonel Blanton Winthrop. It is understood here, that a quite serious situation is presented in the smuggling of numerous Chinese through the Mindanao region.

In the last session of the Philippine legislature, a bill was introduced to exclude all Chinese, but was defeated, it is said, largely through the lobbying of Lingoh Wang, Chinese Consul General. Lingoh Wang has since been transferred to Batavia, so Governor Stimson is planning to sponsor a similar bill at the next session.

## GIRLS' TOUR PARTY TO SAIL TUESDAY

Under the guidance of Seattle's oldest Japanese minister, the Rev. F. Okazaki, the Seattle Girls' Kengakudan plans to leave on the Alabama Maru, April 10. The party will consist of Sachiko Akiyoshi, Nobuko Miyamoto, Raiko Ota, and Mrs. Y. Minami who is going to Japan and incidentally as a companion to the girls. Miss Nobu Yanagimachi, now attending Aoyama Gakuin, will join the party in Japan. They are to return in July.

A farewell gathering by the Federated Churches will be held at the Baptist Church, Monday at 8:00 P. M.

## DECRIES CENSORS AS GROWING PERIL TO SPEECH, PRESS

Starting With Movies Fifteen Years Ago, Censorship Grows to Gigantic Size.

### 'TYRANNICAL' IS CHARGE

New York.— That censorship which first started with the films in 1913 and in the short space of fifteen years has grown to gigantic proportions, is now seriously threatening the nation's publications, was the essence of a talk given by James N. Rosenburg, lawyer, playwright and painter, before the Bar Association here.

It was declared that censorship, an engine of tyranny, which is against the principles of the Constitution, first found a new start in 1913 after lying dormant for a century and a quarter. It first affected the film, dramas, extended to the news reels and educational films, took in the drama, and finally today is seeking to extend into the magazine field through a new bill recently introduced into Congress. If the trend continues, Mr. Rosenburg contended, a censorship of the newspapers would soon become effective, and then the freedom of the press and free speech would be spirited away through new interpretations of the Constitution.

Censorship in the past, it was held, has done more harm than good. Essentially, the censor is a political job holder, subject to the whims and desires of ruling faction. The tendency was scored; of censors in the past, to go back and investigate into the characters of film actors, and condemning some as bad characters have restricted the market for their films.

In answer to the question why Americans normally so jealous of their rights, have been indifferent to the encroachments of censorship, Mr. Rosenburg laid it to modern industrialism and intense concentration in personally accumulative business enterprises.

## BERLIN SOVIET BREAK POSSIBLE

Climax of Long-existing Friction Seen in Arrests of Mechanical Experts, and Treaty Violations

Berlin.— The arrest of German mechanical experts by the Soviets has led to a situation that threatens to bring about a condition that in all probability will at least result in the breaking off of commercial relations with Russia, as Great Britain has done some few years back. A violation of the German-Russo treaty is charged. The treaty provides for the notification of Berlin authorities when German citizens are arrested, and also for the submission of valid reasons for making such arrests; which it is charged, have been violated in the present incident.

For some time, friction has existed between the two countries over what is said to be propaganda schemes, and Russian support of strikes by German workers.

## TOKIO IS OFFERED AMITY PACT UNDER BRYAN CONDITIONS

Treaty With France, Also, Submitted, As Basis Of Discussion To Japan And Great Britain, Separately From Conciliation Pact.

Washington D. C.— An Arbitration and Conciliation Treaty on the same terms originally drafted by Secretary of State Bryan under the Wilson administration, was offered Japan and Great Britain, recently, by Secretary Kellogg. The Arbitration Compact signed in February between France and the United States has already been submitted as a separate covenant to these two nations as a basis of discussion. It is felt in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the covenant signed with France, if offered to these two countries, would limit the field of conciliation, so two separate treaties, one on the Bryan terms, was drafted and sent for signatures.

## ITO BECOMES HEAD OF JAPANESE ASS'N IN CLOSE ELECTION

Previous Term As President Grounds For Confidence of Members.

Succeeding Mr. K. Hirade as President, Chusaburo Ito, locally prominent and old resident of this city was elected to the executive office of the Japanese Association of North America on the evening of Mar. 30. The election was hard fought and Mr. Ito just nosed out Mr. T. Sowa by two votes. The result being 35 to 33. In various parts of the community Mr. Ito's choice is meeting with approval and many point to his past record of his incumbency, previously, in that office as grounds for confidence in his administration.

Mr. K. Hirade's term expired on the evening the vote was taken at the Japanese Association headquarters.

The two elected to the vice-president's office were: Mr. T. Maeda, and Mr. Y. Kiyama. Mr. S. Nakamura was elected as Secretary and Mr. Yasutake as Treasurer.

## WOMAN NAMED FOR PRESIDENT

Brazilian Communists Sponsors Woman For President.

Buenos Aires.— For the first time in the history of Brazil a woman has been named to run for the Presidency of the Republic, Angelica Mendoza, has been named by the Communist to run on their ticket. The Workers Party and the Communists are sponsoring her candidacy for the national election in April.

## THE WEEK At a Glance

Mar. 29, Washington, D. C.— Senator Robinson traces Oil Scandal back to Wilson regime.

Mar. 30, Jacksonville, Florida— Stimson and Haldeman remain in air 52 hours and 36 minutes, establishing a new world's endurance record.

Mar. 31, New York City.— Dozen hurt in skyscraper bomb blast.

Apr. 1, Seattle.— Al Smith assured of King County vote; appears as state winner.

Apr. 2, Seattle.— Third Seattle ship in distress off Oregon.

Apr. 3, Seattle.— Two new ships for Seattle line.

Apr. 4, Seattle.— Port Commission to build \$6,000,000 terminal on Skinner & Eddy site.

## AMERICAN - BORN JAPANESE IN INTERSTITIAL POSITION SAYS LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Second Generation as American Citizens Should Try To Learn and Understand Japanese History and Culture and Work for Understanding Between The Two Races.

### FULL TEXT OF ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT GIVEN

It was a gay but live crowd which gathered in the sitting room of Parlor A at the Olympic Hotel last Saturday evening. Expressing it concisely and to the point, the atmosphere was essentially, political. The Citizens' League, however, has some

## LIFE INSURED FOR FORTUNE

In these days of H. C. L., life after all is not so cheap when figured in dollars and cents. A Philadelphia man one, John C. Martin, is reported to have taken out life insurance policies approximating his total insurance now at \$6,500,000. The insurance is underwritten by twenty-three insurance companies in the United States and by two companies in Canada. Mr. Martin is the vice-president of the Curtis-Martin Newspaper, Inc., of Philadelphia. He is reputed to be the highest insured man in the world.

## DEMOCRAT SENATOR SEEKS TO ALTER IMMIGRATION ACT

New Measure Introduced by Walsh of Massachusetts, Would Admit Citizens' Relatives Now Restricted Under Quota Laws.

### 'HUMANE' ASPECT EMPHASIZED

Washington.— An amendment to the immigration act of 1924, bill introduced into the senate proposes the admission of alien parents of American citizens, even though it be in excess of the quota.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts, who introduced the bill, expressed his idea that it is intended "only as a humane measure." At present, alien parent are admitted only so long as they come within their quota number allotted to their respective countries. The new bill would disregard this restriction and allow them to enter without years of waiting. The quota for many countries has been exhausted for many years to come. The amendment to section 24 of the Immigration Act proposes to admit "an immigrant who is the unmarried child under 18 years of age, the father, mother, or the wife of a citizen of the United States who resides therein at the time of filing of a petition under Section 9."

## TRI-POWER BLOC AT ARMS PARLEY

Germany, Russia and Turkey Form Bloc.

Geneva.— With the sitting of Turkey in the League Council the first indication of a tri-power bloc has come to light at the fifth session of the League's Preparation of Disarmament Conference. The bloc working for a complete disarmament is comprised of Turkey, Russia and Germany. Dr. Bernstorff, as German delegate outlines Germany's views that if the League nations were to disarm a complete disarmament by every country in the world was necessary to make it practical. This view was strongly backed by Turkey and Russia.

women members on its lists and they added just enough touch to make it a really politico-social affair.

After the ordinary confabulations such as one sees in the corridors and lobbies of the Congressional halls of Washington, the Citizens' League as guest of Mr. H. Okuda filed into the banquet hall. Nearly all groups and factions were represented at the festive board giving it every intimation of the dynamic pressure that second generation politics will have on the activities of the Japanese community in the future.

After listening to the opening address by Mr. Okuda and speeches by Mr. Sakurachi of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Mr. Yasutake, Secretary of the Japanese Association, Mr. Yamataka of the Mitsui Co., and Mr. Hotta of the N. Y. K. Line, the Citizens' League members to the floor. After individual introductions themselves by members, the president of the League, Clarence Arai, capped the evening with what was termed by many who listened as the greatest second generation address they had ever heard.

### The Address

The address of the president is herewith given in full.

Human beings seem to react very peculiar at times. The things a person notices first about a member of another racial group, especially an immigrant, are those aspects of his life in which he differs, or at least seem to differ the most from his own group. People are not usually concerned, in the beginning at any rate, with what they have in common with them; but rather, they are struck by those things that seem queer or different, as can be seen in that old song, which used to be sung in the primary grades years ago, which ran something like this: "Ying Fu, China-boy upside down. That is how it seems to me." Thus, such terms as queer, quaint, peculiar, outlandish, foreign, and alien are commonly used to describe the newcomer.

As Nathaniel Shaler points out in his interesting book, *The Neighbor*, it is the TYPE rather than the INDIVIDUAL that we see when we first meet a stranger. In the Chinaman it was his queue, slanted eyes and yellow appearance, which stood out prominent. Americans could not distinguish between Chong and Wong. To them the Chinese seemed all alike. Now, we can readily see why it is that some people are so much fascinated by the racial differences, that they fail to see the individual, - as the refrain of a once popular song expresses the matter tersely, "All coons look alike to me."

### Commends Parents.

When our parents first came here, they too, were placed in a similar predicament. People noticed their reserve and even till this day unenlightened Americans frequently use the expression, in speaking of the Japanese, "You can never tell what is going on in their heads. We do not know what they are thinking about." They had ventured into a new country, bringing with them their own culture and tradition. Yes, true pioneers they were, for they sought fortune and a home in a strange land, where they were unaccustomed to its "ways of doing things." Notwithstanding, the seemingly unsurmountable obstacle that confronted them; they conquered. Their dauntless spirit and courage had carried them thru the trying moments of their life. We, the second generation, must take our hats off to

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## COMMUNITY LOOP OFFERS T.A.C. BERTH TO PLAY EVERETT

To Play Timber Leaguers Tomorrow; Practiced At Franklin Last Sunday; Personnel of League to Have Big Blow Out April 28, announces Pres. Harrison.

### SEVEN TEAMS ALREADY IN

Plans are going ahead to enter the Taiyo Athletic Club in the Community League. In response to an invitation that was tendered him, Manager Ishihara, it is reported, attended a meeting of that League. As yet, it is not known whether or not the Tacs will definitely enter the loop but our reporter was assured by one of officers of the League that they were practically certain of being enfranchised in the circuit. The organization will have seven other teams besides the Japanese; they are University, Rainier Valley, White Center, Georgetown, Tenth Avenue Northeast, Green Lake-Fremont and West Seattle, the last year's champs. According to President Cliff Harrison of the League, the whole personnel of the League are to be guests of the Seattle Baseball club on April 28th, then, in the evening the directors will be hosts to a monster banquet at one of the downtown hostleries.

### No Game Last Sunday

The poetic lines about "April showers bringing May flowers" maybe all right to those amorically inclined but it didn't do the Tacs any good. They had to mark time because the recent showers made the grounds at Everett too soggy for baseball, so they put in a few more additional training licks in at Franklin. Since everything is ready and waiting at Everett, they are to invade the nest of the Sea Gulls tomorrow. Whether or not the local Japanese boys will be able to bring home the verdict is yet to be seen but Manager Ishihara plans to take his strongest lineup north.

## JAPANESE GIRLS DEFEAT AFRICANS

Japanese Play Well; Game Was Rough; An Eye Opener For Masculine Spectators.

Before a large, enthusiastic crowd, the Japanese Girls' Club team nosed out the African M. E. Church girls in an exciting basketball game on the Baptist Church floor last Tuesday evening, with the lead changing hands several times. The contest was exceedingly rough for a girls' game; the way the girls fell on the floor reminded everyone of a pom-pom-pull-away game when one side or other falls down. To many of the masculines present, it was an eye opener; they never knew that girls could be so rough. The playing of the whole Japanese team stood out, Aiko Yamada featured with 8 points, Yurino Takayoshi capably assisting with 2. Brown and Dockery starred for the M. E. girls. The lineups follow:

Japanese (10)	Africans (9)
Yamada (8)	F Brown (5)
Takayoshi (2)	F Dockery (4)
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## HOW OLD IS OLD?

He is 58, an age which popular opinion takes to be the back bending age or close to that stage, but nevertheless, by the way of celebration of his natal days, Charles Levere of Chicago skipped rope for three hours and a half. He skipped 15,000 times at an approximate rate of 75 hops to the minute; establishing what is believed to be a world's record for rope skipping. During the marathon skip, Levere lost thirteen pounds.

## TAKEUCHI PILOTS NEW BALL CLUB

Plan to Enter "C" Competition K. Ito Captain.

The latest Japanese baseball club to be organized is the Ginsai, which translated literally in English would be, The Silver Stars. Whether they should prove real stars or whether they shall see stars, it is not known. Nevertheless, Mr. Takeuchi has been named to manage and K. Ito will be the captain of the new team. Measurements were taken for new uniforms and they will soon be ready to take on all comers. The Silver Stars plan to play "C" ball.

## HARADA UNLIKELY TO PLAY IN U. S.

Japan's Davis Cup Team Suffers Heavy Loss.

Nagoya, Japan—Takeichi Harada, the Japanese racquet star, has definitely decided against competing in the Davis Cup Matches in the United States, according to the reports received here. He was recently married, the report continued, and it is not known when he will re-enter tennis competition. Harada's loss is a severe blow to the Cup team. He ranked third behind Tilden and Alonso in the U. S. Tennis Association's rating list last year.

## ISHII IN TRAINING PLANS COME BACK

Has Good Record; Fought Almost 100 Ring Battles.

George Ishii, better known to the followers of the fistic game as the Japanese Phantom because of his speed, is training for a come back at Austin and Bishop's Gym. Although he has been out of the squared ring for about two years, he plans to weigh in at 110 pounds. Ishii stated that he is training every day and that he would be ready to fight pretty soon. It will be remembered that Ishii has a good record, having fought in the neighborhood of a hundred battles. Conservatively speaking, he has won two-thirds of them the rest being draws and defeats.

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# Sport Scope

## SPORTS APPEAL

Why do sports attract? That thought has often flashed across our minds today, due to the inclement weather, the usual baseball sportscope is called off on account of rain, fog in the brain, or any way that it pleases our critics.

Sports, to the ancient Greeks important as a means of recording dates, as a calendar. In fact, the dates in those early days were calculated from the Olympiads, the games in which all Greek athletes competed. These were held every fourth year. Thus, in referring to an event in history, the Greek calculated the date in form of the first, second or third year of the first, second or which ever Olympiad that it occurred. The first Olympiad was held in 776 B. C.

The Greeks participated in the games for the sake of the sport itself. The sole reward that the victors received was a crown of laurel. It may be seen that the athletes, speaking from the modern standards of amateur and professional standpoints, would be strictly amateur. From our viewpoint, it is extremely fortunate for those ancients that they did not possess a Greek Cross Country or is it Cash and Carry Pyle, the greatest menace, to amateurs that exists. Had they known of such an ingenious manager the trouble that he would have caused with their calendar is difficult to visualize.

The Romans, the race who succeeded the Greeks, took an altogether different attitude towards athletics. They were smart enough to realize that exercise is necessary and beneficial; however, to the extent of exercise as a means of body development as a means of relaxation only. They did not feel the exultation of winning a race; rather, they sat back to watch their slaves, their inferiors perform in another channel of sport that offered more excitement, more bloodshed as in their gladiatorial combats, their chariot races. They did not develop the sense of sportmanship, of fair play in these games. It was a question of winning fair means or foul. The victor, sad to say, often was the craftier, the more underhanded, and not the better.

To the moderns, the sports appeal in the way somewhat as the Romans more or less a means of relaxation, a means of body building then too, there is the remunerative side. Taken as a whole, the professional sports do not draw as many actual participants and spectators as do the simon pure amateur athletics as to witness a "battle of the century, a grudge fight," a critical game in the pennant race, a World's Series classic; but those affairs are insignificant in number when compared to the big football games that draw many thousands annually all over the country.

The alumni flock to their alma maters to watch their friends perform on the gridiron. They love to watch the crash, the body contact, the battle of the native instincts of man. Others go to see the artistry, the form, to look over a famous athlete with their own eyes that they may indulge in their small bit of hero worship. Many go to a championship fight favoring the challenger; they pull for him until he wins the crown; then go back again hoping to see him humbled. It is a peculiar twist of the human mind to hope for the downfall of the strong before an underdog.

The public turns out to witness a baseball game, to cheer, to boo the umpire, to antagonize the opposing players in their mad desire to see their favorites win. The possibility, the hope against hope, of the long shot coming home a winner carries the appeal of the ponies.

Underneath it all, people appreciate the fine sportmanship, disprove of the unsportmanship like action that the athletes display in their games. They go to see the sports for the element of the unexpected. The popularity of any sport is a great degree by the uncertainty, by element of change and the risk involved in a contest where the unexpected might spring up.

## 21 STRAIGHT WINS

Pittsburg.—The Pittsburg University basketball team recently closed its season with twenty one straight victories. There were several hard games on the schedule; the hardest one probably being the one with Washington and Jefferson which they won by a single point, the final score being 33 — 32. J. D. Carlson is the coach of the Pittsburg Team.

## BALL TOURNEY FOR U. of W. COEDS

Fair Maids to Play With Indoor Rules; Organized Houses to Compete.

The University of Washington women baseballers are to have a tournament, according to a recent announcement by the Women's Physical Education Department of that school. The girls' organized houses are to furnish the teams. About ten teams are expected to compete in the tournament which will begin April 16, and the finals will be April 20. There is much interest; the girls are very much in earnest about the tourney and are reported to be practicing diligently for the big event. Indoor rules will be used, the announcement continued.

## Sports BULLETIN

Saturday, Mar. 31.—U. of W. wins Coast Boxing Championship.

Sunday, April 1 — — — — —  
Lotus 7, White River 1. Batteries: Mukai and Sakano. Takeshita and Uyeda.

Taiyo Cardinals 4, Market 1. Batteries: Shirashi, Tanaka and Kawaguchi. Sakai and Miyagawa.

Tuesday, April 3 — — — — —  
Girls' Basketball; Japanese Girls' Club 10; African M. E. Girls 9.

Sunday, April 8, — — — — —

At Everett, Taiyo Seniors vs. Everett Sea Gulls, 2 o'clock.

At South Park Playfield, N. A. C. vs. Seattle Clubs at 1:30.

At Walla Walla Playfield, Taiyo Cards vs. White River at 12 o'clock.

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## REORGANIZATION IS PLANNED FOR N.A.C. OSAWA NEW PREXY

Club Adopts New Policies; To Include Social Activities; New Uniforms For Squad; To Play Seattle Timber Leaguers Tomorrow;

### TALK OF JUNIOR TEAM

By Kelly Yamada

Pursuing an entirely new policy in their meeting held last Friday evening, the N. A. C. elected officers from their own membership rather than having older business men act as their officials as has been the custom in the past. S. Osawa was elected to the presidency, M. Yasuda, vice president, T. Nakamura treasurer, F. Nagamine English secretary and J. Sakano the Japanese secretary. The club, it was decided, was to be thoroughly reorganized. Increased social activities were included among the points stressed.

### New Uniforms for Squad

I. Sakano, the club agreed, should continue in the role of manager. At the meeting, it was announced that the first team was to have a new uniform. The new unies are to be white in color; they are to have the Japanese phonetic character, "Nippon" on them. There was talk of a second team being organized. There is lots of equipment available should such a team be organized, it was pointed out. About twenty members were on hand at the meeting.

### Plays Game Sunday

The Clubmen started to play a practice game with the Tenth Avenue Northeast Athletic Club of the Community League but the rain soaked the game out after the Japanese had batted in the first frame. The game was started with Kaz Arai on the mound, Okada catching, Takata first, S. Arai second, Takahashi short, Hamada third, Okimoto left, A. Arai center and Yoshitomi in right field. With two men on the pathways, Takahashi slammed out a double, scoring two men; however, at this stage, Jup Pluvius decided he would play his April Fool trick in order to be in harmony with the rest of the things that are customary with the first day of April, so he called the hostilities off with an untimely shower. The team looked good and everything seems set for a big season.

Tomorrow at South Park the Japanese will cross bats with the Seattle Cubs, the Timber League team. The game starts at 1:30.

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**A BETTER MOUSE - TRAP**

We disciples of the "self made man" cult who religiously read the "go thou and do likewise" stories of prominent personages who have more or less laboriously ascended the ladder of success, often are reminded of the old maxim which goes something like, "if you build a better mouse-trap, even though you live in the middle of the forest, the world will beat a path to your door."

Such a naive and artfully expressed little aphorism may sound intensely idealistic in the materialistic, iron clad, gigantic economic order under which we exist, but nevertheless it reveals, in its cunning subtlety the basic principle on which is founded our present day economic efficiency.

Specialization! The concentration of mental and physical energies on a limited field of endeavor has grown to be except in a few exceptional instances, the only means of acquiring recognition and proficiency in this age with its great diversity in the fields of science, industry, commerce, medicine, and the dilatory arts.

The spirit of modern achievements is not doing a vast number of things or being a jack of all trades. The day and era when a college graduate, merely by virtue of his education was assured success in life is past. No longer does he step serenely forth from the portals of knowledge confident in his infallible ability to fill any niche in life, but now he must submit to the rigid iron-clad law of the survival of the fittest, of efficient concentration in specialties to do one better than the average run of the crowd, even though it appears to be insignificant to the casual observer.

Remember, the originator of the idea to put erasers on lead pencils acquired an immense fortune. A nit wit who can sit on a flag pole longer than any other human, amasses a fortune thereby, even though it is merely capitalization on a curiosity-crazy boob public.

Giving away free ballons with mediocre mouse traps may bring a crowd to the door today, but only the mouse traps of genuine merit, that are really better, will draw the crowd tomorrow, next year and thereafter.

**A TRIUMPH**

Utilizing the ordinary but expressive lingo of the professional sporting world, the Seattle Progressive Citizens' League came to bat last Saturday evening at the Olympic Hotel and practically "made themselves" by scoring a signal victory. The affair at the city's leading hostelry could not but be classed otherwise than a momentous, event the very importance of which in regard to the hearing it has on local and national politics in the future, should go down in the annals of Japanese progress here as a most memorable incident. That the occasion caused more than ordinary curiosity might be attested to by the fact that it was the first affair of its kind and the guests attending the banquet gave full recognition to the dignity and character of the League gathering as the first Japanese political unit to actively participate in the field of local politics.

There was indeed a deep significance to be attached the occasion in that it implied a genuine identification now, of those who in the near future should form the nucleus foundation of the local community with city politics. In other terms it implied that an organization of the first Japanese political shock troops has been accomplished to get into the front lines of local politics.

Though it might be a little premature to expect as a fact already patent and complete, there is no doubt, however, that the banquet truly gave the indication that the first stone has been laid for the construction of a solid basis of communication, politically, economically and commercially with the outer sections of the city.

In acclaiming the signal victory of the Citizens' League no little credit is due its president, Clarence T. Arai. In fact, the truth of the entire proceedings was that, it was he, who accomplished the League's triumph with an address which probably has no equal in the records of the second generation oratoricals. The manner in which he sounded out the position of the second generation and emphatically pointed out their duty of citizenship after establishing the reasons of misunderstandings and prejudices between the American and Japanese peoples, was in keeping with the dignity of the responsible position he maintained as president of the Citizens' League.

To the president all credit is due for the triumph which has redounded to the prestige of the League. The public's memory on an affair such as last Saturday's is short but the fact of the League's signal victory, put over by its president, shall live as long as the League endures.

**OUR ERROR**

In relation to the correspondence sent into this office "The Courier" at this time wishes to express its sincere regret over the mistake published in last week's issue as disclosed by Miss Ishi Hamada. The error was an error registered not by desire nor through any reasons of not wanting to give the genuine author the credit entitled. The error was unintentional and "The Courier" feels in giving this rectification space that in all justice credit is due to Miss Hamada for pointing out the error as well as to the author of the article, Mr. Haruo Nakamoto.

The Editor

**POST MORTEM**

Everything and Nothing  
 Everywhere and Nowhere

By TOM ARAI

**WHAT'LL THEY DO AND SAY.**

When school term is over and the summer is here--the Boys, WHAT'LL THEY DO? They all go off for a so-called well earned vacation to some cool soothing climate up in the northern wilds called "God's Country". A highly esteemed plutocratic summer resort, namely, CANNERY!

Before they leave for their northern adventure, in speaking of the probable SUMMER COUISINE-----WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They broadcast to the youth of the Japanese Ghetto that the 'hash-slinger' of their chosen summer resort is the Champion of the Pacific Coast. And insofar as the fish is concerned that brave little finny substance of Neptune that glides hither and thither in the deep blue seas, decorated with that Oriental fantasy called 'Miso' and bathed in that flowery mystic fluid like to-dine commonly known as 'Shoyu'; in regard to this finny tribe that encircles the summit of the proverbial dining table like a reception committee waiting for an exotic exhibition of palatable welcome, WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They tell us that such an allurements of seafood is very delightful for the brain and enriches one's memory and is an asset to students when school opens in the fall.

After being fed up with such luxurious de luxe oo-la-las, WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They tell us that they were so filled up with SEA-WEED SOUP that their stomach rises and recedes with the tide.

Asking them about the fish diet, WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They tell us that they got so much of it in their bread-basket that they are convinced that Shakespeare was right when he said, "THERE'S SOMETHING ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF DEN-MARK!"

When we inquire, "Of course you had plenty of Ham and Eggs." WHAT'LL THEY SAY? "Eggs, eggs," they would murmur with a soothing voice as if an impending catastrophe is approaching, and then with a low commanding guttural challenge of the Gauls, "Say, eggs did you say! Bozo, are you mocking me? Why, the only eggs that we've had would be ashamed to mention that it was ever related to a Hen; in fact they were DEEP SEA EGGS, to elucidate more clearly----SALMON EGGS!"

"In speaking of HAM, yes we had that all right--it was the BOSS." THEY'D SAY. In speaking of his features, WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They tell us that the name of 'HAM' was too decent for him. "A PIG as he was had to be shot first to win the mediocre title of PORK and had to be smoked to get the respectable name of 'HAM'" THEY'D SAY.

If we ask whether they enjoyed the weather, WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They tell us that it rained so DOGGONE hard and long up there that they didn't know whether they were 'under water' or not, and the only time that they were conscious to know what was happening, was when they were asleep.

Asking whether they enjoyed the boat voyage up, WHAT'LL THEY SAY? They tell that the trip was so lovely that they had to protrude their heads out of port-holes or extend their upper part across the rails so often that they could see the signs of Broadway's Milky way reflected upon the opalescent waters saying, "PLEASE DON'T FEED THE FISHES!"

Constringing the facts as a Constructor Consubstantiates, when the season is over and they are back in town-----WHAT'LL THEY SAY? To a CANNERY-----NEVER AGAIN! BUT THEY ALWAYS COME BACK FOR MORE!

**"INEXCUSABLE"**

To the Editor:—

The article which appeared in the last issue of the "Courier" entitled "PROHIBITION LAW DETRIMENTAL TO WELFARE OF U. S." was written by Haruo Nakamoto. It was originally intended for the Lotus Section of the "Hotoke-no Oshie," the monthly publication of the Buddhist Church. However, through an inexcusable error on the part of the "Courier" staff, the article was printed under my name. I wish to have my name nullified and accord the credit to its rightful person.

Ishi Hamada

**Pink Tea**

The date of the J. S. C. High School Banquet has been set for May 5th.

May 13th is the day set for the annual J. S. C. picnic. At this time the location is not yet definitely decided as several likely places are under consideration.

The All Saint's Day Follies held by the South Park Young People last Sunday at South Park was a decided hit. There was lots of merriment for all.

Honoring Miss Teru Watanabe, the Misses Mina Kimura and Sada Seki entertained with a theatre party which was followed by a dinner last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Arima, founder and editor-in-chief of the North American Times, local Japanese paper of this city, returned last week from an extended visit to Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Fukuda, who with their two children, Perry Masaru and Sachiko were visitors here during the past week, returned to their home in Portland last Saturday evening.

Miss Grace Ota of Auburn was a week-end guest at the home of her friend, Miss Amy Okazaki.

The last union meeting of Kengakudan which is to be led by the Reverend Okazaki will be held next Monday evening at the Japanese Baptist Church.

An orchestra consisting of Toshi Okada and Kelly Yamada, saxophonists; Kiyoshi Tomita, trumpet; Mac Kaneko, trombone and Mr. Ward at the piano will render several selections at the meeting.

Mr. H. Okuda was a host to a large gathering of members of the Seattle Progressive Citizens' League last Saturday evening at the Olympic Hotel.

Invitations have been extended by Miss Kinue Okamura for a party to be held at her home next Saturday evening, at eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Amano are to be the hosts, to a party of friends at their home this Saturday evening.

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## DEBATE NEARLY ENDS IN RIOT

Debate Over Mussolini Regime Starts Fight

New York.—A near riot occurred here the other day when a debate between Samuel McClure and Dr. Vincenzo Nitti on the Mussolini regime started an engagement in fisticuffs here at the Selwyn Theatre among the listeners. Mr. McClure, the publisher of the McClure magazine strongly contended that the Mussolini regime was a feasible administration for Italy while Dr. Nitti, son of the former Italian Premier, vigorously opposed it. The fight began in the gallery of the theater between Fascisti and anti-Fascisti adherents when Dr. Nitti got up for rebuttal. After the debate Mr. McClure was wildly cheered and carried to the Times Square on the shoulders of the Fascisti followers.

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## AMERICAN - BORN JAPANESE IN INTERSTITIAL POSITION SAYS LEAGUE PRESIDENT

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the first; for they have accomplished the difficult task of transforming the swamps and logged-off-lands into a valley "flowing with milk and honey". The beautiful gardens, which can be seen on the peripheries of the Coast Cities stand out as a monument to their wonderful perseverance. Our duty is to carry on, but besides this, we have a special mission to perform.

### Individuals Different

No matter what the racial group may be, the individual is always there. Tom is different from Harry and so is Dick different from both Tom and Harry. It is only because the people do not see the individual at first, as the person is concealed behind the racial type. However, with the growth of intimacy and acquaintance the type gradually fades away, and the individual emerges from the background, that is, from the general mass. The stranger's face then becomes more expressive and people acclaim, "They are more human", and that, "Human beings are the same the world over".

We can now see, why it is that people often define their attitude toward another race, as a whole, upon the basis of a single experience with a single individual of that race. It is because some people are guided by their first impression, and never grow out of that stage, when they all seem alike. Racial antipathy may be acquired in various ways.

### Children Impressed

One way is through the anti-racial traditions and opinions, which persons often acquire, especially in their childhood days. To illustrate: One day I was talking with a six year old Japanese American and asked her in the course of the conversation, whether she thought that a Negro was nice. The little girl replied, "No, they're not. I don't like 'Kuronbos', because they take babies away." Now, why then, did the little girl take this attitude? It is because someone has probably taught her that a "boogie-man" was a colored-man.

Then it may be acquired through an unpleasant experience with a member of another race. With adults it may be a result of competition. The same Japanese girl, on being questioned, whether she liked the Chinese people or not, answered, "No, I don't! I know of a Chinese lady, who lives nearby and she scolds the children all the time."

### Jingoists Childish

Jingo-agitators, after all, reason no more than a six year old child, when they attempt to generalize upon the basis of a single experience or their personal likes or dislikes, instead of trying to learn more about the other race.

Once I was talking to Tom a nine year old native-born Japanese. "Tom" I queried, "What are you going to be?" He boldly came back, "A soldier of course." "Why a soldier, Tom?" I continued. He replied, "Because I want to kill all the 'Chankoro'. I don't like them at all." "That's not right Tom," I said, "You shouldn't take that attitude. The Chinese are nice people." Tom was not satisfied with my explanation, for he retorted, "But just the same. I'm off of them, and I can't help it. I simply don't understand them."

Unconsciously this little boy suggested the real basis for racial prejudice, which after all, is a result of pure misunderstanding. It is misunderstanding, which has blinded the people of one race to the virtues of another. Prejudice has undermined good reasoning. The only solution is time and education. Racial prejudice cannot be wiped away in a day or a year. Just like it takes time to age wine, it takes time for education to permeate, - to pave the way for understanding.

### Second Generation Increasing

The Second Generation must awaken to their responsibilities. They are no longer a child, as they are gradually forging to the front. In 1900, the native-born only constituted 1.1 per cent of the total Japanese population in the United States. In 1910 it became 6.2 per cent, but, in 1920 it rose to 26.7 per cent of the total Japanese population in the Continental United States. In that year in the three Western States alone, namely, Oregon, Washington and California, there was a total of 26,159 native-born Japanese. For Hawaii in 1910 the native-born constituted 25.0 per cent, but, in 1920 it jumped to 44.5 per cent.

The latest figure on the total number of citizens of Japanese ancestry residing on the mainland and the islands is by Dr. McKenzie, who estimates that there are around 145,000, based upon the published figures of the Japanese Consulate General of San Francisco under date of October 31, 1926. In addition to this, there is a large, but indefinite number now living in Japan, which has been estimated to be around 25,000.

### Second Generation Americanized

Unlike their forefathers the new generation to all extent bear the earmarks of an American; for they have been bred and trained under the influence of the culture of the new country. They speak the best of English; they know the American customs, tradition, and practices of life. The fact that they have mastered the language can be seen in the way they make humorous plays upon English words. Yes, they have assimilated; for sociologists have termed them, "Oriental in appearance, but not in reality"; and that they are "Americans in Japanese disguise". Equipped with the "tools", which the older generation lacked, they are acquainted with the "ways of doing things" of the new environment.

The second generation occupies a unique place, in that he is in an interstitial position, a child of both cultures, the East and the West. Such, being the case, he not only is familiar with the culture of the Occident, where he was nurtured; but, also that of the Orient, from where his parents came. The civilization of your forefathers must not be looked down upon, as it represents a great stream of truth, which has survived thru the ages, to which India, China and Japan have contributed. The real mission of the second generation is to synthesize these two great cultures, by picking out the cream of both. Your duty is to act as an intermediary, that of interpreting the East to the West and the West to the East.

### The League's Purpose

With the growth and the increase in the number of the native-born Japanese, the Seattle Progressive Citizens' League was organized for the special purpose of training the new generation to be good and intelligent citizens, to acquaint them with the political institutions of this country, and in the end that they may be of service to the community, state and country. It is their duty to exercise their franchise at the polls, thereby showing to the public that the native-born Japanese is a citizen more than in name only.

### Lauds The Courier

In this community we are fortunate in having a publication like the Japanese-American Courier. It is the first one of its kind and nature on the Pacific Coast, a newspaper published in the English language, that is edited by a second generation, managed by a second generation and financed by a second generation. Not only, this paper is an organ thru which the second generation expresses himself, but an instrument, which can render invaluable service to our community by interpreting the Japanese people to the American public. We should be proud of such an achievement on the part of one of our younger generation. The second and the first generation must cooperate and give their hearty support to this new enterprise in order that it may accomplish its worthy purpose.

### New Era Seen

In closing, I wish to say, that I like to think of the second generation, as a diplomat of good-will, whose duty is to bring about a better understanding between the East and the West, thereby eradicating the evil of prejudice from the minds of the people. We are all participating in a wonderful era, the Pacific Era. The Mediterranean had long passed away, which in turn gave away to the Atlantic. But, now the Atlantic Era is about to become a thing of tomorrow, for today the East is facing the West and the West the East. It is around the Pacific that things are now happening and where news originate. Japan has become a world power. China is awakening. Even, India is restless. It is here where the future lies. The second generation should consecrate their lives to this special task, so that the Pacific Era will be an era, characterized with everlasting peace. Let us not forget that old French proverb, "To comprehend all is to forgive all".

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## SILVERWARES FLASH TO RIOTOUS SPEECH AT OLYMPIC DINNER

BY CORINNA AMAUDA

Last Saturday night, I dressed myself up like a million dollars and with about thirty other young people were guests of Mr. Okuda at the Olympic Hotel.

I guess the rest were there because they voted, same as I did at the last election. Now, I'm not saying anything about my candidate. Maybe my aspirant won, maybe no; but that's all right, isn't it?

After we got tired talking about how young we were, and the "Do you remember way back when's," dinner was announced and we sat down to eat. I positively felt dizzy for a while counting all the silverware at my table. I thought that maybe that somebody had made a mistake and put a few extra by my plate, but the others had the same, so I says to myself, "Calm yourself, mi-boy watch your neighbors and act accordingly."

During the salad course everybody was polite, yes, so extremely polite that I kinda felt embarrassed, but by the time we finished the soup and had started on the meat, the young lady on my right felt so sociable that she confided to me that she thought one of the waiters looked like Edward Hickman, the California slayer. Not being in the habit of contradicting a lady I mumbled a feeble, "Oh, yes indeed, now that you mention it, he does," while inwardly I knew that he looked more like the twin brother of Bill Hart than anybody else.

After the last spoon of the famous Olympic Hotel ice-cream, I settled back ready to hear the famous after-dinner speeches which is a sort of an anti-climax to any good dinner. The climax, of course is the dessert.

Mr. Okuda was our host and he presided. He had a few speakers for us and they certainly were interesting. Mr. Sakurachi in connection with the novel, "General Delivery" mentioned the fact that boys were like the general delivery letters. That is, the he-men were in the post office waiting to be delivered to their respective lady-friends. Well, I've been going down to the post-office every day this week, but nothing exciting has happened yet. Maybe I'd better try the "dead letter" office.

Mr. Yasutake caused many a smile, but Mr. Yamanaka of the Mitsui Co. almost caused a riot with his talk. Not to be outdone, we younger 'uns did our share too. For instance, Mrs. C. T. Takahashi played a piano solo, Tomeo Takayoshi sang while Tom Arai, Post Mortems Editor of the Courier told some side-splitting jokes, not to mention his famous rendition of Shakespeare.

All in all, a pleasant time was had by all. Ho hum, I can hardly wait for the next election.

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