

MIKADO'S PLEDGE WILL BE TESTED

New Immigration Agreement
With U. S. and Canada as
Seen at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, has arranged to leave Washington on Monday afternoon. He will sail for Japan from San Francisco Jan. 7 on the steamer Manchuria.

The ostensible purpose of the ambassador's trip is to make a personal report to his home government on the situation in the United States, with especial reference to the immigration question.

Until the ambassador reports it is not likely that his successor will be named officially before he can get to Japan, however, a new agreement between the two countries will be put into effect, by which it is proposed to limit the number of Japanese coming into the United States.

No new treaty is to be negotiated, but protocols have already been exchanged between this country and Japan, as a result of which Japan promises to take the immigration question into its own hands, limiting the number of those given direct passports to the United States to certain classes of students, professional men, and expert laborers.

The ordinary coolie classes will not be permitted to leave Japan for the United States, according to the terms of the agreement, which will be practically identical, both for Canada and for the United States.

Trouble Settled on Paper.
On paper at least, the vexatious immigration question in the United States has been settled, so far as Japan is concerned. In the immigration question alone, the two countries have been at odds for some time.

So long as any considerable number of Japanese come to our Pacific slope there will be a constantly increasing prospect of outrages by the hoodlum element, which local officials will be unwilling or unable to punish.

President Roosevelt's administration is, for the present, pledged against the passage of an exclusion law. It has been the hope of the President and his advisers that Japan would settle the question of immigration by checking the stream of immigration to the United States at its fountain head.

The Japanese government can do that without wounding the sensibilities of its own people, while, if the United States were to undertake the execution of a rigid exclusion law, the Japanese people at large would surely resent it and the danger of hostilities might be increased.

Japan Will Not Be Bound.
Recently the Japanese government has given positive assurances to the representatives both of Canada and the United States that it will put an end to all indiscriminate immigration to this side of the Pacific.

The Japanese have positively refused to put this agreement into the form of a treaty. They propose to stand on all their rights under their existing treaty with the United States, with Great Britain, and they will not negotiate any new convention with the United States which does not expressly provide that citizens of Japan shall be treated exactly the same as those of the most favored nation.

This would be a real agreement on the part of the United States to pass any exclusion law, and our Congress would refuse to make such an agreement with any foreign nation, and particularly with Japan.

Up to the present time, therefore, the negotiations have been carried on by means of protocols, which are merely definitions of purposes of the two parties to the negotiation, and in no sense treaties.

They are, in fact, informal agreements between the two parties by which one side or the other gives assurance that it will do certain things, but does not in any way bind itself to do them.

Japan's Honor Is Kept.
This is the somewhat unsatisfactory condition of affairs which now exists between the United States and Japan. Before Viscount Aoki gets home, Ambassador O'Brien, our representative at Tokyo, will receive from the Japanese government the final protocol or assurance that it will limit immigration to the United States and to Canada.

After that all depends on the good faith of the Japanese government. If the assurances are fully carried out in the letter as well as in spirit, there will be a practical end to the immigration question and to the possibility of war on account of it.

If the Japanese government acts in the future as it has done in the past, and confines itself to mere words, the result will be that the stream of immigration will keep up, and Congress will be forced to pass an exclusion law.

Figures received by immigration officials show that the so-called legitimate immigration from Japan, although small when compared with that from European countries, is absolutely steady in its volume.

This legitimate immigration is that which comes direct from Japan to the United States on passports issued by the home government.

It is supposed to embrace artisans, students, and professional men who come to the United States in the regular way. They are not barred out by the terms of the immigration law, which refers only to those Japanese who receive passports for Hawaii, Mexico, or Canada as a blind, and then continue their journey to the United States.

A verdict for \$150 has been given at Leeds against T. Hunt, a man of 73, for breach of promise of marriage. The promise was made before the death of the defendant's wife.

MOTHER EDDY DONATES MILLION

Establishes Fund for Indigent
Students of the Christian
Science Cul.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Details of the plans of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, in relation to the charitable institution which she is to found, are contained in an editorial by Archibald McLellan in the current issue of the Christian Science Sentinel. The editorial says in part:

"Mrs. Eddy has consented that the institution shall be known as 'Mary Baker G. Eddy's Charitable Fund.'"

"The board of directors will be created in Boston, and in plan and scope this fund will be an educational opportunity for which indigent persons will be taught gratuitously the science of the Christ healing as practiced by Jesus and as made known through the writings of Mrs. Eddy."

"The sum of \$1,000,000 will be devoted to this sole purpose."

"The students of Christian Science will be maintained by this fund until such time as the board of directors shall have pronounced them good healers of the sick and deliver to them certificates to this effect. The beneficiaries of this fund and the families of those who have families are to be supported from the income of the fund, and the number of students and their families to be supported will depend upon the amount of this income."

Mrs. Eddy has turned this matter over to a prospective board of directors. In the meantime no letters of inquiry should be addressed to Mrs. Eddy."

RYAN PREPARING

Goes To West Baden To Train for
Middleweight Championship.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Tommy Ryan, who still claims the middleweight championship, expects to leave next Monday for West Baden, to condition himself to meet the winner of the Papke-Kelly battle. Ryan has an offer from a western club for the match.

Betting on the Papke-Kelly mill took a change yesterday, the odds shifting in favor of the local Italian. The betting, which a week ago stood 8 to 5 in favor of Papke, now looks like a 10-to-7 proposition on Kelly. The rush of small and large bettors from La Salle, Keokuk, and other places where Papke is engaged almost everywhere will doubtless change the odds again to even money when the principals meet within the ropes.

SOLDIER SUES PRESIDENT

Negro Discharged at Brownsville
Takes Action Against Government.

New York, Dec. 27.—United States District Attorney Henry L. Stinson said today that he had been served with the papers filed in the United States district court by counsel for Oscar Reid, a member of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry (colored), who is now discharged from Brownsville, Texas. The plaintiff sues the government to recover pay lost through his discharge from the army, but the attorneys in the case have admitted that they were retained by "wealthy gentlemen of New England," whose real object is to determine the legality of the President's action.

Chase Mellen, of counsel for the plaintiff, said today: "I am not at all surprised to tell you the gentlemen back of this action are. When they will disclose their identity, they will be surprised. They are all men of national prominence. They banded together for the purpose of seeing that poor individuals received the rights guaranteed them by the constitution."

"They selected the case because his dismissal appeared to them to be a particularly flagrant case of violation of the constitution. He is a very poor man and could not seek redress himself. They will help any other individual, black or white, who has been treated in the same manner. I can state positively for them that politics has nothing whatever to do with it. Their action is animated by something higher than that."

BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT

Fierce Battle Between Citizens and
Robbers Follows Looting of Bank.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—The Bank of Camden Point, 35 miles southwest of this city was robbed by three men early today. The robbers were discovered by Professor Barham, president of the Camden Point College, who saw a light in the bank and aroused the citizens. Three explosions set off by the robbers after the alarm was given wrecked the safe and interior of the bank. A fierce battle between citizens and the robbers took place in which many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped. Later they were captured in the woods on Platte River, near Edgerton Junction, a station on the Rock Island Railroad. They were taken to Platte City and jailed. The loot was about \$1,500, of which \$1,000 was in cash.

The robbers have told where they hid the money in a straw stack near Edgerton. One of the bandits has been identified as Clyde Reed, aged 25, son of a respectable farmer near Edgerton.

The government auditor has sanctioned a payment of \$50 to the parents of a Plymouth school girl who was killed by an explosion while carrying out an experiment at a chemistry class.

Giving evidence at the Guildhall police court against Sarah Ann Golding, chambermaid, charged with theft, Detective-Sergeant Newell said the accused had a banking account with a credit balance of £1,240.

HOLIDAY LULL IN BUSINESS

Bradstreet's Weekly Report of
Trade Conditions Through-
out the Dominion.

Montreal trade reports to Bradstreet's say: During the past week all trade here has been practically confined to the retail movement of holiday goods. It is as yet impossible to exactly state just what the volume of this trade will have been or how it will compare with that of previous years. At the moment it would appear to have been heavy, but there are wholesalers who state they have found business quieter than usual at this end of the season. This could not be unusual in view of the stringency of money and its consequences in general trade. Wholesalers are having the usual lull. They look forward to having a good revival of the sorting trade early in the new year. Values of commodities generally hold steady. The retail trade in the country has been heavy. Records of produce have much increased during the week, and prices have been easier.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say: Retailers are generally pretty quiet with the volume of holiday business done here to date. Despite the fact that the trade was somewhat slow in opening and that there has been considerable talk of coming trade depression, holiday shoppers seem to have had plenty of money with which to make purchases. In some lines of business, however, retailers have been price-cutting, and it would thus appear they are all pretty well stocked up. The wholesale drygoods business is quiet, although there is a good volume of business booked ahead. Values hold steady to firm. The grocery trade is quiet and is likely to continue so some little while. A revival of building activity is looked for early in the season, but at present things are very quiet. Regarding general trade it is natural that the movement should be quiet until the middle of January.

Anxieties of depression that may be coming will begin to make themselves felt about that time. Country trade has been good despite soft weather. Receipts of produce have been large. Winnipeg trade reports to Bradstreet's say: There has been a good general holiday business here during the past week. Its volume will compare favorably with that of previous years. Wholesale trade is quiet and will continue so over the turn of the year. The weather has been favorable to the railroads and goods have been moving freely. The circulation of money following the heavy retail trade should show forth in collections next month. Wholesalers expect a good sorting trade to open up early in the new year.

Vancouver and Victoria reports say: General business holds a good tone here. The holiday trade has been good, retail having turned over large stocks during the past fortnight. Wholesalers are getting ready for the work of next season, and they expect a good business in all branches of trade. Signs point to increased activity in local industries when the new year once begins to open out.

Quebec: As is usual at this week of the year, there is little actual trade moving. Among the retailers, Christmas business was good, and general satisfaction is expressed. While mild, the weather has generally been favorable, and it is expected results will show up as good as former years. Inquiries among the shoe manufacturers are encouraging as to the outlook, many factories having orders on hand for the next six or eight weeks.

London trade reports to Bradstreet's say: Retailers have done a good business during the past week. Wholesalers find business quiet, as is usual at this time of the year. Sorting trade is quiet, but collections are coming in well.

Hamilton trade reports say the holiday trade has been heavy in all lines and wholesalers report a better tone to collections. Country trade has been good and the outlook favors the opening of a good business early in the new year.

Ottawa reports to Bradstreet's say: Seasonable goods have been moving briskly and the holiday trade has been of excellent volume. Collections are reported to be improving.

ODD CHARACTER DEAD

Former Oxford Man and Celebrated
Canadian Journalist Dead at Melrose.

Melrose, Mass., Dec. 27.—An investigation by the officials of the poor department and the police today partially unraveled the mystery of the identity and life story of an American who died unknown in the Melrose hospital yesterday. The man was known on account of his habits of life as "The Hermit of the Middlesex Falls," but except one or two close friends his name was not known until after his death.

According to Mr. and Mrs. George Beckford, who were his most intimate acquaintances, the hermit's name was Charles Frederick Powell, a native of Plymouth, England, and he had a romantic career.

Powell possessed an exceptionally good education and was familiar with art and literature, although his mode of life was that of a tramp. He told the Beckfords that at one time he was a student at Trinity College, Oxford, and was a member of the college choir. King Edward of England was a student there at the same time.

Powell said, and was frequently in the audience which listened to the choral music.

Powell did not finish his course at Trinity, having had some trouble in the institution. Later his father sent him to a university in Germany, but he remained there only a short time.

After going back to his home he interfered in a quarrel between his father and mother, and, taking his mother's part, struck his father, whereupon ordered him out of the house. Powell then came to this country, 28 years ago, and never after returned to his home. He was at one time connected with the Montreal Gazette and the Toronto Mail.

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Insensible change of attitude follows marriage almost immediately, and grows and grows until, in the forties, as we have noted, undivided attention is given by the female to her form; and the male may with impunity disregard considerations pertaining to his physical attractiveness, if he retain sufficient activity to be known to the community as a good provider.

We need not question the propriety of one sex absorbing and monopolizing beauty in order to demonstrate the folly of such a policy; we may even go so far as to admit that greater goodness is the inevitable accompaniment of superior grace, and yet find a fatal weakness in the heedless custom. It is natural and right that a woman should be selfish; but, so being, she only deprives herself of full gratification if she fails to nourish her husband as carefully as she preserves pickles at least, and keep him good to behold and long to live. The aged saying that "at forty a man is a physician or a fool" may have some basis if he be a bachelor; but, if married, he is properly chargeable with no obligation whatever to familiarize himself with the conditions which are conducive to his physical well-being. The entire responsibility rests upon the wife, who has vastly more at stake, to care for, while pretending to obey him. It is his privilege, therefore, to be a fool and her duty to be the physician herself.—North American Review.

Major Thomson, of Galt, entertained his colleagues to a banquet last night.

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SKYSCRAPER FACTS.

The building department's records for Manhattan and the Bronx show that plans for 51 buildings more than ten stories high were filed between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31 this year. In the corresponding period last year were filed plans for 48 buildings of more than ten stories.

Twelve stories appears to be the favorite height among structures of 11 or more. Plans for 29 12-story

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SCENE FROM "THE WALLS OF JERICHO" AT THE GRAND NEW YEAR'S DAY, MATINEE AND NIGHT.

COUNT LAUTREC IN TOILS AGAIN

Man Who Swindled Torontonians
Arrested in Paris—His
Romantic Career.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Count Lautrec is in the toils again, this time in France, on suspicion of having been the same man who attempted last week at Bordeaux to cash a check for \$7,500 on the London, England, City and Midland Bank, apparently bearing the signature of Pierpont Morgan.

Who is the count? Well, he claims to be a Russian by birth, with nihilistic inclinations, which sent him for a term to Siberia. He made himself known to the Toronto police in 1901, first as a crown witness in the celebrated Rice-Routledge case, and later as a swindler, the circumstances bordering at times on the sensational.

Lautrec was arrested in Montreal for forgery and sentenced to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary. Then the notorious Rice-Routledge robbery and murder cases occurred and the crown was informed that Lautrec could give some valuable evidence. Inspector Rogers went east and interviewed Lautrec and found out that while in prison in Chicago the "count" had heard a conversation between Jones and Rice which connected them with the robbery of the bank at Aurora. Lautrec was brought to Toronto and a reward for his services was paid.

He bobbed up again when on a Saturday afternoon he walked into A. A. Allan & Co.'s, on Bay street, and explained that he was a Cuban, and so was unused to the cold climate of Canada, and required warmer clothing. He selected furs to the value of over \$100 and offered two checks with payment. His distinguished appearance and apparent sincerity finally overcame the scruples of the salesman, and he was allowed to take the furs.

On Monday morning it was found the checks were no good. The police were notified and Deputy Chief Stark (then detective inspector) headed Lautrec off at New York, where the count was arrested on board a French ocean liner. Mr. J. D. Allan went to New York and identified Lautrec, but the attorney-general's department declined to extradite him, and so the count escaped. Other instances of swindling operations in this city came to light afterwards.

His Latest Exploits.
According to a cable dispatch from Pau, France, where he is in custody, Lautrec was in the habit, in Spain and elsewhere, of depositing at banks false checks payable at future dates, and for these checks he received receipts as evidence of his financial position in his efforts to obtain money.

The man was arrested on a charge made by Mr. Evans of Ayrton & Evans, bankers, of endeavoring on Monday to obtain the sum of 12,000 francs (2,400) on false pretenses.

Tuesday morning he called on the British vice-consul for attestation, but as an American he was referred to the American consular agent at Biarritz, there being no American consular officer at Pau. Had there been such he would have been arrested that day. He was, however, suspected and at once placed under police supervision and the banks were warned in time.

He was arrested just as he was driving to the railway station to leave the place, carrying with him some money which he had obtained at the hotel office.

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A bill to suppress—as far as it can be done by act of Parliament—cigarette smoking, is to be introduced next session.

Burglars who entered the house of Mr. Ball, at Loughborough road, Leicester, recently left a receipt for the money they took.

The enormous catches of herrings at Yarmouth and Lowestoft this year seem likely to set up a world's record. Given in fish, the landings at the two towns reach the enormous total of \$83,756,400.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DYPHTHERIA.