

STIR IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN STATES

Speech Attributed to Japanese Admiral May Be Subject of Representations

Washington, Jan. 12.—Statements purporting to have been made by Admiral Yoshiro of the Japanese fleet, now in American waters, criticizing the Panama canal, has aroused army, navy and state department officials. Unless the Japanese government takes a stand in the matter, it is believed, the admiral's remarks will become the subject of diplomatic exchanges. Steps already have been taken to confirm the report that Admiral Yoshiro said the fortification plan was a mistake and otherwise criticized the scheme which the president has openly endorsed.

Such a remark, the officials here say, is a breach of international etiquette. It is believed that the Japanese will take steps to punish the offending naval officer, but it is intimated in official circles that unless this is promptly done, representations will be made to Tokyo calling attention to the offense against the United States.

In the meantime there is no attempt to conceal the fact that the reported remarks of the admiral have deeply offended the American government. Coming at a time when the army is known to be investigating the activity of Japanese spies in Manila, the remarks are considered in especially bad taste.

President Taft's personal views in regard to the matter, it is pointed out, were pretty well expressed in a note Tuesday to Secretary of War, in which he roundly criticized Commander Sims for a London speech wherein Germany found ground for offense, although the criticism of the friend nation was by no means so open and defiant as the reported remarks of Yoshiro.

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DISORGANIZING OF DOLLAR COMPANIES

File Letters With American Court—Concern Taking Over the Business of Four Lines

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The Stanley Dollar Steamship Company, the Harbold Dollar Steamship Company, and the M. S. Dollar Steamship Company and Stanley & Company, have filed letters of corporate disorganization with the superior court. It is understood the disorganization is the first step in the way of forming one company to take over the business of the four concerns.

These companies, which are seeking to disorganize, are among the best-known on the Pacific coast. They operate a large fleet of freighters between the Orient, San Francisco and Puget Sound. On many occasions the steamships call at this port to discharge cargo. So far to dock here the M. S. Dollar, which brought 600 tons of sulphur for the Victoria Chemical Works from North Japan. Several of the vessels are registered at this port.

WOMEN FIGHT FOR SEATS IN COURT

Crowds Wait for Hour in Order to Attend Trial of Mil- lionaire's Wife

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 12.—Hours before the trial of Mrs. Laura Schenk, charged with having attempted to poison her husband, was resumed yesterday, a large percentage of Wheeling's feminine population hastened to the court house and by 7 o'clock a dense throng, mostly women, blocked every passage leading to the courtroom. By 9 o'clock the waiting host had grown to such proportions that police stretched ropes to prevent them breaking down the doors and scrambling for seats.

Women of all classes fought for places when finally the doors were opened.

Dr. Frank Hupp, chief medical witness for the state, who gave dramatic testimony at Tuesday's hearing, was called for cross-examination.

Dr. Hupp admitted that Mrs. Schenk had been the first to suggest that a nurse be called in to care for her husband. Mrs. Schenk was ill, he said. This might have been due to overwork in caring for her husband, he testified. Throughout Dr. Hupp's examination Mrs. Schenk appeared cheerful. She smiled brightly and chatted with her attorneys while waiting for the crowd to thin out in the courtroom aisles at the noon adjournment.

From the drift of Attorney O'Brien's questions it was believed that the defence's chief point will be that Schenk's poisoning might have been accidental.

WOMAN'S POLITICAL PARTY.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 11.—A political party composed of women and not limited in any way with the Republicans, Democrats or Socialists, is the latest surprise sprung by Mrs. E. Smith Devore, the woman who was the head of the suffrage movement in Washington last fall. When women were enfranchised, Mrs. Devore declared that the proposed woman's party would enunciate its own principles, which she intimated would be strongly radical.

Mrs. Devore said that she is opposed to exempting women from jury duty.

Mrs. Devore asked permission to address both branches of the legislature. Permission was denied, although the privilege of addressing the House during the recess from 12 to 2 p. m. this afternoon was later extended to her.

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LOCAL MARKETS.	
Oils—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.75
Eocene	1.75
Meats—	
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	22
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	22
Hams (American), per lb.	22
Bacon (American), per lb.	22
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	22
Beef, per lb.	10 1/2
Pork, per lb.	15 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	15 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter	2.50 2.00
Lamb, forequarter	1.75 2.00
Veal, per lb.	15 1/2
Steak, per lb.	15
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	50
Butter (Creamery)	50
Butter (Eastern Townships)	50
Lard, per lb.	30
Western Canada Flour Mills—	
Purity, per sack	1.90
Ontario Royal Household,	1.50
Ogilvie's Royal Household,	1.90
per sack	
Robin Hood, per sack	1.90
per sack	
Robinson, per sack	1.90
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Vancouver Milling Co., Hun-	1.90
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Lake of Woods, per sack	1.90
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Calgary Hungarian, per sack	1.90
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Enderby, per sack	1.90
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Enderby, per sack	
Snowflake, per sack	1.90
Snowflake, per sack	
Vancouver Milling Co., Wild	1.90
Rose	
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.90
Grain—	
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	40.00 35.00
Wheat, per lb.	35
Barley	35.00
Whole Corn	42.00
Cracked Corn	42.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk.	42.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.	42.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 80-lb. sk.	42.00
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack	2.25
Oatmeal, 20-lb. sack	2.25
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.	45
Wheat Flakes, per packet	1.25 1.30
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.	45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	45
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.75
Hay (baled), per ton	23.00 23.00
Sticks, per ton	20.00 20.00
Middlings, per ton	35.00 35.00
Bran, per ton	35.00 35.00
Ground Feed, per ton	35.00 35.00
Shorts	32.00
Poultry—	
Dressed Poultry, per lb.	25
Ducks, per lb.	25 30
Geese (Island), per lb.	20 20
Garden Produce—	
Cabbage, per lb.	1.00
Potatoes (local)	1.75 2.00
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Carrots, per lb.	6 1/2

DARING HOLDUP IN STREET IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—Within sight of 100 churchgoers and three policemen, A. Grant was held up in the heart of the residential district last night. The slight of two masked highwaymen going through the pockets of their victim threw the church people into a panic.

After robbing Grant of \$28 in cash, but overlooking a valuable gold watch, the highwaymen frantically ordered their victim to join the throng of churchgoers.

Within 100 yards stood three policemen, who failed to hear the cries for help which a servant uttered when interrupted when she witnessed the holdup. Grant reported the holdup to the police but no trace of the bandits was found.

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The bill offers the steamship companies a bonus, the total expenditure being limited to \$4,000,000 a year. Gallinger predicted that if his measure passed eventually a number of lines would be established along the coast, at present the coast of the United States, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and from the Gulf-coast through the Panama canal with western South American ports. Such lines, he said, would result in at least forty vessels which would be valuable to the government in time of war.

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