

JAPAN AND UNITED STATES

Minister Komura Freely Expresses the Most Friendly Sentiments.

PHILIPPINES SHOULD COME THIS WAY

Mikado's Government Would Prefer Uncle Sam Above All Others to Have Control of the Future of the Islands.

J. Komura, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of his majesty the emperor of Japan—the Japanese minister to the United States—passed through the city yesterday afternoon on his way to Washington to assume the duties of his position. He did not alight from his train while in Omaha, but proceeded directly to Chicago, where he will stop for a couple of days before going to the capital of Uncle Sam's domain. He arrived from Japan about ten days ago and delayed in San Francisco a few days.

Minister Komura is a small, thin, wiry, nervous, intelligent and very polite individual. He chatted very freely with a Bee representative and displayed considerable knowledge of the way things have been running lately in this country. He was particularly interested in the manner in which the Paris peace commission is progressing and upon this and other matters frequently transformed himself from the interviewer to the interviewee. This interest probably was the consequence of the minister's former acquaintance with this country, for this is his second visit to the United States. Just twenty years ago he journeyed westward over the continent for Japan, after spending five years at Harvard university.

"I remember Omaha in 1878, but then as now I had no opportunity to stop here," he said. "I can not, however, say that the city has grown much larger. I am sure, however, that I will see many changes in the cities that I knew twenty years ago and the states will seem like a new country to me. How long will I stay and when do I expect to go back to Japan again? Well, if it were my say I should like to live in this country all my life."

Japan and the Philippines.

"Japan has always been the supporter of the United States during the war with Spain," answered the minister in response to a query regarding his government's attitude toward the United States' demand for the Philippines. "It now is in thorough sympathy with the United States in its contention for the Philippine Islands. As a matter of fact it will not affect Japan to have any country in control of the islands as long as the ports are open. There are very few Japanese residing on them, the principal portion consisting of about 1000 merchants who do engage in business there. Consequently Japan has little interest, such as might result were it called upon to give protection to any great number of its people."

"From a commercial point of view, however, Japan is vitally interested in the ownership of the islands. Every year its trade with the Philippines has increased until it has become of very respectable proportions. Naturally my government is interested in seeing that this trade shall continue and as it firmly believes that the ports of the island will be freely opened to Japanese ships if the United States govern them it would rather see this country gain control of the islands than any other."

"Japan, also, was not averse to the action of the United States in annexing Hawaii. There are a large number of Japanese residents on this island, but the government of Japan feels that they will receive the rights of citizenship as soon as anyone else should they choose to show their own stars and stripes. As in the case of the Philippines, my country believes that it will enjoy as many trading rights in the island as heretofore."

Policy Towards China. While Japan is coming with interest the spectacle China is presenting a bone of contention for European powers, the government does not seem to feel alarmed that the Chinese empire is in immediate danger of dismemberment. Minister Komura gave some idea of Japan's policy in connection with this eastern situation in the following words: "Japan has but one wish for the future of the Chinese empire—that it may remain intact and independent. It naturally takes this position from the fact that it has a strong commercial foothold in that country and wishes to retain it as exclusively as possible. It would not be so successful in a business way should the country pass into the hands of European nations. And it is but right that Japan should have the biggest share of the business for it has done more than any other country, owing possibly to its proximity, to start China on the path toward civilization."

"And I do not look for any dismemberment of China in the near future. Of course, there are all sorts of talk to the effect that the European nations are dividing the country between themselves. But I believe with the statesmen of my country that the powers will not, for a long time at least, succeed in settling upon a partition that will be satisfactory to them. The vastness of the continental powers are continually having too many little matters between themselves to settle. Thus, while Russia may be encroaching here and England there and others may be taking a hand

CERTAIN OF THUS' CAPTURE

Detective Return from a Chase on False Scent After Geppner and Haller.

THANKS MR. CHURCHILL FOR HIS RIG

One of the Men Addresses Him an Apologetic Letter Saying He Was Forced to Take the Buggy.

Royal Geppner and George Van Haller, the desperadoes who fought a pistol battle with Captain Cox and four detectives who attempted to arrest them Monday noon, are still at large, but the police are confident that the fugitives will be captured within the grasp of the law and that to capture them is a matter of only a few days.

Clues were discovered yesterday afternoon which established with certainty the fact that Geppner and Van Haller after leaving Plattsmouth traveled in a different direction than was supposed by the detectives following them, and Acting Chief of Police Donahue, working in conjunction with sheriffs along the route the men took, was able to learn of their movements up until yesterday noon. It is now known that the fugitives, after abandoning A. C. Churchill's flat at Platt, walked to the outskirts of Plattsmouth and there climbed aboard an eastbound freight train on the Burlington railroad. It is thought that Geppner and Van Haller would not travel farther east than Red Oak, Ia., for when the freight train arrived in that city they left it and, walking to the Washington hotel in the central part of the town, they registered there and retired to a room near the hotel register Geppner signed the name R. H. Askwith and Van Haller registered as F. G. Fell. This was about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and when the men went to their room they asked to be called at 7 o'clock.

After being waked at the hour appointed, both men appeared in the hotel office and passed the morning writing letters. They did not go outside until nearly noon, when they paid their bill and departed, one going to the postoffice to mail the letters and the other walking in the direction of the depot. This was the last seen of the fugitives. Sheriff Rhodes of Fremont county was the man who discovered that Geppner and Van Haller had been in Red Oak nearly twelve hours, and learned how they had passed their time.

Thanks Churchill for His Rig.

One of the letters written by Geppner at Red Oak was addressed to A. C. Churchill and was received by Mr. Churchill yesterday morning. In it Geppner explained how he came to take the horse and phaeton, saying that he was forced to do so by circumstances over which he had no control. He also expressed his thanks for the use of the vehicle.

Captain Cox and Detective Dempsey returned last night at 7 o'clock from Weeping Water, Neb. Geppner has relatives there and it was thought that he and his companion might apply to them for aid, but the officers learned with certainty that the fugitives had not been there and were not in the state. Captain Cox and Detective Dempsey to Weeping Water as the discovery that not very long ago Geppner had made two unsuccessful attempts to blow open the postoffice safe there. On the night of August 30 the first attempt was made, but it resulted in failure. Two weeks later a second attempt was made, but it also proved unsuccessful. Geppner either having been frightened away before the job was finished or else it was too much of a task for him. This information was secured from some of Geppner's former pals.

The police say the men cannot possibly escape. They do not know think the men have gone to St. Louis, as was supposed, for the reason that Geppner has committed many crimes there and fears arrest if he should be seen by the St. Louis police.

It was reported at the police station this morning that the fugitives had been seen at Van Haller had been seen shortly after midnight at the house where the two men lived, 710 North Fourteenth street. Sergeant Her, Detective Whalen and other officers immediately went to the premises to make an investigation, but after continuing their search and finding traces of the men they returned convinced that the report was a hoax.

MAJ INVESTIGATE PENITENTIARY.

Federal Authorities to Inquire Into the Erie County Institution.

A thorough investigation of the inner and secret life of the inmates of the Erie county penitentiary, Buffalo, N. Y., will be made by the federal authorities. It will be to determine whether the convicts are making and uttering counterfeit money beneath the noses of their keepers. The letter found among the effects of Royal Geppner from "Monte Bill" Edwards of the Erie county penitentiary, is the information that will cause the investigation. This letter will be sent to his chiefs at Washington by United States Secret Service Agent Donella. This letter was published in full in The Bee Tuesday morning. It is written in a pathetic ink between the lines of a letter sent as a blind to Geppner. The writer quotes the price of three grades of good paper money and metal money which the convicts were making, the work of one man, "Jim," being the best. It refers to Geppner as being a heavy man for his size and says that he is intended to enter into partnership with Geppner. If he is caught young Geppner besides answering to the police for his shortcomings will probably have to explain to the federal authorities his connection with "Monte Bill" Edwards, the convict counterfeit.

SHE STIRS A NEGRO'S WRATH

Mrs. Felton's Utterances Induce Editor Manly to Write His Editorial.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 15.—Mrs. W. H. Felton, who has been quoted by Editor Manly's reply in his Wilmington paper, resulting eventually in the negro editor's enforced departure from the North Carolina city, is at her home near Cartersville. Concerning statements that Mr. Manly's editorial was written in reply to her address before the Georgia Agricultural society at Tybee nearly two years ago, Mrs. Felton today repeated portions of the speech and made some sensational statements in confirmation of her views. In addressing the farmers at Tybee Mrs. Felton said: "The crying need of women on farms is security in their lives and homes. It is a disgrace in a free country when rape and violence are public reproach, and the best parts of God's creation are trembling and afraid to be left alone in their homes. With due respect to your politics, I say that when you take the negro into your embrace on election day to control his vote and use liquor to befuddle his brain and make him believe he is your man and brother, you are really a disgrace to the white race. You are a disgrace to the white race when you are afraid to be left alone in your homes. I am not in relation to the pulp to organize a crusade against this sin, nor justice in the court house to promptly punish the crime, nor manhood enough in the nation to put

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Education was held last night for the purpose of settling with McDonald & Beck for the work done by the members at the school building. There was an evident desire on the part of certain democratic members to stick the contractors for \$10 a day for failure to complete the work according to the time specified in the contract, while on the other hand the republican members present were opposed to any radical action in this respect.

After a report from Architect Davis which showed that the board should be allowed certain sums for material not used, etc., Brennan brought up the \$10 a day matter and after the report had been read by the members a recess was declared in order to give the building and grounds committee an opportunity of conferring with the architect and the contractors. This committee brought in a report recommending that \$120 be deducted from the final estimate for material not used on account of a change of plans and \$200 be deducted for failure to complete the building in question at the time specified in the contract. This made a total of \$320.

As no one appeared willing to second the adoption of the report, the matter was, after considerable discussion, laid over until the regular meeting, when it is expected that all of the members will be present.

Ed Munshaw was in with a proposition to lease the lots owned by the school district on Twenty-seventh street just east of the Union Pacific depot, for a term of one year or more per lot. This question was debated at considerable length. President Roberts held that the sum offered was too small. He thought that much more could be obtained in case the board decided to enter into a lease with the school district. He suggested that a lease with the amount of the rental left blank and the matter will come up again when the papers are prepared.

Member Brennan reported having had a hard time checking up the coal bills rendered by Peter Lenagh. It was asserted that the coal bills rendered by the contractor would not warrant the board in annulling the contract. Attorney Nolan stated in reply to the question that if the kind of coal specified had not been delivered it should be refused by the janitors, and it is his belief that the instructions to this effect will be issued. All coal except that from this time on will have to have the certificate of the city weighmaster or it will be refused. On account of the inability of Mr. Brennan to untangle the snarl in connection with the claim of Mr. Lenagh without some further information from the janitors, the bill was sent back to the finance committee.

No school will be held on Thanksgiving day or the day following.

Charter Revision Committee.

The charter revision committee appointed by Mayor Emory is apparently satisfactory to all concerned. The mayor named five democrats and four republicans, and every member of the committee has had more or less experience in municipal affairs. It is thought that possibly the committee may hold an informal meeting during the week with a view to mapping out a method of procedure. In case this is not done an organization will be effected next Tuesday night, which is the date set for the first meeting of the committee. As Hon. James H. Van Dusen has been placed upon the committee it is expected that he will take the matter in hand to a great extent and see to the drafting of the necessary bill after the different sections which are to be considered by the council and committee. It is possible that the joint committee may see fit to send a representative to Lincoln in the interest of the proposed new charter and this idea is looked upon with favor by many taxpayers.

House Numbers Are Needed.

Uncle Sam's letter carriers in this city are still handicapped by the lack of numbers on houses. The work in the suburbs is held back in great measure by the number of new houses erected recently upon which no numbers have been placed. Since Postmaster McMillan sent a letter to the council asking that all the houses be numbered in order to facilitate the delivery of mails quite a number of letters have been sent to the proper numbers upon their residences, but many in other parts of the city have neglected to follow the example. On account of the large number of new families taking up their residence in the city it makes it difficult for the mail carriers to find their routes properly in the time allowed by the rules of the department. It is stated that the numbering of the houses throughout the city would greatly assist in the prompt delivery of the mails.

Sup't. of the Railroad at Yards.

F. L. Corwin arrived from the east yesterday and will assume the duties of superintendent of the Union Stock Yards railroad company at once. Mr. Corwin is a railroad man of experience and comes to this place from St. Paul, Minn., where he held a responsible position with the railroads. The business of the railroad department of the stock yards company has increased so much lately that it has become essential that a superintendent be appointed to take the place of the late Mr. Corwin. Yesterday was spent by Mr. Corwin in looking over the lines owned and operated by the stock yards company and familiarizing himself with the duties which he will assume today.

Heavy Fine for Hughes.

Billy Hughes, the well known tough, was fined \$100 and costs in police court yesterday for participating in a fight at an N. E. street, and for his part in the bituminous coal and an advance in price for 1899.

Seeking to Raise Gas Rates.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—There was a meeting today in the general offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad company between freight representatives of the Pennsylvania railroad, Philadelphia & Reading, Baltimore & Ohio, Beach Creek railway, Chesapeake & Ohio and Norfolk & Western, in an effort for readjustment of rates on bituminous coal and an advance in price for 1899.

Magie City Gospel.

"The Kingdom of God" will be Rev. Howard's topic at the Episcopal church tonight. A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Twenty-seventh and I streets. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Yost, Twenty-fifth and N streets, announce the birth of a daughter. An important meeting of the Royal Neighbors of America lodge will be held this afternoon.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Corbin, Twenty-seventh and F streets, was buried yesterday at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin of Defiance, Ia., have come to their home for the funeral of their niece, Frances Kritt. George Wolfe and Miss Maggie McManis were the guests of Mrs. Moriarty, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe will spend their honeymoon in the east.

The candidates for postmaster are all on the jump these days and it is expected that the plum will be awarded about the end of the week.

The women of the United Presbyterian church will give their annual chrysanthemum show at the church tonight and tomorrow night.

Children's Night at Peace Fair.

Last night was children's night at the Grand Peace Jubilee and Fair and Thurston Rifles' army held another such crowd of people as has attended the fair the two evenings preceding. The chief attraction was the entertainment in which the little folks took a prominent part, but the voting crowd was equally excited as the fair neared its end, and the displays of goods on sale at the various booths have attractions for many. At 9 o'clock those present were entertained by the children's chorus and an international flag drill by twenty-two little girls. The chorus sang a melody of national airs, and the little folks in the drill, dressed in white dresses, made a pretty display as they went through the many evolutions of the drill.

Parents in Hunt of a Girl.

Minnie Melnsner, a 15-year-old girl, ran away from her home in Battle Creek, Neb., three months ago because her parents would not allow her to receive attentions from a young man whom she cared for. As she had frequently threatened to run away and go to Omaha to work, her relatives believe she is in the city now and they have applied to the police for aid in trying to find her.

Teachers to Meet.

All of the principals and teachers of the grammar schools will meet at the assembly room in the city hall on Friday evening. This will be the first of a series of lectures which will continue through the week on insects and birds. The meetings will be presided over by Prof. Brunner of the State university.

COLORED MEN BEHAVE BADLY

Several Serious Encounters Among Members of Twenty-Fourth Infantry.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 15.—Private Mudd, colored, of the Twenty-fourth infantry, threw a lighted lamp at a woman in a house of ill-repute. The woman shot at him three times, missing him. He was arrested. In a general row in the colored quarters of this city three soldiers were shot, viz.: L. Fontenot, in left leg; H. Mitchell, in right leg, and William Saunders through the stomach, each of whom will recover. The shooting was done by Corporal Scott of Company E of the San Juan heroes, who was arrested. At the fort in a general fight with razors and knives several of the men were badly slashed and were brought before a court-martial and dismissed from the service. Much apprehension is felt in the city as to the probability of some serious results to follow from the bad conduct of these soldiers.

FIRE RECORD.

City Pump House Damaged. WEeping Water, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The city pump house caught fire yesterday and the fire department was called out in time to save much of the building and all the machinery. The water in the reservoir was low, which caused a lack of pressure. That together with the iron roof on the building made the fire a hard one to fight. The loss is not more than \$200.

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