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C. H. ROWELL MAY BE OUR TOKIO ENVOY

Rumors in Fresno Say Veteran Publicist Slated for Post

An unconfirmed report from Fresno says that Chester H. Rowell, noted Californian publicist and former publisher of the Fresno Republican, is slated for the position of the United States Ambassador to Japan.

The report could not be confirmed as the home of Mr. Rowell in Berkeley, as he is now in New York making preparations for the coming Institute of Pacific Relations, which is convening in Kyoto this fall. It was learned that no report of his prospective appointment has reached his home.

K. Nakashima, secretary at the local consulate, was informed that the rumor was circulating freely in Fresno and that leading newspaper there contained items hinting that Rowell may be our next Ambassador to Japan.

JAPAN PLAYS FOR FRANCE

Classics To Be Given In Paris In Spring By Culture Body

TOKYO, March 1.—Along with the report of the leading Japanese artists going abroad to demonstrate the best in the Japanese drama, comes another that the Japanese novels and plays, both new and old, are to be introduced on a large scale in Paris about April or May this year.

The Franco-Japanese Culture Society has been successful in making arrangements to present at the Piteff Theater the famous classical drama, "Kamijii," written by Chikamasa, and "The Haikashii" by Mantaro Kubota at the Comedie Francaise.

Through the effort of the same Society, a movie film, "Kunisada Chujii" of the Nikkatsu production and another of a woman of fortune love will be shown in Paris about the same time. These are expected to appeal to the French movie fans.

The Society was organized by Ryuko Kawaji and Kuninosuke Matsuo and Rene Mobern, and S. Overland and includes among its members Henri de Renier, the poet, Jules Romain, Paul Fall who is specially noted as the author of a book on "Haiku" and Charles de Wildack, the dramatist, who visited this country once.

TAIYO BEATS APPLE FIVE

SALINAS, Mar. 1.—(Special)—The Taiyo Club basketball players won a double victory over their rivals from the Apple city in two thrilling games played Saturday in a local court.

The score was 19-29. The whistle was blown just when the Taiyos nosed out the Watsonville Templars in the closest game played between these two teams.

"Chickie" Og, Sam Maeda, and Joe Morimoto were easily the outstanding players for the visitors while John Urabe, "Tar" Shirachi, and George Nagano shone for the Taiyos.

LIGHTWEIGHTS GAME
In the lightweight game the Taiyos nosed out the fast Watsonville team by two point, the game ending 15-17.

Young Wada was easily the outstanding star for the visitors while the Fujino brothers and Tanabe combination shone brightly for the Taiyos.

In the forthcoming return game

Will Visit Japan



DOLORES DEL RIO

Senorita Dolores del Rio, fascinating screen star of "What Price Glory" and "The Trail of '98," will soon visit Japan and other Far Eastern countries, it is rumored in Hollywood.

JAPAN PREXY PLANS TOUR

To Visit America To Study Problems of 2nd Generation

OSAKA, Japan, March 1.—Shouldering a number of important missions in regard to the advancement of Japanese American relations, Kikujiro Iba, president of the Baika College for women in Toyonaka, Osaka Prefecture, will leave here for an extensive tour of Europe and America this summer.

While in America his chief concern will be the study of the problems of the so-called second generation Japanese on the Pacific Coast, and he expects to make arrangements for employing suitable American born Japanese on the faculty of leading Japanese middle schools of Nippon.

Leaving Yokohama in June for Europe, he will proceed to Geneva to attend the International Educational conference as the delegate for Private schools of Japan. He will then go to Seattle, Vancouver, Hawaii, and other points in America and Canada by the request of the Japanese residents there.

PURPOSE OF VISIT

In an interview with the press the noted educator declared that his first mission in America is to conduct negotiations with the Congressional Mission Board by the request of the Congressional churches of Japan.

In regard to the education of Americans of Japanese parentage in the Japanese language, he explained that there are already two or three of them as students in his college. "They show strong attachment to the country of their parents," he declared. "They find a great inconvenience in studying Japanese language in America as no encouragement is given them for it. There is need of establishing close relations between the primary schools in Japan with the Americans of Japanese parentage."

OPENINGS FOR THEM IN JAPAN

"I understand that the Americans of Japanese parentage are placed in a predicament because they do not find ready employment. I would have some of them come to Japan to teach English in two or three middle schools in turn. By so doing, the problem of employment will be solved in a way while the cause of the study of English by the students of middle schools in Japan will be considerably promoted."

Hayakawa Fined \$5 For Driving Auto Past Stop Sign

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Sessue Hayakawa, the Japanese motion picture star, was fined \$5 by Magistrate Frank Giorgio today for driving his automobile past a stop sign.

to be held in Watsonville, the Apple City boys will have an edge on Cowboys due to the fact that the Y. M. C. A. court, which is a box court, is the constant dread to the Taiyos, who have as a rule lost most of the game played in a box court.

DIVA THRILLS AUDIENCE IN 'BUTTERFLY'

Three Japanese Shine In Music College Production

Before a select audience of music lovers, both Japanese and American, the Arrillaga Musical College of this city presented Thursday evening an accomplished program of music.

Daintly attired in a colorful kimono of the land of cherry blossoms Miss Dorothy Fujita, talented song bird of the Japanese community, enacted the title role of "Chio Chio San" with a wealth of subtle interpretation which both delighted and thrilled an audience.

The participating speakers represent seven organizations, and the affair is being sponsored by the Placer Y. M. A. in the local Buddhist Church. The contest starts at 7:30 o'clock.

Vincent Kawachi, will preside over the meeting, and entertainments will be given between speeches by George Yoshikawa, violinist, Harry Tayama, singer, Clifford Yamamoto, pianist, and by talented group of Placer Shoji-Kwai girls.

TEA PARTY
A tea party will be given in honor of the speakers following the contest.

Fred Furutani, president of the Y. M. A. will act as the toast master. The list of the speakers follows:

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3. Love and Pleasure in Work—Loomis Y. M. Club, Kay Matsumoto
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5. Sportsmanship—Placer Y. M. E. Edison - Hi-Tsuitts - Newcastle Girls Club, Yuriye Sakai
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19 Japanese Are Graduates From Seattle Schools

SEATTLE—Nineteen Japanese students, many of whom placed on the honor roll, graduated from the high schools of the city at the close of the first semester, 1928-29, report shows.

The following is the list of the mid-year graduates from the various schools:

- Broadway - Seiji Baba, Frank Ishida, Shizuko Nakagawa, James Nobuyama
- Cleveland - Howard Sakura
- Franklin - Masami Mori, Hiko Setsuda, Sumiko Tanaka, Honor student, Henry Yamada
- Garfield - Katsuyo Iwamura, Hideohshi Mukai, Koma Takahara
- Honor students: Iwao Hara, Osamu Kimura, Amy Ota, Masako Takayoshi
- Lincoln - None
- Queen Anne - George Mukai, Roosevelt - Sumiko Shimizu
- West Seattle - Sam Hara

ALAMEDA WILL HEAR HAYASHI

TALK TO STIR INTEREST IN BAY CHRISTIAN CONCLAVE

ALAMEDA, March 1.—(Special)—A campaign has been started to arouse more enthusiasm among the Japanese young Christians of the Bay District for their annual conference, which takes place in San Francisco on March 9 and 10.

As one unit in this drive, Yoshio Hayashi, president of San Francisco Christian Endeavors and treasurer of the Bay conference, will deliver an address before the members of the Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues of this city Sunday evening, March 3, in the new auditorium of the local M. E. Church, South. The service starts at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Yoneo Taniguchi, new leader of O-Ryu's room with the sharp ends upward and watched. Not long after the temple bell had struck the hour of twelve, the snake came, and Chokichi saw spasms pass over its lengthily body as it crawled

Endeavors Will Hold Devotional Sunday Evening

The Prayer and the Look-Out committees of the First Reformed Church will hold a joint business meeting tonight (Saturday) at the Community House starting at 7:30 o'clock.

A consecration meeting will be held Sunday night, under the leadership of Koji Murata, it was also announced today. The service will take place at the usual Christian Endeavor meeting place at 7 o'clock, according to Francis Hayashi, religious director.

Y. M. A. PLANS ORATORICAL

14 Speakers Will Vie In Penryn Club's Talk Contest

PENRYN, Mar. 1.—(Special)—Fourteen leading youthful orators of the district will meet Saturday night in what is expected to be the biggest oratorical contest held in this district.

The participating speakers represent seven organizations, and the affair is being sponsored by the Placer Y. M. A. in the local Buddhist Church. The contest starts at 7:30 o'clock.

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SERPENT IS GUARDIAN OF THIS YEAR'S DESTINIES

By KITARU FUKUNOKAMI

Into the room. No sooner it had fairly entered the room than he heard a voice that spoke a great pain say to her that he could not come and see her any more, and the girl break out in a loud cry. Without a moment's hesitation now, Chokichi burst into the room, and the same moment the snake which had been coiled up before the O-Ryu darted forth and shot out of it, leaving a trail of blood as it moved on. In the morning Chokichi followed the trail to Kagami-ga-ike and found in its waters a huge snake dead and floating.

GIVES BIRTH TO SNAKE
O-Ryu's father had a priest of great eminence brought over and had him exercise her of all evil spirits and the girl gradually got over her nervous prostration and regained health but in due time she gave birth to a number of eggs which were evidently those of a snake. The extraordinary news took wings and spread all over town. Beautiful as she was, nobody cared to marry the "snake girl" as every body then called her, and out of despair she took her own life by hanging from a pine tree that grew over Kagami-ga-ike. So that the snake after all had her. Such was the hold it had of her even after its own death.

POISONED NEEDLE
The next night Chokichi planted some poisoned needles at the entrance of O-Ryu's room with the sharp ends upward and watched. Not long after the temple bell had struck the hour of twelve, the snake came, and Chokichi saw spasms pass over its lengthily body as it crawled

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EIGHT HEADED SERPENT
O-Ryu's is perhaps the latest of instances of the kind, the farther one goes up the stream of history and tradition, the more abundant being the stories of snake wonders. The oldest is of course the legend of eight-headed serpent killed by Susano-ono Mikoto; then the great monster that threw a poisonous breath on Yamotakeru-no Mikoto; the Kiyohime snake that swam up the Hidakagawa and roasted alive Anchin by winding around the great bell, under which her lover took refuge, and a host of others, in which full proofs of reptilian horridness are demonstrated.

(To be continued)

By Pusey



FRESNO WILL BE SCENE OF ORATORICAL

Central California's Contest Attracting Much Attention

FRESNO, Mar. 1.—(Special)—The Central California Oratorical contest, to take place Saturday evening at the local Buddhist Temple under the sponsorship of the Fresno Y. M. A. is attracting the attention of all ambitious speakers of the district.

The entries are still pouring in. Organizations from Del Rey, Sanger, and Selma districts are expected to send their applications for participation in this literary event although to date they have not done so.

KAWAI TO SPEAK
Hiroshi Kawai, who attended the Northern California "Yobiyose Seinen" Conference held recently in San Francisco, will deliver an interesting report and observations at this meeting.

The speakers who have already expressed their intentions to take part in this affair are:

- Youth and Liberty, Akita Ota, Bowles; The Demand of the Age, Soudai Hayakawa, Bowles Language School; Yearnings, Fumio Hirata, Parlier; The Great American Continent and the Second Generation, Takeo Fujikawa, Fowler; Our Resolution, Toshi Ide, Fowler; Cooperation of Men and Women, Masao Kawahara, Fresno Y. M. B. A. Leaving an Impression on Earth, Masao Yaki, Fresno Y. M. B. A.; The Present Japanese Condition and Our Mission, Toru Morota.

More Cigarettes Smoked, Less Sake Drunk In Nippon

OSAKA, Japan.—If he who has money to burn is rich, the Japanese are rich to the extent of ¥550,666,000 which they deliberately sent up in smoke during the last year. For the amount of sake shipped out by the mouthpiece last year was 18,070,000,000, without the mouthpiece, 11,244,500,000 and 6,182,100 packages of pipe tobacco, the total value of which is ¥273,720,000. In addition to these, imported cigars and cigarettes sold amounted to ¥276,948,000.

LESS SALE OF 'SAKE'

The hard times seem to be in conspiracy with the "dry" campaigners against the sake brewers. For the amount of sake shipped out by all the brewers at Nada, near Kobe, famous for the best sake in the country, was 45,642 koku during January this year, which is smaller than the amount shipped out during the corresponding period last year by 12,106 koku. (One koku is about 180 litres.)

RADIO ARTIST

Wakanuki came to this country as delegate to the World Sunday School Teachers' Convention held in Los Angeles last July. He was the feature artist at the Pacific South Western Exposition at Long Beach. Since then, he has organized a harmonica band in Los Angeles, where he was highly commended upon by the leading American newspapers.

For ten years Watanuki of Central Radio Station of Tokyo which is under the Communication Department of the Japanese Government and also of JOBE and JOCK most powerful stations operated in Nippon, he is widely known among the radio fans.

OUR JUNIOR SECTION

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
Hisako Honda, Berkeley.

TODAY'S NEW MEMBERS
Taeko Nakamura, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 77, Arroyo Grande, California, age 10, birthday June 1

Yamamoto, R. I., Box 60-A, Lafayette, Colo., age 9, birthday February 14

Mary would like girls of 9 years old to write to her. Her riddle: How do bees dispose of their honey? Ans.: They cell it.

Mary is voting for the meadow lark.

Takeo Nakamura is voting for the Blue Jay.

Mitoyo Nishimoto of Hollister says she has written a letter to Florence Fujita of Parlier. Mitoyo's riddle: When has a man a right to scald his coffee? Ans.: When he has more than sufficient ground.

Four Games Will Launch Fresno Baseball League

FRESNO, Mar. 1.—(Special)—Four games on the diamond are slated for Sunday in the opening series of the Central California Japanese Baseball League.

In the A division, the Parlier nine will meet the Dinuba stars at Parlier, while Fowler will play the strong Fresno Athletics on the latter's home ground.

NIPPON FISHING VILLAGES SWEEP AS TIDAL WAVES HIT CHOSHI; COAST LINE RECEDES MANY MILES IN STORM AREA

DATE IS SET FOR CONFAB

State YMBA League To Meet In Fresno March 30 and 31

FRESNO, March 1.—(Special)—March 30-31 will be the dates for the California Young Men's Buddhist Association conference to be held in Fresno, according to decision reached by members of the committee who met at the local Temple on Tuesday night.

A copy of the tentative schedule, which was drafted after several alterations made on the advice of Rev. Kyogoku and Rev. Tsunemitsu, was sent to Herbert Terakawa, president of the Y. M. B. A. League, for final approval.

Members of the League desiring a copy of the program are advised to write to Fred Murayama, in care of the Fresno Buddhist Church.

MUSICIAN IS GUEST HERE

Honore Watanuki, Japan's foremost harmonica artist, who has been broadcasting over K. H. J. K. P. I. and K. P. W. B., arrived here late Wednesday from Southern California with view to giving a series of harmonica recitals in this section in a near future.

Watanuki is a musician of rare technique as well as a good composer. He is also a well known harmonica manufacturer and publisher of harmonica music. His composition are reproduced in the Columbia and other records.

The tentative date for his concert in San Francisco is set at March 9. It will be held in Kinmon Gakuen auditorium. Present plan may be changed on account of the Fukushima Harmonica Band concert, which is scheduled on the following week.

NOTED JAPAN WRITER SUED

TOKYO, Japan.—Prof. Yasuji Wakazuki, of the literary department of the Nihon University, who is a poet, has instituted a suit in the Tokyo District Court against Kan Kikuchi, novelist, Masao Kusuyama, of the Fuzanbo Publishing Company, and a few other publishing companies for payment of 63,500 yen for infringement of copyright.

Wakazuki claims that he had obtained the right to translate and publish Maeterlinck's Blue Bird from the writer himself, but the said publishing companies translated and published the work without securing the writer's consent, and thereby violated the regulations of the International Copyright Alliance.

The suit was filed through four lawyers, Messrs. Miyajima, Fujita, Yamashita and C. Hanai. The claimant demands the payment of the said sum by various publishing companies, including the Fuzanbo, Kobunsha, Bungei Shunshu, and the Shinchosha, and an apology to be published in newspapers.

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Japanese Critic Writes On Poetry In the 'Atlantic'

"The Japanese poem is the dew-drop that holds a rainbow in its heart."

So affirms Ken Nakazawa in an article, "The Spirit of Japanese poetry" found in the February issue of the Atlantic Monthly.

In phrases vaguely reminiscent of Lafcadio Hearn, Nakazawa leads his Occidental readers to an understanding of why and wherefore of Japanese verse.

"Japanese poetry is the record of emotion, and not of facts. Being emotional, the Japanese are most interested in the feel of things," the writer declares.

"Japanese poetry is like the song of a wild bird. It is simple and short and seemingly artless; but behind it lies the mystic world where all our dreams come true."

Ken Nakazawa is guest lecturer on Oriental Art and Literature at the University of Southern California. He is also the author of "Weavers of the Frost," a collection of original fairy tales.

JAPAN SECT USES MOVIE

OSAKA, Feb. 28.—(Special)—"Modern methods to meet modern conditions" may be the slogan for the Nichiren sect of the Buddhist followers of Nippon, who are expecting a large sum of money for their projected plan to propagate their religion by means of motion picture depicting the life of priest Nichiren, founder of the sect.

The role of the Founder Priest will be played by Chief Priest Nagano of the Jakkoji Temple in Kyoto. The project costs some 60,000 yen.

Local Buddhists Give Benefit Show Saturday, Sunday

Continuation of a serial depicting vivid events of the Restoration period of the Japanese history will be screened tonight (Saturday) and Sunday evening at the local Buddhist Church.

The picture is given by popular demand, and the hall is expected to be filled to its capacity. Funds raised from this benefit goes to the treasury of the Y. M. B. A. and the Y. W. B. A., joint sponsors.

Casualties Not Known But Toll Feared Will Be High

QUAKE CAUSE OF DISASTER
HARVARD SEISMOGRAPH RECORDS QUAKE OF ONE HOUR DURATION

TOKYO, March 1.—(Special)—Tremendous damage was wrought as tidal waves lashed the coast near Choshi, 65 miles east of Tokyo, burying villages to a depth of twelve feet in water and mud. The coast for many miles caved in.

Three towns were wiped out, and others were inundated, under the raging water. The number of casualties is not yet known, but it is feared the toll will be high.

The terrific toll was caused by earthquake of the coast of this famous fishing district.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 1.—Twin earthquakes, both about 2700 miles distance, were recorded on the Harvard University seismograph today, officials announced. The first quake began at 2:39 a. m., Eastern standard time, and lasted over an hour; starting at 4:12 a. m., the second quake lasted only a short time.

TOKYO, March 1.—Three villages were destroyed and many others suffered great damage today when a tidal wave hit the Japanese coast near Choshi for a distance of many miles.

Casualty report has not yet been received at 11 a. m. The first huge wave which destroyed the villages was followed by other smaller waves with comparatively less damage.

Choshi is on the point of a peninsula on the eastern coast of Japan about 65 miles east of Tokyo in Chiba province.

LONDON, March 1.—Tidal waves have caused terrific damage along the Japanese coast in the vicinity of Choshi, according to Tokyo dispatches received by the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

The dispatches state that many villages have been destroyed. The tidal waves caused the coastline to recede many miles in some places. Several villages are said to be under more than twelve feet of water.

THE LAST DISASTER
Earthquake, tidal waves, typhoons and disastrous fires have frequently been the lot of Japan. The last serious typhoon and tidal wave was in September, 1927, when about 600 persons were killed, many of them being drowned in the onrush of water.

There were numerous other minor disasters, but the most serious previous to the tidal wave was in March, 1927, when a terrific earthquake took the lives of several thousand persons. The quake, which lasted three minutes, was felt over a wide area, including Tokyo, Osaka and Kobe.

S. F. SET FOR TENNIS MEET

The Northern California net elimination tournament, which has been featured by series of upsets, will be resumed next Sunday at the Donato tennis court in Oakland, commencing at 9 a. m. The day will be crowded with such feature matches as Y. Kitsuada, captain, versus Fred Shimura, his conqueror, in the Northern California tourney last year; R. Asakura versus Nebo Shimura, the sensation of the tourney so far, and many others.

The leading candidates for the Northern team, Capt. Y. Kitsuada, G. Komiyama and W. Shimizu, have been comparatively off form in their initial encounters, bowing to lesser stars. It is expected, however, that by next Sunday they will be hitting their speedy stride and will be at top of their form. Just how far Nebo Shimura with three wins and no defeats will keep up the terrific pace will be seen next Sunday. By far Shimura versus Asakura, the veteran, will be the feature match of the day, and the critics are anticipating another series of upsets.

The schedule of the day: 9 a. m. F. Shimura vs. Y. Kitsuada 10 a. m. R. Asakura vs. Komiyama 11 a. m. Naramura vs. W. Shimizu 12 m. Komiyama vs. Kayahara 1 p. m. N. Shimura vs. Asakura

The moving picture will be displayed for evangelical purposes in all parts of the country.

This Jodo Sect of the Buddhists will also appoint 100 Buddhist preachers for special evangelical movements round the country for 100 days beginning early next month.

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