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## INHERITANCE LAWS TO BE MODERNIZED

New Japan Code Will Favor Younger Children

[Special to Japanese American News]  
TOKYO, Dec. 25.—The Japanese Cabinet decided today to order a thorough revision of the Civil Code. The most important changes will probably be made in the laws concerning marriage and inheritance. The Japanese law of primogeniture by which the entire estate passes to the oldest son on the death of the father is slated for discard. Modern Japanese have long felt that the old law which was based on feudal traditions no longer suited present day social conditions. Under the proposed revision, the oldest son will receive only enough of the estate to maintain his dignity as the family head, the rest of the estate to be divided among all the other children.

Marriage will also become easier under the new law. A simplified registration process will take the place of the present complicated one in which the consent of the family heads must be recorded by the authorites.

All legal distinctions between natural and adopted children will be struck out of the new code. The present Civil Code was adopted in 1896, and is based on the first Civil Code drawn up in the early days of Japan's contact with the outside world. The original code, promulgated in 1880, was drawn up under the advice of M. Boissinot, the world-famous French jurist, and is based on the Code Napoleon as are the codes of most of the continental European countries.

## XMAS FETED IN SPOKANE

30 Young People Baptized by District Superintendent

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SPOKANE, Dec. 25.—An elaborate Christmas service of the Japanese Methodist church of this city took place in the Central Methodist church auditorium here today. Thirty young people were baptized by Dr. Robert Brumblay, district superintendent of the Methodist churches.

Miss Yuko Kuwahara, former San Francisco girl, is the director of religious education in the local church.

## AGED JAPANESE TO RUN IN INTERNATIONAL MEET

### Japanese Scenery Paintings to Lure Tourists to Japan

In order to show the scenic beauties of the Island Empire to prospective tourists at home and abroad, the tourists' bureau of Japan has decided to commission artists of the Imperial academy to reproduce famous sights of historic places, according to the news reports received here recently.

Some of the places to be painted will include Matsushima, Hiraizumi, Lake Towada, and other places in Northern Japan, it is said. The artists commissioned are Hosoya Yamaguchi, Shuzan Hida, and 11 other noted persons of the art circles in Tokyo.

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### JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTION

Hello, nieces and nephews mine! Did you all have a merry, merry Christmas? Auntie hopes so.—To-day we have a lot of Christmas matter to catch up with so well hurry through the formalities, shall we?

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"Ho, hum!" A glance at the clock assured the time to be 10 minutes to 12. "Ten short minutes and I'll be greeting myself a merry Christmas," Edward T. Russel

task of bulging them some more.

smiled sleepily as he began the task of Santa by fishing out gorgeously wrapped packages from cunning hiding places.

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"Shut your trap!" again hissed the voice from behind, a voice that seemed to drip venom in its every syllable. "One more squeak out of you'll be your last!"

Edward T. Russel's frosty eyes narrowed to pinpoints. Something was fishy here. This was a queer

## AZUMA WILL SAIL FOR U.S. ON JAN. 9TH

### Imperial Aeronautics Association Gives Farewell Fete

[Special to Japanese American News]

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Kosei Suzuki, Japan's father of marathon running, will compete in an international race to be staged here early in February, it was announced today.

The race is open to anyone over 50, and to all second generation athletes regardless of age. Among the well known veterans who will compete is Eugen Estopp, winner of the Fox trophy in the Bunlon derby across the continent, and former world champion at 1000 miles.

Joseph Stellin, famous English ace will also compete in this event.

Suzuki, it is remembered, won the challenge race over Captain Gene Estopp when he made his last trip to this country, and the fans are anxious to see another dual meet between these two runners, it is being reported here.

The Japanese who is the former 880 meter champion of Japan is especially good in the full course marathons of 26 miles and 385 yards, and represented Japan in this event in the last Olympic games.

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### MRS. THOMAS YAMAMOTO, 1896 SURFACE, WAS TAKEN TO THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS EVE SUFFERING FROM LACERATION OF THE RIGHT SHIN AND CONTOUSION AND ABRAZION OF THE LEFT SHIN AS THE RESULT OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH AN INTOXICATED AUTO DRIVER. THE JAPANESE WOMAN WAS SITTING IN HER CAR PARKED ON POST STREET JUST EAST OF WEBSTER AT 8:25 PM WHEN HAROLD CAVOT, DRIVING DOWN POST STREET, CRASHED INTO THE PARKED CAR AND CAME TO A STOP AGAINST A NEARBY TELEPHONE POLE. CAVOT IS BEING HELD BY THE POLICE ON A CHARGE OF DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

EDWARD T. RUSSEL DID NOT TURN "J.R., TURN RIGHT AROUND AND GO TO BED," HE COMMANDED HIS SANTA'S ARDOR SOMEWHAT DAMPENED BY THIS UNTIMELY INTRUSION. THE VOICE THAT FOLLOWED WAS NOTHING LIKE JR'S.

"HANDS UP! DON'T MOVE!" EDWARD T. RUSSEL DROPPED A HALF FILLED STOCKING IN HIS SURPRISE.

"NO MONEY BUSINESS!" HISSED THE VOICE FROM BEHIND, "STICK 'EM UP! THAT'S BETTER. MOVE FROM THERE AND YOU WILL BE SAYING 'MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE DEVIL! GET THAT!"

EDWARD T. RUSSEL SHUGGED HIS SHOULDERS WITHOUT TURNING. HIS USUALLY MERRY BLUE EYES CHANGED INTO STEEL BLUES, CHILLNESS CHASING THE LAST SHRED OF SLEEPY EYED INNOCENCE FROM HIS NOW BLEAK COUNTENANCE.

"WHAT DO YOU WANT?" HE ASKED WITHOUT A TREMOR IN HIS VOICE. IN FACT IT WAS A QUESTION TOUCHED WITH SARCASM.

"SHUT YOUR TRAP!" AGAIN HISSED THE VOICE FROM BEHIND, A VOICE THAT SEEMED TO DRIP VENOM IN ITS EVERY SYLLABLE. "ONE MORE SQUEAK OUT OF YOU'LL BE YOUR LAST!"

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(To be continued)

OOH! WASN'T THAT EXCITING? WE HATE TO STOP HERE BUT WE'VE BUMPED THE END OF THE COLUMN ALREADY. SO, BYE.

## FRESNO JAPANESE WILL DONATE CHERRY TREES

[Special to Japanese American News]

FRESNO, Dec. 24.—Plans of a large cherry-blossom grove in Roeding park was a step nearer realization today with the announcement by S. Kakabe, secretary of the Fresno Japanese association, that his organization has approved expenditure of funds to export 70 small trees from Japan.

Kakabe said the trees will be purchased from a Los Angeles import company. They will cost approximately \$300.

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