

All Japan Awaits Arrival of Princess Nagako's First Child

All Japan awaits the arrival of the 12th descendant of the "Goddess of the Sun," who will be born late in November or early in December.

For the people of Japan refuse even to consider the possibility of a girl, will be the first child of Crown Princess Nagako and Crown Prince and Prince Regent Hirohito, eldest son of his imperial majesty, Yoshihito.

If, as predicted, the baby is a boy, he will be the emperor of Japan upon the death of his father. The crown prince is now living in a pine circled castle which dominates the plain of Tokyo. She recently returned there after summering at an imperial villa by the sea. Seven days following the birth of the child a name will be selected from a list already prepared by Dr. Ichiki, household minister, and Japanese scholars.

Professor Nobushige Kuriyama and other specialists will assist at the encoincement. The child will be nursed by the princess herself. This decision followed the expressed request of the old emperor, who has expressed bitter opposition to the idea of any other system of rearing children. Japan looks forward to the day anxiously, for it means the birth of one who may some time rule the dynasty—a dynasty which dates back thousands of years to the "Goddess of the Sun."



PRINCESS NAGAKO

of her future emperor and empress. It is not unlikely that the arrival of a heir will be greeted throughout the nation with extended celebrations.

UNCLE JIM'S CHRISTMAS

By MARION E. ZAGAN

IT WAS just a week before Christmas. The Jacksons—that is to say, the J. J.'s, the R. P.'s and the W. J.'s—had all met in the home of the latter to discuss what was referred to as their "predicament."

The oldest son of the W. J. Jacksons had just gone into business some few months before and his father, and his two uncles, J. J. and R. P., had endorsed his note. In the meantime, the business had failed and the Jacksons were now called on to make the note good.

"How about asking Uncle Jim for the money?" R. P. suggested. "He's rich enough and it wouldn't hurt him." "Yes," interrupted his wife, "but you forget he's just as tight as he's rich, and there isn't one of us that's even laid eyes on him since Cousin William's death four years ago."

"That's all right," replied her husband, "people get generous impulses at Christmas time, and you never get anything in this world unless you ask for it."

Everyone agreed that what R. P. said was true enough, but none would stoop to ask a favor of him. It wouldn't do.

However, after the little meeting broke up and the families went on their various ways, each had the idea that after all it wouldn't hurt to try Uncle Jim. They would say nothing to the rest and if it did not turn out well, no one would ever know.

And so that night three letters were sent Uncle Jim—one from R. P., one from W. J. and one from J. J. Jackson, asking for \$5,000 to pay off the note of the young Jackson, and thus save three families from utter ruin.

Uncle Jim, an frate, extremely close old bachelor, was furious the morning of December 23. He paced the floor, his face crimson, three letters crumpled in his fist. "By George, what nerve! The beggins beats!" he exhaled. He sat down to write a



"And One From J. J. Jackson Asking for \$5,000."

terse note to each, saying "No," definitely, but found it a little difficult—even he—to be so cold. Finally he thought the easiest way to get out of it gracefully would be to write saying that he himself had had reverses and was poorer than any one of them. To make it a little more graphic, he even referred to his "cold curet."

Mrs. J. J. Jackson appeared at the breakfast table next morning with a letter in her hand.

"From Uncle Jim," she answered simply to her husband's inquiry.

"Nothing doing, I suppose," he asked.

"Oh, it's much worse than that Jack; the poor old man—read this, isn't it too bad, after all he's had?"

"Let's invite him here for Christmas dinner," suggested Mrs. J. J. "It's pretty hard on him, you know, being alone and old like that."

It was agreed. Mrs. J. J. sat down and wrote the following: "Dear Uncle Jim: We are so sorry to have bothered you with our note, but we never knew of your reverses. Won't you come and spend the Christmas holidays with us? The enclosed is a postal order for \$2,500 to cover the fare. Do come. We are most anxious to see you. Your affectionate niece,

"ANN."

The peculiar thing was that precisely the same thing happened in the home of the R. P.'s and W. J.'s, with the result that Uncle Jim again received three letters from his nieces, all enclosing the fare to Evansville for Christmas dinner.

Old Uncle Jim was genuinely touched. Of all the things that might have happened, certainly this was the last he would have expected.

That night, Christmas Eve, the Jacksons met again at the J. J.'s to discuss what could be done about the note, which had to be met on the 26th. They had not gotten far with their plans when the noise of a high-powered motor was heard outside and the bell rang.

"Gracious, Uncle Jim!" exclaimed Mrs. J. J., when she opened the door. "Of course, Uncle Jim," said the old man. "I was only teasing you when I wrote that letter. I had intended coming all along and paying off the little note. Here take these—just a Christmas greetings for each of you."

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A DIFFICULT VERSE
John D. Rockefeller is said to be writing poetry. If the old boy ever succeeds in getting ten cents to rhyme with one million, again we'll be in favor of two burps for him in the hereafter.

Credo: No Colored
Credo is the name given to people born and nurtured in the West Indies or the tropical countries of America but of European (usually French or Spanish) origin, as distinguished from the offspring of mixed blood, such as mulattoes and quadroons from negroes and from aborigines. The name has no connection with the color.

Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1922.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate, in the Matter of the Estate of Sophie John A. Barry, administrator of said estate, versus said Probate Court, and against the residue of said decedent's administration of said estate and the heirs of said administrator.

It is Ordered that the 14th day of December, A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the hearing of said estate.

It is Further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of these orders in three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and published in said County.

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DAN A. McGAFFEY, Probate Register.

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