

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PENDLETON SITE STARTED

State Takes First Steps Toward Obtaining Reformatory Ground.

FOLTZ IS ARCHITECT

Preliminary steps toward obtaining possession of the site near Pendleton for the Indiana reformatory were taken by the State today following the action of the removal committee late yesterday afternoon in choosing the Pendleton site.

The commission first must make a written report to the board of State charities and correctional institutions, inspection of the property and presumably express its approval. The law provides the site must be approved by that board. Steps then will be taken to obtain title to the land. This will be left largely in the hands of the Pendleton citizens committee which has been instrumental in persuading the State to adopt the site.

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JAPAN WARMS UP TO SOVIETS

Will Recognize New Government if It Will Assume Debts of Old.

TOKIO, March 3.—Japan is disposed to recognize the Soviet government of Russia under certain conditions, it was learned today from an authoritative source.

Instructions to the Japanese delegates at the proposed Geneva economic conference are now being prepared, but have not been completed, it was said.

The informant declared Japan probably will present requirements, as follows:

That the Soviet assume the debts of the old government.

That the Soviet regime guarantees the safety of foreign property and lives in Russia.

If these requirements are accepted it was stated and are fulfilled Japan will be disposed to recognize the Soviet government.

Cop, Fixing Pistol, Breaks Hobo's Rest

The next time a "cop" monkeys with his revolver at police headquarters, a revolver at police headquarters, the assembly room last night, hopes he will not be around. The negro with great caution, came back to the police station and reported he had not stopped running until he had gone six blocks in nothing but after two blocks from a policeman's revolver, which past him, he lay on the floor in the assembly room.

Police officials had no report of the incident, but it was gossip around headquarters one of the men in a night rider squad was working on an automatic revolver and discharged it accidentally. A two dollar bill, which was found in the floor nearby, bore out the hobo's story.

ROBBER OF STORE IN JEWELS

CHICAGO, March 2.—Mrs. Dolly Getty and Miss Anna Paul, both of Chicago, were held up on the north side today by automobile bandits who escaped with \$5,000 in jewels and furs.

Business Survey Shows Steady Improvement

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger
WASHINGTON, March 2.—A comprehensive survey covering business conditions during the past two weeks shows, according to the Department of Commerce, in nearly every industry a "slow and steady improvement and returning confidence."

"Increase in the price of farm products is showing a fair-reaching effect upon industry in general," the department announced. "Current reports indicate that the trade of mail-order houses and other distributors, largely dependent upon rural patronage, is already feeling this improvement. Distributors continue to purchase cautiously and in small quantities, but in many lines these purchases are being made at more frequent intervals."

As going into specific industries the Department of Commerce points out that both cotton and silk consumption increased in January over the previous month, although consumption of wool has decreased. The steady improvement is shown in the knit underwear industry, according to the department.

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