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## GRAFT STORIES ARE EXCITING THE JAPANESE

Accusation Made Against an Admiral  
In a Big Naval Scandal in Japan.  
—Several Arrests Have  
Been Made.

DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN  
FROM A SECRET DRAWER.

English Journalist in Custody.—Allegations of Blackmail for \$15,000.  
Scandal Likely to Precipitate  
a Political Crisis.

London, Eng., Mar. 14.—A theft of  
documents by a typist has brought  
about a scandal of amazing proportions  
in Japan. The honor of the several  
officers of high standing in the  
navy is involved, and it is probable  
that the scandal may bring about the  
downfall of the Government. The  
latest phase is set out in the following  
telegram from Tokio:

The Navy Department has announced that the Commission of Inquiry appointed to investigate the naval scandals has been dissolved.

The entire investigation into the affair is left in the hands of the naval and judicial authorities.

The Procurator states that he does not anticipate the opening of the trials.

In an audience with the Emperor, Admiral Togo explained the situation to his Majesty.—Reuter.

Hitherto only a few of the details have been published here. It appears that a young German named Carl Richter obtained employment in the Tokyo branch office of the German firm of Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert, which has contracts with the Japanese navy for the supply of electrical equipment. He is said to have acted treacherously during his employment. Obtaining possession of certain contract figures, he offered to sell them to a rival firm in Japan with a view to giving them an advantage over Siemens-Schuckert, but the firm refused to have anything to do with them.

Richter is then alleged to have stolen from a secret drawer in the desk of the manager confidential documents relating to navy contracts. He disappeared from Tokyo, and reappeared later with the object of blackmail, offering to sell back the documents for £2,500. The Tokyo manager refused to buy; Richter subsequently conducted certain mysterious transactions, and then left for Germany.

On reaching Russia he was arrested on a charge of theft and attempted blackmail at the instance of the head office of Siemens-Schuckert, in Berlin, extradited, and brought to trial.

Among the documents produced at the trial in Berlin was one containing a statement that a Japanese admiral and a Japanese naval captain had accepted illegal commissions or bribes in connection with naval stores. Richter was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and the court, in giving judgment, declared that the illegitimate manipulations of the firm, which had to a certain extent tempted Richter, constituted an extenuating circumstance.

This pronouncement by the court fell like a bombshell in Japan, and all sorts of questions were asked in and out of Parliament. Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert issued a statement in Berlin that if there had been bribery it was without the knowledge or wishes of the German managers. It was further alleged that the documents produced by Richter were forgeries, and, moreover, investigations showed that he had been previously convicted and had secured admission to the firm's service by means of a forged testimonial.

#### A New Disclosure.

But Japanese M.P.'s were insistent in their Parliament in their demand for a full investigation into the alleged naval scandal, and Admiral Saito, Minister of the Navy, made the disclosure of a second case of supposed bribery.

He related that in November last the Tokyo manager of Siemens-Schuckert called upon him and related that documents stolen by Richter had fallen into the hands of a certain foreign journalist. The latter demanded a large sum for their return, otherwise he would cause their publication abroad.

It was represented to Admiral Saito that as influential naval officers, and indeed, the Japanese Naval Department

ment itself, were involved, it was desirable that the contents of the documents should not be published.

Admiral Saito said that the naval authorities being clear of wrong, there was no objection to publication, and flatly declined (as requested) to give "suitable assistance" in case of criminal proceedings was withdrawn.

Who was the foreign journalist referred to by Admiral Saito? During a debate in Parliament one of the members openly accused Mr. Pooley, Reuter's correspondent in Japan, with being the person, and his arrest was demanded.

Mr. Pooley placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer, an emphatic denial was issued, and proceedings threatened.

#### Sensational Events.

Sensational statements were then made in the Japanese papers to the effect that Mr. Pooley had demanded £25,000 for the return of the documents, and had finally agreed to hand them over through an influential foreign gentleman for £2,000. These allegations, it must be pointed out, are entirely without official confirmation, beyond the statement made in the Japanese Parliament by Admiral Saito.

However that may be, Mr. Pooley was arrested, although on what charge has not been stated. He stoutly maintains his innocence.

A series of domiciliary visits by the police followed, among the places searched being the offices of Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert and those of the lawyer acting for Mr. Pooley.

It was discovered that Richter had had photographs made of the stolen documents. The photographer declared that Richter had taken away the negatives, but the police searched the studio without result.

Mr. Herrmann, managing director of Siemens-Schuckert, was also placed under arrest.

Official announcement was made that Admiral Fuji and Captain Sawasawa also learn that the families of connection with the contract and scandal, and a court of inquiry composed of high naval officers has been holding a preliminary inquiry. As announced above, this court has been dissolved, and the matter left in the hands of other authorities.

The greatest excitement prevails in Japan over the affair, and a serious political crisis is likely. Allegations of a widespread system of corruption are being made at public meetings.

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London, March 14.—A national appeal for £70,000 (\$340,000) for the permanent strengthening of St. Paul's Cathedral has been issued by the Dean and Chapter.

During the past fifteen months, they state, the building has been the subject of a special inquiry, in which Mr. Macartney, the surveyor to the fabric, has had the advantage of frequent consultation with Sir Francis Fox, Mr. W. D. Caroe, F.S.A., Mr. R. C. H. Davison, M.I.C.E., and Mr. Horace Darwin, F.R.S. Hitherto works or repair on the structure have been executed in a somewhat piecemeal fashion by sums raised from time to time when needs became urgent.

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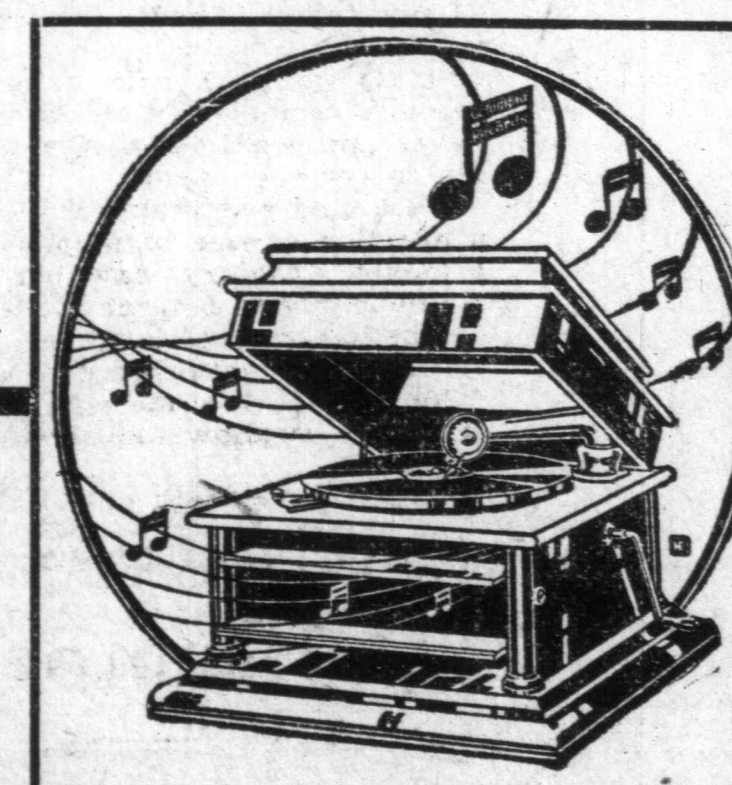
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